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What is the difference between Foreign Capital and Catalogue Houses?

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FT. WORTH NEGRO KILLS TWO

Shoots a Policeman and a Negro; Then Crawls Into Sewer and Kills Himself.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 15.—Three were killed and three were wounded this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the murderous sally of a young negro bootblack, Tommie Lee, 23 years old. While pursued by a mob of 2,000 people he crawled into a culvert and killed himself. Among the dead are:

Policeman Ogiltree, one of the veterans of the force, Walter Moore, a negro and the slayer.

The wounded are: Dave Colton, Harold Murdock and an unknown negro. The latter is expected to die.

The trouble arose over a trivial negro quarrel in McCampbell's barbecue stand. Lee had a shot gun with him and proceeded to fire at his tormentor. This one shot started him on the war path. He hurried to McGar's pool hall where he killed Walter Moore. When Murdock ran into the door to see what the trouble was about, Lee turned on him and wounded him twice. When Ogiltree tried to stop him, the policeman was slain.

Colton later was encountered and was wounded. Lee took refuge under a culvert and shot himself.

Rev. W. Bion Adkins returned home Friday morning from Miles where he delivered the commencement sermon for the Miles High School Thursday night.

Mrs. Clara Ransom went to Coleman Friday morning in the interest of her company.

AMERICAN KILLED IN MEXICAN FIGHT

Shoots Cousin of Pascual Orozco and Is Slain By Companion.

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—News was received here today that William Prother, an American railway conductor living here, was killed Tuesday at La Junta, Chihuahua, in a fight with two Mexicans. He shot and killed a cousin of Pascual Orozco and wounded another man in the fight. Then he ran out of ammunition and was killed by the wounded Mexican.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Ed Pape lost two horses Thursday by lightning, three miles northwest of Ballinger. The horses were in the pasture near a wire fence and just before rain began, Mr. Pape heard keen clap of the thunder but did not see the horses fall. After the rain he went out in the pasture and found the horses lying dead. They fell together. The horses were worth \$200 and is a heavy loss to Mr. Pape.

A CORRECTION.

Referring to note in Ledger to the effect that I had declined the position of State Evangelist and pastorates "in this State because of bad health" needs slight correction to wit: The positions above referred to are not "in the State." The strain was too great, and my health failing led me to give up the position of State Evangelist, but my health was never better than it is now. Declined churches for other reasons. The popular editor is usually correct. J. J. JUSTICE.

NEW LAURELS WON.

Supt. W. S. Fleming informed us that the Ballinger High School is now affiliated in German with the State University, thus permitting students in the High School Department the privilege of electing German instead of Latin and with four years in German a graduate may enter the University the same as if he or she had taken four years in Latin. This makes our High School have 17 1-2 units credit in the University, a distinction which we may well feel proud and this last step or credit is due to the efficiency of Miss Marriett Smith, the German teacher, and Prof. W. S. Fleming able management, as superintendent.

WHAT HAS BALLINGER TO OFFER THE HOMESEEEKER

Sometimes we are asked what it is that Ballinger has to offer the homeseeker, and on the other hand what kind of homeseekers or newcomers are most desirable for Ballinger, and it sets us to thinking. Of course, we naturally believe that any factory which could be put in operation here giving employment to the unemployed, who are here at present and furnishing employment for other people who work for wages is a good thing, and any man who knows anything about it, realizes that there is nothing like a regular weekly pay roll to give up trade in a city and keep the actual cash in circulation.

In this connection, we might point to the fact that thousands of dollars are going out of Runnels County every year for canned goods, most of which should be raised here and the location of a commercial canning factory secured would do a great deal for the general prosperity of the community. As a canning factory is only operated usually in the summer time, and the cotton gins in the fall, it would be a saving of expense for the gin plant to furnish steam for "processing" the canned goods, thereby reducing the expense of installation.

This would encourage the truck growers to plant a larger acreage to vegetation as they would be assured of at least a return of their expenses on all good stuff, and after supplying the fancy markets they could hedge with any surplus and not be compelled to throw anything away, that later they will have to buy at an increased price and perhaps not get as good goods as they permitted to go to waste.

If there is any need in Runnels county for anything so much as more farmers, and, if possible, better farmers, we fail to see what it is, and in thinking of this question, we are reminded of a trite expression used by some colonizers: "Land without man is a wilderness; Man with out land is a mob. Mix thoroughly and the result is a number of happy homes."

