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Russ Resume War; Odessa Re-Captured

PETROGRAD, March 27.—That the Russians will renew war on the Austro-German forces is indicated here today. The failure of the Germans to win a decisive battle against the British on the Western front has caused the Russians to lose confidence in the teutons.

The Bolsheviki declares that the German offensive offers Russia a chance to reorganize and declare war against Germany, and reports received here brings the news of recent fighting.

MOSCOW, March 27.—The Ukrainian and Bolsheviki forces have recaptured Odessa, taking it from the Germans after bloody fighting, according to official telegraph agency dispatches received here. The Black Sea fleet co-operated with the land forces in the recapture of the city.

PETROGRAD, March 27.—Russia is disappointed at Germany's failure to win decisive battle on Western front, and full promise to make general peace. Russian military officials and delegates who recently attended the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, declare that the German officers openly, in discussing the forthcoming west front offensively the Germans, promised to take Paris within two months from that time and to make general "German peace" with all the nations at war by Christmas.

COMIN TO EXPLAIN NEW DROUTH BILL

Austin, March 28.
The Ledger:

J. A. Kinard, department of agriculture, and J. D. Tinsley, of the Santa Fe lines, will be in your town Friday, April 5th, at one-thirty, for a meeting of the county commissioners, council defense and farmers to explain the drouth bill and to aid them in securing the assistance provided under the law. The governor is sending these men in the hope that the relief may be secured in time to be of service. Kindly give all publicity possible and arrange a place of meeting.

B. F. Johnson.
The Ledger received the above

telegram Thursday morning. It speaks for itself. If there is any aid to be had from the drouth bill the farmers of this county are entitled to it and should busy themselves in the matter. Arrangements will be made for a meeting here and all those who are interested are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Chriseo, who had been making their home at Stella, Ark., for some months past, returned to Ballinger first of the week to make home again. Mr. Chriseo says there is no place like West Texas and was not very well pleased with Arkansas.

C. L. Harter of Wilmett and D. W. Yeager and Emmett Bishop, of the Winters country were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

To Celebrate America's Entereance into the War

The local Council of Defense is busy arranging a program for a county wide patriotic rally at Ballinger on April 5th. The celebration of America's entrance into the war had been planned for April 6th, this being the first anniversary of the war, but it developed that the 6th would be school trustee election in this county, fifty-four school precincts holding elections on this day, and on this account many people would have been prevented from attending the rally.

The program will be announced with in a few days. It will be an attractive one, the best speakers that it is possible to get being engaged for the occasion.

The committee is making an effort to get Miss Marie VanGastel, who went through the first two years of the war in Belgium, and who is attracting so much attention with her speeches in this country. The committee is also communicating with other prominent speakers, and the program will be made a good one.

An effort will be made for a school children's parade with the school children of the county

meeting here to participate in the rally.

The rally will be held on the court house lawn Friday afternoon, April 5th. It is expected that a large crowd will be here to participate in the rally and hear the Belgium lady talk.

All parents who have sons in the army will be asked to register, and will be presented with a "Service Button." This button will indicate the fact that such parents have sons in the service, one star indicating one son, two stars for two sons, and so on.

County Schools to Get Holiday.
County Superintendent Hagan stated Wednesday that all the county schools would be allowed a holiday with full pay for teachers. The committee urges all teachers to get the children here for the parade. The parade will form on the Central school campus at one o'clock old time and two o'clock new time and march to the court house lawn.

Rev. R. B. Morgan has been selected to act as general master of ceremonies for the day, and will be in charge of the program.

The various teachers are to have charge of the parade.

GERMAN LONG RANGE GUNS CONTINUES TO SHELL PARIS

Paris, March 25.—The mysterious German shells are falling on Paris again today. The shells resumed falling early this morning.

Paris, March 24.—The German "monster cannon" which has been bombarding Paris has been located in the forest of St. Gobain, west of Laon and exactly 122 kilometers (approximately 76 miles) from the Paris city hall.

Today's Business Conditions

The business man is called upon to produce efficiently under new and unusual conditions.

