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News Told In a Hurry For the Busy Reader

A ship arrived at New York from Puerto, Mexico, Monday with six Chinese who had spent 10 days without food in the ship's hold. They were trying to get into the United States. They will be returned to Mexico as soon as they are able to travel.

After dragging a dying woman 88 years old, from her bed and tying her to a chair and beating into insensibility her six year old boy who went to his mother's rescue, two masked men Monday night ransacked the home of Chas. Kimmel near Baltimore, Md., in search of gold reputed to be hidden in the house.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Monday C. E. Winsby, a painter, was convicted in police court for abusing his three year old step-daughter. He was fined \$20 and sentenced to fifteen days in jail, neighbors testifying that he whipped the child unmercifully with a board. Winsby denied most of the charges, but stated that he frequently punished the child because she was reluctant about saying her prayers.

A mass meeting of Texas Democrats who favor state wide prohibition has been called to be held at Fort Worth January 24th at 10 a. m. The railroads will be asked to grant a low rate for the occasion. At this meeting it is expected to unify that element that is behind some of the candidates for governor.

In order to compete with saloons in Fort Worth that serve free lunch, the Union Gospel Mission of that city announces that it will serve free lunch from 8 to 10 p. m. daily.

WILL PREACH AT DRY RIDGE

Rev. W. J. Hieks, of Miles, passed through Ballinger Tuesday at noon en route home from a visit to Hamilton, and requests us to say that he will preach at the Dry Ridge school house next Sunday January 18th at 11 o'clock a. m.

A. J. Tyree, one of the successful citizens of the Valley creek country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and says the oat crops are fine, cattle fat and the ground in fine shape for a bumper crop and no long faces seen in his country.

Miss Mary Peckee, book-keeper for the Zappe store, is visiting friends at Rowena for a few days this week.

N. W. Gray, of South Ballinger was looking after business matters in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. L. Sapper and W. P. Hawkins and Judge J. P. Cogdill, of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

L. H. Hubby, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

2,360 miners were killed by mine disasters during 1913 in the United States. This is a big increase over the previous year. The president of the United Mine Workers has started a move to improve the safety and health conditions in coal mining operations.

The home of John Brown at Fort Towson, Oklahoma, was fired into by a crowd of negroes Monday night. Several volleys were fired into the building but the occupants escaped uninjured. Eleven negroes had been arrested. An unsuccessful attempt was made last Wednesday night to burn Brown's home. Brown is prominent in social circles.

Brown county has up a boom on baby beef clubs and clubs are being organized in that county. A number of visitors from the agricultural department of the state and the railroads are assisting in the work.

Temple Heights, an addition to the city of Temple, but which is not in the city limits voted for road bonds last Saturday and the issue carried there only being two votes polled against the proposition to issue \$15,000 road bonds.

WHOLE NATION OF WILD MEN

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 13.—Former expositions have shown wild men and women from the Antipodes, but it has remained for the San Diego Exposition to find a whole nation of wild men within the border of the United States. A whole vast area where nothing has progressed since before the invasion of Mexico by Cortez in 1517. This area is in northeastern Arizona, and the Santa Fe Railway will cover ten acres of ground at the Exposition with as close a copy of this country as is possible to produce.

This locality is known as the Painted Desert. It is a land where no white man has dared attempt agriculture or mining, where there is nothing but the Indian, his ancient civilization unaltered, living in six story houses of 100 rooms without an outside door, doing the same things in the same way his forefathers did for centuries before the white men came to America.

Comparatively few white men have penetrated this district. None has remained there. At long intervals a scientist has penetrated the fastnesses of the red and yellow hills. Indians emerge from it occasionally but they invariably return. Their homes are the identical buildings erected many centuries ago. Their pottery is the same, used for the same purpose and in the same rude manner. Their customs and tribal laws remain unchanged since when no man knows to the contrary. They irrigate small patches of grain just as did their forefathers. The country repels even the hardy prospector. Trees, except those petrified into stone, are not seen. No two hills are of the same color. The very rocks are variegated in hue. The pitiless sun scorches all vegetation encouraged by the winter and spring rains.

Members of the Santa Fe exploring party declare the Painted Desert rivals the wonderful Grand Canyon of the Colorado in grandeur and beauty of scenery. A second party has been sent into it to gather material for the great exhibit the railway will install at the San Diego Exposition, to contain every thing possible to bring from that region, a territory that seems to have been forgotten by Nature herself.

MRS. W. O. CRYER DEAD.

Mrs. W. O. Cryer died at her home in Winters last Thursday and was buried Friday afternoon in the Winters cemetery. Deceased had been in poor health for some time and for the past several weeks it has been known that the end was near. She came to this county with her husband several years ago, and has lived in the north part of the county Her sorrowing husband and other members of the family have the sympathy of a large host of friends.

SNAKES! 33 BIG ONES BAGGED AT WEATHERFORD

Weatherford, Jan. 12.—Thirty-three rattlesnakes were killed on the farm of County Commissioner V. G. Tucker Saturday by a party of men comprising the commissioner, Joe Gilley, E. Wright, Will and Tom Gilley, Tim Tucker and Luther Handby. Twelve of the snakes were of enormous size, measuring more than six feet in length twenty of them were from two and a half to four feet long, while the other was smaller.

The den was found last week by Joe Gilley, who made up the party of snake hunters. Two of the six-footers were captured alive by means of a rope, but one of the captives, becoming enraged, bit himself in several places and died soon after. His mate was prevented from suicide and is in possession of the captors.

