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Price 5 Cents

WHY NOT BUY--A GOOD BUGGY
Moon Bros.
A NEW CAR JUST RECEIVED

SOLD EXCLUSIVELY BY

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

"Tell the TRUTH Advertisers"



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"

ADVANTAGES OF THE COMMISSION FORM

We call the attention of the tax payers of Ballinger to the annual financial statement of the city of Ballinger published elsewhere in this issue of The Daily Ledger. It makes good reading. Read it, re-read it, and then do some figuring, and you will see that it is high time for adopting some remedy that will put the city on a substantial basis.

The Ledger does not want to be in the attitude of a "knocker" and it is not our purpose to knock any official, or cast any reflection upon the present city administration, but we feel that it is to the interest of the tax payers that move be put on foot that will awake the progressive people from a lethargy that bids fare to plunge the city into bankruptcy.

It will be seen from the financial report that the city has outstanding warrants amounting to more than \$1000, accounts due more than \$1000, is due 500 interest, due on street machinery \$4,384, making a total indebtedness in addition to the bonded indebtedness, of about \$7000. The street machinery is listed in the city's assets at \$4000, while there is due on the machinery \$4,384. It is not necessary to take up the various items and discuss them to show that there is big room for improvement in our method of carrying on the city's business, as the report speaks for itself, and if any man will read it and make a comparison he can see for himself the status of our city government at this time.

As we see it there is only one remedy. Adopt the commission form of government, divorce the city's business from politics and apply the same principles that must be applied to any business to make it succeed.

The commission form of government is not an experiment. It is a success wherever the people come together and plan for a business administration, free from politics. The city of Greenville is a fair sample of what the commission form and municipal ownership of public utilities will do for the people. The City Engineer of Greenville, A. D. Duek, was recently sent out to visit other cities in Texas and inspect the cities he visited with a view of making more improvements for his home town. Mr. Duek visited San Angelo, and in an interview published in the San Angelo Standard, he made some comparisons that should arouse the people to prompt action in bettering the conditions of other towns, and profit by the experiment made at Greenville. Read what Mr. Duek says:

"I find that the people of San Angelo are well burdened with high and unnecessary power and lighting cost," said Mr. Duek when seen by a newspaper representative at the Orient station before departing for Snyder and Amarillo. "As a first comparison take the tax rates. In San Angelo it is \$1.68 1-2 of the \$100 valuation. In Greenville it is \$1.57 and in addition the city owns the light, water and sewer plants and has eighteen miles of the best

VERDUN MAY FALL SOON TO THE GERMANS

By United Press

PARIS, March 10.—The battle for the possession of Verdun by the Germans, is entering what is probably its final stage. A grand assault from three sides on the French defenses is expected to follow the present battering of the center forts.

REMEMBER

Clean-Up Week
March 8-15

The City Wagons Will
Remove Your Trash.

paved streets in Texas.

A Well Lighted City.

Then take the item of what our light plant has done. The city of San Angelo has twenty-five arc lights and one hundred 60 candle-power series lamps. To offset this, Greenville has seven hundred and fifty-two street lamps, none less than 100 candle-power, and has constructed and paid for a "white way" 4,500 feet long out of the proceeds of the system.

In addition the light plant has made all extensions, had paid the interest on its bonds, has taken care of the operating expense and sinking fund, has built the "white way" and still has \$11,300 in the bank.

Cheap Light Rate

In the comparison of light rates, the San Angeloan pays 15c per kilowatt for lights. The Greenville citizens pay 8c per kilowatt and is offered 10 per cent reduction for payment in cash within ten days after the bill is mailed. This makes the rate 7 2-10c. The minimum water and light rates are each 75c per month.

The cost of connecting to the sewer system here is \$1.25 per month or \$15 per year. In Greenville it is \$5 per annum. San Angelo has six miles of sanitary sewers, owned by private corporation. Greenville has thirty-one miles, owned by the city—and the system pays for all improvements needed.

Compiling Data.

Mr. Duek visited San Angelo for the purpose of obtaining data on public utilities and civic improvements. Greenville, he stated, is figuring upon a re-adjustment of its minimum rates and is soon to build an incinerator. A system for collecting garbage is also to be placed in operation. Mr. Duek on his trip is getting information relative to the manner in which these things are handled in other Texas cities. The key rate proposition and the subjects providing parking, comfort, stations and market squares are also being considered.

Upon his return, the engineer will make a complete report of his findings and will also prepare a statement setting forth the advantages of Greenville and those of other towns which are adoptable. The object of the trip in addition to boosting the North Texas city is to secure data which may result in further city reforms.

Municipal Ownership Easy.

The municipal ownership of public utilities in San Angelo is possible.

