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CARLOAD MOON BROS. BUGGIES, PHEATONS AND
SURRIES just placed on exhibition at our store

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

German Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm Declares in Interview that this War is Unnecessary

France, too, Didn't Want to Go to War

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS,
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MEAux, by Automobile to
Paris, Nov. 30.—General Joffre
received me at the City Hall here
today. The French commander
made a special trip from his head-

quarters for the purpose of giving
out an interview with the neutral
correspondents.

"France did not desire this
war," said General Joffre. "It
was thrust upon her but now the
nation is prepared for any sacri-
fices and she will do her duty to
the absolute end, until final suc-
cess crowns her efforts."

ANGELES MARCHES TOWARD MEXICAN CAPITAL

By United Press

EL PASO, Nov. 30.—General
Angeles with 2,000 infantry, has
gone to Mexico City to protect
the legations there, according to
a dispatch received here.

General Carranza has decreed at
Vera Cruz that all Villa currency
is nullified and worthless.

General Villa himself is delay-
ing his entrance into the City of
Mexico.

THREE MEN ARE ARRESTED FOR ROBBING NEGROES

Three men were arrested near
Crews Sunday and brought to
Ballinger to answer to serious
charges filed against them.

Lee, Tom Mathis and Neal
Cox are the three men implicat-
ed in the trouble, and according
to the story told by Mathis and
Cox and corroborated by several
negroes, the three white men con-
spired together and carried out a
plan to rob some negro cotton
pickers near Crews.

Mathis and Cox went to the
house where the negroes were
staying Saturday night for the
purpose of fengaging them in
gambling, and Lee was to appear
on the scene later and represent-
ing himself as an officer was to
make arrest and collect fines from
the negroes. The plan was car-
ried out in part only, and accord-
ing to a statement reduced to
writing and sworn to by Mathis
and Cox, leaves a serious charge
against the man who impersonat-
ed the officer and made the ar-
rest.

After arriving at the negro
house, according to sworn evi-
dence of the negroes, Cox and
Mathis, an effort was made to get
the negroes in a game by Cox and
Mathis. The game had not been
started when Lee appeared on the
(Continued on last page)

RUSSIANS' BIG ARMY IS HELPED

By United Press

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30.—Rein-
forcements have been rushed to
Russian Poland to aid the already
large Russian army operating in
that province. This was announ-
ced at the war office here today.

The Russian war office is con-
fident now that a crushing defeat
will be administered to the Ger-
mans in that vicinity with the ar-
rival of the helpers.

GERMANS TAKE SEVERAL HUNDRED RUSSIANS TODAY

By United Press

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—The Ger-
man forces captured 450 prison-
ers and eighteen cannons on the
South Vistula. They also took 600
men when a strong Russian at-
tack upon the fortifications east
of Darkehmen failed. This was
officially announced here today.

SANTA FE WRECK ANNULS 2 TRAINS

The West bound Santa Fe pas-
senger train due to arrive at Bal-
linger at 12:30 Sunday night fail-
ed to arrive, and the East bound
train due here about nine-thirty
Monday morning was also an-
nulled. The annulling of these
trains was due to a wreck at Cole-
man Junction Sunday night in
which the passenger train was de-
railed.

On account of the delay in get-
ting the track clear it was impos-
sible to get these trains through
and maintain the schedules of the
trains to follow. The mail and
passengers that should have ar-
rived on the annulled trains ar-
rived on the two afternoon trains.
No one was injured in the
wreck, but considerable damage
was done to the track.

Deputy Sheriff H. Daniels, of
Brownwood, was here on official
business and returned home Sat-
urday afternoon.

ASSURES NEUTRAL POWERS WAR IS THE MOST STUPID

First Interview Ever Given
to Correspondent By Member
of the German Royal Family

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY
OF THE CROWN PRINCE IN FRANCE,
November 20th, (By courier via Namur,
Aix la Chapelle and The Hague to Lon-
don, by cable to New York)—"Undoubt-
edly this is the most stupid, senseless
and unnecessary war of modern times.
It is a war not wanted by Germany, I
can assure you, but it was forced on us,
and the fact that we were so effectually
prepared to defend ourselves is now be-
ing used as an argument to convince
the world that we desired the conflict."

