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We Have a Nice Stock of Aluminum Ware On Hand Now.
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ELECTION RULES ARE CHANGED

Austin, March 18.—The house adopted finally today the bill requiring voters to mark their own tickets, and the bill providing that only American citizens be eligible to vote in elections and participate in nominating conventions. Election officers will not be allowed to assist voters in making out their ballots in the future.

Austin, March 16.—The house adopted the free conference report today which brought back from the senate amendments to the state wide prohibition bill, and by adopting the report concurs in the amendments to the bill and the state wide statutory bill has passed both branches of the legislature and is now up to Gov. Hobby for his signature.

The free conference report concurs in the senate amendments to the bill which limits and defines intoxicating beverages and fixes a penalty for corporations violating the law.

ELECTRIC WIRE SETS BIG TREE ON FIRE

A large limb on the beautiful shade tree in front of the Lankford furniture store caught on fire from an electric wire Friday morning and burned off before it was discovered.

The insulation of the wire had worn off by the wind whipping it in contact with the limb and the tree was soon on fire. It was necessary to cut the power off while the repairs were being made and aside from a cripple tree no further damage resulted.

This is the second case of fires resulting from exposed wires during the last few days. Smoke was recently discovered coming from two fires in front of the express office, which was caused by a power wire coming in contact with a telephone wire, the insulation having been worn off by the constant whipping of wind against the wires. The contact was not sufficient to do any damage further than cause the insulation on the wires to burn.

Dr. C. L. O'Quinn of Goliad, who had been visiting relatives in this county left for his home Wednesday.

A Checking Account Today

With the United States at war, and the whole nation concentrated upon Thrift, it is even greater than usual importance that there shall be efficiency in the handling of individual finances.

The people of this community are invited to use the excellent checking facilities here maintained by Winter's strong, home-owned bank.

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Winters, Texas

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DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL IS SIGNED

Washington, March 19.—President Wilson signed the daylight saving bill today, and the bill provides for borrowing one hour of time during the summer, beginning March 31. On the night of March 31st all clocks are to be moved up one hour, and on the first day of October the borrowed time will be repaid by moving the clocks back one hour. The standard time will be one hour ahead of the present time after March 31st.

Chicago, March 20.—Railroads in the middle west will adjust their schedules to conform with the new time to be fixed by the daylight bill. Officials of the larger railroads operating out of this city announced that plans were under way for new train schedules.

ABILENE PRAYING FOR RAIN TONIGHT

The Ministerial Union of Abilene has voted to hold union prayer service for rain at the First Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Members of all churches are requested to be present.

Rev. J. T. McClure, pastor of St. Pauls Methodist church will lead the service. To a reporter for this paper Rev. McClure said: "Everybody is invited to the service, but all Christian people who believe that God will send rain in answer to prayer are urged to attend and to quote a promise from the Bible where God has sent temporal blessings. Some of us believe that this drought can be broken by prayer and we have the faith to go down on our knees and ask God to send us the rain. Let everybody regardless of church affiliations attend."

There will be no prayer-meeting Wednesday night at any of the churches, all members attending the union prayer service for rain at the First Methodist church.

The union meetings will be continued each Wednesday night at some church in the city until it rains. After rain falls a union thanksgiving service will be held.

J. A. Nichols had business at Rowena between trains Tuesday.

Woman With Throat Cut Found on Farm at Rowena

News reached Ballinger about noon Saturday of the finding of a dead woman near Rowena. County Attorney Harris responded to the call for officers to come and investigate the case and hold an inquest.

Telephone messages received at The Ledger office shortly after noon Saturday furnished the following particulars concerning the tragedy:

When Rudolph Mazur came to the house for his dinner after working in the field during the forenoon, he found his wife with

her throat cut. Everything indicated that she died within a short time after the wound had been inflicted.

Mrs. Mazur had been in bad health for some time, and we understand had been advised to undergo an operation. It seems that she was afraid of the operation, and becoming despondent had given way to the nervous strain and ended her own life.

She is survived by a husband and three children. The scene of the tragedy is about two miles from Rowena.

ONLY ONE MADE READY FOR PEN

Only one day was required for district court to dispose of all the cases on criminal docket, and the jury called for the second week was discharged.

A Mexican who was being held on charge of assault, and attempt to murder, being charged with cutting another Mexican, got by with a plea of guilty of aggravated assault, paying a fine and was released.

Paul Waldon and D. T. Duncan, two Winters boys, charged with burglarizing the Paxton Drug Store at Winters, plead guilty and were given a two year suspended sentence.

Lee Turner, negro, charged with burglarizing the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store, a short time ago, plead guilty and was given a two year sentence. The negro smashed out a plate glass window and stole a six shooter. He will be carried to the pen as soon as the transfer agent can call for him.

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Two Killed In Auto Wreck Near Brady

While returning from Menard Saturday afternoon, W. A. Searbrough, age 56 years, and J. N. Boyd, age 30 years, were instantly killed when their car turned over about three miles from Brady on the Coleman-Brady road, according to information received at Ballinger late Saturday afternoon. W. L. Robbins, who was driving the car, escaped slightly injured.

The two men killed resided at Bangs, in Brown county. Both men leave families.

The party of three men had been in Menard, and were return-

LOCAL CHAIRMEN MUST GET BUSY

The local Council of Defense is planning a meeting at an early date, at which time the various local chairmen will be called to account for the work being carried on here under their direction.

This move is in keeping with the administration's war policy. The council of defense in each county has been commissioned to keep the home work going and to take care of all matters coming under the caption which the name of the council itself stands for.

We have in Ballinger a half dozen or more different branches of work connected with the war, and each one of these branches have a chairman, a man or woman appointed by the state or federal branches of the same work, and the administration is now urging the council of defense to see that the work in each branch is in the hands of the proper party, and if it is not being properly prosecuted to suggest some change.

We have in Ballinger a county food administrator, a Liberty Loan Bond chairman, a War Saving Stamp chairman, a Four Minute Men chairman, and other chairmen. It is the purpose of the council of defense to call in these men and to see that no branch of the work is being neglected. The chairmen who are not doing their duty will be called to account.

SHIPPED CAR LOAD HOGS.

Dr. Fowler, H. G. Hays and Charlie Larka, of the Bethel neighborhood, shipped out Tuesday a car load of fat hogs to the Fort Worth market. Dr. Fowler left to dispose of the hogs when they arrive at their destination.

SMALL POX IN COUNTY.

Dr. F. M. Hale, county health officer, was called to Miles Monday afternoon to place under quarantine a case of small pox in that city. The health officer also informed us that the danger signal had been displayed at a home in the Valley Creek country, where there were two cases of small pox. The disease is being handled with the most particular care, and it is not believed that it will spread.

SEC. BAKER VISITS TROOPS ON AMERICAN FIRING LINE

SINKING OIL WELL IN COKE COUNTY

C. A. Doose visited Coke county this week, and while in that section motored to the scene of oil well drilling. A large outfit has just been put in operation about two miles southwest of Robert Lee.

"The promoters in that field mean business," said Mr. Doose, "and I look for good results. I found a brand new rig, just shipped to that place from Corsicana. The rig has a 5000 foot capacity, and when you stop to think about it that means that a hole can be put down nearly a mile deep."

The Coke county outfit is the largest ever shipped to this country, and promoters state they will go to the full capacity of their drill unless they strike something rich nearer the surface of the earth.

FARMERS OF SOUTH MUST WIN THE WAR

Washington, March 19.—"The only safe course for the farmers of the South," says Bradford Knapp, Chief of the Office of Extension work in the South, United States Department of Agriculture, "is to pursue 'safe farming,' and produce the food of the South upon the farms of the South this year."

The department asks the co-operation of every patriotic man and woman to see that its message of increasing southern production of food goes to every farmer of the South before the planting season is over.

"It is folly," the department says, "to imperil our safety, especially when the exchange value of cotton shows that the prosperity of the south is not founded upon cotton alone, but last year grew out of the fact that we did grow a large portion of the needed food and feed. Food for the South produced in the South is a vital item of National defense."

With the Americans in France, March 20.—Secretary Baker visited the front line trenches Tuesday. He was under shell fire while scanning No Man's land from the listening post. Mr. Baker got first hand view of Americans in action, and returned safely to American headquarters.

With the Americans in France, March 20.—Secretary Baker was guest of the troops at American headquarters today. He addressed the members of the Rainbow Division who have been on the firing line and returned safely to camp. Mr. Baker promised to convey a message from the Rainbow boys to the folks at home. The American war secretary was given a most enthusiastic reception.

With American Army, Mar. 19.—The Franco-American forces again raised the German trenches in Babenvillers region yesterday. The Americans penetrated the lines for a distance of three hundred yards, going over the enemy lines at two different points. The allies found the positions evacuated, and enemy having withdrawn their forces.

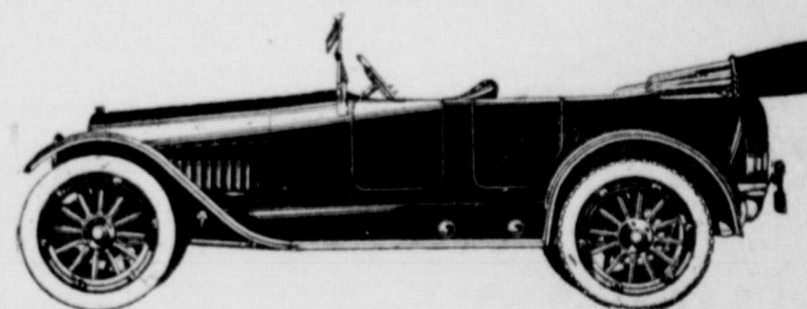
Washington, March 18.—The war department indicated in statement given out today that it was believed that the Germans do not intend to launch their major west front offensive this spring. This is the first time the war department has indicated the belief that the Germans would act on the defensive, waiting for the allies to launch an offensive against the west front.

Berlin, March 19.—The German war office announced a great victory in air fighting today. According to the announcement, twenty-three allied airplanes and two captive battalions were brought down yesterday.

EASTER SERVICES.

Rev. Father Gollbach left Tuesday afternoon for Winters, where he will hold Easter services for his people and will hold a similar service at Pony Creek next Sunday, and will then hold his Easter service at their church in Ballinger, Sunday week.

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We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U. S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate whole-heartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.

L. S. Swift, President



Swift & Company, U.S.A.

SAN ANGELO MAY BE IN DRY ZONE

Attorney General Looney has held that all aviation landing places are included in the ten mile dry zone prohibition bill recently passed by the legislature and which becomes effective April 15th.

San Angelo has been active in working for the terminus of an aerial route from Fort Worth to San Angelo, and that city has been selected as one of the landing places for aviators operating out of Fort Worth, passing through Brownwood, Ballinger and other towns on the Frisco and Santa Fe.

Under the attorney general's ruling, and he is no doubt correct, as the bill provides that whiskey can not be sold within ten miles of places where soldiers, sailors and aviators are in practice, San Angelo will be made dry together with the other cities where soldiers are stationed.

In speaking of the effect the attorney general's ruling will have on the West Texas thirst station, the San Angelo Standard says:

"San Angelo is to be a landing place for the army airmen, according to definite information that was received by R. Wilbur Brown when he made his recent trip to Fort Worth to consult the aviation officers on behalf of the Board of City Development. An air route is to extend through Comanche and Brownwood, to San Angelo, returning to Fort Worth by way of Big Spring. This is to be the western terminus of the route, according to the information that was given to Mr. Brown, and sites close to the city are to

be proposed by the B. C. D. to the officers when they come to the city.

The city at present has no aviation landing place, however, and, according to Mr. Brown's information, will not have one until some sixty days from the time of his recent trip, which was made about two weeks ago. Under the terms of the attorney general's ruling San Angelo would not be effective until a landing place was actually located here."

