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SPANELL SAID DANCE HALL WAS NO PLACE FOR LADIES

By LeRoy A. Wilke
Special Correspondent for Ledger
SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 24.—The defense did not place the witness stand to testify in his own behalf this morning, as was expected, but additional character testimony and evidence for the defense in the trial was introduced, and a number of witnesses were examined. Spanell is being tried for murdering his wife and is expected that the defendant will take the stand this afternoon, or will be the first witness called Thursday morning.

Dr. T. A. Foote, county health officer for Brewster county at the time of the killing, testified as to the character of the gun shot wounds that caused the death of Mrs. Spanell. Dr. Foote testified that he did not make a thorough examination of the wounds in an official way, but said that he extracted a bullet from Col. Butler's head. The state objected to witness' testimony, and asked that it be excluded because the witness contradicted himself. The court overruled the objection, but by agreement between counsel for defense and state certain parts of the testimony of Dr. Foote were put out.

John Highsmith, of Marfa, said that he had known Spanell for about three years, and knew his reputation to be good. Highsmith said that he attended a dance at Marfa with his wife, and that he and his wife were leaving the dance hall about ten o'clock and passed Spanell standing in the door. As they passed Spanell he said Spanell said, "that's right, take her home, this is no place for a lady." At the time Spanell made the remark Mrs. Spanell was dancing with Col. Butler, testified the witness.

On cross examination attorneys for the state asked Highsmith if he had not served a term in the pen. The witness said he had. The counsel for the prosecution asked that the witness' testimony be discredited and excluded. Defense proved that Highsmith secured a pardon from the pen more than fifteen years ago, and the court overruled the state's objection and admitted the evidence.

A. H. Woelder, state ranger from Marfa, was the next witness to take the stand for the defense. Woelder testified that he had lived at Marfa for eighteen years. Said he knew Spanell's reputation to be good and Butler's reputation

to be bad. On cross examination Woelder said he had not heard anything about Butler's reputation until after the killing.

Clyde Weaver, of Alpine, followed Woelder on the witness stand. Weaver stated that he lived next door neighbor to Spanell and knew his reputation to be good. He testified that Spanell was more affectionate to Mrs. Spanell than she was to Spanell, and said that Spanell would go to his home three or four times during the day to see Mrs. Spanell or carry her something.

After C. W. Livingston, of Alpine, testified to the good character of the defendant, and concerning the wounds in Mrs. Spanell's and Butler's body, court recess until two o'clock is given.

A special venire has been summoned for the trial of Spanell for the killing of Col. Butler, which is set for ten o'clock Thursday morning. It is believed the trial of the present case will consume the remainder of this week, and it is expected the court will excuse the special venire until Monday morning.

Interest in the Spanell case increases as the case progresses. Throughout the afternoon sessions there is no standing room in the court room. Many ladies are attending the trial regularly. The judge has threatened to impose heavy punishment upon any one who applauds the action of any witness or attorney. The order to search all parties entering the court room is being carried out.

Special to The Daily Ledger:
SAN ANGELO, Jan. 24.—"Come to me Allan," Walton, for God's sake save me," in a most frantic voice came over the telephone from the Brewster county jail according to Miss Jennie Buckalew, telephone operator at Alpine, who yesterday afternoon took the stand to testify in behalf of the defense. She said that shortly following the shooting she received two calls from homes near the scene, one asking for a doctor and the other an officer. She immediately gave these orders to a drug store. Then it was that she received the above words over the wire. She told him: "Get off the wire and I will send you the sheriff." Allen Walton is sheriff of Brewster county. She said she did not recognize the voice, but knew it was a man and that he was crying.

Mrs. J. T. Dorsey of Alpine,

was the first witness to go on the stand this afternoon. As far as she knew, Spanell had a "good reputation." When asked whether she knew Col. Butler's reputation as a libertine, a woman chaser, and a moral pervert, as compared with a peaceful and law abiding citizen she replied: "It wasn't very good." She also testified that she had heard some talk of the Col. Butler's undue attentions to Mrs. Spanell.