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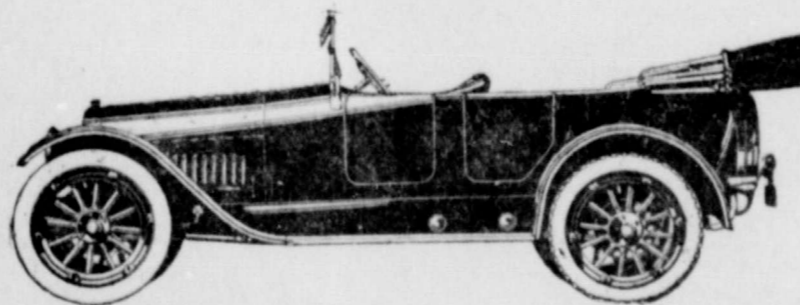
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Washington, March 28.—American army officers announce today that one hundred thousand Americans are available and will probably be used for the huge strike to be thrown against the teutons.

The American officials stated that the allies have mobilized an army of eight hundred thousand men ready to strike the Germans. The time for the strike is near, the high American army officer stated.

Berlin, March 23.—The Berlin war office made the announcement today claiming great victory in the offensive on the British lines. According to the reports received at the Berlin office Crown Prince Rupprecht's forces captured twenty-five thousand British troops, four hundred cannons and three hundred machine guns and valuable ammunition.

London, March 25th, 4:37 p. m.—The announcement has been made by the British war office tonight that the British have been pressed back at several places south of Peronne and that there had been heavy losses of material, including a number of the famous tanks.

London, March 25.—The Germans made early attacks on the British lines this morning. The first hostile attacks for today developed north and south of Bapaume. The German crossed the Somme river south of Peronne but were later driven back by the British. Gen Haig Reports that the British lines are being held in perfect order.

Berlin, March 25.—German war office announced that the Germans had captured Bapaume, and that German troops had passed over the Somme river, forcing the British back below Ham.

Paris, March 25.—French troops are fighting with the British on the lines under attack by the German offensive. The French relieved part of the British in Saturday's fighting.

London, March 26.—Fighting on the British front east of Roye and Albert had died down this morning, according to official report from Gen. Haig. The British have established new positions at these points and are strongly entrenched for further attacks.

Gen. Haig reports that the enemy losses continue appalling as the battle progresses, the Germans slaughtering their men by pushing them into the path of the heavy British guns. The Germans have been forced to reinforce their lines from all part of the western theatre of war, and over seventy hostile divisions are known to have been engaged in the battle.

North of Somme a continuation of the expected fighting has not developed yet. South of Somme attacks were reported developing this morning, and the Germans were also developing an attack against the French lines in the neighborhood of Roy and Chaulnes.

Without minimizing the gravity of the British army's situation the Cambrai front and the prospect of further desperate fighting, the mathematical results of Germany's supreme offensive thus far appear small in comparison with the cost.

More than 1,000,000 Germans have been fighting four days. Their casualties probably exceed 200,000 and may be many thousands more. They claim capture of 30,000 prisoners. Accepting at full value their claims of advance, they have fought on a front ranging in width from fifty to seventy miles and have advanced on a front twenty-eight miles, varying distances from four miles to an extreme maximum of twelve miles. Maps on captured prisoners indicate that the Germans expected three days to advance twenty-four miles on a twenty-four mile front.

WITH BRITISH ARMY, March 27.—The British are holding the line in tact west of Albert, fighting over Rod, according to the latest reports at the moment of cabling this message. The British apparently retired west of Albert yesterday afternoon, and establishing new positions which they are holding.

PARIS, March 27.—"Within forty-eight hours the allies will be masters of the situation," Premier Clemenceau declared today upon his return from the front.

PARIS, March 27.—Only a few French divisions are engaged in battle with the teutons, sub-Secretary of War Abrami said. The bulk of the French army is awaiting events while the most powerful British reserves are just arriving on the field to strengthen the forces in action.

LONDON, March 27.—Gen. Maurice, director of military operations, announced that information was received at one o'clock p. m. today that the enemy in sight attacks drove the British back as far as Mericourt and Sully. South of the Somme they also captured Morancourt.

LONDON, March 27.—Gen. Haig reports further local fighting north and northeast of Albert, with the situation unchanged from Tuesday's battle front.