THE PEOPLE ARE SAVING.

Evidences are accumulating that the habit of saving among the American people, especially among the patrons of saving banks and postal savings, is outstripping the financial demands made upon them by the Government.

While no exact figures are available at present, it is known that postal savings deposits have steadily gained during the year 1917, and notably since the 1st of July of that year, which was after the first issue of the Liberty Loan.

The reports from savings banks also show a steady gain and the same is true of cooperative building and loan associations.

Nor have the people of small means been the only savers. It is estimated that the savings of the whole people of the United States, ordinarily \$5,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 annually, were increased to \$14,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000 in 1917.

The response of the people to the national need of economy and saving has been general and generous.

Wm. Pumphrey, of the Pumphrey country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

ELMS CASE IS SET FOR OCTOBER TERM COURT

Jesse T. Elms was placed in jail at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, charged by grand jury indictment with murdering his wife. He was held in jail until Monday when he was arraigned before Judge Woodward in habeas corpus proceedings.

Sheriff Perkins approved the bond of Jesse T. Elms at three o'clock Monday and Elms was released and returned to his home at Winters. The sureties are John Ballew, John Heck, J. B. Parks, Wm. Stevens, H. F. Busher, W. E. Puckett, J. W. Wood, J. F. Stuart, W. T. Lacy, Elgin Davidson, H. T. Freeman, J. G. Ensor, W. P. Hawkins, J. P. Flynt, E. W. Yeager, L. A. Ratliff, T. P. Brown, and W. H. Rodgers.

The criminal docket for the March term of district court was disposed of in short order Monday. District Judge Woodward and Attorney Early arrived here at noon.

Before taking up the regular docket, Jesse T. Elms was arraigned for habeas corpus hearing, and by agreement between state and defense counsel the bond was fixed at \$10,000, which was readily given. The prosecuting attorney agreed that the case against Elms was bailable and no evidence was introduced.

Elms was arrested at Winters last Saturday on grand jury indictment, the grand jury adjourning Saturday at noon having returned a bill charging him with murdering his wife. Elms was held in jail here until Monday afternoon when his friends from the north end of the county signed the bond and he was released and returned to his home at Winters.

After fixing the bond at \$10,000 the court set the trial for Oct. 16th and both sides agreeing that the case be continued until the next term of court, and it is probable that a special venire will be ordered for the fall term of court.

Judge M. C. Smith and Judge C. P. Shepherd of Ballinger, are assisting the prosecution in the case, and Judge A. K. Doss, of Ballinger, and Judge Bownier, of Temple, are representing the defendant.

The grand jury adjourned at noon, Saturday, the warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Perkins who went to Winters and placed Elms under arrest, and he was brought back to Ballinger. Judge Woodward was at the train en route to his home at Coleman to spend Sunday with his family when the sheriff returned with Elms, and he was placed in jail to await the convening of court Monday morning.

The indictment returned against Elms charges him with the murder of his wife. It will be remembered that the Elms home West of Winters was destroyed by fire on the night of August 24, last year. Mrs. Elms' remains were recovered from the ruins of the home and on the following day carried to her former home at Killeen for burial.

It was while waiting for the funeral and just before the remains were laid to rest at Killeen that an investigation was started that caused the arrest of Elms at Killeen. He was brought to Ballinger and waiving examining trial was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Many witnesses were summoned here and examined by the grand jury in session last October, but for some reason no indictment was returned against Elms. It was not known that the grand jury just adjourned had reopened the case and returned the indictment until Elms was arrested.

Elms has been one of the most prominent and popular citizens of the Winters country for a number of years. When first arrested for the crime last summer he experienced no trouble in making bond, and if allowed bond, he will have no trouble in making bond again. Since his home was burned he has been living in Winters where he is engaged in the grocery business, having been interested in a grocery store at Winters when the tragedy occurred last summer.

Before her marriage to Elms, Mrs. Elms was a Miss Hall. She was a member of one of the most prominent families of Bell county, and her brothers began an investigation as soon as the remains of the woman were shipped to Killeen for burial.

Pleas of Guilty Entered.

The case of the State of Texas vs. Elsie Damron, charged with assault and attempt to murder, was by agreement between counsel reduced to simple assault, and the court assessed a fine of ten dollars and cost against the defendant. Damron was tried at the last term of court, the jury failing to agree on a verdict.

Paul Waldon and D. T. Duncan, two boys, were arraigned for trial Monday afternoon. The boys are charged by grand jury indictment with breaking in the City Drug Store and Davis Jewelry Store at Winters, and stealing a quantity of jewelry. The two boys entered a plea of guilty and asked for a suspended sentence.

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3286 R. C. ARTICLES SHIPPED THIS WEEK

The Ballinger Chapter Red Cross shipped another lot of sweaters, hospital garments, surgical dressings, etc. last week. The shipment was one of the largest made in some time, perhaps the largest number of surgical dressings being sent in the shipment that has so far been made by the local chapter.

The goods were shipped to head quarters and will be forwarded to the place where needed the worst, and the ladies are already busy making up another lot and these will be shipped in due time. The local chapter is now doing its best work, having had experience and are now receiving better support from the people.

The shipment just made consisted of 90 convalescent robes, 85 suits of pajamas, 24 sweaters, 42 pair wristlets and 3075 surgical dressings.

There is room for others to help in this work. The library is opened every afternoon, and the different churches of the city are in charge of the work, and you can fall in with the crowd of your choice and help to carry on the work that is so important in winning the war.

"CASCARETS" BEST IF HEADACHY, BILIOUS, SICK, CONSTIPATED

Best for liver and bowels, bad breath, bad colds, sour stomach.

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Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet, breath right, complexion rosy and your liver and bowels regular for months.

John Norman of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Fort Worth on a short business trip.

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ROAD MONEY STILL AVAILABLE AT AUSTIN

County Commissioner Wilkerson, of Bronte, was here Saturday where he went to confer with the state highway commission concerning road building in Coke county.

Mr. Wilkerson was surprised to know that this county had failed to take advantage of the help offered by the state and federal government in road building, and he reported that the highway commission was at a loss to know what the people of this county were thinking about in refusing to accept the money offered.

It will be remembered that the highway commission recently set aside \$40,000 for road improvement here, this being the first appropriation made for this county, and others would have most certainly followed in short order.

Mr. Wilkerson stated that his county would jump at such an offer and they are now working on the state commission to help them. He stated that the chairman of the commission told him that the money set aside for Runnels county was still available, but would be diverted to some other county if Runnels county did not comply with the necessary requirements to use it soon.

Coke county is building roads, having recently secured an important highway from Sweetwater to San Angelo and are now busy putting the road in shape.

Other counties in this section of the state are taking advantage of the help offered by the highway commission, while Runnels county is asleep and refusing to turn a peg.

Do you want to Hooverize then buy your Spring Hat at The Fair. 22-2w.

LEFT FOR SAN ANTONIO.

J. M. Stephens of Eden, came in Tuesday at noon en route home from Fort Worth and his brother, Dr. L. B. Stephens, of our city accompanied his home and together they will leave in auto Wednesday for San Antonio, where the Doctor has three nephews in training in the U. S. army camps, who he and his brother will visit for a few days. The Doctor will be back home by next Monday.

We pay no clerk hire, carry complete line of articles for the home. Millinery on the side and will save you money. The Fair. 22-tw.

R. D. Rogers, of the Wingate country, H. Kasberg, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, and J. A. Tyree, of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

G. A. Henniger, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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A. W. Sledge, Editor

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We are behind the man behind the gun and it is our duty to help him in every way possible.

You should be a food administrator in your own home, and count yourself fortunate that you have food to control.

In 1913 Europe produced 43 per cent of the world's sweetness; since then she has had other engagements and we have been urged to cut down on our sugar.

AMENDING THE ELECTION LAW.

Governor Hobby has submitted to the legislature the subject of amending the Terrell election law and a batch of bills have already been introduced, most of them in the Senate.

The law-makers of the state have been waiting for a long time for a chance to amend the Terrell election law. It is recognized as a good law, but one having many defects.

The danger that exists in any effort to amend the Terrell law during a special session of the Legislature is very apparent.

The enormous repeat business is how the distributors account for their product seeing such marvelous results and meeting with such popular favor.

COLLECTING CLOTHING FOR THE BELGIANS

The committee appointed to collect clothing for the Belgium war sufferers are ready to receive the clothing at the library.

NOTICE

My Pechan horse and black Jack, 16 hands high will make the season at my place, New Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loony Dumean, and little son, of Ardmore, Okla., who had been visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger left Wednesday to visit her relatives at Coleman before going on home.

Who Is Responsible?

The grand jury did not mince words in condemning the two steel bridges at Ballinger.

One of these bridges spans the Colorado river and the other spans Elm creek, and are the two main gateways to this city.

In its report the grand jury says the bridges are very dangerous and should either be repaired at once or closed to travel.

In this the grand jury did not uncover anything new. The grand jury did not tell the county commissioners or the traveling public something they did not already know.

So far no one has dared deny what the grand jury said about our bridges. It is all true and some body stands convicted for failing to do their duty.

We can't place the blame on the commissioners' court, because the court is "busted," and have no funds with which to repair our death traps.

We can't place the blame on the state or federal government, because the state highway commission has said, "here is \$40,000, put up your part of the money and come and get it."

We can't place the blame on those who favor taking some steps and immediate steps for raising the cash with which to repair our bridges and roads, be it bond issue, script issue or tax levy.

"I told you so," will be heard on every hand when an accident occurs on our death traps, and some good citizen has paid the penalty of death for our criminal neglect.

If the warning of the grand jury is not heeded, this county will be called on to dig up and pay the consequences of a heavy damage suit.

The grand jury has spoken and what the grand jury has said would be used against the county in a damage suit. The county has had fair warning.

Who is responsible?

-A. W. SLEDGE.

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The enormous repeat business is how the distributors account for their product seeing such marvelous results and meeting with such popular favor.

Testimonials and praise is being received daily from ones who have tried them.

Sold by Weeks Drug Store and other druggists. Accept no substitute for these pills.—Adv.

The committee appointed to collect clothing for the Belgium war sufferers are ready to receive the clothing at the library.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pape, of the Crews country, were shopping in the city Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kuhn, of Rowena, motored over to Ballinger Wednesday to look after business affairs a few hours.

PERKINS IN RAGE FOR RE-ELECTION

TO RUMNELS COUNTY VOTERS:

You will find my name on the ticket for re-election to the office of sheriff of this county, my candidacy being subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

I stated publicly some time ago that I would be a candidate for re-election to this office, and this is my formal announcement, made through the paper in order that my friends may know that I want to serve them as sheriff for the coming term.

In performing the duties entrusted upon me as sheriff I realize that I have made enemies, or at least there are those who will not support me because of circumstances growing out of the performance of my duties as sheriff.

I also realize that I have made mistakes, but such mistakes have been schooling to me in my work, and I am better prepared to serve the people as sheriff on account of the experience I have had.

I am at present acting as my own jailer, doing my best to keep the expenses of my department at the lowest minimum, and giving all my personal time and attention to the interest of the office of sheriff and the enforcement of the law.

In making my formal announcement I wish to thank all those who supported me in the last campaign, and to thank all those who have assisted me in the performance of my duties as sheriff.

I assure you I will appreciate your support and influence, and if elected, I will endeavor to make you as good an officer for the next two years as I have in the past.

As to my qualifications I refer you to the work I have done since I was elected to the office.

To you that I do not see in person before the election, I now ask your support and influence, and same will be very much appreciated.

Mr. J. A. Roberts and two children left Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives at Stephenville a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kuhn, of Rowena, motored over to Ballinger Wednesday to look after business affairs a few hours.

