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**Detail Account Man
Gored to Death**

The San Angelo Standard, in giving an account of the killing of Dr. Moor, by a mad bull says:

Mutilated in a most terrible manner and with his clothing rent into shreds in many places, the dead body of Dr. Austing H. Moor, who resides west of the city near the brick plant, was found Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a pasture near the home, the aged Confederate having presumably been gored to death by an angry bull. The gruesome discovery was made by A. Ham Moore, a former neighbor, who was en route to the city with a load of feedstuff. Huddled in a heap in a small clump of mesquite bushes and trampled almost beyond recognition, the body was discovered by Mr. Moore, who immediately notified the family and officers here. An inquest was held by Justice I. J. Curtsinger, which revealed beyond a doubt that the death was caused as the result of being gored by a bull, as blood was found on the animal's horns. Foul play was at first suspected.

The occurrence is one of the most tragic in years and has cast a pall of gloom over the many friends of the sterling veteran in this city. Pending the arrival of Mrs. J. F. Hendrix and J. B. Moor of Bonham, children of the deceased, the funeral will be conducted from the residence of W. T. Williamson, west of the city, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. E. F. Lyon, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Camp Schuyler Sutton United Confederate Veterans, of which Dr. Moor was an honored member, will have charge of the services at the grave. Interment will be made in Fairmont cemetery.

Accustomed to attending to minor duties about the farm, which carried him from the house, the non-appearance at noon Monday of Dr. Moor, who had departed shortly before 11 o'clock did not cause any uneasiness at the time among the members of the family, who thought that probably after watering his stock he had gone to the home of Harve Brunson, a neighbor. Here he had been attending a patient and it was thought that he probably remained for dinner. However, upon not appearing by 1 o'clock, Mr. Williamson, walked over to the pasture, a quarter of a mile or more away, where he found the stock still together. Still but little uneasiness was entertained and Mr. Williamson returned home and resumed his work. Then shortly after 2 o'clock came the announcement of the discovery of the lifeless remains.

When found, the body was in somewhat of a sitting posture, it appearing, according to Mr. Moore, upon first sight that some one had sat down and was dozing with his head between his knees. However, upon raising the head, the story was told. Signs of a race to escape the enraged animal and the spot where the ill-fated man was overtaken were in evidence. The doctor's whip as well as a large pocket knife, with which it is supposed he attempted to defend himself, were found lying several feet from the clump of shrubs where the body was discovered. Besides numerous wounds on the body there was found a gored chest which probably caused immediate death. It is estimated that the man had been dead at least two hours before his discovery.

PUTTING IN SIDE WALK

The West Texas Telephone Co. has material on the ground to put in a nice side walk in front of their lots on 8th Street, and the Central Hotel has a walk butting up to the Santa Fe right of way, and now if the railroad would put a walk in on their property then that side of the street would look fine and would be splendid crossings on that side of 9th street.

T. G. Marburger left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna to look after farm interests near that city for a few days.

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**Colquitt Reward
Implicates Matter**

Washington, March 24. — Governor Colquitt's offer of a reward of \$1,000 for the delivery upon Texas soil of five Mexicans suspected as murderers of Clemente Vergara has caused state and war department officials serious concern for international complications.

"The men named are charged in the newspapers with complicity in the death of Clemente Vergara."

The right of the governor to offer a reward for the apprehension of a fugitive from justice is not denied by the officials. But in this case it is feared that the offer may lead to an attempt to kidnap the Mexicans and bring them into Texas which would be in violation of the extradition treaty between Mexico and the United States and afford the Mexican government ground for a demand for the punishment of the kidnapers with all sorts of legal entanglements.

Further reports on the incident near Del Rio, Texas, where Mexican federal soldiers fired across the Rio Grande at American troopers say more than 500 shots were directed at the soldiers to whom the fleeing constitutionalists surrendered. The refugees were sent to Fort Bliss.

GOVERNOR IS PLEASED.

Austin, March 25.—Governor Colquitt had nothing whatever to say today regarding the steps being taken for the extraditing of the slayers of Vergara. He was quite well pleased, however, with the action of the United States Cavalry near Dio Rio, who fired across the border at Mexican Federals, wounding several after the shots of the Mexicans had killed several cavalry horses.

