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GERMAN RAIDER IS DESTROYED

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 13.—Rio Janiro dispatches received here declares that British cruisers sank a German raider, the Vineta and a German submarine. The Vineta is the raider which is credited with destroying so many vessels off the Brazilian coast on December 28th. The report says that one British cruiser was badly damaged. It is also reported here that the naval battle off the Brazilian coast was thick for several days. The latest versions of the sea fighting received here says that the cruisers Glasgow and Amethyst were both engaged in the battle and that the latter was badly damaged.

BRITISH CAPTURE URUGUAY CRUISER

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 13.—The Buenos Aires Standard this morning printed an unconfirmed report that British cruisers had seized the Uruguayan, a Uruguayan cruiser off the Brazilian coast and towed it to Falklands. It is alleged that the Uruguayan was sending wireless messages to German ships. The vessel is a fourteen hundred ton vessel and was built in nineteen and ten. The main battery consist of two four point sevens.

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DEMANDS RELEASE OF AMERICANS

(By Carl D. Groat.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—It was reliably stated this morning that demands for the release of American prisoners of the steamer Yarrowdale would be sent to Germany. With the demand will go an explanation from the United States that this government is not seizing German ships now interned in American harbors, nor holding their crews, and is interested only in seeing that the ships are not sunk and American harbors obstructed.

Germany's tactics towards Ambassador Gerard and other Americans has aroused the administration officials and official information received to the effect that the Yarrowdale prisoners have again been detained is serving to increase feeling against Germany.

BANK CLOSED FOR FUNERAL

On account of the funeral of Charley Noyes which was held at Melvin today, the First National Bank of this city was closed. The father of the young man killed by his horse falling on him, is one of the directors of the First National Bank, and several members of the board, as well as several other citizens went to Melvin today to attend the funeral.

Fire Boys Get Check for \$25

The Ballinger Volunteer Fire company is in receipt of a check from Mrs. J. H. Kipp for \$25.00 in appreciation of the fire boys' efforts recently to save her home from destruction. This is indeed a very liberal donation, and the boys are very thankful. The only way the fire company has to raise money for needful expenditures is by public subscription or by voluntary donation.

Fire Chief Dunn stated today that the company would soon purchase a desk and chairs for their own use, and will occupy a part of the new city hall, holding their meetings and entertaining visitors there. Heretofore, furniture and equipment belonging to the city has been used by the fire company, but this arrangement has been unsatisfactory.

MYSTERIOUS BANK ROBBERY LAST NIGHT

WINNSBORO, La., Feb. 13.—The directors of the Franklin State Bank, have ordered a rigid investigation into the mysterious thirty thousand dollar robbery of this bank last night. According to Sam Hetherwick, vice-president, the bank was entered while he was talking with District Judge Holtein. The robbers forced the two men into the vault and escaped with the thirty thousand dollars in cash. Later the two men claim they escaped from the vault by removing the lock from the inside. No one else saw the robbery, and the officers have no further clue.

JUDGE DOSS RETURNS FROM AUSTIN

Judge A. K. Doss is at home from Austin, where he went to confer with the attorney general's department with reference to straightening out the tangle in the tick circulation law. He secured a ruling that will put the law into effect in this county again as soon as the ruling is completed. Judge Doss visited the lawmakers while in the capitol and incidentally did a little lobbying for one of two of his favorite measures that are now pending before the legislature.

Weather Forecast.
Tonight generally cloudy, local rains, and warmer except in north west portion; Wednesday unsettled, local rains and colder.

QUEEN FORCED TO RAISE ADMISSIONS

Believing that the people of Ballinger want quality above all, and that their tastes and preferences are as high as that of any American city, we are making this important announcement to theatre goers and the public in general. After Monday, Feb. 19th The Queen will be forced to advance regular admission tickets from ten cents to fifteen cents for adults. Saturday afternoon matinee prices will remain ten cents; and all children will be admitted for ten cents any night or day at regular program.

The Queen has always tried to give you a good show for your money, and we will make more strenuous efforts than even to do this in the future—but higher costs in every business is also having a still greater effect on motion pictures. Films now cost more than twice as much as formerly, and more costly productions just now seem to be the only features the public will look at. Producers and distributors tell us that raw stock is costing them from 30 to 500 percent more than in 1914. Stars are demanding larger salaries, as well as all actors in the profession. Stories and plays are being bid for by manufacturers at top prices, and most any kind of a five-reel picture costs from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for author's rights alone. Every exchange in the United States insists on a 1-3 guarantee deposit in advance, on all programs—and more to the point, programs cost more than they did even six months ago.

Let us state that it will be our policy to reduce prices to the Queen, just as soon as we can buy good pictures reasonably cheap, or as soon as the public demands lower grade films. Photoplay houses in San Angelo, Brownwood, Abilene, and elsewhere are running on higher schedules, and we are compelled to follow their examples. At the same time we will offer you K-E-S-E features on each Tuesday of the week, a Francis X. Bushman serial on Wednesdays, a Vitagraph feature Thursdays, a Bluebird on Fridays, and a big variety General program on Saturdays. In addition the Queen will shortly install a new big, \$5,000 sweet-toned Hope-Jones orchestra—the only instrument of its kind in Central West Texas. **QUEEN THEATRE.** 5-6td

Will Whip Allies Before the United States Can Interfere

OPEN PORTS TO ALLIED WAR SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Saulsbury offered a resolution in the senate this afternoon which calls for the United States to throw down all neutrality bars and open all United States ports to allied warships. Senator Saulsbury said this would enable the American government without declaration of war to assist in preventing the violations of rights to the high seas and would give assistance to those engaged in combating these violations. It is understood that the resolution meets with the complete approval of President Wilson, and will be adopted in the senate.