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Wilson to Order Army to Invade Mexico to Capture Gen. Villa

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Following a cabinet meeting between President Wilson and his advisors, this morning, the president issued a statement that American troops would be ordered into Mexico at once. United States forces, the President announced, will invade the Mexican Republic only for the purpose of capturing the bandit Villa, whom the American authorities have agreed, can not be exterminated by Carranza unaided.

With the friendly aid of Carranza, and with scrupulous regard for the sovereignty of Mexico, the United States will invade the southern country. The war department states that eight thousand men will form the original force of United States troops, with a flying column of cavalry, and infantry division, and the rest field artillery. This force will be mobilized and concentrated at Columbus, New Mexico, within the next twenty-four hours.

This marks the second entrance of the
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BALLINGER STORE ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the new stockholders of the old firm of Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., a new name, new directors, new policies, etc., were chosen, and an organization perfected. The new firm will be known as the Melton Dry Goods Co., "Everybody's Store." U. P. Melton, who has been guiding the destiny of this store for some time was selected as general manager, and will continue at the head of the business.

The Melton Dry Goods Co., is a firm of all Ballinger people, and not a single stockholder lives outside this city. Mr. U. P. Melton stated Friday morning that "The Melton Dry Goods Co., is a firm composed of Ballinger people, managed by Ballinger citizens, and first and last for Ballinger and her upbuilding." Officers elected for the ensuing year are: D. M. Baker, president; C. A. Dooze, vice-president; C. R. Stephens, secretary and treasurer; Jno. A. Weeks and J. Y. Pearce, directors.

A new charter and papers for incorporation for the dry goods store were received Thursday, and organization was immediately made. "Everybody's Store" is the slogan decided on to represent the spirit and policy of the new firm, and further announcement of the new business will be made in advertising next week.

Weather Forecast.

Tonight and Saturday fair.

LAND DEAL.

The deal was closed Thursday in which Judge J. W. Powell sold to D. N. Cox 14 acres of improved land in South Ballinger near the ward school building for a consideration of \$1300.

Watch the Fords Go By.

REPORT SECRETARY BUSINESS LEAGUE

The secretary begs leave to make the following report of the finances and activities of the league for the month of February, 1916.

Cash on hand February 1st, \$5.60. Amount received during the month, \$128.45. Amount expended, \$122.05. Cash on hand March 1st, \$12.00.

The secretary has received and answered during the month thirty inquiries about Ballinger and Runnels county. In nearly every case the inquirer was sent a copy of the prosperity edition of The Ledger. About five of these

inquiries had to do with new enterprises. The remaining 25 were about the county and were the result of advertising. In all, the secretary has written about 75 letters during the month.

Twelve news items concerning the league were published in the local paper in March. Five articles of some length bearing the secretary's signature appeared in addition to these news items. One of these articles appeared in the Farm and Ranch, and the same publication has accepted a second article by the secretary.

The Business League has accomplished the following additional results in the month just past. An 8x12 foot sign board with large lettering has been erected at the crossing of the Santa Fe and Abilene and Southern railroads, where it is calculated to attract and impress a large part of the passengers on those two lines. The league has got under way a city beautification campaign which promises to accomplish something definite and worth while within the next few weeks. The secretary has made one trip into the country for the purpose of running some surveyor's lines for two farmers south of Ballinger. He made another trip which covered a circuit of four country schools and in three of these he succeeded in organizing pig and peanut clubs. This work will be continued until a large part of the country schools have been lectured. The secretary furnished a lengthy write-up of Ballinger to a hotel guide published who requested it. He also took a hand in arranging for the moving pictures of the Bethel rabbit drive and of Ballinger which were made. The town reel will become the property of the league after a time.

The membership of the league is maintaining its interest and the subscription list is steadily increasing.

A HUMAN WONDER

Quite a number of our citizens met the train Friday to see Miss Helen Keller, one of the most wonderful women of the world, who passed through Ballinger en route to San Angelo, where she will lecture tonight. Her mother and her teacher and a lady attendant accompanied her on the trip.



TONIGHT

PICTURE PROGRAM

Star of stars Marc McDermott supported by Lillian Hurbert in the four act Edison feature "THE MYSTERY OF ROOM 13" Lee Arthur, noted dramatist, wrote the web. Four acts of intense interest. Direction, Geo. Ridgell.

"HEARST-VITAGRAPH NEW PICTORIAL" Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in—"A CASE OF EUGENICS" Vitagraph comedy.