"A little farm, well tilled,
A little house, well filled,
A little wife, well willed,
A little child well drilled."
—Selected.

In the words of "his editor":
"Them's my sentiments."

U. S. MUST SURRENDER \$1,000,000 IN TAXES.

Washington, May 15. — More than \$1,000,000 collected in corporation taxes must be surrendered by the treasury as a result of the supreme court's decision that a corporation leasing its property and deriving its only income from that lease is not "doing business" within the meaning of the law and is not taxable.

PRECAUTION TO MUZZLE PRESS

Wilson Orders All Army and Navy Maneuvres Suspended Because of Jap Row.

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson has determined that no warships or troops shall be moved or anything resembling military or naval demonstration carried on by the United States while diplomatic negotiations with Japan over the California alien land legislation are in progress so that no alarming interpretation can be placed on even the ordinary maneuvers of the army and navy.

RAIN REPORT.

Another splendid rain came in our city and county Thursday afternoon and the fall here was reported at 3-10 inches and as high as two one-half inches in other parts of the county, being heavy in some spots and light in others. The West Texas Telephone Co., gives us the following report:

Bradshaw, good shower; Crews, light; Coleman 16-100; Eden one-half; Hatchel, light; Leaday, big rain; Millersview, two inches; Maverick, two one-half; Miles, one inch; Norton one inch; Pony, light; Paint Rock, light; Rowena, one one-half inches; Truitt, light; Winters one one-half; Abilene and San Angelo report no rain.

FROM SAN ANGELO STANDARD

After being in session for three days the grand jury of the district court which convened Monday, made its report Wednesday evening to Judge Timmins. The body returned indictments in seven misdemeanor and two felony cases. None of the indicted persons have been arrested but warrants have been issued.

With the registering of three automobiles this week in county clerk Keating's office, the number of cars in the county has reached 432 mark.

License to wed was received Wednesday in the county clerk's office by Grover Cleveland Wylie and Miss Annie Ealon Larkin, both of Bronte.

Rev. Flemister, of Brownwood, came in at noon Friday and went out to the Pony creek country and will preach at Bethel church Sunday and Sunday night.

VICTORIA GETS NEXT FIREMAN'S MEET

New President is Elected and All Vice Presidents Were Promoted.

Wichita Falls, Tex., May 15.—With the selection of Victoria as the next convention place in 1914 and the election of officers, the business session of the thirty-eighth annual convention of the State Firemen's Association of Texas came to a close at noon today.

Roger Byrne of Smithville, was chosen fourth vice president.

R. V. Gwynne of Wichita Falls was elected to the national convention, W. B. Warren, first vice president, was promoted to the presidency and the three other vice presidents also were promoted. Other officers were re-elected.

HONORS AWARDED AT HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School faculty announced the honors in the graduating class for 1913.

There are three boys and 12 girls in the graduating class.

Roscoe Wilmeth takes first honors for the boys with an average of 95 58-100 and Miss Corine Eskridge among the girls with an average of 94 42-100, Miss Charlotte Mayfield is second honor graduate with an average of 94 17-100.

This is perhaps one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the Ballinger High School and shows that interest is increasing along educational lines. The only objectionable feature disclosed is the small number of boys as compared with the girls.

The condition we think is due to parents permitting boys to stop school when they want to, and from our point of view this is all wrong. We contend that a boy 15 years old is not capable of choosing what he wants to do and he ought to be forced to stay in school till 17 or 18 at least.

W. B. Kelsey, who farms on the C. A. Doose place up the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday morning and reports a fine rain at his place yesterday afternoon and says his oat crop is now assured.

J. R. Holliday, the Norton gin man, who had been to the ginners convention at San Angelo, returned home Friday.



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Somebody ought to establish a packery out west where the jack rabbit multiplies. 11,000 scalps brought to one county court house for bounty, indicates that there is lots of meat going to waste. — Temple Telegram.

No Brother Williams there is no need of a packery in West Texas, as the farmers trade the scalps for chewing tobacco and sugar and eat the meat.

An editor knows about all there is going on around him. He does not tell all he knows. Not by a whole lot. — Las Vegas Democrat.

It requires a big lot of good judgement to decide what is best not to publish; and a mistake of judgement is often the cause of more trouble in a day than can be got from under in a month. The wise editor is the one who knows what not to publish. — Ft. Worth Record.

Language of the Heart.

