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TO DECIDE AMERICAN ATTITUDE

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Congress will put itself on record soon, regarding the Administration's course toward Germany's new submarine policy. Democratic leaders today ratified Wilson's suggestion that a vote be taken in both houses on this question at once, since it is the chief purpose of the President to demonstrate to Germany that this nation supports his attitude.

House and Senate leaders, following a long conference and discussion with Wilson at the White House returned to the Capitol to frame an issue that will bring out that point clearly.

It was practically concluded by the conference with the President that the resolution offered by Jeff McLemore of Texas, warning all Americans to avoid armed merchantmen, will best serve the purpose in a test. The President expects the House to vote a majority against the bill, and also thinks the Senate will vote down Senator Gore's resolution, making it unlawful for American citizens to engage passage on armed merchantmen.

POSTOFFICE TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY.

In observance of Texas Independence Day, the Ballinger post office will be closed March 2. The carriers will make delivery in the city in the morning and the general delivery window will be open from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m.

Vane Sandlin, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here renewed the Banner-Ledger and Dallas News for his father, G. A. Sandlin.

BULLETIN BOARD AT LEDGER OFFICE

You are invited to The Ledger office Saturday evening at seven o'clock and get the election returns first hand from The Ledger's big bulletin board.

We have perfected arrangements for receiving the returns promptly from all boxes in the county, and unless there is some unusual delay we will be able to announce not later than eight o'clock how the county has voted on the liquor question.

In order that our friends might keep score on the returns and make comparison with past prohibition elections held in this county, we have printed and have ready for distribution cards showing the voting strength of the county for the 1911 and 1913 elections with the vote for and against prohibition at each election, and also the present voting strength of the county.

In making up the list showing the present voting strength we did not allow for receipts that were cancelled by the collector, and while this list is not exact it is within a very few of the exact number of polls tax receipts issued in each voting box, as only a few receipts were spoiled in issuing same.

Mrs. B. J. Harris left Wednesday for Talpa to look out for a music class.

NEGRO INSULTS FRIGHTEN LADY

Mrs. J. R. Seroggins was badly frightened at her home on Ninth Street Wednesday morning, when a negro offered insults and acted in such a way that caused his arrest and he is now in the local jail awaiting an investigation.

According to the story told by Mrs. Seroggins and verified to some extent by other neighbors in the vicinity, the negro was passing up the alley as Mrs. Seroggins entered the toilet. He went to the toilet door and demanded that she open the door when the lady came out and called for help. The baby of Mrs. Seroggins was nearby in the yard and the negro attempted to get the child, when the calls for help from the woman frightened him away.

Mrs. Seroggins phoned to the store of her father-in-law and reported the trouble and an officer later located the negro and brought him to town. The negro was later placed in jail.

It is reported that the negro frightened other ladies on Ninth Street near where the attempted attack was made on Mrs. Seroggins. Young Seroggins, a brother of J. R. Seroggins stated to a Ledger reporter this afternoon that Mrs. Seroggins was in a state of nervous breakdown as a result of the fright, having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis.

We understand that the officers will get the full facts in the case before determining what charges to file against the negro.

NEW ADDED FEATURE BEGINNING WITH MARCH 1ST

We Have Decided to Add an Up-To-Date Line of Ready Made Hats and Millinery to our business. This department will be in charge of MISS LELA REGENOLD, an experienced trimmer and designer. We solicit your inspection.

Old Hats Re-trimmed at Reasonable Prices

THE FAIR EIGHTH STREET

ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER LIQUOR TRUST

Assistant Attorney General W. A. Keeling returned to Austin Tuesday, after spending several days here, carrying home with him what is believed to be important evidence gained here in an investigation made in poll tax irregularities.

Mr. Keeling has been at work practically all of the present year making an investigation that takes in a number of counties, and an increase of more than three hundred per cent in payment of negro poll taxes in this county, over last year, created a suspicion that lead to an investigation.

Mr. Keeling declined to give out any information pertaining to what he found here, but it is known that he examined a number of witnesses and secured a number of affidavits. We understand that investigations will be made in other counties and that crooked work in poll tax payments will be developed on a large scale. The attorney general's department has just completed an investigation at Calvert, where valuable evidence was obtained.