In about these words, Frederick Wil-
helm, Crown Prince of Germany, opened
his first interview he has ever given to
foreign newspaper men. It is the first
direct statement to the press made by
any member of the German royal fam-
ily since the outbreak of the European
war.

Crown Prince Fredrick Wilhelm
blamed England for the war, but in no
bitter terms did he mention the enemy.
Throughout his interview, he spoke in
the best of words, referring to the nations
involved in war with Germany in every-
thing but bitter words.

The Crown Prince paid the French sol-
dier the highest compliment for his brav-
ery.

He appealed to Americans for their
sympathy, admitting that the Americans
are apparently against the Germans in
this war, an attitude he deplored and
said he could not comprehend.

SHERIFF RAIDS SUNDAY NIGHT POKER GAME

Sheriff Perkins arrested four
boys Sunday night for playing
poker, and the court will get part
of the spoils of the game. In some
way Sheriff Perkins suspicioned
a game was going on, and going
out on a still hunt he located the
boys in a vacant hen house on the
Colorado river in the edge of
town. Two little candles were
making the light for the players
to see how to shuffle the cards

by, and it was the flickering of
the little lights in the old out
house that attracted the sheriff's
attention as he was strolling
around in that part of the city.

When the sheriff walked in on
the boys of course they were some
what surprised, but requested that
they be allowed to finish the
game, and then they would be
ready to square themselves with
the law.

We failed to learn the names of
the boys, but we understand that
they are all home boys.

KAISER REPORTS BATTLE

By United Press

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—Kaiser Wil-
helm, on the battle front, stated
that fighting there is still in pro-
gress. The Russia offensive has
been halted and the general posi-
tion of the German army in Pol-
and is satisfactory.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR ARREST EACH OF SCHOOL BOARD

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 30.—
Warrants for the arrest of the
members of the Board of Educa-
tion of this city have been issued.
The warrants charge the board
with a failure to conduct medical
examinations in the public schools
of the city.

A diphtheria epidemic is raging
here and it is claimed that thru
the laxity of the board the disease
has spread.

The warrants have been held up
pending the conference with the
board of health.

STATE BANKS ARE IN GOOD GONDITION, SAYS DEPARTMENT

By United Press

AUSTIN, Nov. 30.—The state
of Texas are in extraordinary
good condition, according to the
Department of Insurance and
Banking.

Nearly two millions of dollars
increase in individual deposits
from September 12th to October
31st, according to the report made
public today.

Many of the banks, it is declar-
ed, have not been loaning money
as freely since war broke out as
previously.

ACTUAL CASE TO DECIDE "JIM CROW" LAW, COURT SAYS

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The
Oklahoma Jim Crow law, approv-
ed by the United States Supreme
Court, was affirmed, the decree
holding that the law is valid.

It was asserted by the court
that actual discriminating against
the black must take place before
the case could be decided.

Weather Forecast.
Tonight and Tuesday colder;
Tuesday cloudy.

Elder J. W. Kelley left Satur-
day afternoon for Talpa, where
he preached Sunday.

Mrs. Wilson and family of
Winters, passed through Ballin-
ger Monday en route to East or
South Texas where they will
make their future home.

J. B. WADE GOES TO FT. WORTH

A rumor that had been afloat
for several days developed into
real facts Monday when Judge J.
B. Wade announced that he would
leave the last of this week with his
family for Fort Worth where they
would make their home.

Judge Wade goes to Fort Worth
to become a member of the law
firm of Bryan, Stone & Wade.
Judge Wade succeeding Judge
Bartholomew who died about two
weeks ago. He was called to Ft
Worth last week and the proposi-
tion submitted to him and after
due consideration he decided to
accept the offer, and returned
home Sunday to arrange to close
his business here with the law
firm of Wade & Doss on Dec. 1st.

Judge Wade had previously re-
ceived two propositions, the ac-
ceptance of either of which would
have caused him to move to Fort
Worth. He was formerly associat-
ed with Judge B. B. Stone in the
practice of law at Ballinger, and
business ties were so strong be-
tween them that when the opening
in the firm of which Judge Stone
is now a member presented itself,
Judge Wade could not resist the
temptation to go higher in his
chosen profession.