Miss Joe Varda Davis, said she had been taking music from Mr. Spanell for fourteen months and had never smelled liquor on his breath.

Mrs. J. W. Rixon of Alpine, testified to the defense that her son, Howard, 13, had told her one morning: "If that soldier don't leave Mrs. Spanell alone, Mr. Spanell is going to kill him." She said her son would tell her no more.

On being passed to the state, she was rigidly cross-examined. After a repetition of questions had been propounded her, she became very obstinate and evaded many with answers as she told the court: "she thought she had a right to reply like she wanted to." The defense objected to a repetition of these questions, but the objection was overruled by the court.

Mrs. G. W. King, of Waco, said she had always known Spanell and observed that he "was very much in love with his wife."

Mr. G. W. King testified that he had known Spanell to be of excellent character. He said he had never known of him drinking and had never heard him swear.

On being cross examined by the state, he denied that Spanell became enraged at a pet dog and chopped it to pieces. He described the incident to the defense: Spanell had told him the dog bit a neighbor child and that if he did not kill it, the officers would. He said Spanell wept like a child after having killed the animal.

C. L. Johnson of Waco, said he had always looked on Spanell as "an over-grown school-boy" because he was so merry.

Mrs. Emmitt Williams of Marathon testified to his general reputation practically the same as others did.

Eph Williams of Marfa said he had never known of Spanell drinking.

L. B. Starns of Alpine, said he had scuffled with Spanell some thirty minutes before the shooting and that he was in the best of humor. He also denied any knowledge of Spanell being under the influence of whiskey.

All testimony introduced yesterday afternoon by the defense tended to show the general reputation of Spanell as a peaceful, law-abiding citizen and a devoted husband and father, while the reputation of Col. Butler as a "woman chaser," libertine and moral pervert, was acknowledged by all witnesses who knew him.

The state questioned very few of the defense witnesses.

Germans Lose Ten Vessels In Battle

BRITISH FIGHTING FOR DRY NATION

LONDON, Jan. 24. (By Mail)—British prohibitionists won't be satisfied until the entire nation boards the water-wagon for the duration of the war and the demobilization period. The gradual paring-down of "open" hours for drinking is not enough; they want absolute prohibition of all liquor and a ban on its manufacture.

Here are some of the striking comparisons advertised by the Strength of Britain Movement, demanding abolition of Drink:

During the war enough grain has been used in liquor manufacture to make two billion quarter loaves of bread.

Breweries and distilleries use enough sugar to supply the Army.

Though Germany has sunk 2,300,000 tons of British shipping, the liquor industry uses 1,800,000 measurement tons a year to import raw materials.

The Board of Trade withdrew large numbers of skilled men from the Army to carry on ship construction, but the liquor traffic could release enough artisans to make 800,000 tons in six months.

Coal shortage compelled the withdrawal of 11,000 miners from the army to resume mining while liquor manufacture consumes the output of 6,000 miners.

The Government passed the workers' customary holidays but loss of time directly traceable to alcohol equals a three-month vacation by the entire nation.

Prohibition people never tire of pointing to Russia as an example of what the water wagon can do.

They join in the general outcry against the Asquith cabinet, daily demanding that the ministers resign and place the conduct of the war in more efficient hands and are now preparing to go before the people in the parliamentary elections, if cabinet action does not remove the alleged menace.

In an election the liquor matter would indirectly become a referendum as the people would be asked to elect or defeat candidates according to their advocacy of prohibition or opposition to it.

H. W. Lynn of Winters, and Van Ness Lewis of Abilene, W. H. Cane of the Hatchel country, and J. B. Riggs of the Wingate country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday and while here Mr. Riggs renewed with The Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

FIRST OFFER WEST TEXAS COLLEGE

By United Press
AUSTIN, Jan. 24.—State Senator Woodward introduced a concurrent resolution in the Senate this morning offering to the state the John Tarleton College at Stephenville, consisting of all buildings and a forty acre campus, and five hundred acres additional land, as an A. and M. college.