The assistant attorney general stated before leaving Ballinger Tuesday that his department was waging war on corrupt ballots and was doing everything possible to purify the ballot box. When asked for an expression regarding the candidacy of Attorney General Looney for re-election, Mr. Keeling said:

"Mr. Looney has given to the people of Texas a fearless, conscientious and intelligent administration, uninfluenced by power, or personal ambition. His candidacy is submitted to the law-abiding, law-loving and law-enforcing citizenship. To this class Mr. Looney feels that he has a right to appeal for support. Mr. Looney can not, and does not expect the support of the wilful violators of the law—the organized liquor traffic as well as the criminal. 'Big business' will oppose him, for in the discharge of duty it has fallen to his lot to oppose them."

"Upon the issue of duty well performed he expects the verdict of the people to be in his favor."

ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Ballinger Electric Light and Power Co., at their office in Ballinger, Wednesday morning 10:00 o'clock, the following Board of Directors was elected: R. J. Irvine, M. F. Treadwell, and Miss Nelle Alexander. The board then went into session and elected M. F. Treadwell, President; R. J. Irvine, Vice-President; and Miss Nelle Alexander, Secretary; A. E. Fitkin, Treasurer; and M. B. Webster, Assistant Treasurer.

Assistant Attorney General Walter Keeling, of Austin, who had been in Ballinger on his official duties the past few days, left Tuesday afternoon for his home. He took occasion while here to state he found Runnels county one of the cleanest he had come across in his official work, over the state.

INCREASED PAUPERS BURDEN TO COUNTY

It is costing Runnels County more than \$2,000 per year to take care of its paupers, and they are on the increase. The commissioners' court was called on this week to add another pauper to the list and make an appropriation sufficient to supply the necessities of life, and if the facts in the case justify the appropriation of course it will have to be made.

The county is paying a losing game in feeding, clothing, and supplying the other things necessary to keep up the paupers when there is not one cent of revenue being derived from the pauper population. Some of the paupers are able to do a certain amount of work, but they draw on the county monthly for an allowance and give nothing in return.

The commissioners court realize the importance of establishing a poor farm and we are glad to announce that they are considering a proposition to buy a 200 acre tract of land near the city and provide homes for the paupers, and give them something to do. Convict labor could also be utilized to a good advantage in making crops and instead of being a burden to the county would at least find punishment that would be severer than occupying a comfortable cell in the jail.

We understand that the commissioners have an option in what is known as the Cameron 200 acre farm just west of the city, which is owned by one of the local banks. The bank has made a very liberal offer to sell the land and properly handled there is no question but what it would be a profitable investment for the county. To say the least of it the county would not lose more than \$2000 per year in maintaining the farm, which amount they are digging up now to take care of the paupers.

H. M. Linecum, one of the Ledger's friends of Miles, was looking after business affairs and greeting friends in Ballinger Tuesday.

DECLINES TO SEND WOMAN TO ASSYLUM

Mrs. W. R. Write was brought in from her home in the Poe neighborhood Tuesday and given a trial before an insanity commission. After hearing the evidence in the case and making a thorough investigation the commission declined to pronounce the woman insane, and she was returned to her home in the custody of her husband.

Mrs. Wright was placed in the hands of the authorities upon the request, or application of her husband who said his wife was in such condition that he thought she should be placed in an asylum for treatment. In this opinion the jury declined to agree. Mrs. Wright is in bad health, but the physicians say that she is in sound mind and that she can not be placed in the asylum.

SUSPECT TEUTONS BURNED STATION

By United Press.
MONTREAL, Canada, March 1.—Suspicion rests here that Germans burned the Grand Trunk Ry. depot in this city this morning, although no definite clue to the mysterious fire has been discovered.

Several trains, which were in the yards at the time, were destroyed. The total loss amounts to approximately \$300,000.00.

Watch the Fords Go By.

GREAT BRITAIN LOSES ANOTHER BIG SHIP

By United Press.
LONDON, March 1.—Lloyds Steamship Co., today reports the loss of the British steamer Thornaby. The ship was sunk and all the crew killed. 1782 tons were displaced by the Thornaby.

Watch the Fords Go By.

GERMAN SUB SUNK PROVENCE

By United Press.
PARIS, March 1.—The French Ministry of Marine officially announced today that a German under-water boat torpedoed and sunk the French auxiliary liner Provence, in the Mediterranean Sea, Saturday. It is now estimated that the loss of life from the wreck will run between eight and eleven hundred persons.