PARIS, March 27.—Enfeebled by great losses and forced to slacken his efforts along the French front, the Kaiser's troops were checked everywhere in yesterday evening and last night's fighting.

AMSTERDAM, March 27.—Berlin newspapers circulated here today reports that Germany is prepared for heavy flank attacks. According to the reports of the papers the enemy holds strong reserves south of the penetrated British front with which to attack British from flank.

There have been two critical moments since the Germans launched the offensive. The first came Saturday when the enemy crossed the Tortille, seriously endangering the separation of our forces north of the Somme, but the gap was filled and the situation saved. The other trying moment came Monday when the enemy broke through and took Martinpuch and Courcellette, again the gap was filled and our forces kept in tact.

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Oscar Drennon Killed By Mexican Near Sonora

Wm. Drennon received a phone message early Friday morning bringing the sad news that his oldest son, Oscar Drennon, had been killed by a Mexican at Sonora. Mr. Drennon left about eight o'clock Friday morning for Sonora to attend the funeral.

Oscar Drennon was well known in Ballinger. For a number of years he was at home with his parents here, and after marrying he lived here for several years. He was a quiet person; young man, and never known to have been in

trouble with any one, and the news of his death will be read with sorrow by those here who knew him. His father and mother are pioneer citizens of Ballinger, and he is also survived by a brother, Coy Drennon, of this city, and Lee Drennon, who is in the army.

Oscar was about forty-four years old at the time of his death, and is survived by a wife and four children. For several years he has been engaged in the sheep business in Sutton county and was at one time deputy sheriff of that county, and the funeral was held at Sonora Friday afternoon.

According to the particulars of the tragedy as given to The Ledger over long distance phone, Drennon lost his life at the hands of a cold blooded Mexican assassin. The killing occurred on the Buster Allison ranch nine miles north of Sonora on the Sonora-San Angelo road, about eight o'clock Thursday night, where Drennon had two Mexicans helping him build a fence. Drennon and the

two Mexicans had quit work and were in camp when Gregario Diaz, the Mexican doing the killing, drove up in his buggy, and he was invited to eat supper with them. Some time later Diaz went to his buggy and securing a Winchester shot Drennon in the neck, firing the gun at close range without a word of warning. Drennon was killed instantly.

One of the Mexicans working with Drennon went to Sonora and reported the killing and parties went out and brought the body to town. A note signed by Diaz, and in which Diaz stated that he killed the man to protect his honor, was found near the body. Diaz made his escape and is being searched for by a posse of ranchmen from Sonora and surrounding country. One of the Mexicans working with Drennon at the time of the killing is also missing. Diaz had formerly worked for Drennon.

That Oscar Drennon was murdered in the most cold blooded way by a blood thirsty Mexican is revealed in further details of the tragedy received at Ballinger Saturday.

Drennon was killed at a camp where he worked near Sonora about eight o'clock Thursday night. The body was carried to

Sonora about midnight and after being prepared for burial was taken to the home, where the wife and four children were prostrate with grief at the sudden death of their protector.

The funeral was conducted in Sonora Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock, under the auspices of the Masons, of which order for years Drennon had been a member. The procession that followed the body to the grave was one of the largest which Sonora has known in many years.

A posse of men, headed by Sheriff Hutcherson of Sutton county, is scouring the Devil's river country in search of Gregario Diaz, the Mexican who cold bloodedly assassinated Drennon. Diaz came into camp where Drennon and two Mexicans were eating supper after a hard days work on a fence. He was invited to eat with them, and accepted the invitation.

With the supper over, Drennon and the three Mexicans lounged about the camp fire talking. It is said that the conversation drifted into joking, whereupon Diaz took offense at some remark. Saying nothing, he walked to his buggy, took his rifle and returning open fire on Drennon at close range. The first bullet struck the ranchman in the neck, killing him

instantly. Diaz, it is said threatened to kill the other two Mexicans if they did not leave the scene immediately. The Mexicans needed no urging and fled to the hills, one of them later reporting the killing at a ranch house, while the other is still in hiding, presumably thru fear of Diaz or fear of being implicated in the killing.

