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COMMISSIONERS COURT REFUNDS TAX MONEY

The Commissioners Court passed an order, at its session Friday, repudiating the contract made more than a year ago with a party of tax adjusters, in which the court contracted with the adjusters to locate unrendered property and collect back taxes on same.

It will be remembered that the court of civil appeals recently held that the commissioners court had no authority to make any such contract, and that it was the duty of the tax assessor to locate and assess all property.

It will also be remembered that the tax adjusters spent a month or more here in examining the records and in their work they located several thousands dollars worth of vendor lien notes that had not been rendered for taxes. It seems that they confined their work to this class of property. As soon as they located unrendered notes they sent out notices to the holders of such notes and asked them to come in and pay before suits were filed, etc. By this method several thousand dollars in tax money was collected, and of the amount collected the adjusters secured one-third for their work. When the question as to the legality of such procedure was a tax collector was instructed to hold what money that had been turned over to him until the court passed on the question. By the action of the court Friday in repudiating the contract made with the adjusters, those who walked up to the lick log and parted with their cash when the adjusters called on them will receive two-thirds of the money paid in. The other one-third went to the adjusters and the county will not be held for it.

TOO MANY TUBERCULARS.

San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 12.—In the past month more than ten persons suffering with tuberculosis in the last stages have come here hoping to secure benefit from the climate. These people have no funds and become public charges. Citizens here wish to warn people everywhere that so many charity patients come here that it is impossible to take care of all of them.

Mrs. R. F. Green and two children left Friday afternoon for Guion, Texas, to visit relatives a few days.

DAM AND LAKE SITE ATTRACTING ATTENTION

C. A. Doose, J. McGregor, Jo Wilmeth and Gus Noyes made a trip to the dam site Thursday, where they met quite a number of others—parties from Miles and the surrounding country, who had accepted an invitation to come out and inspect the work that is being done. The gentlemen made the trip in Mr. Doose's auto, and arrived on the ground in time to take dinner in camp with the surveyors. An informal discussion of the great project was entered into after dinner and those who took part in the discussion spoke in a most enthusiastic manner over the outlook. In conversation with some of the Ballinger gentlemen who were in the party who visited the dam and lake site, we learn that the work of surveying the site for the big lake is going right ahead, and that as soon as this is completed the chief engineer stated that he had instructions to begin at once running a line for the main canal—the big ditch which will convey the water from the lake to the farmers along a distance of perhaps thirty miles. We also learn that the farmers south of Bronte, in that section of the country to be traversed by the big ditch, have in the majority signed up for the water. One man who owns 2500 acres of land signed the contract and is devoting his time towards getting the proposition to go.

This was the first visit of Mr. Noyes to the site located for the dam, and after learning more of the proposition Mr. Noyes has become more interested in it, and says it is both feasible and practical and he is anxious to see the big dam go in. Mr. Noyes is one of the most successful and experienced men in irrigation farming in Central West Texas. He has considerable land under the ditch in Menard county, and he realizes what irrigation means to this county. He gave the people who assembled at the dam site yesterday the benefit of his experience and advised them to give the big proposition every encouragement possible.

George Hinds, a prominent citizen of Coleman, was among the business visitors in Ballinger a few hours Thursday.

Weather Forecast

Tonight and Saturday fair, not so cold.

NEW PROPRIETOR FOR CENTRAL HOTEL

A deal was closed today (Friday) in which N. F. Norris retires from the Central Hotel as proprietor of that popular hostelry and H. L. Mobly becomes its proprietor. In the deal Mr. Mobly buys the lease on the building and the furnishings of the hotel from Mr. Norris. The deal was made today and the hotel will be turned over to Mr. Mobly Sunday morning.

Mr. Mobly recently came to Ballinger from Cisco, and located. He is an experienced hotel man and has the reputation of standing high with the traveling men where he has conducted hotels heretofore. The owner of the Central Hotel, G. G. Odom will be prevailed upon to make some improvements in the building in the way of steam heat and other modern conveniences, and when this is done Ballinger will have one of the best hotels in West Texas, or any other part of the state for that matter. The new proprietor is optimistic and thinks Ballinger will come back into its own much quicker than the short crop knocked it out of the ring. We are glad that he is located in Ballinger and Ballinger people welcome him and his splendid family to our city.

