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## GEORGE BROWN IS DENYING HIS GUILT

In Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Whitley Says He Has Committed no Crime.

Following is a letter from Geo. H. Brown to Whitley and wife in which he says he is not guilty. The letter was not written for publication, but was a private letter to Mr. and Mrs. Whitley.

Following is the letter:

June 28, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitley:

I will try and write you all this evening, I have just received the news that application for rehearing was denied me. They can deny me a rehearing and take me to the penitentiary but I am no criminal my conscience is clear of any guilt, they can testify falsely against

I will pray the Lord to forgive me, but that don't make me guilty of any criminality.

them for their wickedness, may the Lord help them see their wickedness and that they will repent and ask forgiveness and get right with the Lord before it is too late for them. I don't know if I will get to see you all in this world any more or not, but I am determined to hold on to the Lord, until the end and we will meet in heaven. I am praising the Lord today for salvation in my soul and daily guidance and keeping me true to him and for leading me in the light. I know I have the love of God shed abroad in my heart and my whole heart's desire is to be perfect in the eyes of the Lord and am praising him for sending his messengers to me here in this place and for their songs and prayers and words they did speak to me that did point me back to the lamb of God who reclaimed me of my backsliding. No sister Whitley I haven't sufficient language to praise him enough. I want to ask the prayers of you all, the prayers of the just availeth much.

The surrounding circumstances are not as pleasant as could be, but I keep close to the God and look heavenward and He keeps me true to him. God be thanked and praise his name ever more. If I go to the pen I don't believe God will let me stay. There will be something in the future in some way that will turn up that will let me out a free man again. I have kept this letter several days thinking I would get to see you all but the way things are going around the jail I don't suppose

## MANY LEAVE FOR WINGATE PICNIC

About ten or twelve automobiles loaded with the business men and the Ballinger Concert Band left early Wednesday morning for Wingate to attend the big picnic today. The people over the county appreciate these visits of the business men of Ballinger and this mingling together is of great benefit to our entire citizenship. Their meeting together brings about a more friendly feeling and a more close business relationship and is the beginning of a feeling that has long been needed in our county.

It has often been remarked that there never was a more clever, hopitable class of people than in Runnels county and this coming together convinces the stranger in our midst of the close relationship existing between the town and county. Let's keep it up.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

The committee meeting of the various Sunday schools of the city met at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Tuesday night and Ballinger is to have the next District convention which convenes in this city in October and is composed of 30 counties and about 200 delegates are expected to be present on this occasion. The organization was made permanent and E. D. Walker elected permanent chairman and J. H. Wilbourn secretary. A most harmonious and pleasant meeting was had Tuesday night and a grand time is expected at the October meeting of this District Sunday school convention.

J. M. Schneider, the irrigation farmer, four miles southeast of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

O. Voglesang, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and we are glad to note he is regaining his usual good health after a severe spell of sickness several weeks ago.

R. Gotschalk, one of the prosperous German farmers of the Valley creek country was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

You all are granted the privilege to visit this place. I'll close with much love for the Whitley family.

Your brother in Christ,  
G. H. BROWN.



## A Secret Worth Remembering!

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Don't forget the great feature to be presented on the 14th "From the Manger to the Cross." Note what the daily papers say of it. Every man, woman and child should see this wonderful picture. 5000 feet of film.

## BIG SHELL STRIKES NEAR WILSON YACHT

Shell passed Over the May Flower at Safe Height. President Makes No Comment.

Washington, July 8.—While both the officers of the president's yacht Mayflower and officials of the navy department were reticent today concerning the "near-attack" to the vessel last week when a shell from the proving grounds at Indian Head is said to have narrowly missed the ship with President Wilson aboard, it is believed an investigation of the affair will be ordered.

It was declared today that the shell itself passed over the Mayflower at a safe height, but that the danger was caused by the dislodgement from the shell of the rotating band, a circle of steel seventeen inches wide, which fell close to the vessel. So loud was the screech of the shell that the Mayflower's crew it was said, rushed on deck to ascertain the trouble. At the time President Wilson was said to have been sitting on the afterdeck with Dr. Carey T. Grayson, his physician.

So far as is known the president made no comment or complaint on his return to the White House. Numerous protests have been made in the past against the firing of big guns at Indian Head. River captains declare the lives of their passengers and crews are endangered by the trials and contend there have been many narrow escapes from disaster.

