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WANTS TEXAS MILITIA STOP BORDER DUTY

AUSTIN, Jan. 23.—Senator Harley today introduced a concurrent resolution in the Texas upper house, urging the war department to order a demobilization of the Texas state militia now on border duty.

Harley declared that it was no more the duty of the Texas troops to guard the American border than it was the duty of other states. The bill goes over until tomorrow for Governor Ferguson's signature.

Senator Dayton introduced a bill today for the reorganization of the penitentiary system. Many reforms of the present systems of punishment are embodied in the Dayton bill.

Senator Lattimore has offered a new bill for the creation of a public utilities commission.

WITHDRAWAL TROOPS OFFICIALLY NOTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The withdrawal of General Pershing's forces in Mexico is underway, it was officially learned here today.

American outposts have been drawn in, and a general movement of the main body will follow immediately, it was stated.

PROBE ASKS WALL STREET'S LEDGER

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The leak probe committee this afternoon called on the New York exchange for its records from December 10th to December 23rd. Records of all New York brokers were asked for by the committee covering the same period of time.

Any hacking enough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION TONIGHT

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Congress is donning its white vest and swallow tail today preparatory to moving into the White House for a few hours this evening for the annual Congressional reception given by President and Mrs. Wilson. It always marks the largest gathering in Washington of Congressional talent, abetted by the beauty of their wives.

At a special meeting of the committee on rules in both houses today the following resolutions were reported out and acted upon immediately to serve as guidance at the reception tonight.

Absolute limit on all debate of any legislative subject, thirty seconds.

There shall be no petty slanders uttered or political scandals aired.

No time limit on discussion by the wife of one Congressman on the dress of the wife of another Congressman.

That every confidence is held in the ability of Senator Lewis' 1917 model kaftan to make a sensational hit.

That executive sessions of members in the state dining room where refreshments will be served, shall be limited to forty five minutes.

PLAYS RAGTIME 10 FEET
FROM HIS "DEATH" CHAIR

By United Press.
COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 23.—In the Ohio penitentiary death cell, Robert Ellis, colored, plays ragtime for hours at a time on a mouth harp.

Not ten feet away is the electric chair in which he's doomed to die on the morning of Feb. 6. "The music helps him forget," Warden P. P. Thomas explained today.

Evidence in Ellis' trial shows he, with two other prisoners in the Hamilton county jail at Cincinnati, played cards to see who'd kill the matron to get her keys and escape. Ellis drew the card.

The crime was committed July 24, 1916.

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SPANELL'S REPUTATION GOOD, SAY WITNESSES

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 23.—Rapid progress was made in the Spanell trial here this morning, and it is probable Spanell will be placed on the witness stand to testify in his own behalf before court takes a recess for the day.

The defense gained a strong point today when M. M. Miller, of Mission, testified that Major Butler's general reputation concerning women was very bad. Four defense witnesses were placed on the stand during the forenoon. There was very little cross examination, most of the testimony introduced by the defense concerning the character of Spanell and Butler.

All witnesses testified that Spanell's character was exceedingly good. The defense introduced testimony to show that defendant's character had always been good, and that he enjoyed a good reputation at the time of the killing.

The first legal conflict for today's session occurred over the attempt of the defense to introduce testimony concerning a statement Major Butler made about women at a dance at Mission, Texas, when M. M. Miller was questioned by the defense. The state objected to the question and the jury retired from the court room while the court heard the testimony. The witness stated that if he answered the question (stating what Major Butler had said about women) all ladies should retire from the court room. Judge Dubois sustained the objection.

Eleven defense character wit-

nesses testified as to the general reputation of Spanell yesterday afternoon, after the state rested in the case. Spanell's reputation during the ten years residence in Waco, was good, all the witnesses said. The state rested in the case at two-thirty, and after a conference with witnesses for the defense the defense began introducing testimony.

Judge DuBoise, presiding, over ruled several objections by the prosecution, which sought to exclude testimony regarding Spanell's devotion to his family. The defense argued the state already had introduced testimony purporting to show ill-treatment of the Spanell child by its father. When overruled, the state entered exceptions.