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THE ADVANTAGE OF BORROWING 1 HOUR

The American people will be somewhat confused for a few days or at least until they learn that we are one hour ahead of the sun after March 31st.

Before retiring on the last Saturday of this month the American householder will set his clock an hour ahead and then may go to sleep and forget entirely about daylight saving until the last Saturday of October. On that date he will reverse the process, turning back the hands of the clock an hour and the next day the Nation will again run on sun time.

In the summer the American man actually will rise, transact his daily business and retire an hour earlier than has been his custom but with his clock an hour fast he will not know the difference.

The plan's practicability and efficiency have been effectively demonstrated in twelve European countries.

Advocates of the plan in presenting their case to Congress explained that the following beneficial results would be a byproduct:

A great saving of illuminants such as oil, gas and electric power; marked conservation of coal; increased manufacturing production as the result of improvement in working conditions; general benefits to the National health, because of the additional hour of daylight which may be devoted to recreation; reduction in the consumption and improvement of the training conditions for the fighting forces.

The standard time, fixed by the government, will be one hour ahead of the present time, and the man who fails to move his watch or clock up one hour, will find himself one hour behind busy America.

No action in the matter of business hours and school hours have been taken by the people of Ballinger, but in order that everythink work harmonious there must be a unity of action in the matter. If we do not get up one hour earlier, we will be behind one hour through the day. If schools maintain the present hours it will make noon come at one o'clock by the new time. If schools adopt the new time it will call for convening one hour earlier by sun time, and dismissing one hour earlier. This rule will also apply to the business hours.

The merchants should get together and agree upon some plan. To close at six by the new time will bring the day's business to an end an hour earlier by sun-time than at present. To follow the sun in the matter of closing will make it necessary to change the closing hour to seven o'clock instead of six, and this would be defeating the law.

Forget What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gilad, 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 again, 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.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO WORK FOR HOLLANDS

Mrs. Harrison, representing Hollands Magazine, was here Thursday and arranged with the school children, under the direction of Miss Bridwell, to solicit subscriptions for Hollands. The children are attempting to secure 100 subscribers at \$1 each, and if they succeed they get fifty per cent of the amount. The \$1 subscription will pay for Hollands for two years, and the school will get half of the amount for making improvements in the school or for using for some other good cause.

John W. Roberts, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

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Second Death from Picnic Tragedy; Funeral Sunday

Josephine Bridwell was instantly killed and her little brother, Frank, was seriously hurt when the river bank on the Colorado river near the home of W. A. Taylor, one mile above the city, caved in about three o'clock Friday afternoon.

Josephine and Frank are the children of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell. With several other children they were out picnicking, as there was no school Friday, the teachers having been given a leave of absence to attend the teachers meet at Brownwood.

The children carried their lunch, and according to the account of the tragedy given by those who escaped, they were picnicking under the banks of the river, when without a moment's warning the bank gave way, burying Josephine under the dirt and rock. Frank narrowly escaped, all of his body being caught under the avalanche and his head only escaping. The other children escaped.

Those nearby were attracted by the children's screams and rushed to their aid and although heroic work was done in removing the dirt from Josephine, she was dead when uncovered, and all efforts to resuscitate her failed. Her body was placed in a car and brought to the Bridwell home on Eighth Street.

Frank Bridwell suffered a badly fractured lower limb, his leg being broken into two places, and he was otherwise bruised. Medical aid was summoned and the little boy was carried to the sanitarium.

Mrs. W. A. Taylor was arranging to spend the afternoon on the river with the children, and they had preceded her to the river, having been gone from the house only about thirty minutes when the accident occurred. None of the children had not been playing on top of the bank and no one was on it at the time it caved in, and apparently without any cause the bank gave way.

At the time of the tragedy Mr.

Bridwell was out of town, having gone to his farm. The mother was at the store, at The Fair, and both were notified of the tragedy as soon as the news was received in the city and as soon as a runner could go after Mr. Bridwell.

Frank Bridwell died at 10:10 o'clock Saturday morning, from the result of injuries sustained when the bank of the Colorado river caved in on him at three o'clock Friday afternoon and which instantly killed his sister, Josephine.