6000 Feet 43 Piece Dinner set given away.

Admission 10c

Don't Miss
The Best Yet---

"The Strange
Case of Mary
Page"

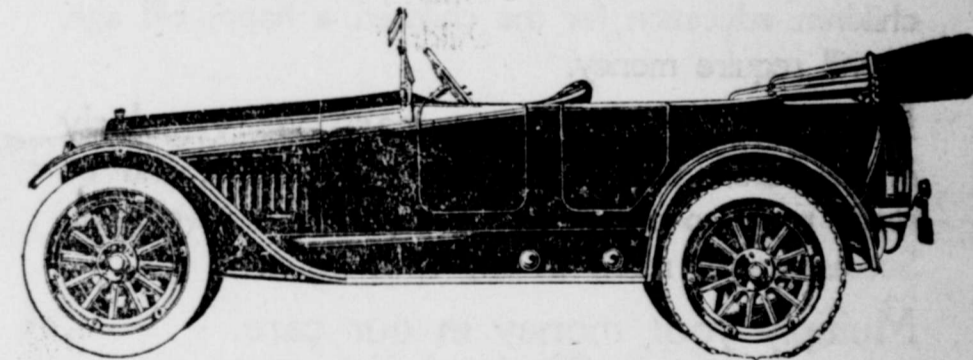
Begins at the

Princess Theatre
Saturday, March 18

15 weeks of a "different" Serial

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Henry Jones



Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! in
SECOND HAND CARS

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 20c. 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

Annual Financial Report For the City of Ballinger

Ballinger, Texas, February 1, 1916.

Hon. Mayor and City Council:
Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report as follows for the year ending January 31, 1916.

Special Water Works.	
Balance Feb. 1, 1915 (with treas)	\$ 257.41
Balance Feb. 1, 1915 (with Col.)	97.54
Received water rents	9,063.25
Balance over pair Feb. 1, 1916	15.00
Disbursements—	
Fuel	\$ 2,154.38
Salaries	2,476.50
Expense and repairs	1,677.45
Improvements	942.79
Paid for other funds	1,033.83
Balance February 1, 1916	1,148.25
	\$ 9,433.20
	\$ 9,433.20

I am herewith giving you a statement of what your water plant has cost to date.

Distributing System	
5273 feet of 8 inch mains
3554 feet of 6 inch mains
24,021 feet of 4 inch mains
37,726 feet of 2 inch mains
70,574 feet of all size mains at a cost of	\$32,664.20
Stand Pipe \$3,000, 50 fire plugs	4,250.00
\$1,250.00	3,750.00
375 meters
Total cost of distributing system	\$40,664.20
Pumping Plant	
House	\$ 1,695.30
Pumps, 3 large, 4 small	3,410.00
2 boilers	3,500.00
1 oil tank, pipe and etc	834.35
Total pumping plant	\$ 9,439.65
Filter system	4,775.00
2 dams	5,828.60
Land	2,775.00
Total cost of plant	\$63,482.45

General Fund	
Received taxes and etc	\$ 4,554.16
Received renew warrant Ballinger State Bank	1,080.00
Disbursements—	
Warrants out Feb. 1, 1915	\$ 1,136.09
Lights	1,080.70
Salaries	995.00
Fire Station expense	257.90
Fire department	156.10
Rents	144.00
Health and sanitary department	346.05
Money borrowed	1,200.00
Interest on money	166.00
Fire hose	208.00
Insurance	142.64
Office supplies and printing	432.30
Sundry expense	113.75
Warrant out Feb. 1, 1916	744.37
	\$ 6,378.53
	\$ 6,378.53

Street and Bridge	
Balance February 1, 1915	57.94
Money borrowed	2,250.00
Received taxes	2,513.61
Interest on balance	260.34
Disbursements—	
Money borrowed	2,250.00
Interest on money borrowed	113.50
Street work	2,993.91
Balance warrants out Feb. 1, 1916	275.52
	\$ 5,357.41
	\$ 5,357.41

Water Works (Int.) Fund	
Balance February 1, 1915	\$ 6,650.14
Received taxes	4,105.53
Disbursements—	
Interest	\$ 2,867.45
Balance February 1, 1916	7,888.22
	\$10,755.67
	\$10,755.67

ASSETS	
Water works system	\$63,482.45
Land (80 acres)	2,500.00
Blocks 77 and 79	1,000.00
50x140 foot lot 20, block 9	2000.00
Fire department	3,000.00
Street Machinery and tools	4,000.00
Delinquent tax	3,000.00
Cash in treasurer's hands	9,284.51
Cash in secretary's hands	597.89
	\$88,864.85

LIABILITIES	
Water works bonds	\$40,000.00
Street bonds	20,000.00
Balance due street machinery	4,384.00
Warrants outstanding	1,019.91
Accrued interest	500.00
Accounts due	1,050.00
Assets in excess of liabilities	21,910.94

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. LUSK, City Secretary.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR:

In compliance with your request, we have audited the books of the City Secretary and Treasurer, and beg to submit herewith our report, showing the condition of the various accounts:

TREASURER'S BOOK	
S. W. W. Fund	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	\$ 257.41
Received from secretary	9,176.29
Warrants paid	\$ 8,245.33
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	1,188.40
	\$ 9,433.73
	\$ 9,433.73
General Fund	
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	\$ 55.46
Received from secretary	4,554.16
Warrants paid	4,566.69
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	42.93
	\$ 4,609.62
	\$ 4,609.62
W. W. Fund	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	\$ 6,650.14

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels. In the Justice Court, Precinct No. One.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the justice court, Precinct No. One Runnels County, State of Texas, by Paul Tremmier Justice of the Peace for said precinct, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 29th day of August A. D. 1904, and directed and delivered to me as Constable of Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas, I have levied upon and will offer for sale at the court house door in Runnels County, Texas, on the 4th day of April A. D. 1916, same being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit: one-fifth of one-half undivided interest in and to the following described tract of land now in the name of W. G. Green and rendered by him the said W. G. Green for taxes and described as follows: 93 1-3 acres of land, abstract No. 893, survey No. 1, original grantee J. P. Freeman, 11 18-100 acres abstract No. 790, survey No. 5 original grantee G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.

The above real estate is levied upon as the property of C. M. Carpenter and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in the Justice Court of Precinct No. one, Runnels County, on the 29th day of August A. D. 1904, in favor of The Currie-Noyes Co., and against the said C. M. Carpenter for the dollars, principal, with interest at the rate 6 per cent, per annum from August 29th, 1904 and the sum of seventy-one and 25-100 further sum of eight and No-100 dollars, costs, and all costs accruing by virtue of said suit.

Witness my hand this 9th day

Received from secretary	4,105.53	
Warrants paid		2,867.45
Balance on hand February 1, 1916		7,888.22
	\$10,755.67	\$10,755.67

S. and B. Fund	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	\$ 103.29
Received from secretary	2,513.59
received money borrowed	2,250.00
Interest on daily balances	260.34
Warrants paid	4,962.26
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	164.96
	\$ 5,127.22
	\$ 5,127.22

SECRETARY'S FINANCE LEDGER

S. W. W. Fund	
Balance February 1, 1915	\$ 257.44
Paid treasurer	9,176.29
Warrants issued	8,299.95
Balance	1,133.78
	\$ 9,433.73
	\$ 9,433.73

General Fund	
Balance February 1, 1915	1,136.09
Warrants issued	5,242.44
Paid treasurer	4,554.16
Money borrowed	1,080.00
Balance	744.37
	\$ 6,378.53
	\$6,378.53

W. W. Fund	
Balance February 1, 1915	6,650.14
Paid treasurer	4,105.53
Warrants issued	2,867.45
Balance	7,888.22
	\$10,755.67
	\$10,755.67

S. and B. Fund	
Balance February 1, 1915	57.94
Paid treasurer	5,023.93
Warrants issued	5,357.41
Balance	275.54
	\$ 5,357.41
	\$ 5,357.41

SECRETARY'S CASH BOOK

S. W. W. Fund	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	97.54
Receipts water rents	9,070.05
Amount paid treasurer	9,176.29
Amount refunds	6.00
Balance over paid	14.70
	\$ 9,182.29
	\$ 9,182.29

General	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	710.04
Receipts taxes	4,487.64
Paid treasurer	4,554.16
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	643.52
	\$ 5,197.68
	\$ 5,197.68

W. W. Fund	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	209.39
Receipts	4,066.81
Paid treasurer	4,105.53
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	170.67
	\$ 4,276.20
	\$4,276.20

S. and B. Fund	
Over drawn February 1, 1915	110.36
Receipts	2,431.64
Paid treasurer	2,513.59
Refunds, etc.	9.29
Over paid February 1, 1916	201.60
	\$2,633.24
	\$ 2,633.24

We hereby certify that the above report is true and correct, as shown by the city books.

T. J. GARDNER,
C. R. STEPHENS,
E. SHEPPERD.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by C. R. Stephens, T. J. Gardner, and E. Shepperd, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) PAUL TRIMMIER,
Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

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.

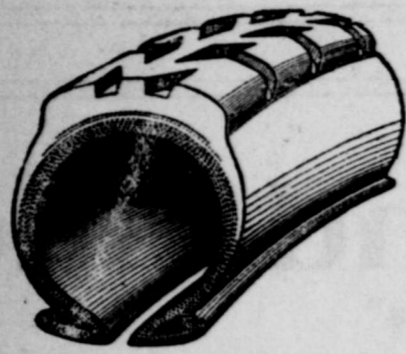
of March A. D. 1916.
J. D. PERKINS,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
d10-17-24.