The first defense witness was Dr. T. S. Lovette, of Belton, Tex., who testified he knew Spanell in Leipzig, Germany, and in Waco, Texas. Defendant's reputation was good in both places, and witness had never seen him "drink." Prof. R. E. Hopkins, of Baylor university, Daco, testified as to Spanell's good reputation. He also had met Spanell in Leipzig, Germany, where defendant was treasurer of a church. Other Waco witnesses said Spanell had a good reputation. W. T. Daily and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, former Waco neighbors of Spanell testified Spanell kept beer in his home. None of the witnesses had ever heard him "swear."

The case against Spanell charging the killing of Lieut. Col. Butler, is set for trial here Thursday.

Central West Texas District Farmers' Meet Here 30-31

By far the most important convention to be held in this city during the present year, is scheduled to convene here on Tuesday morning, January 30th, at nine o'clock and carry out a two day program. This will be the second session of the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute. The convention will be held in the court house.

C. A. Doose, president of this institute, is busy mailing out programs and addressing letters to the fifty-two committeemen at various points in the district, urging them of the importance in attendance and soliciting their aid in making the convention a success and one that will be largely attended.

The executive officers of the institute met here last week and formulated a program. This was sent to the agricultural department at Austin and approved, copies of the program printed, and the program and date of meeting is being given extensive publicity this week.

The first and last session of the institute was held at Abilene last summer. At that meeting, C. A. Doose, of this city, was elected president, and W. R. Hunton, of Miles, was elected secretary, giving this county the two most important officers of the institute. The meeting at Abilene was well attended, and it is expected that the Ballinger meeting will bring out a larger attendance, as the meeting place is more central, and the farmers are now well up with their work and can attend.

The entertainment committee has made no announcement, but we feel sure that the people of Ballinger will see that the farmers who come to this meeting will find a full store of hospitality during the recess of the institute and between sessions.

Following is the program as announced for the two days:

Tuesday Morning
Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose. Invocation.

Address of Welcome—Mayor J. W. Powell.
Response—Judge C. H. Willingham.
The value of the Farmers' Institute to the People—F. Blumentritt, Miles.
Preparation of the Soil—Fred Coekrell, Abilene.
Seed Selection—J. W. Neill, State Department of Agriculture.
Diversification of Crops—John Ballew, Wingoate.
Appointment of Committees.
Tuesday, Afternoon.
Convene 1:30 p. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.
How Shall Agriculture be Taught in Public Schools—H. L. Bently, Abilene.
How to Bring the Home and the School into Closer Relationship—Prof. E. L. Hagan, County Superintendent, Ballinger.
Shall We Maintain a Co-Operative Marketing Association—D. C. Dove, Dept. of Agriculture.
Tuesday Night Session
Convene 8:00 p. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.
Good Roads—J. A. King, Albany; J. H. Bullock, Colorado; S. A. Penix, Big Springs.
Round Table Talk—(Open to all parties in attendance, each speaker limited to five minutes.)
Wednesday Morning Session.
Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.
Orchards and Gardens—N. D. Zuber, Texas Department of Agriculture.
Insects and other Pests and How to Handle Them—E. E. Scholl, Texas Department of Agriculture.
Live Stock on the Farm—J. C. Patterson, Texas Department of Agriculture.
Poultry on the Farm—R. L. Pennick, Stamford.
Wednesday Afternoon Session
Convene 1:30 p. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.
Tick Eradication—Speaker to be supplied by the U. S. Govern-

Ovation for President Wilson From British

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 23.—The mere mention of President Wilson's name by G. J. Warder, in opening a labor party conference here today, was cheered for five minutes. The great ovation for the American President was spontaneous and a great surprise to the large crowd attending the conference, as the presiding officer intended only to make the briefest mention of the American President's peace suggestions. The prolonged ovation caused Mr. Warder to dwell at length on the President's address to the Senate yesterday.

CLOUDY EVERY WHERE IN TEXAS TODAY

Forecast—Tonight and Wednesday, fairly fair and rising temperature.

