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There will be a meeting of the Business League directors and members Tuesday night for the purpose of discussing a trade at home campaign. All members and business men urged to be present.

DANCE AT CLUB ROOMS AFTER SHOW

There will be a dance at the Club Rooms Tuesday night, April 25th. Music by Murphy's Comedian Orchestra. Dance begins immediately after the show.

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GENERAL SCOTT GOES TO BORDER

OFFICIALS DON'T WANT "BUST UP"

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, April 24.—Information received here today from Berlin indicates that the German officials don't want a "bust up" with the United States. However, the Imperial Government is in a quandary as to how to proceed to meet the demands without displeasing the German public.

AMERICAN MAY DICTATE REPLY.

By United Press.
Berlin, April 24.—It is believed here that American Ambassador Gerard has sent a dispatch to Washington outlining the German reply.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN GETS COMMISSION IN ARMY.

Dr. F. D. Cook, who located in Ballinger recently, has just received his commission as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps in the United States army. The commission bears the signature of President Woodrow Wilson and Gen. H. L. Scott, who at that time was acting as secretary of war. Dr. Cook will hold himself in readiness, and in case of war with Mexico it is probable that he will be called to the front.

CONTENDS BLOCKADE IS LEGAL

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, April 24.—The State Department received a reply to the American note recently dispatched to England protesting against the illegal blockade. It is understood that the British note maintains that the blockade is legal. France also dispatched to the American government a note upholding the action of England in the matter.

OFFICERS TRAP 13 IN CRAP GAME

After considerable detective work, the officers succeeded in rounding up a crap game they had under suspicion and Monday morning thirteen complaints were filed in county court, charging gaming.

BRYAN TO KEEP ABILENE DATE

Apprehension that William Jennings Bryan might be prevented from keeping his speaking dates in west Texas because he went to Washington this week was stilled Friday when the local chautauqua association received a telegram from Mr. Bryan stating that he would fill all dates according to schedule, and will be in Abilene next Wednesday as advertised.—Abilene Reporter.

C. O. D. LAW ON WHISKEY KNOCKED OUT

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, April 24.—The Supreme Court in a decision handed down this afternoon declared unconstitutional the Texas Temperance Law, fixing a prohibitive tax on those who handle C. O. D. liquor shipments. This knocks out of C. O. D. liquor shipments by the law prohibiting the handling express companies.

PROF. WOOTEN AT POINT OF DEATH

W. W. Wooten, county superintendent of public schools, is in the St. John's Sanitarium at San Angelo, with death hovering over his bed. A telephone message received at The Ledger office at three o'clock Monday afternoon stated that there had been a slight change for the better in the condition of the man and while there were more hopes of his recovery, he was in a critical condition and close to death.

Prof. Wooten went to San Angelo Friday to attend the interscholastic meet of this district, his son, Everett being one of the contestants, and Mr. Wooten manifesting a keen interest in the meet on account of the fact that the schools under his care during the past year had made such good records and were so well represented in the district meet.

While at San Angelo and while the program was being carried out Prof. Wooten was suddenly stricken with appendicitis. A physician was hastily summoned to his side and announced that a prompt operation was necessary to save the man's life. He was carried to the St. John's Sanitarium and the operation performed as soon as arrangements could be perfected.

Sunday night a message came that Mr. Wooten could not recover, and his family were hurriedly carried to his bedside, the trip from Ballinger being made in an auto, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Jester, accompanying them.

Mr. Wooten had been enjoying apparently good health and the news of his sudden illness was a surprise when received in his home town. Numerous phone calls were made to San Angelo throughout the day Monday by interested friends, and expressions of regrets could be heard on every side.

Mr. Wooten is serving his first term as county superintendent and is a candidate for re-election. He has many friends who will regret to hear of his serious illness and will wish for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Elmer Simpson left Monday morning for Brownwood to visit her parents a few weeks.

WILL NOT RETURN ANY OF PAPERS

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, April 24.—United States Attorney General Gregory today advised the State Department not to surrender the papers seized from Wolf von Igle to the German embassy as demanded by Ambassador Bernstorff.

SAYS WILSON IS PARTIAL TO ALLIES

LONDON, April 24.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says: "According to a Vienna dispat, the Austrian newspapers consider President Wilson's note creates a serious crisis between the United States and Germany. They argue that President Wilson has abandoned an impartial standpoint for one in favor of the entente powers and believe Germany's reply will correspond to German dignity and rights."