When the news reached the Ledger office that the deal between Mr. Mobly and Mr. Norris had been closed a phone call was sent in for Mr. Norris, and the question put up to him as to his plans for the future. He replied that he did not know just yet what he would do, but that he would remain in Ballinger for awhile. He will remain at the hotel for a week or more and assist the new proprietor in getting started, and said he and Mrs. Norris would rest up for awhile. "Daddy and Mammy" Norris have made many friends since they came to Ballinger, and they will read with regret that they have retired from the hotel and will probably leave Ballinger. They own some property here, and it is possible that they will see fit to make their home in Ballinger, as their property includes a nice home on Broadway. Mr. Norris said the Ballinger people had been mighty good to them, and that he wishes to bespeak for his successor the same kind treatment. "I had planned a big turkey dinner for Sunday," said Mr. Norris, "and I want the people to come and eat dinner with the new man. I have provided the turkey and it will be served just the same."

Mr. Mobly and family have been occupying the Bennett place on Broadway since moving to Ballinger. They will move to the hotel tomorrow afternoon.

TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 22 DEGREES.

The drop in temperature last night was not as great as the one a week ago by at least ten degrees. The coldest recorded last night was 22 while the drop a week ago reached 12 degrees. Both of the freezes have been a blessing to the country in that it prevents the early budding of fruit, and at the same time has not injured the grain crop. The report on the oat crop is still very encouraging. It was reported that the crop was dying in some places, but we are told that the tops of oats in some places were bitten by the freeze and that it made the appearance as killed.

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HIGH SCHOOL ARRANGING GAMES

Manager Jno. Weeks of the Ballinger High School Baseball club is endeavoring to arrange a playing schedule for this spring for his team. He has written several of the nearby towns, asking for games with them and expects to hear from some of the clubs within the next few days. He has asked for two games with Coleman and San Angelo in each of the months of March, April and May, three to be played on the home lot and three away from home. In the event the clubs to whom he has written fail to accept two games for each of the months asked, then he will try out several other nearby towns, including Winters, Miles and Abilene. The schedule will be so arranged that

boys will not be absent from school any more than is absolutely necessary and in all these cases it will be on Friday afternoon. The boys of the club are rapidly rounding into form. Each afternoon the team works out at Wooden Park.

SHERWOOD WINS FIGHT FOR DEPOT

Austin, Feb. 11.—The supreme court today affirmed and reformulated the judgment of the Third court of civil appeals in the case of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient vs. the State of Texas, from Travis county.

This action of the supreme court means that the railroad must operate its trains into the town of Sherwood, Irion county, and must establish and maintain a depot at that place.

W. J. Miller left for points north on the A. & S. Ry.

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Two new stone buildings for Ballinger is just a beginner for 1914!

Dr. Carrick, the clean town inspector made two analyses of Ballinger's water, and he pronounced it pure and free from anything injurious to the human system.

Don't get uneasy so quick about this rain question. The largest crop ever raised in this county was raised in the year when there was no rain in either the month of January or February.

An exchange says that Huerta is afraid to go home in the dark. If we were living in Mexico we would be afraid to get away from home in the dark, and we must give the old man credit for having a little bit of "gumption."

The smallest perfectly formed baby ever born was given birth by Mrs. John Roe at Charleston, W. Va., on Feb. 11th. The child only weighed one and one-half pounds. It has been named Woodrow. Just another evidence that we need a baby club.

"I am always for the man who works," said Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln would have been 105 years old yesterday, if he had lived to this date. In commemoration of his birthday the post offices and banks of this nation were closed February 12th.

We have not seen a report dealing with birth statistics in Mexico for some time, but judging from the way the mortality record reads it is only a question of time, and not a very long time at that, until there will be some room in Mexico for some of the people who are dissatisfied with Uncle Sam's country.

THE CHILD'S HEALTH IN HOME AND SCHOOL

Two problems concerning the health and physical and mental development of a child confront thoughtful parents to-day, consideration of the child outside of school and attention to its environment within the school.