"It is not necessary for us to
say that we regret to leave Bal-
linger and our friends," said
Judge Wade, "and we will never
forget the good people here and
our pleasant few years living
here. It is only that desire to go
higher in my profession that
takes us away from Ballinger."

Judge Wade has been a citizen
of Runnels County for ten years.
He came to Texas from Tennessee
and spent six months at San An-
gelo, and located at Miles, and lat-
er came to Ballinger where he has
resided since. He has built up a
splendid law practice here, form-
erly under the law firm of Stone
& Wade and later under the firm
name of Wade & Doss. He and
his wife and little daughter are
held in the highest esteem by
those who know them and their
friends here are many who will
regret to learn that they are
moving away from Ballinger, and
will join in best wishes for them
in their new home.

The law firm of Wade & Doss
will end Tuesday, December 1st.,
and until he can secure assistance.
Judge A. K. Doss will look after
the business. However, it is
rumored that Judge Wade will be
succeeded by a new man within a
few days.

Since becoming associated with
the firm of Wade & Doss, Judge
Doss has established a good prac-
tice and is popular with the clients
of that firm, and we feel safe in
saying that the business will be
left in able hands when Judge
Wade leaves for his new home.

ENGLAND'S SECOND ARMY AT FRONT

By United Press
LONDON, Nov. 30.—A consid-
erable portion of England's sec-
ond army is already on the front.
It is believed here that fighting
in the western front is entering its
final stages and that a greater
German sea activity may soon be
expected.

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JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

We learn that the Observer at Stamford has sold out to the Leader. This is a trade that the Herald wishes to congratulate the Leader and Observer for bringing about.

The marriage of two papers in a small town should be the occasion of great jubilee. One good paper well supported by the people is the best thing a town could have.

If you can't say a good word for your town, get out of it. Your presence is objectionable to all public-spirited citizens and your room is preferable to your company.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS advertisement with logo and text: 'THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper.'

IT'S THE SUREST WAY.

Pay your bills by checks on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Ballinger, save the annoyance of making change, provides an ACCURATE ACCOUNT of all business transactions.

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The Home of GOOD Eats.

know that we have a good town and a live, loyal citizenship, and the reward will be ours.

"Stop all darn Ki-o-tee howling Chaw some sand and got s ome grit;

Don't sit in the dumps a growlin Jump the roost and boost a bit."

How would you like to live in a town where there were no knockers? When you stop to think about it there are a great many more knockers than boosters.

Almost any day now you can pass through the express office and see one, two and sometimes three packages labeled "intoxicating liquor," all "for personal use."

Yes, you are right, it sure is funny how the world wags. Nature teaches self preservation, and when a man orders a little of the "joy of life" for "personal use,"

The man who intends to diversify should not lose sight of the hen. Some bits ago the following ode was sung to the lady of the barn-yard:

The eagle bird sure can soar The hawk is the boss of the wood, The mocking bird can sing the score,

But the hen delivers the goods. She certainly does; and there are many cases on hand where she has paid the grocery bills of the families she happened to be connected with.

ed to scratch, but she is hunting bugs which but for her voraciousness would do more harm than the little scratching she does.

Lauds Banks for Past Favors and Pleads for Co-operation

WINGATE, Texas, Nov. 28, 1914 To The Old Reliable First National Bank, Ballinger:

Having had dealings with your bank eleven years and knowing you to be always loyal to the best interests of the county and the men of bone and brawn who have dug out these mesquite trees and built white houses and red barns and silos, I am taking the liberty of addressing you this open letter in the same optimistic spirit in which you have continually viewed the agricultural situation in our county and dealt with your customers.

In offering suggestions in such a crisis as we are facing, I am not unaware of my humble position and I only beg as an apology that you accept my sincere interest in the welfare not only of my own little children whom I believe to be entitled to pure food, comfortable clothing and a decent education.

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have not appeared on our grocery bill since we made the investment and the old hens are still on the job. The Christmas season would come up lacking in many good things to eat if it was not for the faithful service of the hen, and she will add to the bank account during the year.

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and failure in crops in 1910. Didn't we come through, though, admirably? We can pull off a still better stunt. We have had experience.