SOLDIER KILLED; NO PARTICULARS

San Antonio, Feb. 13.—Private Steele, of Taylor, Texas, member of the Third Texas Infantry, was killed at Springs Monday. The report was brought to headquarters here today, but particulars are withheld.

GERARD TO STOP IN PARIS.

BERNE, Feb. 13.—Ambassador Gerard and his immediate party will leave here Thursday going to Paris, where they will remain until time comes to make connection with the Spanish liner which leaves Barcelona some time after the 20th of February.

NO PRIZE FIGHTING IN TEXAS

Austin, Feb. 13.—The house "snowed" the Beard bill under his morning. The bill as introduced permitted ten round boxing matches in cities of twenty-five thousand population or more.

THREE AMERICANS ON SUBMARINED SHIP

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Three Americans were included in the crew of the steamer Saxonia which was submarined on Feb. 15th. One of the number was seriously injured.

WHITE STAR LINER SUNK.

London, Feb. 13.—The Africa, a White Star liner steamer, with a capacity of twelve thousand tons, was submarined today.

DR. G. A. ZACHERY ENDS HIS LIFE

News was received in Ballinger Monday of the death of Dr. G. A. Zachery, of Crews. Dr. Zachery took an overdose of chloroform between ten and twelve o'clock Sunday morning and died from the effects of the medicine. Justice of the Peace Tally, of Crews, held an inquest and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The funeral was held Monday and the remains laid to rest in the Crews cemetery.

Dr. Zachery had been a citizen of this county for perhaps fifteen years. He located at Rowena where he practiced for some time, later moving to Crews. For some time he had been in bad health and was carried to the asylum where he was given temporary relief.

Mrs. Zachery is a teacher in the Crews school. Besides her two children survive. They have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

WAR SHIPS TO PROTECT SHIPPING

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—It was announced today in shipping circles that England was perfecting arrangements to establish a lane of warships from American to British ports to guard merchantmen now in service carrying supplies to the allies. The warships will keep in constant touch with each other by wireless.

AMENDMENT TO MILITARY BILL

Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Borah offered an amendment to the universal military bill today. The amendment proposes the repeal of the present National guard law.

CONVICT LABOR ON COURT HOUSE PARK.

A negro was given a fine of \$100 and cost for adultery and a Mexican drew the same penalty for carrying a six-shooter at the February term of county court last week. Neither of the parties had the cash to settle with the law, and they have been given employment on the court house park and under the direction of Mr. Haden are making ugly places pretty. They draw fifty cents per day for their labor, and the fifty cents applies on the fine. At this rate they will be on the job 250 days, or thereabouts, and the county will find their services more profitable than laying out the fines in jail. This is as it should be, and if the same plan was adopted for working convicts on the public roads in this county, the county would find it worth while.

By Carl J. Ackermann

BERNE, Feb. 13.—The German public and German officials do not believe that the entrance of America into the war will have the slightest effect on the outcome of the fighting between the central power and the allies. Hindenburg believes that the preparations now underway will win the war for Germany before America could enter.

When Ambassador Gerard left Berlin orders were issued by the German government cancelling all vacations for German army officers and men during the month of February. Such move developed with the information that Hindenburg was waiting for the opportune moment for great final effort. Germans believe that the moment for victory is at hand. They hold that they have achieved this success because of the great success attending the unlimited submarining and the shortage of French supplies and lack of coal in France.

German officials have been assured by German-Americans in the United States that President Wilson will not declare war on Germany through fear of a German-American uprising.

It was determined early in November that the unlimited submarine warfare would be carried on when the Socialists warned the German Kaiser that they would start a militant move for peace unless the Kaiser started negotiations.

Conservative land owners controlling the food supplies and industrial leaders controlling the munition plants told the German government that the only way to end the war was through unlimited submarining and complete blockade of allied ports.

Mrs. E. J. Harrell, of Pilot Point is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mangrum and sister, Mrs. A. H. Hill.

Spring Style Tendencies

By

Miss Kathrine Hancock

Designer For

The House of Higginbotham

The new Millinery for Spring presents many interesting style phases. Radically different tendencies are in evidence, inspired by the varying fashion currents in the stream of garment fashions. One of the most potent of these influences, the vogue for sport apparel, is manifested in the unusually large showing of hats which are more or less of the sport character.

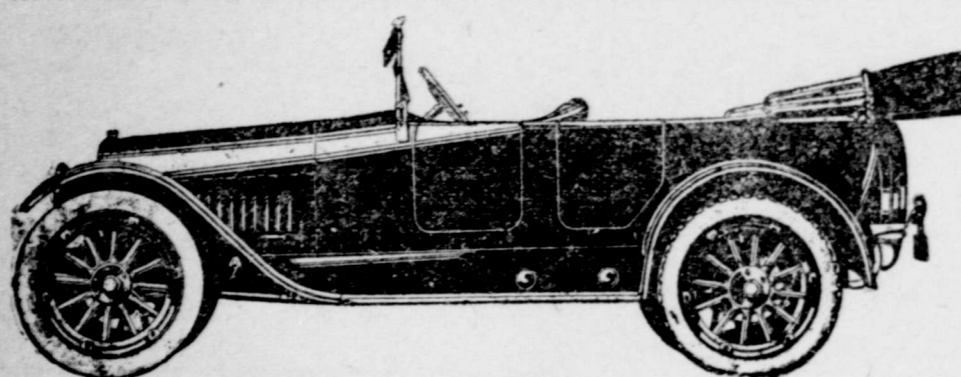
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WILLING TO GIVE UP ONE-HALF.

