





**Blanton Speaks for  
Re-Districting**

(Continued from first page.)

ford, Stephens and Palo Pinto are put into a district with Burnett county, which borders Travis, and added to this district is Comanche county. Shortly before reporting this bill, Taylor county, my home, was cut west onto the district with El Paso. Think of it! One of the sole objects of re-districting just now is to do justice to West Texas, and then putting Abilene and El Paso in a district together, when they are over 400 miles apart, and are left together in a district which this year embraces nearly 300,000 people. The extreme West Texas District and the Panhandle District should contain a smaller population than any other districts, for they will have a wonderful increase in population during the next five years, far beyond the expectation of any other district, and this should be taken into consideration. Why not leave Comanche county and Mr. Calloway in their same old district with Tarrant county and Congressman-elect Jim Wilson, and leave Taylor county with her old neighboring Central West Texas counties? The Central West Texas District should embrace the counties

of Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, and Concho. Their interests are people are homogenous, and most of these counties have been in the same district together for many years. The above counties embracing what is known as Central West Texas have worked hard to develop and settle their territory, and in conjunction with West Texas proper, and the Panhandle, have been largely responsible for the increase in the number of districts.

I therefore appeal to the author of said bill, Hon. C. W. Boner, to the Honorable House Committee that reported it, and to our Legislature of Texas, to amend House Bill No. 51, so as to do full justice to the Panhandle, to West Texas, and to Central West Texas.

If you will mark off on a map the districts proposed by the Boner bill, you will be highly amused at their remarkable shapes. The present population of a few large cities is carefully considered, but the present population (phenomenal growth since 1910) of our counties in general is ignored. For instance, based upon the census of 1910, the proposed Boner bill gives 232,599 to the 2nd District while only 185,401 to the 6th District. It gives 244,209 to the 5th District, while only 145,899 to the 8th District. (Computed from 1910 census.) For myself individually, I ask for nothing. For Central West Texas District I pray for justice only.

Very respectfully,  
THOMAS L. BLANTON.

**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.

**SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Abecek of Sweetwater visited Prof. and Mrs. James Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Pipkin returned home last week from Ft. Worth, where she had been visiting her daughter the past two weeks.

Miss Bessie Brown, of near Winters, visited friends in South Ballinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch accompanied by Mrs. T. O. Brown, visited friends in San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. Neas, who recently purchased the Barbee place, moved in Monday. We are glad to have these good people in our neighborhood.

We are glad to report that the little child of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Davis, who has been very ill with pneumonia, the past week, much better.

Miss Emmie Pagles is with a patient at Bronte.

The Literary Society will have a play Saturday night, a drama of 3 acts; the title, "Tompkins' Hired Man." The small price of 10 cents admission will be charged to defray the expenses of the Society. Doors open at 7:30 p. m.

We are sorry to report Miss Doris Pagles is quite sick this week.

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Imports in 1916 aggregated 2,392 million dollars, also a record total. For 1915 the total was 1,779 million, and for 1912, the previous record year, 1,813 million. December imports were valued at 255 million dollars, indicating a continuation of the recovery which set in during September last following the sharp decline from the large total of 246 million for June. The December, 1915, total was 172 million and the December average from 1911 to 1915, inclusive, 153 million dollars.

The year's export balance was 3,089 million dollars, as compared with 1,776 million for 1915 and 2,566 for the five year period from 1910 to 1910, inclusive. The December favorable trade balance was 316 million dollars, compared with 187 million for December, 1915, and 131 million for December, 1914.

The net inward gold movement for the year was 530 million dollars, also a new record. It compares with a net inward gold movement of 421 million in 1915 and a net outward gold movement of 165 million in 1914.

**How to Check 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.

Lawrence Shields, who is now with the Radford Groc. Co., at Abilene, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Thursday.

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M. McCreery, of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday and was quite complimentary in his remarks about the Banner-Ledger.

J. T. Billups of the Truitt country, J. A. Hancock, Bob Albritton and B. F. Pope of Miles, and A. Rosalie of Concho county, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

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J. L. Atwell and W. W. Cummings, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

**Fair Warning.**  
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A. J. VOELKEL.

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Judge J. H. Baugh left Thursday afternoon for Snyder to look after legal business for a few days.

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The world gets what it demands. For many years past the American public has demanded a soft drink that is pure, that is harmless, and that does more than merely please the taste and quench the thirst. These are essential requirements of a beverage suited to universal use, but practical and progressive Americans have demanded the additional elements of tonic properties and nutritive qualities. We have labored for years to meet the public's demand for such a product and proudly make the announcement that twentieth century scientific methods have triumphed in the culmination of our Refreshing, Pure, Healthful and Nutritious Soft Drink, now ready for the market.