Berlin, April 24.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—"The German press in its comment on the American note," says the Overseas News agency today, "lays stress upon the seriousness of the situation. The prevailing tone of the comment, however, is one of calmness."

ARMY MEN GUARD AGAINST DISEASE

By United Press.
COLUMBUS, N. M., April 24.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the army medical corps at the military base here and in the field to insure against the appearance of the dread typhus and typhoid fever among American troops.

Suggestion has been made to the soldiers that they have their hair clipped close or their heads shaved to avoid vermin.

Nearly one hundred recruits brought from Columbus, O., Barracks, will be inoculated with the typhoid serum before they are sent to the interior.

Of the ten thousand men in the field, only 225 have been invalided because of illness or injury. For the most part they are suffering from some minor illness or injury such as would result in time of peace.

Considering the hardships undergone by the soldiers this record is considered unusual.

Two hospital wards have been erected at the military base here.

By United Press.
SAN ANTONIO, April 24.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, it was announced this afternoon, would go to the Mexican border instead of returning to Washington to make his report in person. It was not stated to what point the chief of staff would go, but it is probable that he will go to Eagle Pass where he will meet the Mexican war minister, Gen. Obregon, and confer with him on the Mexican situation. A report received here says that Obregon is now en route to the border to meet Gen. Scott.

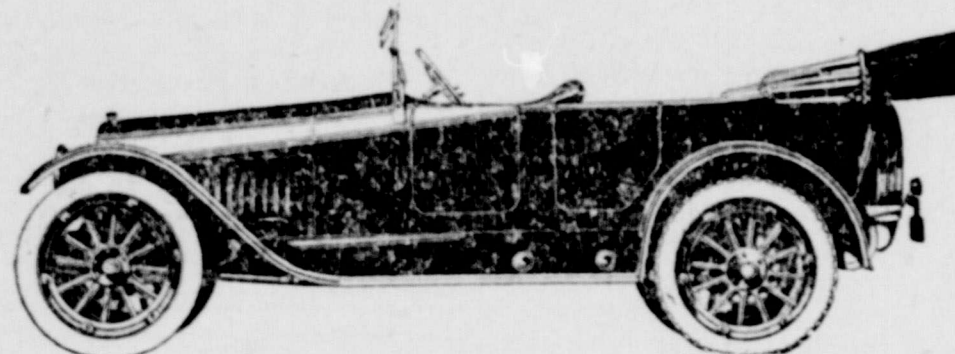
Troop movements in Mexico continue with the purpose only of repelling possible outbreaks among the Carrancistas in the State of Sonora. While Gen. Funston and Chief of Staff Scott have not made public the new Mexican program, it is believed that effort will be made to convince the de facto government that the new program is designed for the purpose of aiding the Carrancistas in controlling Northern Mexico.

TROOPS TO REMAIN IN MEXICO.

Washington, April 24.—After receiving a brief report from Gen. Hugh L. Scott, who went to San Antonio to confer with Gen. Funston, Secretary Baker made it known today that American troops would not be withdrawn from Mexico within the immediate future at least. Instead of calling Gen. Scott back to Washington he has been instructed to go to the border and confer with Mexican officials. It is the opinion among the army officials that the United States will eventually intervene in the Mexican trouble, and that troop movements are being made with that object in view.

Bishop Temple, of Amarillo, conducted services at the Episcopal church in Ballinger Sunday.

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Will the express companies go back in the liquor business?

There is entirely too much guessing going on as to what is going to happen in diplomatic affairs.

Easter has passed and with it the dress parade, and now comes the bill collector.

A wounded Carranza soldier finds begging in Ballinger more profitable than fighting in Durango.

Trading at home means a great deal more than getting what you pay for.

It is getting common to see a merchant cutting down his stock in order to make room for automobiles.

We have been approached several times recently with the query "Who is your choice for senate?" It's not Colquitt.



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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, 225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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GREAT DAY FOR METHODIST
Yesterday was a great day at the Methodist Church and the congregations were both very large. At the morning hour Rev. E. Rosemond Stanford began a series of sermons on the "Fundamentals in Christianity" and a splendid musical service was greatly enjoyed at the evening hour.