The legislature on second reading changed the Highway Bill so that one-half instead of one-third the registration fees imposed on autos by the bill, would be retained in the county where it was paid. The other one-half will go to the highway association. This bill has not passed as amended. This will meet with the approval of the local people a great deal more than one-third as the original bill called for and as was outlined by the Texas Good Roads Association, and the auto driver who appreciates good roads will not object to paying a reasonable fee to help maintain good roads when he is assured that he can see the direct benefit of the money. The Texas Good Roads Association is doing a good work, but the people in each county will object to sending two-thirds of the amount to be raised by taxing

autos to the association. The money is needed worse at home.

Leave your package at the Brooks auto station. We carry express, and deliver it to any part of the city. 12-1fd

INVESTED IN OIL FIELDS.

G. G. Odum returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sunday, where he with a number of other local capitalist invested heavily in a new oil field near that place. They anticipate a rich field and are enthusiastic over the investment just made.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Moore left Monday at noon for San Angelo, where Mr. Moore has accepted a position and will make home for awhile.

You Should Feel 100 Percent Today.

You cannot meet the day's work cheerfully feeling bilious. Dull headache, coated tongue, bad breath are signs that indicate your liver is overworked or loafing. In either case you need Po-D-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po-D-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all druggists, 50c.



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 to Dr. E. W. Hall, 238 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. c

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Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day. M. C. S.

Booze Last Night; Dancing Tonight

Speaking on the evils of the liquor business last night Evangelist Friar pictured the great destruction and suffering brought upon mankind as a result of the booze business in America. The speaker had previously announced that he would discuss the liquor question, and many turned out to hear him. The evangelist spoke in part as follows, after reading for his text Luke 13: 6-9:

"When this nation was still in its swaddling clothes a debt of something like two billion five hundred million dollars was left as a result of the Revolutionary War. To raise this fund it was agreed that a tax should be levied upon the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Many opposed this war tax on liquor and a national rupture seemed inevitable; but the tax was finally voted by our representatives, who agreed to farm out the homes of this nation to the whiskey interests for a certain sum of money, telling us that the investment was wise and, in the end profitable. The people of this nation have ever been willing to trust and confide in their leaders until their wisdom distates otherwise. For one and a quarter centuries that the liquor interests of this nation have been on trial, they have promised to pay the war debt. They have miserably failed, for at the end of this century and a quarter the debt remains unpaid; and for that reason the national cry is now as never before: Cut it down!

"To understand the liquor business, we must understand, first, that it is a co-operative concern. We are prone to discuss the saloon as a building with a bar, a bar-tender and a stock of goods; but the fact of the business is the saloon-keeper is only the voice of the tree whose fruit is the drunkard, whose roots, the ballot and whose life, strength and vitality are derived through the ballot from the soil, which is the American home. For this reason, I say that this nation has been farmed out to the whiskey interests, producing a crop for this business, or tree, constantly draining the country of wealth and energy, resulting in dire poverty.

"The champion of democracy, Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, said of democracy that it is the doctrine of love. We are told it guarantees equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

"When you license an institution that claims it has a right to debauch, wreck, ruin, rob and murder, to rub out the star of hope in man's sky, take the clothes from his back, rob the orphan, break the heart of motherhood, scatter wretchedness, poverty and discontent in its wake against the will, the cry and the prayer of thousands of our best mothers in the land and even against the wail of the drunkard himself, it is undemocratic, unprincipled and wicked. In prohibition, we befriend the helpless and interfere with no man's liberty, for liberty, when it means license to harm, is not liberty, and dash the cup of poison from our fallen brother's lips, save the saloon man from a business that God says will damn his soul and curse his home."

Continuing the evangelist told of the many murderers laid at the door of the saloon, and called to the minds of his hearers tragedies where innocent people had been made to suffer as the result of booze. He also charged the saloon with being a robber, and how millions of dollars went for booze that should be spent for the comforts of life and for the relief of hunger and suffering.

The evangelist announced that he would preach on dancing tonight, selecting for his subject, "The Dance to Death," or "Truth with the Bark off."

WHEN MARRIAGE IS A FAILURE

Surely marriage is a failure when its essential purpose, the raising of a family of children, proves impossible. In the childless home the married pair, though sometimes more or less unconscious of the fact, grow disappointed and lonely. Lacking the best tie to hold them together they are likely to drift apart, hence many separations and divorces.

If every wife, whose physical state prevents motherhood, would but try that great remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, there would be far fewer childless homes.

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THE sturdy principles and sound common sense of Abraham Lincoln stood our country in good stead during the grave crises of his day—nothing could swerve him from what he considered his loyal duty to "all the people, all the time."

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank believes in loyalty to its depositors all the time—not a few favored ones with large and active accounts, but to large and small alike. This good business principle has kept the old and added new depositors steadily since the bank was founded. It is the basis on which it solicits checking accounts.