If we can possibly suspend payment of debts for a brief time things will adjust themselves. I know this looks hard at first blush. But we can do it. Nothing is impossible.

Let us put every bale of cotton we have up behind our debts and get them "stayed" for awhile. If necessary put up other collateral. The darkest hour is just before day. During that bad "10" everything looked black—"black as ink."

Of course I have lived long enough to know that you are justified in charging that I have a purely selfish motive, since I have actually made 100 bales of cotton and do not want to sell it at half the cost of production to pay out standing obligations.

But if you will pardon me for being personal once more, I will repeat that I have sold good sound white cotton for 5-3-4 cents to pay up and I now believe that the banks should do a little losing up and loan money on warehouse receipts in order that farmers may hold some of their cotton off a dead market for a profit.

Dumping the entire crop on a repulsive market at present prices will not only wreck farming interests but commercial interests also. But I am growing tedious.

In conclusion allow me to say that there is yet enough cotton and maize and feterita left to put the country on a cash basis another year if it could be sold at a decent price.

The old reliable First National one of the oldest land marks in the county, will not think strange that we look to her to take the initiative in the salvation of the country.

In behalf of the honest yeomanry of the county I thank the banks of Ballinger for having saved the situation heretofore and we believe they are equal to the occasion now.

JOHN BALLEW

Declare War on Colds

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may be come uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians.

"Don't sit in a draughty car." "Don't sleep in hot rooms." "Don't avoid the fresh air."

To which we would add—when you take cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all dealers.

Household Furniture for Sale.

Having decided to move from Ballinger, I will sell our household and kitchen furniture at a bargain. If you need anything in that line call or phone my home for prices, etc.

Jno. A. King, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Life Is Constant War For Existence. Nations Prepare for War in Time of Peace. Individuals should safeguard against NEED in time of LARGE HARVESTS. Save the fruits of your labor, by storing your unsaleable products under shelter. Deposit Your Surplus Cash in the Bank Which is Your Best Friend in Times of Need. Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company "We take care of our customers"

RECEIVES BADGE OF HONOR

H. G. Stokes, Wells Fargo Express agent at Ballinger, received a gold badge Sunday as a token of appreciation from the express company for the faithful services rendered by Mr. Stokes during his continuous service of twenty-five years with the company.

Mr. Stokes has served for twenty-five years as express agent and is still on the job. He is proud of the distinction given him by being able to wear the attractive button in the lapel of his coat.

E. M. Burrow of the Hatchell country, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Security Title Company for your abstract work. SEE--- Chas. S. Miller for eight per cent money choice land loans.

It Makes a Difference Who Does Your Work. A good shave, a neat hair cut, adds a great deal to a mans feeling and appearance. We give you satisfaction along this line. The City Barber Shop H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

...GENERAL... Electric Irons \$3.50 Always ready for service and are best at all season of the year. Can be attached to any light socket, no extra heat and no smut. The cost of the Iron is only \$3.50 and the cost of the current to use them is not much. Phone 15 for one today. The Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

NOTICE Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Rannels 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. H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

W. T. Padgett left Saturday afternoon for Harper, Texas, where he goes to visit his father a few days, and if his health will admit, Mr. Padgett will bring his father home with him.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

T. J. Parish, who lives south of Ballinger, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon for McGregor, where he goes in response to a message stating that his mother was seriously ill.

FOR SALE—Empty 50 gallon barrels. \$1.00 per barrel. N. Passur. 11-df

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Artistically served over our fountain in the winter time by men who know how. Try us—

E. F. ELDER and SON

New Meat Market
--At the Globler Old Stand--

We have just renovated and put in first class shape the old Globler Market and now open for business. The very best meats the market affords. Call and see us. Your patronage will be appreciated. Will be known as "THE CASH MARKET"

Phone 126 **Frank Chapman** Phone 126
Hutchings Ave. Manager Ballinger, Texas

MANY A SQUARE MEAL IS SPOILED IN THE MAKING.

Inferior flour, poor potatoes, any kind of foodstuffs that are a little "off" may spoil an otherwise perfect repast. Some grocers make it a point of honor to never sell an article that is "off." They build up a reputation from which they are inseparable. It is an invaluable asset in business.