The subject for the morning was "Immortality," and the speaker selected this text, "If a man die, shall he live again?" He said in part, "This is a great day and a great theme. A theme as old as the race and as persistent as death. We are profoundly influenced by the answer we make to the text. The instinct for immortality is as universal as language, as deep as human need, as high as human aspiration.

"We cannot demonstrate immortality and there are no 'proofs' that all men are immortal, but we have strong arguments for our faith. 'The best things are felt rather than proved.' All tribes and races from the primitive man until now have believed in immortality. Science claims to have opened up a hundred thousand years behind us and in every instance every race

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The many convincing testimonials constantly published in the newspapers ought to be proof enough to women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the medicine they need. This good old root and herb remedy has proved unequalled for these dreadful ills; it contains what is needed to restore woman's health and strength.

If there is any peculiarity in your case requiring special advice, write the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for free advice.

has pointed to a life beyond the grave. On the plane of the best men think little of immortality, but as they rise higher the belief becomes stronger.

Philosophers, poets, scientists, statesmen, artists and religionists have assured us that life does not end all. If matter is indestructible will God preserve the soul? A future life is necessary for man's fullest development. Many lives leave this world unfinished.

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust
Thou makest man, we know not why;
He thinks he was not made to die;
And thou hast made him? Thou art just."

The greatest argument for immortality is that Christ is risen. He brought life and immortality to light.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general 'no account' feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

GETS THIRD PLACE IN DISTRICT MEET

In the Interscholastic League meet held at San Angelo last Friday and Saturday, Ballinger won first place in the athletic contest while Brownwood carried off first honors in the literary contest.

Arteil: Stuart won first place in the 100 yard dash, making the distance in 10 2-5 seconds. Stuart also won in the 220 yard dash, making it in 23 4-5 seconds. In the shot put Stuart won first place again pushing the 12 pound ball out for a 37 feet 10 7-8 inches. Stuart won third in the pole vault.

In the mile race Duard McKinzie of Ballinger came down with third place. While Stuart made the high score in three events, winning the individual cup, Ballinger had to be contented with the third place in the final out come in the athletic contest, Brownwood getting first and San Angelo second.

In the declamation Santa Anna won in the senior contest and Brownwood in the junior, with San Angelo winning in the spelling contest. Ballinger was represented in the spelling contest by Miss Margurite Raby.

Colds Quickly Relieved.
Many people cough and cough—from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take. Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50 cents bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand" writes W. C. Jesseman, Franconia, N. H. Money back if not satisfied.

STUDEBAKER CARRIES 8 PASSENGERS UP HILL WITH 50 PERCENT GRADE

The most remarkable demonstration of Studebaker power since the nation-wide 102,000-mile Studebaker reliability runs last fall has just been made by a Studebaker Six, which set two new records up Duncan Street Hill in San Francisco, regarded as the steepest paved street in the land and long the bugbear of automobilists.

After climbing the 50 per cent grade with eight people in the car, Hart Weaver, who was driving, repeated the performance, stopping on his second trip part way up the hill and then continuing from a standing start. For two blocks Duncan Street shows a 30 per cent grade, increasing 100 feet from the crest to a 50 per cent grade, which means that it rises five feet out of every ten during the last stage. In addition to the steep ascent this street is noted for the difficulty it affords automobiles in getting traction. It is paved with cobblestones, which are uneven, and there is loose sand and gravel between the stones.

Thousands of people were on hand the day the Studebaker Six established its hill-climbing records. The occasion developed into a "hill climbing carnival" and attracted as much interest as an automobile race. Though motor cars have been known to make the ascent on occasions, none had ever before been driven the full distance, either from a standing start or with as many as eight passengers in the car.

The Studebaker which made this demonstration was a stock six cylinder touring model and was not prepared in any way for the task set for it. The climb is a severe test for the pulling power of any car, and recalls performances made in the nation-wide reliability runs when 100 Studebaker cars starting from as many cities averaged more than 1,000 miles each, equal to more than four times around the world in 36 1-2 hours.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

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M. N. Gustavus returned home Sunday afternoon from a short visit to his family who are visiting relatives in San Angelo.

We would like to meet every Overland owner in the county. Come to see us. O'Kelly & Walton.

E. E. Creswell, a prominent stockman of Sonora, who had been visiting his family the past few days, returned home Monday at noon. Mrs. Creswell is spending the past school year in Ballinger for the benefit of their two daughters.