The resolution also calls for a \$75,000 student loan fund to be used for the new A. and M. college.

GENERAL CLOUDY ALL OVER STATE

Weather Forecast.
Tonight fair, somewhat colder, Thursday generally fair.

The weather opened Wednesday with clouds covering almost the entire state of Texas, as shown from the report sent out by the weather bureau and transmitted by the Western Union, and which is as follows:

North Texas; cloudy, 38 to 50 degrees in temperature.
East Texas; cloudy, 39-46.
Gulf Coast; cloudy, 45-56.
Central Texas; cloudy, 39-48.
West Texas; cloudy, 25-58.
Oklahoma; partly cloudy, 30-35.
Arkansas; cloudy, 36-45.
Louisiana; cloudy, 40-48.

WILSON'S PEACE SPEECH DISCUSSION

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Failing to act on Senator Cummins' resolutions calling for a debate on the peace address of the President before the Senate Monday, the Senate leaves the way open for a general discussion of the President's peace ideas at any time the question is raised in the upper body.

By United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 24.—Dispatches received here from Holland say that every report received on the Dutch coast indicates that seven German destroyers were sunk in the naval battle Monday night in the North Sea between the British and German squadrons. The total number of German vessels destroyed may reach ten, according to the Dutch dispatches.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 24.—British and German torpedo flotillas clashed in the North Sea Monday night and fought in quick succession two of the hottest naval engagements of the war. Both battles took place off the Dutch coast northwest of the mouth of the Scheldt.

From a brief British admiralty report it would appear that the action had resulted in a draw, although it is asserted that the German ships were badly punished. Unofficial advices strengthened by avocations of wounded German marines indicate the German flotilla suffered a severe defeat. Losses definitely known thus far include one German and one British destroyer, as almost certain, however two German destroyers including the V-69 are reported to have sunk and three others to have been disabled.

The V-69, the most modern German torpedo boat destroyer was evidently the leader of the Teuton ships engaged in the course of the second action. A terrific fusillade was opened on her and her bridge was carried away while pitiful cries for help was heard amid the roar of battle.

The commander of the V-69, picked up from the icy water with both legs shot away, died on his way to the shore.

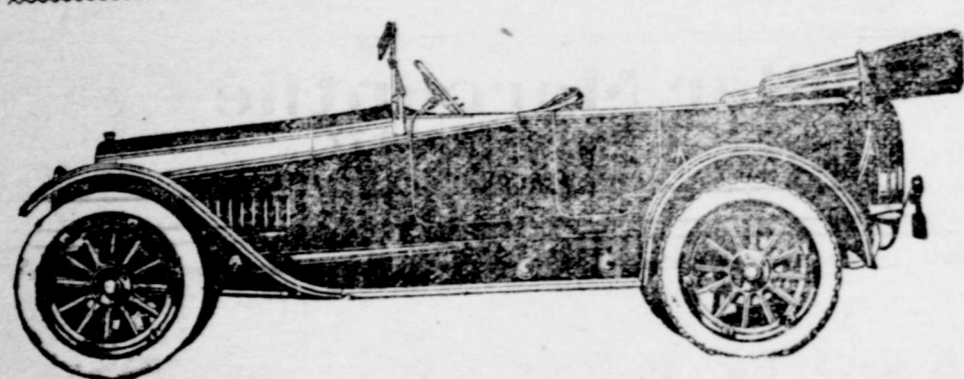
The British admiralty admits the loss of three officers, and forty-four men. Three German officers are known to have been killed.

The German fleet ventured out during a fog and they may have brought on the action purposely to screen the arrival or departure of another sea raider.

Theo Schuhmann, of Rowena, A. J. Tyree, of the Valley creek country, and A. F. Harkins, of the Wingate country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Harkins ordered The Banner-Ledger and Semi-Weekly Dallas News to his address for the ensuing year.