We Are Of That Class
You know it. Others ought to, for their own sakes.

MILLER MERCANTILE CO.
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THE JACKSON DAIRY
WILL JACKSON, Proprietor.

Will deliver milk to any part of the city
Good Milk, Good Service, Prompt Deliveries.
A Share of Your Patronage Solicited.

Will Jackson
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YOUR PATCH WORK--

Around the house calls for Lumber, Paint, Etc. We give the little orders our prompt attention and can supply you with just the material you need. When you want a large or small bill figured bring it to our yard.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

W. B. WOOD AND SON
Will Buy Your
COTTON SEED
and pay the best prices.

Before selling see them in the city.

American railways run their passenger equipment from 60 to 100 miles with periodical stops for lubrication. They expend annually large sums for expert mechanics to do nothing but make inspection and recommendation. Can the inexperience afford to undertake what the high-salaried ones are doing? Drive in and receive a thorough inspection at a nominal cost and derive the full pleasure of motoring.

LEACH AUTO WORKS
All Work Directly Under the Manager.

DON'T FORGET
H. L. WENDORF, the Saddle and Harness Man.

Wants your business however large or small. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection
Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas.

SUPREME COURT RECONVENES TODAY

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Decisions of pressing importance were expected today when the Supreme Court reconvening after a two weeks recess.

Of the scores of cases which final decision will be handed down by the court, argument having long been completed, perhaps the most important is the so-called Midwest Oil case. This involves the validity of the withdrawal from entry by President Taft of three million acres of California and Wyoming oil lands from private exploitations. The Midwest Oil Co., attacked the withdrawal by Taft because there was no statute which expressly gave the right to make such a withdrawal. Since that time, in 1910 Congress passed such a law, and about 4,000,000 acres of oil land—all known to exist in the public domain, have been withdrawn from public entry. The decision of the lower courts in this case was adverse to the government.

The Maryland "Grandfather clause" case is another that may be handed down by the Supreme Court today or in the near future. It is designed to prevent negroes from voting in state and city elections. The Oklahoma Grandfather clause may also be passed upon today.

Sustaining the congressional authority to force testimony, the supreme court today decided that George Henry, a Wall Street broker, must be extradited for trial here for refusing to answer questions before the committee of the Pujo "money trust" investigation.

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

W. W. McKissick the Oxien merchant was supplying in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

A. J. Loika of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Leggett left Saturday afternoon for Temple to spend a few days with friends.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. Herbine is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

J. W. Gardner of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

T. J. Wethersby, of Rotan came in Sunday to look after property interests in Ballinger.

Charlie Wimberly of the Crews country was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Guarantee The Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick is guaranteed to save all washboard labor on washday, and to make clothes white as snow. Contains no acid, alkali lye or poison of any character and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Lifts the burden of work from the women-folks. Price 25c per box containing three Magic Washing Sticks, enough for fifteen big snowy washings. Ask grocer or druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

R. M. Davis, one of the substantial citizens of the Crews country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

E. P. Scarborough returned home Monday at noon from a short visit to relatives at Abilene.

Tonight
Tonight, if you feel dull or stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For Sale by all dealers

WEST TEXAS COMPANY ADJUSTS PHONE RATES

At its meeting on the 14th instant, the directory of the West Texas Telephone Company took final action on a matter which, in its various phases, has been under consideration for the past three years, and which it is believed will be very beneficial to its patrons. Having been authorized so to do, the management is pleased to announce that it will, on December 1st, 1914, inaugurate and put in operation throughout its entire system a revised schedule of long distance toll rates, worked out after the most careful and painstaking consideration with the purpose of accomplishing three main objects, namely, an increase of time allowed on calls carrying minimum toll rates, a reduction of tariff on short haul conversations, and a readjustment rendering more equitable the rates on long hauls as between certain points, especially where switching is required.

The benefit to patrons may be best indicated thus:

First: The minimum rates will apply for three minutes instead of two, as heretofore, on all conversations, whether long or short hauls, thus increasing the time allowed patrons fifty per cent.

Second: Reduction of tolls on minimum rate conversations as follows:

(a.) Between points not exceeding fifteen miles apart, from the present tariff of twenty-five cents to fifteen cents.

