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ARMY TRADE EXPERTS AND TROOPS GOING TO RUSSIA

Washington, July 8.—An 'army' of trade and business experts, supported by a large police force of inter-allied troops, will be sent to Russia to aid in establishing order and protecting the business of the Russian country.

The United Press in seeking to clear up considerable confusion as to the course outlined by the allies for intervention in Russia is able to state semi-officially that this is about the program so far definitely agreed upon and will be put into effect very soon.

From the best information obtainable, there will be no 'military intervention' now.

HAIG REPORTS

SUCCESS ON SOMME

London, July 8.—General Haig reports success on his sector in last day's fighting. The Australians advanced their lines on both sides of the Somme river last night, moving up on a two mile front, and capturing prisoners.

LITTLE BOY HURT.

Little master Jack Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wheeler had the misfortune to fall from his bicycle Sunday afternoon and sustained a very severe gash on his body which necessitated his being taken to the Halley & Love sanitarium where several stitches were taken to close the wound and Monday morning we are glad to learn he is resting very nicely.

BALLINGER BOY'S BRAVERY.

Lieut. E. M. Taylor of Ballinger, Texas accompanied by Private Arthur R. Sargeant of Derby, N. Y., when a heavy bombardment started at 3 o'clock in the morning went from one machine gun after another though men were killed so close to him that he was splattered with blood.—St. Louis Globe.

The above reproduction was sent to U. P. Melton, of this city, in a letter from a friend in St. Louis. The St. Louis friend, in calling Mr. Melton's attention to the mention of the Ballinger boy's bravery said: "thought perhaps you know the man and this would be of interest to you." Mr. Melton wrote his friend that the news had been received in Ballinger and sent him a copy of The Daily Ledger carrying the story of the citing of Lieut. Taylor for bravery.

BLANTON TO SPEAK DURING VACATION

The announcement recently that Congress would recess on the third of July caused Congressman Blanton to issue a statement that he would make speeches in practicality every town in his district. The failure of Congress to adjourn has caused the congressman to cancel his appointments, and he is now arranging a new schedule of speaking dates, which will be announced as soon as Congress takes a recess.

The editor of the Ledger received a letter from Mr. Blanton Tuesday in which he says: "I am busily engaged with a number of important investigations concerning cases before our committee on claims, which will keep me at my post of duty a few days after the recess, and it will be the 17th before I can reach Texas. Beginning then I will speak in every county seat in my district. I will arrange a schedule of appointments later. Please let the people know about it."

In the announcement made a few days ago Congressman Blanton stated that he would discuss the war situation and matters of importance to the people of his district, and he extended an invitation to his opponents to meet him at each place he speaks in the district.

MEN CALLED FOR TWO SHIPMENTS

The local board sent out notices Wednesday for the second shipment of drafted troops this month. The men have been called to mobilize at Ballinger on July 14th at five p. m., and they will train for Camp Travis on July 15th at 4:20 p. m. Following are the names of those called:

Willie Haupt, Winters.
Melvin Lee Christin, Lawn.
Albert Schwertner, Miles.
Francis Carl Kirby, Winters.
Leo Multer, Ballinger.
Ralph Wayne Jones, Crews.
Victor Mika, Ballinger.
James Melvin Caughron, Ballinger.

Steve Durant Fulton, Bronte.
Adolph Christin Ernst, Winters.
Three men will be sent to the State University for mechanical training in filling a call for men leave Ballinger at 4:20 on July 17th:

Laudie Grafton Ivey, Winters.
George Russell Caswell, Norton.
George Emmett Davis, Ballinger.
The local board is busy arranging to call at least 42 white men on July 22nd. This list may be increased when the exact date for entraining has been given to the local board.

On July 29th the local board has orders to clean up all negroes in class one in this county, and they will be sent to Camp Travis.

FERGUSON NOT COMING TO BALLINGER

James E. Ferguson, candidate for governor of Texas, will address the voters of Brown county tomorrow night. Definite arrangements for his speaking engagement could not be ascertained today, but it is understood that the address will be at the court house, probably on the lawn where there will be ample space to accommodate the audience. The congregation of the Christian church declined to permit Mr. Ferguson to speak at the Tabernacle, as requested.—Brownwood Bulletin.

For some cause, which The Ledger is not able to explain, Ferguson will not speak at Ballinger, passing up this town to speak at San Angelo, where it has been announced he will speak Thursday evening. Just when he will pass through this city en route to San Angelo is not known, but probably Thursday noon. It is probable that some of his faithful few will go over to hear him.

Germans Preparing to Storm American Line

FOOD ADMINISTRATION LIMITS USE OF BEEF.

According to the United States Food Administration, the demand for beef for our army, the armies of the allies, and their civil populations for this summer are beyond our present surplus. On the other hand, we have an increased supply of pork this summer, large enough to permit economical expansion in its use. It will therefore be a direct service to the allies if our people will in some degree substitute fresh pork, bacon, ham, and sausage for beef products. Householders are asked under no circumstances to buy more than 1 1/4 pounds of clear beef weekly, or 1 1/2 pounds, including the bone, per person in the household.

SIX MONTHS TRAINING ON AMERICAN SOIL FOR NEW MEN

Washington, July 9.—According to a new program being worked out by the war department, only seasoned men, who have been trained at least six months on American soil, will be sent to France hereafter.

The new program also calls for the enlargement of several cantonments to accommodate the thousand additional men to be kept in training in this country.

Bodies of Soldiers Are To Be Returned Home

A War Department ruling of interest to families of soldiers and sailors serving the United States abroad is explained in the following letter sent Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania and inserted in the Congressional Record:

War Department, Washington, June 5, 1918.
Hon. J. Hampton Moore, House of Representatives.
My dear Mr. Moore: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 28, 1918, inclosing copy of a letter to you from Mr. Henry Clair, father of Capt. Frederick Clair, United States Medical Corps who was killed a few days ago, requesting your assistance in having the body of his son returned to this country for interment.

The question of returning the bodies of soldiers who are killed or die on foreign service has been considered by the War Department and the navy department in conjunction. The committee considering this matter went into the case in all its aspects and it has

been decided that the bodies of our soldiers, sailors, marines and civilian employees who are killed or die in France can not be returned to this country for interment until after the close of the war. Gen. Pershing has arranged with the French government for sections of the country to be used as military cemeteries, and the Quartermaster Corps has organized and are now operating in France certain organizations called Grave Registration Units. These units are charged with the duty of burying the dead, caring for the cemeteries and the identification records of those buried. This is done in such a manner that there will be no confusion or doubt as to the identity of any soldier now buried when his body is taken up to be transported home after the war.

For obvious reasons no other conclusion could be arrived at under existing conditions, the main feature being that of ocean transportation. The department regrets that it is unable to comply with the request of Mr. Clair.

75 KILLED; 75 INJURED IN PASSENGER TRAIN WRECK

Nashville, Tenn., July 9.—About seventy-five persons were killed and seventy-five injured when two Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis passenger trains crashed together near Bosley Springs at seven o'clock this morning.

The greatest loss of life occurred in coaches which were occupied by negroes, the coaches being crowded. The cars were crashed into splinters and fire broke out burning many of the injured to death. Railroad officials estimate that death list will total seventy-five.

FINDS IT TOO DRY HERE AFTER 33 YEARS.

After living at Ballinger for twenty-one years, and for fourteen years prior to that time a citizen of Concho county, Joe Hopewell decided that it was too dry here for him, and he left with his family for Santa Rita, New Mexico, Wednesday afternoon. Recently Mr. Hopewell has been with the Walker-Smith Co. He expects to get employment in Santa Rita. Ballinger regrets to lose this family, and we trust that they will see fit to return here as they leave their home here, and when asked whether he expected to return to Ballinger said, "I don't know, may come back."

R. M. Davis, of the Crews coun was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Washington, July 10.—General Pershing's communique of July 9, received here by the war department indicates that the Germans are preparing to attack the Americans.

General Pershing reports that there are "excessive German troop movements" in the enemy areas before the American positions in France, and that the concentration of troops has been in progress for several days.

The movement indicates the possible gathering of Germans for a storm against the Americans, and this is further substantiated by an increase in aerial activity during the last week.

MANY WITNESSES CALLED TO ANGELO

About fifty citizens from Runnels county were called to San Angelo Monday and Tuesday of this week, where they will appear before the federal grand jury, having been summoned in connection with disloyalty cases filed against parties in this county.

Since the last term of federal court twenty-odd arrests have been made in this county on complaints charging disloyalty, seditious remarks, cursing the government, etc. The defendants in all cases were released on bond ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

If the grand jury returns indictments it is probable the cases will be called for trial and disposed of in the usual way.

Geo. M. Vaughn and Elizie Lee, of this county, were sworn in as grand jurors. They returned home Monday afternoon, with instructions to report for duty again Thursday.

THIRD AND LAST CALL.

Don't impose upon the treasurer the task of publishing a long list of Red Cross delinquent subscribers, including your name. If you subscribe to the last Red Cross fund, that subscription is now past due, and must be paid at once. This is the third and last call; the subscription should have been paid on July first.

G. A. Henniger, of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

A. C. Homann, of the F. & M. Bank, who had been taking a two weeks vacation with his family in South Texas, returned home Monday night. Mrs. Homann and children will remain with relatives and friends a few weeks longer.

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FOUR MINUTE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we announced in this paper on July 3rd, President Wilson issued through the Four Minute Men a special message for July Fourth. This message was not published in the newspapers of country until the day following July Fourth, and after it had been delivered by the Four Minute Men in the theatres and before other audiences on the evening of July Fourth.

At Ballinger Mr. Estes Lynn had the pleasure of delivering the President's July Fourth Message, the text of which is as follows:

"You are met, my fellow citizens, to commemorate the signing of that Declaration of Independence which marked the awakening of a new spirit in the lives of nations. Since the birth of our republic, we have seen this spirit grow. We have heard the demand and watched the struggle for self-government spread and triumph among many peoples. We have come to regard the right to political liberty as the common right of mankind. Year after year, within the security of our borders, we have continued to rejoice in the peaceful increase of freedom and democracy throughout the world. And yet now, suddenly, we are confronted with a menace which endangers everything that we have won and everything that the world has won.

"In all its old insolence, with all its ancient cruelty and injustice, military autocracy has again armed itself against the pacific hopes of man. Having suppressed self-government among its own people by an organization maintained in part by falsehood and treachery, it has set out to impose its will upon its neighbors and upon us. One by one, it has compelled every civilized nation in the world either to forego its aspirations or to declare war in its defense. We find ourselves fighting again for our national existence. We are face to face with the necessity of ascertaining anew the fundamental right of free men to make their own laws and choose their own allegiance, or else permit humanity to become the victim of a ruthless ambition that is determined to destroy what it can not master.