**Unknown Disease
Killing Cattle**

W. T. Routh was in town Tuesday and Wednesday conferring with a veterinary surgeon in an effort to get some help that would check the death of his cattle. The cattle are peculiarly affected and during the last month Mr. Routh has lost quite a number of head. Both cows and calves have been dying, and out of a bunch of forty calves Mr. Routh has recently lost eight head.

The cattle are not sick but a short time, and death seems to be almost instantly, a cow becoming sick and dying during one night a number having been found dead. Dr. McKinney, the veterinary surgeon, went out Tuesday and made a postmortem examination and pronounced the death of the cattle due from a heart and lung trouble, those organs being badly effected.

It is hard to combat the disease or offer any remedy as the cattle do not show any symptoms of being sick until a few minutes before they keel over dead. As far as we have been able to learn other stockmen of this section have not lost cattle with this disease, and the cattle throughout the county are healthy and in unusually good condition for this season of the year. The cattle that have died were all in good flesh.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. M. Pumphrey and wife to A. E. Russ, being 106 acres of land, survey No. 82, located by H. & T. C. R. R. Co., consideration \$1650.

C. M. Vaughn to T. L. Foreman being 123 6-10 acres of land being the north one-half of block 11, of the Norwell Travis survey No. 533, consideration \$741.

S. H. Cooper and wife to F. G. Rodgers lot 5, Culwell's addition to Miles, consideration \$150.

Albert Spill and John Hoffer, two of the prominent business men of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

**Carnival Company
Here For Week**

C. Francis Kane, advance man for the Southern Amusement Co. arrived in Ballinger Wednesday morning and closed a deal with the Volunteer Fire Co. for a week's engagement. Under the terms of the contract the Southern Amusement Co., will bring its consolidated shows here and remain for a week, showing afternoon and night and give the firemen a certain per cent of the amount of all money taken in.

This company is playing in Santa Anna this week. Its manager, Don Stevens, has played in Ballinger before, and has the reputation of carrying with him a good string of attractions. They have been making a number of the larger cities in Texas and have recommendations from places where they have exhibited that speak for themselves. With good weather during the coming week, they will no doubt bring many people to Ballinger, and the fire boys will probably realize a neat sum from the proposition. The company arrives Sunday in

their own ears, coming in over the Santa Fe, and the show will open up Monday evening. The location has not been selected.

**R. L. (BOB) SHAFFER
GETS IN THE RACE FOR
TAX ASSESSOR**

To my Friends and the Voters:

I have no apology to offer for coming before you and asking you to elect me as your tax assessor, I will just frankly say that I want the office for the opportunity it will afford me to make a living for my family, and in filling the office it will be a pleasure for me to perform the duties entrusted upon me. At present I am out of business, and have nothing in view, except the successful election to the office of tax assessor of Runnels county. It is my desire that I will be able to remain in Runnels county among the best people in the world.

I have received encouragement from every part of Runnels county, and before determining definitely to announce myself as a candidate, I considered the matter seriously, and after talking with those who have encouraged me to make the race, I feel that

I can be elected, and I will make an active campaign and try to see as many of you in person as I can.

I have been a citizen of Runnels county for twelve years. Nine years I resided in Ballinger, where my father and family now live. For the past three years I have been living at Winters where I have been engaged in the saddle and harness business, recently disposing of my business at Winters. I was born and raised in Texas, and have been a Democrat all my life, and of course my candidacy is subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I feel that my experience in business is sufficient to say that I am qualified to perform the duties of the assessor's office, and if you see fit to honor me with your vote I promise you faithful service, and I also assure you that there is no one that will appreciate your support in this campaign more than I will.

With this brief statement for your consideration, and asking you to kindly remember me on July 25th, I am,

Yours truly
R. L. SHAFFER

**FIVE MILLION DOLLARS
WORTH OF FIRES.**

Austin, Tex., March 25.—There was a fire in Texas every forty minutes last year and each fire cost \$414, according to a report just issued by the State Fire Insurance Commission. The total number of fires reported during the year was 12,655, and the adjusted losses approximately \$5,236,000. The predominating class of conflagrations occurred in frame dwelling houses, the total number being 5,130, or 40 per cent of the total fires.