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THE HOME GARDENERS

To help YOU produce food in YOUR own garden during the coming spring and summer the Ledger will publish a series of official, practical gardening directions. This illustrated series, "Food from Your Backyard" has been prepared by the gardening specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

While conveying many new ideas to experienced gardeners these talks will be designed particularly to help those with little or no gardening experience to make the most of their home food plots. They will tell how to handle new or previously cultivated plots, what, how much and when to plant, how to get successive crops and obtain maximum yields.

As these war gardens come into production a series of official articles on home canning and drying, prepared by Uncle Sam's home food preserving specialists, will be published.

It is suggested that after reading these articles, everyone interested in home gardening and canning cut them out and paste them on cards or in a scrapbook. These clippings will make a thoroughly reliable household guide for the home food producers and conservers of Ballinger and vicinity.

SPANISH PEANUTS FOR SALE

Planting seed, clean bright nuts—no sticks, stems, broken or split nuts. Haven't been frozen or overheated. Will offer for the next 30 days at \$8.00 per 100 lbs. June seed corn, have improved it for 19 years at \$3 per bushel; \$1.75 per 1-2 bu. Less than 1-2 bushel, 50c per gallon. Cash or money order. No time. F.O.B. Ballinger, or at my home. Phone 577. W. R. White. 15-13d-4w-pd.

W. L. BROWN ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

To the Voters of Rumnels County:

I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

I assure you I will appreciate your support and influence, and if elected, I will endeavor to make you as good an officer for the next two years as I have in the past.

As to my qualifications I refer you to the work I have done since I was elected to the office.

To you that I do not see in person before the election, I now ask your support and influence, and same will be very much appreciated.

Our line of Spring Millinery is complete. Our prices are lower. The Fair. 22-2w.

FOR WAR GARDENS.

J. W. Powell requests us to say that he has about 50 vacant lots in Ballinger that he will give the use of this year to plant gardens and anyone who cares to plant and have no seed, he will furnish the seed if you will see him at his office in the Dooze building.

How to Make Oatmeal Bread

Healthful to Eat—Saves the Wheat

- 1 cup flour, 1 1/2 cups corn meal, 1 teaspoon salt, 5 teaspoons Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 cup cooked oatmeal or rolled oats, 2 tablespoons shortening, 1 1/2 cups milk, No eggs.

Mix together flour, corn meal, salt, baking powder and sugar. Add oatmeal, melted shortening and milk. Bake in greased shallow pan in moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.

This wholesome bread is easily and quickly made with the aid of

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

If used three times a week in place of white bread by the 22 million families in the United States, it would save more than 900,000 barrels of flour a month.

New Red, White and Blue booklet, "Best War Time Recipes", containing many other recipes for making delicious and wholesome wheat saving foods, mailed free.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER, 1011 Independence Boulevard, Chicago

FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

Gen. Pershing Appeals to Women to Be Good Soldiers

An appeal to women of the United States to be good soldiers as well as their husbands, children, and sweethearts has been sounded by General Pershing, in command of the American troops in France. He urges them to obey orders and assist in maintaining the morale of the American soldier.

"Let the women of America, like the men, obey orders from the people over here.

"These people know what is wanted and what is to be done. Let the women not try to work as they are told and they will be doing haphazard but to do what they all that can be done.

General Pershing's suggestion as to the tone of letter to be written men in the service is appropriate wherever the soldiers may be located. The mothers, sisters, and families at home can serve their country and be as brave as their own blood actually in fighting forces by keeping their spirits high, which makes their courage indomitable and assures victory in a just cause.

Don't make the boys homesick. Don't make them unhappy in the idea that you are unhappy. Be brave and bear it, if your feelings are such, but don't jeopardize your own men's lives by lowering their morale.

If you have any books in your home libraries that are not being used, send them to the soldier boys. There is a need of books, thousands of them, to fill the demand of the boys in the service for something to read.

The American Library Association is making a campaign to secure books for the soldiers at Camp Travis and elsewhere. Books may be turned in to the library in your town or city.

The books that are wanted particularly are of both fiction and non-fiction classes. Of the books of fiction, most desired are stories of adventure, Western stories, detective stories, love stories of the best sort, stories of business, historical novels.

Of the non-fiction books, the following are most desirable: Books on Military science, aeroplanes, engineering, agriculture, business automobiles, electricity, mechanics, horses, drawing, any books of the war, wireless telegraphy and telephone, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, letter writing, poetry, biography especially autobiography, travel and history, especially of western Europe.

WOULD CONNECT CHICAGO WITH NEW YORK.

French conservation books, popular books in foreign languages. It is suggested that newspapers in every city where there is no large public library, see to the appointment of a committee to gather these books and hold them until further advised as to the plans for their disposition. This committee can continue to gather the books until a call is made for them. Don't let any books get yellow on the shelves. Send them where they may afford a pleasurable hour or two for the men who are fighting for your home and fireside.

The Type Used in One Year to Publish Endorsements of Doan's Kidney Pills.

Of the man remedies on the market today, none other is recommended like Doan's Kidney Pills. Fifty thousand benefitted people gladly testify in the newspapers of their own towns. Forty-five hundred American newspapers publish this home proof of Doan's merit. The type used in one year to tell this wonderful story would make a solid column of metal twice as high as the world's highest mountain. Placed end to end the lines of type would reach from New York to Chicago. These miles of good words told by 50,000 tongues sound glad tidings to any Ballinger sufferer who wants relief from kidney and bladder ills. Here's a Ballinger case Don't experiment. Use the remedy endorsed by people you know.

D. C. Claypool, contractor, 500 13th St., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were out of order and I had soreness and dull pains across the small of my back. I used Doan's Kidney Pills which I got from the Walker Drug Co., and they soon strengthened my back."

MOVING TO WINTERS.

J. G. Key informed us Tuesday that he would move with his family this week to Winters, where they will make their future home. They have lived in Ballinger 20 years and Mr. Key says it is with much regret they leave Ballinger for the present at least, but for business reasons he deems it best to make the change.

For Spring Building

It's time to think about starting the new and repairing the old. We have a fine stock of sheeting, siding, bill stuff, shingles, sash, doors, lime and cement, waiting your needs. Let us figure your lumber estimates and show you where we can save you money.

Ballinger Lumber Company



"Democracy" Cookies

1/2 cup COTTOLENE 1/2 cup sugar
2 cups flour 1/2 cup honey
1 1/2 cups oatmeal 1/2 pinch of salt
Scant level teaspoon Cold water
soda

Sift together the flour, oatmeal, salt and soda; add the sugar, then the honey thoroughly blended with COTTOLENE. Moisten with enough cold water to make a stiff dough. Mix thoroughly. Roll thin and cut with fancy cutter.

- lightens the baking
- lightens the bills.

Cottolene

"The Natural Shortening"
At grocers in tins of convenient sizes

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

To date 1,455 children have been enrolled in the Junior Red Cross work in Rannels county. \$368.87 has been collected. The schools in Rannels county have shown a great deal of interest in this work. Several machines have been placed in the Ballinger public schools and the children are very enthusiastically working on infants Layettes for the Belgians, hospital bags, gun wipers and shot bags.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Chairman, Miss May Bridwell, Sec-Treas.

Elo Michaelis of the Wingate country came in Monday and will spend a few days in drill work under Capt. Cohen before going on to join the army camps.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . ."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

All Druggists

6 LBS. FLOUR PER MONTH IS LIMIT

Houston, Tex., March 16.—The federal food administration for Texas, because of the shortage of wheat flour has placed the individual on a flour allowance of six pounds for every thirty days, the responsibility for an equitable distribution being placed with the retailer. The statement indicated the chief responsibility for placing the state on a flour allowance rests with transportation difficulties.

Retailers are permitted to sell to consumers a thirty days allowance for flour, basing such sales on six pounds to each person per month, provided such six pounds is not excess of seventy per cent of consumer's normal requirements.

Retailers so far as possible will confine their sales to their regular customers and must satisfy themselves as to the number of persons supplied by the individual purchaser.

Housewives are requested to use flour for bread alone, using in bread making as many substitutes as possible. Pastries are regarded as unpatriotic, while the acute wheat flour shortage lasts.

Farmers with home grown substitutes on hand remain on the same basis as formerly in purchasing flour, but must cut their consumption to six pounds per person per month.

The United States food administration when the situation is relieved, will increase the allowance. In the meantime each individual consumer throughout Texas should adjust his or her consumption to conform to the six pound allowance.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Rannels County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Rannels County, a copy of the following notice:

To all Person Interested in the Welfare of Theodora Schmidt, Minor Mrs. Emma Scnmoldt was by the County Court of Rannels County, Texas, on the 11th day of March, A. D. 1918, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the estate of said Minor, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in May, A. D. 1918, the same being the 6th day of May A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in this the 12th day of March A. D. 1918.

W. C. McCARVER, Clerk County Court Rannels County, Texas.

A true copy, I certify, J. D. Perkins, Sheriff, J. A. Demoville, Deputy. 15-2tw.

SPENT SUNDAY AT HOME.

Judge Woodward left Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday at his home in Coleman and returned to Ballinger Monday where he is holding court for the March term. District Attorney W. W. Early also spent Sunday at his home in Brownwood, and was at his post of duty in the court again Monday.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

The old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVER'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

A. T. Stokes, the Winters hotel man, F. Ambrecht, Sam Briley, B. F. Guin and R. C. Henniger, of the Winters-Hatchel country, Tom Trail, of Paint Rock, and W. L. Lollar, of the Marie country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here Mr. Lollar renewed with the Banner-Ledger and also renews for his son-in-law, Frank Osgood, of Montana.

NEW OIL STATION CREDIT TO CITY

The first auto gasoline tank will be filled at the new and handsome filling station of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. Saturday morning. It will be opening day for the new station, but due to the high price of gasoline and the war rules for conservation, the Magnolia company will not fill tanks free. However, the modern conveniences found here will make it a pleasure to fill your tank.

The Ballinger station is one of the eight the Magnolia Co. are building in Northwest Texas, this being the second station of the eight to be completed, and this being the smallest city in which such a station is being constructed. Brownwood station was completed a short time ago, and Mr. Hartgrave, who has been here putting the finishing touches to the local station, will leave in a day or two for Amarillo where the third station is being constructed.

The handsome station here is unique in design, modern in arrangements and adds to the civic attractiveness of this city. The office, display rooms for oils and grease, the ladies and gentlemen's rest rooms, is made from fire proof brick, while the brick shed extends out over the cement driveway and covers two gas filling pumps, two air filling stations and two places for filling radiators. The entire lot is enclosed with an ornamental woven wire fence supported with steel post and railings, and enameled with silver. The large steel posts supporting the sliding gates at each entrance to the lot are capped with a large electric light globe, while the lot is being prepared for a flower garden and lawn.

The rest rooms are separate for men and women and are furnished with every convenience for the weary traveler. The station is equipped for filling four cars at one time, and the water and air arrangements eliminates the delays for repairs.

The filling station will be conducted separate from the wholesale supply station of the Magnolia Company here, and T. M. Osteen has been placed in charge. Mr. Osteen says the station will be kept open during the hours to accommodate the joy riding public, and he will be glad to see his old friends and have them try the Magnolia way of filling gasoline tanks and serving the auto trade. No mud, no sun, and no trouble if you drive under the Magnolia shed.

YOU CAN'T FIND ANY DANDRUFF, AND HAIR STOPS COMING OUT

Save your hair! Make it thick, wavy glossy and beautiful at once.

Try as you will, after an application of Danderine, you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most, will be after a few week's use, when you see new hair fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is immediate and amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance, the beauty and shimmer of true hair health.