"Against its threat the liberty-loving people of the world have risen and allied themselves. No fear has deterred them, and no bribe of material well-being has held them back. They have made sacrifices such as the world has never known before, and their resistance in the face of death and suffering has proven that the aim which animates the German effort can never hope to rule the spirit of mankind. Against the horror of military conquest, against the emptiness of living in mere bodily contentment, against the desolation of becoming part of a State that knows neither truth nor honor, the world has so revolted that even people long domina-

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ted and suppressed by force have now begun to stir and arm themselves.

"Centuries of subjection have not destroyed the racial aspirations of the many distinct peoples of eastern Europe, nor have they accepted the sordid ideals of their political and military masters. They have survived the slow persecution of peace as well as the agonies of war, and now demand recognition for their just claims to autonomy and self-government. Representatives of these races are with you today, voicing their loyalty to our ideals and offering their services in the common cause I ask you, fellow citizens, to unite with them in making this our Independence Day the first that shall be consecrated to a declaration of independence for all the people of the world."

"WOODROW WILSON."

SOCIALIST ENCAMPMENT.

J. M. Futrell, of Glen Cove, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and advertising the Socialist Encampment at Glen Cove to be held on July 31, August 1, 2, and 3. A large crowd and a pleasant occasion is promised one and all. See their adv. in the Banner-Ledger.

GOSPEL REVIVAL.

All are cordially invited to attend the services at the Eighth Street Tabernacle Church of Christ, conducted by Elder A. T. Thurman. Services each night to continue over the second Sunday

DOCTOR S LINGO TOO MUCH FOR MARINE.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 5.—The curiosity of Henry James who applied for enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps here, remains unsatisfied.

James was taken before Dr. G. J. Hildebrand, the examining physician and, after the usual physical examination, was told that he failed to meet the requirements.

"What's the matter with me?" queried the prospective Hun destroyer.

"You've got scelliosis, phthisis and synovitis," was the surgeon's reply.

The would be Marine blushed to be told so frankly what prevented his becoming a Devil Dog and turned to go out when the doctor shot a few hot parting words after him.

WILL TELL SECRET.

A prominent state official, who spent a short time in Ballinger Friday, while en route west on an auto trip, stated in discussing the political turmoil in Texas, that it was rumored in Austin that Ferguson would let the "eat out of the wallet" and tell from whom he obtained the mysterious \$156,500, on the eve of the primary.

According to the report from the state capital, two men will come forward at the eleventh hour and state that they let Mr. Ferguson have the cash, and the announcement will be made too late for Ferguson's enemies to verify or refute the statement by making an investigation, and thereby Ferguson hopes to clear up the suspicion which hangs over his head in time to get the vote that is opposing him on this one charge.

The report gains strength when it is recalled that in every speech the impeached governor is making

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URGES PASSAGE TELEGRAPH ORDER

Washington, July 5.—President Wilson today sent a special request through congressional leaders urging that the House and the senate pass the resolution empowering the government to take over the telephone, telegraph, radio and cable systems before adjourning. Congress has about agreed to recess, but will act on this resolution before adjourning.

WOMEN VOTE TO COUNT HEAVY HERE

More than 500 women had registered in Runnels county up to Thursday night. This does not include the number who registered at Wingate on Thursday, no report having been received from that place where a deputy was at work throughout the day. The deputy is at Wilmett today and will be at Winters tomorrow.

Tax Collector Chastain estimates that between 1,000 and 1,100 women will register in the county before the time within which they can qualify for voting expires. The women are taking a greater interest in the campaign than was at first anticipated by those who think that the women should have no voice in such matters. That the women vote in this county will be heavy is now a certain ty.

Every woman in this city will be urged to qualify for voting in the Democratic Primary election on July 27th. In order to do that every woman who claims Ballinger, or Runnels county as her home, must register before July 12th.

Monday, July 8th will be special registration day in Ballinger. The Woman's Hobby Club have inaugurated a campaign to get the women to register, and autos will be furnished to carry the women to the office of the tax collector where they can register. Those desiring to register should phone Mrs. J. H. Kipp, Mrs. I. Vance, Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mrs. Jno. A. Weeks, who will send cars out to get the women.

WILSON HONORS FOUR MINUTE MEN

President Wilson will issue a special message to the people on the evening of July Fourth through the Four Minute Men. The message will not be made public until it is delivered by the Four Minute Men of this country in the picture shows and theatres throughout the country, and the newspapers will not be permitted to carry the message until after it has been delivered by the Four Minute Men.

The message has been delivered to the chairman of the Four Minute Men in the various cities of the nation and the chairman selected some one of his speakers to deliver the message at the proper time, and it will not be released to the public until delivered by the Four Minute speakers.

Just what the message is remains to be heard on the evening of July Fourth. That it will deal with the war there is no doubt, but it is certain that it will be of interest and great importance to the American people.

The message will be delivered in Ballinger by a Four Minute Man tomorrow evening, the speaker appearing before the White City movie at the usual hour.

SENAOR TILLMAN DIED WEDNESDAY

Washington, July 3.—Senator Benjamin Tillman, of South Carolina, died at four-twenty o'clock this morning. The prominent Southern senator suffered only a brief illness.

Senator Tillman was chairman of the Naval Affairs committee and a veteran Democratic leader of the senate. He suffered an attack of cerebral hemorrhage last week, and death had been expected since the first attack.

A SUCCESSFUL MEDICINAL COMBINATION

And one that had long been needed and had not seemed to be possible, is Hood's Sarsaparilla taken before eating and Pepsin after eating. These two great medicines supplement each other in purifying and enriching the blood, strengthening and toning the nerves, putting life into the body and color into the face. Taken in conjunction, they are the ideal remedy for the blood and nerves. If a laxative is needed take Hood's Pills. All druggists.

11 VAGS INDICTED AT SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, July 3.—A Tom Green county grand jury in special session Monday afternoon launched a "work or fight" movement when it returned eleven indictments charging vagrancy. The bills had been turned over to the sheriff's department Tuesday at noon and no arrests had been made. All the cases will be handled in the county court.

Two felony indictments were also brought in Monday before the grand jury adjourned. This brought the total number of felonies for the term to six and the number of misdemeanors to twenty-three.

Judge Charles E. Dubois announced Tuesday morning that the grand jurors had not been discharged and intimated that they might be reassembled whenever necessity demanded it.

Audice Reese and Dr. W. B. Halley left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth to attend a meeting of the Shriners of the state and Dr. Halley returned home Friday at noon.

URGES OPERATORS TO SHOW LOYALTY

While the Western Union Telegraph operators are threatening to strike, Newcomb Carlton, president of the company, issues an appeal to all employees of the company urging them to remain loyal to the government, and to stand by their post of duty. Following is the message sent to all operators on July Fourth, the Ballinger operator receiving a copy of the message:

In order that employees may have a full understanding of present conditions it seems proper for me to say that on the eve of the formation of a Western Union Employees Association the government is considering taking over the telegraph lines because of the threat of an outside organization without membership in our forces. No one would pay any attention to such a threat were not the nation at war. It is therefore pertinent to call attention to the government's point of view on outside unions as expressed by Postmaster General Burleson before the House Committee on Tuesday last as follows:

"I have never opposed the government employees organizing, but if the telegraph and telephone lines are taken over the employees should not be affiliated with any outside organization. The sole affiliation should be with the government and no outside organization should be allowed to influence their action." From the foregoing it would appear that the policy of the company is precisely that of the Postmaster General. When your association is formed it is proposed that the company make an exclusive contract with it under which the company will deal with the association in matters relating to wages, conditions of employment, sickness, benefits, pensions, life insurance and any other matters affecting the interest of the employees.

Meanwhile you may be urged to do something foolish by self-seeking individuals who hope to improve their own position and seek individual representing a small union of about 2,500 members, largely Canadian, proposes on his own authority to call you loyal men and women of the Western Union from Your work in order to defeat the association which you are about to form.

I am confident you will answer this attempt by an additional demonstration of your loyalty to your government by continuing at your post of duty without fear of criticism by right minded people.

UNION PRAYER MEET CREATES INTEREST

The first union prayer service recently planned by a number of the local churches, was held on the High School campus last Wednesday night, and all churches cooperating were well represented.

For these and a series of Sunday night services to be held under the direction of the Methodist, the First and Eighth Street Presbyterian churches and the Christian church, seats have been arranged in the open on the high school campus, and the grounds wired and lighted for the union services. The place selected is an ideal one for an open air meeting.

The congregations will come together each Sunday night in a union service and the prayer meetings held Wednesday night. The first union prayer meeting was conducted by Rev. E. P. Bates, with all the churches taking part. The following program has been announced for next Wednesday night, and the public in general is most cordially invited:

Subject: "Parable of the Sower."

- Leader: C. R. Crews.
- "The Wayside Hearer."—B. B. Middleton.
- "The Stony Ground Hearer."—A. W. Sledge.
- "The Thorny Ground Hearer."—Estes Lynn.
- "The Good Soil Hearer."—E. D. Walker.

The services begin promptly at nine o'clock.

CIVIL COURT JUDGE GOES FISHING.

Judge C. H. Jenkins, of the court of civil appeals, accompanied by his family and his son-in-law, Ben Shropshire and family, of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Friday on a fishing trip. The excursionists were traveling in their autos and were well equipped for outdoor life. They were en route to points in New Mexico, after a few stops through West Texas.

WOMEN BUSY TO PROTECT CHILDREN

We wish to emphasize the importance of heeding the warning given through the daily papers recently about our city water.

Impure water is the source of many diseases, especially fevers, therefore we should use every means possible to provide pure water for our families.

Impure water can be made pure if the following simple instructions are followed: Place fresh water in a clean vessel and bring it quickly to the boiling point. Let boil rapidly for 20 minutes, (some disease germs are very resistant to heat so it is very important that the water be boiled for 20 minutes in order to kill all the germs).

Set aside in an open vessel in the fresh air until cool; filter then before using, or if you have no filter, strain very carefully through perfectly clean cloth, in this way the water is rendered fresh, pure, and clean.

It is important that the water be "aired" thoroughly after boiling for the boiling evaporates much of the oxygen, this is regained by the simple process of airing.

Some will perhaps ask if the impurities from the air do not enter the water during the "airing" process. Disease germs do not thrive in fresh air, so we are comparatively safe from the water becoming contaminated from fresh air.

Women's Committee of the United States Council of National Defense; Mrs. L. B. Stephens, Chairman, Health and Recreation Committee; Mrs. P. T. Calaway, Mrs. S. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Ed. O. Kelly.