John Black, the merchant and postmaster of Marfa, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

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WOMAN CHOSEN CLERK OF SENATE

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Can a woman keep a secret? The Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate thinks so. The committee has chosen for the first time in history a woman as clerk of the committee. This is an important post. Her name is Miss Jessie L. Simpson—business-woman extraordinary.

Her nomination carries with it the privilege of the floor of the Senate, enjoyed by but one other woman in history, Miss Leona Wells, clerk of the military committee.

Miss Simpson was nominated for the clerkship by Chairman Stone, and received the unanimous vote of the committee, of which she has been acting clerk for six months.

Mrs. Spires and baby, of New Mexico, who had been visiting her father Kenny Greer, and family, for some time past, left for their home Tuesday afternoon.

BALLINGER BEAUTY SPOTS PLANNING

E. D. Haden, of the Santa Fe landscape gardener, will be succeeded by Jim Minyard on February first, when Mr. Haden will take up the work of looking after the county park and court house property. Mr. Wilke, who has had charge of the county park, will try farm life, having closed a deal for a farm.

Mr. Haden stated Wednesday that he had worked out plans for beautifying the court house park and was anxious to get on the job and get the work started early. He stated that he thought he was leaving the Santa Fe park in the hands of a good man, and that beauty spot would continue to be a pride of the city.

In order to make the court house park what it should be Mr. Haden will have to have extra help to get the work started, and we understand that the county has signified a willingness to furnish this help, and it will be done in such away that the county will not be out but little cash, if any.

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J. F. Stuart left Wednesday at noon for Paducah, Texas, on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Odel Moore returned home Wednesday at noon from a two week's bridal trip to his relatives in North Texas.

M. W. A. INSTALLATION JAN. 27TH.

The newly elected officers of the Modern Woodmen of America will be installed at a meeting to be held Saturday night, Jan. 27th. All members urged to be present.

J. L. CHASTAIN, Clerk. 20-1tw6td.

W. H. Arnold, of Winters and his brother-in-law, Rev. R. J. Smith, of Temple, passed through Ballinger en route east, Rev. Smith to his home and Mr. Arnold to Coleman on a short business trip.

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Madams J. C. Bauman and Rankin Jones, and their sister Miss Annie Steinfeld, left Wednesday at noon to visit relatives near Miles. Miss Annie had been visiting her sisters in Ballinger the past several days.

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Rev. W. T. Renfro, educational commissioner of the Southwestern University of Georgetown, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to San Angelo from Winters, in the interest of his work.

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Mrs. Mitchell, of Alexander, who had been visiting her son, Alex Mitchell, and family, left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

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J. H. Wilke left Tuesday afternoon for Temple and other points in the state to look after business interests for some time.

Mrs. Mary Blackburn of Anarillo, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Baker, for some time past, left for her home Tuesday afternoon.

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dwt!
C. A. POOSE

BEGGARS, BEAUTY AND FLEAS

Naples is a Seaport Crowded With Amazing Contrasts.

Naples, aside from its amazing local beauty, is a dirty south Italian seaport, full of fleas and beggars, noisy as pandemonium day and night, without a really distinguished edifice, and peopled by a conglomerate mass as strikingly beautiful physically as they are notoriously untrustworthy. From the storied heights that sweep in a magnificent amphitheater around the brilliant bay the old city straggles downward in a picturesque huddle of densely packed houses and other buildings, tortuous streets full of color and bubbling with the nervous activity of the south, black canyons of stone stairs, slippery with damp and dirt, across which its teeming houses gossip and quarrel in neighborly wise.

Nowhere are fisher folk more picturesque in habit and costume. Nowhere is there so salty a dialect, spiced with such myriad quaint and startling phrases and exclamations. Bare and brown of leg, dressed in ragged, parti-colored motley, a stout canvas band about each sinewy body for hauling in the net without cutting the hands to pieces, they bring ashore their shimmering silver quarry right along the widest, finest promenade in the city—the handsome Via Caracciolo.