The den was under a large rock where there was a sort of cave. By using long poles the rattlers were poked out one at a time, and their heads chopped off with a mattock.

ANOTHER ECHO FROM DISGRACE

The wail of a child awoke Mrs. C. H. Abbott, 719 Avenue I from her sleep Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. It was a cold morning and she and all of her four children were sleeping in the same room. The bed was close to the stove. Thinking that one of her children was crying in its sleep she paid no attention to it until a continuation of the wailing proved that it came from outside.

As she opened the front door she beheld a naked baby, lying upon the veranda, without wrap or cover.

Her mother's heart was touched and gressing the small form to her breast she sat by the stove and warmed its little body.

It was a little girl with blue eyes and dark brown hair. All day Sunday she nursed it later in the day when the baby showed signs of sickness she called in Dr. F. M. Hale who administered a tonic which soothed the pain of the wail.

The doctor said it was a white child and probably an American descent, although its nose was of the Roman shape. It is a perfect baby in every respect and neither scar nor blemish can be found on its tiny body. The child weighs but three pounds, and was not more than two hours old when found.

"My heart was touched," said the new found mother as she kissed the wee hand of the infant. "when I saw it lying there in the cold—its little body like ice, and as soon as possible I built a fire and wrapped the baby in a warm cover. It's such a good little thing and so pretty that I would like to keep it forever but the minister thinks it would be better to place it in some good home where it could get better attention than I can give it."

"You see, I am a widow and have to work for a living, and some times it might be hard to make both ends meet, I do sewing and it doesn't come regular. Before I had the measles I worked at a factory but the sickness left me weak and I can't do hard work now."

"But I will slave for the little baby if they let me keep her. I love her already just as if she were my own and it will break my heart to part from her."

As the mother pressed the infant to her breast and cooed into its small ear, four little tots gathered around her and wanted to kiss the baby.

"I have an awful time keeping my children from loving it to death. They want to hold her at the same time. Bless its little heart."

The child is still with Mrs. Abbott but it is expected that it will be taken in charge by the Pastors' Association, until it is large enough to be adopted by some one.—Temple Daily Telegram.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Voters of Runnels County: I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer. Should you elect me I promise to do my best to discharge the duties of the office.

During the partial term I have served for you, I have done the very best I could to discharge the duties of the office and I let my reports that have come before the commissioners court stand for themselves.

I assure you that I appreciate what you have done for me in the past and I respectfully solicit your vote and influence in the coming primaries, July 25th.

W. L. BROWN.

John Walden, of Coke county, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. H. Mills, one of the prominent citizens of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

LIKES THE WEST

C. C. Thomas, who has just returned from a visit to his old home near Knoxville, Tenn., mention of which was made in Monday's Daily, says the old country did not look good to him after living in the beautiful fertile West.

Mr. Thomas says he saw nothing on his route that at all compared favorably with Runnels county, and in fact the best county he saw was between Ballinger and Brownwood. He came home better satisfied than ever to live and die in Runnels county.

AT THE PRINCESS.

Stockton's famous performing dogs were featured last evening at the Princess Theatre in vaudeville. The dogs are well trained and are some of the prettiest specimens on the stage of today. Mr. Stockton should be complimented on having such a fine troop of dogs. They will be exhibited at the Princess tonight and Wednesday evening.

W. A. Davis left Monday afternoon on a short business trip to Brownwood.

Miss Katie Van Doren of Belton, after a pleasant visit with her sister Miss Ann and Ballinger friends returned to her home Monday afternoon.

Clyde Fowler of Galveston, who spent a few days in our city with his father, Dr. W. W. Fowler and family and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for his home where he holds a splendid position with the Santa Fe Railway Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Max McCray and baby, of Calvert, Texas, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis, and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for their home.

Rufus Thomas left Sunday afternoon for Teague, Texas, and other points in that section where he will spend a few months looking after business interests.

Dr. Smith of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

"BROADWAY JONES" FOR LEDGER READERS

Ledger readers are to be treated. The treat will be in a form that will be both educative and entertaining. "Broadway Jones" a successful play and novel will be run in The Ledger every day in the form of a serial for the benefit of the readers of the paper. The first number of the popular serial will appear next Monday.

