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### GROWING INTEREST BAPTIST REVIVAL

Increased Attendance and Increased Interest in Revival in Progress at Baptist Church

The impression prevails among some that church or religious interest is lagging in Ballinger, and that there is a great need of a stirring up and awakening. This may be true with many church members, and would be Christians but if you will attend the revival now in progress at the First Baptist church, you will be made to realize that there are many people in Ballinger who have the interest of church work at heart, and who are praying for a better people and a better town along spiritual lines, and who are working for the salvation of those who are unconcerned and indifferent about the better life.

The service Tuesday night showed considerable increase in attendance as well as increased interest. Other churches of the town was well represented, and the splendid singing by the congregation, lead by the choir, and the strong sermon by the preacher, made it the best service so far held.

Rev. Broome used as his theme: "Teaching Transgressors the Way," taking as a basis for his remarks a part of the 51st Psalm. In brief the speaker told of the experience of David and his awful sin, emphasizing the importance of Christian people teaching those in sin the way to Christ, and in his closing remarks making an appeal to the unsaved. The splendid sermon was listened to with close attention, and can not help but be of great benefit to both Christian and sinner.

Rev. Broome preached at ten o'clock this morning on "The Carnal and Spiritual Life." The

attendance at the morning services is good and the hour is spent in a way most profitable for those who attend.

#### BALLINGER MAN'S PATENT A SUCCESS.

The following is from the Rowena Review with reference to the patent gin saw filed patented by our fellow citizen R. B. Creasey. It says: "Mr. Creasey of Ballinger got a patent on gin saw filer last March and had the machine made by the San Angelo Foundry of San Angelo.

The first and only machine sold up to this time was sold to the Pioneer Gin Company of this place and is giving perfect satisfaction. The machine is run by electric power and when set will sharpen a saw with out any more help. It works so perfectly that Albert Gully used it to file teeth on a smooth thoothless saw and made a good job of it. He tells us that is about the sixth kind of saw sharpener has worked with and that it is by far the best invention of them all. The machine was run both day and night for several days the first of the week in order to get all the saws sharpened in time."

#### ELLIS COUNTY HAVING DRY WEATHER.

Waxahachie, Tex., Aug. 19.—Cotton crops deteriorating rapidly in Ellis county as the result of dry weather and hot winds. The crop has been cut at least 25 per cent in the last fifteen days, and there will be an additional deterioration of 25 per cent in the next five days unless a general rain comes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe M. Woolley and children, of Mertzon, who had been visiting their brother-in-law, J. M. Garlington and family, left Wednesday at noon for their home.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. NORTINGTON

Was Taken Sick While Attending 42 Party and Died in Few Hours.

A gloom was cast over Ballinger Tuesday night when the news spread that Mrs. K. V. Northington was dead. She died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Melton on Eighth Street at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Northington was apparently enjoying her good health and was attending a 42 party at the home of Mrs. U. P. Melton when she was taken suddenly ill. Those who were playing at the same table with Mrs. Northington states that it was about eleven o'clock Tuesday morning when she complained of her head hurting her. Up to this time the ladies had played six games of 42, and no one had heard Mrs. Northington complain. Dropping her head over on the table she told those near her that she was sick, and the ladies placed her on a bed and physicians were called in. For a while she seemed to be resting better, and it was not thought that her condition was so serious until a few hours later when she rapidly grew worse and died at eight o'clock Tuesday night, being sick only about nine hours.

The remains were moved to the family home on Ninth street, where it was prepared for burial, and is being held to await the arrival of her son Marshal, who lives at Marlin, and who was notified by phone immediately after his mother died. Four other children survive. C. W., lives at San Antonio, has been here for some time on a visit, and was with his mother when she died. Two daughters, Mrs. John Q. McAdams, of Winters, and Miss Bess returned from a visit to South Texas at noon the day their mother died, and were also with her during her last hours in this world. Another son, the youngest child, K. V. was camping with a party of young people on the river, and was notified of his mother's death shortly after it occurred.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. W. B. Adkins, her pastor, Rev. R. M. Hammock, being out of town Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery.

Mrs. Northington was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and was loyal to her church duties. She was active in the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, and was popular among a host of friends. She was secretary of the Library Association and was an enthusiastic member of the Shakespeare Club, and was faithful in working for those things that were for the best interest in social and educational affairs. She has been a resident of Ballinger for many years, and formerly lived at Abilene and San Angelo. Her husband died about two years ago, and her remains are now resting by his side.