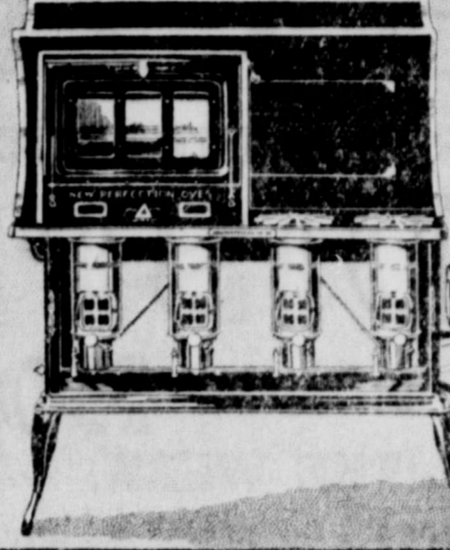
Get a bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment. A 25-cent bottle will double the beauty of your hair.

PREACHED AT COLEMAN.

Rev. H. P. Bates, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, left Saturday afternoon for Coleman to fill the pulpit for Rev. Henderson, pastor of the church of that city, and Rev. Henderson filled the pulpit in our city Sunday for Rev. Bates' congregation.

NEW PERFECTION

OIL COOK STOVE



Gas Stove Comfort with Kerosene Oil

Three million homes use New Perfection Oil Cook Stoves—they save coal and give gas stove comfort with kerosene oil.

The Long Blue Chimney Burner makes kerosene the ideal fuel—turns every drop of oil into clean, intense heat—no soot, no odor. Flame stays where set. All burners are made of brass—last for years.

New Perfection Ovens bake perfectly because of correct heat circulation. Have glass doors. Fit any stove.

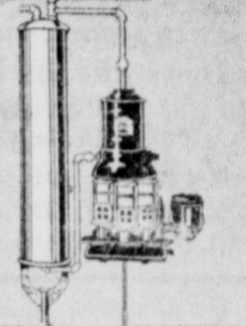
Sold by hardware and housefurnishing stores. New Perfection Booklet sent on request.

THE CLEVELAND METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY
Platt Avenue Cleveland, O.

NOTICE TO DEALERS—The Magnolia Petroleum Company are distributors of these products in your locality. Complete stocks are carried by them at conveniently located points and they are prepared to render the best possible service and co-operation.



The Long Blue Chimney Burner gives Gas Stove Comfort



COMPLETE YOUR KITCHEN with a New Perfection Kerosene Water Heater. Gives you steaming hot water quickly for kitchen, laundry and bath. Ask your dealer or write for Folder No. 318.

SAVE THE NATION'S COAL

Grand Jury Says Bridges Dangerous Death Traps

Ballinger, Texas, March 19th. To the Hon. J. O. Woodward, Judge of the 35th Judicial District:

We, your Grand Jury for the March term of District Court of Rannels County, Texas, beg to submit the following: We have been in session six days and have examined quite a number of witnesses and have diligently inquired into everything that has been brought to our attention.

And as the result of our investigation have found six true bills, four of which are felonies and two misdemeanors. As our report shows, there is very little crime in the County but there are some things to which we wish to call attention. One of which is the lack or absence of Mile Posts on our Public Highways. We urgently ask that the laws governing same be enforced.

County Bridges, one of which spans the Colorado River and the other Elm Creek, according to our opinion after investigation we hesitatingly say that these bridges are in a very dangerous condition and should have immediate attention by our County Commissioners or be closed to the Public. In fact, the Committee who inspected the bridges found them in such a dangerous condition that they stopped and made necessary repair before leaving the bridges. We know the present capacity of these bridges even if in good condition or repair are not sufficient to take care of the traffic of this County they are entirely too narrow for safety.

We have examined our jail, court house and lawn; we find them in very good condition. Clean and sanitary.

We wish to express our thanks to your Honor District and County Attorneys for their untiring assistance; we also desire to commend our Bailiffs, they were always at their post of duty.

We recommend to the Court that a Finance Committee appointed to audit all the County Records and have their report ready for the next term of District Court.

It is the duty of all officers charged with the collection of moneys to report to the District Court, but we find that there are a few who have failed to make their report.

The County Clerk has called our attention to the fact that some of the Doctors are careless and negligent about making their vital statistical report to the Coun-

AN OIL GUSHER.

E. J. Keen, of South Ballinger left Friday for Duncan, Okla., in response to a telegram telling him that an oil well was gushing near the corner of an 80 acre tract of land Mr. Keen has owned in that section for 17 years. His agent at that place told him to come at once as his property had become very valuable, and could be leased or sold at a big price.

Closing out several hundred dollars worth of men's, ladies' and children's Shoes at wholesale cost, Gustavus Grocery. 31w

Carl Rayburn, of the Norton country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from an extended business trip to points east.

For A Bad Cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon.

W. P. King and son, Elgin, of the Wilmett country, were greeting friends and supplying in Ballinger Monday.



The Springtime of Life—Youth is the producing season. The majority of men Realize Too Late

the correct relation of this period to later years. Don't follow the majority, Start a bank account as young as you are today.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

SPRING OPENING

AND OUR REAL AUTHENTIC STYLE DISPLAY SATURDAY - MONDAY AND ALL THE WEEK.

**GIVEN AWAY
FREE**
Tickets to the Queen
Opening Week Only
Read definite information

This store will be hostage to its many friends and customers. We invite you to come and see the wonderful preparation we have made for your coming. Hundreds of ready-to-wear garments, hundreds of stylish, new hats, besides countless other items.

"There is no time like the present." It's a true saying and never was it more true than this season. "The present" is the time to take advantage of early buying while the stocks are complete and selections made easy.

The present stock is remarkably varied and complete and there is no advantage to be gained by waiting—but there is a big disadvantage by waiting as every day merchandise is becoming scarcer and harder to secure, and prices are sure to advance.

Those who think of waiting later to buy their spring wearing apparel will see prices ascending instead of getting cheaper. Certain it is that we could not duplicate these garments in present stock at such a reasonable price—therefore could not sell so low.

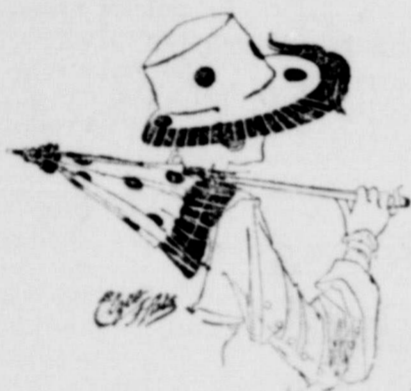
We invite you to come Friday and Saturday and all next week to a complete exposition of the spring models, in every department. You are most welcome to come and look, whether you care to buy or not—but we advise early selections while stocks are complete.



FREE! FREE! OPENING WEEK ONLY FREE! FREE!

With every hat sold we will give absolutely free, tickets to Queen Theatre, good during March and April.

\$1.50 to \$3.50 Hat, 2 tickets \$4.00 to \$5.00 Hat, 3 tickets \$6.00 to \$12.50 Hat, 5 tickets



The New Millinery of the Moment

The most authentic, fashionable models on display in our millinery section in an admirable array. You will find this department prolific of expression in the newest style ideas and a profusion of the approved models that the best dressed women of America will wear for the Spring and Summer of 1918.

It's simply impossible to adequately describe here the assemblage—so vast—so varied—so beautiful. They are gathered from the foremost work rooms of the north and east, designed and made by Fisk, Elzee, Gage.

Come see and enjoy the new styles

NEW STYLISH FOOTWEAR

This department with its wide range of styles—its goodness of quality—its reasonableness of price—invites you to come on a trip of inspection—Wieherts—E. P. Reed—Grovers—and Mrs. King—a few of the standard brands—the kinds for this Shoe goodness.

Boots

Very strong in favor for early wear is the White Foot—showing some of the splendid grades in white kid and canvas—Military and Louis heels—splendid fitting boots—turn and wetted soles—9 inch regulation tops—smart styles—that have the proper fit—priced at \$5.95 up to \$12.50

Pumps

There never will be a time when nifty, plain style Pumps—will not appeal to milady—as the practical shoe for summer wear—while kids—black kids—bronze kids—Louis—Military—and low heels made on all width lasts—new recede toes—priced at \$3.50 up to \$6.00

Oxfords

A new smart style for this season—one must not gain the impression they are not, simply because some others are not showing them. They are scarce and hard to get. We have a splendid assortment of all the new colored kids—also blaeg—made by Wiehert—in full Louis heels—priced at \$5.00, \$7.00 and \$8.50

There Is Wisdom In Choosing Garments Now—While Stocks are Full—Buying Is Easy.

The assortments are complete—and the new showing is full of interest as the selections are large and varied. Women of this community who give thought and care to the buying of their wardrobe invariably think of this store as the true store of fashions.

The styles are always safe styles—never freakish or obsolete—and quality considered are always reasonable. There is never a premium charged for beauty, therefore you'll find smartness without high prices.

Notwithstanding the advances in the cost of materials, it has been our effort to maintain a moderate scale of prices. WE URGE YOU TO VISIT THIS DEPARTMENT—SEE—ENJOY—WHETHER YOU CARE TO BUY OR NOT.

Distinctive Crepe de Chine and Taffeta Dresses

Lovely Basque models, with pointed side tunics, neatly finished—are shown together with charming surplice, dresses, and coat effects. Also featuring draperies and tuxedo reverses. A wonderful array of the new colorings in the new blues—rose—greys—tans—golds—purples—also Taffeta Dresses in stripes and plaids and combinations. Another beautiful line includes the rich—beautifully colored foulards—a special invitation to come and inspect.

New Coats

Splendid new garments of the accepter fabrics—reps—serges—poplins—coverts—in wonderful colorings—and combinations—long lines predominate—fancy belts and collars.

Many are the advantages of owning one of these light spring wraps—for motoring and wear for the cool evenings.

New Suits

The simple tailored effects lead with a good representation of the short styles and Eaton types—the ruffle back models are shown—also the more conservative styles in the regulation belted and semi-tailored effects.

Materials are serges—poplins—twills—and silk taffeta—the colorings are the accepted shades of the season.

Petticoats

A wonderful collection of the new Silk Petticoats—taffeta silks in a wonderful range of light and dark shades and the always favored two-tones—flounced and ruffled; also Jersey silk tops and satin. Light pastel shades—and fancy florals. There is certainly a Petticoat to please you in this assortment.

Skirts

Many beautiful new spring weight serges—plaid and striped wool—fancy Taffeta silks—also the staple kinds in blue and black serges—plain—plaited—and shirred models—novelty cut belts—and fancy pockets. These garments are moderately priced and worth far more than the price asked.

EXTRA!

SILK DRESS SPECIAL

EXTRA!

From regular stock we have taken about 50 modern new dresses—as a special inducement for opening week only. Dresses that we bought to sell at \$18.50 up to \$22.50. There's the new foulards—splendid taffetas—and beautiful combinations of georgettes. The season's best colorings—every size from the small to the large.

\$16.45

Specials For Opening Week

Below are listed some real bonified bargains that will appeal to the thrifty buyers of the community. They are real dollar savers and are worthy of an investigation.

Waists

Beautiful new crepe de chine and georgette waists—whites—creams—flesh—all sizes. Real \$5.00 grades—Opening week, only—\$3.95

Silk Shirting

New wash fabrics in white grounds—with combination candy stripes—blues—pinks—lavender—blacks. Extra \$1.50 grades. Opening week for \$1.19

Handkerchiefs

Dainty patterns—extra quality crepe de chine—solid centus edged with colored borders and fancy borders—special 35c grades—Opening week 23c

Silk Underwear SPECIAL

GOWNS AND COMBINATIONS

\$1.50 Grades for\$1.20
\$2.50 Grades for\$1.99
\$3.50 Grades for\$2.80
\$4.00 Grades for\$3.20
\$5.00 Grades for\$3.99
\$6.50 Grades for\$5.20
\$7.50 Grades for\$5.99
\$8.50 Grades for\$6.80

Petticoats

Fancy colored Petticoats. Heartin bloom tops—extra quality silk flounce in fancy colorings—a special \$3.00 quality. Opening week.....\$2.45

Silk Camisoles

Made of crepe de chine and wash silks colors flesh and white—beautifully lace trimmed—real \$1.50 grades. Opening week.....98c

Linon Sheeting

Especially good for fancy work. Full 60 inches wide—bleached pure white. Cheap at \$1.00 per yard—Opening week60c

Melton Dry Goods Co.