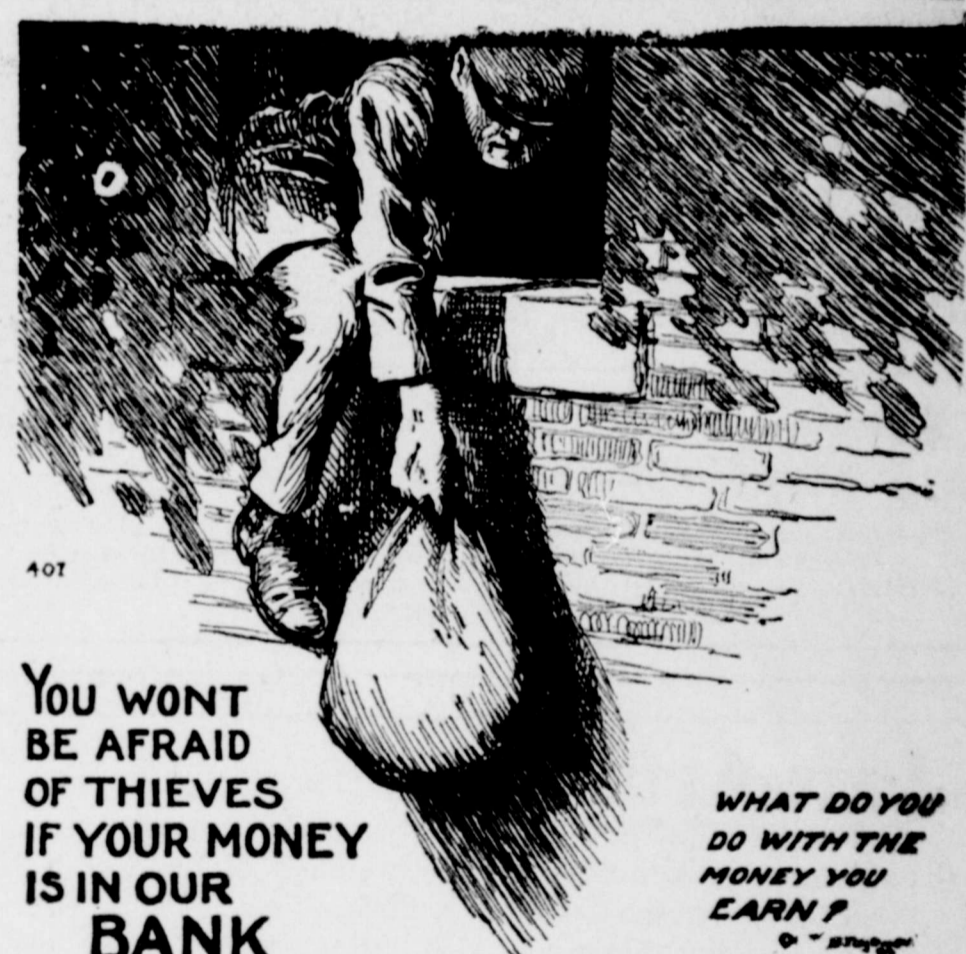
"Broadway Jones" is the most popular play on the American stage today. It made its appearance in New York last season. The author of the play, Mr. George H. Cohan, was at his best when he presented this very popular comedy. He has been showered with numerous letters from all over the country, each full of praise for the American playwright.

This season the play is made the larger towns over the country. It has just completed a tour of Texas, playing in only the larger cities. In the absence of the play from the smaller theatres over the country, many of the best newspapers have contracted to run the novel in their columns for the reading public. The play was recently novelized by Mr. Edward Marshall, a writer of note, famous for his novelizations of popular plays on the American stage today. At a great expense, The Ledger has purchased the rights to print the story in its columns for the benefit of the reading public of this section of the state.

As a story and play full of good wholesome humor and comedy "Broadway Jones" has no rival of the present day. The story is above the average. The story has been pronounced by many who have seen the play and read the proof of the serial, as being better than the play.

Every person who is not a subscriber to The Ledger should hand in his subscription, immediately that he might get every chapter of this exceedingly interesting and humorous comedy story. It will appear each day in The Ledger beginning Monday, Jan. 19. Hand in your subscription and get the first number of "Broadway Jones," the laughing sensation of the day.

Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.



YOU WON'T BE AFRAID OF THIEVES IF YOUR MONEY IS IN OUR BANK

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE MONEY YOU EARN?

Burglars always SPOT the house where the money is hidden. That's the BURGLAR'S BUSINESS. They know all the pet hiding places—the book case, under the carpet, in the sugar bowl, behind pictures, or in the clock. Besides, if burglars don't get it FIRE may. It is OUR BUSINESS to keep your money SAFE.

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You can't vote without a poll tax receipt, but you can work the road.

A man fell in the gutter at Taylor, Texas, and was drowned; yet that country keeps poking fun at Rummels county for being drouth-stricken. No death here from famine or flood.

A few warm days caused the candidates to spring up over Texas as thick as rabbits in Coke county. The Coleman Democrat comes out with twenty-six announcements and says the fun has just started.

We are all imitators in a way, and when we see something that the other fellow accomplished we like to imitate him. If you can be the original you can at least be the imitation. But remember the other fellow may have an eye on you and if you make good some fellow will be imitating you.

Houston, San Antonio, El Paso and several other of the smaller cities in Texas are boasting an "Everybody goes to church Sunday," and January 25th has been selected as a day to break the record for church attendance in Texas.

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Just Arrived!

I have just received my complete sample equipment of Spring and Summer samples from ED. V. PRICE & CO. The line contains: Venetians, Varicolored and Silk Mixed, Fancy and Finished and Unfinished Worsteds, Cassimeres, Pantings, Cheviots, Imported Goods and Broadcloths, Novelty Suitings Homespuns, Mohairs, Corduroys, Khaki Cloth, Linens, Palm Beach Cloth, Mollskins, Pongee and Shantung Silks, Outing and all kinds and grades of Serges.

Come in and look them over and get in your order early while you can get what you like. I want to get your order for future delivery, and get your name on my time file, and then you can get your suit any time you desire to do so. Let me book your order now. Do not forget that I turn out first class cleaning and pressing promptly.

