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WANTS TO JOIN WEST TEXAS LEAGUE

That the idea conceived by several enthusiastic baseball fans of Ballinger, whereby a West Texas Baseball League would be organized, is attracting the attention of the citizens of the nearby towns, is proven in a letter addressed to Mr. Jno. A. Weeks of this city. It comes from Thurber, Texas, and is asking if there is any chance whatever of that thriving little city being permitted to join the league should it develop.

The enthusiasts of Ballinger take the letter as an indication that the league would be one that would be a paying proposition and one from which the club towns might derive world's of advertising.

As yet Ballinger has not done her part in subscribing the necessary money asked in organizing. It is proposed to have each of the towns that are members of the league to subscribe a sufficient amount of money to cover the cost of railroad mileage used in making two trips around the circuit by each club. For instance, Ballinger merchants and fans in general are asked to donate enough money to cover the cost of the Ballinger club in making two trips around the proposed circuit, namely, Ballinger, Brownwood, Coleman, Abilene, Sweetwater, and San Angelo. The amount would be about \$250. The hotel bills made by the club and other necessary expenses in making the tour, would be met by the gate receipts of each place. Twelve dollars, it is said, would be sufficient to pay running expenses in each town, should each town put up the mileage money.

The letter from Thurber is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—I see in the papers that the merchants of Ballinger are trying to organize a West Texas League.

"I should feel very much obliged to you by your informing me whether our local ball team would have a chance to join the league. If so, I should like to make you a proposition. Awaiting your kind reply at earliest convenience, I am,

"Yours truly,

"EDWIN B. GOLDSCHMIDT."

John Phillips and Emmett Long are fixing up the Confectionery and Cold Drink stand now occupied by Mr. Phillips and will put in an up to date Restaurant and expect to be open to the public by Saturday, February 14th.

FELIX JONES ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Gatesville, Tex., Feb. 10.—After exhausting one venire, during the first day of trial, and requiring the attendance of twenty-five more for Tuesday morning, the trial of Felix Jones, charged with killing Frank Battle, began with day morning in the Fifty-second district court, Judge J. H. Arnold presiding.

Battle was shot on the night of August 20 last, dying early the next morning. The wounds were inflicted about thirty minutes after he had returned home from a trip to Waco, where he had been on business.

Jones was arrested at Fort Worth, on the night of August 26, five days after Battle died. He was located in that city by Sheriff E. B. McMordie of Coryell county and Deputy Sheriff Lee Jenkins of Waco, just as he was about to board a train. Jones was kept in jail at Waco for a brief period, then transferred to this city. Following his indictment by the grand jury, he was allowed bond in the sum of \$7,500, to await the result of his trial, which he gave, and was released from custody.

Jones is well known at Ballinger and in other neighboring towns. He was tried and acquitted for killing Alf Cogsdell at Abilene a few years ago. The case is being watched with interest, and the progress of the case will be published in this paper until it is ended.

MAN PLEADS GUILTY; JURY CAN'T AGREE

It may seem strange that a jury cannot agree after a man pleads guilty, but that is what happened before Judge Buck in the Forty-eighth district court Monday.

The case was that in which Walter Bering was charged with robbing the Carnegie library. Attorneys for Bering presented a motion for a suspended sentence and it is said eleven of the jurors favored granting this request, while one opposed it.

Bering was arrested some time ago by a number of policemen and citizens, led by Night Sergeant Billie Little, while attempting to descend a water-spout at the library. He had been routed out of the main building onto a roof and just as he started down the spout Little "drew a sight draft on him" and commanded him to "come back." He "came."—Fort Worth Record.

ONE BOY STABS ANOTHER WITH KNIFE

A fight between Nathan Holliday and Joe Crockett occurred in the Millar school house neighborhood early Wednesday morning in which a pocket knife was used and Holliday, stabbed in the shoulder and cut in several places in the hand and Crockett considerably "banged" up. Holiday came to town to have the doctors patch him up and after having his wounds dressed he called on the officers and answered to a charge of affray. Crockett also came in and answered to a complaint filed against him, and the boys will have to pay for the fun at so much per fight.

