

# THE DAILY LEDGER.

VOLUME 8.

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 14, 1913.

NUMBER 17

## AMERICAN LADY FLOUR-- The Best on Earth ---VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

### YOUNG MAN SELLS BORROWED HORSE

Officers Hot on Trail of Man Who Hired Horse at Abilene and Sold Him.

Abilene, Tex., Feb. 13.—According to a telephone communication received by Sheriff Weir at two o'clock (Wednesday) afternoon from Deputy Sheriff Whaley who went to Winters on the morning train, he is hot on the trail of the young man who Sunday hired "Old Smokey" a saddle horse, from the Miles Holmes livery stable and failed to return the animal.

The young man appeared at the Holmes stable Sunday afternoon, hiring the horse and representing that he was going to Buffalo Gap and would return that night or early next morning. He gave his name as Pate at the stable, but failed to return according to promise. The matter was placed in the hands of the sheriff. On Tuesday Mr. Wier was informed by Deputy O'Bar, at Ovalo, that the man had traded "Old Smokey" off to W. R. Zimmerlee, living six miles south of Ovalo. The stranger received a pony and thirty dollars in cash for the Holmes horse. He came to Ovalo and cashed the check given him by Mr. Zimmerlee. The next heard from the man he turned up in Talpa, where he sold the Zimmerlee horse and the Holmes saddle. He boarded a train for a town southwest a few hours before Mr. Whaley arrived in Talpa.

Mr. Whaley left on a hot trail of his man this afternoon about three o'clock, and Sheriff Weir is confident that he will overtake him.

The stranger, since Sunday, has gone under three different names, Reid, Pate and Marlow.

Allen Currie, who had been spending some time with his parents at Rogers, Texas, returned to Ballinger Friday at noon.

### ROY WILSON DRAWS 49 YEARS

Young Wilson Charged With Murder of Roy Stuart at Paint Rock Convicted.

News came over the West Texas Telephone Co., line at eleven o'clock this morning stating that the jury in the Wilson murder case rendered a verdict, at 10:30 this morning, declaring Roy Wilson guilty of murder and fixing the penalty at 49 years confinement in the pen.

Wilson was convicted for killing a young man by the name of Roy Stuart at Paint Rock last summer. The case was called for trial at Paint Rock Monday and went to the jury Thursday evening and the jury returned the verdict as above. Wilson is 24 years old. He will be brought to Ballinger and kept in the jail here until he can be transferred to the pen, or until his case is passed on by the higher courts, in case an appeal is taken.

### GOV. COLQUITT'S APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

Among the recent appointments of Gov. O. B. Colquitt confirmed by the Senate we note our fellow citizen, Jno. A. Weeks, of the Walker Drug Co., again appointed on the State Board of Pharmacy.

Mr. Weeks has been a member of the Board continuously since 1907, and is the only one of the old board that has just been re-appointed. He is now serving his eighth year and at one time was president of the Board of Pharmacy. We are glad to note the valuable services of our friend Weeks is appreciated by the Governor and we know Mr. Weeks is always alive to the interest of the State Board of Pharmacy and he never misses a meeting of the board and is a full hand when it comes to the needs of the state along these lines.

John L. Wortham is confirmed as Secretary of State and J. T. Bowman as private secretary to the Governor.

## A True Statement

of A. Levy, Mgr. of Rosenwasser & Levy of Ballinger and also of the Sweetwater Dry Goods Co., Sweetwater, Texas.

You doubtless know that our advertisement from Oct. last until the present, that our intentions were to give up business in Ballinger. I have spent over \$300.00 for railroad fare and hotel bills, have traveled over North, East and South, Texas to find a location suitable for our business.

There are many towns in the state where suitable locations for any kind of business can be secured, but from my experience in looking for a location, I view the prospective difference from what many would, I figure the expense of moving, the time lost and most of all the friendship that exists in this section of the country. We have had many friends and customers to ask us to remain here in business and have also been offered any financial assistance necessary to remain here. As our views were for a larger city that we might have a greater output of merchandise as we have always bought in large quantities. Therefore have spent our time and money, have found cities that appealed to me as a good city for business, but failed to secure the proper location in any of them. Thus failing to secure the proper place for our business and not desiring to locate in a town to my idea suitable for my business like we wish to establish. We therefore appeal to you for your patronage, if you find us worthy of same; we do not promise we will treat you better in the future than we have in the past, for those who have traded with us know how we have treated them from the time we opened for business up to this date.

