

BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

MEMBER UNITED PRESS

BALLINGER, TEXAS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1917.

VOL. XII PRICE FIVE CENTS

HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

Quality and Service First

We Solicit Your Patronage

Appeals to Bankers to Furnish Farmers Cash

To the Banks of Runnels County:
Without any apology whatever, allow me to humbly make to you, and each of you, a suggestion.

It is too sadly a fact that some and distressing times are upon us all. But it is to the generous banks of our county that a great majority of the people turn in their dire and distress.

Without seed wheat and oats, and no money to buy with, the farmers can not plant, and if not planted the harvest will be naught.

Now, I suggest that the banks revolve this fact in their minds and see if they can not loan each of their farmer customers enough money to buy enough seed wheat or oats to plant fifty acres, or less, money to be repaid by July 15th, 1918, without interest; binding said farmer to prepare his land well, plant and harvest said grain in a good farmer-like manner, upon penalty of his having to pay full interest as well as principal, upon his failure to do so.

Let the bankers of Runnels county get together, or such of them who are willing to do this, and announce their willingness to do so at once, so that their customers may prepare their land now, and be ready to plant as soon as good seasons do come. And I would also suggest that each bank ascertain how many of their customers desire to accept of their generosity on their part, and amount of either wheat or oats each man wants to plant, and when this is ascertained or determined, then that the bankers together, or each bank for itself may buy these seed in car lots and sell to the farmer at cost delivered.

It is a well known fact that the landlords of the county have aided their tenants more or less for two years, and are still carrying them, and are themselves overloaded and unable to go further.

If the seasons come in time and sufficiently, this seems to me to be the only and the quickest way to feed, food and money in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle are here from Sweetwater, looking after the moving of their household goods to Sweetwater. They have rented their home to Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Beck, the new agent at the Santa Fe.

BREAK COMES BY VOTE OF 53 TO 18

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 25.—By a vote of 53 to 18 Argentine Chamber of Deputies voted today to support the break of this republic with Germany. The action of the Chamber of Deputies is expected to be followed quickly by a clamor for war with the Kaiser.

GERMAN AVIATORS KILL 15

LONDON, Sept. 25.—German aviators killed fifteen and injured 70 in raids last night. Bombs destroyed much property, and the German planes made their escape after dropping bombs.

ARGENTINE CRIPPLED BY R. R. STRIKE

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 25.—Argentine republic is completely paralyzed on account of a general railroad strike. All railroads are tied up, no trains moving, and telegraphic and telephone communications have been cut. A number of large cities are threatened with food famine, and a few days tie up will bring much suffering. It is believed that German money is responsible for the strike.

REICHSTAG MEETING TO START FIREWORKS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—There may be some fireworks of German brand, when the Reichstag meets in Berlin tomorrow.

It will be the first session of the German parliament since Chancellor George Michaelis was inducted into office, in July. The Centerists and members of the Left party combined at that time in demands that the government state its position on the Reichstag annexations and also that equal suffrage be granted. The upshot was the tumbling from power of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Michaelis was appointed, made a non-committal address to the Reichstag outlining his policies, and the Reichstag sitting adjourned.

Since that time considerable opposition has developed against Michaelis according to word which has just leaked out of Germany. Certain of the extreme radical elements in Germany have not hesitated to declare that Michaelis is even more representative of the militarists than Hollweg. His refusal to date clearly to outline his policies have made even the near-radicals distrustful of him. Dr. Matthias Erzberger, the clerical (Catholic) leader who assumed leadership of the "revolvers" in the July session of the Reichstag, has been quoted recently as severely critical of Michaelis.

Erzberger, a Catholic, is undoubtedly anxious that Germany go the limit in voicing acceptance of Pope Benedict's recent peace suggestions. He may seek to force Michaelis' hand on this matter.

Over all, however, it appears that the "revolvers" may be beginning to realize the sweeping "reformas" promised by the Kaiser are still empty promises and that Hollweg has been replaced by an even stronger militarist taskmaster, from whom there is not the slightest hope of obtaining any concessions towards democratization.

The September session of the Reichstag will at once face the question of financing Germany for the next year of the war. Approval of the budget is virtually the only power which the Reichstag exercises. The budget should in the ordinary course of events, have been approved at the July sitting, but its consideration was postponed in view of the radical revolt. The radicals, if they are truly in earnest, have it in their power beginning tomorrow seriously to embarrass the autocratic government by withdrawing approval of the money measure.

According to word from Holland members are likely also to attempt explanation from the Chancellor of the Luxemburg incident, at Buenos Aires, wherein the United States discovered that the German Charge was sending messages to his home office through the Swedish embassy. Reichstag members will probably be more concerned in why Count Luxemburg was untruthful enough to send the opinions he did in the fashion discovered by the United States.

Germany's food administration appears likely also to come in for considerable criticism.

TRUCKING MELONS TO OTHER MARKETS.