The dispatches say, Congressman Callaway is not at all satisfied with President Wilson's letter touching patronage complications that have developed in his district. Neither was the young man who got the following note from his girl:

"Dear Friend Joe: I am extremely sorry I can't go to the dance with you, on account of a severe headache, but glad to get your kind note, just the same. It helped me greatly in deciding, in advance, in case the headache should disappear, whether or not I had decided to have another previous engagement. Write often and make your notes real letters."

The young man was sorely puzzled and called in a close friend, a man of more years and experience, for aid in clearing up the situation. Having read the dainty document over several times, the faithful friend assumed his most grave and judicial air and said: "My dear boy, in affairs, of this kind, in which the language of the heart necessarily becomes a controlling factor, ambiguity of expression is frequently employed to mask a warmth of feeling which the conventions of artificial society forbid a young lady to express in plain terms. All is not lost, at least not yet. However, in your place and with the lights now before you, I would not build my hopes too high upon this lone hypothesis. In fact, the girl may learn to solve another at any time. So, expect the best, but fix right away for the worst." — Ex.

The detailed census reports

shows that over 1,000,000 pounds of pork and bacon is shipped into Runnels county annually. That's too much meat for the people of this county to send North for and have money left to pay land notes. Instead of shipping meat the farmers of this county should be shipping out a few train loads of hogs each year. — Ballinger Ledger.

There are too many counties in Texas where the same conditions exist and until the change suggested by the Ledger is wrought the counties will fail to prosper as they should and could be made to do. — Fort Worth Record.

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Wool, Sugar and the Income Tax.

Not the caucus only, but everything else that has so far happened, goes to show that the real uncertainty about the bill's future turns on three things. These are free wool, the proposal as to sugar duties and the proposal as to the income tax.

There is no good reason to sophisticate any one of these three questions.

As to wool, to cut heavily the present rate on it is an imperative Democratic duty. A bill that failed to do that much would be a plain breach of Democratic pledges, an unpardonable betrayal of Democratic principles. To remove the duty altogether would be in strict accordance with both pledges and principles, and it is in itself a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Free sugar is also desirable. But the objections are stronger than those against free wool. The loss of revenue would be far greater; the principle of free raw material is much less extensively involved; the benefit to the consumer, though apparently plainer, is open to some question, at least as to the amount of it. We, for one, are quite content that the complete removal of the tax is to be postponed.

One reason for our contentment is that meanwhile we shall have a chance to see how the income tax provisions work. Frankly, we should like to see a cautious, rather than a headlong resort to that method of raising Federal revenues, and a very careful study to find out the most just way to apply it in this country. We are glad that all question of the power of congress to make use of it is ended, but we do not wish to see it at once too much relied on as a principal means of raising revenue in time of peace. — Harper's Weekly.

Rev. W. H. Doss, pastor of the M. E. Church, left Thursday afternoon to attend the District Conference meeting which convened in Winters Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Schoeder, of the Olfin country, were shopping in Ballinger Thursday and Mr. Schoeder divided his cash with us while here.

Miss Nell Story, who had been visiting friends at Winters, came in Thursday afternoon and will be the guest of Mrs. Jo Wilmeth and family before going on to her home at San Marcos.

W. F. McShann, who lives down the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday afternoon and reports his section in fine shape since the recent fine rains.

Hatton Laxon, who had been spending the past few days with relatives and Ballinger friends, left for the East Thursday afternoon.

D. J. Johnson, traffic manager for the West Texas Telephone Co., who had been looking after the company's interest in this section the past few days, left for his home at Brownwood Thursday afternoon.

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C. R. Crews, A. H. Eicke and C. Schuehard returned home Thursday afternoon from Winters where they had been to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new M. E. church under the auspices of the Masonic order.

Ben Thomas, of Personville, Texas, who had been visiting his uncle J. H. Holliday and family of the Dry Ridge neighborhood the past few days, left for his home Thursday afternoon. He is delighted with our section and will likely move here in the near future to make his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Mack and Mrs. Fannie Johnson returned home Thursday from San Angelo, where they had been to attend the State meeting of the Christian church.

Mrs. A. L. Higdon, of Lampasas who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Skaggs, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route home. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Melton while in our city.

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A. S. Whitten left Thursday night on a short business trip to San Angelo and other points in that section.

Miss Ollie Dunn left first of the week for the McNeal home near Winters, where she will teach a music class the next few months.