### Weather Report.

Tonight and Thursday generally fair.

Henry Walters, of the Valley creek country was marketing oats in Ballinger Wednesday.

## FIVE CARS AND ORIENT ENGINE GO INTO DITCH

San Angelo, Tex., July 9.—East-bound Orient thru freight No. 20, en route from Stockton to Angelo, was wrecked Tuesday morning on the main line three miles east of Tankersley, Engineer Fuller and his engine going into the ditch, followed by five box cars four of which were loaded. No one was injured and but a comparatively small amount of damage was done to the equipment. However, about 100 feet of track was torn up. The wreck occurred on a straight stretch, over which the train was making good headway at the time.

Due to the blocking of the line, the westbound passenger, which left this city at 8:25, was unable to get by the mixup and backed into San Angelo at 10:30. It was delayed here about five hours. With a large crew at work with the wrecker the evening train, due at 6:50 should arrive on time.

Tuesday's morning's wreck was the second and the largest to occur along the line within twenty-four hours, a car of stock being wrecked at Margaret, Texas, Monday afternoon.

## ENTERS INSURANCE BUSINESS

F. D. George for a long time advertising manager for the Bentley-Smith-Temple store, has resigned and entered the insurance business with headquarters here. He is connected with the Reliance Life company.—Temple Telegram.

Mr. George above mentioned was at one time a prominent citizen of Ballinger and was known many of our people as "By George," all of whom wish him much success in his new avocation.

## DE LA BARRA QUILTS; MAY LOOSE HEAD

May Go ABOARD as Announced Sometime Ago. Huerta May Not Consent.

Mexico City, July 8.—Francisco De La Barra resigned as minister of foreign affairs today. He may go abroad, as he announced some weeks ago, but it is possible that he may return to Toluca, capital of the state of Mexico, to complete his term as governor, to which office he was elected early in the year.

Senor De La Barra, who recently spent several days at Toluca, declared that he would leave the state government in other hands, but it is reported that President Huerta may insist upon his remaining there instead of absenting himself from the country. Emilio Rabasa recently appointed ambassador to the United States, is prominently mentioned for the foreign office.

## MIXENA GAS MACHINE.

Messrs. Bean and Anderson, of Comanche, have on demonstration in the Chas. S. Miller building on Hutchins Ave., their cooking and lighting machine and we saw them cook biscuit in five minutes that were well done, crisp and nice. Their machine makes a splendid light, also for household or office purposes and they are selling the machine at a reasonable price. The heat is good and evenly distributed and there is no ashes or smoke from the machine or stove you cook on. It will pay you to drop in and see them.



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Let's co-operate and just keep on co-operating.

If you have the grouch take a day off and get out with the Ballinger boosters on one of their trade excursions. It's a sure cure for the grouch.

After paying all expenses of Ballinger's birthday party the finance committee had \$1.22 to their credit from the amount appropriated for this purpose. That's what you might call making ends meet.

That live stock and agricultural exhibit would prove a winner this fall. There are more fine farm produce, and fine live stock and fine poultry, and fine babies in Runnels county than the county ever had before.

There is no cause for excitement or uneasiness over the attempt incendiaryism in our town. We do not believe that the court house is in danger of being destroyed by fire.

Judging from arrangements the Ballinger merchants are making they are going to be better prepared this fall to take care of the trade of Runnels county than ever before.

It's easy to do the job when you have plenty help, and it is hard to do anything when the people are divided. Co-operation, that's the winning word.

A lynching was postponed for five hours at Pensacola Fla., in order that people might come 100 miles to witness the hanging. After being hung the negro was riddled with bullets.

We predict that the special session of the Texas legislature will be about the warmest thing

that was ever pulled off in Texas. In fact it is going to be hot. The appropriation bill is going to have some strings tied to it, if the amendment election does not go to suit the legislature.

Editorial ORNAMENTAL GIRLS.

The girl who has just graduated from college may not be able to go into the kitchen and make pies like mother, but she is a mighty handsome ornament for the front piazza.—Greenville Herald.