While you are reading this statement I am in the Eastern market purchasing the newest most up-to-date line of spring and summer merchandise that can be secured. I will make my best efforts to see that you get value received for your money.

With best wishes for a prosperous future to you, we are,

Yours truly,

**ROSENWASSER & LEVY**

By A. Levy, Manager.

Ballinger, Texas

### FIGHTING CONTINUES IN MEXICO CITY

All Day Fighting Gains Nothing For Either Side—Madero Bombarded in National Palace.

Mexico City, Feb. 14.—Neither the Federals or Rebels have gained any ground during the last twenty-four hours. The firing has been continual from both sides, but slow, and it is believed that the real battle is yet to come, as the rebel commander ordered his men to conserve their fire and save their ammunition. The rebels have lost no opportunity, however to throw their heaviest shells at the most important places, and the National Palace has been badly damaged and the American Club wrecked. The rebels have prevented the Madero forces from making any approach.

There is no business in the capitol city, and not since the beginning of the revolution has the situation been so serious as at this time. The report that Diaz forces would be strengthened within the next twenty-four hours makes things rather uncertain for Madero and his government.

### All Day Battle Yesterday.

Mexico City, Feb. 13.—At five o'clock this evening it was reported that General Diaz had demanded the surrender of the National palace. All through the day the rebel batteries of heavy guns were throwing a fierce fire of shrapnel around the palace. Many of these dropped into the Zocalo, which fronts the building, and the federal soldiers were compelled to move to cover.

Before dark the fire on both sides was intermittent but apparently less vigorous from the federals. The government troops were receiving ammunition in small consignments and it was stated they were running short.

Today's resumption of the battle began at 8 o'clock, a battery

of federal artillery opening fire on the arsenal, but although the bombardment was kept up without cessation for an hour or more, it had no appreciable effect on the rebel defense.

That Diaz had prepared for threatened overwhelming movements by the government, which Madero promised would be carried through today, was shown by the fact that he had stationed sharpshooters on the roofs of buildings, had dispatched a force outside the city to the east and had placed his heavier guns in positions commanding all approaches to his stronghold.

Gen. Huerta, commanding the federals, had promised to rush the fortifications of the rebels, but he elected instead to employ his artillery from the various points of vantage. Once during the early part of the day the infantry came into action.

During the heavy shelling of the palace, Diaz apparently moved some of his forces to the southeast of the city and shortly after 2 o'clock the palace was made the target of both shells and rifle fire from that district. Coincidentally the rebels succeeded in extending their zone of activity in other directions.

The rebel fire towards the palace was intended not only to bring about its surrender but had for its purpose also the clearing of the intervening high buildings of machine guns and rifle men and of silencing the federal battery operating in San Juan Lertan street, at a point midway between the arsenal and the palace.

### What Uncle Sam is Doing.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Frequent joint sessions of the army-navy guard here today and orders sent out to ships and troops cause many rumors to go out. It is well known that several thousand troops have been ordered to make ready and be in a position to move on a minutes notice, but further than this the meetings being held by Admiral Dewey. Major General (Continued on page 4.)

## To Do Business With The First National Bank

IS to appreciate conservative methods, careful service, extensive connections and the untiring efforts of the management to serve the best interest of their customers under all circumstances.

Under Direct Supervision of the  
United States Government.  
Established 1886.

NO Man can Place a Limit on  
Your possibilities; but a growing  
account with the  
Farmers & Merchants  
State Bank  
Will Greatly Increase Them.  
'FATHERS AND MOTHERS'  
BANK.

Ballinger,

Texas.

**THE DAILY LEDGER**

Published every afternoon except Sunday by The Ballinger Printing Co.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- For Mayor:**  
W. H. WEEKS.  
J. W. POWELL.
- For Alderman:**  
C. C. COCKRELL.  
R. A. NICHOLSON.  
E. F. KREBBS.
- For Treasurer:**  
J. WHIT PATTERSON.
- For Marshal:**  
T. A. TIDWELL.  
J. N. McKAY.  
B. W. (Chop) PILCHER.

The railroads are not advertising excursion rates into Mexico now. There is something it does not pay to advertise.

Mr. and Mrs. Helen Gould have sailed for Egypt to spend their honeymoon. That good woman is going to show Mr. Helen a fine time.—Menard Messenger.

The Nacogdoches Sentinel disclaims any ability as a judge, but suggests that three hours of "Teddy" would be a powerful good thing for our Mexican border.

While it is stated that many congressmen are worth over \$150,000, the Amarillo News reminds us, however, that in striking a fair average, it must not be forgotten that many more congressmen are worth nothing.