GERMANS TAKE OUTLYING CITY.

BERLIN, March 1.—German attacks on the city of Fresnes, 13 miles to the southeast of Verdun, have reduced the defenses, and a division of the Crown Prince's command today took over the town. Offensive movements on Verdun continue with unabated violence.

C. A. Doose, the real estate man, left Tuesday afternoon for points east in the interest of his firm.

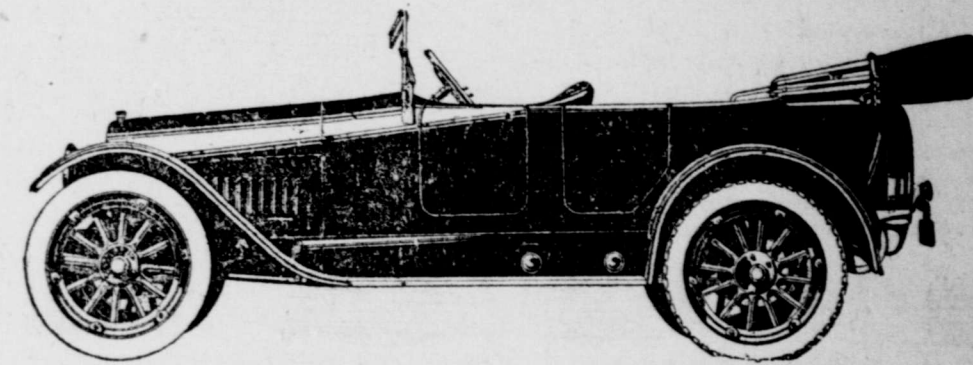
A Bank Account

makes you a better citizen. Why? Because it develops your desire and ability to become a Producer. It is an incentive to do better. It enables you to make a success, while without one you cannot handle the situation. Our facilities to help you prosper are at your disposal.

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"The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things"

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- 1 Brush, will run, \$40.00 cash.
- 1 Overland, dandy good car, tires all good, cost \$1100 will sell for \$350; \$200 cash balance \$12.50 per month. This car is worth \$500.
- 1 Auburn, 5 passenger, electric starter and lights, spare rim and tire, cost \$1850; will sell at \$450; \$250 cash balance next fall. A snap for some one on an up-to-date car.
- 1 new Ford will sell for \$15.00 off list.
- 1 4 passenger Metz, cost \$650 good as new, will take \$250 \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

We Cut the Price on Everything for Autos
Gasoline 19c. Spark Plugs Champion X 30c. Any Plug not over 50c. Dry Batteries 30c. See us—

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY
Opposite Court House Lawn. Telephone Number 505



TONIGHT

PICTURE PROGRAM

Lubin presents the charming Valentine Grant in a three act drama—"THE MAN O' THE BACKWOODS." Miss Grant is ably assisted by a notable cast in this special production.

Essanay Comedy—"ALL STUCK UP" full of breezy Western fun.

Admission . . . 10c

Election Returns of Pro Election will be shown on the screen at this theatre, Saturday night.

WATCH FOR FREE TICKET
One day of each week we will insert in our Daily Ledger a free coupon good for the following Wednesday Night's performance. This is done to encourage reading our ads regularly.

FREE COUPON
GOOD FOR ONE ADMISSION
Wednesday, March 1st
PRINCESS THEATRE

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PRINCESS THEATRE TOMORROW

Rupert Hughes' famous play in 5 parts of motion drama

"The Bigger Man"

Featuring Henry Kolker
assisted by other notable stage stars. A big play and a big idea.

Adults 20c Children 10c

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WILL ORGANIZE NEW FRATERNAL ORDER

J. H. Faulker, district manager for the Fraternal Aid Union, is in Ballinger soliciting members for a new lodge at this place.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating. When constipated or bilious. When you have a sick headache.

REGULAR MEETING MELON GROWERS

The regular monthly meeting of the Runnels County Produce association will be held at the Business League office at 2 p. m. Saturday, March 4th.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.

For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.

Tinker or Thinker—Which? "Get an Overland." O'Kelley & Walton.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schultz of the Eden country, left from this point Tuesday en route to Laredo Texas, to accompany the remains of a relative, who died in San An-

MRS. MAY'S LETTER TO WOMEN

More Proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Relieves Suffering.