(b.) Between points more than fifteen miles but not exceeding twenty miles apart, from the present tariff rate of twenty-five to twenty cents.

Third: Calls between points exceeding twenty-five miles apart will, generally speaking, carry the old tariff or toll rates for the new minimum of three minutes with a slight increase in some instances, and decrease in others, where switching is required, or more than average wire mileage is tied up during the conversation.

The fifteen and twenty-cent rates inaugurated will reduce the rates five to ten cents from county seats to most country towns and villages. On the other hand, to work out an equitable readjustment, will, in some instances, slightly increase rates from one county to another, especially where switching is required, or a large wire mileage tied up.

The equitable and benefits to patrons of the readjustment of toll rates, as above outlined, has been apparent to the directory and management of the telephone company for a long time. The course it required to be taken, however, had, and still has in it the elements of an experiment: because the rate reduction will affect approximately thirty five thousand messages annually and cause a reduction of approximately three thousand dollars in net revenues. This has caused delay in inaugurating these new rates. The financial condition and revenues of the Company in the past have rendered the experiment, in the opinion of the directory and management, too hazardous to attempt. Indeed, the revenues of the company do not now justify the probable loss. But its long distance revenues have somewhat increased, despite the times, which are such as to call for every consideration it can show its patrons. Besides, it is hoped and believed that, as conditions approximate the normal the lower short-haul rates will cause such an increase in the volume of traffic as to make up the above mentioned loss in revenue. To do this, however, such increase must amount to sixty per cent more messages at the lower rate than the company has heretofore handled. We trust our hopes along this line will be realized and that we shall be able to maintain the new rates. However, with an increased volume of business three important facts come up which will have a bearing on our being able to maintain the new rates, and these are, first, additional operating expense required to handle the increased volume of business; second, increased accounting expense; and third, additional switchboard and line facilities.

It was the sense of the directory in considering this new schedule of rates that the company should at all times make an equitable and reasonable rates as is consistent with efficient service, and a

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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The new rate from Ballinger to Winters and Talpa, is now 20 cents for three minutes, while under the old rate it was 25 cents for two minutes. The new rate to Benoit and Hatchel is 15 cents for three minutes while under the old rate it was 25 cents for two minutes. The other reduction to points from Ballinger in the territory covered by the West Texas Telephone Co. applies to increase in time of conversation only, the minimum time being three minutes instead of two.

The Wonderful Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick, the greatest helper woman ever had with her washing and I have been singing its praise to my neighbor, writes Mrs. Mollie Martin, Route 3, Arache, Okla. It is truly a wonderful article, saving all the washboard labor on washday. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Enough for fifteen big washings. Makes clothes white as snow. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. Henry Jones and Miss Lula Starkey left Monday afternoon to visit at Winters a day or two.

Rub a sore throat with BALLARD'S Snow Liment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

R. C. Henninger of the Hatchel country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Stops Rheumatic Pain Right Now
It is astonishing how quickly Hunt's Lightning Oil relieves pain. Rub it on and the hurting fades away almost instantly. That's why many people keep it in their and the like there is nothing better. For Neuralgia, headache, etc. Sold by all Druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Mrs. S. D. Williams of Hatchel, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

"THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY"—Episode 19.

The best dressed woman in moving pictures!—with one accord Miss Marguerite Snow commonly known as "Peggy" has it from the majority. The other members of the cast in "The Million Dollar Mystery" are also well in the forefront along sartorial lines and their clothes don't hinder them in their interpretations of the various roles in the big serial. The Thanhouser is probably the largest independent film manufactory in America and their company is an extensive one. The present issue of "The Million Dollar Mystery" is as full of exciting happenings as a schoolboy is full of grammar the day before examination. The Black Hundred are growing desperate and the plots to get control of the million are enough to keep Jones and Norton busy preventing the accomplishment.

"The Million Dollar Mystery" has only three more weeks to run before the solution film is made. Are you after the ten thousand? Surely it is a prize worth working for.