Ugly, Unsightly Pimples Are Signals of Bad Blood

Give Heed to the Warning.
Pimples on the face and other parts of the body are warnings from Nature that your blood is sluggish and impoverished. Sometimes they foretell eczema, boils, blisters, scaly eruptions and other skin disorders that burn like flames of fire.
They mean that your blood needs S. S. S. to purify it and cleanse it of these impure accumulations that can cause unlimited trouble. This remedy is the greatest vegetable blood purifier known, and contains no minerals or chemicals to injure the most delicate skin.
Go to your drugstore, and get a bottle of S. S. S. today, and get rid of those unsightly and disgusting pimples, and other skin irritations. And it will cleanse your blood thoroughly. If you wish special medical advice, you can obtain it without charge by writing to Medical Director, 29 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Georgia.

Can't Help But Admire Babies

Every Woman Casts Loving Glances at the Nestling Cuddled in its Bonnet.



It is a joy and comfort to know that those much-tired of pains and other distresses that are said to precede child-bearing may be avoided. No woman need fear discomfort if she will fortify herself with the well known and time-honored remedy, Mother's Friend.

This is a most grateful, penetrating, external application that at once soothes and makes plain the abdominal muscles and flaccidities. By regular use the mother enjoys entire freedom from the many debilitating and distressing emergencies usually incident to approaching motherhood.

Mother's Friend is recommended only for the relief and comfort of expectant mothers, thousands of whom have used and recommended it. It is for external use only, is absolutely and entirely safe and wonderfully effective.

Write the Beneficial Regulator Co., 160 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., for their "Mother's Friend," so valuable to expectant mothers, and in the meantime obtain a bottle of Mother's Friend from the druggist today and thus fortify yourself against pain and discomfort.

MUNITION FACTORY FIRE KILLS AND WOUNDS MANY

Syracuse, N. Y., July 3.—48 are known to be dead, others believed to be still in the ruins, more than sixty injured, of whom ten or fifteen will die, and property loss estimated at \$750,000.00, is the result of the fire and explosion in the T. N. T. plants at Split Rock, near here last night.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 2.—Many persons were reported to have been killed or injured in two terrific explosions tonight at the huge plant of the Semet-Solvay company at Split Rock, a suburb.

The force of the explosions rocked the city. Plate glass windows in the business section were broken and residences swayed perceptibly, causing their occupants to rush into the streets.

All telephone wires were down and the exact situation in the big munition plant was unknown at 12:30 o'clock tonight, about four hours after the disaster occurred.

Every ambulance in the city was rushed to the scene, and squads of policemen were rushed to the plant to preserve order.

The output of the Semet-Solvay company is largely "T. N. T.," a powerful explosive used in the manufacture of munitions.

More than three thousand men are employed in the plant, virtually all of whom reside in this city.

Police headquarters reported at 1:30 o'clock that an incomplete investigation showed that sixteen persons have been killed and scores injured, many probably fatally.

Fire which preceded the explosion had leveled three of the buildings and was still raging fiercely.

The police believe the list of dead and injured will mount above one hundred when final details are available. Un-equipped with fire apparatus, volunteer firemen were unable to make headway against the spreading flames.

Columns of flames shot 300 feet in height. The heat was so intense that it cracked glass hundreds of yards away and a thick noxious smoke combined to handicap the fire fighters and rescuers.

The first explosion in one of the "T. N. T." vats ripped building No. 1 apart, buried guards under the debris and scattered the flames to adjoining buildings.

Two workmen caught in between two burning buildings, were hurled through a wall by the force of the explosion. Still alive they were picked up without a shred of clothing on their bodies. Both probably will die.

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You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

NEW OFFICERS FOR BALLINGER STATE BANK

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company announces the following changes in its directory and officers:

C. A. Dooze resigned his office as vice-president and chairman of the board of directors. C. A. Orbeck having been called to service in the U. S. army, also resigned his position as secretary and assistant cashier, and C. S. Miller who filled the positions of president and cashier, resigned in his capacity as president, whereupon Feb. McWilliams having acquired stock in the bank and duly qualified as such, was unanimously elected by the board as a director and also to fill the office of president and chairman of the board. C. S. Miller was elected as active vice-president in addition to the cashiership and continues his active bank duties as heretofore. Sam Baker has been retained as first assistant cashier, continues his duties as heretofore. R. J. Wheeler was elected to fill the position of secretary and second assistant cashier and will begin his duties by the middle of the month.

The other directors are C. O. Harris, N. J. Allen, and E. A. Werner.

The bank expresses its appreciation of the services of those who have retired and hopes that the present personnel of its directory and working force will in strength and efficient service continue to appeal to the good will of and render entire satisfaction to all of its patrons.

Undertaking Goods Licensed Embalmers

or Hearse and Ambulance

T. S. LANKFORD

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TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

House Joint Resolution No. 2. To amend Section 10, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions, and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the testimony of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Sec. (10). In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself and shall have the right of being heard by himself or counsel, or both, shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and shall have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, except that when the witness resides out of the State and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this state, the defendant and the State shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the Legislature may hereafter provide; and no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense, unless on an indictment of a grand jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fine or imprisonment, otherwise than the penitentiary, in cases of impeachment and in cases arising in the army and navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of his amendment to the qualified voters of this State at the next general election for State and county officers.

Sec. 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature shall vote upon said amendment at the said general election and at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot the following: "For amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, or indictment, and taking of testimony of witnesses by deposition, under certain circumstances," and those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against the amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution."

Sec. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any fund of the state Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expense of publishing proclamation, and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas, 123, nays, 4; and passed the Senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas, 21, nays 4; and the House concurred in the Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 0.)

Approved March 10, 1917.

(A TRUE COPY.)
C. D. MIMS,
Acting Secretary of State.
12-w4t. 2657-618-400

SPECIAL TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FURNISHING FREE TEXT BOOKS

House Joint Resolution No. 27. Proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Sec. 3, providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, be so changed as to read as follows (creating a new section 3):

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twentyone and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation,

DOING GREAT GOOD AT THIS SEASON

A superlative blood-purifying medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla, combined with a superlative iron tonic like Peptonin, makes the ideal all-round treatment. No other medicines possess such curative properties as these two working together.

Two dollars invested in these two medicines will bring better results than four dollars spent in any other course of treatment or attendance. It will be wise to get them today.

as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts, and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereinafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the schools of the State and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expense of such publication and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 27 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 108, nays 22; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 4.)

Approved March 19, 1917.

(A TRUE COPY.)
C. D. MIMS,
Acting Secretary of State.
12-w4t. 2657-618-400

R. H. Wood, who had been visiting his father, S. T. Wood and family, of the Mud Creek section, left Wednesday afternoon to resume his army duties at Camp Bowie.

J. A. Tyree, of the Valley Creek country was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.



Meat Must Be Sold

Fresh meat is perishable. It must be sold within about two weeks for whatever it will bring.

A certain amount of beef is frozen for foreign shipment, but domestic markets demand fresh, chilled, unfrozen beef.

Swift & Company cannot increase prices by withholding meat, because it will not keep fresh and salable for more than a few days after it reaches the market.

Swift & Company cannot tell at the time of purchasing cattle, what price fresh meat will bring when put on sale. If between purchase and sale, market conditions change, the price of meat must also change.

The Food Administration limits our profit to 9 per cent on capital invested in the meat departments. This is about 2 cents per dollar of sales. No profit is guaranteed, and the risk of loss is not eliminated.

As a matter of fact, meat is often sold at a loss because of the need of selling it before it spoils.

Swift & Company, U.S.A.

Rev. G. W. Fender will leave tomorrow for Texarkana where he will look over the situation at the Presbyterian church, U. S. A. to which he has been called.—Brownwood Bulletin.

R. B. Armstrong, of the Valley Creek country, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, of the Norton country, were shopping in Ballinger Friday.

Ben Spill, of Winters, was in the city Wednesday to be with his brother-in-law Eddie Voelker, of Hatchel, who left in the afternoon to enter the state university for

mechanical training for Uncle Sam's service.

W. G. Chapman, of South Ballinger, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here ordered the Daily Ledger to continue to his address.

Will Tillery, of Concho, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home from Orange where he had been working in the U. S. ship yards and had the misfortune to get his foot badly crushed a few days ago. He is a grand son of R. C. Tillery and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbey Tillery, of Concho.

Oil Co. Increases From \$10,000 to \$100,000

It was a long step in the development of the oil industry of this county when on July Fourth seventy-seven stockholders of the Rannels County Oil Company met at Rowena and increased the capital stock of the company from \$10,000 to \$95,000.

After the enthusiastic stockholders meeting the stockholders visited the scene where a drill is at work on the company's holdings and which has reached a depth of about fifty feet. The drill penetrated a pool of water at a depth of forty feet. This is being eased off and the drill will continue until it reaches a depth of 3,500 or 4,000 feet, or strikes oil.

With a view to increasing the capital stock, the company recently applied to the state for authority of doing so. Before granting the permit to increase the capital the secretary of state sent an oil

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at tongue! If coated, clean little stomach, liver, bowels.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated, this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, throat sore doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally has stomachache, indigestion, diarrhea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. 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. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contentment any other fig syrup.

Melvin Brandon, of the Talpa country, had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

YOU CANT 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.

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.
- JACK N. MCKAY.
- For Commissioner No. 4: I. A. CURRY.
- J. E. TIDWELL.
- For Tax Collector: M. D. CHASTAIN.
- For County Superintendent: JOHN J. BUGG.
- S. L. BIRD.
- For Representative 111 District: C. R. STEPHENS.
- For County Clerk: C. W. McCARVER.
- For Commissioner No. 3: J. D. SMITH.
- For District Clerk: C. C. COCKRELL.
- MRS. L. H. BACON.
- For Commissioner No. 1: J. R. HARRIS.
- R. P. KIRK.

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FERGUSON AND THE REIGN OF LAW.

The attempt to overthrow the constitution of Texas by appealing to the prejudices of the people and carrying out a campaign that is an insult to the intelligence of the state, has aroused political sentiment to a high pitch.
As the election day draws near people are taking more interest in the campaign, and there is a determination to make the majority for law and order so large that the world may know what Texas people stand for.

The Houston Chronicle in making a comparison of what the two candidates for governor stand for, says:

"While we are fighting for the reign of law abroad let us not neglect to be zealous for the reign of law at home.

"If it is worth blood to get rid of a demagogue in Berlin, it is worth a good honest effort to get rid of another in Texas.

James E. Ferguson says he is not a friend of the Kaiser, and doubtless he is not, for two men so much alike could hardly abide one another.