Mrs. A. H. Wigle returned home Friday at noon from a short vacation at Mineral Wells.

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Joe Sommers, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

George Harris and Monk Loder of Miles had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

Rev. R. M. Hammock, returned home Friday at noon from Sweetwater, where he had been on business the past few day.

Miss McDermion left Friday at noon for Rowena to look after her music class at that place between trains.

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Bill Maxwell, who owns school land in Crane county, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Friday.

LOST—One half size buggy cushion. Finder return and receive suitable reward from C. A. Doose. 14-3td

Dr. W. B. Halley returned home Friday at noon from Dallas, where he attended the Shriners convention.

The Winters ball team passed through Ballinger at noon Friday for San Angelo, where they will play a series of two games with the San Angelo ball team.

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Miss Louis Crews left Friday at noon for the Sims ranch in Concho county to join the Lynn camping party, who will spend a week or two in camp life on the banks of the Concho river.

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Joe Becker, a veteran show man of West Texas, is in the city today billing the town for J. M. Busby's big minstrel show which will be in our city next Thursday, May 22nd. Mr. Becker played Ballinger several years ago with King of the Cattle Ring and Rip Van Winkle, and promises the show going public that Busby's minstrel will be the best of them all.

Ed Glober, the fire chief and Carlos and Reuben Dunn returned home today at noon from Wichita Falls where they had been to attend the State Firemen's Convention and all report a most pleasant occasion and a royal entertainment by the citizens of that city.

George Spidell, of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

LOST—A Lavender auto veil near Hally & Love sanitarium last Sunday night, finder please return to Mrs. J. H. Patterson, or Ledger office. 15-dtf

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, came in at noon Friday from Memphis, New Orleans and points up North where he had been on legal business the past ten days and will visit in Ballinger a few days before going on home.

Rev. Fred S. Carter and wife, Miss Mattie Baird, Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. A. H. Eicke returned home Friday morning from San Angelo, where they had been attending the State meeting of the Christian church in session in that city the past few days.

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"To him, who, in the love of Nature, holds communion with her forms, she speaks a various language", and among other things she teaches him her secrets and he may then inform his more careless fellow man, so that he though holding her secrets in contempt, may still be benefitted.

And this subject of controlling the waters which yearly come pouring down, taking toll of human life and wrecking and overturning the puny works of careless and contemptuous man, is no exception, and if the admonitions of those children of men whose minds and hearts are attuned to Nature's music, and whose lives are spent studying the secrets that lie near to Nature's heart, are heeded, then there will be a cessation of these horrors, and as the mere fact that they do heed will presuppose their taking an interest in an added respect for the great works of Nature, then it may be found that those who have lost their lives as martyrs to the criminal ignorance and indifference of the race shall not have died in vain.

It is an admitted fact that as the land is placed in cultivation, and the natural order of things altered, the floods rise to greater heights, and frequently the added difference of just one foot to the height of the crest of the flood makes the difference in the world, and perhaps more than doubles the total loss resultant therefrom, so that anything which adds even one inch of the crest of the flood, should be studied in all its causes and a means of prevention discovered.

To begin with, let us turn backward in our memories to the time before the land was placed in cultivation, and examine what the conditions were and then perhaps we may be able to substitute artificial methods of conservation of the flood waters which will be as effective as the original, natural ones.

First we find the land covered in most part with timber or prairie grass, and as the forests were usually dense and frequently the ground was covered with debris, rotting leaves, and undergrowth, the storm waters were held up for weeks, before they were all given up to the streams, and during his period, the trees and shrubs should have absorbed quite

a large amount of this moisture, whereas now with the forests gone, and the land scratched a few inches deep, the storm waters may immediately run off, taking with them, tons upon tons of top soil, thus adding to the volume of material of which the floods are composed, and that one thing alone is sufficient to raise the crest of a flood to a considerable degree, especially where the flood slow down and begin to deposit this sediment which raises the bottom of the channel, thus compelling the water to rise higher and higher and higher until it endeavors and finally destroys human life.