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Miss Margaret Wooden returned home Monday at noon from a visit to her sister who is attending school at Brownwood.

D. E. Sims, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Monday to see after the shipment of two cars of fat steers to the Fort Worth market.

S. W. Martin of the Benoit county, Aug. Herring and two little sons, of Talpa, W. P. Hearrell and W. L. McCaulay, of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

For Your Child's Cough.
If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Its a pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c at your druggist.

Bates Hoffer, who represents the Radford Grocery Co., at Abilene, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad by George Storm, a newboy. Grown to young womanhood, Helen saves Storm, now a fireman, her father, and his friends, Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagrue, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safebreakers employed by Seagrue steal General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater, fatally wound the general and escape. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagrue, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm is employed by Rhinelander. Spike, befriended by Helen, in his turn saves her and the right-of-way contract when Seagrue kidnaps her. Helen and Storm win for Rhinelander a race against Seagrue for right-of-way. Helen, Storm and Rhinelander rescue Spike from Seagrue's men. Spike steals records to protect Rhinelander, and Storm and Helen save Spike from death in the burning courthouse. Vein in Superstition mine pinches out. Seagrue sells it and sells it to Rhinelander. The mine is relocated. Rhinelander gives Helen and George each one-third of the Superstition mine stock. Seagrue's scheme to prevent payment for the mine is spoiled. Helen, restored to home and social position, saves her departing guests from a threatened collision by a wild ride.

FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT DRIVING THE LAST SPIKE

It was a week later that there were social activities again in Helen's home. Rhinelander had come down from the mountains with Storm to announce to Helen the completion of the Superstition cut-off, the cause of so much enmity and bitterness between the rival roads that had striven to achieve its successful building.

Helen was making ready, when they arrived, to join her two friends, and all returned to the station to take the special train that was to carry them with a party up the line to celebrate the driving of the last spike—a responsibility that Rhinelander had assigned, over all her protests, to Helen herself.

The train, gayly decorated, pulled in early and the party—railroad men, constructionists and personal friends of the builders—getting out on the platform at Signal, gave it for a moment an air of social gaiety. The stop was made only long enough to exchange greetings, and the party, enlarged by the Signal contingent, again boarded the train to continue the journey to the cut-off.

The morning newspapers at Ocean-side had contained articles descriptive of the prospective celebration, and it was in one of these that a headline fell under Seagrue's eye as he sat in his living room reading his paper.

CUT-OFF TO SUPERSTITION MINE
Helen Holmes to Drive Last Spike.

At noon today Helen Holmes, daughter of the late General Holmes, assisted by Superintendent A. Rhinelander and Construction Engineer George Storm will drive the spike that marks the completion of the Superstition cut-off.

Seagrue read with anger. To his disordered mind, now victimized by drink, it seemed as if the celebration were intended to signalize his own defeat.

In a furious mood, he struck the bell to summon Adams, his servant. When the latter appeared his master said curtly: "Bring Ward here at once," and turned to the decanter that had latterly become his most intimate resource.

The moment Ward came in with Adams, Seagrue picked up the newspaper. "Look at that," he said, without preliminary words. Ward read the headlines hastily. "You see what's going on," exclaimed Seagrue, laboring apparently under excitement. "I want you to get busy."

He spoke the last words in a tone that left no doubt of his meaning. And Ward, old in ways of intrigue and crime, looked at him so understandingly that Seagrue had hardly need to add what he did: "This is my last chance," he muttered, viciously. "I want them both. Get them. I'll make you rich."

Ward was quick to assent. He was quick to act, and after conferring hurriedly on details Seagrue started the two men out. In the street, Ward and Adams boarded a taxicab, gave their orders to the driver and were whirled rapidly out on the desert.

At the cut-off, the roadmasters and officials of the operating department of the Tidewater line were in waiting for the special. When it reached the scene a salute, arranged by an ingenious railroad man with dynamite, was fired from an adjoining hill.

But from a second hill, across from where the improvised salute had not-

the master of ceremonies, was leading the way to where she was to officiate. On the spot where the last rail joint awaited its completion at her hands, Rhinelander handed to Helen the spike and the maul. And Helen, placing the golden emblem into position, struck the spike the first blow.

"You know," she said, looking up after she had given it a few more taps, "that part of the agreement is, George must finish this."