"But he is kaiserite to the core when it comes to browbeating other people, and striving for power by force.

"He was impeached by due process of law, but he denies it.

"He is disqualified by the constitution, but he defies it.

"He is capitalizing the notoriety incident to his conviction.

"He is attempting to convert his loneliness into a plea for popular sympathy.

"Every great newspaper being against him, he cries 'conspiracy.'

"The senate having ousted him from office by an almost unanimous vote, he yells, 'outrage.'

"So the German emperor exclaims that the allies have banded together for his destruction.

"The one is as blind as the other. Neither can see that the situation left no alternative for decent men to join issue against them.

"The bolsheviki in Russia are for William, and the bolsheviki in Texas are for James.

"Each stands for the breakdown of organized justice in his own peculiar sphere of activity, and each is drawing his support from perfectly natural sources.

"Every element in the world that stands for lawlessness wants to see the kaiser win, and every element in this state that stands for lawlessness wants to see Ferguson win.

"That each may have deceived a certain number of respectable people into shouldering his battles makes little difference.

"Both are despots at heart, and both want everybody else to turn anarchist that they may have their own wilful way.

"The Kaiser thought England ought to regard the Belgian treaty as a scrap of paper, and Ferguson is asking the democratic party to strike a similar attitude toward the Texas constitution.

"The Kaiser thinks the allies ought to forget his past record and take him at his word, and Ferguson believes the citizens of this state ought to do the same thing.

"Both are for booze and oppose woman suffrage.

"Both believe that every man is entitled to all he can get away with.

"Both are fighting against constituted authority.

"Both are availing themselves the elements of disorder.

"No need to accuse Ferguson of being pro-German. He is not of the elements of disorder.

"He borrowed more money from a bank than the law allowed, but looks upon it as a compliment to his personal credit.

"So he Kaiser shouts 'Look at the map, for it honors my military efficiency.'

"Mr. Ferguson makes secret loans, and the Kaiser makes secret treaties.

"Both deny that the public has any right to questions.

"President Wilson says we want a reign of law, and we do, but we want it in Texas, as well as in Europe."

We are entering upon an age when drunk men can only be seen in a museum, and the seer will be charged so much per see.

We admire the nerve of some farmers in this country. Seed purchasing and seed planting in dust beds continue as though it were spring time with propitious showers to bring forth fruit.

Notwithstanding the nation wide plant of German propaganda in this country preceding the war, the American nation is standing together firmly, and German sympathizers are greatly on the decrease. We are united for Democracy.

While the sons of thousands of Texas women are marching against Ferguson in Texas on July 27th, Ferguson's strength has weakened faster than the propaganda for which he stands, and no mother who wants to vote for the best interest of her soldier son can vote the Ferguson ticket.

106,500 DOLLAR TIP.

A very feeble effort to justify Ferguson's acceptance of money from various sources while he was governor is made by the Comanche Chief-Exponent, which says: "The large hotels pay their porters a very small wage, and expect them to make their living from tips they secure. That is the same scale on which Texas hires her governor. We do not pay him a living wage and if he takes 'tips' we must not be surprised."

The governor of Texas is not a porter, and should not be compared to a porter. The constitution says the governor shall receive a salary of \$4,000 per year—and no more—and every governor who has ever held the office knew in advance just what his salary would be. The Bulletin agrees that the salary should be ten thousand dollars instead of four thousand, but insists that so long as it is fixed at the latter figure there can be no justification in any attempt to secure a greater amount, either through the acceptance of 'tips,' as the Comanche paper calls the operation of accepting money for favors granted, or thru deliberately ignoring the law and purchasing auto tires, groceries, social secretaries and ukeleles at the expense of the state, as Ferguson did.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Spending \$30,000 for a \$4,000 job is speculating on a large scale. That is what Jim Ferguson did, but he proved himself a good speculator when he accepted a \$100,000 "tip." If this "tipping" business is not condemned in the coming election, there will no doubt be many candidates for the job in the future.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears
the
Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Miss Mary Frances Bennett of Kansas City, came in Monday at noon and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Routh a few weeks. Miss Bennett is a school mate of Mrs. Routh, having spent many months as close friends at college in Virginia.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 50c.

POTTER PRODUCE CO.
Wants your cabbages, Sacks Junk, etc.—7th Street, Ballinger, 5-2nd-1tw.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
(Seal) A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants State Bank

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of June 1918, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of July, 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$261,881.63
Loans, real estate	24,610.00
Bonds and Stocks	13,550.00
Real estate (banking house)	30,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	35,161.54
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	3,004.23
Cash Items	2,839.07
Currency	8,746.00
Specie	5,247.88
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,824.09
Other Resources	15,513.88
TOTAL	\$415,379.22

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	9,503.00
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	6,435.93
Individual Deposits, subject to check	212,305.56
Demand Certificates of Deposit	6,147.60
Cashier's Checks	980.53
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	65,000.00
TOTAL	\$415,379.22

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:
We, H. Giesecke, as president, and J. L. Chastain as asst cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
H. GIESECKE, President.
J. L. CHASTAIN, Asst Cashier
(Seal)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, A. D. 1918.
H. M. JOSEY,
Notary Public Runnels County, Texas

CORRECT—ATTEST: J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, G. G. Odom, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$287,005.51
U. S. Bonds	13,550.00
U. S. Treasury Certificates	15,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures	35,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Depositors Guaranty Fund	4,824.09
Cash and Exchange	\$4,998.72
Total	\$415,379.22

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	24,503.00
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	65,000.00
Deposits	225,875.32
Total	\$415,379.22



**NR Tonight—
Tomorrow Feel Right
Get a 25¢ Box**

WEEKS DRUG STORE, Ballinger, Texas

DECLINES TO CONFIRM FERGUSON STRAW VOTE.

Sam Eason, of the Wingate country, was mixing it with the Hobby men in Ballinger Saturday. Mr. Eason was here on business, but found time to deny the report that all the women who registered at Wingate would vote for Hobby. The reporter got it pretty straight that only three out of the 43 women who registered at Wingate declined to express themselves for Hobby. Friend Eason would admit the straw majority.

Charlie Ferguson, who had been on an extended business trip to eastern counties, returned home Monday at noon.

CONCHO COUNTY WOMEN REGISTER.

Hon. Jas. E. Howz, of Paint Rock, was a Ballinger visitor Tuesday. Mr. Howz reports a mighty dry country on the Concho and crops burned up. In commenting on the political situation in his county, Mr. Howz stated that the women were registering and getting ready to participate in the primary election, and were not hesitating to declare how they expected to vote for governor.

NOTICE.
We pay best cash price for Liberty Bonds, we buy and sell stocks, write us.

MORGAN-YATTER,
1307 Southwestern Life Bldg.
12-4twpd. Dallas, Texas.

Lame Shoulder.
This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles. All that is needed is absolute rest and a few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it.

Consider the Future
It has always been the part of better wisdom to save, but TODAY, SAVING serves a double purpose. Our government needs MONEY to carry on the abnormal demand of a destructive war and it is inviting you to do your part by offering investments never heretofore obtainable for small sums. The interest rate is as good as the best class of securities used to bring. Our facilities for providing Thrift & War Savings Stamps are at your disposal.
Farmers and Merchants State Bank

For indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness
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 Parie Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

SEEKING GRASS FOR CATTLE.

W. T. Routh and sons, Kenzie and Clarence, left Monday morning for through the western part of the state. They will stop at Kenzie Routh's ranch in Glasscock county to inspect the range condition and spend several days seeking grass for their cattle. Heavy rains through the Midland country in June improved the range in that part of the state, but more rain is needed now.

TEXAS CONTRACTOR ENDORSES TANLAC

Suffered Torture With Rheumatism—Gained Ten Pounds and Troubles Disappeared

Robert Schultze of 818 West Popular street, San Antonio, Texas, who has been a resident of that city for more than fifty years and a contractor and builder there for twenty-five years, made a remarkable statement regarding his experience with Tanlac, recently. "About two years ago," said Mr. Schultze, "rheumatism got hold of me and I lost weight and all the energy I ever had seemed to leave me. I suffered torture with the rheumatism, especially in my shoulders and knee joints, and I couldn't work an hour without my shoulders giving completely out. I had become irritable and unstrung as a man can be and as nothing seemed to do me any good I had about gotten to the place where I didn't know which way to turn for relief.

"Finally, after seeing the fine results of Tanlac in the case of some of my relatives, I began using it myself and I am entirely free from all pain and symptoms of the rheumatism, and I'm glad to say my irritable, grouchy feelings are gone, too. I have gained all of ten pounds and this strikes me as being mighty fine for one of my age. I have as much energy and vim as I ever had and can work all day. Altogether I'm simply feeling fine and you may know if Tanlac hadn't done me good I wouldn't be talking for it. But it has done the work for me and I don't hesitate to recommend it."

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 Tokeken by J. W. Bright.

"I take pleasure in telling the public that the Byrne Shorthand is the only system. I previously studied Pitman eight months, used it in actual practice for four months; at the end of six weeks study of the Byrne, I was a better writer than I had ever been with the Pitman.

"I have been a Sloan-Duployan stenographer for 15 years; I found the system inadequate. I then took Gregg under Mr. Gregg of Chicago, but found it illegible. I then took up the Byrne, which I consider the stenographic marvel of the age."

"I first studied Pitman Shorthand, then took up Byrne, and found the Byrne to be 35 per cent shorter and that it could be written at a much higher rate of speed and read like print."

"I studied Pitman four months, gave it up in disgust; I then took up Pernin and studied it almost night and day for six months; but was not competent to hold a position. I then took up the Byrne for three months, and find that I can hold any kind of a position."

"I graduated in Graham Shorthand, writing 100 words a minute, after 9 months study. After studying the Byrne Simplified, together with Byrne Practical Book-

keeping, for 4 months, I could write Byrne much faster and regard it superior to any other system."

"I thoroughly mastered 14 systems, seven of the most prominent Pitman systems, Gregg, Charties, Byrne, and four minor systems, and find Byrne much easier to read, that it can be written with one and one-half times the speed that can be made with any of the other 13 systems."

"After studying six different Pitman systems, I was unable to hold an ordinary office job, but with five weeks study of the Byrne I went into the District Court and did reporting successfully, and was appointed regular Court Stenographer."

"Why study any system of Shorthand, other than the Byrne, when the Byrne can be learned in half the time, or less, read with greater ease, and written with a higher rate of speed which means better salary and promotion? It does not cost half as much to complete a course in our school as it does one of the other systems in other schools. We hold the exclusive right to teach the Byrne in this section. The author is the President of our school."