## Rich Reward for a Name

Authors have boasted that their literary productions have been sold "by the word," some claiming to have received \$1 to \$2, and in rare instances \$5 per word; but none have reaped the rich reward of \$100 for a single word, which is the prize we are offering for a suitable name that can appropriately be used for our new beverage. The contest is open to all Texans—men, women and children. Every person is limited to five (5) names, and all suggestions must reach our office, addressed to the "Contest Manager," not later than February 5. If several persons should suggest the same name that is accepted as prize winner, the prize will be equally divided between the successful contestants. The name accepted and the name of the prize winner will be announced in this paper. We want our friends to assist in naming the drink that is to become the favorite beverage of discriminating Texans.

## Description of Drink

Our drink is a beverage for the entire family. It is not simply a flavored water charged with carbonic gas, nor is it merely a syrup compound. It is void of malt, but is rich in carefully selected food cereals, which, through the processes of manufacture, become the equivalent of pre-digested food. It is a brewed product, resembling in color and in taste beer, and therefore might aptly be called "a cereal beer." A generous quantity of lactic acid and albumen is contained in the drink—the former is the active food-assimilating agent in buttermilk, while the latter is the food product of the egg. Pure artesian water, boiled and sterilized, is used exclusively in the manufacture of the beverage, and we guarantee it to be scientifically and chemically pure. The color of the drink is amber and upon being poured into a glass it effervesces much the same as ordinary beer or soft drinks. The use of selected hops, through the "lupulin," which the hops contain, gives to the drink an exquisite twang and imparts the vitalizing tonic property in which the beverage abounds. The beverage will be sold in bottles sealed at the brewery, guaranteeing perfect purity.

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## Defense Rests In Spanell Case

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saw Mrs. Spanell there in the door.

"I know I grabbed her and called 'Crystal speak to me.' And she was all right."

As if rambling, Spanell continued: "And baby was waiting for us to come."

"She was all right and I thought she had fainted and I thought Butler had killed her. I knew there was something the matter."

"There was no answer. I grabbed her and tried to get her out of the car. I couldn't move her, and I put the pistol up to my own head and thought I would kill myself. Then baby came up before me and seemed to say:

"Don't dady, I'm waiting for you, and something pulled my arm down and I started away. I called for help."

Gripping his hands convulsively, defendant reeled in his chair and sobbed:

"Crystal, I was going to jail; I remember meeting somebody and telling him to get a doctor. 'For God's sake, get a doctor,' and then I remember being in jail. I didn't remember anything else. I've been dead ever since."

Asby Tillery of Coneho and L. S. Eason of Wingate, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

## THE WHATCHAMA COLUMN

### Laundries

(By George Martin)

A man in Mexico, the Department of Commerce bulletin, "is desirous of purchasing machinery for a small laundry." What anybody wants with a laundry in Mexico is more than we can understand, but since it is so we append a partial list of things he should get:

Above all, he must have a button smashing machine, any laundry worthy of the name lets no guilty button escape.

Then he will need a collar ripper and cuff frayer. This indispensable little contrivance will utterly demoralize the strongest shirt that was ever built.

Next, a clothes mixer. In these days of pre-digested food and vest-pocket bungalows by mail, every man expects his laundry ready mixed. He's sore if you send him the same colored pajamas two weeks in succession.

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H. L. WENDORF.  
1-dwtf The Busy Shop.

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Robert Stephenson, of Brownwood, came in Thursday night to visit Ballinger friends a few days.



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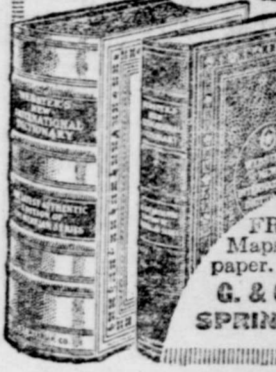
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Following Mr. Walthall's great success in "The Birth of a Nation," and "The Raven," the new Essanay picture is sure to draw a big crowd of pictureplay enthusiasts.

Some of the most expensive scenery is used in "The Misleading Lady," as well as many high-priced Lucille gowns being worn by Miss Mayo. Arthur Berthelet who directed this twin of talent in "The Strange Case of Mary Page," was spared no cash in the production, and the result is a brilliant screen offering. Paul Dickey and Charles W. Goddard two foremost American playwrights created the play which enjoyed long runs in all engagements.

"Unto Those Who Sin," a Seig Red Seal Play, comes the following Tuesday, with Miss Fritzie Brunette in the leading part.

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