According to the story told of the affair by young Holiday, the trouble started over a difficulty between a younger brother of Holiday and the Crockett boy. The younger Holiday boy and Crockett were going to school at the Millar school house, and a fight between them occurred Tuesday evening. According to Holiday's story, his brother is only 12 years old and the Crockett boy is 17 years old. Nathan Holiday met the Crockett boy on the road to school Wednesday morning, or the Crockett boy passed him as he was going to his work in the field, and after some words between them, they "locked horns" with the above results.

\$19,000 DIRT DEEDS RECORDED

J. W. Mode to Jno. Kirby and J. R. Wilhelm, six lots in town of Winters, lot No. 8, block No. 8 lot 2, block No. 33, lot 4, block 12 lot 8, block 7, lot 20, block 22, lot 11, block 7, consideration \$350.

S. J. Robinson and wife to J. D. Reed, 154 4-10 acres of land all of block 66, a subdivision of survey No. 122, consideration \$4500.

W. F. Sims and wife to W. J. Moon a certain tract of Miles, being a part of the T. & N. O. Ry. survey No. 86, consideration \$700

Tom P. Cooper to W. D. Ake being an undivided 1-4 interest in lot 1, block 10 in the town of Miles, consideration \$1000.

L. C. Tomlinson and wife to A. S. Taylor, 200 acres of land out of the north end of blocks 8 and 9 subdivision of survey No 440, consideration \$6000.

W. E. Rodgers to J. L. Allred 150 acres of land out of a survey of 1107 acres, known as survey No. 511, consideration \$3375.

Paul Biederman and wife to Mary Lucy Glass, 150 acres of land, a part of Texas & New Orleans Ry Co., survey No. 527, consideration \$4500.

W. B. Ray to D. Reeder, the south one-half of the west one-half of block No. 38, West End addition to the town of Ballinger, consideration \$350.

L. Baldwin and wife to Howard Baldwin and wife, a certain tract of land being a part of 320 acres tract of land known as the Mrs. W. E. Barton, survey No. 76 1-2 consideration \$3700.

Beulah V. Rape and husband Thos. A. Rape to Mrs. J. C. Hill lots 11 and 12, block 9, College Heights addition to Ballinger consideration \$50.

Kerney Mays, one of the prominent business men of Bronte, passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon to points east to look after business interests a few days.

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WEST TEXAS IN PEN

San Angelo, Tom Green Co., Feb. 9.—Twenty-seven convicts charged and sentenced to the Texas penitentiary for almost every crime punishable under the Texas law were turned over to Bert Russell, a Texas transfer agent, at Sweetwater Saturday, by City Marshal Carroll Bates. Bates went after the prisoners for J. V. Cunningham, transfer agent, who is seriously ill here at the home of his brother. He secured the convicts at El Paso, Colorado City, Fort Davis and Barstow.

WINS BY TWO FEET

Adolph Wilke says Bob Kirk claims to be the boss chicken raiser of Ballinger and does show up some mighty pretty poultry, but Mr. Wilke has him bested by two feet in the poultry race as he now has a well developed chicken with four feet.

WOULD CLOSE BANK TO ESCAPE PRISON

Winona, Miss., Feb. 9.—"We wish to close up the Winona Savings Bank before the legislature puts us all in the penitentiary, therefore we wish all depositors to come and draw their money. We also wish all parties owing us to come forward and pay us immediately."

This is a notice that has been sent to all depositors of the bank by J. C. Purnell, the president.

The Mississippi legislature now has under consideration a banking bill, one of the features of which is the guarantee of deposits. In a statement Mr. Purnell said heretofore his word was all that was necessary to insure confidence in the bank and that he will quit business before submitting to the proposed law.

Matt Fox, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK
BALLINGER, TEXAS

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If the ground hog will just make good and not give us more than the six weeks of winter, we will all be glad.

Did you know that the most prosperous people are found where the principle industry is raising live stock and poultry. It's a fact. This country is suitable for just such prosperity.

Judging from the way the old political pot is boiling now, the mud is going to play out before the campaign hardly gets started. The public is to be given a real mud-slinging political battle. Let her fly, as a rule the man that slings the mud in an effort to win votes by exposing his opponent short comings, generally takes a trip up salt creek after the election.