According to the weather report given out by the Western Union this morning Texas is a cloudy state, with rain on the Gulf coast. Low temperature also prevailed all over the state, with partly clear and partly cloudy weather reported from adjoining states. Following is the report of weather conditions as reported from different points in the state:

North Texas; cloudy, temperature 27 to 30.
West Texas; cloudy, 22 to 52.
East Texas; cloudy, 32 to 33.
Gulf Coast; rain.
Galveston; cloudy, 39 to 40.
Central Texas; cloudy, 30 to 44.
Arkansas; clear to partly cloudy, 20 to 24.
Louisiana; clear to cloudy, 38 to 40.
Oklahoma; clear to partly cloudy, 33 to 34.

GOVERNMENT GIN REPORT ON COTTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Counting round bales as half bales, there were ginned prior to January 16th, 11,147,118 bales of cotton, as compared with 10,751,990 last year.

Texas came up with the big end of the crop again this year, ginning 3,543,292 Louisiana 437,232.

Report Brings Slight Gain.
The market was strengthened a little following the governments ginners report today. The close was 19 points above the opening for the day.

NO COAL FAMINE IN BALLINGER

There is no danger of Ballinger people getting frost bit toes on account of fuel famine this winter. Local dealers have a good supply of coal on hand at present and more coming. C. J. Lynn announced that he received one car of coal today and had eight more cars on the road which he felt sure he would receive in a few days. Quite a number of Texas towns suffered fuel famine during the early December days, and in places coal was confiscated by city officials who took extreme steps to supply people who were in need.

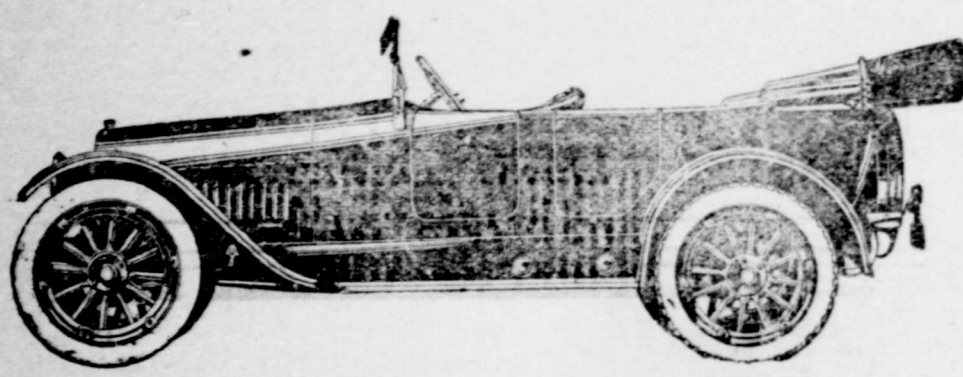
W. T. Nichols and W. J. Davis of the Bethel neighborhood, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. S. Blocker of San Angelo, who spent Monday in our city on business, left in the afternoon for San Antonio.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS TOMORROW

The Civic League will hold an important meeting at the Library tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. Mrs. Scott H. Mack, president of the league, desires all the ladies who can possibly do so to be present at this meeting. The spring months are rapidly approaching and the ladies are anxious to have an even start with the spring in carrying on work for civic betterment of the city, and important matters will be discussed at this meeting.

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1 good 2 pass. Overland, in good condition	\$175.00
\$100.00 cash balance \$7.00 per month.	
1 five passenger Overland, good value	\$200.00
\$100.00 cash balance \$10.00 per month.	
1 Maxwell, 1916 model, new tires	\$300.00
\$200.00 cash balance \$10.00 per month.	

The Saxon six cylinder, 5 passenger that we have will close out this week at \$300.00 cash. We have springs for every make of car Vulcan, the kind that don't break. Storage batteries for every make of car. See us for anything for the auto.

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T. Richards, O. Burford, and J. P. Whittington, of the Token country, and W. A. Glenn of Marie, and J. T. Menchew of the Norton country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Glenn renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year, and said he had been reading a Ballinger paper for the last 28 years.

Moving To New Location.

I am moving my saddle and harness and shoe repair shop to Eighth street next to Ballinger Light and Power Co., and I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage.

H. L. WENDORF.

The Busy Shop.