Seventy-one per cent of the fires last year in Texas were preventable, 18 per cent were of an unknown origin and only 11 per cent were unavoidable. Texas property is insured against fire loss to the extent of \$876,804,000, and the annual premiums paid by the policy holders is \$10,089,375.

R. A. Nicholson, the cotton buyer, had business at Brownwood between trains Wednesday.

O. J. Harber went East on the morning Santa Fe to look after poultry and egg business for his firm The Globe.

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S. D. Williams, the Mayor of Hatchel, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

A. A. Hall, one of the prominent citizens of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Jim Rodgers, E. F. Edwards and J. F. Holliday, representative citizens of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured
There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. It is not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers.

W. B. Pruitt, R. A. Grimes and W. W. Cummings, prominent citizens of the Miles country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Pruitt is the crack gun shot and hunter of his section and holds the championship of his section.

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Mrs. Jack Howe and two children, who had been visiting her parents at Blackwell and relatives and friends in Ballinger the past few days, left Wednesday at noon for Santa Rita, N. M. where they will join Mr. Howe to make their future home.

RUN-DOWN WOMEN
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How many women do you know who are perfectly well, strong and healthy as a woman should be? They may not be sick enough to lie in bed—but they are run-down, thin, nervous, tired and de-vitalized.

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Mrs. Walter Price, Biloxi, Miss., says: "I was in a run-down condition for months. I had taken several medicines but they seemed to do me no good. Finally Vinol was recommended, and from the first bottle I began to improve until I am strong and well as ever."

Try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding that your money will be refunded 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.

Mrs. W. S. Harmon of Bangs, came in Wednesday at noon to visit her daughters, Madames C. B. McKinney and Bud Cline and other relatives and Ballinger friends for a few days.

W. B. Page returned home Wednesday at noon from a short business trip to Coleman.

10 in 1 combined animal show best of any carnival, endorsed by 25 cents, press and public at Carnival.

J. M. Burson, of the Novice country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address and also the Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine under our clubbing rate.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss,
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
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T. J. Dean, of Longview, Texas who had been visiting his nephews, J. F. and George Dean and family in the Spring Hill neighborhood, left Wednesday afternoon for his home.

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J. M. Johnson, one of the pioneer stock men and banker of Winters, had business in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

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Jack Nichols, the stock man, returned home Tuesday afternoon from San Angelo where he had been looking after cattle business the past few days.

Albert Hood, of Hermleigh, Texas, came in Tuesday to look after business in the District Court a few days.

CITY MEAT MARKET.
The City Meat Market is being remodeled and a concrete floor being put down and everything will be in a perfect sanitary condition, and the very best meats the market affords will be served our customers.

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Dan Miller, of the Eden country, one of the pioneer stock men of this section, came in Tuesday to visit Ballinger friends and look after business affairs in Ballinger a few days.

T. G. Marburger says send me the Daily Ledger, I want to keep up with the home local news. The Daily Ledger is now reaching the homes of nearly every citizen of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCaughin, of Norton, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Wm. Schott of Hallettsville, Texas, who had been visiting his nephew Ernest Schott and family the past day or two, left Tuesday afternoon for his home.

Mrs. J. L. Heath left Tuesday afternoon for Santa Anna and Bangs to visit relatives a few days.

What is Good for Headache?
One lady says, after suffering dreadfully for about seven years she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil, which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Patterson of Wanette, Okla., who had been visiting their sister, Mrs. S. P. Hathaway and family and other relatives and friends in our city the past several weeks, left Tuesday afternoon for Marlin, Texas where they will spend a few weeks before going on home.

W. E. Harter and brother, two of the prominent citizens of the Wingate country, were marketing cotton in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. A. H. Wigle left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas, Galveston, and other points East to visit friends for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Halfman and H. B. Halfman, of the Rowena-Offin country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

HABBIT HUNT.
The big rabbit hunt to be pulled off Thursday, March 26th will begin at the home of Mrs. Flynn the Jim Hubbard ranch house and dinner will be served at Bethel church. Everybody and the candidates cordially invited, barbecued mutton for the visitors and rabbit for the candidates. Come and bring your guns.