Chicago, Ill.—"I suffered from a bad case of female ills. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended and I took about six bottles.



soon passed away. I look much better now than I did before, and I recommend the Compound every time for female troubles, as it did for me all it is claimed to do.

If you have any of the symptoms mentioned in Mrs. May's letter, remember what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for her, and try it yourself.

If you need special advice, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

gelo, and was being shipped to Laredo for burial.

Five pounds good Pea Berry Coffee for one dollar. Roten's Grocery Store. Phone 101. 13-tfd

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.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. (Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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

Tinker or Thinker—Which? "Get an Overland." O'Kelley & Walton.

Watch the Fords Go By.

S. LOUIS STORE QUILTS TOWN

The stock of goods owned by the St. Louis Store are being shipped to Bartlett, Texas, and J. Dan who has had charge of the store will follow in a few days and be with the store at Bartlett. This store opened for business here more than a year ago and have been occupying the Miller building on the Ballinger State Bank block.

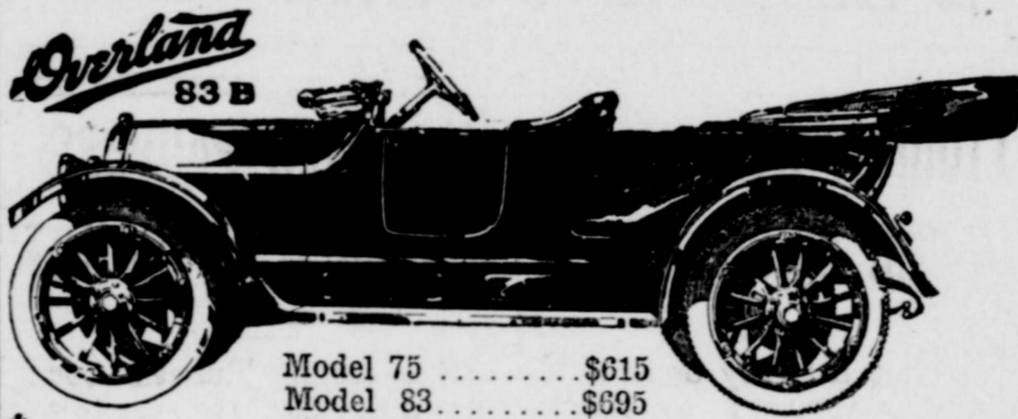
First Tuesday in March. All members of The Friend-in-Need Society No. 1 take notice, that our annual meeting will be held at the offices of the secretary, E. Shepperd, on March 7th to elect officers and transact such business that may come before the order. Every member be present.

E. SHEPPERD, Secretary. 1-2td1tw

Mrs. Tom Ward and daughter, little Miss Adda and Miss Franc Baker left Tuesday afternoon to attend the grand opera at Dallas.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Clary and



Model 75\$615 Model 83\$695 Six Cylinder\$1145 F. O. B. Toledo.

THINKER OR TINKER "WHICH"?

When you decide to purchase an automobile do your Thinking before hand and if you buy an OVERLAND you'll have no Tinkering to do.

Our agents do not cut prices—The Overland is the best for the money—you are getting full value for every dollar you spend. In addition you get the Overland service—anywhere you go.

AGENTS WHO CUT PRICES

on some cars must have a cause for they probably wish to get rid of a bad bargain. Remember that when one offers you a car for less than list price there must be something wrong—some good reason why they want to sell it.

The OVERLAND is the Car You Will Eventually Buy as many thousands will attest. They are—without a doubt the greatest value on the market today.

Ask for a Demonstration and Catalogue. ALLEN OVERLAND COMPANY distributors for West Texas.

O'KELLY & WALTON, LOCAL DEALERS Phone 33

children, who had been visiting her father, Judge R. B. Truly and family, left Tuesday afternoon for Oklahoma City, where they will make home.

For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is highly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system.

C. T. Mohler, a prominent real estate man of Temple was the guest of J. H. Wilke and returned home Tuesday afternoon.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

K. E. Lindrose, of New Orleans came in Tuesday and will be the guest of his friend John Hopkinson a few days.

Sign of Good Digestion.

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Osborn and Mrs. A. D. Taylor, of Norton, motored over to Ballinger Tuesday to do some shopping for a few hours.