Whether in country or in city, the home influence on its health is most important. A constant and controllable factor is its food. Herein lies the home responsibility of the mother. She must learn that the food of the growing child is next only in importance to its feeding as an infant; and that the greatest good comes to it from plain, nutritious, well-cooked and easily digested food; that it needs certain foods for body structure and other foods to supply heat and

energy. A child should frolic and romp and play because there is a natural relation between such muscular activity and the proper performance of such food material in carrying on their functions. The mother must also realize that rest is as important for the child as play, and that sufficient quiet, restful sleep does its equal part in storing energy and bringing about perfect development. Children need sunshine and fresh air, and at night should sleep in a well-ventilated room with the windows well down from the top. They should be bathed regularly and properly clothed. But no matter how well fed and clothed, how clean and well nourished previous to its admission to school, the parents' interest must follow the child to the school room and see that such environment does not undermine its health. Herein lies the responsibility of the father, as a citizen and taxpayer. It is his money that maintains the school and it is his duty to see that his child is not forced into an overcrowded, poorly ventilated, overheated classroom, compelled to breathe for five hours a day the exhalations from forty to fifty pairs of lungs, and its condition so weakened as to render it vulnerable to the attacks of infectious disease. Any one, on reflection will be impressed with the futility of expecting a maximum progression, physical and mental, where children are housed in overcrowded classrooms with little or no moisture in the air, compelled to breathe dry, vitalized air and to attempt mental tasks with suffocate d brain-cells deprived of nature's generous supply of oxygen. This is the condition in a large number of school-rooms throughout the land today.

WHAT IS VINOL.

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After twenty years of study two eminent French chemists discovered a method by which the alkaloids or medicinal curative elements of the cod's liver could be separated from the useless oil or grease. The oil which has no medicinal value is thrown away, but the healing, curative properties are blended with tonic iron and a mild medicinal wine which makes Vinol, thus combining in one medicine the two most world famed tonics.

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- 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. TROWER.
- 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.



The Judge Beamed Happily.

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.

"He'll be along," said Wallace. "Is it eleven, yet?"

"Just."

Out came Broadway's neck again. He was even rather nervous. "What are we going to say to him when he gets here?"

"Remember that you promised to let me handle him," said Wallace warningly. "He thinks I'm your secretary."

The judge saw that they were worried. "If you boys want to talk things over I'll skip along."

"No, stay here, judge," Broadway urged. "We may need a lawyer."

The judge's face glowed with his satisfaction.

"We're just waiting for Pembroke," said Wallace.

"Pembroke! Oh, yes; some of the men told me that he is in town. What's he coming here for?"

"To try to give us a whole lot of money," Wallace answered. "But we're not going to take it." He grinned up at Broadway. "We don't need it, do we?"

Jackson looked at him with mournful eyes, recollecting all the bills he had left behind in New York city. "Don't make me laugh. I didn't sleep well."

The judge saw his young friend's increasing discomfort. "You've made the people of this town very happy today, my boy. You ought to sleep well after this. They owe you a great debt."

Jackson passed the compliment, but winced. "Please don't talk about debts! Let's get on a cheerful subject." With a sickly effort to relieve his mind he turned to Wallace. "How's the barber?"

The judge seized this opportunity to extol a local genius. "Ain't he a nice fellow, though?"

"Yes," said Wallace dryly, "he cut Taft's hair once."

"I shouldn't be surprised," the judge assented heartily. "He's from Hartford."

His remarkable appreciation of the dignity and glories of the little cities was a continual joy to the two friends, who smiled across his nodding head at one another.

Wallace looked around appreciatively. "The old gentleman had pretty nice offices here."

"Yes," the judge agreed. He nodded toward the desk at which Broadway had carelessly taken his position. "Seems strange not to see him sitting at that desk." He sighed. "First, old Oscar Jones sat there, and he died; then John sat there, and he died; then Andrew sat there, and he died; now—"

Broadway, who had listened to the brief but tragical recital with expanding orbs, got up, and as he edged away from the too fatal piece of office furniture, eyed it with suspicion and distaste. "That's the last time I'll sit

there," he declared.

But Judge Spotswood had not seen the byplay and did not hear the youth's resolve. He was launched on reminiscence. "Every man in the plant loved the old gentleman. They all feel mighty bad. Just think—he was alive 72 hours ago, and now the whole town's in mourning!"

It was at this juncture that Higgins, a new and happy Higgins, entered, cap in hand, respectfully. He was smiling genially. "Excuse me, Mr. Jones, the men want to know if you have any objection to their celebrating tonight."

He bowed respectfully to Josie, who entered at that moment.

"They're thinking of having a torch-light parade and fireworks in honor of your taking up things at the works. Is it all right?"

The judge beamed happily. What could be more significant of the new day which had dawned on Jonesville than this speech from Higgins, erstwhile the dissatisfied, the complainer? "That's a bully idea!" he exclaimed enthusiastically.