Storm took hold of the maul with a smile. "For a man that's driven a mogul as many miles as I have, this ought to be easy."

Friends crowded up as the spike went home and congratulations fell thick and fast on the winners of the long-drawn struggle. Rhinelander still had something to propose. "While we are all here together," he said, "we'll complete the celebration by starting the first train. I want to see whether Miss Holmes and Mr. Storm can drive a spike that will hold a rail joint for an engine to run over it. If it fails, it shows them both up. Throw the switch for the main line, George, and let Helen start the first train over the cut-off."

Storm walked toward the switch, some distance away, followed by Spike. Standing together they threw it and signaled that all was right.

Helen, quite at home inside an engine cab, pulled the throttle slightly and the drivers began to revolve; the engineer then handed her carefully down from the gangway and the train started.

At the switch, Spike and Storm engaged thus intently, failed to notice two men creeping up behind them, ropes in hand. Taken unawares, nooses were thrown suddenly over their heads and before they could make the least defense, they were throttled, felled and dragged back from the switch. So swiftly and expertly was the attack made that Spike and Storm were choked almost at once and dragged down out of sight before anyone noticed their disappearance.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c. per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

TO SPEAK AT BALLINGER.

Lion Pat Neff, of Waco, one of the most prominent men in public life in Texas, will speak at the Carnegie Library in Ballinger next Saturday night. The lecture will be in the interest of the Modern Woodmen, and will be free. Every one is invited to hear this man.

MODERN WOODMEN.

Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper, and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.

"SANTA CLAUS GIRL" MARRIED TODAY

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Miss Olive May Wilson, the "Santa Claus Girl" was married here this afternoon in Cavalry Protestant Episcopal Church to Birchall Hammer, son of a wealthy lumber dealer and a former University of Pennsylvania athlete.

Miss Wilson earned her title of "Santa Claus Girl." Through her efforts thousands of children all over the country were made happy every Christmas. Her gifts were received by poor children as far south as Mexico and west as far as the Pacific coast.

Hammer, the bridegroom, has been a Santa Claus helper for two years. During that period he worked at Miss Wilson's side at Christmas time, wrapping parcels and packing them for children who would have had a cheerless Christmas had it not been for the Santa Claus girl.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
 Always bears the Signature of *Chat. H. Fletcher*

Editor Lester Chambers of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday.



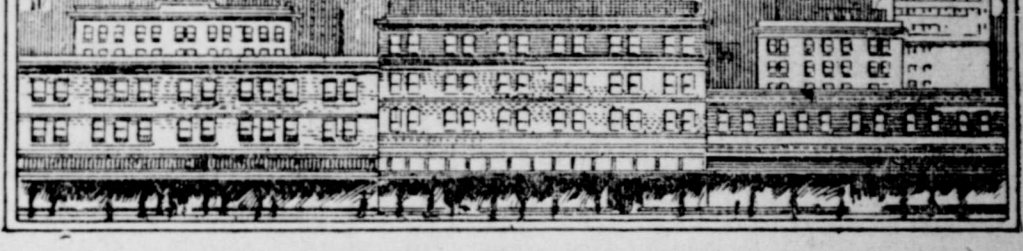
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can be kept only if you have good banking connections.

Our growing list of customers find our service most satisfactory, because we render complete statements of their accounts, showing every transaction affecting their finances which have been made through our bank.

Perhaps you would like to receive such service, so we invite you to bring your banking business to us.

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 THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS.



Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle left Sunday for a few days visit at Dallas and Mrs. Wigle will go on to her old home in Missouri to visit awhile and will then go to Denver, Colo., Salt Lake City and other noted places to spend several weeks vacation.

Mrs. John Dunn, who had been visiting her daughter at Miles, returned home Monday.

Heard In Passing

The ladies of Ballinger have some very interesting news to talk about now that Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., Aluminum Club is under way. Some say they don't understand how such High Grade Aluminum can be offered on such attractive terms. Adv. It

Miss Zora Gaines, who is with the Fair, spent Sunday with her parents at San Angelo and returned home Monday.

Frank Hoffmann, mother and sister, of the Pony creek country were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

My money is gone!! I was not a careful man after all



Are you going to hide your money in a hole in the ground or in your house and always be worried fearing that you may be watched by a robber?