BANKS TO CELEBRATE MARCH SECOND

The three Ballinger banks will be closed tomorrow, March 2nd, in observance of Texas Independence Day.

Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

H. L. WENDORF Hutchings Ave. dtf

Max Russell, of the Leaday country and J. S. Blocker of the river country, northwest of Ballinger, prominent stockmen of this section, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

How to Prevent Croup.

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable Everywhere.

DR. PRICES' CREAM Baking Powder Sixty Years the Standard NO ALUM

SCOTT H MACK BUYS STUDEBAKER SIX

R. P. Kirk delivered to Scott H. Mack a Studebaker Six Wednesday morning. This is Mr. Mack's first car, and we understand that he has relinquished all claim on it in presenting it to Mrs. Mack.

Miss Dovie Pipkin, of South Ballinger, returned home Monday afternoon from a short visit to friends at San Angelo.

D. L. Brevard and W. J. Wilkerson, of the Mud creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rank Foolishness

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. Microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

W. O. Fuell left Tuesday afternoon for Bangs, Texas, to be at the bedside of his father, who is reported seriously ill.

FIRE INSURANCE The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE Your business solicited Miss Maggie Sharp. Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co. Office Phone 615. See Me.

Mrs. J. H. Cross and two children left Wednesday morning for Coleman en route to Burkett to visit relatives a week or two.

BIG BUILDING LITTLE PATCHING

We can supply the material for your big building job or the little patch work around your home. You do yourself an injustice if you fail to let us figure on your lumber bill.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

Ballinger and Winters Service Line

Makes four trips each way. Call for and deliver passengers any where in Ballinger or Winters. Price: 75c One Way. Leave Ballinger at—7:00 a. m. 9:30 a. m. 1:30 p. m. 4:00 p. m. Leave Winters at—8:30 a. m. 11:30 a. m. 2:30 p. m. 5:30 p. m. Phone Ballinger 135 Phone Winters 92 Good cars and careful drivers. W. E. BROOKS

It Is Economy to Buy the Best You can't afford to eat inferior groceries. It's poor economy to buy cheap groceries. We carry the best and we can convince you that the best is the cheapest. No substitutes, but the standard line at our store. MILLER MERCANTILE CO. TWO PHONES 66 AND 77

Smoking and Chewing I have the finest line of tobacco and cigars in the Southwest. Come in and do your chewing and smoking with me—and "watch me grow." N. Passur

THE JACKSON DAIRY WILL JACKSON, Proprietor. Will deliver milk to any part of the city Good Milk, Good Service, Prompt Delivery. A Share of Your Patronage Solicited. Will Jackson Telephone-Rural 5903

Makes Hungry People Happy Christmas cheer last for a few days and then fades away. Our Grocery cheer last throughout the year, and never fades, and it is all in what you eat. Hungry people are happy as a lark when they eat our groceries, because the quality is in what they eat. When dad pays the bill he, too, is some happy, and his satisfaction is over the price. Fact is, they just flood the whole family with cheer because they are fine to eat, easy to cook, and stimulating to a degree. Can you beat it? L. B. Stubbs 'Phones 93 and 94

The Careful Man and his wife



put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.

Husband and wife should both save money. What's the good for one to save and the other to spend? Just ask yourself today: "Who gets the money I earn?" Do I get it or does somebody else get it? You earned your money; it belongs to you. Keep it. Be a careful man and bank your money.

Bank With Us ...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER "The Old Reliable"

Through a lost ad in The Daily Ledger Mrs. J. W. Clappitt has her fine diamond brooch which Mrs. Abb McFarland found and returned to the owner Tnesday.

Harvey Grimes of the Maverick country, C. R. Smith of the Valley creek contry, L. R. Menchew,

Willis C. Barrett and W. T. Little of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox and Fred Mapes of the Pony creek country, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis, of the Hatchel country and G. W. Caswell of the Norton country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Caswell renewed with the Banner-Ledger for a year.

A sluggish Liver Needs Attention. Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then.

J. P. Withington, one of the prosperous pioneer citizens of the Token country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Effective January 10th, 1916

To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of workmen and by so doing, conduct a Quality Service Station only. Can take care of any high-class technical job requiring skill and painstaking care.