Write for catalogue containing full indorsements and names and addresses of the above, and of others who have tried the other systems and abandoned them for Byrne. Our Bookkeeping, Cotton Classing and Telegraphy are as far superior to the other systems as is the Byrne Shorthand. Don't fail to write or phone for our free catalogue.

Tyler Commercial College,
Tyler, Texas.

Lieut. T. P. Hightower, who is serving Uncle Sam at Camp Bowie came in Tuesday at noon and will be united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Hamilton Wednesday July 10.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies: Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills. They are made in England and are sold everywhere. They are the only pills that are sold in this country. They are the only pills that are sold in this country. They are the only pills that are sold in this country.

MORTUARY.

BEN WILDE DIED.

W. H. and F. W. Wilde and their sister, Mrs. G. H. Dierschke, of the Olfen country, returned home a day or two ago from Colorado county where they had been to attend the funeral of their father Ben Wilde, who died July 1st, 1918, age 80 years 8 months and 27 days.

He had been sick for 7 weeks. He was born April 28th 1862, in Germany, and came to Texas with his parents at the age of 8 years and landed at Corpus Christi. They lived one year at Quihi, Medina county, where his father died while serving with the Texas Rangers. After his father's death, he and his mother moved to Colorado county where he resided until the time of his death.

During the Civil War he served the States by hauling freight from Mexico and later as a soldier in the army. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife and 9 children living and one dead, also his brothers and sister, above mentioned.

Many friends in this section join the Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the family in this sad hour.

DIED.

The sad news was received in our city Saturday stating that Mrs. Mary H. Davis, died at their home near Eunice, N. M., on June 29th and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis lived for many years in our city, in West End, and they have a host of friends who will be grieved to learn of the death of this good woman and all join the Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the family in this dark hour of bereavement.

DIED.

The sad message was received in our city Sunday telling Mrs. J. M. Skinner of the death of her brother Tom Grant, an Alvarado Saturday night at the age of 50 years. He was in the cotton business at Liberty Hill, Texas, but being an old and expert telegraph operator was serving the U. S. Government at Alvarado, Texas at the time of his death. His remains were shipped to his home at Liberty Hill for burial Sunday afternoon.

He leaves a wife and seven children and three sisters, Messdames J. M. Skinner, W. S. Fleming and J. H. Mowery, of our city besides other relatives.

The Ledger joins the friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad ones left to mourn the death of their loved one.

DIED.

Mrs. Mary F. Smith died Wednesday morning at 12:45 a. m. at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 28 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Gorum, of South Ballinger. The funeral services will be conducted at the residence at 10 a. m. Thursday morning conducted by Elder Cowan, of Killen, and the remains tenderly laid to rest in the City cemetery.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Gorum she leaves two sons, Bob Smith, of the Bethel neighborhood and J. B. Smith, of North Texas. She was a devoted Christian and a kind loving mother and died as she had lived in the triumph of living faith.

The Ledger joins many friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn her death.

N. C. Hinds, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Houston to enter the U. S. ship yards.

The Joy of Living.

To enjoy life we must have good health. No one can reasonably hope to get much real out of life when his bowels are clogged a good share of the time and the poisons that should be expelled are absorbed into the system, producing headache and indigestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets will move the bowels, strengthen the digestion and give you a chance to realize the real joy of living. Try it.

Are the Packers Profiteers?

Plain Facts About the Meat Business

The Federal Trades Commission in its recent report on war profits, stated that the five large meat packers have been profiteering and that they have a monopoly of the market.

These conclusions, if fair and just, are matters of serious concern not only to those engaged in the meat packing business but to every other citizen of our country.

The figures given on profits are misleading and the statement that the packers have a monopoly is unsupported by the facts.

The packers mentioned in the report stand ready to prove their profits reasonable and necessary.

The meat business is one of the largest American industries. Any citizen who would familiarize himself with its details must be prepared for large totals.

The report states that the aggregate profits of four large packers were \$140,000,000 for the three war years.

This sum is compared with \$19,000,000 as the average annual profit for the three years before the war, making it appear that the war profit was \$121,000,000 greater than the pre-war profit.

This compares a three-year profit with a one-year profit—a manifestly unfair method of comparison. It is not only misleading, but the Federal Trade Commission apparently has made a mistake in the figures themselves.

The aggregate three-year profit of \$140,000,000 was earned on sales of over four and a half billion dollars. It means about three cents on every dollar of sales—or a mere fraction of a cent per pound of product.

Packers' profits are a negligible factor in prices of live stock and meats. No other large business is conducted upon such small margins of profit.

Furthermore—and this is very important—only a small portion of this profit has been paid in dividends. The balance has been put back into the businesses. It had to be, as you realize when you consider the problems the packers have had to solve and solve quickly during these war years.

To conduct this business in war times, with higher costs and the necessity of paying two or three times the former prices for live stock, has required the use of two or three times the ordin-

ary amount of working capital. The additional profit makes only a fair return on this, and as has been stated, the large portion of the profits earned has been used to finance high stocks of goods and to provide additions and improvements made necessary by the enormous demands of our army and navy and Allies.

If you are a business man you will appreciate the significance of these facts. If you are unacquainted with business, talk this matter over with some business acquaintance—with your banker, say—and ask him to compare profits of the packing industry with those of any other large industry at the present time.

No evidence is offered by the Federal Trade Commission in support of the statement that the large packers have a monopoly. The Commission's own report shows the large number and importance of other packers.

The packers mentioned in the statement stands ready to prove to any fair minded person that they are in keen competition with each other, and that they have no power to manipulate prices.

If this were not true they would not dare to make this positive statement.

Furthermore, government figures show that the five large packers mentioned in the report account for only about one-third of the meat business of the country.

They wish it were possible to interest you in details of their business. Of how, for instance, they can sell dressed beef for less than the cost of the live animal, owing to utilization of by-products, and of the wonderful story of the methods of distribution throughout this broad land, as well as in other countries.

The five packers mentioned feel justified in co-operating with each other to the extent of together presenting this public statement.

They have been able to do a big job for your government in its time of need; they have met all war-time demands promptly and completely and they are willing to trust their case to the fairmindedness of the American people with the facts before them.

**Armour and Company
Cudahy Packing Co.
Morris & Company
Swift & Company
Wilson & Company**

SUSPECTED OF BURNING FLOUR MILL.

Sheriff Banister has arrested a man of the name of G. M. Todd Windemir, who is believed to be a German agent.

The arrest was made late Saturday night in the hills between Glen Cove and Novice. The man claims he is a prospector. He was placed in the county jail.

Windemir is suspected of having burned the flouring mill at Gondbusk last Friday night. He claims to have been in the county only a few days but the officers think they have proof that he has been here much longer than that.—Santa Anna News.

J. C. Goetz and John P. Wesel, of the Winters-Hatchel country, and Wm. Goetz, of Olin country, Sid Oliver, of the Wilmeth section and G. W. and F. E. Clayton, of the Talpa country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

NOTICE.

Republican County Convention.

By authority vested in me as Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Runnels County, Texas, and pursuant to the call issued by Hon. Phil E. Baer, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, I hereby call a delegate county convention to be held in Ballinger, Texas, at the Court House the county seat of Runnels County, on Saturday, August 3, 1918, at 3 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates and alternates to attend the Republican State Convention called to meet in Houston, Texas, on Tuesday, August 13, 1918, and to the Congressional, Senatorial, Representative and Judicial Conventions to be held on Saturday, August 24, 1918, in accordance with the calls of the chairmen of the executive committees of said districts. Also to nominate county tickets, to verify precinct returns and to transact other business as may properly come before said county convention.

It is hereby ordered that the various precinct chairmen call precinct primaries to be held on Saturday, July 27, 1918, said call to name place of meeting and hour to be held. The precinct chairman shall post the call for the precinct primary conventions at three prominent public places in the precinct, giving ten day's notice of the time and place for holding such precinct primaries.

C. S. GUIN, Chairman, Republican Executive Committee of Runnels County, Texas.

Mrs. J. J. Ashlep and little son, of Palestine, who had been visiting her father, B. D. Duncan and family, left Saturday morning to visit relatives at Coleman a day or two before going on home.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

HELP YOUR GOVERNMENT.

By conserving leather. To you good shoe repairing means economy, comfort. Quality work with Quality Material is our specialty. Don't forget we repair Auto and Buggy Tops in the best manner and on short notice. Shoe repairing a specialty—W. C. Drennan at the bat.

EBB CATHEY,
Hutching Ave., Ballinger,
11-d&w tf.

Mrs. A. R. Jones, of Austin, came in a day or two ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Bates and family a few weeks.

Miss Snowden, of Miles, who had been visiting relatives and friends near Ballinger, returned home Saturday at noon.

E. M. Setser, H. S. Morgan and M. C. Barrett, of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

NOTICE.

The First National Bank announces that all Third Liberty Bonds are ready for delivery. Also that all orders for War Savings Stamps filed have been supplied. Bonds or stamps will not be mailed unless postage and registry fees accompany request. d&wlt.

MRS. BARNS' LETTER.

Here is a letter that is certain to prove of interest to people in this vicinity, as cases of this sort occur in almost every neighborhood, and people should know what to do in like circumstances: Savannah, Mo., Oct. 12, 1916. "I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery) I had another attack of the same complaint some three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy to dozens of people since I first used it."

I. N. Roark received a letter from his business agent at Groesbeck telling of splendid rains in that section the past week, and crop prospects looking good. Mr. Roark owns considerable property at his old home town and other property in the county.

John Johnson and son, of Coke county, was among the business visitors in the city Friday.

BOCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good nights rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

COMPLETES STRIP TEX-O-KAN HIGHWAY

Commissioner Kirk has a crew of about twenty-five men at work on the roads in the Ballinger precinct. The south end of the Tex-O-Kan highway in this county has been completed, the road from Ballinger to the Concho county line on the Paint Rock route having been completed this week.

The crew are now at work on a cross road leading into the Bethel neighborhood and some other road building will be done in the southern part of the county before the crew is transferred to another road leading out of Ballinger.

The strip of road leading south from Ballinger to the Concho county line has been constructed according to the state highway commission specifications and all that is needed to make it a perfect road is a good rain to settle the work.

As soon as the cash on the recent bond issue is in hand, the appropriation from the state highway will be ready to check on in paying for road and bridge construction in this precinct, and employment will be furnished for men and teams.

Mr. Kirk states that the new road just completed will be provided with concrete culverts as soon as the money is in the treasury with which to pay the cost of the work and material.