The many friends of the family go out to them in heartfelt sympathy during the hours made sad by this sudden death.

#### CAR OF DYNAMITE EXPLODES; 100 KILLED

Mexico City, Aug. 19.—A car of dynamite on the street car tracks in Tacubaya, a suburb of the capital, exploded and killed and injured over one hundred people, chiefly women and children, today. The dynamite laden car collided with a car of pipe. Not one house was left intact within a radius of five hundred feet.

### LIGHTNING KILLS 15 YEAR-OLD BOY

Brownwood County Lad Killed While Seeking Shelter Under Tree.

Brownwood, Aug. 20.—Paul Hickey, 15 years old, son of J. W. Hickey, was killed by lightning yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock when he took refuge under a tree during a rain. A bolt of lightning struck the tree and ran down the trunk and over the body of the boy, killing him instantly. An inquest by Justice of the Peace G. B. Cross last night developed the following facts:

Paul Hickey and Jim Benson were ploughing together in a field on the Ed Perkins place, 9 miles south of Brownwood and about one and one half miles off the Trickham road, when a shower of rain came up about 5 o'clock. Benson suggested that it was already late that they unhitch their team and go to the house. Hickey however, said he thought the shower would not last long, and that he would stop under some live-oak trees nearby until their rain stopped. Benson unhitched his mules and went to the house, about a quarter of a mile away and looking back before he reached the house, he saw Hickey sitting on his plow under a tree. He thought no more of it.

G. H. Neas, of Rowena, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

Aug Voglesang, of the Spring Hill community, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Wednesday and sold at 11.40 cents per pound.

### STILL WORKING FOR MEXICAN PEACE

Huerta Denies That He Made Demand Upon U. S. Conflicting Report Puzzle Officers.

Mexico City, Aug. 19.—Provisional President Huerta and John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, went into conference at a late hour during the night following the report that President Huerta would give the United States until midnight to recognize his administration under threat of severing all relations. The nature of the conference was unrevealed, but it was characterized as cordial.

Face to face in conference during the night, ex-Governor John Lind and President Huerta are believed to have reached an understanding which may yet prevent the severance of relations between the United States and Mexico and serve to continue negotiations in which Washington may play the role of mediator.

Neither at the national palace nor at the American embassy were any details of the conference given out, but it is known that the meeting was cordial and that Mr. Lind considered the so-called ultimatum announced through Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, minister of the interior, last night as unauthorized although it is not claimed that President Huerta specifically denied having made the peremptory demand for recognition, credited to him in Dr. Urrutia's statement. This was to the effect that the United States would be given till midnight to recognize the Huerta administration under threats of severance of all relations.

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Wanted—A committee to give \$50 in cash prizes to the parties in Ballinger having the cleanest premises Apply to the city council.

Any fool can find fault with the other fellow's work. Even the man who does not help in civic matters—the knocker, stands around and criticises the man who is on the job.

Cotton pickers are in the black land belt, and where the big cotton crop is generally produced, are writing to Ballinger seeking work. They say that want to go where cotton is better than it is in their county. At present there is no demand here for cotton pickers—it is too early.

If a man should talk about your home in an ugly way, you would resent it; yet some people get right out on the streets and say all kinds of mean things about their town. Just a way you have of talking about yourself, as you are just so much of the town in which you live. The town is just what the people make it. You are part of the people. What part are you.

There will be something like one hundred teachers in Ballinger from Sept. 8 to 15th in attendance upon the Teachers Institute. The law requires that all teachers must attend the institute one

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week in the county where they are employed to teach. School teaching is the only profession that is required to do this. We agree that it is a good law, as it better prepares the teacher for his or her duties, but there are other professions that could be made to give the public better service if more time was devoted to preparation for the work. The city schools of Houston have adopted a rule requiring all teachers to stand a physical examination before they are employed, and no teacher is employed who is not also sound in body. It is unfortunate that the averaged school teacher is under paid and overworked. It is an important place, and one that deserves more attention from the patrons.