Yours Truly H. M. LEACH



I have employed Mr. George J. Burwell of San Francisco, an expert who can handle any kind of altering or making of garments. Give trial. Cleaning, Pressing, Altering, Dying, of ladies or gents clothes.

W. H. ROARK, The Tailor

Work called for and delivered.



The greatest of all Frank Spearman's railroad stories SHOWN IN MOTION PICTURE AT THE QUEEN THEATRE EVERY SATURDAY.

(Continued from Yesterday)

Helen shrank back out as he stepped respectfully toward her she hated to hurt his feelings. She gave him her hand for an instant and hurried, laughing, into the office.

Rounding the corner of the station, Spike ran into the station baggage-man. "What town is this, mister?" he demanded.

"Vegas," answered the railroad man once within the motorcar. Helen was unceremoniously dropped to the bottom and left there, while the machine was turned around and her captors whisked back for Las Vegas with her.

Storm, by this time, had left the construction camp and was waiting at Baird for the train bearing Helen. The train drew in and stopped. To Storm's surprise and disappointment, not a solitary passenger got off. He accosted the conductor: "Helen Holmes was coming up today. Where is she?"

The conductor looked down the platform. "She certainly was on the train," he declared, puzzled. "I saw her just before we got to Arden."

Storm, the trainman following, walked hastily through the coaches. Helen was not to be found. A freight train going to Las Vegas was standing on the passenger track.

In Seagrue's machine Lug and Bill opened Helen's satchel. They found a big package of letters, and believed they had in them the contracts.

Helen, in the rush of cold air, had begun to revive. As a precaution to prevent her giving any alarm—though machines were sufficiently scarce on the desert—Lug took Helen's handkerchief from her satchel, tied it roughly over her mouth, laid her on the seat, cautioned her harshly and covered her with a steamer rug.

Traveling at a breakneck pace over the broad expanse of sand, the car was entering Las Vegas, when, crossing one of the village streets without lessening speed, the driver almost knocked a man down. Indeed, but for a smart jump, the pedestrian would have been killed.

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"Upstairs, I tell you. Listen! She's upstairs. Instead of choking me, get busy to get her out of Seagrue's clutches—that's what I'm here for."



Each Episode Suggested by a Prominent Author Serialized by HUGH WEIR and JOE BRANDT Produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company

FIFTH EPISODE Grinding Life Down By WALLACE IRWIN Author of "Hashimura Togo" and "Teddysee"

SYNOPSIS. Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, attacks the liquor and vice trusts. He is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. His son, Bruce Larnigan, is elected district attorney and takes up the fight.



BRUCE LARNIGAN, lying helpless on his cot in a Chicago hospital as the result of the attack that had so nearly cost him his life, was still full, despite his pain, of his desire to crush the graft syndicate and avenge his father's fate as well as his own injuries.

"He does, doesn't he?" asked Tom. "No; he pays the lowest possible wages to a lot of poor foreign laborers he is exploiting. Even now they are on the verge of striking, and I happen to know that he is planning to teach them a terrible lesson if they do.

Tom decided, too, to adopt an old trick of Bruce's. Trusting to his big, un-known to Ayers, he slipped a note into his pocket one day.

"Bruce Larnigan is out of the way for the time, but his brother is not," ran the note. "I know your scheme here, and I shall block your plans. Be careful or you will be the first to suffer for the crimes of you and your associates, Tom Larnigan."

Tom felt that he was terribly helpless. Above all he needed money, and he was without penniless. And then one day Larnigan brought help to his very door.

Tom's plan worked to perfection. "Ah, you got him! Good!" cried Ayers. "Here, take him in and pitch him on to that sofa. I'll settle with you before I talk to you."

"You're a joke, Stone," said Ayers. "You're a joke, Stone," said Ayers. "You're a joke, Stone," said Ayers.

meerfully. "Leave this man to me. I'll get rid of him!"

There was no opposition. Every one was glad to have some one else undertake the task of removing one of the hated and feared name of Larnigan.

At the reception, which was held that night, Ben and Tom were late in arriving. Ben, making good use of his eyes and his ears alike, managed to pick up some information that seemed likely to be of value later.

"The better you treat 'em the more they want," said Ben in pursuance of his plan to catch Ayers off his guard. "I believe in sweating them. Working people are meant to work, not to strike for more money."