How To Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kill sand expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough, and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

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

MICHELIN—FOUNDED—1832



Note Extra Added Thickness of Tread

MICHELIN Universal Tread

☛ The Unusually Heavy Long-Wearing Tread is Unique, Combining in One Tire All the advantages of both the Suction and Raised Tread Types.
☛ The Tread Bears Flat on the Ground. There Are No Projecting Knobs or Uneven Surfaces, Recognized Causes of Fabric Separation in so many Rubber Non-Skids.

This is the New Tire Everyone is Talking About

Harwell Motor Co.

Ballinger, Texas

ONE QUALITY ONLY—THE BEST

E. E. Tate and J. M. Valentine of Talpa, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

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.

Mrs. Jack Guy, of Talpa, visited train and was accompanied home in the afternoon by her sister Mrs. Sam Baker, who will visit at Talpa a week or two.

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

Mrs. McArthur, who had been visiting her nephew W. B. Ray and family the past several weeks, left Thursday afternoon for her home at New Orleans.

Watch the Fords Go By.



Salmon P. Chase



As a farmer boy he saved his money and got an education.

Then he taught school, became United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury in President Lincoln's cabinet, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

There is no limit to the big achievements that can grow out of small savings in the beginning. If your ambition goes no further than marriage, home, children, education for the children, a happy old age, it will require money.

Deposit a part of your earnings regularly in this bank. Be thus insured against want, and be ready to grasp opportunity for profitable investment. Success comes rarely in any other way.

Multiply your money in our care.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

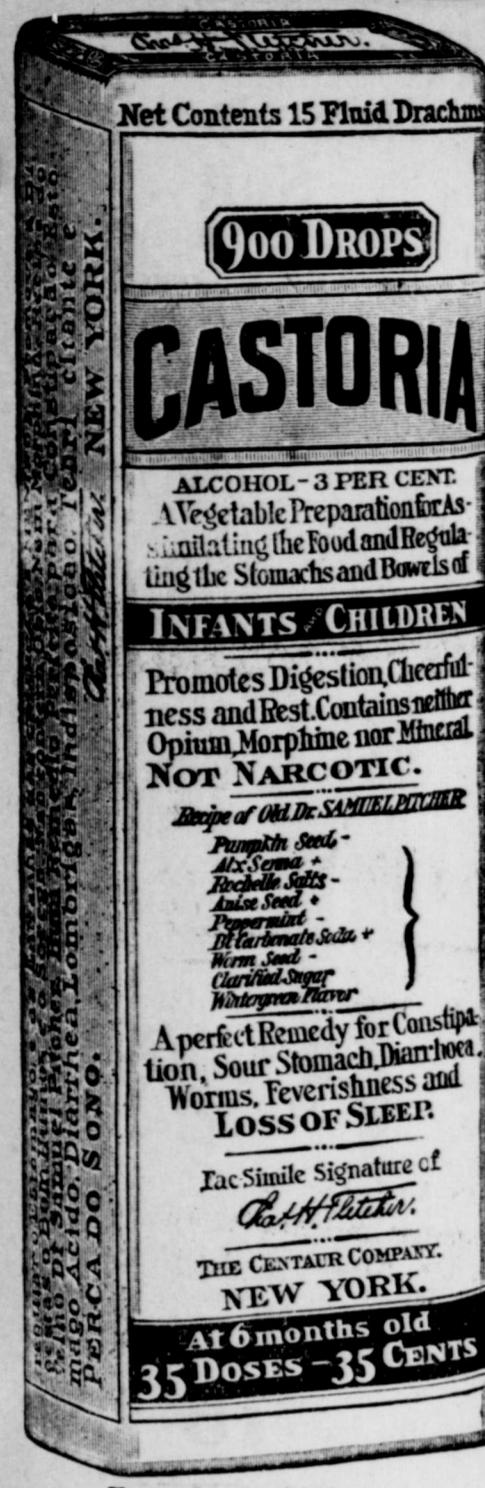
Ballinger, Texas

The Bank that Helps You Do Things

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.
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Mothers Know That
Genuine Castoria

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Chas. H. Fletcher.
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For Over
Thirty Years
CASTORIA

ALCOHOL - 3 PER CENT.
A Vegetable Preparation for
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ting the Stomach and Bowels of
INFANTS & CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerful-
ness and Rest. Contains neither
Opium, Morphine nor Mineral.
NOT NARCOTIC.

Recipe of Old Dr. SAMUEL PIERCE
Purgative
Rheumatism
Croup
Whooping Cough
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Diarrhoea
Colic
Flatulence
Indigestion
Constipation
Worms
Feverishness
Loss of Sleep

A Perfect Remedy for Constipa-
tion, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea,
Worms, Feverishness and
LOSS OF SLEEP.