Ballinger is to entertain a Sunday School convention next month and, by-the-way, such a convention would be profitable for (Brown) and the chairman of the Sunday School Workers' committee has called a mass meeting of all the Sunday school officers, teachers and members in the town, in order to arrange plans for the proper entertainment of this convention. The Bulletin likes to see a town where the church members and Sunday school leaders co-operate in religious enterprises. Towns that have the spirit of religious co-operation grow spiritually, the churches prosper, and much good is done. The Bulletin wishes there was more of the co-operative spirit in Brownwood. We do fairly well; there is no fighting or contentions between the churches, but there is unquestionably a lack of unanimity of feeling, a dearth of helpful co-operation which, while it does not reach the point of coldness, is a sort of indifference to the various church enterprises originating in any church but our own particular denomination. — Brownwood Bulletin.

Editor Ed Kubela, of Rowena, accompanied his wife and baby as far as this point Tuesday and he returned home on the night train while his wife and baby went on to Shiner and other points in that section to visit a few weeks.

H. A. Cady wants to buy \$1000 worth of second hand goods and all kinds of furniture and stoves and organs or any thing in the second hand line and will pay the top cash prices. If you want to buy or sell any thing in that line see C. A. Freeze on Seventh street at his old stand and he will pay the cash for me. 31-26td

C. L. Harter, of the Wingate country, was here Wednesday to take home his gin saws that he sharpened by the R. B. Creasey patent gin sharpener and he says the work is simply perfect.

George McLain, the line man for the West Texas Telephone Co., left Wednesday morning on

a short business trip to Brownwood.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Mrs. John Q. McAdams and two children, of Winters, arrived in Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives at Taylor and also a visit to Corpus Christi the past few weeks.

**IN COLEMAN.**  
Statement of Coleman Citizens are Always of Interest to Our Readers.

To many of our readers the streets of Coleman are almost as familiar as those of our own town and we are naturally interested to read of happenings there. The following report from a well-known and respected resident will be helpful to numbers of men and women here in Ballinger.

George Onslow, Coleman, Texas, says: "A member of my family was troubled by kidney complaint for several years, although never so bad as to be laid up. When Doan's Kidney Pills were advertised, I took home a box and they were used. A second box was used, and there is no doubt that they did a world of good. The person who used them now has no trouble from the kidney secretations and her back is much stronger. Doan's Kidney Pills are all that is claimed for them.

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Little Misses Elenor and Margaret and Master Robert Kirk left Wednesday morning for Brownwood, where they will visit Mrs. Claud Willis and family a few days.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Oscar Pearson, manager of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill, left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood, and will go on from that point to Fort Worth on a short business trip.

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**MAY ASK FOR POOL HALL ELECTION**

Miles citizens have started a move for a pool hall election, and we understand that they will ask the court to call an election for the entire county. If such thing is to be, we would advise those behind the move to wait until the court passes on the validity of the law. Elections have been held in a number of counties, and in some of the counties suits have been filed to test the constitutionality of the law. We understand that the legislature in passing the law made no provisions in same to refund the pool hall owners prorata cost of the license, and if such is true it is very probable that the law will not hold good. In case the law is knocked out this county would be saved of considerable expense by postponing the election. Just this by way of suggestion.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned home Tuesday night from Austin where he had been to look after the Board affairs of the A. & M. College.

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H. A. Neace, the painter and paper hanger, left Tuesday afternoon for his old home at Greenville, Tenn., where he will visit several weeks.

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W. E. Kauffman, of Abilene, auditor, of the A. & S. Ry., and Guy Withersoon, a prominent cot

ton buyer of the same city, came over in their auto Wednesday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

C. E. Jourdan, of Winters, who had been in Ballinger, since Tuesday at noon, left for San Angelo Wednesday on a short business trip.

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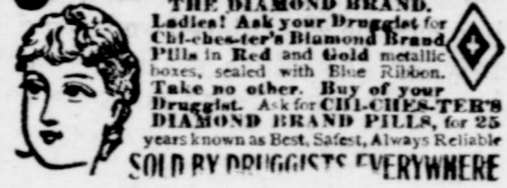
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**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**



W. P. King, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. L. Sneed, of the Wingate country, was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Louise Doss returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short visit to friends at Walters.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

F. F. Moore, the blacksmith, had business at Talpa between trains Wednesday.

E. A. Jeanes, the produce man, had business at Winters between trains Tuesday.

Dr. Mitchell, of Norton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

J. L. Heath left Wednesday for Dallas, where he goes to look after business affairs a few days.

Jo Hardin, the oil man, had business at Rowena between trains Wednesday.

W. H. Schwartz, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

If your child is pale and sickly picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears out the worms but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Charlie Boyd left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood to visit relatives and friends a week or ten days.