It was announced late Friday evening, after the little boy had been brought to the sanitarium, that his injuries would prove fatal and no hopes were held out for him. He was hurt internally, and all that medical skill and the surgeons could do could not save his life.

The remains of the two children are being held pending the arrival of relatives and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon when the two children will be buried together.

This tragedy is one of the saddest to visit this city in many years, and many heads are bowed in sorrow. Josephine was fourteen years old, a popular pupil in the Central School, and a faithful member of the First Baptist Sunday school. Frank was twelve years old, also a pupil in the local school and member of the First Baptist Sunday school. He had just recovered from pneumonia, and had been able to resume his school work only a few days before the accident that claimed his life.

The pretty spring day Friday, and the school holiday caused many picnic and scouting parties to go out for a day's outing on the banks of the river and creek. These two children were members of a party of a half dozen children who were spending the day on the Colorado river near the home of W. A. Taylor, the others making up the party were Susie Hale, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale; John Arch Ste-

phens, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Stephens; Jones and Lucy Bell Taylor, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

The children took their lunch and spent some time on the river before eating their lunch and after lunch they went to the Taylor home, just across the road from where they were playing on the river, and after spending a while at the house they returned to the river.

A straight bank of red clay and sand formation formed the death trap where the accident occurred. The children had tunneled out places for seats in the bank and were seated in their play house when the bank gave way, a mass of dirt forming the dry embankment pitching forward to the gravel bed of the river below. Had the children remained where they were sitting when the bank caved in they would have escaped, as the heavy avalanche fell forward several feet in front of them but when the bank began to fall they tried to get away and ran right into the path of the falling bank.

Josephine was buried under almost two feet of dirt, while Frank was buried all except his head. An examination of the body showed that the little girl's neck was broken and death came sudden to her.

Susie Hale was caught in the dirt and buried up to her waist, but escaped uninjured, while the other children narrowly escaped, the loose dirt of the falling bank striking them as they fled from under the bank.

The accident occurred just across the road from the home of W. E. Blair and about two hundred yards from the home of W. A. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the first to reach the scene and remove the dirt from Frank Bridwell and recovered the body of Josephine. A phone message from the Taylor home brought the news to the city and quite a number of autos carrying friends rushed to the aid of the children.

Josephine and Frank were the two youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell, there being four children in the family. Miss Lucile, the oldest child, is attending Baylor University at Waco, and was notified of the tragedy and will arrive home Saturday night. Marthell, the other daughter, age fifteen, was with her mother in the store when the sad news reached them Friday afternoon. The children are survived by other relatives in Ballinger, including their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bridwell, and uncle, W. A. Bridwell, and two aunts, Misses May and Myrtle Bridwell. Out of town relatives will arrive from other points in Texas and from Arizona Sunday, telegrams received Saturday stating that they were en route to Ballinger.

Mr. Powers, father of Mrs. T. F. Bridwell, and grand father of the children who were killed in the picnic accident, will arrive here from his home in Nacogdoches tonight. Miss Lucile, sister of the children, who was attending school at Temple Saturday, and will also arrive tonight. W. A. Bridwell will go to Abilene Sunday morning to meet his sister, Mrs. W. E. Osheer, of Bisbee, Arizona, who will arrive here about noon Sunday.

A funeral procession almost a mile long formed at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon, following the funeral services held at that church, and followed the remains of Josephine and Frank Bridwell to the City Cemetery, where they were laid to rest in one grave. Two mounds were formed over the grave and beautiful flowers banked from one mound to the other in marking the resting place of the children, and attesting to the love and respect of a host of sorrowing friends.

The funeral was held at the church at four o'clock, and after the church had been filled to overflow with sorrowing friends many people gathered on the outside, being unable to get in the church. Rev. R. B. Morgan, pastor of the church, conducted the services, paying a tribute of love to the memory of the two children, who had been so faithful in their duty to the Sunday school, and to the church, and who on the Sunday before were sitting in their places in the Sunday school and practiced songs with the children which were sung at the funeral.