W. H. Roark, The Tailor

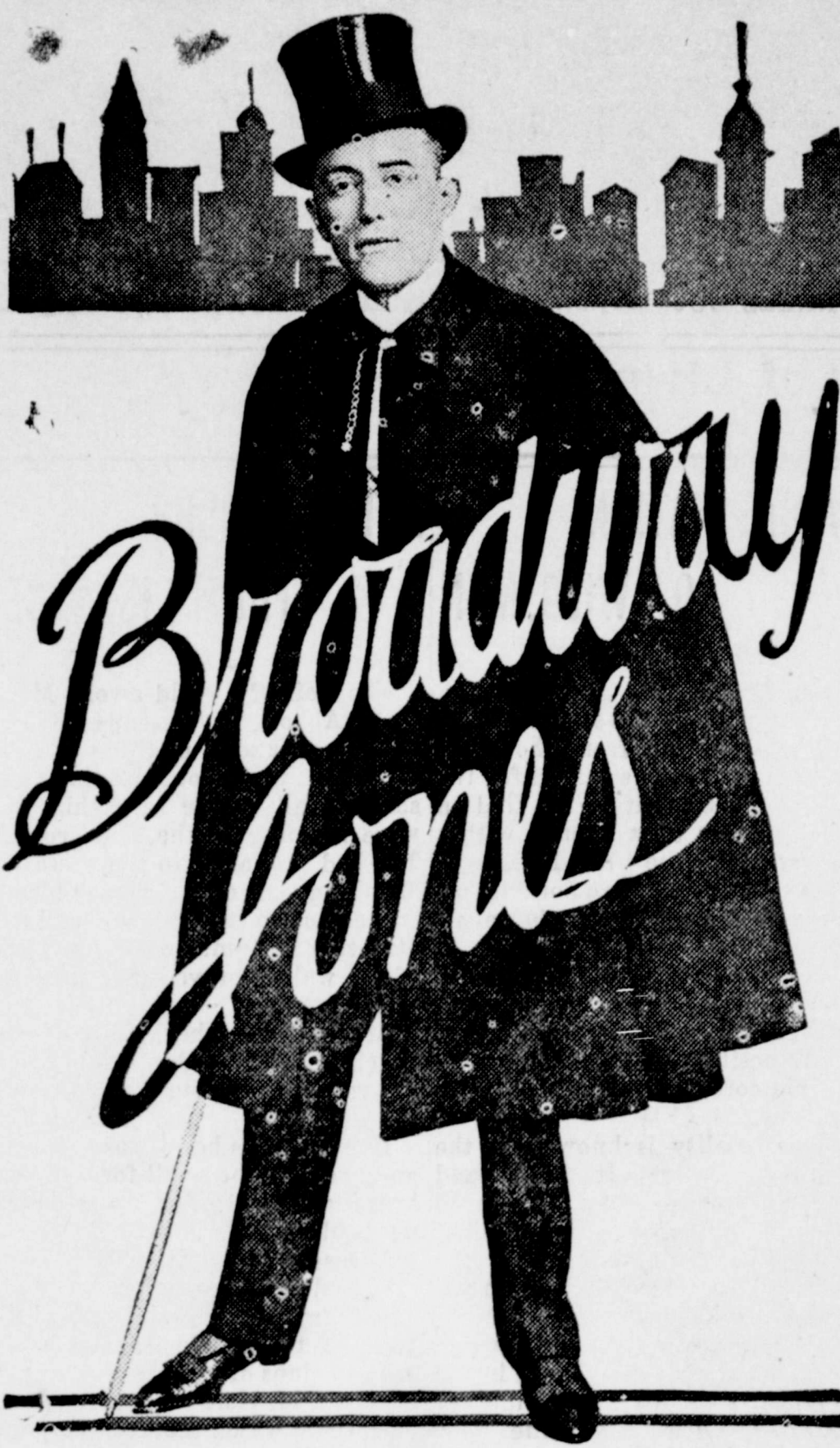
as. The papers where this have been on foot are publishing a blank to be signed and sent in to the papers, and the Houston Chronicle has several thousand pledges on file signed by the readers of that paper.

Occasionally a subscriber drops in and says: "Take my name off your list," and in an insinuating way leaves the impression that we are not running a paper to suit him. If this didn't happen once in a while we would get uneasy, because there is no human on earth that can please everybody. You see we are trying to publish a newspaper, independent in political matters, and some people want us to get up and tear our shirt for his candidate or for some pet measure he is advocating, and if we do this the other fellow gets mad. We don't expect to do this, regardless of the kind of paper we publish, nor do we expect a man to take our paper if it does not suit him, and it is a God-given privilege for you to choose your reading matter and support those things that you think deserves your support, and we are glad of it.

W. C. Grant has invented a machine, and it has been declared a success, for the manufacture of ice. It is a family machine, and is made to make a cake of ice fifty pounds in size and from that to six tons per day. It is said to be a great invention in that it gives the country man ice at a small cost. The machine will be put on the market for the coming season.

According to figures just handed out by Secretary of Agriculture Houston for the year just closed, the farm products of the United States amounted to \$9,759,000,000. In 1900 the value of all products was \$4,417,000,000. Notwithstanding that the value of Uncle Sam's crop more than doubled in thirteen years, the demand has not been supplied and all kinds of farm produce is bringing a good price. Especially is this true when it comes to buying food for man.

One hundred years from this good day people will be referred to when they make their appearance as the last survivor of the Brazos flood of 1913.—Brenham Banner. Folly, folly, the idea of a man living in the Brazos bottom for 100 years.



A novelization of a most successful play by the most successful actor-playwright of the United States
GEORGE M. COHAN

When a wealthy relative leaves a handsome fortune to young Jones he immediately responds to the call of "Broadway." Before long he's the most celebrated spender in the metropolis of spendthrifts. Every chorus girl and bartender, every taxi-cabman and policeman on the streets knows him and calls him by his nickname. He out-broadways Broadway. Then suddenly he finds himself "broke." Marriage with a maiden lady of many summers promises a solution not at all to his liking; then he meets THE girl and—

But you want to read the whole story—it's all very human and full of lots of good, roaring laughs. You'll not regret reading our coming serial—BROADWAY JONES.