Everybody's Store

What the War-Savings Stamps will Buy For Our Soldiers.

One War-Savings Stamp will buy one hundred cartridges or a cartridge belt or a scabbard for a bayonet; two will purchase two pairs of woolen breeches or two flannel shirts; two and a half will buy a gas mask. Three War-Savings Stamps will buy an overcoat or two woolen service coats; three and a half will buy three pairs of woolen blankets; four will buy a rifle.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

Council of Defense Will Keep Tab on Local Work

The members of the Council of Defense for Rummels county met on Monday and Tuesday, March 18th and 19th, to thoroughly discuss the work coming under its supervision and plan for the future. The duties of the County Council of Defense, as outlined by the National Council, are to correlate and supervise the different war activities of the government organs of the government are care-area tried out by the respective workers and to work in connection with the State Chairman of the separate activities; to tabulate, prepare and give to the public reports and propaganda of all work undertaken; to appoint committees and supply vacancies on committees required to carry out the government programs entrusted to such Council of Defense.

Heretofore the Rummels County Council of Defense has been meeting on calls from its chairman, but there will be regular meetings from now on, until further notice, at 3:00 o'clock p. m. each Tuesday.

Following is a list of activities being conducted in this county: Liberty Loan, O. L. Parish County Chairman, with Mrs. Scott H. Mack as chairman of the Ladies' Section; Publicity, J. McGregor, Chairman; Savings Stamps, C. A. Doose, Chairman; Food, R. T. Williams, Chairman; Red Cross Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Chairman.

Rev. Morgan was selected by the Council of Defense, in its meeting Tuesday, to act in the capacity of general advisor with the different chairmen and such chairman are requested to make regular reports to the Council of Defense, in order that full information may be available at any time of the progress being made, and such progress reported to the proper governmental agency, of the work in this county.

Mr. L. Cohen presented to the Council of Defense in its Tuesday's meeting the question of taking care of the young men who have come here to take advantage of the drilling. It was decided

that the Council of Defense could not undertake this work, inasmuch as there are so many demands by the government that must be met. It was suggested that the different communities from which the young men are coming ought to arrange to see that these young men have this opportunity and it is urgently advised that this should be done, as the drill work is of untold value to the raw recruit. The Council of Defense regrets that it can not undertake arranging the matter, but there are so many other demands that must be met that it must look to each community to provide accommodations for their boys.

By request some of the solicitors for Red Cross funds made reports of the progress of their work. Such reports showed that in the main the people were contributing cheerfully. A few names were given of people who had refused to contribute. Reports will be asked from the different solicitors for this work from time to time, and such action taken by the Council of Defense as it deems best concerning refusals to contribute.

Following is an address to the citizens of Ballinger and Rummels county by the Rummels County Council of Defense:

"Fellow Workers:—Some months ago the undersigned committee accepted the supervision and correlating the different phases of government activities in this county. We have in a partial way given ourselves to the work during the last several months, but in view of the increasing responsibilities of the war, with its new demands and the sacrificial work that such conditions require, we now deem it imperative that a closer correlation of all our activities and a more strenuous organization of our forces be brought about. It is necessary, furthermore, that the duties of various workers be better defined and a closer attention to activities in every line be

expected. We can have but one purpose now and that is to win the war. Every loyal citizen must address himself to this task without reservation. Our business must be secondary.

No useless and sluggish man or committee has any place in this call for the home trenches in the present hour. If our Government, through the wisdom of effectiveness, sees fit to retire some of our generals because they are not up to the severe standard required, how much more should we dispense with everything that is useless and demand effective work from the men or committees at home, whose sphere of service is no less important than the work of generals or the men in camps.

When our boys are working full daylight time to prepare themselves as an offering in the hell-fire of the front trenches, can we sit in ease at home or plead our "pressing" business engagements or play politics in excuses? Can we shirk our duty, follow it pussy-footed, or piddle at what we promise to do? The man in this hour who does not give himself unreservedly to his country's call in the home trench, certainly has the blood of our slain on his head.

We are charged with reporting to the authorities at Washington every citizen who lays down on the job for which he has been drafted at home. We shall follow our instructions as conscientiously as you would demand that we do. We are not self appointed, nor are we choosers of our duties. We are instructed from Washington. With this setting forth of our place and sphere, we bring this program to you:

"First: We have organized in detail the departments of service expected by the government, and have selected chairmen and committees to look after these different activities, and have outlined their work.

"Second: We expect tabulated reports of the different phases of work, showing progress made, to be filed with our Secretary for public reference and reports, which reports are to be made weekly. We also expect the Chairmen of the different committees to meet with the Council of Defense at its regular sessions. Personal inconvience is no excuse for the neglect of duties.

"Third: We ask for and welcome from every citizen any reliable information of talk against the government, disloyal acts, profiteering of personal greed that may be discovered, and we propose to handle such matters without gloves.

We are grateful for the co-operation that has been given, for the patriotic service which has been rendered by every man and woman so far. We ask for a wider and deeper movement, for a courteous reception of every committee or speaker which represents the government through us, and for a real power of co-operation in the vital demands now upon us.

R. T. Williams, Chairman.
Paul Trimmer, Secretary.
Scott H. Mack.
E. D. Walker.
Jno. A. Weeks.
J. McGregor.

BALLINGER RESIDENT HAS AWFUL EXPERIENCE

"I was twice confined in hospitals, in the last one nothing but gruel water was injected into me 4 times a day, as my stomach would not retain any food. I suffered terribly; was reduced to a skeleton. My folks saw an ad of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and it has surely saved my life. I weigh 180 pounds now." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

Locals About Our Soldier Boys

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sharpes of the Norton country, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry, of the Marie country and W. D. Yeager of the Winters country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Yeager informed us that his son, who volunteered first of this year and went to Jacksonville, Fla., was among the number who had been transferred from that place to Camp McArthur near Waco.

J. L. Lee, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here renewed with the Banner Ledger for the balance of this year. He was here to meet his daughter-in-law Mrs. Charlie Lee, who came in at noon enroute home from a visit to her husband at Camp Travis. Charlie, with others in his camp have been transferred to some other point, preparatory, possibly, to going to France.

Mrs. Archie Crews and Miss Joiner, who have been visiting Mr. Crews in army camp near Jacksonville, Fla., returned home Monday night and reports all of our soldier boys from Ballinger that they saw enjoying army life fine and in the best of health and spirits.

Corporal E. F. Gibson came in Monday at noon from Fort Worth where he is serving Uncle Sam near that city, and will spend a short furlough with his wife and friends.

N. J. Wardlow returned home Monday at noon from Fort Worth where he had been to visit his son, Newt, at Camp Bowie, and to attend the Fat Stock show the past week.

Mrs. W. R. Little and Rinza Lee of the Maverick country, passed through Ballinger Monday enroute home from a visit to relatives at Camp Travis.

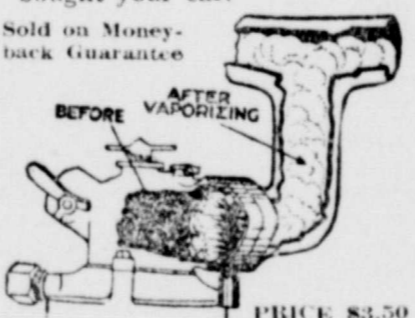
J. F. Owen, of the Hatchel country, who had been spending a few days furlough with his parents, left Friday afternoon for Camp Travis to resume his army duties.

D. O. Sims, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Thursday enroute to San Antonio, after a pleasant visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sims. He belongs to the Aviation Signal Corps of Uncle Sam's army.

J. H. Mills, of the Winters country was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. Ford Owner

Here is something you have been looking for ever since you bought your car.



The Stransky Fuel Vaporizer

Sold under a money-back guarantee to give you from 25 to 50 per cent more mileage, speed, power and at the same time almost entirely eliminates carbon. Your car will run much smoother and make hills on high you have never been able to make before. In a test made a few days ago a car that ordinarily made around 17 to 19 miles on a gallon of gasoline, when equipped with the Stransky made very nearly thirty miles. Another test made this week on one quart of gas and a car made 8 1/4 miles—this equals 33 miles to the gallon, and without this vaporizer made 2 1/2 miles less which shows a gain of ten miles to the gallon of gas when the device is attached. This device once attached needs no more attention—it works automatically. Can be attached in ten minutes by anyone. Order one today or send for further particulars.

Rummels county agency open to a hustler—will make you a liberal proposition.
TEXAS AUTO SPECIALTIES COMPANY,
San Angelo, Texas.

Box 165.
The manager, F. L. Jakubik, will be in Ballinger Sunday afternoon and someone is going to get the agency—better act quick and drop me a card and make arrangements for an interview. 21-3dlw

Catarrh is a Real Enemy and Requires Vigorous Treatment

Do Not Neglect It.

When you use medicated sprays, atomizers and douches for your Catarrh, you may succeed in unstopping the choked-up air passages for the time being, but this annoying condition returns, and you have to do the same thing over and over again. Catarrh has never yet been cured by these local applications. Have you ever experienced any real benefit from such treatment?

Throw these makeshift remedies to the winds, and get on the right treatment. Go to your drug store to-day, get a bottle of S. S. S., and commence a treatment that has been praised by sufferers for nearly half a century. S. S. S. gets right at the source of Catarrh, and forces from the blood the germs which cause the disease. You can obtain special medical advice regarding your own case without charge by writing to Medical Director, 22 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

TOBACCO CARDS ARE NOW COMING BACK

Those who contributed to the Ledger's Tobacco Fund some time ago, and who were told that they would receive cards from the boys acknowledging receipt of the tobacco, no doubt feel that the boys either failed to get the tobacco or else they were very unappreciative. So far as we have been able to learn, no cards have been received at Ballinger.

We are just in receipt of a letter from the tobacco company with whom we contracted to ship the tobacco, and to whom we paid the money, stating that cards are being received and contributors to the fund here will no doubt receive cards soon. The letter says in part, "We hear from all sides that the post cards are now beginning to make their appearance in this country. Many newspapers, such as the Washington Times, Cincinnati Post, Detroit Press, and many other papers are publishing reproductions of the cards and letters received from the boys acknowledging the receipt of the tobacco.

The tobacco company wrote some time ago that no little trouble was experienced in getting the tobacco distributed, but that every package would go to our boys in the trenches and in the camps across the waters. We will appreciate it if those who contributed to the fund will notify the Ledger when they receive cards or letters from the boys. It is possible that the package of tobacco you paid for will fall in the hands of some boy from Rummels county, or some soldier you are acquainted with, and that would make the matter all the more interesting.

SHEIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

For The Issuance of School Bonds THE STATE OF TEXAS—County of Rummels,

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 13th day of April 1918 at Eagle Branch Schoolhouse in Common School District No. 49 of this county, as established by order of the Board of County School Trustees of this County, of date the 18th day of February, a certified copy of which order is recorded in Vol. 1, Page 19-20 Record of School Districts of Rummels County, Texas to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax-paying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common School District in the amount of \$2000.00, the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to twenty, both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, with option of redemption after ten years, and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wood material in said district and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this County shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county, and who are resident property

tax payers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order made on the 20th day of March 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 21st day of March, 1918.