P. J. Baron, the Rowena merchant and real estate man, was among the visitors in Ballinger a short while Tuesday afternoon.

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Marshall Northington, of Marlin, Texas, came in Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of his mother who died in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. J. N. Key, of the Winters country, came in Tuesday afternoon to visit Ballinger friends and

**INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL PATRONS**

**Books Adopted By the Text-Book Board for a Period of Six Years, Beginning Sept. 1st 1913 and Ending Aug. 31st, 1919, and Their Prices.**

Name of Book—	Retail Price	Exchange Price
The Playmates Primer .....	.18	.09.
New Century Speller .....	.18	
Hills Readers: Book One .....	.18	.09.
Hills Readers: Book Two .....	.25	*.12 to .16
Hills Reader: Book three .....	.30	*.15 to .21
Hills Readers: Book Four .....	.35	*.17 to .26
Hills Readers: Book Five .....	.40	*.20 to .31
The Arnold's Primer .....	.22	.11
The Art Literature Readers .....		
Book One .....	.25	
Book Two .....	.35	
Book Three .....	.45	
The Elson Readers:		
Book Four .....	.40	.20
Book Five .....	.44	.22
Book Six .....	.44	.22
Book Seven .....	.52	.26
Our Language, book One .....	.28	.14
Our Language, Book Two .....	.34	*.17 to .20
Our Language, Grammar .....	.40	.20 to .23
Composition-Rhetoric .....	.80	.40
New Composition Rhetoric, H. & D .....	.87	.43
The World Geography:		
Book One .....	.48	.24
Book Two .....	.88	*.44 to .64
First Journeys in Numberland .....	.30	.15
Sutton & Bruce's Arithmetic:		
Book Two .....	.22	.11
Book One .....	.42	*.21 to .31
Mental Arithmetic, H. & U. ....	.22	.11
First Book of Health .....	.35	.20
The Human Body and Its Enemies .....	.65	*.40 to .50
Human Physiology, Ritchie .....	.60	*.30 to .45
Civics: Texas and Federal .....	.75	.40
H. & U's Elementary Algebra ..	.70	.35
New School Algebra .....	.90	*.45 to .67
Physical Geography .....	.88	.44
Beginner's History of our Country, Estill .....	.40	
Student's History of Our Country ..	.70	.35
Texas History .....	.50	.25
Agriculture:		
The Story of Cotton .....	.60	.30
Elem. Principles Agriculture .....	.60	.30
Elements of Agriculture .....	.90	.45
Writing Booke 1-8 .....	.05	
Wentworth-Smith's Plane Geom. ....	.76	.38
Physic: Mann & Swiss .....	.70	.35
First Principles of Physic .....	1.20	.60
Meyer's General History .....	1.41	.70
Myer's Ancient History .....	1.41	.70
Myer's Mediaeval History .....	1.41	.70
Cousins & Hill's American History ..	1.25	.65

High School Books not included in State adoption.

Hollek's History American Literature .....	\$1.25
Hallek's History English Literature .....	1.25
Cheyney's Short History England .....	1.40
D'Ooge's Latin for Beginners .....	1.00
Bennetts Caesar, Cicero & Vergil .....	1.00
Bennetts Latin Grammar .....	.80
Bennetts Prose Composition .....	.80
Beckers & Rhoads' Elements of German .....	1.00
Joynes - Wesselhoefts German Grammar .....	1.15
Wesselhoeft's German Composition .....	.45
Wentworth-Smith's Solid Geometry .....	.75
Wells Plane Trigonometry .....	.75
S. & F. Water Color Paint .....	.25

\* Means several exchange prices; different with various books brought in.

\*\* List price means the price at which the publishers intend the book to be sold.

We publish the above list for the benefit of all school patrons. The change of books is caused by State law; the use of them is also compulsory. So get your old texts together and begin to save eggs to pay the difference between the contract price and the exchange price. This is a good law because it makes it possible for the same books to be used in schools of the same class anywhere in Texas. Further, it gets the texts to pupils at as low a rate as possible. Every one should keep this list of prices for reference.

to look after business affairs a day or two.

Miss Mae Butler, of Abilene came in Monday and will be the guest of Ballinger friends a few days.

H. Giesecke and E. L. Rasbury left Wednesday afternoon for points in New Mexico to look after land interests a few weeks. Feb McWilliams will join them at Sweetwater and accompany them on the trip.