Make no mistake about it—she is! And why shouldn't she be? Everybody is in favor of all girls being ornamental. Young men love them for being ornamental and the ornamentaler a girl can be surer she is of attaching to herself a husband for better or for worse. To be a good cook is a fine thing for a girl; to be able to manage a home economically and without too much ado over it; to be able to make her own clothes and darn her own hose; to be able to work over her last year's millinery and make it look almost like new; to be able to outmaneuver a plump chicken in a big back yard and reduce the rebellious fowl to a brown cairn of toothsome delight, with cream gravy on the side—to be able to perform one or all of these feats is to add much to the intrinsic worth of any girl, plain or beautiful. But admirable as these domestic virtues are, the girls know and everybody knows that beax are attracted not by these praiseworthy attributes, but by the soul and heart and vernal hopefulness of youth looking into the eyes of youth, deep speaking und deep. Ah, there is where it all begins. Therefore let no girl fail to make as much of her looks as she can, not forgetting that nature is a better workman than art, and that white teeth, a smiling mouth, a happy radiance and perfect tidiness are always beautiful. With these any girl is pretty, and the longer she keeps them after she has settled down to house-keeping the longer her husband is going to believe she is the dearest woman in the world. A young woman in good health may be excused for not being a paragon of domestic artistry but she is never excusable for being a slouch.—Dallas News.

DETERMINATION.

The most perilous hour of a person's life is when he is tempted to despond. The man who loses his courage loses all. There is no more hope for him than there is for a dead man. It matters not, however, how much he may be pushed by circumstances if he only keeps his courage, holds up his head, and with unconquerable will determines to be and do what becomes a man; all that makes or unmakes. Keep a stiff upper lip. Realize that success or failure depends, after all, on you and you alone. A man makes his own bed and must lie in it. So make up your mind that you will succeed, and then get down to work with determination. "The road to wealth is as easy as the road to market." You must call to your aid all that can honestly assist you; can help you invest your savings, however small; that can invite you to further thrift; that can develop in you courage and cheerfulness.—Exchange.

Generally fair is the forecast for the next twenty-four hours.

INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR EGGS

The following from a leading poultry journal was handed to us by a local poultry grower, with the request that we publish it. We gladly give space to the article, and believe that it is to the interest of the poultry raisers of this country, as well as to those of the entire State, to adopt its teachings. Following is the article:

The eastern egg buyers have discovered by years of experience that one out of every five eggs coming from this state is a bad egg, and they make the price to us and our egg buyers accordingly. So it is the producer who loses, after all.

After the hatching season is over there is no longer any reasonable excuse for keeping the males with the laying hens. Some people imagine that the hens lay more eggs if the roosters are allowed to run with them. This is a mistake. On the contrary, careful experiments have shown that a flock of hens will actually lay more eggs if the males are not allowed with them.

Because the deterioration which takes place in an egg is not easily visible to the naked eye, as it is in fruits, vegetables, etc., people do not realize the fact that it is one of the most perishable of all food products. This is especially true of the fertile egg. A fertile egg kept in a warm room will become unfit for eating purposes almost as quickly as milk. It is a mistaken idea that a fertile egg has to be in an incubator, or under a hen, in order for the germ to begin to develop. A very large per cent of the eggs candled out every summer by the carlot shippers and the wholesale egg dealers are fertile eggs in which the germs has started to develop and then died when subjected to a lower temperature, thus causing decay to set in. A fertile egg, kept in a warm room or hot country store for even twenty-four hours, will be unfit for food on account of the growth of the germ.

Infertile eggs, laid by hens with which no male is running, will keep in good condition for two

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For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

J. L. Lee of the Maverick country, and his son-in-law, Jim T. Jones, were here Wednesday to meet Mrs. Jones and two children, who came in from Comanche at noon Wednesday and went out to visit Mr. Lee and family a few weeks.

A. J. Voelkel left Monday afternoon for Clifton on a short business trip.

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John Wiseman, who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past week or two left Tuesday afternoon for Beaumont.

W. L. Baker, one of the Ballinger rural mail carriers, returned home Wednesday morning from a short business trip to San Angelo.

G. A. Schuhmann and daughter of Rowena, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday between trains.

Mrs. Ernest Voelkel and two little children, of the Rowena country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunny Duncan came in from Oklahoma Tuesday night on a visit to home folks and Ballinger friends.

Chester Jones came in from the Clements ranch near Hatchel Tuesday afternoon to visit home folks and Ballinger friends a few days.

WANTED—To buy second-hand dresser or side board. Apply at Globe Store. 8-3td pd

Attorney Tom Patterson, of Winters, came in Tuesday evening to look after legal business in Ballinger a day or so.