Wallace and Jackson looked at one another in a pleased appreciation. It was Josie who instinctively saw the flaw which had escaped the horde of workmen in the shops and which now escaped the four there in the office.

"Why, judge!" said she, shocked and scandalized.

"What's the matter?"

But Josie would not even look at him. In a reproachful voice she turned to Higgins. "Tell the men to do nothing of the kind," she said with emphasis. "Don't they realize what has happened? How can they forget so quickly?"

Now a light burst, even upon Higgins. "Oh, that's so, I'll have to remind them of that!"

Wallace was still puzzled, but Broadway was beginning to understand.

"By George," said the judge, "I forgot all about it myself!"

A bright light bursting upon Wallace, he went to Jones and slapped him on the back. "The king is dead," he quoted, "long live the king!"

Jackson winced. He reflected that this showed the gratitude, the cherishing regard of the workmen. His uncle had just gone to his reward and now, because he, the heir, in a moment of decent impulse, had done the square thing by them, the faithful laborers were quite content to follow their old friend's obsequies by torchlights borne in glory to the new one, while brass bands played ragtime!

Josie had looked up the correspondence with the Empire Advertising Agency, and now gave the letters she had found to Wallace.

He looked at them, frowned, shook his head and bit his lip, very much astonished, very much annoyed. "It's the Empire, all right," he was forced to admit. But before he had a chance to read the letters, Sam came in, clumping like a little elephant, threw back his massive head, half closed his eyes and roared:

"Mr.—Pembroke—and—Mr.—Leary—to—see—Mr.—Jones."

"Tell them to come right in," said Broadway. His neck thrust this way and that—two thrusts in honor of big business.

Wallace smiled. "Judge," he said, "did you ever see a man refuse to take a million and a half?"

"Not yet."

"Well, watch the little professor over there." He nodded toward Broadway. Then, to the man of whom he had been speaking: "Sit at that desk and look business-like."

"In that chair?" asked Broadway with determination. "Not after what he said! And then he sat there, and he died." No, I'll die standing up."

"Shall I go?" asked Josie.

"No; please don't."

Then Pembroke entered, trailed by a sallow person, young in years, old in expression, and bearing in his hand a new stenographer's notebook and a little group of finely sharpened pencils, which he carried as if they might have been small, very deadly weap-

ons, to be used in time of need upon his master's enemies.

"How do you do, Mr. Pembroke," said Broadway with what he conceived to be great dignity.

"Mr. Jones," said Pembroke, bowing formally.

Broadway waved him to the fatal chair. "Sit right down here," he urged.

"No, thank you," Pembroke countered.

"He's on!" Broadway whispered to Wallace.

Gravely Pembroke bowed to all the others of the party, murmuring, as he did so, their names. But as he bowed to Wallace he said "Wilson."

"Wilson?" said the judge and Josie in astonishment and concert.

Bob winked at them. "Yes; that's right," he hissed. That's my name."

This over, Pembroke turned to his stenographer, who had found a seat upon an office stool. "Take the entire conversation, John," he directed.

This feazed Broadway for an instant but he recovered quickly. Was he to be outdone by this emissary of the Gum Trust in presenting evidences of suspicion? Not if he, Broadway Jones, was kept informed of what was going on, he wasn't. He pointed to a youth whom he had seen about the office frequently, and asked Josie: "Stenographer, is he?"

She nodded.

"What's his name?" asked Broadway, in a whisper.

"Henry."

Broadway was content. With a grand air and several protrusions of the neck, he ordered: "Take the entire conversation, Henry." Outdone by anyone like Pembroke! He thought not!

"Are we to talk in the presence of all here?" asked Pembroke calmly, coldly, disapprovingly. He was very cautious.

"I'm satisfied, if you are," Broadway answered. "Sit down, judge."

"Very well, Mr. Jones," said Pembroke gravely. "Mr. Jones, I am not in the habit of doing business through hirelings." He cast a scornful glance at Wallace, who smiled sweetly in return. "Your Mr. Wilson, your secretary as he represents himself to be, and whose impertinence, by the way, is beyond description, has had the audacity to state that I should have to do business through him or not at all."

"Those were my instructions," Jackson answered, never wavering.

"I should like to understand the reason for so unusual an arrangement."

"Well," said Jackson, "you want to buy something that I own. He's the salesman, that's all." He paused, wondering at his own great brilliance. "John Wanamaker owns a store, but he doesn't wait on the customers, does he?"