J. B. Porterfield, Lon Mapes, and Marshall Whitt, of the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Charlie Waldrip of the Crews country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and ordered The Banner-Ledger to the address of Mrs. Pearl Clark.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

When you are going to Winters wait for the big Studebaker at the Auto Station next door to Schawe grocery store. 12-1fd

G. H. Sturm left Monday at noon for Rowena, where he is finishing up some carpenter work.

BALLINGER SCHOOL TO RUN FULL TERM

At a recent meeting of the school board, the check up was made on finances it was determined that the present term would continue for the full nine months, provided the full state apportionment was paid. The apportionment amounts to seven dollars per capita this year, and six dollars of this amount has been paid and ordered paid, and the other one dollar will come in, it is believed. The superintendent's report shows that the work is progressing nicely, and only an unusual large number of cases of measles are hindering in the work, and this trouble will soon be out of the way. A proposition made by the ladies of the Shakespeare Club and the Civic League to plant out trees at West Ward met with a unanimous approval, the school to take care of the trees after they are planted.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

CLOSING HOURS FOR BARBER SHOPS.

In keeping with the other lines of business and trades in Ballinger, we the undersigned barbers will observe the 6:30 closing hour, beginning February 19th. Our shops will be closed at this hour each evening, except on Saturday evenings. Open at 7:00 a. m. THE IDEAL BARBER SHOP BALLINGER BARBER SHOP BANK BARBER SHOP H. J. LIVINGSTON H. O. RHODES. 12-d6t-w1t-pd.

ATTENDED CHARLEY NOYES FUNERAL.

Among the number from this place who attended the funeral of Charley Noyes at Melvin, Tuesday, were: Paul Trimmer, A. K. Doss, J. H. Baugh, H. L. Wendorf, E. C. Allison and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. John Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. George Holman, J. J. Erwin, C. A. Doose and L. P. Wood.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly, if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

C. A. Freeze had a narrow escape Saturday from a serious accident when his ear turned over, but fortunately no one was hurt and the ear was only slightly damaged.

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 FOR RENT—Good four room house. See M. C. Lagrone at old Cash Grocery Store stand. 12-3td.

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LOST.
 LOST—Ingersol Junior watch, Saturday. Small auto tire as fob. Finder phone 38. 12-2td

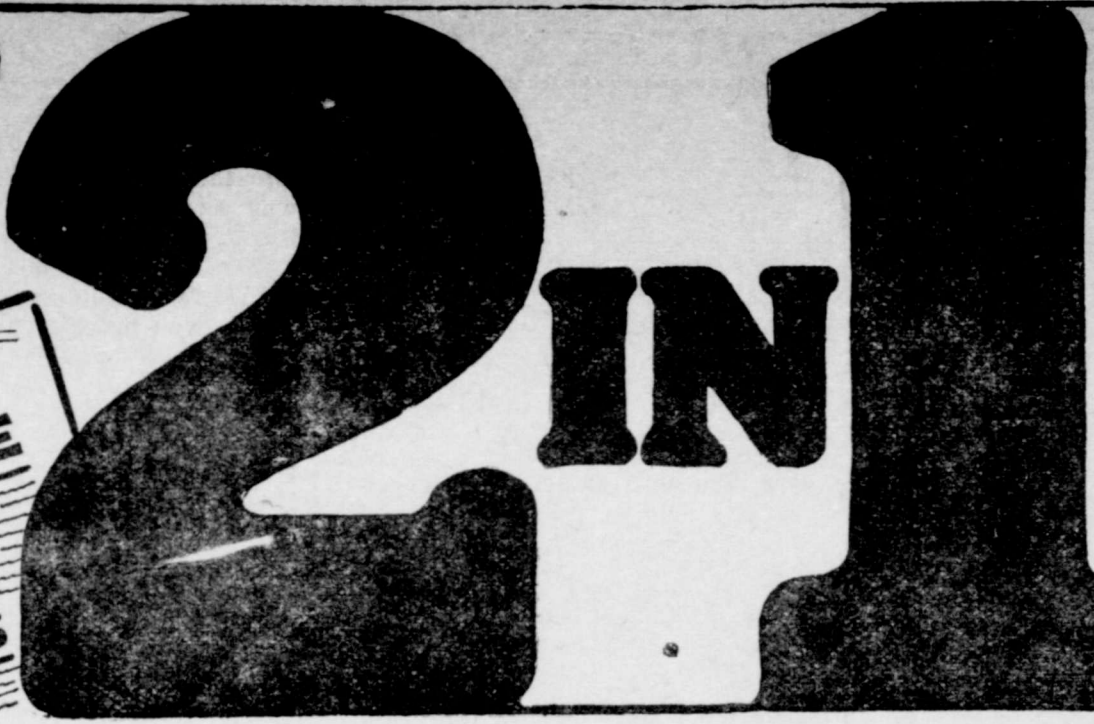
TRESPASS NOTICES
 POSTED—My place located 16 miles above Ballinger south of the river, known as the Blocker ranch, is posted. I will prosecute anyone hauling wood, hunting, camping and fishing. G. B. NIXON. 3mo-d&w-pd

M. C. Cobb of San Angelo, was greeting friends and looking after business interests her for his company Tuesday.

Chamberlain's Tablets
 These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion, or constipation they will do you good.