Auto trucks are being used to haul Ballinger melons to the San Angelo and Coleman markets. The Jeanes Produce Co. purchased a shipment of unusually fine melons and left early Tuesday morning for Coleman, hauling the melons to Coleman by auto truck. The local market has been over-run with melons during the past few weeks, and many are being shipped to other points.

VILLA READY TO STRIKE UNCLE SAM

EL PASO, Sept. 25.—Francisco Villa, Mexican "bad man," believes the United States and Mexico will be at war soon, and has warned General Francisco Murguia against pursuing him, suggesting he might be needed as an officer or a soldier in the event of an international conflict, especially with the United States.

This was announced by Andreas Garcia, inspector general of Mexican consulates, on his return from Chihuahua City, where he has been in conference with General Murguia regarding the international situation.

General Murguia, Garcia said, ignored Villa's warning. Instead he has organized a flying squadron of cavalry to pursue Villa into the Durango mountains in the hope of capturing him, Garcia said.

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—H. P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council, announces the receipt of the following cable from the Red Cross Commission to France:

"Along that desolate path of ruin behind the French and British lines from Belgium to Switzerland, the American Red Cross work of relief and economic rehabilitation under Edward Eyre Hunt, Chief of the Bureau, has rapidly taken shape. Returning refugees and repatriates have earth under them and sky over them—that is all. The land has been swept clean.

"Twentieth century Frenchmen have to begin again where North American Indians would begin—by hunting food, temporary shelter, a few clothes to cover them, a handful of household goods and utensils such as pots, pans, knives and spoons, and agricultural implements or two and perhaps a rabbit and some chickens, and, if they are very lucky, a goat or a donkey.

"It is to help such people as these that the American Red Cross has located its relief warehouses at strategic points just behind the lines, such as Soissons, Noyon, Ham and Peronne, and is shipping in food, clothes, blankets, beds, mattresses, stoves, kitchen utensils, reapers and binders, mowing machines, threshing machines, garden tools and hundreds of other articles of prime importance to the people who were prosperous and contented only three years ago. The service of relief and economic rehabilitation has divided its field into six districts:

"One for the extreme north and Pas de Calais; one for the Somme; one for the Oise; one for the Aisne and one for the Marne and Meuse; one for Meurthe and Mosell.

Resident American delegates have been assigned to these whose duties are to oversee distribution of relief, to report new needs, and to co-operate in every possible way the admirable relief work of the French government and scores of devoted French and other organizations."

WILSON SIGNS BIG WAR BOND BILL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—President Wilson signed the big war bond bill this afternoon, putting into effect the measure authorizing \$11,000,000,000 in war bonds.

Mrs. Jo Wilmeth visited relatives at San Angelo Sunday.

DECLINES TO SUBMIT PRO MEASURE

AUSTIN, Sept. 25.—Dr. A. W. Barton, superintendent of the anti Saloon League, called on Gov. Hobby and requested that the statutory prohibition measure be submitted to the legislature. Gov. Hobby told Dr. Barton that he would not submit the measure at the present session, indicating that he would consider it if another session was called.

BOY SCOUTS ON REGULAR DRILL

A. C. Homann, assistant scout master, put in some hard work Monday in giving the Boy Scouts their first drill lesson. About thirty boys lined up for work, and they will meet again Wednesday afternoon, meeting on the school campus promptly at the close of school.

Mr. Homann has very kindly volunteered to assist the boys in their scout work, and the drill is a very important part of the work. The boy who has an opportunity to get the free training is certainly fortunate.

The local troop will be composed of thirty-two members when completed, or four patrols of eight each, with a leader for each patrol. After the troop is completed no other members can be received unless permission can be secured to organize another troop.

A. & M. BILL GETS DEATH BLOW

AUSTIN, Sept. 25.—It required little more than an hour's time Monday afternoon for the house of representatives, working under call, to pass bills repealing the laws enacted by the thirty-fifth legislature during the regular session, establishing the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college, to be located east of the 96th meridian. As has been forecasted Governor Hobby submitted to the legislature Monday morning for its consideration the repeal of laws creating these schools and the Northwest Texas insane asylum.

The West Texas college was to be located at Abilene. The other two institutions had not been located. It was the dispute arising over the location of the West Texas college, following Governor Ferguson's veto of the university appropriation, which caused the political upheaval in the state.

Tom Routh returned from Glasscock county, Sunday, where he went to move a bunch of horses to this county. He reports that the drought has not been broken in the west and that stockmen are still moving their cattle.

Tom Green Gets Check From Highway Com.

San Angelo, Sept. 25.—County Treasurer R. M. Hanks has received a warrant from the state comptroller for \$2,393.19. This is one-half of the registration fees from automobiles in the county as shown by the books of the state highway commission on September 1, and is to be used in the maintenance of roads of the county de-

To Pass Judgement at 4 p. m.

AUSTIN, Sept. 25.—The senate convened and took up the matter of passing judgment on Gov. Ferguson at noon today. The committee's majority and minority report was placed before the senate, but balloting was postponed until four o'clock this afternoon. The governor's friends are hopeful that his right to hold office will not be taken from him in the judgment. The senate must adopt the minority report if this penalty is omitted.