This is the club age. We have the corn clubs, the maize clubs, the feterita clubs, the eating clubs, the baby beef clubs, the hog clubs, and some man who is interested in raising better men and women have started a baby club. There are other clubs, but we are not going to give you a list of them, are recommend any particular club, but if you are not a member of some club—well, you

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Address F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, Ohio.
 Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

J. W. Northington, of Ohio who is spending the winter in our city, returned to Ballinger Wednesday morning from an extended visit to points West.

Best Cough Medicine for Children
 "I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

Silas Izard, the San Angelo Marble Works man, came in Wednesday morning to look after his company's interest in our section a few days.

ECZEMA AND ITCHING
 Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Hunt's Cure has proven itself the standard medicine for skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

George Eskridge returned yesterday from a month's hunting and trapping expedition in the Western part of the state. He reports very good success and a splendid outing.

DEATHS

Mrs. J. N. Wylie died at her home in West End last Saturday afternoon, and was buried in the Runnels cemetery Sunday. Deceased is survived by a number of relatives besides her husband. She had been living in this county for a number of years, residing part of the time in the New Home community, and the many friends of the family sympathize with them in the loss of the good wife and mother.

Mrs. John Hall died at her home in the Western part of the city last Sunday and was buried in the Norton cemetery Monday afternoon. Mrs. Hall formerly lived in the Norton country. The family moved from Runnels county several years ago, but recently returned here on account of Mrs. Hall's health, and it was hoped that the climate here would benefit her, but death was the only relief. She is survived by a husband and a number of children.

STOP THAT PAIN RIGHT NOW

If your head aches just rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on. This wonderful liniment has a peculiar effect on pain. It drives it away at once. Rheumatic pain quickly yields to the touch of this liniment. Neuralgia is quickly gone after Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied. For cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions of the skin and sprains, it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. Sold by all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. M. J. Stacy and little daughter are here from McCulloch county, having returned home from Stacy with C. A. Doose Monday. They will visit Mrs. Stacy's daughter Mrs. Doose, while the little girl Agnes undergoes an operation for throat trouble.

His Stomach Troubles Over.
 Mr. Dyspeptic would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

T. G. Conway of the New Home community was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger, and also our very liberal clubbing offer of \$2.25 now in force.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling, Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tdf

Wm. Davenport of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Leggett of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday afternoon.

TYPEWRITER BARGAIN — Here's your chance to get a bargain in the best typewriter made. I have a good L. C. Smith, been in use only a short while, machine good as new, cost \$105. Two color ribbon, tabulator, and everything in first-class shape. I have two machines and only need one. If you want a bargain come and see me quick. Will give good terms. dtd
 A. W. SLEDGE.

E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country was among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

R. T. Jones of South Ballinger, while here on business Wednesday informed us that he was well up with his farm work and the land in fine shape for planting.

Electrical Conveniences

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

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Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call at my office.
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KC BAKING POWDER

This modern, double-raise baking powder has unusual strength and is absolutely certain to raise your biscuits, cakes and pastry light and feathery. It generates an abundance of leavening gas both in the mixing bowl and in the oven. The raising is sustained until the dough is cooked through.

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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, J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. C. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON.
- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL.
- For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN.

Broadway Jones

From the Play of George M. Cohan

By EDWARD MARSHALL

With Photographs from Scenes in the Play

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Continued from Yesterday.

"No," said Broadway, with the air of one revealing something at once horrible and fascinating, "he spent over twenty-five dollars one night."

His audience was as vividly impressed as any speaker could have wished. "He must have just thrown it away!"

"Why—"

But the mad tale of Wallace's expenditures was never told. The conversation was at this point interrupted by the sound of cheers in the great workrooms at the back.

CHAPTER XI.

Higgins, erratic, demagogic, often vicious tempered, was, when once his championship had been enlisted, an enthusiastic advocate. As he himself had said, his heart was "in the right place," and that morning, as he went through the plant explaining that the young new owner had decided not to sell out to the trust, but would stand by Jonesville, Jones' Pepsin gum and those resident in one and employed in manufacture of the other, Broadway lost none of merit through his declamation.

In that heart in the right place Higgins had admired the way the smallish city man had stood up to his five feet ten of brawn and threatened to throw him out of the building, discharge him from the plant, and drive him from the town. He did not cease threatening a moment. He was sorry he had lost his temper while with Josie.