"This was unanswerable. It dumfounded Pembroke; it delighted all the other hearers, saving only the two secretaries, who were bent above their tasks with nervous diligence.

Broadway himself laughed outright.

"How was that?" he asked Wallace in a whisper.

"You're immense, on the square," said Wallace, with intense appreciation.

Pembroke was not thus impressed. He was offended. He was evidently ready for offense from any quarter. "You are flippant, sir," he said with a grave scorn. "You gave me your word that the deal would be consummated at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. The price was settled and agreed upon by both of us."

Jackson sat in silence, regarding him with an innocent, unwavering attention which very greatly disconcerted him.

"I returned by appointment to your New York apartment, with my lawyers and papers ready to sign, and



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upon inquiring from an insolent butler as to your whereabouts I received the information that you were on your way to Egypt."

"Good old Rankin!" muttered Broadway, and decided, then and there, to raise his butler's wages once more.

"He said the only word that you had left for me was a profane request that I go to—er—well, we'll not repeat it."

Continued.

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C. A. Doose, Jo Wilmeth, Gus Noyes, and Jack McGregor had business in the Bronte country Thursday, making the trip in Mr. Doose's auto.

BARRED ROCKS, thoroughbred; select eggs from choice stock. \$1.50 for 15. H. A. CADY 11-3rd tw.

Dan Millar of Eden, an old time stockman of our county, came in Thursday afternoon to visit friends and look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or two.

N. J. Wardlow, the fruit and truck farmer, returned home Friday at noon from Dallas where he had been to attend the corn show, and other demonstrations in farm lines the past few days.

Frank Gressett, the blacksmith, left Friday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

THE STREET COMMITTEE

While the subject of the city water is up before the people, and as said before the city has the best water and the best water works system in Texas and the Water Committee are always on to their job and ready and quick to remedy any defects in the system, the Street Committee wishes to beg the indulgence of the citizens of the city with reference to the street improvements being done. Rest assured that all the bad places in the city will be reached in due season but bear with the Street Committee as they can not reach all places at once but in due time will be at your place and remedy the defects in your street. The committee favors no special part of the city but the work has to be begun at some point and ended at another and all we ask is that you rest easy and be assured your part of the city will be attended in good shape before a great while. The Street Committee and the street man appreciate your approval and advice at all times but do not be too hasty to criticize until we finish the work.

Very respectfully
W. L. ELLIS
R. A. NICHOLSON
C. C. COCKRELL
Committee

Mrs. C. A. Doose and her mother, Mrs. M. J. Stacy, of Stacy, Texas, left Friday at noon for San Angelo to visit a day or two.

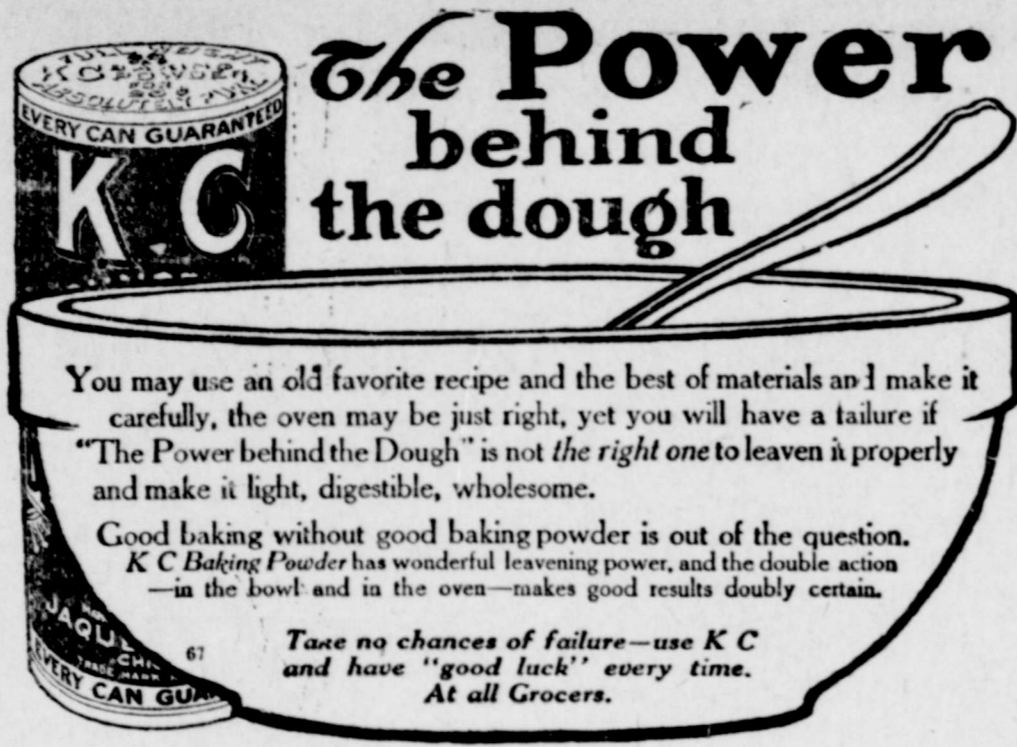
W. T. Ward returned home Friday at noon from Fort Worth, where he had been to look after cattle shipments he recently made to that city.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION DALLAS, February 10-24 Exceedingly Low Fares