Three good titles in the run of regular pictures will also be put on screen tonight and there is something here to please every taste. Tomorrow night the vaudeville team of Ed LaBard & Co. give a variation from the beaten path in the way of comedy, singing and novelty, beginning a two nights engagement, Tuesday and Wednesday only.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.
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The many friends of Bob McGregor will be glad to learn that he is much better today and strong hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. W. L. Brown, Editor

A Party.

Mrs. Fannie Lovelass entertained with 42 Friday afternoon a few friends. A delicious repast was served to the following: Mesdames Jno. A. Weeks, Ben S. Long, Robt. Herring, C. C. Ganaway, S. P. Hathaway, Chas. Furgerson, Fannie Lovelass, W. L. Brown, E. N. Bateman and S. P. Stone.

J. U. G.

Miss Ludy Lankford very pleasantly entertained the J. U. G. Club Thursday, November 21.

The afternoon was pleasantly and profitably spent in handwork. The final feature of Miss Ludy's hospitality was the serving of hot chocolate.

Those present were: Misses Pauline Hardin, Abby Snell, Vinita Boyd, Mae and Ruby McLeroy, Maye Henson of Cooper, Texas.

Progressive House Party.

A progressive house party which was one of the most enjoyable events of the season was conducted by Misses Lucile Powell, Nell Kipp, Myrtle Whitaker, Anna Jean Sharp and Bettye Miller.

On Wednesday, the first day, they met at the home of Miss Bettye Miller at which place they were served with an elaborate six o'clock dinner. From here the gay young ladies went to Miss Lucile Powell's home to spend the night. Next morning they awoke to find "the best" three-course breakfast prepared and waiting for them.

From Miss Powell's home they were taken in the afternoon to the matinee at both the Princess and the Queen, and from thence to the Aleove for tea and sandwiches by Miss Nell Kipp. Thursday night found them with Miss Anna Jean Sharp at her home. Cards were played until a late

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If headache develops while shopping or at business just step in any good drug store and ask at the fountain for Hick's Capudine, which is so successful in relieving headache because it removes the cause, whether from cold, heat, nervousness or grippe. It is liquid and pleasant to take. Don't ever suffer with headache when this remedy stops it so easily. Take a bottle home. The druggist has it in 10c, 25c and 50c sizes.

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**PIONEER CITIZEN
DIES SUDDENLY
SATURDAY NIGHT**

At his little home near the oil mill, where he had lived for many years alone, W. H. Wilson breathed his last some time during Saturday night, the exact hour of his death not being known.

Mr. Wilson had not been well for several days, and he had taken in as companion Adam Hulse, and also because Hulse was an invalid and himself almost helpless and without any means of support.

Hulse discovered that Mr. Wilson was dead about five o'clock Sunday morning, and reported the fact to a neighbor, who verified the report and telephoned to the undertaker, C. R. Crews. The undertaker took charge of the remains and prepared them for burial and phoned the news of the death to Mr. Wilson's son George Wilson at Cisco.

Deceased was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, and a committee from that order was appointed to look after the remains and make all necessary arrangements for the funeral. A phone message from his son instructed that arrangements be made for the funeral to be held here and that the remains be interred in the Ballinger cemetery, and stated that he with other relatives would be here to attend the funeral Monday.

Mr. Wilson was numbered among the oldest citizens in Ballinger, both in point of age and as a resident of this town. He was 85 years old, and he came to Ballinger with the coming of the railroad, and has resided here continuously since. During the greater part of this time he lived an eccentric life, living entirely to himself and having no intimate associates or friends who were familiar with his affairs in life. It was through choice that he deceased lead this kind of life. He was financially able to live in ease and comfort, and his children had made many efforts to get him to make his home with them. He left Ballinger last summer and spent two or three months with his children, but became dissatisfied and returned to Ballinger. When Mr. Wilson died a check for more than one hundred dollars was found in his pocket. He owned considerable property in Ballinger.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist church, and Rev. W. H. Doss will conduct the funeral this afternoon, immediately after the arrival of the Abilene & Southern train which brought his children from Cisco and Breckenridge.

He is survived by a wife and several children. Henry and George Wilson, and a daughter Mrs. George Winston, of Cisco. These arrived as above stated and were here to attend the funeral.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, an when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Send for circulars free.

Take Hall's Family Pills for

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright of San Angelo, were visiting relatives and Ballinger friends in Ballinger Saturday.