That Ballinger is to have a system of first class highways should be a source of satisfaction to those who have worked so long for good roads. Commissioner Kirk's first term does not expire until next November, and he is not worrying about whether he is re-elected or not. He states frankly that if the people are not satisfied with his work and wish to elect another man to take his place, he will have no complaint to make. He is planning to do road work according to the directions of the state highway commission and according to the experience he has had, and is not devoting any time to politics.

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 Freezezone. 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, itching corn stops the soreness instantly, and soon the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug Freezezone is harmless and never inflames or irritates the surrounding skin.

DRIED SPUDS HELP HUNS

(By United Press.)

Washington, July 3.—Seven hundred potato drying plants in Germany, and hundreds of other factories for food saving, are reasons why Germany hasn't starved. These figures come through government channels: potato drying capacity in the empire, 37,000,000 hundredweight; 250 drying cylinders, 400 open drying plants; 150 corn drying plants; 250 vegetable drying factories; 225 drying plants in sugar factories; and 22 milk drying plants. About 200 of the 1,500 malt kilns are also equipped for vegetable drying.

Landowners not possessing plants can make contract arrangements for their drying.

POISON WEEDS KILLING CATTLE.

San Angelo, July 3.—Twenty-eight head of cattle in a herd which Treadwell & Wilkerson of Christoval were bringing to San Angelo, died Sunday night at Ben Flecklin crossing on the South Concho. It is believed that the animals died as a result of eating a poisonous weed.

Parties crossing the river early Monday noticed the carcasses along the banks and notified city officials. Before any action was taken however, the owners removed the dead animals of their own accord, burning the bodies in a distant pasture.

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 quart 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 quart 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.

Grandpa Hopwell, who had been visiting his son Joe Hopwell and family the past few days returned to San Angelo Friday at noon where he is making home with another son.

JUDICIAL, NOT POLITICAL.



WILLIAM PIERSON OF HUNT CO. For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals. His Training as District Judge is JUDICIAL, NOT POLITICAL. He seeks a JUDICIAL Position.

Ollie Woods, of the Wingate country, was in the city Wednesday to be with his brother Bob Wood who left in the afternoon for Camp Bowie where he is serving Uncle Sam.

WEAK KIDNEYS MAKE WEAK BODIES

Kidney Diseases Cause Many Aches
and Ills of Ballinger
People.

As one weak link weakens a chain, so may weak kidneys weaken the whole body and hasten the final breaking-down.

Overwork, strains, colds and other causes injure the kidneys, and generally when their activity is lessened the whole body suffers.

Aches and pains and languor and urinary ills frequently come, and there is an ever-increasing tendency towards dropsy, gravel or fatal Bright's disease. When the kidneys fail there is no real help for the sufferer except kidney help.

Doan's Kidney Pills act directly on the kidneys. This Ballinger testimony is proof of their effectiveness.

Mrs. E. E. Street, 704-11th St., says: "I suffered a lot from my back and had dull pains through my loins. I had severe headaches and dizzy spells, too, and my kidneys acted too frequently. Doan's Kidney Pills soon put my kidneys in good order and strengthened my back."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

WILL SPEND MONTH IN LINOTYPE SCHOOL.

P. C. Straley, make up man for The Dailey Ledger, left Wednesday afternoon for New Orleans, where The Ledger is sending him for a month or six weeks course in the Mergenthaler Linotype School.

The demand for mechanics in the Army, and due to the fact that so many linotype operators were within the draft age, and have volunteered for service, has robbed the printing trade of experienced men, and many publishers are experiencing trouble in obtaining competent help.

The Ledger has two operators in its office now, but one of these, W. C. Shepherd, is a member of the National Guards, and also registered on June 5th, and is scheduled to be called into active service, while the other, Stone Stribling, is subject to draft, and may be called at any time.

Mr. Straley has had some experience, and with a six weeks training, he will be able to handle the machine as well as to take care of any other line of work in the print shop. During his absence, Messrs Shepherd and Stribling will have charge of the newspaper work, or at least until they are called for service, and R. E. Truly will have charge of the job department.

WAR WILL BRING NEW EDUCATION

New York, July 3.—A new education will be one of the products of the war, according to Prof. A. D. Dean, noted educator and author, member of the faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University.

"The war is exposing the usefulness or uselessness, from the direct service standpoint, of our school subjects. This world conflict is bringing out the relation of education to war. It comes to the schools as an opportunity to develop service to the State," said Prof. Dean today.

"Now we have extension courses in economics looking for adult women as a war measure. Later we shall have it as a home measure. Now we are bringing adult women into the schools to receive instruction with their children. Later we shall do the same thing because it is the only sensible procedure under any and all conditions. Now we think in terms of re-education of disabled soldiers because of the immediate need of helping these honored men. Later we shall turn what we have learned to do for these men into better provisions for making self-supporting or crippled and blinded children who are now in dependent institutions being made still more dependent by the very nature of the poor apology for vocational training which is given them. Now we have clearly before us the need for industrial education because the government is crying for workers. Later we shall see the need for industrial education because those who are to work in the industries need it.

100 PERISH WHEN EXCURSION STEAMER SINKS

Peoria, Ill., July 6.—The Columbia an excursion steamer went down in mid stream of the Illinois river between this city and Pekin shortly after midnight last night. Nearly one hundred persons are missing, and believed to be lost. Up to a late hour today only twenty bodies had been recovered. Telephone reports from the scene of the sinking of the steamer states that other bodies have been located by divers between the decks of the vessel.

RETURNS TO RUNNELS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDonald returned home a day or two ago from an extended prospecting trip to points in New Mexico, and Mr. McDonald was in the city Tuesday and says he did not see anything very attractive as an investment while he was gone and comes back to Runnels county better satisfied than ever.

Mr. McDonald did not return home in time to attend the War Savings Stamp meeting at his School Community District No. 28, but when he did arrive, took the limit in stamps \$1,000.00 and is not only patriotic, but he thinks the investment a good one.

FINLAND TO DECLARE WAR ON ALLIES

Stockholm, July 5.—It is reported here that Finland is on the verge of declaring war against the allies.

Finnish troops, in co-operation with fifty thousand Germans, are reported to be ready to carry on a campaign in Russian Murman district where the allies, including a few Americans, are guarding military supplies.

Edwin Skinner finished up his work at the Simmons College at Abilene and returned home Friday at noon and will spend the time here before being called out with the National Guards of our county.

Rev. R. R. Rives, of Arlington, spent Sunday night and Monday here the guest of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Fender.—Brownwood Bulletin.

BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER IS DEAD

London, July 3.—Rhoda, Great Britain's food controller, died this morning, after a brief illness. The food administrator had done much to prevent food famines in Europe by the distribution of food and breaking up hoarding.

THREE BIG RANCHES RELEASED.

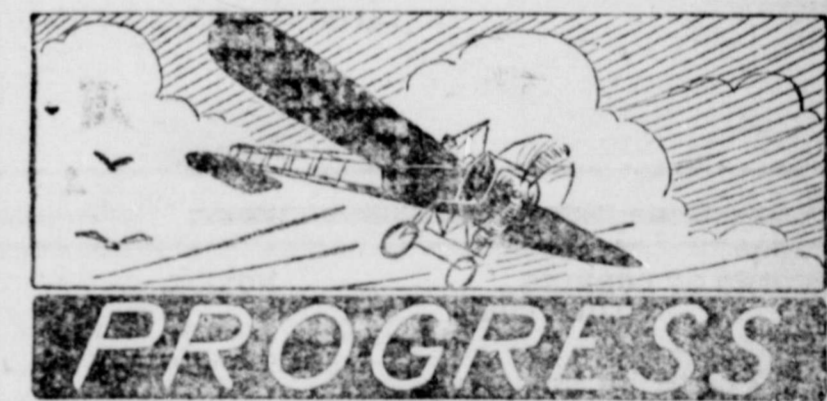
Jack Pearce, the State Tick Inspector for this county, informed us Tuesday that three of the largest ranches in this county have just been released from tick quarantine, taking effect from July 1st. The ranches were the Russell Grape Creek Ranch, the old R. K. Wylie ranch and the W. H. Gross ranch. Mr. Pearce says he and his associates dipped 5,493 cattle during the month of June in this county.

KEEP COOL While War Lasts

Wouldn't you like for someone to guarantee that you will sleep cool during the hot nights of the coming summer? Are you going home after a hard, trying day in summer's blistering heat and sweater for half the night and up into the wee small hours of the morning trying to get that much needed rest? That not only saps your energy but gnaws at the very vitals of your physique and utterly unfits you for work tomorrow.

The small cost of a nifty looking, cool, breezy, screened in sleeping porch will astonish you. Let us show you how you can get a good, cool, refreshing sleep EVERY NIGHT during the summer and at a cost that will make you wonder why you haven't done it before.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.



Modern Banking

Facilities are keeping pace with the progress of civilization, and the needs of all political conditions. Every self-respecting citizen owes it to himself, to have a banking connection. Now, as members of the

Federal Reserve System
and also operating under the
State Guaranty Fund

we offer you every convenience known to Modern Banking. Buy War Savings Stamps.

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

Cheap, quick way to stop rheumatism

Try toning your digestive and eliminative organs with NR. Free your body from poisonous waste and relief is quick.

One Day's Test Proves NR Best

Are you willing to be convinced that sore, stiff, aching joints or muscles can be relieved and rheumatism greatly benefited if not entirely conquered, for the insignificant sum of 25c?

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it, yet thousands of people who had rheumatism have found that it can be done, and thousands more are doing it today.

You've tried the high priced, expensive things, found that they failed—you still have your trouble, why not try this simple, economical, yet scientific plan, and let results speak for themselves?

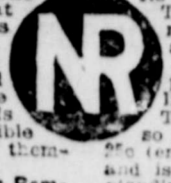
Just get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and begin taking it tonight. It acts on the digestive and eliminative organs, improving digestion and assimilation and cleansing the body of accumulated waste, impurities and poisons. With good digestion and assimilation, the body is nourished and vitality and natural

power of resistance against disease greatly increased. With the kidneys and bowels acting vigorously and regularly and the body freed from irritating poisons, relief must come.

Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), though mild and gentle in action, does its work thoroughly and quickly. There is nothing harmful in it, nothing to upset the stomach, and no griping, pain or any discomfort. The only result is pleasant, glorious, welcome relief and benefit.

Try it—you take no risk in doing so for Nature's Remedy costs only 25c (enough to last twenty-five days), and is sold with the distinct understanding that it must relieve and benefit or money back.

More than one million people in this country are using Nature's Remedy today. Five million boxes are used every year. What better proof of its great merit could be offered? It is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist?