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From Ballinger \$8.45
Talpa 7.90

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



The Power behind the dough

You may use an old favorite recipe and the best of materials and make it carefully, the oven may be just right, yet you will have a failure if "The Power behind the Dough" is not the right one to leaven it properly and make it light, digestible, wholesome.

Good baking without good baking powder is out of the question. K.C. Baking Powder has wonderful leavening power, and the double action in the bowl and in the oven—makes good results doubly certain.

Take no chances of failure—use K.C. and have "good luck" every time. At all Grocers.

BOY SCOUTS TO DELIVER MESSAGE

The first try out of the ingenuity of the Boy Scouts will be made tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon when two patrols of the local scouts will participate in the matter of delivering a message from some party in Ballinger to the mayor of the town. One patrol will be delegated to prevent the delivery of that message by pursuing those tactics followed in military matters.

The little try out of the expertness of the scouts will probably take place between two and three o'clock and only two patrols will participate in this event. The Scouts were in session this afternoon planning for the fun, and the patrol delegated to carry the message have selected the Scout for that purpose, but his name will be kept on the q. t. from the enemy.

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.

Walter Bailey sold 85 head high grade Durham cattle to S. J. Blocker of Ballinger, at private terms. These are the Bauman and Bengel cattle which Mr. Bailey bought last fall and had pastured them on oats for the past two months, which had put them in fine shape.—Miles Messenger.

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. W. Wigle, of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Mrs. Mike C. Boyd and little daughter left Friday at noon to visit friends at San Angelo a few days.

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

Judge J. B. Wade had legal business at Winters between trains Friday.

Mrs. Harold Tucker, left Tuesday afternoon for Hatchel to visit Mr. Tucker's parents a few days.

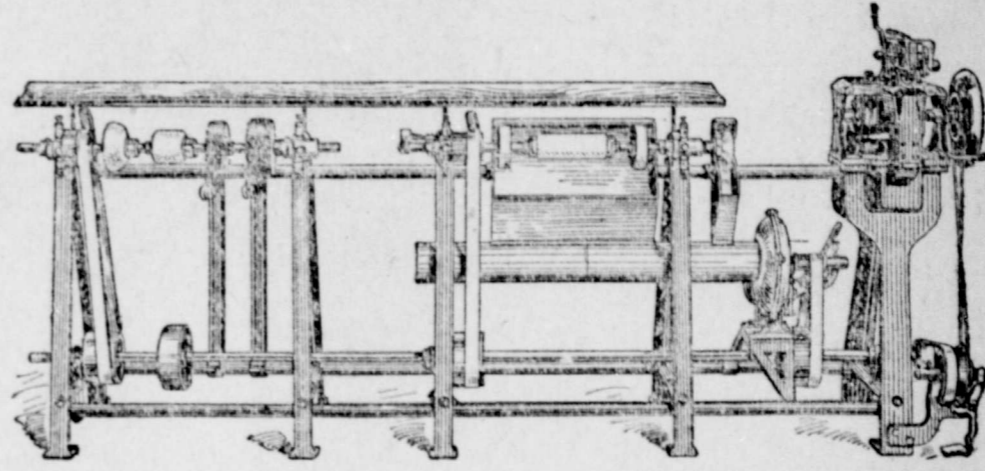
W. A. Davis returned home Thursday at noon from a business trip to East Texas.

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

Dr. Todd and Ellis Petty, of Maverick, left from this point Friday for Miles to visit friends and look after business affairs a day or two.