Says the Clifton Record: "If you dont like the town move away. It is a poor man who can not speak a good word for his town and the sooner we are rid of the squawker, the better off we will be. If you cant do a good turn keep your mouth shut."

As you come to town every

morning stop occasionally and peep around at the other fellow's yard. He will catch you at it, become ashamed of the condition of his yard and will go to work and clean it up. Help to make Ballinger the healthy town of the state.

In making some reference to a little boy on the streets the other day we hear a prominent citizen remark "that's a tough little nut" His remark might have been true; no doubt was true, for the boy's appearance, actions, his talk, his clothing all verified the statement. But why is he a "tough little nut?" He is just a little "nut", probably not over seven years old. He is not responsible for what he does at this age; not considered so by law, nor by man. Some one is responsible, and in years to come some mother's heart will be made to bleed, and some father's gray hair to multiply all on account of the "tough little nut" reaching that age where the law will take a hand and do what the parents should have done for the "tough little nut". Are you a real father to your boy?

Don't get impatient, spring time is coming and then summer and you will "kick" about the hot weather.

A county editor duns his subscribers in the following novel manner: "All persons knowing themselves indebted to this office are requested to call and settle. All those indebted to the office and not knowing are requested to call and find out. Those knowing themselves to be indebted and not wishing to call are requested to stay at one place long enough for us to catch them."

Tom Trail, of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Mrs. S. D. Williams and Mrs. Parker of Hatchel, were among the shoppers in Ballinger Friday.

**AN ACCIDENTAL FORTUNE.**

Just as the sun went down behind the red hills of middle Georgia, Mr. Brown, a traveler, came to a dilapidated farm house, which showed to be the home of one of the many ignorant, careless "cracker" farmers of that day.

As it was a matter of miles to the next house, Mr. Brown decided to accept the invitation of shelter which the poor farmer offered in spite of the unpromising surroundings. He found these people, though ignorant and poor, to be at heart good and sincere and he listened to the stories of Mr. Jones's crop failures, resulting, he could see from an impoverished soil which had been, to use the farmer's word, "worn out" from continued cropping, without any return being made of the plant food taken therefrom.

The next morning, Mr. Brown was passing the crib and noticing some cotton seed spilled upon the ground, picked up a handful and being called to breakfast about this time, he placed the seed in his shirt coat pocket, thought no more of them until after breakfast, in taking out his handkerchief, he soiled a number of them on the floor.

Then in his embarrassment, he told Mr. Jones that these were some fine seed his brother had sent him from Texas.

This interested Mr. Jones at once and when Mr. Brown freely gave him the seed, he refused to permit him to pay anything for his lodging, but was as happy as a boy with his first jackknife with the fine (?) seed in his possession.

Several years later, Mr. Brown was gain in this territory, and decided to look up this poor farmer Jones. As he approached the location of the poor old worn out farm, he began to notice a general appearance of thrift and the evidence of prosperity among the farmers in the way of better houses and better crops than he had seen recently. And when he came to the Jones farm, he could scarcely believe his eyes for the cotton growing there had the largest stalks he had ever seen and every limb was full of bolls. And near the place where he had last seen the old tumble down shanty, there now stood an elegant brick mansion, with evidence about the place that the owner was a person of wealth and culture.

While he sat, rubbing his eyes, a luxurious touring car came up behind him, turned out to pass him, then stopped as it came opposite. Looking out to see what had caused the machine to stop, Mr. Brown was surprised to see a handsome strange gentleman get out and advance toward him with outstretched hand saying: "Mr. Brown, as sure as I live. I am certainly proud to see you. Do you know, those seed you gave me have made me rich."

**Lump Coal \$7.00**  
**Best Coal In City \$9.00**  
**PHONE 312**  
We Buy Good Sacks 4 Cents a Piece  
**ARCTIC ICE and FUEL COMPANY**

**Hall Hardware Co.**  
Everything in Hardware  
**Competent Plumbers Always**  
**Ready to Attend to Rush**  
**Orders**  
Your Business Solicited  
**Hall Hardware Co.**

**REMEMBER**  
I represent the celebrated Spirella Corsets and Wm. Frank waists for children. Your orders appreciated.  
**Mrs. Clara Ransom**  
Phone 335. 406 9th Street. Ballinger, Texas.