C. R. Crews returned home Monday morning from San Angelo where he had been to attend the Seville meeting Sunday.

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33RD DEGREE TEAM TO EXEMPLIFY MASONRY

What our local Masons think of the coming to Ballinger Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the 33rd Degree Team means to the Masons of the District.
 Every true lover of the Ancient Craft of Masonry should make it a point to be present on the 20th of this month when Ballinger Lodge 643, will hold open house for members of the fraternity in the district. The brethren who are to exemplify the work hold high positions of honor in the order and are men of affairs in the business world. This is a labor of love with them and for the good that they can do. —J. McGregor.
 "Every Mason in this district should avail himself of the opportunity to see and hear Masonry exemplified by men of national reputation in the fraternity."
 —Wiley Barbee.

Every Mason in this district who possibly can should take advantage of this opportunity to see the work exemplified in perfectness. I feel assured that every person in Ballinger regardless of lodge affiliations will be glad to welcome these distinguished visitors.
 —Paul Trimmier.
 The coming to our city of the Honorable Sam P. Cochran of Dallas with the rest of the staff of 33rd Degree Masons for the purpose of putting on work in the Master's Degree in our lodge is certainly a compliment to our city and speaks well for the men at the head of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge.
 —J. Y. Pearce.

The 20th of February will be an occasion the memories of which will linger long in the minds and hearts of every true Mason.
 —A. J. Thorp.
 The coming of the party of 33rd Degree Masons will be the big event in the history of Ballinger. Never before has it been Ballinger's privilege to have in her midst so many distinguished men. Every one in the party is a prominent and successful business man of Dallas. Knowing these men personally as I do you cannot but become broader, more tolerant, and charitable after coming in contact with them.
 —W. B. Halley.
 I wish to say to every member of the Masonic fraternity in the dis-

trict that a positive intellectual treat will be enjoyed by all fortunate enough to be guests of Ballinger Lodge on Feb. 20th. It was my pleasure to enjoy their most effective and complete exemplification of the work when at Abilene. And no Mason can listen to them without a revival of his regards for the great institution of ours. This is indeed a privilege that should not be likely missed by any Mason.
 —Robt. McGregor.

These visitors are men of big activities, broad visions and nationwide experience in life and in Masonry. Their high stations are due to their true and tried convictions and their proven ability in things worth while. Coming into close touch with such men cannot fail to inspire, elevate and encourage us, both as individuals and lodges, to better living, higher ideals and greater efforts to reflect in our lives the teachings of true Masonry.
 —J. H. Baugh.

I was at Abilene in October and witnessed the 33rd Degree Team from Dallas, headed by Brother Sam P. Cochran exemplify the work in the Masters Degree. It was done simply and perfectly. Brother Mike S. Thomas, 33rd Hon. made one of the greatest speeches on "Men as Masons" that it was ever my privilege to hear.
 —A. B. Legate.

The coming of the distinguished Masons to Ballinger means much to the members of the craft in this district. I am sure that every member after witnessing the impressive and dignified manner in which the degrees are conferred and listening to the interesting talks made by these brothers will have a higher idea of Masonry and what it means to be a member of this ancient order.
 —Audice Reese.

Every Mason should be proud to have the pleasure of being present at the meeting Feb. 20, to see the work properly put on by men who are thoroughly competent.
 —J. Whit Patterson.

I think the visit of the distinguished 33rd Degree Masons will be for the betterment of Masonry in this section of the state far greater than any event heretofore.
 —Arehie Crews.

It means more to the Ballinger Lodge to have the 33rd Degree Team to be with them and exemplify the work than it would be to the Democracy of the county to have Woodrow Wilson make a speech in our city.
 —Walter Tally.

It will be an opportunity of a life time for the members here as this section of the state has never before had the chance to hear such a illustrious Masons as we will have present with us on Feb. 20th.
 —W. R. Bogle.

Would like to say to my Masonic friends in Rannels county and adjoining territory should you fail to meet with us on the 20th of February you will miss the opportunity of your life to see the work exemplified in Masonry by the distinguished and illustrious Brother Sam P. Cochran and his team.
 —Ed Walker.

The introduction of new blood has always been beneficial. The coming of our brother Masons who have proven there work both personally and in our work can only bring us lasting results and redound to our benefit as individuals and as a lodge. Too much cannot be said for our brothers who leave their work in business to assist us in carrying on our work and upholding our ideals of the order.
 —H. M. Josey.

The gathering of so many prominent Masons at a subordinate lodge is a rare occurrence. Every Mason should take advantage of this opportunity and be present. I have been a Mason 45 years and recede this meeting which we will have on Feb. 20th the grandest affair in my Masonic life. I hope to see all the Pioneer Masons of Rannels County present on that occasion and hope Brother Joe Routh who is temporarily out of

town will be able to meet with his old friends and brothers on that occasion.
 Judge W. H. Weeks. The gathering of the distinguished Masons and business men will be a great event for Masons in this section. —O. L. Parish.

Stop That Cough
 A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Believe that cold at once Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist. 50c.