He had rushed through the great,

rambling buildings of the old-fashioned manufactory at high speed and high enthusiasm. His manner had been such that his mere appearance had been signal for the stoppage of the wheels of industry and the gathering of eager groups about him to listen to the news which one could not doubt he bore, and when the nature of that news became known generally, the much-relieved workmen, the working-women, and even the basket girls and bundle-boys throughout the plant, became instantly demonstrative of great joy.

The first cheer, that which had mercifully interrupted Clara's inquisition of Broadway on the subject of his friend, was followed by another and another as the news spread. A gradual cessation of the grinding roar which was apparent, even in the office building, when the plant was operating, showed that here and there and everywhere machines were being stopped by those who wished to leave them so that they might hear the news.

The office-building group stood spell-bound, listening. None knew what had occurred. They might have been alarmed had the uproar been less unmistakably enthusiastic.

"What is it?" Mrs. Spotswood asked excitedly.

"I don't know," was Josie's answer. "Clara certainly knew nothing of the nature of what might be happening, and none was further than Broadway from a guess that what he had told Higgins, in a sentence wherein anger very freely mingled with the news of his determination to retain and operate the gum plant, could have been accepted as good reason for such a really notable demonstration of the joy of gum makers."

It was the judge, at this instant bustling in, who made the situation clear to them.

"Great Scott!" he said, aglow with genial satisfaction. "Talk about excitement! The whole plant is in an uproar."

"What is it, judge?" the owner of the plant inquired.

"Why, didn't you send a message out there by Higgins?"

"Er—yes, I did."

"Well, that's what they're cheering about. The men are yelling themselves hoarse and the boys are dancing with joy." The judge was beaming like a full moon with gray tufts of hair above its ears. "You'd think Bedlam had broken loose. They're yelling for you, Broadway. Come out and let them see you."

Broadway was in a state of panic, of blue funk, of sheer, unspeakable fright. He ducked and looked about as if endeavoring to find that avenue through which escape would be easiest.

"No; not now, please," he begged pitifully.

They might have let it go at that had not the cheering within the works broken out afresh.

"Listen to that," the judge adjured him, and urged him with a lumpy hand upon his elbow.

His wife went to his assistance. "Oh, do go out and say something, Broadway!"

"Yes," the judge insisted, "come and make a speech."

"I can't say anything," said the miserable and frightened Broadway. "I never made a speech in my life!"

Josie, smiling gently, turned from them. When again she faced them she held in her hand the paper she had thrust so recently into that sacred, secret place. "Read this to them," she suggested.

He took it, but he did not see whence it had been extracted, although Mrs. Spotswood did. The eyes of matrons of her age are sympathetically attuned to signs of this sort, seeing them when others miss them. She smiled at Josie, Josie caught her eye and blushed furiously.

"Oh, come on." The judge now took a firmer hold on him. "It will make them all feel good."

His faithful wife went to his aid.

She took the other arm of the acutely miserable youth, and between them they propelled him from the room, through the short length of a wide hallway stacked on either side with boxes full of chewing gum already packed for shipment, through a breathlessly hot engine-room, and into the main room upon the factory's ground floor.

Their appearance was the signal for an uproar of applause. The loudest cheering of the previous outburst was surpassed so notably that, by comparison, it had been whispering. In the enthusiasm of the moment men, women and the younger workers of the force lost all sense of reserve.

Broadway ceased to be that terrible thing, a new and untried boss, who must be looked at carefully, addressed with caution and regarded with respect made up principally of fear. He was young; he had been fair to them; he was their economic savior.

They went mad, and, at first permitting him no opportunity to make the speech which he so feared, seized him as if he had been the winning player at a football game and bore him round the great room of the factory upon their shoulders.

There was affection in the strong arms of the men who lifted him; there were tears in many women's eyes which watched. Not only was this youth the boss; he was the young boss. They knew he had been plucky in his loyalty to them, rumors of the splendid offer which the trust had made had been circulated freely. He was accredited with that intention most admired by real Americans, and these workmen, in this old New England mill, in this old New England village, were principally native sons.