CARELESSNESS AND LOSS OF LIFE.

The past two or three week have witnessed a number of tragedies in the State in which women and children have lost their lives either by thoughtlessness in getting too near the fire, by gasoline explosions, or from attempting to start fires by pouring kerosene on the fuel. It seems to be a difficult matter to impress upon many people the danger of leaving inflammable or explosive substances where children or others who are thoughtless regarding the risk of using it may readily obtain it when in a hurry to start a fire.—Houston Post.

Previous lives are constantly being snuffed out by carelessness. The newspapers carry from one to a half dozen accounts of death due to carelessness in nearly every issue. A recent case in point is that of a Texas mother who left an open vessel containing gasoline sitting in the kitchen, while she went over to her neighbors. One of the children of the household, mistaking the liquid for water, put it on the stove to boil. The explosion resulted in the death of one child and serious injury to others. Our carelessness is something appalling and we do not know what moment it may bring

grief into our own home.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Community co-operation is the best remedy for a grouchy community. By co-operation among business men, among neighbors, great things can be accomplished. The citizens of Rummels county will never bring Rummels county to the place it should occupy in the front ranks of good counties until the people stand shoulder to shoulder and do their part towards helping to develop the county.

There are entirely too many Hans Schmidt cases in the United States. Schmidt murdered a girl mutilated her body and tried to destroy it to cover his crime. When caught he immediately went crazy. Such heinous crimes are calculated to make a man go crazy, and men made insane from such cause should be put to death. No insane man should be allowed to live. If he is really crazy and is placed in an asylum and cured his life is a burden to him ever afterwards. This remedy would go a long ways reducing murders at the hands of insane murderers.

W. C. Penn, the big cotton buyer, went to Winters, Monday afternoon to take up a list of cotton.

MARKETING AS IMPORTANT AS PRODUCING COTTON

The agricultural papers, for several years, have been full of interesting and instructive articles, telling the farmer how to increase his crop yield per acre; the best seed to plant, how and when to plant; how to prepare the soil, the mixture and quantity of fertilizer to use. Full descriptions have appeared, covering the breeding and raising of stock, how to treat their various diseases, what feed to use in the different seasons.

The United States Department of Agriculture has printed carloads of bulletins and other literature regarding crop making and stock raising. Representatives of the Government in every state examine the soil, tell what it will produce, determine what irrigation or fertilization is necessary. We have, without doubt, the best equipped Agricultural Department of any nation on earth, in so far as farm production is concerned.

Our agricultural schools are everywhere. We have seen new theories taught and actually put into successful use. We have seen the "scientific farmer," once scoffed at and ridiculed,—we have seen him prove to be the practical farmer; we have seen him double his production per acre improve his products, plant and harvest new and unheard of crops with success. Much attention has been given to the farmer and his crops, and rightfully so, for on his success or failure depends, in its last analysis, the prosperity of our commonwealth. A great work has been and is being accomplished, and the results speak for themselves. Truly the farmer is being taught amply in the science of production.

But where in the pages of the Farm Press, or in the Government bulletins or literature, will you find any words about profitable selling or marketing methods? Where will the farmer find information about how to get the best price or where to ship his products?

If the average farmer could sell his crops as successfully as he can produce, he would soon be independent. The cotton grower seems to be the weakest of all as a seller of his crop. He makes a fine crop of cotton by his skill and energy. He produces well, but his method in cashing his crop is pitiful. He takes his cotton to market at the time when prices are always lowest, and he sells his cotton for whatever he can get, regardless of his cost of production. Why should he be anything but poor and in debt?

The Government has finally awakened to the fact that marketing is as important as producing. A "Bureau of Markets" has been established and investigations into present conditions are being made. A survey of cotton marketing in Oklahoma was made this fall by the chief of the Bureau of Markets. His findings have just been published in Bulletin No. 36, United States Department of Agriculture, subject "STUDIES OF PRIMARY MARKET CONDITIONS IN OKLAHOMA." Every cotton grower should read this Bulletin. Mr. Brand and his expert classifiers visited every part of Oklahoma's cotton section. His report of market conditions reveals facts about cotton selling that every farmer should know.

For instance, on Page 6, Mr. Brand shows different prices paid for middling cotton in the same town, on the same day. In Mountain Park, Oklahoma, November 18th, one farmer received \$50.25 for a 500 pound bale of cotton, middling. On the same date, in the same town, another farmer received \$56.25 for a 500 pound bale of middling cotton. The second bale was of identical grade as the first bale and the two bales were of equal value. Why then the difference of \$6.00 per bale? The Galveston price that day was \$50.00 per bale, middling. On November 12th, in Terral, Oklahoma, there was a variation of \$12.50 per bale, comparing the price on the same grade paid one farmer as against the price paid another.

A copy of this Bulletin may be secured by writing to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Ask for Bulletin No. 36, Department of Agriculture.

When will the cotton farmer wake up? When will he cease to glut the market in the fall when the price is lowest? Why will he stick to a selling system that has made him poor? Has the cotton farmer no hope of prosperity?

The cotton farmer faces the same situation that the Rice Growers, Fruit Growers, and Wheat Farmers faced. They saved themselves by establishing marketing systems. Now they sell their products on a business basis. They have facilities for holding their products till they are needed. They no longer dump their crops on the market, saying, "Here is our crop; give us what you will for it." They demand and get a profitable price.