The picnic tragedy brought to Ballinger a double experience of sorrow. Rev. Morgan in speaking words of sympathy and con-

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solution said that it was uncommon for us to experience such a sorrow, but emphasized the great fact that there was only one place to turn for sympathy, and that to the Heavenly Father.

The services at the church lasted for one hour, considerable time being consumed by the large crowd in taking a last farewell look at the remains of the two children. The two caskets were placed in front of the pulpit and flowers banked around them while the services were held, and at the close of the services the several hundred people marched by the caskets.

The undertakers failed in their efforts to get a double casket, and while the children were buried in separate caskets they were interred in the same grave. The long procession to the cemetery was led by two hearse and many people had already gathered at the cemetery.

The death of Josephine and Frank Bridwell cast a gloom over Ballinger that time only can remove. To the sorrowing parents and relatives the sympathy of the entire people is extended.

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NEW TIME TO BE OBSERVED HERE

While no steps have been taken for concerted action, it is indicated by statements given out by individual business men of Ballinger, that the daylight savings law will be closely observed here, and all business will begin an hour earlier (sun time) and close an hour earlier.

The law provides for fixing a new time on the last day of this month by moving the government time forward one hour. That means six o'clock now will be five o'clock then by sun time, but will be six o'clock by the clock. We will be just one hour faster than the present time, and if we observe the same business hours

we are observing now it will call for an hour earlier in beginning and an hour earlier in closing.

The schools will observe the new time, which means convening of school at eight o'clock as compared with nine now, and what will be done then by the new time. Scott H. Mack, president of the school board, stated Tuesday that it was not a matter of what was best for this particular part of the country, but what is best for the entire country, and if the new hours are not observed the purpose of the daylight savings bill is defeated, and that he would observe the new hours at his store.

The banks will observe the new hours, the churches will observe the new hours, and it is being hinted that those who do not observe the new hours for conducting their business affairs will be looked upon as not being in harmony with the government and antagonistic to the purpose of the

law. It is probable some concerted action on the part of the business men will be taken before the end of the week.

NOTICE

Have Poland China male for service, \$1.50. R. D. Davis, South Ballinger. 20-1d4w-pd

Mrs. T. L. Sailors and little daughter, Gertrude, left Tuesday at noon to visit her mother at San Angelo, a few days.

W. A. Esmond, of the Valley Creek country, R. L. Bates of the Crews country, E. B. Walker and S. A. Mathis, of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Clyde Fowler, of the Winters country, spent the day in Ballinger and left in the afternoon Monday for Brownwood on a short business trip.

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
	\$606,445.44
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.



Reflected by Steady Conservative Growth

Annual average deposits, not including city and school funds for the year ending—

October 31, 1914	\$ 86,896.00
October 31, 1915	96,832.00
October 31, 1916	143,916.00
October 31, 1917	165,772.00

This bank has now completed its MEMBERSHIP with the **Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas**

This gives us all the benefits and protection of National Banks in addition to the protection our non-interest bearing depositors have by virtue of the Banker's State Guaranty Fund.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION

The Ballinger State Bank
& Trust Co.

STRENGTH SERVICE

---With Easter Comes the Real Touches of Spring

---Changing With the Season

—A touch of green is beginning to take the place of the dark colors of winter—the tiny blades of grass—Nature is putting a coat of green on the trees—the early flowers will soon be showing their flowers of pink, white, red and yellow.

—Women will share in this awakening of Nature and are donning the apparel of lighter weight and brighter in hue. Spring dresses—Spring fashions are taking their places in the minds of the women who would keep step with the things Nature is providing.

—To Melton Dry Goods Co.—the people will naturally turn, for this store is the recognized place—where these spring things can be found in abundance.

—Practically every stock has reached the height of its supremacy and whatever you may require for yourself or the children can be found in this mammoth stock. To appreciate the advantages to be gained—a trip of personal inspection will be necessary—to see—to feel—to know—that this is the right place to buy.



---Select Your Easter Frocks From Our Complete Stock

We cannot begin to describe the many beautiful dresses, suits and coats that have found their way into this department. A showing that has that varied assortment—goodness of style—reasonableness of price for which this store is famed. The only way you can gain an idea of the correctness—the beauty of this showing is by a personal trip of inspection.