He was not content to be an idler; he insisted upon buckling down to a man's job. And had he not decided to take up the burden of gum-manufacture largely through his feeling of responsibility to them and to the town? Financially the offer of the trust must certainly have been more tempting than the prospect of commercial battle which, even should it win,

would inevitably involve a long, expensive and intensely wearing strain!

Would they ride him round and round upon their shoulders? Would they cheer him till the blood rushed to their heads? Would the woman want to kiss him and the youngsters look at him as if he were a species of superior being? Verily, they would. And verily they did.

In the meantime, in the office, Clara was left quite alone. She may have been aware that interesting things were happening in the factory, things which she would very gladly have witnessed, but beyond doubt she felt that something far more interesting—to wit, the arrival of Bob Wallace—was likely to occur at any moment in the office. She preferred the smiles of Wallace to the cheers of working-people, and she waited for them.

Wallace was not long delayed. She greeted him with cordial liking. "You didn't expect to find me here, did you?"

"Well, hardly. This is an unexpected pleasure."

"Mr. Jones will be back in a few minutes. He went out in the works to make a speech."

She gave this information with the air of one explaining commonplaces. To her everything, in deed, was commonplace, save Wallace. She held him the most extraordinary thing on earth.

But he was utterly amazed. "To make a speech!" He burst into a roar of laughter. "Well, what do you think of that?"

She smiled at him. She cared nothing for the cheering, but she would tell him about it, because she liked to talk to him on any subject. "Well, you should have heard them cheering! They've made more noise than this old town has ever heard before."

"Yes, I dare say it is," he granted, as new cheers burst forth.

But he did not go to see the demonstration, which indicated to him that he must find something most attractive in this village belle's company. What other woman could have held him from the sight of Broadway Jones in his first effort as an orator?

"Funny," he remarked, and smiled at her; "I was thinking of you as I passed the drug store just now."

She laughed, delighted. "That's strange. I've been thinking of you, too!"

"Have you really?"

"Yes. Oh, those chocolates were fine! I ate them all before I went to bed." Then, reproachfully, "but you shouldn't be spending your money the way you do!"

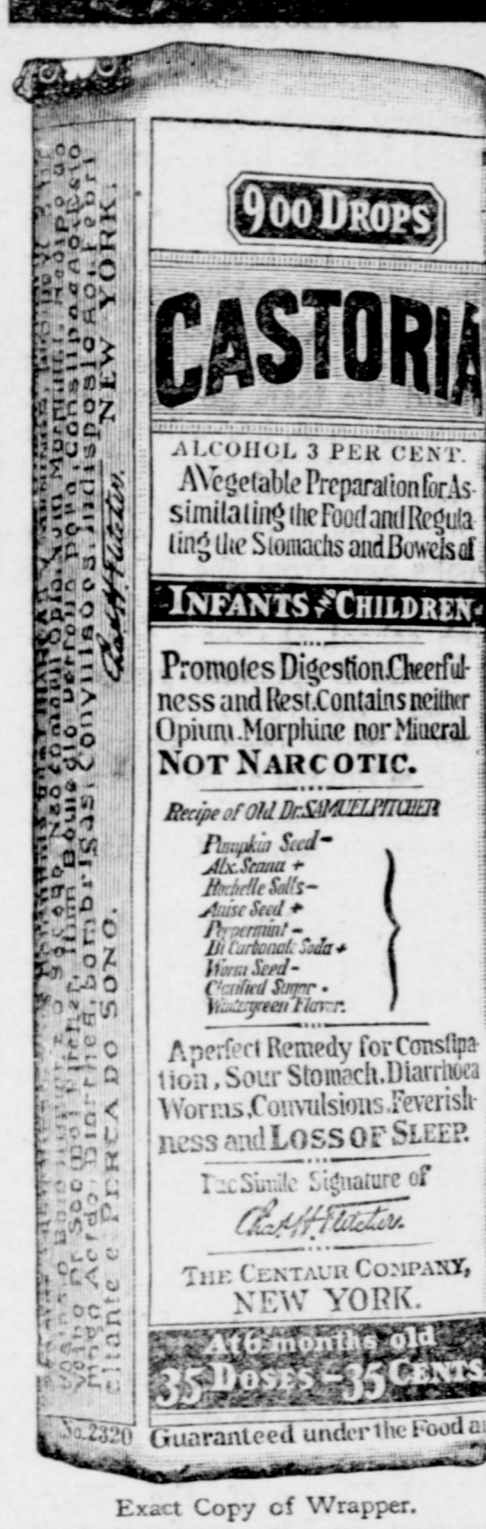
He was unconscious of any mad expenditure of which she could be cognizant and, therefore, was surprised. "What?"