Across that broad street the charming Villa Nazionale—not a house, but a public park, wholly conventional in design—contains an aquarium which may fairly be considered the most remarkable in the world for both the variety and interest of its funny and monstrous exhibits and the thoroughness of its scientific work. To it many of the great universities contribute annually for the privilege of sending special investigators in zoology.

The commercial activity of this largest city and second seaport of Italy clings closely about the skirts of the enormous royal palace—800 feet long on the bay side and ninety-five feet high—and the naval basin and dockyard. Every smell and sound of a thriving seaport may be smelled and heard, multiplied generously, every flag seen on the ships at anchor near the stone wharves.—A. S. Briggs in National Geographic Magazine.

BEN BUTLER'S BLUFF.

It Was Well Worked and Completely Fooled General Bingham.

General John A. Bingham was a member of the military tribunal that tried Mrs. Surratt and the Lincoln assassination conspirators. After the trial in the subsequent debates in the house General B. F. Butler frequently charged that the commission had arrived at an unjust verdict and had convicted an innocent woman. In a memorable debate he boldly proclaimed that if the contents of a diary which had been found on the dead body of J. Wilkes Booth were ever made public it would disclose the fact that it contained the proof of Mrs. Surratt's innocence, which proof had been infamously suppressed by the commission.

When General Bingham made a movement as though he would reveal such an accusation Butler dramatically drew a memorandum book from his breast pocket and held it aloft, but did not utter a word. Bingham naturally supposed that Butler had a copy of a diary such as he had spoken of. As a matter of fact the book contained nothing but blank leaves. General Butler was just bluffing.

The diary was in possession of Secretary Stanton, but President Johnson finally demanded it. It was an interesting book, but it threw no light upon the great conspiracy.

Squeaky Soles In Tune.

Manufacturers of shoes who make a specialty of the squeaky variety should pay more attention to pairing them up in harmonious duets. The squeak, squeak of the hired girl's high heeled bronzed number tens would drive a saint to cuss words. But we must not heap our displeasure upon the poor girl. She is not the author. She is only the reproducer. She merely acts the part that the wax cylinder performs for the phonograph. There is just as great a necessity for a musical director in an up to date shoe factory as there is in grand opera, and no workman should be permitted to build a pair of squeaky shoes unless he can pass a severe test in harmony.—Cartoons Magazine.

Horses In Trousers.

When the horses in Nice, France, are hitched to tar spreading carts they wear trousers to protect their legs from the hot tar. A further protection for them consists of a certain suspended between the cart and the horse. The trousers are what lend distinction to the horse, however. The knees are a bit baggy, but the horse doesn't seem to care.—Popular Science Monthly.

Preparedness.

"My daughter has obtained a position in a lawyer's office. She starts on the first."
"And in the meantime is she doing anything to fit herself for the work?"
"Yes, she is reading 'Bertha, the Beautiful Blond Stenographer.'"—Pittsburg Post.

Know Her.

Miss Flytte—Jack told me last night that I was his very life. Her Brother—Jack will soon find out how uncertain life is.—Boston Transcript.

Cruel.

First Girl—Mr. Dauber said my face was classic. What is classic? Second Girl—Oh, most anything old.—Boston Transcript.

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(By George Martin)
Do your radiators radiate?
Or do they spend their days and nights singing, whistling, carousing and whooping it up around room corners? And do they wake up in the morning hiccupping and belching and looking dissipated?

Ours do. And we swear by every icicle on our mustache that before we rent again we'll ask the landlord how his radiators spend their evenings.
"Will this radiator care," we'll ask, "whether we freeze to death?" And if the landlord answers evasively, we'll go elsewhere.