Cotton is a safe commodity for holding. In a suitable warehouse, cotton may be held indefinitely without decreasing its quality. Cotton must be held and sold as the world needs it in order to bring a fair price. Overloading the market always brings the same results, low prices. How can

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Logansport, Ind.—"My baby was over a year old and I bloated till I was a burden to myself. I suffered from female trouble so I could not stand on my feet and I felt like millions of needles were pricking me all over. At last my doctor told me that all that would save me was an operation, but this I refused. I told my husband to get me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I would try it before I would submit to any operation. He did so and I improved right along. I am now doing all my work and feeling fine.

"I hope other suffering women will try your Compound. I will recommend it to all I know."—Mrs. DANIEL D. E. DAVIS, 110 Franklin St., Logansport, Ind.

Since we guarantee that all testimonials which we publish are genuine, is it not fair to suppose that if Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has the virtue to help these women it will help any other woman who is suffering in a like manner?

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The supply of cotton to be delivered to the world, so as to meet the demand but not exceed it? Co-operation by the growers, through a business like marketing system, will put cotton on a stable basis. The farmers must cooperate, get a living price for their cotton through sensible marketing. They must plant their cotton fields to other crops.

Statistics from a Texas plantation, 6,000 acres in cotton, show that the cost in 1912 was 11 1/2 to 12c per pound. This great plantation has improved farm machinery, is in charge of a very capable manager, employs Mexican labor at \$1.00 per day instead of negroes at \$1.50; their land is probably the richest in the state. If their cotton costs them 11 1/2c, what does your cotton cost?

If cotton before ginning cost 12c and more, it is worth at least 15c. Co-operate with your neighbors. Get a profit on your year's work. Get 15 CENTS for your cotton. Hold your cotton. The world must have every pound of this crop and your cotton will soon bring 15 cents. New York has put the price down in the effort to make you sell. Hang on. Sell your cotton when they sell theirs. Their price will soon be 15c.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

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CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

- For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, JO HARDIN.
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD.
- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.

Ben F. Parker, one of the representative citizens of the Token country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

FOR SALE—Span good work mules at \$150.00. Call on A. L. Kirley, Phone 88-1, mgs. Ballinger. 12-2d Itw Pd.

Rev. Braley, of San Saba, who preached at the New Home school house Sunday last, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route h

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E. V. Bateman, the lumber man left Tuesday morning for Coleman on a short business trip.

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JAMES E. FERGUSON FOR GOVERNOR

Makes Known His Views to the Democracy of Texas.

PRESENT LAWS ENOUGH.

Native of Bell County, Forty-Two Years Old, Lawyer, Banker, Farmer, and Believes Business Ideas Should Prevail in State Affairs.

To the Democrats of Texas:

In announcing myself as a candidate for the high office of governor of Texas, I am not unmindful of the discussion which I may arouse or perhaps the criticism which I may bring forth.

For years and years it has been quite the custom to elect our governors under a rule which we might term political succession. In other words, we have been determining a man's qualification for governor in proportion to the number of years he has been in active politics and the number of offices to which he has previously been elected. The same rule has been largely followed with reference to other offices.

So I realize that when I, a country lawyer, a country banker and a country farmer, if you please, try to land myself in the governor's chair at one fell swoop, I imagine I can already hear the thundering tones of "Nay, verily, we were here first." And here the issue is raised. If it can be shown that the state affairs have been under the old rule administered in an economical and business way, then I am frank to agree that there is no particular demand for my candidacy, and I will have no one to blame should I be disappointed in my ambition. But the burden of proof is upon those who would thus criticize my announcement. And should the proof be not sustained, then the propriety of my candidacy is established, and upon my merits and the merits of my platform I shall indulge the hope that the great mass of Texas Democrats will give me their favorable consideration.

I am a native Texan. Was raised on a farm in Bell county. Am forty-two years old. Seven years of my life have been given to the practice of law. For the past eight years I have been engaged in banking, farming and stock raising. I believe I can show as fine a herd of Durham cattle as there



JAMES E. FERGUSON.

in Texas. I have never sought public office, but have always taken interest and part in public affairs. I believe my training will in some measure qualify me for the office of governor.

It is my intention to make an active campaign and discuss my platform which is:

First: Until such time as all state institutions and state finances are put on a sound business basis, all other matters of legislation should be postponed.

Realizing the imperative need of this policy and recognizing the attempt of certain candidates to ride into office on the prohibition issue to the exclusion and detriment of the pressing business demands of the state, and in order that the issue may be clearly made, I hereby pledge myself, if elected governor, to promptly and surely veto to the extent of my power any legislation which may be passed through pro or anti influence, pertaining to or dealing with the liquor question in any manner or form.

Present laws are sufficient. I ask no man to surrender his views on prohibition, but the deplorable condition of our state institutions and finances makes a graver condition. It can only be met by ceasing, for a time at least, the factional strife which is destroying the state.

Let us have more business and less talk. Instead of wrangling over the question of whether man shall drink, let us consider for a time how he and his loved ones may get something to eat and something to wear. Three years ago I voted for submission of the prohibition question to the people. An election was held and by a clear majority the issue was decided against prohibition. Frequent elections on the question will only bring renewed agitation and strife. I, therefore, am opposed to any resubmission of the question at this time.

Second—I am heartily in favor of any legislation looking to the improvement and advancement of our public schools, the Agricultural and Mechanical College and our State University. The matter of appropriations for such purposes I would only be restrict-

ed by the ability of the state to pay and an economical expenditure of the public money. If we get our money's worth, let us buy all the education we can pay for. And let us begin with the little school house on the country road.