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.

Shoes Stitched Instead of Nailed While You Wait.



MODEL 10—FLEMING SHOE REPAIR OUTFIT, RIGHT HAND
MANUFACTURED BY LANDIS MACHINE CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

T. S. Lankford

RABBIT DRIVE MAKE GOOD PICTURE

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 12, 14
Secretary Chamber of Commerce
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:
We notice by the morning paper that you are to have a rabbit run in your vicinity this week. We would like to know if you would like to have motion pictures made of same.

We would be glad to make you a reel of different events and scenes of all the important industries of your city, we could frame a very interesting story in connection with the rabbit run and weave a little romance into the film and bring in all of Ballinger's industries and all points of interest in the city.

We would also furnish the rabbit run to the Universal weekly which gives you a world of good advertising, we place all our releases in the North and can guarantee you first-class publicity. We show our film in 110 theatres in the State of Texas alone and our northern representative handles our releases in Iowa, South Dakota, Minn., and Wisconsin for 35 weeks. We would make you the reel of 1000 feet for \$200 and we would suggest you postpone all trip expenses, if satisfactory the rabbit run another week as that we could write a good story in connection with it. Kindly let us hear from you at your earliest convenience and oblige.

Yours very truly,
THE ELK PHOTO CO.
W. B. Jones, Secretary.

\$100 REWARD. \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that 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.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

W. A. Norman and little son returned to Paint Rock at noon today after visiting friends over night.

Dr. W. B. Halley had professional business at Miles between trains Friday.

Rev. A. C. Flemister, of Brownwood, came in Friday at noon and went out to the Bethel church neighborhood, where he will preach Saturday night and Sunday.

J. R. Holloway and son, of Norton, and J. Sam Hall of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

M. Barbee, of South Ballinger left Friday at noon to visit relatives and friends in Schleicher County a few weeks.

The young ladies Sunday School Class of the Christian Church, as has been formally announced, will serve tea Saturday from 3 to 6 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Scott H. Mack, 504 Tenth Street. The funds will be used in helping to buy a sanitary carpet for the church building. Every one kindly invited. 2td 12

Jack Wardlow left Friday at noon for Pandale, Texas, to look after their ranch and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address to keep posted on the home news.

Will Murphy, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

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.

Mrs. Oscar Clary and two children and her sister, Miss Myrtle Truly came in from San Angelo Thursday afternoon to visit their parents, Judge and Mrs. R. B. Truly and Ballinger friends a few weeks.

J. D. Norwood, the insurance man, left Thursday afternoon for Coleman to look after business for his company a few days.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling, Aretie Lee and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tfd

Miss Pearl Daniel of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Thursday enroute home from a visit to Winters, and was the guest of her cousin Mrs. B. F. Kemp while in our city.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

NEW CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

"Yes, I am going to make the race for sheriff," said Jack McKay, city marshal of Ballinger "and within the next few days I will make my formal announcement to the voters of Runnels County." Mr. McKay is the fourth man in the booking for the sheriff's office, and the end is not yet. To say the least of it the way of the transgressors is going to be mighty hard in this county because it is a "cinch" that the voters can get a man out of the present line-up that will make things interesting for the criminally inclined. Marshal McKay is pretty well known over the county and his entrance in the ring makes things all the more interesting.

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

37 POUND TURKEY AND FRIED CHICKEN

The Central Hotel butchered a 37 pound turkey and you are promised a dandy turkey dinner with all the trimmings Sunday, and a fried chicken supper. Take a day off from cooking, and eat dinner and supper with us Sunday. We guarantee you a fine dinner for fifty cents.

CENTRAL HOTEL
N. F. Norris, Prop.

LOCAL DRUGGIST SAYS—TAKE ONLY ONE DOSE

We want to tell those in Ballinger suffering from stomach or bowel trouble that we are agents for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This is the most thorough bowel cleanser known and just one dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost immediately. You will be surprised at the quick action of Adler-i-ka. For sale by the Walker Drug Co.

MONDAY and TUESDAY Feb. 23 and 24

E. A. JEANES & CO.

will have a poultry car on the track in Ballinger to be loaded out direct for New York. This is your opportunity to clean up your surplus Poultry at a fancy price.

- Hens per pound - 10c
- Small Springs per pound 12c
- Turkeys per pound - 12c
- Old Roosters, each - 15c

Remember the Date