J. D. PERKINS,
Sheriff Rummels County, Texas.
22-3tw.

LEFT FOR MISSISSIPPI

Rev. H. P. Bates left Monday afternoon for Liberty, Miss., in response to a message telling him of the seriously illness of his little brother at their home at that place.

LIKE AN ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES

Tells Why a Corn is so Painful And Says Cutting Makes Them Grow.

Press an electric button and you form a contact with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

Instead of trimming your corns which merely makes them grow, just step into any drug store and ask for a quarter of an ounce of Freezone. This will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn stops the soreness instantly, and soon the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug Freezone is harmless and never inflames or irritates the surrounding skin.

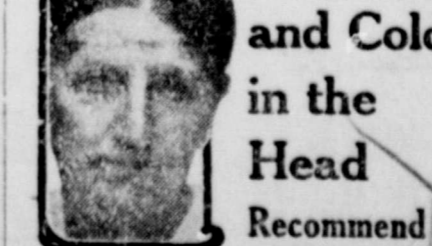
LEASES COMPLETED—DEVELOPMENT BEGINS

The unprecedented speculation in leases which has served to maintain excitement in Brownwood during the past three or four months has been a good thing for the town and county but has been frowned on by the large operators, according to one of the pioneers in this field who declares that all the big operators will be glad when the speculation ends and real development begins.

The chief trouble which the big operators have encountered is from dissatisfied lessors, who granted leases on their lands last summer and are now anxious to invalidate them in order to secure big bonuses. A few suits have been filed against various operators and others are afraid that such suits may be filed. These suits, the justness of which must be threshed out in the courts act as a handicap to the operators who do not want to drill wells on lands which they may not be able to hold.

Real development is now under way, with some of the biggest companies in the entire country interested in the field. It is generally understood that the pipe line of the Prairie Company, that is now being surveyed, will be brought into Brown County, evidencing the belief of that big company that there will be big development here. The several deep tests now being drilled in all parts of the county are being closely watched by the men on the ground here, in order that ideas as to formations may be gained.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Catarrh and Bronchitis and Cold in the Head



PE-RU-NA

Those who object to liquid medicines can secure Peruna tablets.

Mrs. Rosa A. Kiss, 318 1/2 Clinton Place, Kansas City, Missouri, writes: "I was very sick with Catarrh and Bronchitis. I also had a cold in the head. I used Peruna and am well pleased with the results. It has done me a great deal of good. I do not need any other medicine. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one who is troubled with catching colds frequently or any one who has a chronic cough or chronic catarrh. Those wishing further particulars concerning my case may write me. Be sure to enclose a stamp and I will answer."

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
March 4th, 1918

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$328,630.42
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
U. S. Treasury Certificates	20,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	76,052.46
Cash and Exchange	116,862.56
	\$606,945.44
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	61,503.95
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	420,441.49
	\$606,945.44

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.
We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

IN a year it has become famous; the man's cigarette for the men who are working over here, and fighting over there.

The reason? Because it's made of Burley pipe tobacco and because—

IT'S TOASTED



Guaranteed by
The American Tobacco Co.

SUMMER NORMAL PLANS UNDERWAY

Special efforts are being put forth by the people and educational interests in Brownwood to make the annual meeting of the Mid-Texas Summer Normal, to be held in that city June 24 to July 26th inclusive, the most attractive ever held in this part of the state. Hooverized entertainment plans are now under way and these while within the spirit of the times will prove of added interest to the teachers who will attend.

The program is an especially strong one, and includes Superintendents W. L. Hughes, Brady; J. M. Skinner, Ballinger; V. L. Griffin, Brownwood; T. L. Price, Goldthwaite, and others. Also a special arrangement has been made by which the services of Miss Clara Gene Mallow of Dallas has been engaged to have charge of the Primary Department. She is



My Hamiltonian Horse

Will make the season at the Union Wagon Yard. Fees \$10, in sure colt. Not responsible for accidents. J. J. Yarnell.

one of the most gifted teachers in the state, and her work in Dallas schools is felt and favorably known.

The Chamber of Commerce at Brownwood is making arrangements to give all delegates a special opportunity to view the great developments in the Brownwood Oil field, which are attracting the attention of all experts and geologists from all parts of the world. It is expected to arrange also a splendid patriotic day, bringing some noted national speaker to the sessions of the Normal.

Bad Taste in Your Mouth.

When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking the people of Ballinger for their help and many kind and comforting words of sympathy in the death of our mother.

G. F. and J. T. Stevenson, and Families. d&w1

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire thus publicly to thank all those who have given aid and sympathy during the serious sickness of our little daughter, Modena. It is in times like this that friendship counts for most and the remembrances of your kindness will be a life long source of gratification to us.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lewis. d&w1.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

Gustavus Grocery sells groceries for less. 3tw



For Service Black Percheon Horse Black Mammoth Jack

Will make season at my place 3 1/2 miles east of Ballinger on Leadvay road. Fees \$12.50 for Horse and \$15 for Jack.

T. W. Whidden

GROWING GARDENS TO HELP WIN WAR

Austin, Texas, March 16.—"The people of Texas were never more alive to the importance of growing gardens and increasing food and feed crops and livestock," said B. F. Johnson, district food administrator, today.

Mr. Johnson is conducting an active food and feed campaign under the auspices of the Governor and the State council of defense and the Federal food administrator for Texas.

"We are receiving hundreds of letters from all points in the State expressing the determination of the writers to meet the demand for Texas to feed itself this year."

"J. H. Noes, a prominent dairy farmer of Boerne writes that he is doing all he can to produce food and feed. 'I have seventy-five acres in cultivation and fifty head of Jersey stock with which I am fighting the Kaiser,' says Mr. Noes 'and I am losing money this year, but don't forget I am in this fight to the finish, ours is the only country.'

Mrs. L. E. Spalding and her three sons, of Neches, each have a garden and the boys have agreed to raise ten chickens each.

"Same Fore, Jr., a newspaper man of Floresville has the following to say with reference to the crop situation: 'Just to let you know that old Wilson County, the county that bears the name of our great President, can be counted on not only to do her "bit" but to do her darndest in this great campaign you are waging. I am enclosing twenty-six pledges in the Patriotic Garden League. I have been running the pledges for the past two weeks but feared that some were overlooking it so this morning I clipped out twenty-six of the blanks and started down the street presenting them as I met people. I found only one man who had not planted a garden and ordinarily he has the very best garden in town. He is not planting one this spring for the sole reason that his family will be away from home all spring and summer. I am satisfied I could get 1,000 pledges had I the time. You can rest assured that the people in this county are doing their best. Seed dealers report record breaking sales and even the post-man money orders to seed houses in his life. If the weather man will only do his part by us, this county is "going over the top" with food and feed without a question of doubt.'

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

MILES GETS NEW NEWSPAPER MAN

J. C. Wells, for some time editor of the Miles Messenger, has moved to Big Springs. Geo. L. Keever has assumed charge of the Messenger. In a letter to The Ledger Mr. Keever states that it is his purpose to publish his paper in the interest of Rannels county, as well as in the interest of Miles. Mr. Keever realizes that what is good for one section of the county will benefit the county as a whole, and we are glad to welcome him into the game. We stand ready to co-operate with him and lend a helping hand in all matters of public interest.

LEASE YOUR LAND FOR CASH

Samuel C. Harris, County Attorney will lease your land anywhere in Rannels county, and pay you cash, 25c per acre, per year, for five years—one-eighth oil and \$100.00 per well for gas wells. Come in and lease with him and get the cash when you sign your lease. THERE'S MONEY IN OIL. W.H.S.4d-pd.

DECLAMERS READY FOR COUNTY MEET

The school meet held Friday night to select contestants for the County Inter-Scholastic meet to be held here Friday and Saturday March 29 and 30, was a success and a large crowd was present to enjoy the program.

The declamations were interspersed with musical numbers and the declamers all recited in a way that brought forth hearty applause.

Rev. Gustavus, Dr. Allen, Scott H. Mack, Mrs. George Vaughn and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce acted as judges, and due to the splendid way in which each contestant competed for honors, the judges had no easy task in selecting the winners.

Those selected to represent the Ballinger schools in the county meet are as follows:

Junior girl declamers: Susie Hale first, and Ethel Kemp second.

Junior boy declamers: Buford Tidwell, first, and Phillip Walker second.

Senior girl declamers: Kate Cockrell, first, and Vera Nicholson, second.

Senior boy declamers: David Coulter first, and Towner Dickinson second.

At the meet to be held here on March 29th and 30th, the athletic representatives, and the representatives in spelling, declamation, etc., will be selected to attend the district meet at San Angelo.

IN FIVE MINUTES! NO INDIGESTION, GAS OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

The moment "Pape's Diapepsin" reaches the stomach all distress goes.

"Really does" put upset stomachs in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness due to acid fermentation in five minutes—that—just that—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach antacid and regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments and turns sour, you belch gas and eructate undigested food or water; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with indigestible waste, remember the moment "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous, and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin is worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night. It's the quickest, surest antacid for the stomach in the world.

POSTAL CLERKS ARE NOW IN DEMAND

Postmaster McChrsty has lost two of his experienced men within the past week and a result the efficiency of the Brownwood post office is very materially crippled. He applied for help to the department at Washington but got no consolation or assistance further than that on July 1st the department would try to supply him with additional experienced help. In the meantime he was advised, he must make out the best he can by working his people over hours and using inexperienced clerks where possible. In ordinary times his present force might be able to handle the mails without additional help, but the records show that in every department the business has increased fully a third more than during the same time last year, and there seems to be a limit as to how much a man can do in a limited time. Mr. McChrsty hopes to have things running smoothly again as soon as possible.—Brownwood Bulletin.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Bilioasness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic.

Mrs. Bartlett, of Santa Anna, who had been visiting her son, W. E. Bartlett, and family, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

The Coming of the Sun Beam

The coming of the sunbeam—the new baby—should be a happy time for the expectant mother. She should help nature by the daily use of the safe, penetrating external preparation, "Mother's Friend". By its regular use the breasts are kept in good condition, the tendency to morning sickness is avoided. The abdominal muscles relax without strain when baby is born and the crisis is naturally one of loss pain and danger.

To neglect the use of "Mother's Friend" for a single night is a mistake. Send or phone to the druggist for a bottle today and write for valuable free book, "Motherhood and the Baby". Address The Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. K, 309 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga.

CHILD CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER AUTO

A lamentable accident occurred Wednesday evening at Novice. A Mr. Martin, a stranger, was driving toward Coleman in an auto and had stopped to inquire about the road to this city. He did not notice the child go round to the front of his car and when he started she was knocked down, a rear wheel passing over and crushing her skull. Death was almost instantaneous.

The victim of this most heart-rending accident was little Valera Gene Hothan, aged three years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hothan of Novice. Friends of the family are in sympathy with the grief-stricken parents and other sorrowing relatives. None more sincerely regret the tragic death of the baby girl than the stranger who was driving the car.—Coleman Leader.

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THE SPRING DRIVE

Our boys are going "Over the top" and into "No man's land" this spring. No one has any doubt of their ability to get there. There will also be a spring drive on this side of the ocean, because March is the year's "blue Monday." It is the most fatal month of the year. March and April is a time when resistance usually is at lowest ebb. It is a trying season for the "run-down" man. But medical science steps in, and says, "It need not be." We should cultivate a love of health, a sense of responsibility for the care of our bodies. Do not allow the machinery of the body to clog. Put the stomach and liver in proper condition. Take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, to be had at most drug stores in tablet or liquid form. Tablets sixty cents a vial, composed of native herbs. This puts the stomach and liver in proper condition. You may be plodding along, no spring, no elasticity, no vim, but as soon as you have put the body into its normal physical condition—oiled the machinery, as it were—you will find new vim, vigor and vitality within you. A little "pep," and we laugh and live. Try it now. Send Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c. for trial package. A little energy will save the prime necessity of life is health. With spirit and energy you have the power to force yourself into action. The Golden Medical Discovery is the spring tonic which you need.