**To The Shaving Public**  
I have been continuously in the Barber Business in the town of Ballinger for fourteen years, and my motto is, and always has been, is to please you. You will find the Bank Barber Shop located in the First National Bank Building with (4) four workmen who know how. Hot and Cold Baths in connection.  
**JAMES McWHIRTER**

**A Home Institution**  
Should Be Encouraged By Patronage  
**The Home Steam Laundry**  
Wants Your Business Guarantee Satisfaction

**Seeds Seeds Seeds**  
Our Field Seeds are Selected and Recleaned Stock. We have bought two cars of field seeds. Red Top or Shumack Double Crop Cane Seed, Black Amber Quick growth Forage Cane Seed. Selected Kaffir Corn, Recleaned Dwarf Milo Maize, Big German Millet, White Maize, Selected Bright Texas Red Rust Proof Seed Oats grown in Grayson county. We are absolutely headquarters for Selected Field Seeds.  
**Missouri Milling Co.**

**THE BALLINGER LUMBER CO.**  
Sells  
Lumber, Paint, Cement, Oils, Glass, in fact everything that any first-class lumber yard carries.  
**THE BALLINGER LUMBER CO.**

**A SATISFIED CUSTOMER**  
**OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT**  
WE GUARANTEE SATISFACTION  
**Wilbourn Studio**  
712 I-2 Hutchings Avenue

**The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.**  
**Capital \$60,000.00 Surplus \$9,000.00**  
OFFICERS and DIRECTORS  
Chas. S. Miller, President, G. M. Vaughn, Vice-President, E. D. Walker, Cashier, W. E. Barbee, Assistant Cashier; C. O. Harris and Morgan Jones.  
We cordially solicit your business be it large or small—Our motto is "Live and Let Live," as interpreted under the principles of the Golden Rule. Corner 7th Street and Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas.

"I dont see how that could be" responded Mr. Brown. "Well it is too long a story to tell here in the road, but come on to the house and I will promise to entertain you somewhat better than I did the last time you were here." So Mr. Brown, was compelled to realize that through some wonderful influence, the poor ignorant farmer Jones had been developed into the cultured gentleman he was following into the splendid residence he had noticed and all through the repast which his host had spread, he was in a condition of bewilderment as to the answer to this mystery.  
Taking his guest to his den, which overlooked the wonderful cotton field, Mr. Jones produced  
(Continued on last page)

**The City Bakery**  
**And Confectionery.**  
The Best Bread and Cake, The Freshest Confections.  
**JOHN PHILLIPS,**  
PHONE 165  
MANAGER

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.



AT THE

# Princess

## TO-NIGHT

A fire is kept in our theatre all day and will be warm for you to-night.

**Picture Subjects**

Through Memory Blank  
A Case of Dynamite.  
In the San Fernando Valley

**First Show Starts at 7:45**  
**Admission Ten Cents**

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new machine, which is being installed today and will be used in the performance tonight.

**AN ACCIDENTAL FORTUNE**  
(Continued from page 2.)

a box of fragrant Havanas, and comfortably seated and their smoke arising is incense to the god of nicotine, the host related the following account of his experience:

"After you had left, my wife and I talked over the matter a great deal and finally decided that those fine seed deserved better treatment than I usually gave to my crop. So, as there was no part of the farm in a fit condition for planting them, we decided to take the garden for them and prepare another place for the garden.

"This old garden had been well broken to a depth of about 8 inches and well fertilized with home made fertilizer and ashes and as there were so few seed, we gave them plenty of room, planting them about 5 feet apart each way.

"No matter what else about the place needed attention, I always made it a point to work this small patch after every rain, or every 10 days if it did not rain oftener.

"Of course our neighbors soon heard about it, and every Sunday they would flock in by dozens to see how our cotton was growing, and as soon as it could be noticed that we had something superior, these same neighbors spoke for a few seed and each, agreeing to pay at the rate of \$1 an ounce for them. Before this crop had matured, I had begun to study up on the subject and by accident stumbled upon an old year book of the agricultural department at Washington, which contained the secrets of seed-breeding and selection.

"So, when I gathered my crop, I kept for myself, all the seed from stalks containing the great-

est number of large bolls and sold early fall, and subsoiling it until I loosened the soil to a depth of at least 10 inches. Then harrowed it every time a crust began to form, until planting time the next spring.

"As this land had been in peas, and a large amount of vines were plowed under, it contained quite a lot of humus, which holds the moisture in the soil and keeps the ground full of air.