No. It is the robber's business to learn who keeps money hidden, and he will kill you, if he must, to steal. Be a careful man.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
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Start the Summer Right—With a NEW PERFECTION

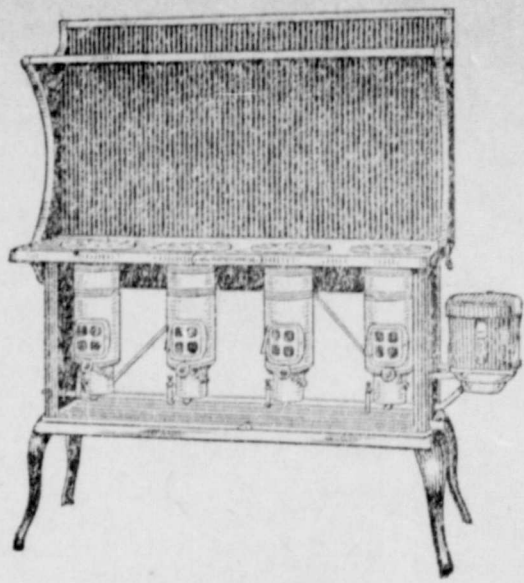
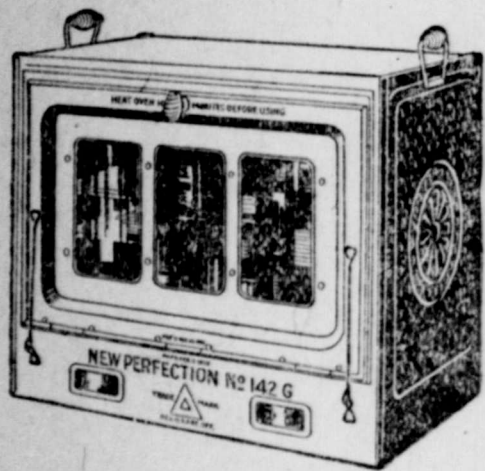
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THERE'S SATISFACTION in every one of these good stoves—They are built on the right principles—easy to operate to your entire satisfaction—giving you well cooked food at a small cost.

HAVE YOU SEEN the new stove—that NEW PERFECTION which has been greatly improved in the last few months. Our salesmen will be glad to show you. YOU WON'T BE URGED TO BUY.

4 BURNER—WITH OVEN
\$14.00

4 BURNER—WITH CABINET AND OVEN
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NEW PERFECTION STEEL OVENS

The New Perfection oven is scientifically constructed, so as to retain heat and will bake bread and pastry as good if not better than any other oven on the market.

DOUBLED ASBESTOS LINED WALLS, glass front which allows the backing to be watched without opening door.

One of these Good Ovens Furnished with Every Stove Sold.

VanPelt, Kirk & Mack

"Tell The Truth Advertisers"

FORMER CARRANZA FIGHTER IN BALLINGER

How Mexican soldiers receive improper medical aid even after they have offered to sacrifice their lives for their country is told by a Mexican now in Ballinger who fought under General Carranza in Mexico three years ago. With his skull crushed in and a part of his brain in plain view to the observer, the Mexican in broken English tells of the thousands of hardships he underwent while fighting for what he thought to be just and right.

The Mexican arrived in Ballinger one day last week, coming from the southwestern part of the state where he has been living since being driven from his native country. Soon after receiving the horrible wounds in his head he was told to leave Mexico for his services were no longer needed. With what little baggage he could muster together, he stole across the Texas-Mexico border to make his living as best he could.

The entire left side of his body is paralyzed from the gunshot wounds he received two years ago. Tied loosely around his head is usually found as he walks the Ballinger streets a multi-colored bandana. He doesn't mind removing the cloth for he wants the people of Texas to notice the manner in which Carranza officers treated his wounds. A large hole covered only by loose skin easily proves his assertion that Mexican soldiers wounded receive little or no care. When he sleeps the Mexican says he is compelled to be careful that his brains do not roll to the fractured side of his skull to such an extent that his life is in peril.

While in Ballinger the wounded soldier is the guest of local Mexicans.

Dangers of Draft.

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuralgic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c. at your druggist.

NEWS ABOUT THE FARMER'S SHORT COURSE

A letter from Director Clarence Ousley, of the Extension Department of the A. and M. College, dated April 21, says that the demand for these short courses is so heavy that the department will not be able to accommodate the farmers in this section in July or in August, as was expected, but that a special team of workers will be put on who visit in June or in September, as we prefer. The director asks which month we prefer. The secretary of the Business League would like to hear from all who signed this petition that he may know which month the farmers prefer. Phone your wishes in.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Miss Ila Garlington returned home last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Raxton, Texas.