J. F. Mansker returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short visit to relatives and friends at Winters.

Judson Baldwin left Wednesday at noon for Rowena on a short business trip in the interest of his firm Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.

T. M. Shelbourn, who lives down the river, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

T. Jones Webb and S. B. Caperton, prominent citizens of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liniment counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

A. B. Burrell and John G. Key, who are traveling for a wholesale firm after a few days visit to home folks, left for the East Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ann Van Doren left Tuesday afternoon for Belton and after a short visit to home folks will leave for Sulphur Springs to visit with friends for a short vacation.

Messrs. Herndon and Sprauls and their families of Kansas City, who had been the guests of Messrs. A. B. Burrell and W. E. Branch, and families the past week or ten days, left Tuesday afternoon for their home.

**For Sale or Trade. A Bargain.**

A practically new buggy with both pole and shafts, single and double harness. Prefer to trade for oats or maize. Dr. Thos. E. Mangum. 3-4tdw

Silas Izard, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday morning to look after the interest of his firm, the San Angelo Marble Works, for a few days in our city and county.

G. D. Tarlton, of Hillsboro, came in Tuesday and in company with H. Giesecke, who represents him in this section, went out to look after farm interests in the afternoon.

**Dressmaking**

For first-class dressmaking see Mrs. C. A. WOOLLEY, first door south of Mrs. Emma Nash residence. Phone 148. 8-dtf

Mrs. John R. McGee and grand daughter, Miss Lillian Ernest of Lubbock, Texas, who had been the guests of C. R. Crews and family, left Monday for Abilene en route home.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

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J. M. Nichols was in Ballinger Wednesday to meet his wife and children, who came in at noon from Valera, where they had been visiting relatives the past week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lewis, of Hillsboro who had been visiting their nephew, W. B. Page and family and to look after land interests in Runnels county, left Tuesday afternoon for their home.

**Repairing Parasols.**

We are in position to mend and in the most up-to-date manner repair and recover your umbrella or parasol. See us at Rosenwasser & Levy's. 9-2td 1tw

Wallace Moser, of Belton, who had been here to attend the funeral of his sister Miss Verna, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.

Johnnie Johnson of Bronte, came in Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbine cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Miss Vina Barringer left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo to see about the prizes in the Standard's contest. We hope Miss Vina will win first prize as she has worked hard and deserves it. She sent in one million votes and \$100 in cash Monday afternoon and we think her chances good.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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T. S. Lankford and daughter, Mrs. Monroe Hartman left in his auto Tuesday afternoon for Wingate to visit relatives and attend the picnic at that place Wednesday.

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**LETTER FROM R. S. GRIGGS.**

Ballinger, Texas, July 7, 1913.  
To the Voters of the 111th District.

As your representative I feel that a statement from me relative to my attitude toward the Constitutional Amendments to be voted upon on July 19th is in order. For a short time after my return from Austin I stated to different parties that I favored all the amendments to be submitted. After a more careful reading and study of them I decided that I could not support Senate Joint Resolution No. 18. I am supporting the first two amendments which will appear on the ballot, believing them to be safe and sane amendments. The first will relieve the congested condition of our district courts and the other will allow the Legislature to place district, county and precinct officers on a salary basis.

I opposed the issuance of the \$2,000,000 of penitentiary bonds authorized by the Legislature at the last regular session, voting "no" on every ballot had in connection with the bill. I based my opposition to the issuance of said bonds mainly upon the ground that no Constitutional authority existed for the issuance of bonds in excess of \$200,000 to meet deficiencies in the revenue, and because I thought that the present administration should be required to meet the deficit existing in the proper way and manner by levying the necessary tax rate. I believe each administration should care for all its expenditures by proper tax levy and not try to shift responsibility on to the next official family. I believe the debts hanging over the penitentiary system to be properly classed as debts arising because of the "deficit" in the State revenues, and hence under the limitations of Section 49 or Article 111 of the Constitution, one of the two sections sought to be amended, the issuance of the bonds above mentioned was clearly inhibited. I am still of the opinion that if they are issued they will be issued without one line of Constitutional authority. The proponents of Resolution No. 18 are evidently doubtful of the Constitutional authority for their issuance as they, headed by Gov. Colquitt are admitting that said \$2,000,000 in Penitentiary bonds can not be sold on the market as easily and readily if this amendment is not adopted as they can if it is adopted, and are pleading for the adoption of the amendment in order to remove all doubt as to the question.