Third—No candidate for governor who has not had business experience and who has not had ample opportunity to give the question serious attention can safely outline any intelligent plan for the management of the state penitentiaries. If elected governor, I pledge my best efforts as a business man to put all state prisons on a self-sustaining basis. If it would not involve the state in loss, I am in favor of using our convict labor to build permanent public roads.

Fourth—I am opposed to any reduction in rates charged by railroads. Railroads are entitled to earn a fair return on their investment.

If railroad investment is not assured of a fair return on the investment Texas will wait long in the future before other railroads are built.

Again, if rates are reduced the railroads will use such action as a pretext to decrease the wages of organized labor, and will use it as an excuse for their failure to furnish proper service to the patient public. I favor such firm and prompt regulation of the railroads by legislation, and by our railroad commission, as will relieve the people from the discomfort or bad crossings, late trains, delayed shipments and discourteous employees. The passenger who pays three cents a mile is entitled to a seat. The shipper who is forced to pay extra because he does not unload the car is certainly entitled to reimbursement when no car is furnished for him to load.

A study of this question is good for all concerned, and will lead to a better understanding of the relation which should exist between the roads and the public.

Fifth—I favor the establishment of a system of bonded warehouses with power to issue negotiable receipts, all under the sanction and supervision of the state. The demand for this legislation is apparent to everyone.

A gradual marketing of farm products can never be brought about unless some general plan of storage is available. Not one farmer in fifty has or is able to purchase, facilities to store and house through the winter months all of the cotton or grain which he can raise.

Yet unless they have this facility our entire crops must go on the markets at one time to prevent their destruction or damage from wind and storm. The bad effects of enforced marketing on the price of farm products in Texas, and in the South, causes the loss of more money every year than any other one thing.

Sixth—Perhaps of greater moment than all other questions is the question of land tenure and land rents. History reveals that the fall of all nations was closely connected with it, not directly caused by, the failure to promptly meet an equitably adjusted division of land production between landlord and tenant.

Let us not be deceived into thinking that Texas is not confronted with this question right now.

Until a short time ago, a fourth of the cotton and a third of the grain crops was considered for fifty years in Texas as the equitable rent when the tenant should pay for the use of the land rented. Under this rule Texas has prospered and grown from our financial triumph to another.

But later, with the appearance of high-priced lands, the argument has become quite popular that rents should go higher to keep pace with the earning power of money.

As a result, it is becoming almost a custom to demand and collect of the tenant a bonus in addition to the usual rents, or to demand a cash rent exceeding the customary rent. It is true that for a few years we have had an era of high prices, and so far the tenant has been able to pay the increased rent and live without any great inconvenience.

But it must be borne in mind that an acre of land that now sells for \$100 per acre does not produce any more cotton or corn than it did when it sold for \$20 per acre.

As perhaps a majority of our rural citizenship are tenants, it is folly to argue that the good of society is not involved in the matter of a material increase in rents. An increase in rents necessarily impairs the ability of the tenant to raise and educate his family. Therefore, it must follow that in such proportion as rents go up, comfort and education, so far as the tenant is concerned, go down.

Therefore, as a solution to this vexing problem and to settle the strife which seems brewing, I, if elected governor, will urge upon the legislature to bring about by statute or constitutional amendment, as may be proper, the passage of a law that will make the collection of rent in amount in excess of one-fourth of the value of cotton or one-third of the value of grain crops, usury, the penalty for which shall be a forfeiture of double the amount of rent collected, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction; provided, that the landlord may collect rent in an amount equal to one-half the value of all crops where the landlord furnishes all the tools, implements, feed and teams with which the tenant makes the crop.

Such a law is not only essentially progressive, but necessary. It involves not only the good of society, but the life of the government.

I shall be glad to debate and defend this legislation with any reputable candidate for governor.

In the meantime, I suggest that the people inquire of candidates for the legislature how they stand on this question. This question has to be met sooner or later. The very foundation of the nation is involved in this law. Land owners need not be alarmed at this announcement, as I will be able to show you where such a law is to your interest, as well as your tenant. I will be able to show that the present high values of land can be maintained only by maintaining the standard of tenant citizenship.

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PHONES 13 AND 142

The Walker Drug Company

THE REXALL STORE

WHEN COTTON IS SUBJECT TO TAXES

The question was recently raised in this county as to whether cotton in the hands of the buyer is subject to taxes. At the request of Tax Assessor Boyd, County Attorney Shepherd addressed a letter to the attorney general asking for an opinion on the question. The attorney general recently furnished Comptroller Lane with an opinion, and following is a copy of that opinion:

Under the date of December 15, in a letter addressed to this Department, you state that you have been advised that on the first day of January of each year there are approximately three million bales of cotton belonging to foreign corporations located at Galveston, Texas City, Houston, and the several cotton compresses throughout the State, and you desire to know whether you as Comptroller would have the authority to instruct the tax assessors of these several counties to assess this cotton promptly on the first day of January and then to instruct the tax collectors of the same counties not to permit the removal of this cotton until the taxes assessed against it have been justly paid.

To answer your inquiries it is necessary, first, to ascertain whether or not the cotton located as above set out would be subject to taxation in the several counties located.

Cotton in the hands of the producer on the first day of January is not subject to taxation, but such cotton in the hands of the buyer on the first day of January, it would be subject to taxation, unless exempted under some provision of law.

Under the provisions of Article 7510 R. S. 1911, all property, both real and personal, except such as is required to be listed and assessed otherwise, shall be listed and assessed in the county where it is situated.