COURT CERTIFIES OF TICK ELECTION

At the regular November term, 1915, to-wit, the 8th day of November, 1915, came on to be considered the returns of an election held the 9th day of October, 1915, in and for this entire county to determine whether or not this county shall take up the work of tick eradication in this county, and it appearing to the court that said election was in all respects legally held and that said returns were duly and legally made and that there were at said election 594 votes, of which number there were cast for Tick Eradication in Rannels County 397 votes, and against Tick Eradication in Rannels County 197 votes and it appearing to the court from said returns that a majority of the qualified voters of said county voting at said election voted in favor of Tick Eradication in Rannels County, the court does hereby declare and certify the election to have carried in favor of Tick Eradication in Rannels County, under the direction of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of the State of Texas. It is further ordered by the court that the County Judge be and he is hereby instructed and authorized to publish the results of said election in newspapers published in said County.

The State of Texas, County of Rannels, I, W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain order made and entered by the Commissioners' Court of Rannels County, Texas, at their regular November Term, 1916, as shown in the Minutes of said Court, in volume 5, pages 516 and 517.

Given under my hand seal this 13th day of Feb. 1917.
 (Seal) W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court and ex-officio clerk Commissioners' Court in and for Rannels County, Texas.

Certificate Of Election Order.
 Whereas, on heretofore the 8th day of November, A. D., 1915, at a regular term of this court, an order was made and entered carrying the returns of an election held in said County on the 9th day of October, 1915, to determine whether or not the work of tick eradication should be taken up in said county under the direction of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and certifying the result of said election. And whereas, said Court did order publication of same to be made, and such publication was defectively made, Now, therefore, it is ordered by the Commissioners' Court in regular session assembled that publication of same be made in a newspaper published in said Rannels County, in accordance with law.

County of Rannels. I, W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court in and for said Rannels and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain order made and entered by the Commissioners' Court of Rannels County, Texas, at their regular February Term, 1917, as shown in the Minutes of said Court, in volume 6, page 102.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of Feb. 1917.
 (Seal) W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court and ex-officio Clerk Commissioners' Court in and for Rannels County, Texas. 13-1tdltw.

CASTORIA
 For Infants and Children
 In Use For Over 30 Years
 Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Johnston*

E. A. Jeanes, of the Jeanes Produce Co., left Monday morning for Waco, where he will attend the State Butter and Egg Shipping Association meeting and will go on to South Texas in the interest of his company for a few days.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
 THE DIAMOND BRAND.
 Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

M. C. Taylor came in from San Angelo Monday morning to look after business matters in our city and this section a day or two.

LADIES' CAPUDINE
 TAKE FOR ACHE AND PAINS RELIEVES THE NERVOUSNESS ALSO IT'S LIQUID - NOT NARCOTIC

Ira Thurman left Monday morning for Santa Anna on a short business trip and visit to his brother.

Our waiting station is ready for you. Catch the car here or leave your packages. W. E. Brooks, next door to Schawe's grocery store. 12-tfd

We handle the famous Diamond brand Peters shoes, guaranteed leather throughout. Try a pair and be convinced. M. C. Lagrone. 8-6td-1tw.

Miss Anna Jean Sharp returned home Monday at noon from a visit to friends at Austin and enjoyed grand opera while in that city last week.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

BALLINGER THE CHAMPION
 Ballinger basket ball boys enjoyed another successful victory, which they won over Winters Friday. Considering the fact that the two teams competed for the championship of this district, shows an increased interest for the boys, which they showed after they came from Winters, by giving a shirt-tail parade over the town. Winters started like winners, but as the race neared its goal they looked like contenders—and this they were. The officials claimed that it was a clean, sportsman like game. The score was 30-20.

\$100 Reward \$100
 The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Passengers called for and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 63 or 135. 12-tfd

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

OPPORTUNITY

A most frequent visitor and most exacting guest. You will often see the time when Opportunity Looms Big with possibilities. Will you be able to meet the exactions? A bank account started now will help.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
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Walker Drug Company
 Phones 12 and 13

SPRING'S COMING

You will need lumber for making improvements around your home. When you think of building and painting think of

Ballinger Lumber Company

A PRETTY FACE is the result of a healthy physical condition. Beauty is but skin deep, yet it greatly depends on a clear complexion, free from wrinkles and hollow cheeks.

Health always brings wealth of beauty. A healthy state of the system comes with Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It's a medicine prepared for woman's ailments—it cures those derangements and weaknesses which make woman's life miserable.

Mrs. MATTIE HALLEMAN (daughter of Mr. J. C. Paris), 610 E. Richard St., Sherman, Tex., says: "I write this in the hope that it will assist some poor sufferer. I took 'Favorite Prescription' when I was just entering womanhood. Can say it relieved me of suffering and built up my system in general."

Mrs. FANNY FAUBER, of 200 West 12th Avenue, Corsicana, Texas, says: "I certainly can praise Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the good it did me when I was a girl just drifting into maturity. I certainly will recommend 'Favorite Prescription'."

Bevie DeMerville returned home Monday afternoon from a trip to points west.

Read and Heed
Early to bed and early to rise;
Mind your own business and tell no lies,
Don't get drunk and spoil your eyes,
Pay your honest debts and economize.

Boots and shoes of any size,
Repaired and mended otherwise.
THE BUSY SHOE SHOP.
tdw H. L. Wendorf.

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We have a fine line of **SAFETY RAZORS** and extra blades for the different kinds manufactured. A fine line of **LATHER BRUSHES, STRAPS, MUGS and SOAP.**

We are making a special drive on a Dandygood **SAFETY RAZOR** at only **15c**

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Have You Accounts On Your Books Uncollected?

If so, our business is to collect those accounts. We want your collections whether good or bad and will be glad to have you call on us for information regarding accounts any time.