Big husky, intelligent looking radiators like ours, that stand around and hiccup and sing soprano at seven o'clock in the morning have certainly gone to the devil and there's no hope for them.
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MANY POLL TAX REMAIN UNPAID

You'll have to hurry if you qualify as a voter and have the privilege of expressing your views in elections to be held during the present year and up until the 31st day of January of next year.

The poll tax payments are far below the number for the same date for a number of years in the past, and in order to collect them all the tax collector would be required to issue more than 200 receipts per day for the remainder of the month—the time in which you can qualify for voting by paying.

Out of 3311 polls assessed only 2618 had been paid up to noon Wednesday, leaving more than one-third unpaid. Tax Collector Chastain announces that the office will be kept open until 12 o'clock on the night of January 31st for the benefit of the eleven hour fellows. It is expected that the last day will over run the tax collector and his helpers and those who wait until that date will have to form in line and wait their turn at the window.

Not only are the people slow about paying their poll taxes this year, but indications are good at this time for a heavy delinquent list, and then will come the ten per cent penalty, and later another penalty taxed on until the man who can not pay now, or who can and puts it off, will have to pay dearly for his delinquency.

Following are the number of polls paid up to noon Wednesday by voting precincts:

Ballinger No. 1	215
Hatchel	78
Benoit	39
Crews	108
Token	53
Truitt	35
Winters	235
Antelope	21
Pumphrey	41
Wingate	97
Cochran	47
Baldwin	28
Wilmet	81
North Norton	63
South Norton	53
Marie	29
Maverick	52
Pearee School House	47
Brookshire	25
Miles	187
Rowena	145

Offin	43
Pony Creek	66
Ballinger No. 24	230
TOTAL	2018

AFTER THREE YEARS

Ballinger Testimony Remains Unshaken.

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First Presbyterian Church.

I will start a series of lectures at this church tonight, (prayer-meeting night) on the church history. The subject tonight will be "The First Ten Persecutions under the Roman Emperor."

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LEDGER TO PUBLISH NEW MOTION PICTURE SERIAL

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Two reels will be shown of the serial at the Queen, together with the regular program on Wednesdays. Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne have the leading parts, and this will be enough for most people, but when it is announced that D. W. Griffith's head director will supervise the production for Metro, the entire public is aware of the quality.

Watch for the opening chapter in the Ledger, and you'll be sure to finish on the schedule after reading the first installment. "The Great Secret" might have been written by Dumas, it is so full of thrills and breath-taking climaxes.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN AUTO NUMBER

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What the number signifies depends a great deal in what way it is being used. Jailor Armstrong's Ford number is 1170. If a decimal point was placed between the 11 and 70 it would be easy to figure what kind of a 1170 it signified, especially with some of the boys. 1170 is a common number in the sheriff's department, and is used almost daily in the justice court, in some places, but not in Ballinger. Sometimes many days are reeled off the calendar without any 1170's being discussed in the justice's office. Some of the boys say that Armstrong's Ford was paid for from the "trimmings" out of 1170's, while others say the number is a constant warning to the way of the transgressors, as the Tin Henry honks along the highways.

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MARKO'S DILEMMA.

An Old Servian Legend of a Prophecy and Its Fulfillment.

Prilep, in Servia, is dear to the hearts of all Servian peasants, for around it cluster countless stories of one of the nation's most popular legendary supermen—Marko Kraljevitich, otherwise King's Son Marko.

The ruins of the castle of King's Son Marko overlook the town, and if the visitor proves to be a sympathetic auditor the guide will no doubt point out to him in the slabs of rock which strew the approach to the stronghold the indelible hoof prints of the master's favorite steed, Shabaraz. And if you should happen to be in Prilep on the anniversary of Marko's festival, or "slava," you can prove to your own satisfaction whether there is any truth in the widely credited peasant legend that at midnight the doors of the castle chapel burst open and the hero, fully armed, rides in on his plumed charger, although the Marko of the flesh has been dead for 500 years.