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Gust Johnson, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens East of the city, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday renewed with the Banner-Ledger. Mr. Johnson also is sending a paper to two of his children and he informed us that they were delighted to get the news from home each week and says the Banner-Ledger is getting better all the time.

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E. H. Voelkel, one of the successful stock farmers of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon a few hours.

Rev. Father J. B. Lavoie returned home Wednesday morning from points West where he had been visiting and looking after his church work the past few days.

Dr. Gober of Temple, who had been in our city on a short business trip, left for his home Wednesday and was the guest of Dr. Hale while in our section.

W. O. Cryer, one of the pioneer citizens of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Roy Bates, of the Moro Mountain country, was attending court in Ballinger Wednesday.

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R. B. Ingle, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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The WOMAN

A Novel by Albert Payson Terhune

Founded on William C. de Mille's Play of the same name

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Continued from Yesterday.

"That's absurd. You don't know—" "Absurd or not," snapped Blake, "it's got to stop short! I'm not going to let you throw yourself away on a girl like that. If it comes to a show-down, I'll withdraw my support from you. And then what can you do? Hey? Answer me that. Here I've given you the softest snap there is—a big salary for loafing around an office a few hours a week. How much could you



"Cut Out Any Flowery Stuff and Bang Away at the Point."

make by your own law practice if once I take my hand from under you? You haven't got an earning ability of a thousand dollars a year. And you know it. Suppose I try that; and see if she's so blooming anxious, then, to marry you."

"I understand," said Tom bitterly. But you're wrong. I didn't ask your consent. I just told you what my plans are. That's all."

"It's enough, I guess." "Look here, dad. You spoke just now of coming to a show-down. Also you claim I'm no good without your backing. If I can't make a living on my own hook, it's high time for me to begin to learn how. If all the education and money and training you've spent on me have fitted me for nothing except to be a political catspaw for you, it's time I started along a

fresh line. You've outlined my position pretty clearly. And I'm going to make my own way—with the girl I mean to marry."

"Oh, you poor wall-eyed fool!" sighed Blake.

"If I'm a fool," flared Tom, "I inherit it!"

"Of all the senseless come-backs I ever heard," commented Blake disgustedly, "that's about the flatest and silliest. However, we understand each other at last."

"I suppose," broke in Tom, with sulky contrition, "I needn't have said that. I'm sorry."

"You needn't be. Maybe you were right. Perhaps it wasn't such a punk come-back after all. But, of course, it's tough for a man to see his only son throw himself away on a—"

"Steady, dad! I won't stand for that sort of talk about her. Not even from you."

"Whether I say it or not," grumbled Blake, "you know what I think. So what's the difference?"

"When you change your mind," answered Tom, fighting hotly for self-control, "you'll have less to take back."

He jammed on his hat, flung open the door—and confronted a man and a woman who were entering. The woman—tall, slender, strikingly handsome—darted forward to where Jim Blake stood scowling at his son. And at sight of her the scowl changed to a light that few men had seen—or suspected—in the grim old politician's face.

"Hello, Grace!" he exclaimed in delight. "Gee, but you come like a bunch of sunshine after a Welsh-rabbit nightmare! Stand still and let's look at you! No, don't waste time kissing Tom. He's got other people to kiss."

CHAPTER XI.

Before the Storm.

"It's good to get a welcome at last," laughed Grace. "Mark's been as cross as a bear."

"I haven't declared Robertson."

"You have!" she insisted. "And just because the train was a few minutes late. Oh, well—a few hours, then. When I got in you were stamping up and down the platform surrounded by a blue haze; like Ajax defying the railroad. Really, I was ashamed of you. If it hadn't been for the lovely flowers you got me—"

"What was the delay?" asked Blake. "I don't know," she answered, laying aside her wraps with Robertson's awkward if eager aid. "The engine made too strenuous an effort to get out of Baltimore. And it broke down. How are you, dad?"