THE NEW DRESSES are particularly charming, there are so many new ideas and materials. New novelties—introduced to make the new effects—many beautiful taffetas in plains and fancies—new foulards in light pastel shades—and many other materials so much in demand this season.

Prices Range \$15.00 and Upward

THE NEW SUITS—In showing the many new suits—we invite special attention to the prospective buyers to the splendid new garments we are showing—the popular bustle backs—the new colorings—the new materials.

Priced \$22.50 and Upward

Splendid New Stylish Hats Ready for Your Selection

—To catch the real glimpse of Spring you should pay our Millinery section a visit—see how we are prepared for your coming.

—Clever touches with a bit of ribbon and flowers—brisk Military turbans, smart Puritan shapes—new Bustle back hats—also the ever popular sailor.

—It is an interesting display of all that is new for the season and the prices are very reasonable.

\$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50

Extra Special---Friday---Saturday---Monday

Positively the last three days when we will give free Theatre tickets with every hat sold.
\$1.50 to \$3.50 Hats 2 Tickets—\$4 to \$5 Hats 3 Tickets—\$6 to \$12.50 5 Tickets

New Silks---New Fabrics ---Wide Selection

—The silk and dress goods section is full of light new fabrics for the spring—also a beautiful display of the new silk and mercerized ginghams in plaids and checks.

New foulards in many beautiful patterns—rings, squares, and pretty conventional designs—for sport costumes. There is a splendid display of shantung and tussah silks—fancy chiffons and georgettes.

- NEW GINGHAMS priced at 25c upwards.
- NEW FOULARDS priced at \$1.50 upwards.
- NEW TAFFETA priced at \$1.50 upwards.
- NEW DRESS SATINS priced at \$1.50 upwards.
- NEW SERGES priced at \$1.00 upwards.

These new fabrics were purchased months in advance—to get advantage of moderate prices—we invite you to take advantage of the real saving in quality and price.

---Footwear Perfection---A Fit for Every Foot

—Ready to serve you as never before with our big shoe department—filled to the top notch with authentic shoe styles—for men, women and children. The many new styles have found their way to this department—Wickerts—E. P. Reed—Mrs. A. R. King for women and children—Howard and Foster for men. There is an individuality—a smartness—a splendid value—in the wide variety shown.

New five eye lace Oxfords—full Louis heels—the last new style for dress wear—

- In Black Kid at \$7.00
- In Grey Kid at \$8.50
- In Tan Kid at \$8.50
- In White Kid at \$8.50

Many new Pumps—White Kids—Black Kids—Bronze Kids—priced at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.



Melton Dry Goods Co

INCORPORATED

EVERYBODY'S STORE

DENIES THAT BROTHER ATTEMPTED DESERTION

Miles, Texas, March 25th, 1918.
Editor Ballinger Ledger:

Seeing a piece in the state daily papers headed Ballinger, Texas, March 22, 1918, in which was stated that after being inducted into office and furnish transportation to the training camp, Earl Herman Webb, one of the twenty volunteers mobilized here for Ft. McArthur, Cal. decided he did not want to go and quit the train. After the train had left officers took charge of Webb and told him he would be held for desertion. He later chartered an auto and caught the train at Coleman, where the other nineteen volunteers were changing cars.

In answer to the above I want to say as I am his sister that the above is false. My brother did not know how the board at Ballinger made him a soldier for he only phoned to the board and asked them if there was a place for him if so he wanted to come down and see about it. The board later phoned for him to come on as they had his papers fixed and had signed them for him and was already a soldier. He then went to Ballinger and got off from the train. While talking to one of the board; the train left him. He had no intention of deserting, no officers did not take him in charge. He thought that he had to get off there and sign up and after being told that he could catch the train at Coleman as it would wait there about two hours I took him there in our car, getting to Coleman in plenty of time to catch the train.

There never was a more loyal a young man than Earl Herman Webb, and it pains me to think that such was published about him.

(Miss) MARIE WEBB.

ELECTION NOTICE.