Jack Guy and G. E. Deakens, two of the Talpa business men, were looking after business matters in Ballinger Tuesday.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

METHODIST PEOPLE BUY PASTOR HOME

A deal was consummated this week in which Scott H. Mack sells his home on Tenth Street to the Methodist church for a consideration of \$1800. The trustees of the church are busy this week raising the cash to pay for the residence, having a good part of it on hand when the announcement was made that the property had been purchased, and would be used for a parsonage.

Since moving the small house off the church lot adjoining the church, the Methodist people have been without a home for their pastor. They were fortunate last year in that the pastor was a single man and did not demand a house. With the coming of the new pastor, Rev. J. B. Curry, came the demand for a parsonage, and the scarcity of houses made it necessary for the congregation to get busy and buy.

The property just purchased is an ideal place for a parsonage, being less than one block from the church, and being well improved with conveniences. Rev. Curry is a present living in a rented home on Tenth Street, which is subject to sale, and in case of sale he would have been out of a house and home. Arrangements are being made for Mr. Mack to give possession of the house just sold by February first.

Mr. Mack will only be out of a house and home for the time being, as plans have been perfected and a new modern home will be constructed at once on Broadway on the corner of a most desirable building location. The new Mack home will be just across Broadway from the home of C. C. Schuchard.

There is a good demand for rent houses in Ballinger at present, and city property has advanced considerably in values during the past twelve months.

DIDN'T TURN OVER

Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray kills bedbugs, ants, fleas, vegetable and plant insects, so dead, and does it so quickly, that people exclaim, "They didn't turn over." It puts mosquitoes out of business just as quick. Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

T. M. Caskey, of Lometa, who had been visiting his son Sid Caskey and family and prospecting in this section with a view to locating, left for his home Monday afternoon.

"God's Country and the Woman" Special Tonight

LIGHT HEARTED WOMEN

A cheerful, light-hearted woman is the joy of a man's life. Beauty will fade, a good figure will change, but the charm of health and cheerfulness will endure to the end. But how can a woman be cheerful and happy when dragged down by some female derangement, with a headache, headache, and often on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the standard remedy for such ailments. During the last 40 years thousands of homes have been made happy by this woman's great remedy for woman's ills.

Mrs. Wineburg, of Glen Cove, who had been at the bedside of her daughter at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, left for her home Tuesday morning.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Arch Holman of San Angelo, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn, and friends in Ballinger the past few days, returned home Tuesday at noon.

Today and tonight at the Queen Theatre, J. Stuart Blackton and Albert E. Smith present their Vitagraph Blue Ribbon feature, "God's Country and the Woman," with Nell Shipman, Geo. Holt and Wm. Duncan featured. Rollin S. Sturgeon has produced in this eight-part drama from a novel by James Oliver Curwood, a most entertaining and beautiful picture, and one that will be remembered favorably even among such motion picture masterpieces that have been shown in Ballinger lately.

Appearing serially in the Red Book magazine, "God's Country and the Woman," made the reputation of James Oliver Curwood almost supreme and added greatly to the prestige of the Red Book. As a photoplay, all of the thrills and all of the latent beauty of the telling has been retained, and with the additional feature of the natural scenery, it easily surpasses the book, according to most reviewers.

Showing the painstaking care and the many details worked out, that are usually blundered over by the ordinary producer who grinds out his five or ten reels a week, it is stated that the photographing alone, to say nothing of previous preparations, took the Vitagraph company over eight months to complete the big film.

Next Tuesday night, Henry B. Walthall and Edna Mayo are to

be presented by Essanay in a filmization of the stage success by Charles W. Goddard and Paul Diekey, "The Misleading Lady."

Mme. Perova will appear in a five-part Metro wonder picture tomorrow night, entitled "Extravagance." Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne come to the Queen the following week in their new serial.

How to Cope That Cold

When it is painful to breathe and fever sends shills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c.

A Rousing Welcome

"Anyhow," said the small man with the big set of books, over which he figured from early morn till late at night, "anyhow, there is one faithful friend at home that never fails to give me a rousing welcome."

"What friend is that?" asked the billing clerk, pausing to eat a sandwich while the boss wasn't looking.

"My old alarm clock," replied the small man dreamily. — Jacksonville Times-Union.

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