"Oh," grunted Blake, "as well as a man may hope to be who never can hope to make himself worthy of such a wonderful son. I—"

"Tom!" cried Grace in jolly reproof. "There's been another explosion! What was it, this time? Tell me!"

"Politics," answered Blake before Tom could speak. "I'm a wicked, hopeless, corrupt old guy. And Tom's just discovered it—for the thousandth time. It's hurt his feeling something terrible."

"Why do you boys quarrel so foolishly?" she demanded. "Neither of you ever quarrels with me. I'm going to be an arbitration committee and a dove of peace, all in one, and settle your grievances—when I get time."

"And, speaking of time," put in Mark, "I ought to be at the Capitol this very minute. Coming?" he asked, turning to Blake and Tom.

"In a little while," said Blake, "you two run on. I want to speak to Grace."

Tom led the way from the room. Mark, following, paused an instant on the threshold.

"By the way, Grace," he called, over his shoulder, "we've asked Standish to come here. It wouldn't do for us to be seen conferring with him at the Capitol or anywhere else in public. If he gets here before we're back, ask him to wait, won't you?"

His wife's back had been turned toward him and she was leaning over a table arranging flowers in a vase. Her voice as she replied was quite indifferent.

"Certainly," she agreed. "Confer all night if you want to, so long as you don't do it loudly enough to keep me awake."

Robertson closed the door, leaving Grace and her father alone together. Noting Blake's scowl, she asked:

"How is the Mullins fight coming on?"

"Twenty-fourth round," he replied.

"Both men groggy?"

"You'll win, though!" she said; and there was scarce a note of interrogation in her voice.

"It's a way I've got," bluffed her father; loath that the daughter, whose faith in his powers was so secure, should know of the straits in which he was laboring. "Standish is doing his best to block us. And he thinks he's done it. A lot of other folks think so, too. But I'm fixing up a mine to spring under him tonight. And after the explosion I guess the air will clear for the Mullins bill. But that wasn't what I wanted to speak to you about. It's Tom."

"Tom?"

"Yes. He's in love."

"Is that all? Oh, I see. The quarrel was about that. He came to you for sympathy and—"

"Girl, there's four things no man can get sympathy for. I don't know why, but he can't: having his umbrella stolen; getting his best hat sat on; a toothache; and falling in love. But it happens. Tom didn't come looking for sympathy. He just handed me an ultimatum. And it didn't ultimate. That's where I want you to help me."

"Who is she? Do I know her?"

"You've probably seen her here at the Keswick, though I don't suppose

you've noticed her. You wouldn't be likely to. She's Wanda Kelly."

"Not the phone girl?" asked Grace in dismay.

"You win. Real nice, ain't it? Makes an awful hit with me, after all I've done and planned for that boy, to have him tumble into an affair like this."

"Don't worry!" she reassured him. "There are other ways of convincing a man—especially a lover—than by storming at him. You know all about politics, dad, and you can whip voters and congressmen into line. But Tom needs a different line of attack. And he's going to get it. From me."

"Say!" ejaculated Blake. "You've taken a threeton load off my mind. By the way, do you know anything about this Kelly girl?"

"I've spoken to her once or twice. What about her?"

"She isn't a fool. She's rather pretty, too. She's got a strangle hold on



"What Was the Delay?" Asked Blake.

Tom, with the idea that the same strangle hold will choke some of my cash out of my pocket. It won't. Tell Tom so. So long! I've got to chase over to the Capitol. We'll all be back in a little while for our confab with Standish. You'll keep him here if he comes before we get back?"

"Yes," she replied a little wearily. "I'll keep him here."

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REACHING THE SPOT

It has Been Done, So Scores of Ballinger Citizens Say.

To get rid of an aching back. The sharp twinges. The tired out feelings. You must reach the spot—get at the cause.

In many cases 'tis the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys.

Ballinger citizens testify.

Mrs. R. F. Smith, Ballinger Texas, says: "Last year I had two attacks of fever which left my kidneys very weak. I had such intense backaches that I could hardly get about and at times the kidney secretions were scanty then again profuse. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I got a box and I soon found that they were helping me. After using them a few days, the backache left and I was able to rest much better."