Art. 7508, R. S. 1911, provides that all property shall be listed for taxation between the first day of January and the 30th day of April of each year with reference to the quantity held or owned on the first day of January in the year for which the property is required to be listed or rendered.

As to whether the cotton at the different places mentioned by you in your letter would be subject to taxation in the different counties where located, depends entirely upon whether such cotton is situated in such counties within the contemplation of our Constitution and statute.

If said cotton at Galveston, Houston, Texas City and the several cotton compresses throughout the State is situated in said counties within the meaning of the Constitution and statute of this State on the first day of January of any year, then such cotton, although belonging to foreign corporations, would be subject to taxation in the county where so situated on the first day of January.

The term "situated" as used in our statute means something more than merely being temporarily at a place. If the cotton in question should only be passing through the counties on the first day of January or if such cotton should be held in said counties temporarily for the purpose of sale, or if said cotton should be in transit to a foreign market, or if said cotton be held at compresses temporarily for the purpose of being compressed and then shipped to a foreign market, it could not in either event be said to be situated in said counties within the meaning of our law.

If the cotton at compresses is held temporarily for the purpose of being compressed, and then sent to some other point at its destination, we do not think it would be subject to taxation in the county in which the compress is located.

If the cotton bought by foreign corporations should be shipped to Houston, Galveston or Texas City as concentration points to be held at said points an indefinite length of time with no intention to ship it to foreign or other points within a reasonable length of time, such cotton in such counties under such circumstances on the first day of January would be subject to taxation in the county in which the compress is situated.

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Our courts have held that the stoppage of cotton en route for compression and for the purpose of classification, reweighing and remarking, would not transform a foreign bill of shipment into a domestic one.

State vs. San Antonio & S. P. Ry., Co., 73 S. W., 572.

In the case of State vs. I. & G. N. Ry., Co. 71 S. W., D. 994, it was held that where cotton is delivered to a carrier to be transported on a continuous trip to a point outside the State, the character of interstate commerce attaches thereto, whatever the form of the bill of lading, as that it is not subject to regulations of the State Railroad Commission. It was said in that case that the character of the shipment should be determined by the intention of the parties, regardless of the bill of lading. The main questions to be determined are: Did the cotton in question when delivered to the carrying company start on its journey outside the State of Texas? Was its destination at the time fixed and determined upon and was the carriage from Houston to Galveston a part of the voyage, which was to be continuous? If so, the shipment was a foreign shipment and not subject to the Commission's regulations.

If the cotton or any part of it concentrated at the Texas ports on January first should be subject to the regulations of interstate commerce and not the laws of this State.

To determine, therefore, whether or not the cotton at the places mentioned in your communication would be subject to taxation, would involve a question of fact which would necessarily have to be ascertained in each particular case. The above principles of law, however, we trust may assist you in determining whether or not such cotton is subject to taxation.

If you should find that any of the cotton would be subject to taxation in this State, the assessor would have the right and authority to make assessment of the same on the first day of January. We think Article 7626 lays down the rule that should govern the county collectors in making collection in such cases. Said statute reads as follows:

"If it comes to the knowledge of the collector that any personal property assessed for taxes on the rolls is about to be removed from the county, and the owner of such property has not other property in the county sufficient to satisfy all assessments against him, the collector shall immediately levy upon the sufficiency of such property to satisfy such taxes and all costs, and the same sell in accordance with the law regulating sales of personal property for taxes, unless the owner of such property shall give bond with sufficient security, payable to and to be approved by the collector and conditioned for the payment of the taxes due on such property on or before the first day of January next succeeding."

Sam Reese, one of the pioneer and prominent citizens of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Nice oak wood, sizes and length to suit. Artie Lee and Fuel Co. Phone 312

W. D. Samsome left Saturday afternoon for Waco to join his family and will spend several months in that section before returning home.

For Cold on Lungs.
Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold in lungs is dangerous often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggists everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles.

Rev. Father Lavore left Saturday afternoon for his regular appointment at Coleman and will also visit at Brownwood before he returns home.

TRESPASS NOTICE
My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides.
Wm. D. Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

N. J. Alexander, of the Winters country passed thru Ballinger Saturday enroute to Brady, Texas, to visit his brother and family a few days.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

A. L. Kirley, one of the Banner-Ledger's friends of the New Home neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday, and left an ad for a fine span of mules at a bargain, in the Daily Ledger.

For Skin Diseases.
Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run no risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist.

Paul Michaelis, one of the successful and pioneer citizens of the Hatchel country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Prof. E. L. Hagan, County Superintendent, and G. P. McClelland, the Agricultural Demonstrator, left Tuesday morning for Wingate and other points in that section. Prof. Hagan requests us to say that he will be away from home looking after the schools of the county and will return home Friday night.

Acute Sore Throat.
There is nothing better for sore throat than Hunt's Lightning Oil. Put it on at night, and the next morning the soreness is usually gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, of all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

A. J. Zappe, and E. Shum left Monday night for the West on a short business trip.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

H. M. Benson and family, of the Pumphry country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Winchell, Brown county, where they will make their future home.

W. A. Esmond of the Winters-Wingate country, was supplying and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Rheumatic Pains.
Every last one of them leaves. The hurting is gone almost the instant Hunt's Lightning Oil is used. The aching stops so quickly it is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, bruises and bruises it acts as a healing oil, soothing the hurting parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

W. W. Farmer, the big irrigation farmer six miles down the Colorado, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

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

S. B. Howard, the irrigation farmer up the river, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday afternoon.

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