Has Similar Signature of
Chas. H. Fletcher.

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NEW YORK.

At 6 months old
35 Doses - 35 CENTS

Exact Copy of Wrapper.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.



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

(Continued from Yesterday)

"I will," cried Storm emphatically. He turned to the foreman of his switching crew, who stood near, and pointed to the engine puffing at some little distance. "Couple on to that outfit car, Carty, as quick as the Lord will let you, and get ready for a run."

Carty hurried down the track. Storm, giving orders right and left, asked Wood to send a crew of men to throw everything movable in the outfit car out on the sand. Seagrue, watching from a distance the sudden activity among Rhinelander's forces, watched the new developments with much curiosity and some little anxiety. He saw the switch engine speed down the line, couple to the outfit car and back away with it for a dash. In the cab all was excitement. Under Storm's orders, preparations were being made for a record dash, and as the engine stopped with the outfit car in front of it down below the second switch, huge volumes of smoke pouring from the stack

into the blazing sunshine convinced Seagrue that something was up. Rhinelander's laborers and track layers under Storm's directions parted and stood expectant at each side of the run of track on which Cassidy's house had been so unceremoniously dropped. Seagrue saw, too late, what Storm's radical move in the fight meant.

Storm, scent of battle in his nostrils, stood on the footboard as the sturdy switch engine started. On it came, accelerating fast from one, two, ten, twenty miles an hour up to thirty. With the safety valve popping and smoke streaming in a cloud from the stack, the engine with Rhinelander's movable hotel in front of it, bore down on Cassidy's house. Cassidy, himself, sunning on a pile of Seagrue's ties, with his pipe in his mouth and his two checks in his pocket, little suspected what was coming. But Rhinelander's men saw and understood it all. A mighty yell rose from the delighted gang as the engine and car sped on. Storm, bareheaded, his black hair streaming in the sun—clinging with one hand for safety as he swung from the end of the foot-board and stretched his left arm far out as a semaphore—signaled the cab.

The engineer checked heavily. A stream of fire ground from the driving wheels; the engine jumped in the grip of the brakes and the outfit car, released, headed like a catapult straight at Cassidy's house. Men jumped back as it hurtled past. The next instant, crashing and smashing ahead, it tore completely through Cassidy's house. A great cloud of dust and timbers rose as from an explosion and the next moment what had been a house lay torn into a thousand pieces along the right of way.

Like a spent cannon ball the outfit car drove on; men, amazed, watching its wild flight. It struck the end of the rails, hung for a moment poised, trembled and toppled headlong from the embankment into a borrow pit. Storm sprang from the foot-board of the engine, and before the dust of the crash had settled, called his men forward. Rhinelander's gang responded with fresh hope and energy. Seagrue saw with wrath how completely he had been outplayed. He called his men together to rush the Copper Range forces for possession of the Cassidy yard. They ran forward with picks and shovels, and it looked to Storm as if blood might be shed in spite of everything, when the long, shrill whistle of Soda Water Sal was heard down the line, and within a few moments Helen brought the old engine to a stop at the end of the steel.

The deputies, followed by Rhinelander and his attorney, poured out of the gangway. Storm met his boss. Just what view Amos would take of the summary measures he had adopted to clear their right of way the young man felt now a little uncertain about. Rhinelander looked ahead for the familiar landmark which he had just acquired at the rather extravagant price of ten thousand dollars and asked where the Cassidy house was. "Ah! gahn t' hell," interposed Cassidy (who stood listening), pathetically.

Storm pointed to the wreckage littering the right of way and told the story of what had been done by Seagrue and how his play had been defeated. Rhinelander's face lighted with enthusiasm and Helen's eyes danced with sheer joy. Seagrue, disgruntled and beaten, had seated himself on his own right of way on the pile of ties vacated in excitement by

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is always sure to give satisfactory results. For good, wholesome foods use K C—insist on getting it.

25 Ounces for 25c
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E. V. Bateman, the lumber dealer, left Thursday afternoon for Savannah, Tenn., to look after business interests a few weeks.

Mrs. L. V. Doyle, who had been visiting her daughter Mrs. Frank Chapman and family the past winter, left Thursday afternoon for Waco and other points in the state to visit relatives for several weeks.

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Cassidy. In another hour Rhinelander's men had made their title to the disputed property good.