"Mr. Jones told me that you were a regular spendthrift."

This from Broadway, the most famous spendthrift of New York's recent years! "When did he tell you that?" he asked, endeavoring to hide the meaning of his smiles.

"Just a little while ago. He said you spent over twenty-five dollars one night!"

Continued.



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CASTORIA

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Miss Ollie Evans, of Talpa, came in Tuesday at noon to visit Ballinger friends a few days.

Jeff Riggs, of the Wingate country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

COD LIVER OIL AND IRON

Two Most World-Famed Tonics Combined in Vinol.

Cod Liver oil and iron have proved to be the two most successful tonics for the world has ever known—iron for the blood and the medicinal curative elements of cod liver oil as a strength and tissue builder for body and nerves, and for the successful treatment of throat and lung troubles.

Two eminent French chemists discovered a method of separating the curative medicinal elements of cod liver oil from the oil or to these medicinal elements tonic iron is now added, thus combining in Vinol the two most world-famed tonics.

As a body-builder and strength creator for weak, run-down people, for feeble old people, delicate children, to restore strength after sickness; and for chronic coughs, colds, bronchitis or pulmonary troubles we ask you to try Vinol with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you. The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

P. S. For pimples and blotches try our Saxo Salve. We guarantee it.

C. W. Schwartz, of the Crevas country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Greenhill and little daughter of the Pony creek country were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and we are sorry to report the little daughter had the misfortune to get her arm badly broken at school first of this week.

Miss Lottie Gaines of San Angelo, came in Tuesday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. N. M. Guzman and family a week or so.

C. A. Doose and E. L. Rasbury returned home Tuesday night from a short business trip in the North part of the county, making the trip in Mr. Doose's auto.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Patterson of Warnett, Okla., came in Tuesday to visit his sisters, Mrs. S. P. Hathaway and Miss Sallie Patterson and other relatives and friends in our city for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jeanes, left Wednesday at noon for Miles, where Mr. Jeanes goes on a short business trip and Mrs. Jeanes to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kre, of the Pony creek country, who had been to their old home in South Texas, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home.

J. E. Newby, one of the prosperous citizens of the Bradshaw country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

E. Groves, of the Hatchel country, returned home Wednesday from an extended business trip to Franklin, Texas, where he had been to look after land interests.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION DALLAS, February 10-24

Exceedingly Low Fares



From Ballinger \$8.45
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Tickets on sale February 9 to 23, inclusive, and for trains arriving Dallas morning of February 24; limited to February 25, for final return.

AIRLINE HIGHWAY MEETING CALLED

Secretary Fred Wood of the Abilene Highway Association which has charge of the affairs and construction of the highway from Wichita Falls to Paint Rock and other southern points is today mailing out calls to all the members of the association to attend an executive session of the association to be held in Abilene at the Booster hall at 7:30 p. m. Feb. 20, at the same time as the Poultry show and the Central West Texas Agricultural associations annual meeting, at which completion of all matters will be made for the improvement of the construction work of the new highway.—Abilene Reporter.


MAKES ONE FEEL BETTER

A purely vegetable liver medicine is Simmons Liver Purifier. It is the one liver medicine which energises the liver and brings back its natural function strong and young again. Its action is different from other medicines. It cleanses the organ of all impurities without injury, harmless, but with all speed. Nothing like it. Sold in Yellow Tin Boxes only. All druggists sell it for 25c per box, or sent by mail. A. C. Simmons, Jr. Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Joe Honewell left Tuesday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

F. Bloomtritt, the Miles real estate man, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metal boxes, packed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for THE CHEST-TREE DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Satisfies Always. Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.



SPLENDID GAME EXPECTED SATURDAY

The second invasion of foreign territory by the San Angelo high school basket ball team will be made Saturday when the local girls go to Ballinger for a match game with the team of that place. The local five will be accompanied by E. L. Nunnally, coach, the contest to be staged in the morning should the team go down on the morning train, but will take place in the afternoon should they go through the country in autos.