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WALTHALL TONIGHT IN A SCREEN PLAY

Everyone knows Henry Walthall, and most everyone now calls him "little Colonel." Tonight Walthall is presented at the Queen in a new Southern war play, "The Sting of Victory," an Essanay five-part drama. Adequate support is given Mr. Walthall by Miss Antoniette Walker, the noted Belasco star, who can be seen almost any night on Broadway.

"The Sting of Victory" gives Walthall an altogether different vehicle from that he has been seen in lately, yet it is a typical Walthall story with plenty of opportunities for emotional work. An extensive cast of Essanay players lend brilliant aid to the leading roles. Since "The Raven," "The Misleading Lady," and "The Birth of a Nation," Henry B. Walthall has been steadily increasing in popular favor until no one who is conceded and acclaimed as "the world's greatest picture star," many terming him "the Mansfield of the screen."

Thursday night "The Libertine," the story of the downfall of an innocent girl, with John Mason and Alma Hanlon leading, will be shown at the Queen. It is the first of the Selznick super-features to be shown here and will be followed by "War Brides," and "The Common Law."

Next Tuesday, what has been claimed is the most marvelous "Western" drama ever produced, "The Country that God Forgot," will be shown at the Queen. Geo. Fawcett, stage celebrity, is supported in this feature by an all-star Selznick cast including Bessie Eyton, Tom Mix, the daredevil cowboy star, Victoria Forde, Tom Santschi, and Frank Campeau. Colin Campbell, who directed "The Ne'er Do Well," also produced "The Country that God Forgot."

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.

The Great Secret

Novelized from the Metro Wonderplay Serial of the Same Name, in Which Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne Are Co-Stars

By J. M. LOUGHBOROUGH.
Author of the Novelization of Clyde Fitch's Play, "Her Sister," "His Back-door Romance," and other short stories

What Has Gone Before.
The Secret Seven is a band of brainy conspirators ruled by a supercriminal known as The Great Master. Thomas Clarke, one of their number, who is a multimillionaire, falls ill, becomes conscience stricken and decides to leave his wealth to his niece, Beverly Clarke, although he has pledged himself to give the money to The Secret Seven. Dr. Zulph, another member of the band, plots to kill Clarke so as to gain possession of a casket filled with talented treasure. Beverly is kidnaped while on her way to see her uncle, and William Montgomery Strong, a young clubman, rescues her. The girl goes to Strong's house to tell him of another plot against



"SAHIB PROMISE NOT TO FIGHT, I UNDO HANDCUFFS."

her and there is seized by gangsters and put into a clothes closet, where Strong, his fiancée, Eunice Morton, and her mother find Beverly. Mrs. Morton and her daughter leave the place believing they have uncovered a scandal. Then the gangsters, who are seeking the casket of talented treasure, overpower Strong after a desperate fight.

CHAPTER III. THE HIDDEN HAND.

Without waiting to learn whether they had killed Strong or only stunned him the four hirelings carried him outside and threw him into a waiting automobile. Two of them were ordered to return to the apartment and make a search for the casket, while the others started toward the headquarters of The Secret Seven with their victim. Strong's Chinese servant knew something momentous had happened, but his Oriental brain could not comprehend what it was all about. He took the casket out of the safe, transferred its contents to a box in his master's room, slipped a single piece of paper into it and put the mahogany treasure receptacle back in the safe just as the returning thugs crawled through a window.

Wee See heard them and hid. He saw them go to the safe and force it open. One of the men, a character known in the underworld as "Chug," peered into the dark recesses of the safe and saw something that put a strange light into his large, dull eyes. He seized the box, while the other things brazenly went to the telephone, called up the headquarters of The Secret Seven, got Zulph on the wire and reported success.

"Take it to my own rooms and wait until I arrive there," ordered the crafty physician, who went before The Great Master.

"Here's a fine game," he said. "The casket is found in William Strong's apartment. Strong is looking for trouble. I am going to fix him so he will never bother us again."

"Better go easy," counseled The Great Master. "Desperate move with him might endanger our own interests. We can't afford to harm the young man. It is true that he is crossing our path, but oftentimes it is better to temporize. Strong may be a peril!"

"That," interrupted Zulph, "is why I want to put him out of the way—so he can't be a peril. He is here in this building now. He came unconscious. He will never leave. You know I am a good physician, and you know my method of annihilation."

"Sut your own interest," said The Great Master in a tone that seemed weighted with weariness. But Zulph no sooner had left the supercriminal than he suddenly became intensely active. He rang a bell. Hadji Mahal entered the room. The Great Master put a warning finger to his lips and beckoned the servant toward him.

"Hadji Mahal," he whispered in Hindustani, "you were with me in India. You always obey and ask not why. You take the gentleman downstairs who is in the cell and get rid of him—alive. Do not harm him."