"You're a man after my own heart!" laughed Ayers, entirely without suspicion that Ben was only leading him on. "Why, they've even begun to threaten me personally. Look here! Here's a letter I got the other day."

"From his pocket he pulled the note that Tom had sent him and smoothed it out for Ben to read.

"I'd like to meet the man who wrote that!" he snarled. "I'd show him whether or not it was safe to threaten me, the bound! But he'll keep out of my way, you'll see."

"Tom Larnigan!" said Ben, seeming to be vastly surprised. "Why, my old partner here is always talking about a man of that name. Maybe he can find him for you. Shall I ask him?"

"Easy money," said Tom, grinning. "I'll go out now and see if I can find him."

"Know him? I should say so, the skunk!" he said. "Saw him tonight."

"But he's no friend of yours, eh?" chuckled Ayers.

"Friend?" snapped Tom. "No, sir! If you'll excuse your friend I've got a proposition to make to him," said Ayers silkily. He led the way to his library. "Look here," he said. "If you'll bring that man Larnigan here to me I'll pay you \$1,000, cash down—tonight! That's all I want. You need not do anything more."

"Go, and good luck to you!" said Ayers, greatly excited.

Tom, as he reached the street, was amused. "But I guess I'd do well to have some one with me if I go back," he reflected. "I mightn't get in otherwise, and I want to talk with Mr. C. Wood Ayers when he's alone."

He hung about for a time, wishing he knew some one who would be willing to impersonate him for a few moments. He dared not trust a stranger. He was afraid that he might encounter some spy. And, while he waited, by the strangest of coincidences he saw an automobile pass in the back seat of which sat Dorothy Maxwell. Had he only known the truth he would have stopped that car at the risk of his own life.

For in it Dorothy was going to save him, as she believed. Deeply suspicious of Stone, she had been watching him, and she had learned that Stone, afraid that Ayers would fall, had sent Danforth, the successor of the dead bully, Black, to attack Tom at Lyndham. One of his women spies had spotted Tom, and had reported after Ayers had promised to take care of Tom. She was to go with two thugs and point Tom out to them.

Dorothy, determined to save Bruce's brother, disguised herself as this woman and succeeded in being taken along in the car in her place. It was as she set out upon this errand that Tom saw her, and sneered at the sight of her, since he had recognized her at once.

However, he dismissed Dorothy from his mind. And at last he decided to risk returning alone to Ayers' house. Until, as he neared it, he came upon a young man reeling, plainly helpless from drink.

"The very man!" thought Tom. "Here, back!" he said, taking the young fellow's arm. "I'll look after you."

"Mush! blushed," said the young fellow. He went along as meekly as if Tom had been his oldest friend.

Tom's plan worked to perfection. "Ah, you got him! Good!" cried Ayers. "Here, take him in and pitch him on to that sofa. I'll settle with you before I talk to you."

Tom obeyed. Then he followed Ayers into the library.

"Keep your money," he said. "I've tricked you, Mr. Ayers. It's I that got Tom Larnigan."

Ayers staggered to his feet. "You?" he cried. "My God, who is the other man?"

He leaped for the door. And Tom, following, saw that the couch had mysteriously closed. Suddenly he understood. The sofa was a "murder couch," designed to close and kill its occupant! It was murder Ayers had planned the murder of an innocent man that Tom had, unwittingly, helped him to do.

Ayers struggled desperately with the couch. At last he got it open. The young man was there—dead, and Ayers cried out in agony at the sight of his face.

"I've killed my son!" he groaned. "My only son!"

Slowly Tom passed out. He met a policeman.

"Here's my name and address, officer," he said. "You'd better go to the Ayers house. A case of something like murder."

And meanwhile Dorothy had aroused the suspicions of Stanford Stone's thugs. They had gagged and bound her and thrust her down in the car, while they went into a roadhouse to celebrate their success in advance.

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MORTUARY.

W. B. Brewer.

W. B. Brewer, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of this county died at Mineral Wells, Saturday, February 26th. He had been in feeble health for some time past, but died very suddenly last Saturday as above stated.

L. P. Woods, W. E. Allen, Green Nixon and Jake Stubblefield of this county were among the number who accompanied the remains to Bradshaw for burial. All of the old settlers of this entire section will remember Bert Brewer and join The Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn his death.

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