Cassidy, bewildered by the extraordinary turn things had taken, started to walk back to where Seagrue was, but on reflection, he changed his mind and, lighting his pipe, sat quietly down on a part of the roof that had for many years given him a peaceful shelter, to view the vengeance so swiftly taken on his former abode. He had less than Seagrue had to worry about. With both checks in his pocket, he felt sure he must realize on at least one, and he sat on the scene long after the men had quit work, thoughtfully smoking his pipe and reflecting on the queer things that may happen in a real railroad war.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies: Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Beware, unless with Blue Ribbon. Take a other. Box of your DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Safest. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

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

UNCLE JOHNNIE ANNOUNCES FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Fellow Citizens—My reason for offering for tax collector of Runnels County is because I want the office and I crave to be honored one time by my countrymen. I am running on my own initiative. I am hungering for the vote and the moral support and influence of every white man in the county the vote of a nigger or Mexican but I will not knowingly accept. If a certain number of these should vote for me and I am elected by that number I will resign on the spot and go home and go to work. If I am elected by the good people of my county, nothing could induce me to accept a third term. I believe in passing the pie—rotation. I do not believe in one man eating pie at the public counter all his life, while the other boys eat corn pone and frizzled bacon. It is morally wrong.

It is the chiefest desire of my heart to be honored by the citizenship of my county, showing they endorse the stand I have taken for God and the right and self protection and our homes.

I'm a farmer. I have no fight to make against any man because he is a town man, but I hold that being a practical farmer should not disqualify a good citizen from holding an office of trust. I'm a democrat. Have been here 12 years. Owe no man. I'm an optimist and believe in a square deal. I will not hinder voters from their business or impose on their hospitality in canvassing the county, but I want to grasp the

right hand of every honest man I can.

Thanking you kindly for every courtesy, I am,
Most cordially yours,
JOHN BALLEW.

Liven Up Your Torpid Liver.
To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c at your druggist.

Service Day or Night.
I am now running a jitney. Don't forget the old reliable Red Allen. Phone Walker Drug on No. 460. 6-6td

David Guion, who had been visiting home folks, left Thursday afternoon for Brownwood, where he holds the chair of music in the Daniel Baker College.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2323 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH TONIGHT.

Service and sermon 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Our Savior's First Sentence on the Cross." All are cordially invited.
REV. W. T. ALLAN, Rector.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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.
FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
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Women Once Invalids

Now in Good Health Through Use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Say it is Household Necessity. Doctor Called it a Miracle.

All women ought to know the wonderful effects of taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound even on those who seem hopelessly ill. Here are three actual cases:



Harrisburg, Penn.—“When I was single I suffered a great deal from female weakness because my work compelled me to stand all day. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for that and was made stronger by its use. After I was married I took the Compound again for a female trouble and after three months I passed what the doctor called a growth. He said it was a miracle that it came away as one generally goes under the knife to have them removed. I never want to be without your Compound in the house.”—Mrs. FRANK KNOBL, 1642 Fulton St., Harrisburg, Penn.

Hardly Able to Move.

Albert Lea, Minn.—“For about a year I had sharp pains across my back and hips and was hardly able to move around the house. My head would ache and I was dizzy and had no appetite. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, I am feeling stronger than for years. I have a little boy eight months old and am doing my work all alone. I would not be without your remedies in the house as there are none like them.”—Mrs. F. E. YOST, 611 Water St., Albert Lea, Minn.

Three Doctors Gave Her Up.

Pittsburg, Penn.—“Your medicine has helped me wonderfully. When I was a girl 18 years old I was always sickly and delicate and suffered from irregularities. Three doctors gave me up and said I would go into consumption. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and with the third bottle began to feel better. I soon became regular and I got strong and shortly after I was married. Now I have two nice stout healthy children and am able to work hard every day.”—Mrs. CLEMENTINA DUERING, 34 Gardner St., Troy Hill, Pittsburg, Penn.



All women are invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special advice,—it will be confidential.

Wilson to Order Army into Mexico

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United States with armed force into Mexico, since the beginning of the Mexican rebellion under Diaz, the first invasion resulting in the taking of Vera Cruz for this country.

VILLISTAS STRIKE COLUMBUS AGAIN

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10.—Villista bandits again entered the United States, at several points on the border, this morning. The Villa

troops looted ranch houses, driving off stock, and destroyed buildings as they left.

No Americans were murdered, it was stated, and the raiders were driven from American soil before noon.

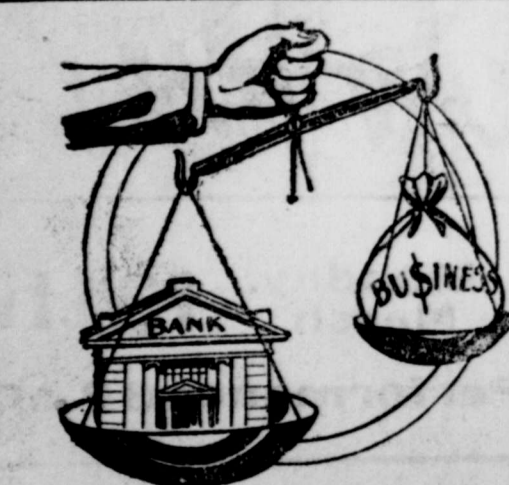
SENATE POSTPONES WAR ACTION.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—Despite bitter feeling, and introduction of war resolutions by Senators McCumber and Fall, the Senate postponed final action on the Mexican situation today. Acrimonious discussions were a feature of the day's session.