Although organized only a few weeks ago from the Nil Nisi Bonum five and from the girls in the high school, the team is a strong one, and a splendid game is expected Saturday. Two games have already been won by the Nil Nisi Bonum's this season, Sterling City being the victim each time.—San Angelo Standard.

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

J. M. Mapes, of the Winters country, on Elm creek, was here Monday to meet W. E. Harris and his sister, who came in from the West Monday afternoon.

GENERAL REPAIRING.

of motorcycles, typewriters, bicycles and guns. Work done promptly and guaranteed. I. B. DRINKARD, Ballinger. 2-4tdpd

VISITED PUMP STATION.

Judge C. H. Willingham, one of the city's water committee, visited the pump station Wednesday morning and say Carlos Duno and Bill Drennon have everything in splendid condition. The committee is figuring on installing some new machinery and the Judge was looking over the works with that point in mind. Judge Willingham says the impression is out that because the city water is hard for washing purposes the citizens think there is too much alum being used to clear the water, when the facts are that no alum has been used in the water for more than a month past. The hardness of the water is occasioned by the springs on the creek from Ovalo down to Flag branch just above the upper dam. Since the November rains the spring contain alkali and flowing into the creek causes the hard water and there is no remedy for that conditions at present but the Judge thinks the matter can be remedied which will be taken up in a short while. The springs have not been running before this winter for the past eight or ten years hence this condition.

NO MORE PAIN

Pain cannot exist where Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied, says one user. No other liniment acts so quickly. You simply rub it on and the pain is gone almost instantly. Those who suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, headaches and similar troubles should get a bottle at once. For cuts and bruises, burns and sprains and abrasions of the skin it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. We have never known it to fail to relieve chilblains. For sale in 25c and 50c bottles by druggists. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex

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GREAT MASS OF PROOF

Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Ballinger Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 30,000 recommendations. Ballinger is no exception. Here is one of the cases.

Mrs. T. W. Morris, Eleventh St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "For years I was subject to attacks of kidney trouble and my back became very weak. The kidney secretions were unnatural and I felt all out of sorts. Doan's Kidney Pills were so highly recommended that I decided to try them. I got relief after the first few doses. Others of my family have taken Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same the Mrs. Morris had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo N. Y.

L. B. James, the irrigation farmer up the river, was among the visitors in the city Wednesday.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew, of and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. A. C. Homan and baby of Rowena, came over Tuesday afternoon and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke and Ballinger friends a day or two.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

W. L. Keith, one of the successful young farmers of the Valley creek country, left Tuesday morning for Brownwood on a short visit to friends.

HARD WATER EXPLAINED

Much complaint lately by users of the Ballinger water supply that the water is unusually hard and alum being used by the city to clear the water is supposed to be the cause. I have taken up the question and reached this conclusion, that it is not alum but alkali that is the cause of our trouble. I reason from this, that when we have freshets and muddy water in the creek we use alum and settling tank and furnish the city clear water. The more muddy the water the more alum is used, and when those conditions exist there was much praise and no complaint. Now that the water in the creek is unusually clear little or no alum is used and we have the greatest complaint. As it is not alum what is it? Our pumping force state the creek water before being pumped is hard and not fit for washing purposes and is hard on the machinery and destructive to the boiler, all of which indicate alkali. Again the water in the creek cleared up quicker and clearer than heretofore. That is the case with all alkali streams. Why is this water supply different now from its custom of several years past? We all know that in many places over the country, when boring for water that alkali is frequently found in such quantities that renders the water unfit to use. I have inquired of many persons in the country and they say most all springs over the country are running bold streams ever since the late unusual rain fall. These springs supply the creek, as it has not done for several years. That the springs are still flowing and the water running over the dam today, notwithstanding it has been nearly two months since it rained. I conclude that so long as our creek is supplied by this source we will have alkali to contend with and when our supply comes from rain falls and surface-water we will have less alkali. Our water committee solved the muddy water problem very successfully and are now taking hold of our present troubles and expect to solve them.

Respectfully,
J. W. POWELL.

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C. A. Sewell of Miles, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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