GOOD MUSIC FEATURE OF UNION SERVICE

Those who attended the co-operative service Sunday night had the pleasure of attending one of the best of the series of union services being held. The attendance was all that the large auditorium of the Methodist church would seat. The First Christian church was host on this occasion, and as the local church has no pastor at present, they invited Rev. Schoonover, pastor of the Christian church at San Angelo, to come here and preach the sermon. Rev. Schoonover accepted the invitation and was accompanied to Ballinger by his wife and daughter, who took an active part in the service, rendering special music. Special music was a feature of the service Sunday night. The choir was perhaps the largest so far brought together in the union services, every seat in the choir being occupied, and the chorus singing was unusually good. "God Will Take Care of You," was sung by Collis and Marie Bradt, and the duet moved the large congregation as the chorus was softly repeated by the splendid voices of the little boy and girl. Rev. Schoonover, Mrs. Schoonover and their daughter, sang a trio, and Mrs. Schoonover and daughter sang a duet, which were enjoyed by a large congregation and made the music a special feature of the service. Rev. Schoonover delivered an inspiring sermon, his remarks being in keeping with the age in which we are living, and based on



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the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." He emphasized the great thought that America was today being called on to spend millions of dollars in war work, Red Cross, etc., which if had been spent in years gone by in missionary work and in teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, might have prevented the world war. He brought out the thought that we are now paying for the selfish life we have been living in years past.

The program for the co-operative services for next Sunday night has not been made public, further than the announcement that the last week in March beginning next Sunday night, the churches of the city would hold special Sunday School meetings. The plan is to have five services during the week, and to close the series of cooperative services on the last Sunday in March with a great rally.

The pastors association are working out a program and this will be announced later.

If you have oil land for lease or production. See or write John H. Keagans & Son, Eastland, Texas. 13-249-3d.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Runtels. Notice is hereby given that by a virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Galveston County, of the 4th day of March 1918, by J. G. Gengler, Clerk of said Court for the sum of Four Thousand and One Hundred Forty Nine and 21/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Annie V. Trueheart, et al, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 33,522 and styled Annie V. Trueheart et al vs. J. H. Patterson, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins as Sheriff of Runtels County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of March 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runtels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Runtels, State of Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:— Being 142 acres of land, more or less, out of the J. P. Freeman Sy. No. 1, 1, Abst. No. 803, originally granted to J. P. Freeman and patented to A. G. Wills on Oct. 17, 1888, by Letters Patent No. 216, Vol. 37, the part herein conveyed being described by meter and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point where the S. B. line of the C. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.'s Right-of-way crosses the S. B. line of the C. D. Fromm Survey No. 421, Thence S. 60 degrees E. 600 varas to S. E. corner of this tract. Thence S. 30 degrees W. 914 varas to the N. B. line of the Day Land and Cattle Co., survey, Thence W. 1,000 varas to a stake. Thence N. 44 1/2 degrees E. Following fence 730 varas to the first offset in right-of-way fence. Thence N. 45 1/2 degrees W. 9 varas to railroad fence corner. Thence N. 44 1/2 degrees E. Following railroad fence 367 varas to second offset in fence. Thence S. 45 1/2 degrees E. 9 varas to railroad fence corner. Thence N. 44 1/2 degrees E. with railroad fence 353 varas to place of beginning.

Exception from the above described tract of land, however, a certain portion thereof, particularly described in a certain written instrument of release executed by Henry M. Trueheart, bearing date December 31st, 1910 and recorded in Vol. 65, Page 255 of the deed records of Runtels County, Texas, which tract is described as follows:

"Beginning at the Southeast corner of the C. D. Fromm Survey No. 421, Thence South 30 W. 367 varas. Thence North 60 W. 649 varas. Stake on east line of San Angelo Road. Thence N. 41 1/4 E. 18 varas. Thence North 60 W. 9 varas. Thence North 41 1/4 E. 353 varas. To South line of C. D. Fromm Survey. Thence South 60 E. 375 varas. To the place of beginning, to contain 40 acres of land.

And excepting further from said tract of land herein above described and foreclosed on, and recited to contain One hundred and forty-two (142) acres, more or less, the following described tract, piece or parcel of land, to-wit:

"All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Runtels and in the State of Texas and being off the West side of a 125 acre tract of land out of the J. P. Freeman Sur. No. 1, Abst. No. 803, heretofore sold by R. A. Terry to J. H. Patterson by deed recorded in Vol. 55, page 493, of deed records of Runtels County, Texas. The part hereby conveyed being all that part of said 125 acre tract, lying west of the following described line:

Beginning at a stake to vrs. E. of the S. W. Corner of said 125 acre tract; Thence North 44 1/4 E. 1450 varas. To a stake to vrs. E. of the N. W. corner of said 125 acre tract and levied upon as the property of Debitants and that on the first Tuesday in April 1918, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runtels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. H. Patterson et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, one week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Ledger (Weekly), a newspaper published in Ballinger, Runtels County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of March 1918. J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff Runtels County, Texas.

A SPRING MEDICINE

That Will Make You Feel Better, Look Better, Eat and Sleep Better.

In view of the fact that disease is ever the same, a medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has been successful for more than forty years in combating disease and preserving health, is a safe one to rely upon.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is known everywhere as the standard blood purifier, tonic and vitalizer. Its record is one of remarkable results. It has given entire satisfaction in the treatment of scrofula, eczema, humors, catarrh, rheumatism, loss of appetite, that tired feeling and general debility, and is taken as effectively at one time of year as another.

There is nothing better as a prompt, general tonic and appetite-maker for weak and run-down men, women and children and old people, invalids and convalescents.

It is pleasant to take, aids digestion, and supplies the vital organs with the rich red blood essential to perfect health.

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today.

SOME SLACKERS IN CLEAN UP WORK

This week will close the first clean up campaign for the spring. Mrs. Scott H. Mack, president of the civic league reports that much work was done last week, many people responding promptly to the appeal for all people to co-operate in the work by making their own premises clean.

There are several unsightly places on the lots and near the homes of some of our people, but it is hoped that these will be removed before the end of the present week. There should be no slackers in this work.

The civic league is in communication with the owners of several vacant lots which need attention, and they hope to be able to get permission to have these lots cleaned off, and probably converted into gardens.

The civic league is making a special effort to impress upon the people that a clean city will be a healthy city, and it will be easy to keep the city clean through the summer if every one will co-operate in the work and do their duty.

ALL CHILDREN LOVE "SYRUP OF FIGS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give it when feverish, cross, biliousness, for bad breath or sour stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative" they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Austin, March 18.—William G. Blackmon, representative from Jones county, has announced for congress from the 17th district, and will run against Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene. Mr. Blackmon is serving his fourth year as a member of the lower house, while Mr. Blanton is serving his first year as congressman from Texas. Representative Blackmon was instrumental in the drafting and passage of the "drouth bill" appropriating two million dollars for the relief of drouth sufferers in West Texas, and was also one of the authors of the West Texas A. & M. College bill, and took an active interest in several important school measures, and he expects for these to get him many votes in the Seventeenth district, which is composed of Barnett, Llano, Comanche, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Palo Pinto, Taylor, Nolan, Concho and Runtels counties.

RETURNED FROM HAMILTON.

Preston Dunn, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Saturday in his auto en route home from Hamilton county, and other points in that section. He was accompanied by Brownwood with oil men who are looking over the oil situation in Hamilton and adjoining counties and Mr. Dunn says the oil excitement is running high in the sections he visited.



Don't Listen to Peace Gab and German Propaganda

Rev. R. B. Morgan and J. McGregor are at home from Dallas, where they went to represent Ballinger at the war council of Four Minute Men. They come greatly enthused, and declare the Dallas meeting to have been one of the most successful gatherings of the kind ever held in Texas, serving the purpose for which it was called.

Prominent representatives of the administration were present and addressed the six or seven thousand Four Minute Men and citizens, the speakers including Secretary Houston, Dr. Moran, a prominent educator of Indiana; Mr. Nicholson, the president's representative to the Four Minute Meeting, and Lieut. Paragard, a French army officer who came to America from the trenches on the Western front.

Rev. Morgan reports that one of the most touching and impressive moments he ever experienced was when Lieut. Paragard was telling of Gen. Pershing's arrival and reception in France. The French officer stated that after Gen. Pershing had met with the diplomats, he and his staff were carried to the tomb of Gen. Lafayette. Instead of making a speech, as was expected by those in the party, Gen. Pershing walked up to the tomb of the famous French general and standing with his head bare and at full attention said, "Lafayette, we are here."

The main thought brought out in the addresses delivered before the Four Minute Men, according to the Ballinger representative, is that there is no time for peace talk at present. The American government has decided to fight for every aim outlined by the president, and will not stop to quibble with the enemy over useless peace propositions.

The Four Minute Men of America are being reorganized for more effective work. Every energy must be put forth to keep down peace talk when there is nothing to talk for and German propaganda which is designed to cause the American people to become disaffected with the war. The organization of Four Minute Men recently spoke to twelve million men in one week. In this way great good is being accomplished and a spirit of patriotism strengthened.

"Here are some of the things we heard in the splendid talks," said Rev. Morgan, and he quoted the following excerpts:

Posee talk at this time is useless "back fire."

Germany attempts to lay the blame on the U. S. and Allies, saying they are determined to spill useless blood; we stand acquitted before the world however, in not using liquid fire, poison, gas, and undersea murderous pirates, all

German inventions. We intend to fight in the open.

Red Cross nurses killed by bombs in hospitals, prisoners with one hand cut off to destroy usefulness; others with end of tongue cut off to keep them from talking liberty among fellow prisoners are facts in Germany. Can American citizens keep from saying "This is My War!"

Keep your eye on the Main Issue; do not let peace gab and German propaganda confuse our purpose in this war. The Main Issue is "Liek the Kaiser."

We have the proper respect for the German people on our shores who wants to be and tries to be a good American citizen; every liberty we have is for him. But, if he won't, and intends to disregard his obligations of citizenship to us and our Government, let him go back to his father land, but let him leave here what he has acquired through our freedom and send him back the peniless beggar that he was to the slavery of his military butchers.

We prefer Christianity with her learned crucified on a wooden cross to Kaiserism with his subjects crucified on an iron cross.

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gil-lad, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for," we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named every thing in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's. I'll try a gain, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.

T. E. Chapman of Winters, Sid Oliver, J. G. Essor and Stanley Harter, of the Wilmett county, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Gustavus Grocery buys butter and eggs. 31v

Everett Turner, of Fisher county, who had been visiting his friend, Guy Gannaway, of the Wingate county, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

Are Your Lungs Strong?

Do colds go down to your throat? Are your bronchial tubes easily affected? Above all, do colds settle on your chest? Then your lungs may not be as strong as you expected—consumption often follows.

Good Physicians Everywhere Prescribe

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Because its Pure Cod Liver Oil is Famous

for strengthening delicate throats and weak lungs while its glycerine soothes the tender linings and alleviates the cough.

Start on Scott's Emulsion today—It is Nature's building-food without drugs or alcohol.

The imported Norwegian cod liver oil used in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 17-21



For Sore Muscles Stiff Joints Sprains use Sloan's Liniment
KILLS PAIN



If the Man Worked in the Kitchen He Would Buy a McDougall

because the McDougall offers the utmost in utility and efficiency—because it is not an ordinary kitchen cabinet, but a veritable method of better kitchen management.