T. D. COOKE, M. D.
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
Office over Pearce's Drug Store, Ballinger.

Will Lathem, of Brownwood, who with W. A. Bridwell, had been looking after the creamery business in Runnels county, left Thursday for home.

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Ballinger, Texas

Advantages of the Commission Form

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sible, stated Mr. Duck. He asserted that all utilities operated as those in Greenville will take care of their bonded indebtedness, depreciation in value, operation expense and all necessary improvements.

“And you will still have money in the bank,” asserted he. “In regard to the tax rate and the sanitary conditions of the two towns there is no comparison, as you can see. All the people need is a little education along the line that municipal plants can be operated as well and better than privately owned ones if politics are eliminated. So long as the officials of a government are made political chess-men the efficiency will be low.”

City Manager Plan

“I understand that San Angelo is figuring upon a city manager form of government. I see no need of it here as a manager would have practically no utilities to look after; only the books of the city government. If you have a home man who is competent employ him. But it's like this: if you want your teeth worked on, you go to a dentist, not to a black smith may fill them for you all right, but it will be a poor piece of work. If you want a city manager, get one who knows his business even if you have to send away to get him.”

Indifference of Citizens

An interesting feature of the trip was the comparison which the engineer noted in regard to the

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WANTED—A girl or married lady, without children, to do general house work in family of three. G. T. L. Bryan, Md. Box No. 174, Bradshaw, Texas. 28-tdf

SEWING WANTED—By Mrs. Garner, 505, 11th street, Ballinger. 12-dtf

FOR SALE

1000 FEET 1 to 3 inch galvanized pipe, one 80 barrel water tank, in good condition, for sale cheap. Geo. M. Vaughn. 10-1tw 6td.

FOR SALE—Buff Rock eggs, \$1 per setting of 15. Apply to A. H. Hill, Ballinger. 9-3td1tw

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knowledge of the citizens in many of the town relative to the rates on public utility plants. In one city he asked several citizens what they paid for light and water and they did not know. “Ask a ten year old boy in Greenville what the rates are and he can tell you,” said the visitor. “It's simply a matter of education. The people need to have their eyes opened. When they see that by municipal ownership their cost of living becomes less they will be more willing to spend their money on improvements when it is shown to them

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As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.
A grateful sufferer writes:—“I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 2915. At all druggists.

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MORTUARY.
Mrs. W. A. Gustavus, Sr.
Mrs. Virginia Ann, wife of W. A. Gustavus, Sr., died at their residence on Twelfth street Friday, March tenth at 5 o'clock a. m., and the funeral services were conducted from the family residence by Rev. T. C. Jester at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the city cemetery.
Mrs. Gustavus was 68 years of age at the time of her death, a consistent member of the Baptist church, a devoted wife and loving mother, and died in the triumphs of a living faith.
She leaves her husband and six children to mourn her death. Three son and a daughter, Miss Billie, Audy, M. N., and Dr. Gustavus, Jr., of this city, Mrs. Houston Cole of Bryan, C. E. Gustavus of Amarillo and Tom Gustavus of Houston, all of whom were at her bedside at the time of her death. She had been in feeble health for many months, but her death came as a shock to the family and has cast a gloom over our entire city.
The Ledger joins a host of friends in sincere condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn her demise, and can only point them to the all Wise God, who doeth all things well, in this sad hour of bereavement.

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.

Shoes Wanted.
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R. L. Harwell, the local Ford dealer, received a phone message from S. L. Eason at Wingate to send out a five-passenger car, which he did on Thursday and returned home in the afternoon with a check for the car.

To Cure Children's Colds.
Keep child dry, clothe comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, a n tiseptic, raises phlebms and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle today. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.

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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.
Mrs. J. F. Shaffer returned home Friday morning from a visit to her daughter Mrs. J. W. Jones and family at Miles.

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When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
When constipated or bilious.
When you have a sick headache.
When you have a sour stomach.
When you belch after eating.
When you have indigestion.
When nervous or despondent.
When you have no relish for your meals.
When your liver is torpid.
Obtainable everywhere.

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and “Uncle Sam at Work, How Uncle Sam Gets His Coin.”
TOMORROW—“The Girl and the Game”; “Vanity Thy Name Is,” “Saving Sussie from The Sea,” also “Lamonde Aids Cupid.”

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