I voted for the submission of Resolution No. 18 to the people, but at the time I did not like to do so with this penitentiary proposition included therein. Being a former university student and having a desire to do everything I could consistently to advance the interests of that great school as well as the other schools of the state I decided to lay aside my opposition to the clause covering the issuance of bonds for the penitentiary system and voted for the submission of the resolution to the people. Then too the consideration of same was had during the closing days of the session and because of the rush incident there to the opportunity for careful, mature and thoughtful consideration of the amendment was not given us, which we have had since returning to our homes. I understand there are about sixty members of the House of Representatives who are opposing this amendment, though practically all

of them voted for its submission to the people.

Ordinarily I am not opposed to bond issues as the people of my home town well know. When the necessities and condition of the municipality, county, city or district, demand the issuance of bonds I do not oppose such a policy, but on the contrary consider it wise and just. The people vote on all local bond issues and if a majority of the property tax-paying voters want to issue bonds they ought to be issued. I believe the people should have the right to vote the bonds, be they of whatsoever character, local, county or State. Prior to 1899 the commissioner's court of the various counties of the State of Texas were authorized and had the power to issue bonds for building court houses, jails and bridges, upon the court's own motion. No election by the people was necessary. Under this law graft and corruption became prevalent and in 1899 the Legislature recognized the necessity of a change and passed a law requiring all bond issues to be submitted to the people. This was a wise law as all will admit. Now, if it was wise to limit the powers of the governing body of the county as to local bond issues why should it not be so as concerns the powers of the Legislature when State bond issues are under consideration? I think the same rule should apply in both cases. At least, there should be such limitations placed upon the power of the Legislature to issue bonds for the divers and sundry needs of the State as will properly safeguard the interests of the taxpayer, the one who has the burden to bear, which burden should at all times be made as easy as possible to the end that every tax-payer would gladly and willingly pay his taxes, and appreciate his being a citizen of the State.

They tell us the Legislature can be depended upon to stay within bounds and that a safe and sane business policy will always dictate. A majority of the present Legislature voted to issue the above mentioned \$2,000,000 in bonds without any clear-cut Constitutional provision authorizing such issuance. Quite a number desired to issue \$3,000,000. What might this same majority do, and I believe they are honest and sincere men, if you throw down the bars and give them authority to issue bonds indiscriminately and without any limitations.

So far as the University is concerned I would favor an amendment which would authorize the Legislature to issue bonds for that great central school of the State, and for the A. and M. College at Bryan, to a limited extent. We are told that this amendment limits the amount of bonds which may be issued for the University. Let us see if it does. The amendment provides that "the revenue received from the permanent University fund shall be available for the payment of the interest on these bonds and for the creation of a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity." The only seeming limitation would be that the Legislature could not use more than the entire amount of the "revenue received from the permanent fund" to pay interest on bonds and create the necessary sinking fund to redeem them at maturity. The Legislature might not even use all of such "available fund?" It does not. Notice the words "shall be available." It does not say that this "available fund" ONLY shall be or may be set aside to pay inter-

est on outstanding bonds and to create the sinking fund therefor. The adoption of this amendment would clearly authorize the issuance of any number of millions of dollars in bonds for the University and the Legislature could use all the "revenue received from the permanent fund" and in addition thereto make appropriations out of the general revenue for whatever additional sum might be needed to pay the interest and create the necessary sinking fund. The amendment should be made to read so that bonds might be issued to an extent that ONLY the "available fund" of the University could be set aside for the payment of interest thereon and to create the necessary sinking fund. Such an amendment as here suggested would allow the issuance of a sufficient amount of bonds for the University at the present time and not appreciably increased the usual appropriations made out of the general revenue of the State for the support and maintenance of the institution. I would not oppose an amendment to the Constitution which would limit the bonds to be issued for the University to an amount which could be taken care of by the "revenue received from the permanent fund. Under such an amendment the Legislature could issue such an amount or less. There is absolutely no question as regards the needs of additional ground and buildings at the main University at Austin, and no one regrets the seriousness of the situation confronting the institution at present. I wish the State University, the Agricultural & Mechanical College, and all our State schools could have been properly provided for in a properly-drawn and worded amendment to the Constitution and that the people would have adopted such I do not doubt in the least. The University should be given the power to remove from the campus the five unsightly "box houses" erected to temporarily meet the needs of the institution, and to erect suitable and permanent buildings so badly needed. But the mistake has been made of trying to secure the adoption of this amendment in its "omnibus" form covering as it does seven distinct propositions, against all of which we must vote because we can't stand for some of them.