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

In mention of the improvements at the City Market and the restaurant, it was stated that Mr. Stroble would control the two when it should have been Cameron and Hull for the City Market and Louie Stroble would conduct the restaurant.

Eczema, Ring Worm, Itching, and Tetter.

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure it, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman Texas.

Jim McWhirter had business in Miles between trains Wednesday and to incidentally look after his race for tax assessor.

Giant Chaema Gorilla most intelligent animal alive. Your only chance to see one. Next week at the Carnival.

FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL BALLINGER

ONE WEEK

Commencing Monday, March 30 and closing April 4.

SOUTHERN AMUSEMENT COMPANY

Presenting High Class, Moral, and Refined Carnival Amusements. Benefit Ballinger Fire Department.

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Fun, Frolic and Amusements For Everybody Remember the Date and Meet Me on the Midway.

My Registered Jersey Bull

Fox's Blossoms Noble No. 112356 will be delivered to any pen in town after January 5, 1914. Terms \$3.00 cash in advance. Free return service. Phone 384. Robt. H. Corum, Ballinger, Texas.



IF THAT RAINY DAY COMES WILL IT FIND YOU WITHOUT A DOLLAR IN THE BANK?

"Some days must be dark and dreary: into each life some rain must fall." Storms often come up suddenly "Alas, how easily things go wrong." But it is a protection against most ills to have plenty of money in the bank. To have a bank account, you must START one. WHO gets the money you earn?

Put it in our BANK and YOU will have it.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

The First National Bank of Ballinger, Texas.

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. J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD. WILL L. STUART. C. C. SCHUCHARD. SAM H. McPHERSON. JIM McWHIRTER. R. L. (Bob) SHAFFER.
- 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. Miss MARY PHILLIPS.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD. M. D. CHASTAIN. EDWIN DAY. W. T. PADGETT.
- For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: FEB McWILLIAMS.
- For County Superintendent: J. N. KEY. S. C. HARRIS. E. L. HAGAN.
- For Constable Precinct No. 1: CHARLE EISENHUTH.
- CITY ELECTION.
- For City Alderman: C. H. WILLINGHAM. JNO. A. WEEKS. W. L. ELLIS. W. C. JONES.

ROYAL Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money and Makes Better Food

Spokane, Wash, March 25.—At least 180 small boys in Spokane will be careful of their language this spring, for the grade school baseball league has decreed that any player who uses profane language will be expelled from his team. Tobacco is also under the ban, for the members of the 20 grade school teams.

Chamberlain's Tablets for Constipation

For constipation, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Easy to take, mild and gentle in effect. Give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

W. T. Forbus, one of the successful young small grain farmers of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and reports a good many acres of the volunteer oats in his section being plowed under and will be planted in other crops. Mr. Forbus renewed with the Banner-Ledger while here.

One needs a good cleansing, purifying tonic-physic after the indoor confinement of winter. Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, nature's best, no harmful dope. Strong, but pure and helpful. The Walker Drug Co.

M. E. Harrell of the Hachel-Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday. T. H. Wright of Byers, Texas, who has been looking after business interests at Winters the past week or two, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

The Forty Year Test.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all dealers.


W. P. Hawkins, one of the prominent and successful business men of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Day's class of Methodist Sunday school will serve candy, Saturday, March 28th, at Walker Drug Co. 23-6d

Roy Gilliam returned home Wednesday at noon from an extended business trip to Kansas.

"Devils Mascott" Captured in Devil's River, Texas, knickers like a horse, rattles like a rattlesnake, or your money refunded in Animal Show at Carnival, Ltd

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for
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Pills in Red and Gold metallic
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, Safest, & Most Reliable.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.



High Defeat Regulars; 3 to 1

The Ballinger High School put the skids under the Regulars of the city at Wooden park yesterday afternoon, the score being 3 to 1.

Both clubs put up a decent kind of game, despite its long, drawout feature. There were good plays made by both sides. The Regulars put up a good showing and this was really more than was expected of them since yesterday's show was the first of its kind this season for that squad. Only a practice the afternoon preceding enabled them to put up any class at all against the youngsters from the school. They are all old heads and are familiar with the game but the crowd expected them to blow up sooner than they did.