A Night of Terror

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little thought will enable you to avoid this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers.



The Call of the North, at the Princess Theatre, Thursday, December 3rd.

**Three Men are Arrested
For Robbing Negroes**

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scene and entering the room pulled a pistol and placed the negroes under arrest, and also placing Cox and Mathis under a supposed arrest. Lee demanded a fine from each one present, and after some time a sufficient money was raised among the negroes to secure their release, which Lee accepted and receipted them for. Lee also called upon his pals to dig up. One of the boys paid him \$4 and the other promised to pay him when they reached Crews. After securing the money Lee left for Crews, accompanied by Mathis and Cox. According to Cox and Mathis Lee refunded the \$4 paid him by one of them and promised to divide the amount received from the negroes when they reach Crews where they could get some change, having received two five dollar bills from the negroes.

The negroes reported the trouble Sunday morning and the officers soon placed all three of the white men under arrest. Cox and Mathis turned states evidence and plead guilty to theft, and after paying a fine of \$1.00 and cost, amounting to about thirty dollars and serving one hour in jail, they were released.

A charge of robbery with fire arms was filed against Lee, and his bond fixed at \$1000 and on examining trial set for next Monday. Up to a late hour Monday afternoon he had not made bond.

Lee is thirty years old and married. Cox is 24 years old and single, and Mathis is 17 years old. The penalty for robbery with fire arms is imprisonment for not less than five years, and runs as high as death.

In damp chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Lintiment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

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**FIFTY BELGIANS
ARE COMING TO
COLEMAN COUNTY**

(Coleman Democrat)

The following is taken from a telegram to the United Press under a Kansas City date line, which will be of interest to many of our readers:

"Arrangements for the placing of fifty Belgians, refugees of the European war, on his six thousand acre ranch in Coleman county, Texas, are being made by J. Z. Miller, Jr., Federal reserve agent and chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

"I cannot say at this time just how the Belgians are to be transported to this country," said Miller today. "That is being arranged by a Belgian priest, who lives in Oklahoma. But the refugees from the creak pit of Europe, who have lost their homes and their all, are to land at Galveston. I expect them to include fifteen men, heads of families, and the rest women and children.

"I shall conduct them to my ranch and sell them land in eighty-acre tracts, to be paid over a long term of years. I shall supply the horses, farming implements, seed, cows, sheep, hogs and chickens to start them on their way to building and owning their homes in this country.

"When the Belgian family gets on the land, penniless, I shall see that it has ample means by which to work out its own salvation. I have great faith in the Belgian. He is thrifty, frugal and courageous."

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Horhound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**NO CHANGES ARE
REPORTED TODAY**

By United Press

PARIS, Nov. 30.—No changes along the battle line in Belgium and France are reported in today's official French communique.

It was declared that on every hand the Germans are on the defensive. Sporadic attacks only are the rule.

A fierce attack made by the Germans around Bagatelle was repulsed with serious losses to the enemy.

Cause of Insomnia

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach and constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.

R. S. Willis of Crockett, Texas, a former valued citizen of this county, who had been looking after property interests in this section the past few days, left for his home Saturday afternoon.

SANITARY MEAT MARKET.

We have our place of business in a perfect sanitary condition, and in compliance with the pure food laws of the State, have just built a perfectly sanitary slaughter house, complete in every respect, and will keep it in splendid shape at all times.

We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, and will always supply you with the best the market affords. We will appreciate your patronage.

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Phone 185.
tfdw Stanley Cameron, Prop.

Mrs. Bingham of Miles, who had been visiting her daughter Mrs. R. W. Cotter, the past few weeks, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

(Nestor Comedy) "He Never Said a Word"—featuring Ed die Lyons, Victoria Forde, Lee Moran, Harry Rattenbury. This is a story of a young man attending a deaf and dumb asylum on a night the inmates are giving their weekly entertainment.

(Victor) 2 reel drama "Court and Married, but Remained Unkissed"—The girl who won featuring Florence Lawrence and Matt Moore. This is a beautiful story of a Platt's marrying his step-dow. In his heart he loved her, yet he maintained an attitude of simple friendship toward his wife.

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