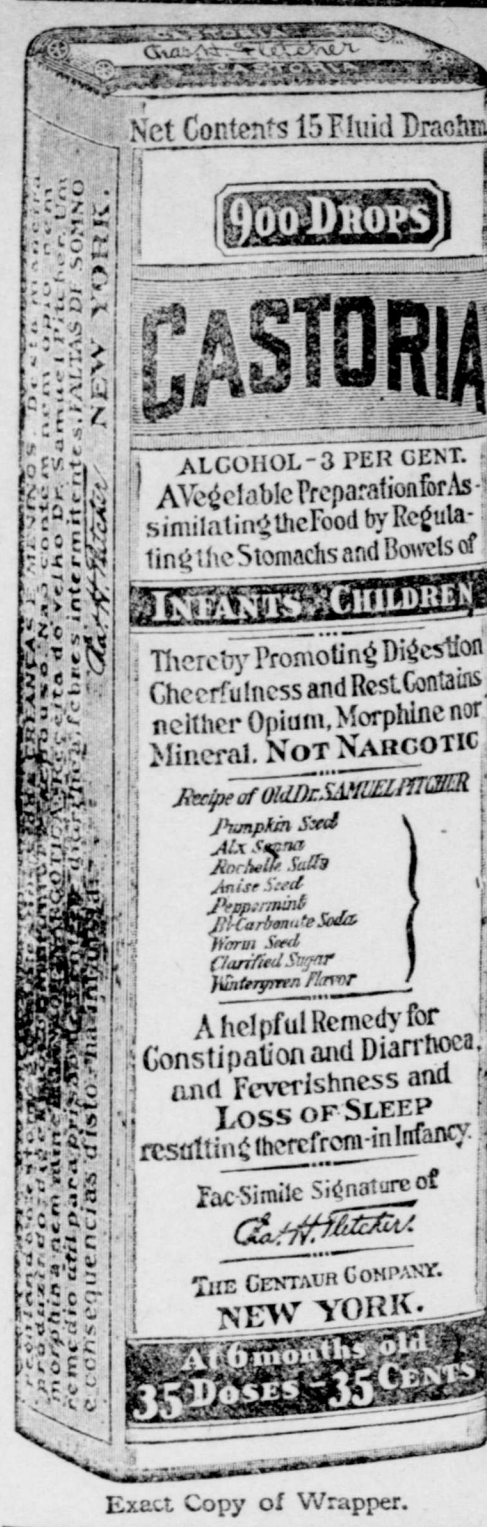
Hadji Mahal went to Strong's cell, led the prisoner out into the corridor, blindfolded him, and they advanced toward a stairway. As they reached it Hadji touched a spring, and the struc-

ture swung to one side, revealing a secret passageway. He guided William into the open air, where a limousine was awaiting them. Then the East Indian said:

"Sahib promises not to fight I undo handcuffs. Sahib promise?"
"Yes, you bound!" stormed the infuriated clubman. The handcuffs were taken off, and Hadji and his captor were driven far from the city, where Strong was put out of the machine. When he removed the bandage from his eyes he was alone. Through some strange working of his mind he was not thinking of his own danger, but the image of Beverly Clarke as she looked when he ordered her out of his apartment kept appearing before his mental vision.

"I was a fool," he sighed. "She was not to blame. There is some great motive back of this whole thing. And you, William Montgomery Strong, are going to find out what it is."

Bareheaded, wearing evening clothes in broad daylight, he made his way back to his home, where he telephoned to Police Headquarters.



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CASTORIA

Mrs. Kearney, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Daugherty and family, left Monday afternoon for Comanche.

Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain
Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than musky plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c.

R. E. Briggs, who recently sold his studio to Ernest Cordell, has just closed a deal for the Bartlett studio upstairs in the Brewer building. We understand Mr. Bartlett is figuring on buying a similar business at Thurber.

Homer McKinley visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

About Constipation.
Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea, and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially bananas and apples, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are bodily constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

J. R. MOORE AND SONS
Breeder of Barred Rocks Exclusive.

Shelby, N. C. June 29, 1915
Mr. J. P. Gentry,
Aunt Patsy Poultry Feed Co.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Gentry:—Yours of the 25th received. Of course, it is the very best feed I want, and I did not know but you might be able to give a little better price as wheat has declined. However, I will leave that to you, and will expect you to always give me your very best prices. The parties I have induced to try your feed say they want nothing else as they have been able to get better results, both in egg production and in the raising of little chicks, than they have ever had before. The same is true with us. We have never had better luck growing chicks with any mash, in fact with your feed, than we have had with your mash and chick feed. The best grade of scratch is the best also, and the chicks eat it up clean, there being absolutely no waste.

Sincerely,
J. R. Moore, Caroleen, N. C.
Please rush out our order all you can.
Ask Your Dealer for Aunt Patsy.

Miss Kathreen Hancock, of Dallas, is the new milliner at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. Miss Hancock arrived in our city this first of the week.

Special Notice To Telephone Patrons.

Our February issue of Telephone Directory is being compiled and will be closed February 15th. Please refer to last directory and see if your name, number and address is correct, if not call No. 19 and give us correction. Now is the time to give us order for new telephones in order to get your name in this issue.
WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO.
By H. W. Day, Mgr.
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Jim Mitchell, of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Shum, of Miles, who had been the guest of her friend, Miss Vivian Taylor of Norton, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home. Miss Vivian accompanied her to this city.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Queen Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM

Essanay presents, "the Mansfield of the screen,"

HENRY B. WALTHALL, and ANTONIETTE WALKER

in "THE STING OF VICTORY."

In Five Thrilling Parts.

Other roles aptly portrayed by Thomas Commerford, John Lorenz and Anne Leigh. Historical settings, and beautiful costumes of the Civil War period.

Next Tuesday, Geo. Fawcett in "The Country that God Forgot," a western story of desert wildness.

Admission 10c