In an old Servian ballad called "Marko's Judgment" there is recited this prophecy: Kral (King) Vukashine, Marko's father, whose chief fortified city was Prilep, speaks first: "Son Marko, may God slay thee! Thou shalt have neither monument nor posterity, and ere thy spirit leaves thy body the Turkish sultan thou shalt serve." Then speaks the czar, Stephen Dushan: "Friend Marko, may God help thee! Bright be thy face in the senate, sharp thy sword in battle. Never shall hero surpass thee. And thy name shall be remembered so long as sun and moon endure."

And here, according to peasant folklore, is how that prophecy was fulfilled: Upon the death of Vukashine, Lazar Hrebllanovitch, Count of Sirmium, was elected czar. Bitterly disappointed at the failure of his own candidacy, Marko threatened the life of Lazar and was forthwith deprived of his life. Peniless and disheartened, Marko turned to the court of the hated sultan and enlisted in his army to fight the Moslems of Asia Minor. (It should be remembered that it was no disgrace for a Servian to fight with the Turks provided the opposing forces were other Turks, for a Turk less, in whatever cause slain, was a blessing in the eyes of the Servians.)

In time, however, Marko's command was brought west to wage war against the orthodox prince of the Roumans. Loyal to his Mohammedan sovereign, when he came upon the field of battle, Marko's heart failed him when he saw the men of his own faith drawn up against him, and, facing the dilemma of choosing between proving traitor to his chief or lifting his sword against those of his own faith, he cried out, "Oh, God, do thou this day destroy all those who fight against Christendom and foremost Marko!" Saying which, he threw his body on the Christian spears and died without striking a blow.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Beginning of the Drama.

The theater in the only sense that is worth considering was born in Athens. Both tragedy and comedy spring from feasts in honor of Bacchus, and as the jests and frolics were found to be out of place when introduced into graver scenes a separate province—the true drama—was formed and comedy arose. The father of the Greek comedy was Aristophanes, who had lots of fun lampooning the public men of Athens. The creator of Greek tragedy was Aeschylus, born B. C. 525. In sublime Aeschylus has never been surpassed. He is to the drama what Phidias and Michelangelo are to art.

Soldiers and Socks.

The German soldier does not wear socks, but furs-lappen. These are strips of cloth soaked in tallow and wound about the feet. They are supposed to be preferable to socks, in that they wear more evenly, are more easily cleaned and, when properly worn, are not so likely to wrinkle and cause blisters.

Military authorities disagree, however, as to the relative value of socks and tallow soaked strips. Either covering though, is considered preferable to the custom of wearing no socks, which has prevailed in the French, Spanish and Italian armies.—Outlook.

The Absentminded Motorist.

"There's an automobilist in distress. Suppose we stop and ask him if there is anything we can do?" "Are you referring to the man who is sitting still, with a faraway look in his eyes?" "Yes."

"I know that fellow. He's probably wondering where he's going to get the money to pay the next installment on his car."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Quite Possible.

"Here's an account of a man's death which said he was in perfect health a few minutes before he expired. Now, that's ridiculous." "Not at all. He might have smoked too near a gasoline tank."—Baltimore American.

Valued Testimony.

The Mistress—Does this hat make me appear younger, Mary? The Maid—Yes, mum. When we went to market together yesterday they took you for my daughter.—Puck.

Its Endurance.

"Does your wife always insist on having the last word?" "Yes, and it lasts all right too."—Baltimore American.

One grain does not fill the granary, but it helps its companions.—Portuguese Saying.

MILLIONAIRE SELLS BOOKS AT AUCTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The late Collis P. Huntington's nephew, Henry E. Huntington, who married his uncle's widow and who has spent 3 of the 60 million dollars the railroad baron left him, for rare books, will sell \$100,000 worth of duplicate volumes at auction at the Anderson galleries here, today and tomorrow.

Huntington possesses probably the most remarkable and valuable library in the country and one of the finest in the world. It is believed that before he has done his collections will be unrivalled by that of any collector past or present.