WEEKS DRUG STORE, Ballinger, Texas



NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right Get a 25c Box

CHARLIE MILLER AT HOME.

Charlie Miller, Jr., who attended Wentworth Military College the past school year and for the past few weeks had been attending the U. S. Officers' training at Camp Sheridan, near Chicago returned home Friday night to spend a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller and Ballinger friends. He will remain at the training camp for about two months longer and will likely return to Wentworth to continue his college work, or may go to West Point to finish his course.

616 WOMEN REGISTER.

Up to the close of business Friday night, 616 women had registered in this county. The deputy went to Winters Saturday where it was expected that between 150 and 200 women would register. More than 70 registered at Wingate and Wilmeth. Five days next week will close the registration period, and the total will count out in the neighborhood of 1,000.

RUNNELS COUNTY LEADS IN WAR STAMP PLEDGE.

Tom Green county pledged less than \$150,000 in the War Savings Stamp drive. Coleman county pledged \$248,000. Runnels county pledged a little less than \$300,000 and over when the final report is made.

Runnels county has made a "rep" for slackers and disloyalists on account of numerous arrests here on such charges, but the vigilance of the local officers and the determination of our citizens to stamp out German sympathizers. The people of this county can not be accused of being slackers with their money. Runnels county leads!

FORMER Y. N. MAYOR DEAD IN AIRPLANE

Lake Charles, La., July 6.—Major John H. Mitchell was killed in an airplane accident at Gertsner Aviation Field at eight o'clock this morning. Major Mitchell was former mayor of New York City. He met death when an airplane in which he was flying fell five hundred feet, the machine chashing to the ground inside of the field area.

NOTICE TO RED CROSS SUBSCRIBERS.

Out of 207 Red Cross pledges due on July 1st, only 49 have paid. E. D. Walker states that it is very important that those making subscriptions in the last Red Cross drive and who promised to pay on July first, do so at once. The report must be made by July 10th and all those who have not paid by that time will be reported delinquent. Call at the F. & M. Bank and attend to this or mail your check at once.

A. K. Doss J. E. Baugh DOSS & BAUGH Lawyers. Office over Ballinger Loan Co. Ballinger, Texas

LEFT FOR FORT SAM HOUSTON.

The following young men of this county left Friday afternoon to enter Uncle Sam's service at Fort Sam Houston: W. E. Burns, of the Wingate country, R. R. Alsak, of the Rowena country, Jas. Morris Steele, of the Norton country, Earl R. Lee, of the Maverick section, Sam A. Memaline, of the Norton country, Wm. Walter King of the Crews country, L. B. Harris of Wingate, and Norman W. Gent, of Meade, Kansas.

Mrs. Carl Guin and children left Friday at noon for San Angelo to visit her sister, Mrs. Roscoe De Merville and husband a few days.

ALLIES HOLD GROUND CAPTURED ON JULY 4TH

London, July 5.—The Germans launched unsuccessfully a counter attack at Hamel last night. This point was captured by Australian and American troops on July 4th, and the Germans attempted to retake the place last night, but were repulsed with heavy losses, according to official report from Gen. Haig to the British war office.

The French war office reports only minor patrol activities on the French sector, while the Americans enjoyed the glorious Fourth.

By a surprise attack, planned especially as a celebration of Independence day, Australian troops have wrested from the Germans the village of Hemel, east of Amiens, occupied Vaire and Hamel woods, south of the village and captured more than 1,500 prisoners. The Australians were led by tanks breaking the line over a front of more than four miles. The attack penetrated a mile and a half. American troops participated in the attack. The French also have struck through the enemy ranks near the town of Autrech, south of Moulin-Sous-Tout-vent, where they captured 1,066 prisoners. In both operations the allies have improved their positions by gaining rather high ground. At the same time that the British, French and Americans were attacking, the Italians continued to advance in the area near the mouth of the Piave. The Italians also have won in the San Lorenzo valley, east of the Brenta river.

MAY CONSOLIDATE LOCAL RAILROADS

A recent announcement places the A. & S. Railway under government control, together with many other short line railroads.

When the government took over the railroads some time ago the order did not include the short lines, and these have been operating independent, but it seems that the government prefers to control all the railroads and such an order has been issued.

In many places where there is more than one railroad a consolidation has been brought about and only one station is being maintained.

No order has been received here consolidating the two lines operating into this city, but there is considerable speculation as to what will be the result of the government control of Ballinger's short line road. It is probable that in a short time all trains running into this city will be dispatched from the same station.

BROWN COUNTY EXHAUST CLASS 1

Thirty men will be entrained for Camp Travis tonight by the Brown county local board, constituting the first increment of several which are to be sent out of this county during July. This month's draft calls are the heaviest yet made on the local board of Brown county aggregating 190 white men and 118 negroes.

This month's calls upon the local board will exhaust class one of the 1917 registrants. Next month's calls are expected to exhaust class one of the 1918 registrants, and during September it is probable that men in deferred classification may be inducted into the service.

This month's calls so far received are as follows: Today, July 5, 30 white men; five day period beginning July 15, 30 white men; July 18, two white men for limited service; five day period beginning July 22, 128 white men and five day period beginning July 29, 18 negroes.

The local board is unable to furnish 190 white men of class one from the 1917 registrants, but understands the call for 128 men on July 22 to mean that all of class one of last year's registrants are to be entrained and that the quota will not necessarily be filled at that time. There are only eight negroes in class one in this county, so that the call for 18 men on July 29 can not be filled.—Brownwood Bulletin.

STRANGER HAS FITS ON STREETS.

A man, age about thirty, claiming Brownwood as his home, had several fits on the streets in Ballinger Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The man claimed that he had been visiting his uncle at Sweetwater and was en route to his home at Brownwood. He stated that he was subject to spells, and he called on the county judge to make application for a place in the epileptic colony at Abilene. The judge advised him to return to his home and make application at that place. Some who came in contact with the man were inclined to believe that he was putting up a sham in order to appeal to the sympathy of the people and get money. He claimed to be without funds to continue his journey home and started out of town walking, but had a fit before he walked two hundred yards, and came back. If the man is an epileptic he deserves help. If he is playing a fraud he deserves punishment.

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

A. J. Voelkel, of our city, attended the German Church entertainment at Rowena on the night of July the Fourth and at which time a splendid program was rendered and a large crowd was present. The entertainment was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Sutzat and the proceeds amounting to something over \$70 was given to the Red Cross.

ENJOYED OUTING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt and children and Mr. Bankhead, the U. S. government man, joined Mr. Ingle and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wheelis on the 4th, on the Colorado river near Ballinger and all report a very pleasant outing and Mr. Flynt says special praise is due Mr. Ingle's daughter for the splendid way she made and baked the corn bread for dinner, especially so as this is and should be one of the main items on the bill of fare.

THREE LEFT FOR AUSTIN.

There were three Runnels county young men left Wednesday afternoon for Austin to enter the Mechanical training school at the state university to fit them for service in the U. S. Army. They were: Eddie Voelker, of Hatchel; A. S. Kerby, of Crews; and Albert Smith, of the Valley Creek country.

EASY TO MAKE CLEAN CITY.

There should be no filth or germ breeding places in Ballinger at this time. Weeds are dying a natural death, and require little work to remove them from your premises. This is the season of the year when we all fear disease, and it behooves everyone to be on the alert in keeping down anything that would make for the community unhealthy conditions.

The city is doing some effective work in having the streets in the business section of the city kept in a sanitary condition. Every home should have a head for cooperation with the city in this work.

FAMILY REUNION.

Joe Turner came in from South Texas Thursday night to join his brothers and sisters in a reunion at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner, of the Norton country, on July 4th. Mr. Turner and two younger sons were in Ballinger Friday afternoon and Mr. Turner says the reunion was a very pleasant one as it was the first time in many years since they had had their entire family together at one time.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

Chas. H. Fletcher

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years The Kind You Have Always Bought

Judge C. H. Jenkins and family of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Friday in their auto en route to several points in New Mexico to spend a few weeks vacation.

en route to Goldthwaite to look after a bunch of horses he has on pasturage near that place, and says the grass is getting scarce there and he will have to move them to some other section or bring them home.

T. J. McCaughn, of Norton, passed through Ballinger Wednesday

Speed—Speed—Speed!

Uncle Sam pushed the clock ahead one hour to give more light. Take advantage of it. You owe it to yourself and your country to make every minute count.

Use your car—passenger or commercial—to the limit.

Samuel P. Colt, president of the United States Rubber Company, helped awaken the country to the economic value of the automobile last fall. He said—

"Everything on wheels must be used and mobilized.

"The automobile is second to the railroads as an adjunct and supplementary to them in collecting and distributing merchandise.

"Owners should use their cars, both passenger and commercial, more and more."

Make the most of your car by using the tires that will extend its usefulness to the utmost.

Use good tires—United States Tires. They last longest and carry you farthest at least cost.

There is a United States Tire for every car or truck—to guarantee uninterrupted service and greatest economy.

Our nearest Sales and Service Depot dealer will tell you which ones will serve you best.

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M. C. SMITH Attorney-at-Law Office up-stairs in C. A. Doss Building. Examining Land Titles a Specialty.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 percent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Gleescke Ballinger, Texas.

SEVENTH ANNUAL Socialist Encampment GLENCOVE, TEXAS, JULY 31st, AUGUST 1st, 2nd, 3rd

The principal speaker will be

Ben F. Wilson, of California, who is a member of the National Advisory Committee. His topic will be

"Winning the War for Democracy."

You are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Dance platform and other legitimate concessions for sale. See J. M. Futrell or J. W. Ward, Glencove.

All Receipts above actual expenses will be given to the RED CROSS.

GLENCOVE, TEXAS
JULY 31st, AUGUST 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Would Not Trade Places With Any One Right Now —Troy Simpson.

Somewhere in England,
June 14, 1918.

Dear Friend Sledge:

I have intended writing you for some time and thanking you for arranging for us to come out there for a concert but you were away for a time and since I have been busy and am just now finding time. I passed through Columbus while you were there but knew it would be almost impossible to see you so did not try. It was just hard luck that we did not get to come to Ballinger for a concert, but just waited too long. It was our intention to come during the campaign week and all the boys were very anxious for the trip and asked me to express their thanks to you for your efforts.

This is a wonderful country and I have been seeing some wonderful sights and beautiful scenery. Wish I was allowed to tell you all about it and other things on our trip here. I believe I could give you at least a page story that every subscriber would read but that will have to keep until I get back. I was not sea-sick for a minute and was able to enjoy myself, as well as every meal, all the way.