"As I had been studying up on commercial fertilizers, I decided to use a ton of high grade goods on this 2 acre field. This fertilizer was scattered for a width of one foot on each side of the rows which I laid off in checks five feet each way, afterward mixing the fertilizer with the soil by plowing through it with a harrow tooth cultivator. Then two weeks later, I harrowed the entire tract again and proceeded to plant, as by this time, the heat caused by the fermentation of the chemical fertilizer had ceased and no longer endangered the young plants, as it would have done, had I planted directly after its application.

"This second year, as soon as the squares began to form, and before any blooms appeared, I went through the patch and pulled all stalks which did not have a goodly number of squares and thereby prevented the lowering of my standard of productivity by the pollen from these weak and low-yielding stalks being carried by wind and insects to the blooms of more productive plants.

"This two acre plot made a little over two bales of cotton and gave me seed enough for my entire crop the next year, besides selling seed to my neighbors for enough to bring the income from

this small patch to a greater amount than that derived from all my other land.

Since that time, I have built up the fertility of over 40 acres, planting peas on the land the year before it was planted in cotton.

"So, I have gone on, year after year and now, if you will look at that field yonder, you will notice that every plant is as near as possible exactly like every other one and that I have, by careful selection of seed, bred up a strain of cotton which has the largest number to the stalk of the largest bolls, you ever saw. I fully believe that I could have taken the run down seed which I was planting at the time of your former visit and bred it up to this same standard and if I had but tried." And Mr. Jones paused a moment, while Brown began to twist in his seat, until the tension was relieved by Jones continuing. "Do you know, Mr. Brown, I don't believe it is exactly right for me to call the strain of cotton the 'Georgia Record Breaker,' when those seed came from Texas."

"Oh, don't you worry about that," replied Brown "for I am sure that those seed have more right to be called Georgian than anything else."

A. S. WHITTEN.

**FIGHTING CONTINUES IN MEXICO CITY**

(Continued from page one). Woods, Major General Witherspoon, Brigadier General Weaver, Brigadier General Crozier and other army and navy officials are present.

**ATTENTION ROYAL ARCH**

Stated convention Ballinger Chapter No. 184 at 8 p. m. Friday February, 14th. All members are urgently requested to be present. Visiting companions cordially invited to attend.

By Order of High Priest.  
Attest. J. McGregor, Sec.

Ladies it should make a difference with you as to the style of type and quality of work you get when you order visiting cards. We have the new and latest style type and both the linen and kid finish cards, and workmen who know how to handle the work. Phone

W. J. Miller, of Austin, one of the former pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of this city, came in Thursday night on a visit to relatives and Ballinger friends and to look after business affairs a few days.

Nick Stalworth, of the Fuzzy creek community, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Rev. Flemister, of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Friday at noon en route to Pony Creek where he goes to fill his regular appointment at that place Sunday.

**REMEMBER**

I represent Mrs. Steffens of Brownwood for Cut Flowers and all kinds of Bedding Plants and Roses.

**Mrs. Edwin Day**

Phone 131 Ballinger.

**Electrical Conveniences**

Don't cost much but add greatly to the convenience of the housewife and gives her many an hour of recreation. Don't put the matter off; but **See to it at once.**

Phone 15.

**Ballinger Electric Light Plant**  
Ballinger, Texas.

**You Eat to Live and Live to Eat**

It's our business to furnish your table with the Best Groceries. Our deliveries are prompt—our goods are first class.

Phone 66

**Miller Mercantile Company**

**City Tailor Shop**

The Best Cleaning and pressing  
We Do Dye Work

AGENTS FOR

**Kahn Bros. and A. E. Anderson & Co.**  
**J. F. NASH, Proprietor.**



Who's Your Tailor?

**C. C. GILLIAM**  
should be

The best Cleaning  
Neat Pressing

We Order Suits and  
Guarantee a Fit

**C. C. Gilliam**

**H. Giesecke,**

Real Estate and Mortgage Broker,  
Money to Loan at 8 per Cent Interest,  
NO COMMISSION CHARGES.

**COZY THEATRE TO-NIGHT**

EVERYTHING NEW BUT THE HOUSE

Elevated Floor      Opera Chairs

Matinee 3:30 p. m. Every Saturday Afternoon

First Show Starts at 7:45

Second Show Starts at 8:45

PICTURE SUBJECTS.

The Deceivers.  
The Governor.  
Essenary Today.

General Admission Ten Cents

**West Texas Telephone Co.**

"The System Reliable"

**THE TALK WITHOUT THE WALK**

Whether a rural or city resident, a West Texas Telephone will save you many steps and prove invaluable in a financial way.