Huntington bought a million dollars worth of books from the Hoe collection alone. He paid half a million cash for the Duke of Devonshire's library and has bought a dozen other world famous collections from which he has skimmed the cream and disposed of the balance. He employs a cataloguer and assistants and spends a fortune annually for the care of his books.

It is believed Huntington intends to center his main collection at his home in Los Angeles. He is at present living on Fifth avenue in New York, but he has shipped several thousand dollars worth of his books to the West coast and there is talk that he may erect a special library for them.

Collectors are here from thru-out the country today to bid for the rare volumes Huntington offers. This is partly due to the fact that not only does Huntington possess one, but in some cases several and in a few instances all the rare editions of mighty rare volumes.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

J. M. and E. F. Burson, of the Token country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

COMING TO BALLINGER

DOCTORS REA BROS. American Physician Specialists Giving Free Medical Services to Sick.

At Central Hotel, Friday, Jan. 26th, one day only—

Drs. Rea Bros., licensed by the States, are visiting the principal cities throughout the United States, demonstrating their system of treating diseases and deformities without surgical operation; will give free treatment (except a small charge for medicines and appliances) to all those who apply in person on this particular visit.

According to their developed system no more operations for Appendicitis, Gall Stones, Bowel Ulcerations and Impactions, doing away with the knife and much expense in the treatment of these dangerous diseases. In diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder, Nervous Diseases, Epilepsy, Paralysis, slow growth in children, Club Feet, Curvature of the Spine and diseases of women, they have had much experience, and many thousands of satisfied patients.

Startling disclosures relative to the treatment of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Deafness, Catarrh, liver, stomach and bowel troubles, and deep-seated chronic diseases. Their treatment for suspicious growths, tubercular glands, small tumors, piles, moles, warts, and certain forms of Eczema, with the hypodermic needle injection method is without pain; is death dealing and destructive to these diseases. Heart disease, blood diseases, old sores, varicose veins, trachoma (eye disease), pellagra and scrofula, a treatment in part as adopted after years of research work.

Drs. Rea Bros., are well known throughout the United States. Their idea in extending this plan of free medical treatment is to secure in each community some evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients. The sick and those interested in the sick are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children with their parents or guardians. Hours 10 a. m., to 4 p. m.

MRS. KIESO SICK SEVEN MONTHS

Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Aurora, Ill.—"For seven long months I suffered from a female trouble, with severe pains in my back and sides until I became so weak I could hardly walk from chair to chair, and got so nervous I would jump at the slightest noise. I was entirely unfit to do my household work, I was giving up hope of ever being well, when my sister asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took six bottles and today I am a healthy woman able to do my own household work. I wish every suffering woman would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and find out for themselves how good it is."—Mrs. CARL A. KIESO, 596 North Ave., Aurora, Ill. The great number of unsolicited testimonials on file at the Pinkham Laboratory, many of which are from time to time published by permission, are proof of the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, in the treatment of female ills. Every ailing woman in the United States is cordially invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for special advice. It is free, will bring you health and may save your life.

BUYS LAND.

The deal was closed this week in which B. F. Jones bought 200 acres of improved land from G. B. Nixon near the W. E. Allen ranch, where oil was found, north of \$7,000.00 was paid for the property. Mr. Jones recently sold his farm lands near Bangs and is investing in this city and county and is well pleased with this recent deal in the oil districts of this county.

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SELLS HOME PLACE

W. J. Davis of the Bethel neighborhood, was in the city on business Tuesday and informed us that he had closed a deal with F. Grengaus, in which he sold his 213 acres of improved land near Bethel at \$35.00 per acre. Mr. Davis has bought land near Winters, as mentioned a day or two ago, but will not move this year.

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.

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PICTURE PROGRAM

Metro Pictures Corporation Presents Peerless MME. PETROVA in a new wonder-play in five superb acts 'Extravagance' with a select cast.

Admission 10c

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