Mrs. H. Zdaril returned home

Wednesday at noon from Taylor, where she had been with Mr. Zdaril the past several weeks.

Jo Wilmeth returned home Tuesday night from a visit to Corpus Christi and other points of pleasure and business combined.

Perry Boswell, of the Jameson neighborhood, was in the city Wednesday assisting his son-in-law, S. C. Crisco, who was loading out his household goods to Ovalo, where he will make home for the present.



## MUTUAL RELATIONS AND INTERESTS OF THE BELL SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC

The suit brought by the United States questioning the purchase of certain telephone properties in the northwest, as well as the pending Interstate Commerce Commission telephone investigation, have caused many inquiries. Without taking up any thing going to the merits to us proper to state generally what has been our policy and purpose in the conduct of our business.

We have found, or thought that we had, that our interests were best served when the public interests were best served; and we believe that such success as we have had has been because our business has been conducted on these lines.

We believe that our company has an interest as vital as that of the public in the proper administration of the problems of electrical inter-communication. The success and prosperity of our company depend upon a solution of these problems which shall be sound from both the standpoint of the company and the public which it serves.

Following our own best judgment, supplemented by the best obtainable advice, we have endeavored to do what would best serve the public interest; wherever possible our plans have been disclosed to the public in advance and what has been done in carrying them out has been along ordinary business lines, with the implied, and generally, with the expressed approval, authorization or consent of the municipal and state authorities directly interested. Our effort has been not only to obey the law, but to avoid everything which might even have the appearance of an attempt at evasion.

Our business methods and policy, and practically all of the details as to the transaction of our business, are matters of common knowledge and are, and for many years have been, well known to the government. We will willingly furnish the government any additional information which is in our possession or under our control, and will cordially co-operate with it in obtaining such further information as it may require. Every possible assistance will be given by us to the courts in their effort to determine whether our policy is or has been inimical to the public interest. We desire that anything wrong be corrected; we will voluntarily rectify any wrong that may be pointed out to us; and, so far as it may be determined that our policy or

any act under it is against the public interest, we will promptly conform to such determination.

We believe that if each of our exchanges were made an independent unit and if each connecting line were put under a separate control, the effect upon the telephone service of the country could be a condition so intolerable that the public would refuse to submit to it and would immediately require such physical connection and common control of these various units as would amalgamate them into a single system. Physical connection in the case of telephone or telegraph does not mean transfer of messages from one line to the other. It means such a connection as will permit one person to have the actual possession of the particular line of communication from one end of it to the other and this can only be given efficiently by exchange systems and connecting lines under a common control; and that is what the Bell System is.

In this connection, and for general information, we will restate the policy which controlled the building up of the Bell System, and our belief as to what a telephone system should be, and what are its relations to the public.

We believe in and were the first to advocate state or government control and regulation of public utilities; that this control or regulation should be by permanent quasi-judicial bodies, acting after thorough investigation and governed by the equities of each case; and that this control or regulation, beyond requiring the greatest efficiency and economy, should not interfere with management or operation. We believe that these bodies, if they are to be permanent, effective and of public benefit, should be thoroughly representative; they should be of such character and should so conduct their investigation and deliberations as to command such respect from both the public and the corporations that both will without question accept their conclusions.

We believe that the public would in this way get all the advantages and avoid all the manifest disadvantages of public ownership.

We believe that centers of business and population exist for the convenience of the public as a whole, and that no such center can prosper without sufficient and efficient means of intercourse with other centers and tributary territories, that such means can only be afforded by prosperous utility and service companies and that fair rates are essential to prosperous companies. We do not believe that any public either desires or can obtain, nor can any service or utility furnish, permanent and efficient service at less than cost, including capital charges. We believe that ultimately the public either directly or indirectly pays the losses involved in the

efforts to furnish such service at less than its fair cost, either through the loss of the capital involved, the losses incident to poor service or the necessary increase in charges required to pay for duplication of capital.

We believe that the highest commercial value of the telephone service depends on its completeness — on the extent and comprehensiveness of the facilities for inter-communication, not only between individuals but between centers of population; that no isolated section can be considered independently of any other section or of the whole; that rates must be so adjusted as to make it possible to obtain the maximum development by making it possible for every one to be connected who will add to the value of the system, thus giving the greatest value to the greatest number; that the interdependence of the telephone service and the value of complete and universal intercommunication justify and require some services partly at the expense of the whole for the benefit of the whole.