The above argument relatives to allowing the University to issue bonds applies as well to the Agricultural & Mechanical College which is considered a branch of the University, and also the Medical College at Galveston. The Constitution can be amended so as to properly care for all these institutions by limited bond issues so far as the erection of buildings, etc., is concerned.

I would like to vote for the proposition contained in the amendment changing the provision requiring a two-third majority to vote road bonds, etc., so as to require only a majority. The people now may vote by a majority to build a court house, a jail or a bridge. Why should they not be allowed to vote likewise for road improvement and the other purposes mentioned in the present Constitution and as shown in the proposed amendment together with the additional purpose of building warehouses? Why should a majority decide to build a bridge and yet require a two-third majority to decide whether or not a hill on each side of that bridge shall be cut down? I can't see the consistency in such requirements, yet such is the law at present. I would like to vote to change this but am prevented from doing so by the bad features in this amendment No. 18.

I trust and believe that the voters of Coke and Runnels counties will turn down Resolution No. 18 at the polls on July 19th, for the adoption of same will place a dangerous power in the hands of the Legislature.

Respectfully,  
R. S. GRIGGS,  
Representative 111th District.

Theo Kre, of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

**WHITE CITY TONIGHT**

**VAUDEVILLE**

**BERT AND MAY COLLIER**

One Night Only

COMEDY TRAPEZE ARTISTS

See Little May in her sensational trapeze performance, one of the smallest trap artists on exhibition. She is better known as Trapeze May, the Aerial Wonder. Come and see her in her sensational drop down from the bar, one of the most dangerous feats ever performed by any single trap artist.

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Winter Sports at St. Mortiz  
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Just enlarged and renovated from top to bottom. An up-to-date 3 chair shop, Polite. Courteous treatment for one and all. Prices to suit the times. Hair cut 25c, Shave 15c. Call and see us. Eighth St. Next to Roark's Feed Store.

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**AT THE WHITE CITY.**

Bert and May Collier, after a delay of two days arrived in Ballinger Tuesday night and will show one night only, Wednesday night, at the White City. Their comedy novelty acts are said to be fine as reported by the press and May, the trapeze artist, in her performance is sensational and marvelous in the extreme being one of the smallest actors on exhibition in the United States, and is known and renowned as Trapeze May, the aerial wonder. This is a splendid troupe and the people of the small cities seldom ever have such a splendid troupe visit them. Don't forget the White City tonight and see the best performers ever seen in Ballinger.

A. H. Flanagan, of Mount Pleasant, Texas, came in Tuesday and will visit his son J. S. Flanagan and family of route three, for a few weeks. Mr. Flanagan is an old Confederate and belonged to Company H, 3rd Texas Cavalry, Ross' Brigade and hopes to meet some of his old comrades while in our county.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

Mrs. Yeager, of Brownwood, came in Wednesday at noon on a visit to her cousin, Mrs. W. R. Clark and family for a week or two.

LOST—Between Geo. Holman and J. J. Erwin residence on 7th street a small brooch set with diamond, finder please return to J. J. Erwin, and receive reward. 8-3td.

**Card of Thanks.**

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moser take this method of thanking the citizens of Ballinger for their uniform kindness and courtesy shown them during the illness and death of their daughter, Miss Verna and especially to Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Norris and Miss Mattie Baird and Mrs. Emma Nash for their thoughtful and faithful attention at all times. May the good Lord bless and protect you and your loved ones is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moser and family. 91dlw

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy, cheerful children. White's Cream Vermifuge destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Bill Coffee, the big stock-farmer of the Leaday country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

John King and little son, of Concho, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Walter Boswell, of Paint Rock was shaking hands with Ballinger friends in the city Wednesday.

**Lost.**

A fountain pen, somewhere, either on 10th street or Phillips and 8th street. Reward. Rev. W. H. DOSS. 912td

J. T. Vandlandingham and daughter of Abilene, who are visiting his brother and family up the river, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. H. Zdaril left Tuesday afternoon for Taylor, Texas, to join Mr. Zdaril on a visit of some weeks.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach and back of that is usually a torpid liver.—A condition which invites disease. Herbine is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

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