L. H. Hamilton, of the Miles country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and says his feed crops are up and looking fine and he has about 50 acres in cotton up to a good stand and prospects generally good in his section.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Brower and family motored over to Bangs Saturday afternoon to visit his parents and also visited at Brownwood while gone and returned home Monday morning.

W. H. Pope, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and ordered The Daily Ledger to continue to his address.

RATES FOR Classified Ads

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One cent per word first insertion.
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Black face type double regular rate.
Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.
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WANTED

WANTED TO LEASE One section grass land or wanted pasturage. Kyle Dickinson, Wingate, Texas. 24-6td 2twpd

J. K. Hutton will buy your calves and yearlings. 24-3td
WANTED TO BUY or trade for late model roadster, Ford preferred. Must be a bargain. No junk wanted. C. C. Forgy, 904 Sixth street. 24-6d-1w

AUTO TOPS WANTED at Wendorf's, where they will be repaired and made new.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One fine registered Jersey bull, 16 months old, solid color, price to sell. R. H. Comm, Phone 384, Ballinger. 24-1td2twpd

GOOD—delint Mebane planting cotton seed from West Texas, free of boll weevil or boll rot, \$1.25 bushel, prepaid to your station. No shipment made less than five bushels. Sweetwater Seed & Grain Co., Sweetwater, Texas. 22-2td-w1t

FOR SALE—Columbus phaeton, see Sam Baker. dtf.

PLAITING—For genuine accordion plaiting, apply Mrs. T. F. Wylie, West Ballinger. Phone 563. 18-4td.

CALIFORNIA GOODS—I have accepted agency for the California Toilet Goods and will appreciate your order. See me at the home of W. S. Harmon or phone 363 and I will call on you. Mrs. Willie Currie. 12-dtf.

PIANO BARGAIN—We have two standard makes, choice instruments, practically new. Your choice of the two at a bargain, as we have no use for two. Phone 179. tddh

FOR SALE—Two scholarships in Tyler Business College. If you contemplate going to a business college, you can not beat this one. For particulars call on or address The Ballinger Printing Co. 154w

MISCELLANEOUS

WILL STAND—at our stables, two Registered Jersey bulls, at \$2.50 with return privileges. Will call and get your cow. Phone 414. Street & Middleton. 14-1mo-d.

FOUND

FOUND—Young sorrell horse, brand or scar on shoulder. Call at H. Murphy. 21-3td

Mrs. Geo. Kerley and two children left Sunday for San Antonio to visit relatives a few weeks.

QUEEN THEATRE

TONIGHT

TODAY'S PROGRAM

"THE ONE WOMAN" Three reel thriller of the opium traffic, introduces one into the Chinese underworld of San Francisco. The one woman is a story of intense interest and unusual situations, attractively presented and capably produced.

"ARTHUR'S LAST FLING" A society comedy featured by Rupert Julian and Jane Wilson.

Tomorrow, "Saved by a Song" "Gertie's Awful Fix" and the Long Arm Squad"

Admission
10 CENTS

NICE BAND STAND WOULD SERVE AS BIG BOOST.

Our attention has just been called to an article in the Ladies Home Journal showing a picture of the band stand on the public park at Plainview, Texas. The boost for Plainview is particularly attracted by Ballinger readers of the Ladies Home Journal on account of the demand for a band stand in our own court house park.

For some time the proposition has been before the public, but so far no move has been made to bring about the desired end. The Sunday afternoon concerts are becoming more popular, and under a contract with the citizens of this city the concerts will be held throughout the present year, and the problem of hauling the chairs back and forth for every concert has grown to be a perplexing one.

If the Plainview band stand is of sufficient importance and so attractive as to attract the attention of a magazine of national reputation, gaining prominent mention in that magazine, there is no reason why Ballinger should not do even better.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A food expert says that one dish of ice cream is equal in food value to four dozen oysters. Order a gallon from the Ballinger Bottling Works and see how good you feel. J. C. Cook 24-6td

IN REGARD TO THAT PEACH TREE DISEASE.