We believe that this highest commercial value can only be attained by one system under one common control and that it cannot be given independent systems unless they are operated under agreements which result in one common control and one common interest, in effect making them a single system.

We believe that rates should be so adjusted as to afford the company sufficient revenue to pay such wages and compensation as will secure the most efficient service; to maintain the very highest and most advanced standards of plant and apparatus, to carry on such scientific and experimental research and inventions as to apparatus and methods as to insure the highest standards, and to carry to reserve and depreciation such amounts as will enable the company at any time to replace old plant and old methods with new plant and new methods as fast as they may be developed and found to be to the advantage of the service. We believe that in addition, such fair charges should be paid upon the investment in plant as will enable the company at any time to obtain money necessary to provide the plant required to meet the continuing demands of the public; and in order that waste and duplication of effort may be avoided and uniformity of purpose and common control be enforced, that there should be a centralized general administration in close communication with and having general authority over the whole or matters to all or matters of general policy.

We believe that any surplus beyond that necessary to equalize dividends on a fair basis should be used by the company for the benefit of the public and should be inalienable for any other purpose and should be either invested in revenue-earning plant until necessary to substitute plant which may become inadequate or obsolete, or should be used to make the service cheaper or better.

We believe that under proper governmental control and regulation the profits from promotion or operation allowed to be distributed should not be so large as to warrant or tempt complete duplication of plant and organization, with its duplication of its capital charges and its organization, operating, maintenance and depreciation expenses; and we do not believe that utilities giving at fair rates an efficient and sufficiently comprehensive universal service should be subject to limited competition, not giving such service. Competition which ignores the obligation to furnish a complete and comprehensive service is not competition, is not for the benefit of the public in that it does not reach the whole public interested.

If, therefore, complete duplication, with its dual exchange connection and dual bills for service is a prerequisite to complete competition, government control and regulation cannot go hand in hand with competition.

We believe that the record of the Bell System will be accepted by the public as fully in accord

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To remove any possible excuse for misapprehension on account of the many misleading statements which have been circulated as to the alleged unnecessary and over-capitalization and excessive charging statistics are given. Except where stated, the figures are for the Bell System; that is, the American Telephone and Telegraph, and its Associated Companies.

The entire Bell System on June 30, 1913, had outstanding in the hands of the public obligations (i. e., notes, open accounts, bonds and shares) to the par value of \$776,000,000.

The book value of the total tangible assets, which is considerably less than their replacement value, amounted to \$960,000,000. Many appraisals of property included in these assets have been made, and most of them under the direction of public authorities. In no case has the value as it stands on the books failed to be sustained, and in most cases it has been very largely exceeded.

The total dividends and interest paid during the year 1912 amounted to only 6.1 per cent on the average of its outstanding obligations, and to less than 5 per cent on the average value of its assets.

The actual cash which has been paid into the treasury of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on account of the capital obligations now outstanding amounts to \$22,000,000 more than the par of such outstanding obligations.

The Associated Companies collected from the public and paid back in taxes over \$10,000,000 during the year 1912.

The steadily increasing necessities of the public not only for additional but for new telephone service can only be met by new construction, involving capital outlay. To meet these demands during the six and one-half years from 1907 to June, 1913, inclusive, the increase in telephone plant was as follows: Toll line miles to 2,242,000 miles exchange wire increased from 6,000,000 miles to 13,000,000; the number of exchange stations increased from 2,730,000 to 5,000,000; the number of stations of independent companies connected with the Bell System increased from 343,000 to 2,620,000. The number of independent companies connected with the Bell System is about 25,000. The number of employees in the Bell System, not including the employees of connected companies, on December 31, 1912, was 141,000.

During this same period the number of shareholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, not including either the associated or connected companies, increased from 17,000 to about 54,000. About 47,000 shareholders hold less than 100 shares each; 6,500 shareholders hold from 100 to 1,000 shares each; 347 shareholders hold from 1,000

to 5,000 shares each, while there are only 16 shareholders of 5,000 shares or over in their own right. A majority of the shareholders are women.

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(Advertisement.)

**Still Working For Mexican Peace**  
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Mr. Lind has always believed he could accomplish much if permitted to talk personally with the provisional president and there is reason to believe that as a result of the conference between two plain speaking men, the attitude of Huerta may be changed, notwithstanding that the first step toward a diplomatic break had already been taken.

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