He would buy a McDougall because it is the first kitchen cabinet, and has ever led in quality and convenience. We are having a special display of McDougall Kitchen Cabinets

this week. Come to see them and let us demonstrate their many ingenious labor-saving devices to you.

Easy Payment Plan

The McDougall Kitchen Cabinet is easy to buy. A cabinet will be delivered to your home on approval if you wish. It may be purchased on the easy payment plan. Terms arranged for your convenience.

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THE FIRST KITCHEN CABINET

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Ballinger's Greatest Store

J. N. KEY FOR TAX ASSESSOR

To the Voters of Runnels County: I take this method of announcing to you my candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor of Runnels county. I am asking for your support in this matter, believing that I am in every way qualified to fill the office. I have never held public office before and should you see fit to honor me by electing me to this place, I shall strive to conduct the affairs of the office in such way that you will never have occasion to regret having thus trusted me.

I shall, as near as possible, comply with the law by seeing each tract of land in the county and assessing all property at its fair value.

Owing to the fact that I am farming, I shall not be able to make a thorough canvass of the county and I now ask each one to withhold the promise of your support until you have given due consideration to my candidacy. I refer those who do not know me personally to the many citizens of this county who have known me for many years.

I am a life long Democrat and favor a majority nomination. Assuring each one that I will appreciate any favors shown me, I am,

Yours sincerely,
J. N. KEY.

d&w.

167 ENEMY PLANES DOWNED IN MONTH

With British Armies in France, March 20.—The Allies have been successful in daylight air fighting this month. Since the first of March the British and French have brought down 167 enemy airplanes, in many instances killing the aviators.

Washington, March 20.—That all is not well between the Russian sea fighters and the Russian government making peace with Germany was indicated yesterday when the Germans captured Odessa. Dispatches received by the state department today brings the news of the fleeing of the Russian when the Germans entered Odessa.

The Honig left Wednesday for San Angelo, to bring back a Dodge auto.

Calomel Users! Listen To Me! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Your druggist gives back your money if it doesn't
liven your liver and bowels and straighten
you up without making you sick.

There's no reason why a person should take sickening, salivating calomel when a few cents buys a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone—a perfect substitute for calomel.

It is a pleasant, vegetable liquid which will start your liver just as surely as calomel, but it doesn't make you sick and can not salfate. Children and grown folks can take Dodson's Liver Tone, because it is perfectly harmless.

Calomel is a dangerous drug. It

is mercury and attacks your bones. Take a dose of nasty calomel today and you will feel weak, sick and nauseated tomorrow. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone instead and you will wake up feeling great. No more biliousness, constipation, sluggishness, headache, coated tongue or sour stomach. Your druggist says if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tone acts better than horrible calomel your money is waiting for you.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG LADIES AND YOUNG MEN

The demand for telegraph operators was never so great as at the present time. The government demand has taken large numbers of operators out of their former places. Railroads are sending men out to get more operators, and are offering special inducements to commercial school students. Several different Railway Companies have offered to place every graduate Tyler Commercial College can furnish, in fact they tried to get our promise to let them place every graduate on their lines. The largest telegraph school in America—equipped with wire of a main line railroad, all telegraph and freight blanks and books of record, tickets, and in fact everything just as complete as found in the best equipped railroad offices, the best practical teachers to be obtained, thoroughly experienced in commercial and railway telegraphy, station and freight work the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, is unable to supply the demands of the railroads, Western Union and Postal telegraph companies for operators. Just received a message from a leading railway company reading, "Can you furnish us with all the operators we need, we furnishing them with free transportation over our line from nearest points?" Just as surely as you complete our course of telegraphy and station work, just so surely will we place you in a good position. The same is true where our course of Book-keeping, Shorthand, Cotton Classing, or Business Administration and Finance is completed.

Write for free catalogue. Our telegraph students are on all the leading Southwestern roads, and in Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices. Our graduates of other departments are holding high positions in the commercial world. With our help you can be a big success. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

T. M. Curbo of Mills county, came in Tuesday to visit relatives and to look after business interests a few days.

COMING To Ballinger Return Visit Doctors Rea Bros.

American Physician Specialists,
Giving Free Medical Services
to the Sick.

At Hotel Central, Tuesday April 2, one day only.

Licensed by the States, visiting the principal cities throughout the United States, demonstrating their system of treating diseases and deformities without surgical operation: will give free treatment (except cost of medicines and appliances) on this visit.

By their improved system many dangerous operation may be avoided and much expense eliminated in the treatment of diseases of the liver, stomach and bowel troubles, such as dyspepsia, constipation, sick headache, dropsy, gall stones, appendicitis, bowel ulcerations and inflammations.

Tuberculosis, Asthma, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases and Lung Diseases treated with a combination of medicines, serums, vaines, diet and hygiene.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles, pains in the back, weak back, swelling of the limbs, stiffness of the joints, rheumatism, undeveloped children, bed wetting, club feet, curative of the spine and other deformities.

Blood and Heart Disease, swelling of the limbs, skin diseases, pellagra, old sores, varicose veins, heart palpitation, bad circulation, cold limbs, numbness, enlarged glands, goitre and deep-seated chronic diseases.

Nervous Diseases, epilepsy, neuritis, neuralgia, sciatica, paralysis, mental weakness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, high blood pressure, mental worry, discouragement, and diseases of women.

Piles, fistula, small tumors, and growths of a suspicious nature treated with the hypodermic injection method, an effective plan of treatment without surgical operation.

Dr. Rea Bros. are physicians of wide reputation and has an extensive practice throughout the United States. Their plan is to secure in each community evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients.

The sick and those interested are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children with their parents.

Hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

NEXT WEEK'S JURY DISCHARGED

Judge Woodward requests us to state that the petit jury called for next week will not be needed, and they are notified not to come. Court adjourned this week and there will be nothing doing here next week in court matters.

LEMONS WHITEN AND BEAUTIFY THE SKIN

Make this Beauty Lotion Cheaply
For Your Face, Neck and Hands

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quarter pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing 3 ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will last a long time. Almost every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck and hands. It is marvelous to smoothen rough and red hands.

T. J. Stocks and grandson Master Roebarnes Sparks, returned home Monday from a short visit to his son, Joe Stock's ranch near Tankersley, beyond San Angelo. Mr. Stocks says Joe has a fine field of alfalfa and oats that are looking splendid and bids fair to make a good yield.

FROM CAMP WHERE BOYS ARE GOING

The twenty volunteers who left Ballinger for Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon, will be assigned to duty in one of the best camps in the United States. Camp MacArthur, a coast artillery training station, is said to be an ideal place for training, and in view of the fact that twenty of our boys have just left for that place, the following excerpt from a letter written by a Brown county boy who is stationed at Fort MacArthur, will be interesting to our readers:

"I, just at present, am having the time of my life and enjoy every minute of it. In the first place, the climate out here is the best in the world and though we are having rains now, still there are other advantages that make us forget a little black mud.

"Most of the Brown county boys are in this company and are well satisfied. We are all getting fat as can be and myself especially. We have good wholesome food and plenty of it and the best of treatment from our officers. Our captain is an old army man, and he knows just how to take care of his men and does numerous things to give us comforts that amount to a good deal in the long run.

"We are in an ammunition train and are expecting to see pretty early service. We do not lack very much of having our full equipment of clothing and got our guns yesterday. We are due to go to the target range within the next two weeks and I think that that will just about be our finishing touch before going over. We are all anxious to go and the sooner the better for us."

Bob Mackey, J. M. Osborn and Dr. Matchell, of the Norton country, and Joe Vancil, of the Winters country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday to see the volunteer soldier boys off to the army.

G. W. Brister, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED

WANTED—10871,191 dozen eggs in the next 15 days. R. P. Conn. Phone 320. 20-3td1w.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Ford Car. Will sell or trade for cattle. C. W. Evans, Rt. B, Ballinger. Phone 7611, Rural. 20-4d1w.

BARRED ROCK EGGS—For hatching, from stock bred for meat and eggs. \$1.50 per 15. Lon Muncy, phone connection, Ballinger. 19-d&w4t-pd.

FOR SALE—Pure breed Brown Leghorn eggs at \$1.00 for 15 eggs. If as many as 100 eggs are wanted will make a reduced price. A. J. Voelkel, Box 463, 13-4d3w.

BLACK LANGSHANG EGGS—For setting from pen of pure bred stock, \$1.50 per setting. F. M. Wiley, Ballinger, Texas. 1-sw-pd

FOR SALE—S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rock and partridge Rock Eggs \$2.00 per setting, 15 eggs. R. H. Corum, Ballinger, Phone 384. 1td 3tw-pd.

FOR SALE—Five passenger Ford car, or will trade for a good team. J. H. Bullock, Ballinger. 18-1d1w-pd.

FOR SALE—Pair work mares, 7 years old, will give good terms. Phone 6804 Rural. Preston Dunn. 15-3tw.

FOR SALE—16 gallons pure county lard. Phone 5824. Pryor Mapes. 18-2td15w-pd.

RHODE ISLAND EGGS—For hatching, \$1 per setting at yard, \$1.25 delivered. P. H. Hamilton, Phone 7602, Ballinger. 22-2w-pd.

FOUND

FOUND—Bundle containing window shades. Owner can get same by calling at Ledger office and paying for this notice. 7-d&wtf

ASTONISHED AT THE RESULTS SHE SAYS

Gained Sixteen and a Half Pounds
On Tanlac and Troubles
Are Gone.

"When I bought my first bottle of Tanlac I felt like it was that much money thrown away, so my wonderful recovery has astonished me," said Mrs. P. A. Johnson, who resides at 202 Third St., El Paso, Texas, a few days ago.

"For eight years," she continued, "I have been physically broken down and have suffered tortures with rheumatism, indigestion and nervousness. My whole body seemed to be affected with rheumatism and my joints were swollen and pained me so I was almost helpless. My legs hurt me so bad I couldn't bear my weight on them and I had to use crutches and be helped about nothing I would eat agreed with me and my stomach was in such an awful shape that I couldn't stand anything tight around me. For months at a time I lived on liquid diet and even this at times caused me trouble. The gas on my stomach affected my heart so sometimes I felt like every breath would be my last and my nerves were simply shattered to pieces. I also suffered terribly from constipation and headaches and never knew what it was to sleep more than two hours any night.

"Honestly, I have spent three fourths of my time during the past two years flat on my back in bed and have taken medicine until my house looks like a drug store. I have spent many a dollar with little or no results. I was told my trouble was caused by appendicitis and when I was operated on and still suffered just as bad as ever, I became discouraged and felt that I would never get well. I could just feel myself going from bad to worse every day. A friend of mine urged me to try Tanlac and I am now on my third bottle, have gained sixteen pounds and a half and am already feeling like a new woman. It's a positive fact, these three bottles of Tanlac have done me more good than any treatment and medicines that have cost me hundreds of dollars. The pain and swelling caused by the rheumatism has entirely left me, I eat just any and everything I want without it hurting me and sleep every night like a child. My nerves are steady as a clock and I really haven't felt so well in eight years and my friends are all talking about my wonderful improvement."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Tokeem by J. W. Bright.

Dr. C. L. O'Quinn, of Goliad, and his niece, Miss O'Quinn, of Miles, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday and he left in the afternoon to visit a brother near Winters before returning home and Miss O'Quinn returned home on the noon train.

W. F. Atnip, of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and reports five cases of small pox in his neighborhood in one family, and one other case reported in another family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hambricht, of the Norton country, came in Friday to spend a few hours with their daughter at the sanitarium.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Banner-Ledger is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1918:

- For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS.
- For Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For Assessor: J. N. KEY.
- For Commissioner No. 4: I. A. CURRY.

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