The secretary of the Business League has recently received from the A. and M. College the following reply to his inquiry about the peach tree disease now so common in South Ballinger which first shows itself by the dying back of the tips of the twigs and limbs.

College Station, Texas,
April 19, 1916

My Dear Mr. Burges:
Replying to your letter of April 15th regarding diseased peach trees received under separate cover. The trouble is caused by fungi, as you supposed, and is widely distributed.

I would suggest the following outline of treatment.
Very carefully prune out all infected twigs and limbs. Follow this with a spray of lime-sulphur prepared as for the brown rot. You can secure bulletins on this subject by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The spray should be made of 15 pounds of lime, ten pounds of sulphur and fifty gallons of water. I suggest that you examine the roots of the diseased trees to see whether they are infected with the crown gall or, perhaps the root rot.

The gummy exudation which you mentioned may be due to fungus causing the disease above mentioned. If you will send me specimens of this type, I shall be very glad to examine them.

Yours very truly,
O. M. BALL,
Professor of Botany

Spring.
Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment Obtainable everywhere.

ICE CREAM NOTICE

I am now prepared to furnish cream in any quantity. Will deliver anywhere in the city at 75c per gallon, 40c for half gallon. Give me a trial. Phone BALLINGER BOTTLING WORKS, J. C. Cook. 17-dtf

WILL ASSIST IN REVIVAL AT SANTA ANNA

Rev. R. R. Rives left Monday for Santa Anna, where he goes to assist in a revival. A most successful revival just closed at Ballinger which the Santa Anna pastor, Rev. Davidson, assisted Rev. Rives.

Why Constipation Injures.

The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere.

APRIL HAS BEEN THE MONTH OF WARS FOR THE UNITED STATES

April has been the "month of wars" for the United States. First hostilities of the Revolutionary war occurred April 19, 1775.

The Black Hawk Indian war started April 21, 1831.

First fighting on the Mexican border in the War of 1845 was reported April 24 that year.

On April 12, 1861, Fort Sumpter was fired on, stirring the nation to civil war. First bloodshed of the Civil War came April 19, 1861 when Massachusetts regiments, marching to Washington, were fired on in Baltimore streets.

Congress dated its declaration of war on Spain in 1898 as of April 21.

United States marines landed at Vera Cruz April 21, 1914.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DRUGGISTS BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

Watch the Fords Go By.

S. L. Eason, of Wingate, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

MODERN GIN PLANT FOR ROWENA

Joe Ostertag came in Thursday and will make his home in Rowena for the next ten months. Mr. Ostertag has orders from headquarters to tear down the Western Cotton Gin and to replace it with a new gin that will be run by electric power and up to 1916 in every respect.

The packer will work automatically without the aid of a man, and so will the feed regulator, so that the saws will never be crowded and nap the cotton.

The Water, Light & Power Co., of San Angelo are to furnish the juice down the wires by the first of September, 1916, to run the new gin.—Rowena Review.

Take Po-Do-Lax in Spring

In winter our blood gets thick, our pores close, we feel tired and dull when hot days come. What we need is a spring liver tonic, something to rid our system of winter's accumulated waste. Po-Do-Lax will do it. It stimulates the bile, empties the bowels. The organs become more active and in a little while you feel like new. Don't neglect cleaning out your system. Take Do-Do-Lax and you will feel fine. 50c at your druggist.

Sheriff J. D. Perkins and Marshal B. W. Pilcher caught Parker Williams Sunday night, a negro, who had stolen a suit of clothes from another negro in Ballinger. They caught him at Brownwood just as he was getting on the train en route east.

Rev. Allan, who conducted services at Coleman Friday night returned home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Bailey and little daughter of Brownwood, who had been visiting her brother E. A. Jeanes and family, returned home Saturday afternoon.

John Hopkinson left for Temple Sunday afternoon to stand an examination for a position for a position with the Santa Fe Ry., company at Ballinger.

Jesse Stacy came in from the plains country Saturday night to visit his sister, Mrs. C. A. Doose and family and Ballinger friends.

J. B. Pace, of the Pumphrey country, S. A. Gaston of the Valley creek country and Paul Martin of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Oscar Pearson returned home Saturday from the Delta country in Mississippi and other points in the East, where he had been in the interest of the Creasy Rotary Gin Filer, the past few weeks. Mr. Pearson says that country does not look near so good to him as West Texas.



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