Things are awful high here and some scarce. I was sight seeing yesterday afternoon and only found one candy shop on my rounds and was unable to get but very little then. I bought one pound of grapes and paid \$1.70 for them. Strawberries, the best you ever saw are plentiful right now and moderately cheap. I see plenty of them as big as a hen egg and you need no sugar to eat them. You see gardens everywhere you go. Every inch of ground is used along the railroad, back yards and every place there is a foot of ground, even in the camps are planted in vegetables. It is too early for them yet but later on they will have more vegetables than I see how they will gather.

It is still pretty cold here and I find an overcoat very comfortable every morning. It seems as cold to me as it was in Canada. A few days of hot sunshine would feel awful good.

We have been to some very interesting places on our sight seeing trips, some I would sure like to tell you all about. Just the buildings here are interesting to study. They are built very funny to us and some as old as 1060. Several of these places I've been through and will never forget. When I

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ford, and daughter of the Oak Creek country, came in Monday to accompany Mrs. Ford's mother, Mrs. F. S. Brewer, and her son, J. H. Brewer who left on the morning train for their home near Brownwood.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles. Insurgency relieves itching Piles, and you can get relief soon after the first application. Price 50c.

can after this I will mail you card views of some of the things I am seeing if it is permitted.

I have been well and now weigh about 160.

Sledge be sure and start the weekly to my address for you can't imagine how hungry I get for the news. I would sure pay several years subscription for just one copy right now for I have not heard a single word from the States in over a month sometimes I get a little homesick, not exactly home sick, but just want to be back and see you all. I would not trade places with anyone right now, but the minute this little business is settled just watch me.

Write me a good long newsy letter and tell me everything that has been happening lately and how business is. Tell Platt and Jones that the water's fine but that I want to find them both there when I return. Has the paper conditions become serious again or not? It is sure scarce here and if you ever have any old writing paper to throw away just wrap it up and address it to me. It is hard to get more than one sheet for a letter. Most all the news papers that I have been able to get here are only four pages, five column. However it is all news except the front page, which is usually 'want ads.' Most of them sell for two and three pence.

Seldom ever see an automobile but bicycles are every where. You can look out any where and see women in uniforms passing on them. I also see lots of women doing all kinds of work, such as street car conductors, baggage clerks, field work, yard trucks, police duty, cab drivers, even some shoveling coal and on all others kinds of work. It seems funny at first but you soon understand. Of all the things that seem funny to me, the trains were the worst. I just wish they could see a New York Central Mail train pass.

Guess I had better quit for this time. Give my best wishes to all the force and my friends and don't forget a fellow just 'cause he is gone but remember me soon with a long letter and above all start a copy of the weekly on its way.

Let me know in what condition this letter reaches you. I have tried to stay within the bounds and I trust it will reach you just as I have written it.

Your sincere friend,
TROY.

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. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 30c.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arthschwfsky and children, of the New Home neighborhood, left Wednesday afternoon to visit his parents a few weeks.

SWEET PASTRIES ARE WAR CASUALTIES

(By United Press)

Ottawa, Can., July 9.—French pastry is outlawed in Canada.

The latest "Summary of Orders," just issued by the Canada Food Board, says it is illegal to make the toothsome dainties, or to make biscuits with icing between layers or plastered over the exterior, or to make candy at home for home consumption.

Until Aug. 1 candy factories are restricted to 50 percent of the quantity of sugar used last year. No wheat flour may be used by anyone in manufacture of candy.

No wheat or wheat products, except bran or shorts, may be fed to livestock.

Doughnuts are forbidden. Manufacturers may use 80 percent wheat flour in biscuits and in such sweet breads as are still permitted, and 90 percent wheat flour in soda biscuits.

Wheatless and meatless days and meals are prescribed from time to time, according to condition of the supply, as in the United States.

All food dealers are licensed, as in the United States, and the quantities of foods they may sell to customers at one time depend upon the distance of the householder from the source of supplies.

Anyone who wishes to indulge his taste for French pastry, or cannot resist the call of the doughnut, may have his way for a little matter of a fine ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, or a jail sentence up to three months, or both.

WAR SAVING STAMPS NOT TRANSFERABLE

Mr. C. A. Doose,
Chairman, War Saving Committee
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Mr. Doose:
Replying to yours of the 25th beg to say that any one purchasing War Saving Stamps has no right or opportunity to sell, barter or trade them for merchandise.

War Savings Stamps when they are pasted on a War Savings Certificate, are not transferable or assignable, nor can they be used for collateral security of any kind.

Of course, War Savings Stamps when they are loose and not attached to a certificate can be transferred like money but the government did not design them for this purpose and will not permit the indiscriminate transfer of them.

The arrangement whereby a person can cash War Savings Stamps at the post office on ten days notice was a privilege granted by the government for the purpose of taking care of the needs of the individual who had purchased more than he could reasonably carry, or to provide for calamities or contingencies where the person purchasing had made some miscalculation as to his ability to hold.

The whole design of the government is that these stamps shall be a loan by the people to our government, maturing January 1st, 1923, and I cannot condemn too strongly any practice which causes the stamps to move from hand to hand in barter or trade, and I most vigorously protest against any one cashing War Savings Stamps except in case of most dire need.

I am sure there are no people in your community who would be unpatriotic enough to buy War Savings Stamps and then cash them unless they absolutely had to.

Yours very truly,
LOUIS LIPSITZ,
State Director.

AT BLUE CREEK, OKLAHOMA.

Miss Marryatt Smith and brother Master Clarence Smith left a day or two ago for Gainville where they joined their sister, Mrs. F. H. Turbeville and family and together they are enjoying camp life at the historical mountains near Blue Creek, Oklahoma, 12 miles from Tishomingo, and Miss Marryatt writes they are having a delightful time.

339 WOMEN AT WINTERS REGISTER

Saturday was registration day at Winters, and 339 women qualified for voting in the primary election. The deputy tax collector had previously announced that he would be in that city, and the women awaited his coming and it was a busy day for him. This is about twice as many women as had been estimated would register.

Up to noon Monday, 1,040 women had registered in the county, not included what had registered at Truitt, where the deputy was spending the day.

109 registered at Miles, and Tuesday will be registration day at Hatcher and the Rowena women will be given an opportunity to register Wednesday, and reports from that town state that many will qualify for voting.

Many women are visiting the tax collector's office today, the day being set apart as special registration day for Ballinger. While many are registering here, Tax Collector Chastain announces that the Ballinger women are not registering in numbers like some of the rural districts, and the ratio here will be smaller than the country districts, unless there is a hurry up during the remaining four days registration period.

Mr. Chastain now estimates that between 1,400 and 1,500 women will register in the county, and if all these vote the women vote will practically equal the men vote in the primary.

SIXTY THREE WOMEN REGISTERED MONDAY

While many women had previously registered, and while others will register before the time expires, Monday was announced as a special registration day in Ballinger and many women took advantage of the day, and registered. 63 women registered during the day, most of them being Ballinger women.

The Monday's registrations brought the total above the 1,100 mark, with no report included from the deputy in the country. With three days remaining in which to register it is now estimated that the total will be around 1,300.

CHILDS WELFARE COMMITTEE ACTIVE

At ten o'clock Tuesday morning more than a dozen children were waiting to be examined at the rest rooms of the Lankford furniture store, where local physicians are co-operating with the children's welfare committee of the Woman's Council of National Defense in giving free physical examination.

In addition to those waiting, children were going and coming some having been examined and others coming to take their turn. The examinations are made and if any physical defects are found the proper remedy is prescribed.

The recommendations of the examiners can be carried out if the parents wish to improve the child's physical condition, or it can be passed up.

By taking the proper steps and using the proper precaution at the right time, it is easy to make a healthy and perfect man or woman out of a boy or girl, who might otherwise be a life long weakling. This is a worthy work of the council of defense and a work in which the parents and guardians of this city should co-operate in.

Old False Teeth Wanted.
Don't matter if broken. We pay up to 15 dollars per set. Also cash for old gold, silver and broken jewelry. Check sent by return mail. Goods held 10 days for sender's approval of our offer. Mazer's Tooth Specialty, Dept. A., 2007 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 21-10w-pd.

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

June 26, 1918

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$379,007.65
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
U. S. Treasury Certificates	75,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds	20,000.00
War Savings and Thrift Stamps	2,768.02
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Cash and Exchange	116,110.03
	\$648,285.70

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	56,826.46
Circulation	25,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Dividends Unpaid	6,000.00
Bills Payable	45,000.00
Deposits	413,959.24
	\$648,285.70

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.

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

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. If you have any troubles of this sort, give them a trial and realize for yourself what a first class medicine will do for you. They only cost a quarter.

Clarence Wilson, of the Pony Creek country, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home from Fort Worth where he had been to market a car load of cattle.

Will Droll, of the Rowena country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Fort Worth and other points in that section on a business trip.

F. D. George left Saturday afternoon for Clarksville where he has accepted a position with a large mercantile company. His family will join him a few days later.

E. H. Colburn, of the Winters country, W. P. King, of the Crews country, and E. D. Bowen, of the Hatcher country were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

C. W. Johnson, of the Pony Creek country, passed through Ballinger Sunday en route to Ranger and other points in that section on an extended business trip.

Mrs. R. E. Walker left Monday at noon for Garden City to visit her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Mann and family a few weeks.

Miss Alice Smith who had been spending a few weeks nursing a patient at Brownwood returned home Monday at noon.

Lonnie Baldwin, of the Winters-Crews country, Capt. A. D. Tally, of Crews, J. W. Norman, of Paint Rock, Aug Seipp, and B. F. Crim, of the Valley Creek country, and H. Seipp, the one-horse farmer of Maverick, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

PHONE 320-305 or 358 for Ford Service Cars.
3rd-tw R. P. CONN.

WANTED—875,921 lbs. good fat hens. Highest Spot Cash prices paid.
3rd-tw. R. P. CONN.

Elsie Lee, of the Valley Creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to San Angelo where he will serve as a juror at this term of the Federal Court.

Mrs. Roy C. Griffin, nee Miss Otelia Truly, of Coleman, came in a day or two ago and will make home with her mother, Mrs. P. E. Truly while Mr. Griffin is in the U. S. army service.

BALLINGER GIRL COULDN'T STAND CLOTHES TO TOUCH HER.

"My father got me a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for stomach trouble and I am feeling so much better since taking it. My stomach was so painful I couldn't stand my clothes to touch me." 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.

John and Raymond Hash returned home Sunday from Houston, where they have been for some time, working in the ship yards. Robert Hash also came in Monday on a seven day furlough from the Houston army camps and will visit his parents and friends.

Mrs. J. D. Ladwig left Monday morning for Valera to visit her sister, Mrs. L. M. and family a few days.

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