The game was lost on an error in the fatal third division. With the bases full and no one out, McGregor, who was pitching for the town delegation placed two on the bench by the strike out method. It appeared to the fans that it was going to be a case of no one counting on account of the effective pitching of the city youngster. However, a Ballinger High lad poled a long one out to right field that should have been handled easily had Nash in that position been in trim. The ball went directly to the glove but slid through and two Highs tallied. The game was put on ice and after then it was case of hard playing on both sides.

The regulars scored their only

run in the first inning. C. Penn placed a hot one into the outer patch. It was a clean hit through short but should have been handled by Trammel in right field. Instead, the ball bounced through that garden to the fence and Penn rounded second, stopping at third. A moment later he reached the counting pavilion on a wild pitch by Rayburn.

Rayburn for the High pitched a good game. No box score was kept of the affair and no record was made of his strike outs but his number reached the stage where it might be considered as worth while. The hits he allowed were scattered.

McGregor for the Regulars was in the old time trim. He showed yesterday the condition he has been in for the past two years. He whiffed a good number of the High players and allowed only a few hits. Probably he allowed fewer hits than did Rayburn in the course of the game. Along toward the middle of the game, the Highs managed to count the third score on him through hitting at the opportune time.

King Penn playing short for the Regulars had an exceedingly bad day. He connected up each time at bat but failed to arrive anywhere. The first time he was at bat he poled out what appeared to be a safe hit but was thrown out at first before he could safely pop the bag. He was playing in street shoes and that probably accounts for his failure to make a touchdown. Only one chance was allowed the King during the game and that was an exceedingly difficult one. It went through him like a Mexican dagger going

UNKNOWN TO SCIENCE

In TEN-IN-ONE SHOWS COMBINED see the strangest creature ever born to live. No one so far has been able to tell what it is. Baffling the intelligence of all mankind, even the naturalists at Washington, D. C., it weighs 127 pounds. Six different distinct animals and fowls can be portrayed in the one living curiosity.

It was captured in the recent Ohio Flood, nothing like it ever seen in Zoological Gardens, Expositions or Menageries of Circuses, in any part of the world, and never on exhibition until 3 months ago. To be seen only at the Carnival in the BIG TEN-IN-ONE Show all week. It's pronounced to be the most wonderful curiosity alive-- Can you tell what it is and get the liberal reward offered the Public. All next week at FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL.

through an Englishman. It was a case of hard luck for the King all through the game. However, he is rapidly rounding into form and it is expected that by the time for the next game, he will be shining like a bright star out of the heavens with the moon going through a total eclipse.

Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

People will be glad to know that Hunt's Lightning Oil stops the pain almost instantly. No other liniment acts so promptly and with such gratifying results. Those who suffer should not fail to try it. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Martin returned to Ballinger at noon Wednesday from an extended visit to Peacock, Texas, and say they are glad to be back in this fine county once more.

Judge G. N. Harrison of Brownwood, was looking after legal business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Badly Burned

Nothing relieves a scald or burn more quickly than Hunt's Lightning Oil. This wonderful liniment is very healing for cuts, sprains, bruises, etc. it is fine. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Mrs. Arch Brookshire and babe of the Benoit country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

This is the season of listlessness headaches and Spring disorders. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is a sure preventative. Makes you strong and vigorous. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. The Walker Drug Co.

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Spring style show now ready

Young men's clothes are our specialty
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If you will look with some care at our illustrations you'll get a pretty good idea of the way we can dress any young man in this town. You notice that there's a smart, snappy, very dressy style about this young man; nothing "flashy" in the cut of his clothes, nothing ultra or extreme; just a well dressed, high-toned young gentleman; young looking in his clothes as well as in his face. That's the way

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do things; and that's the reason we make such a feature of their goods. We believe the young men of our town appreciate such clothes; the styles are very smart, and up-to-date; the creations of the best and cleverest designers in the world. But there's more than style in such clothes; there's all-wool security in the fabrics; there's the finest tailoring known; there's correct and permanent fit.

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Ask to see our new Hats. Shirts and Shoes

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