By virtue of an order passed by the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, at their regular meeting, March 8, 1918, I, Scott H. Maek, president of the Board of Trustees order an election to be held at the City Hall in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on Saturday the 6th day of April A. D. 1918, between the hours as prescribed by law, to elect four trustees for said Ballinger Independent School District, as provided by the amended Special Act of the 29th Legislature of Texas, creating and regulating the said Ballinger Independent School District.

J. F. Lusk is hereby appointed manager of the election.

Scott H. Maek,
President of Board of Trustees.

E. D. Futch,
Sec. of Board of Trustees.

20-27d-29thw.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our hearty thanks for the beautiful floral offerings given in memory of our beloved wife and mother and sister.

G. W. NEWMAN,
MRS. F. B. CREIGHTON,
MRS. W. A. BEESON,
R. M. HOOD.

dw-pd.

CHASTAIN'S NAME TO GO ON TICKET

To the Voters of Runnels County:

I am taking this means of announcing to you, I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Collector of Runnels County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

I desire to thank the voters for the support given me two years ago, and assure them I am still running on the same principle, and if elected this time I will not seek the office for a third term.

It will be impossible for me to see all the voters during the campaign on account of the duties of the office, but will see every one possible.

Assuring you I will appreciate your support and will endeavor to serve you faithfully if re-elected, I am,

Very respectfully,
M. D. CHASTAIN.

d&w.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 6c

COULDN'T DO LICK OF WORK FOR 9 YEARS

Johnston Tried All Kinds of Medicines Without Results—Tanlac Brings Relief.

"I was so crippled up with rheumatism for nine years that I couldn't do a lick of work, but since taking Tanlac I can jump up and crack my heels together like a sixteen year old boy," said J. M. C. Johnston of 1730 North Howard Street, Dallas, Texas, and now in his sixty-fourth year.

"Nine years ago," he continued, "I had a bad spell of typhoid fever that left me with a terrible pain in my side and also in my back, where I had been hurt when I was a boy. Rheumatism got me in its grip and the pain I suffered in my arms and shoulders and lower limbs almost drove me distracted. My nerves were all worn out so I could hardly get any rest and many a night I was too miserable to close my eyes at all.

"I had taken so much medicine the last nine years without getting any relief that I had little faith left in anything, but when one of my friends spoke to me about Tanlac and praised it so highly, I decided to try it and was certainly surprised when I noticed a decided improvement by the time I had finished my first bottle. I slept better, my nerves grew stronger and from then on my improvement was rapid. After taking five bottles I feel young and invigorated and a whole lot better than I have in a long time.

I have full use of my arms once more and to prove it I can rub the back of my head with either hand, which a few weeks ago I couldn't have done to save my life. My nerves are all right now, I sleep like a rock and my rheumatism has completely disappeared except from my finger tips, I have every confidence in Tanlac and am going to keep it up for some time as I mean to get a job as soon as cool weather comes."

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 Tokesen by J. W. Bright.

W. E. RATLIFF OF MILES IN RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

To Voters Precinct No. 4:

At the solicitation of many of my friends, I have entered the race for commissioner of Precinct No. 4. I realize that the office of commissioner is one of the most important in the county, notwithstanding that the pay is small. I feel interested in the welfare of my precinct and my county as a whole, to devote all the time necessary to carrying on the work coming in line with the duties of a county commissioner. If elected I expect to devote all the time necessary to the office, and to use economy in my administration. I realize that money can be wasted on roads, and I will put forth every effort to keep down waste and give the very best roads possible for the money expended. It may not be possible for me to see all the voters of the precinct before the primary and I will depend on my friends to assist me. I will appreciate the support of those who are interested in such matters, and assure you that I will do my best to give a business and economical administration.

W. E. RATLIFF.

wt-pd.

Ballinger Widower Congratulated

"Since my wife's death, five years ago, I have suffered greatly from stomach and liver trouble and gas attacks. I lost over fifty pounds, and at times was as yellow as saffron. My doctors could not help me. Six doses of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy have entirely cured me. I have regained my weight and everyone is congratulating me how well I look."

It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the entarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation that causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

HORSE AND JACK.

At my stable 4 miles north of Ballinger on the Winters-Ballinger road will make the season at \$15.00 to insure to the tent. B. F. Kemp. Phone 4512 Rural. 1w-pd