The prairies in their natural condition were covered with a heavy carpet of grass, among which, were found the decayed remains of thousands of years' growth of grass and leaves which had blown and lodged, and when the heavy rainfall came, these particles of rotten leaves and grass seized upon the surplus water and held it until almost all of it could be taken up by the grass roots or could trickle down into the millions of prairie dog holes, which acted as a natural tile drainage system, which is sadly missed now, in these days, when the prairie dog and the splendid grass are only memories to the oldest inhabitant, and the farmer carelessly scratches along and merely loosens up his soils to an extent that facilitates its being washed away during the first real hard rain, a loss to him and a menace to his fellow man who lives down below. As there is always "the straw that breaks the camel's back" so it is a fact that if the farmers of some one particular state had thoroughly loosened their soil to a depth of 16 inches, would have enabled the soil to catch a heavy rain and hold it, the amount varying from 4 to 8 inches, according to how dry it was, then the flood would not have risen to within 10 feet of where it did rise, and suppose if the farmers of some one particular county had done the right thing by their land, and prevented the flood from rising to the last foot of its height and suppose some one man by properly breaking his own land, and telling his neighbors how to do likewise, and then by preaching and writing, this same man should be able to get enough thinking men to listen and go do the same thing for their

fields, not only on account of their duty to their fellow man but on account of the great returns to them, suppose this one man should be the cause of keeping the flood down just 2 inches from the height it should have had, and the saving thereby should be not only millions of dollars worth of property, but hundreds of human lives.

Would that man have balanced the book with Nature, so that she should not have lost on his existence?

There are many other things for us to do and have done, most of which must of necessity, be done through the instrumentality of the national government, such as the damming of streams and re-foresting the waste places. Of course, we could do these things without having to go to the government but we have fallen into the habit of doing so, and until the people get closer together than they are now, and realize more fully that they are "their brother's keeper" it will still be necessary to operate in that way.

A great deal of the water of which these destructive floods are composed, is the result of heavy rainfall in a semi-arid country, and if the land was prepared to take it up, the farmers in that country could have enough season to make a big crop from the lost water which at present is such a menace.

In the level lands, where the rainfall is more, if the land was all tile drained, so as to have the surplus water gradually withdrawn before it drowns out the vegetation, it would be capable of taking in more of these large rains, especially if the land has been properly broken and sub-soiled to a depth of at least 16 inches, and the average man today does not know that the greatest need of the lands of America is tile draining, so as to keep the land free from surplus water, as, contrary to popular belief, too much rain fall is more harmful to a crop than not enough, and the test, as to whether or not the land needs tile draining will be that if the surface is dry enough for plowing or rather cultivating, within 48 hours after the rain has stopped, the land is suffering for tile drainage, and will soon sour and lose fertility, to say nothing of the growth of weeds and loss of time for the farmer waiting for it to dry up, which reminds me of some farmers who lose a crop every year, first by waiting for it to rain and then waiting for weeks for it to dry off. All things considered, a place where the rainfall is from 18 to 24 inches is about the best place for the human family, as it will be healthy, and the doctor and undertaker will not get all a man makes, and the children can develop their minds better than in a sickly country.

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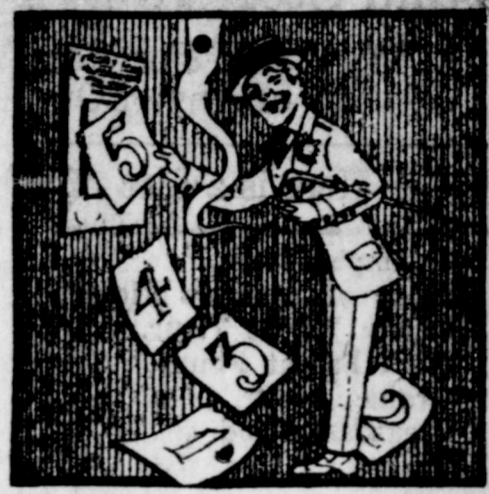
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There are 170,000,000 acres of land in Texas, he said, about one

eighth of which is considered as improved. Local and foreign capital, however, he said is fast financing projects that mean further and continued development.

Of the many and varied products of Texas Mr. Chamberlain discussed cotton, of which Texas produced 4,700,000 bales last year at an average price of \$50 per bale, making \$235,000,000 from this source alone. For all time to come, he said, Texas would be the great cotton-producing State of the Union, giving her an infallible source of wealth. The deposits of coal and metals might play out after while, a very long while, but the soil always would be there to be rejuvenated and produce cotton each year.

Mr. Chamberlain took up the relationship between Texas and the Panama Canal, showing that the completion of that big task, together with the advent of more manufacturers for Texas, would mean that Texas would become the manufacturing and shipping State of the Union because of its relatively shorter distance from the canal and from the markets of the western world.

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