BACK TO THE FARM FOR FARMER JIM

AUSTIN, Sept. 25.—By the end of the present week ex-Governor Ferguson will be comfortably domiciled in his home at Temple. This became known today, although was not unexpected.

Mr. Ferguson and family will return to Temple, and Mr. Ferguson will devote his time to his banking and farming interest. Gov. W. P. Hobby will occupy the governor's mansion as soon as Mr. Ferguson vacates.

IMPEACHMENT RES- OLUTION TABLED

AUSTIN, Sept. 25.—Senator Clark introduced a resolution in the senate this morning instructing the house to bring impeachment charges against Major Geo. W. Littlefield, member of the board of regents of the State University. The resolution was immediately tabled by a vote of 21 to 7 and the senate instructed that it be expunged from the records.

BALLINGER BOY MAKING GOOD.

We are glad to note that Roscoe Wilmet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmet, is making good in service for Uncle Sam. Roscoe was called into the aviation department and is now instructing a class of 78 at Austin. The young man draws a salary of \$1860 and his expenses, which is good for his "first job." Roscoe finished his work at the Texas University last term and had his grip packed and was ready to go to New York where he was going to study electricity when the call from his country changed his plans.

Watch Me Go Bicycle Delivering. We do all kinds of repairing such as stoves, organs, bicycles and guns. At the Old Shooting Gallery, T. C. Robinson, Phone 399. 14-15tdpd

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

Batteries Watered and Tested
Free of Charge—Any Make.

We Cut the Price On
Everything for the Auto.

Ford Tire Pump, fit on for \$7.50
K. W. Shock Absorbers, fit on for \$12.50
Ford Tool Boxes, fit on for \$2.50

If You Want a Bargain In a Second Hand Car
See Us—We Have Them \$75.00 and Up.

Dandy Ford \$325.00 with more than \$100 worth of extras on it.

Ford Bumpers, put on \$2.75
Chevrolet Bumpers, put on \$2.75

Casing and tube vulcanizing and guaranteed to stand. Expert battery repairing and charging. Batteries tested and watered free of charge any time and any make. Say! We have been here for some time and our guarantee is worth something. Expert repairing of all kinds. The Eveready Battery is different, 18 months guarantee adjusted here.

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY
Opposite Court House Lawn. Telephone Number 505

THE DAILY LEDGER

Published every day except Sunday by The Ballinger Printing Company.

Office of Publication, 711 Huntchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

Editor

MAKING PEACE WITH MURDERERS.

If the Vatican will carefully study the messages that the German Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Aires transmitted to the foreign office through the Swedish legation and which the State Department has made public, it may have a clearer understanding of why President Wilson in his answer to the Pope's peace proposals, flatly declared that—

"We cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure, unless explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will of the German people themselves as the other people of the earth would be justified in accepting. Without such guarantees, treaties of settlement, agreements for disarmament, covenants



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatic and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 206 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

C. P. SHEPHERD
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
and
NOTARY PUBLIC
General Practice
Collections and real property handled. Office upstairs in C. A. Dooze Building, Ballinger, Tex.
Phone 60.

FIRE INSURANCE
The Best Companies
PROMPT SERVICE
Your business solicited.
MISS MAGGIE SHARP
Upstairs in old Fidelity
Credit Co.'s Office. Phone
215. See Me.

Subject:
"A Skin You Love to Touch"

This is a picture 15x19 inches to be given away with each cake of

Woodbury's Facial Soap.

Printed on antique paper and contains no advertising.

See Our Show Window.

J. Y. Pearce
Drug Co.
Phone 38
Oldest, Biggest, Best.

to set up arbitration in place of force, territorial adjustments, reconstruction of small nations, if made with the German government, no man, no nation, could now depend on."

It was by no accident that the diplomatic agencies of Sweden were prostituted to the treacherous business of the foreign office. Neither was it by accident that the German Charge d'Affaires advised his government to sink the ships of Argentine "without a trace of being left." Count Luxburg's ghastly phrase, "spurious versenkt," was wholly in harmony with the diplomatic policy of the German government throughout the war.

While maintaining outward friendly relations with Argentine, Argentina's ships were to be completely destroyed and their crews and passengers murdered so that no evidence should remain of Germany's guilt. But this crime that was plotted was only an incident in a comprehensive policy of crime pursued by Germany on the ground of military necessity.

Germany's treachery toward Arthan its treachery toward the United States as revealed in the Zimmermann memoranda. The atrocity that Count Luxburg advised was no more shocking than scores of other atrocities which Germany has ardently defended as justifiable acts of war. The debauching of the Swedish diplomatic service is only one instance in a general plan of corruption which the German government has pursued as ardently as it has carried on its military operations.

With this record before it there should be no astonishment on the part of the Vatican that the notions battling for their lives against the infamous and unscrupulous power are determined to see the conflict through to the end, and that they will make no peace with a government that is a reproach to mankind. On the contrary, instead of urging a government of murderers, is it not time for the Vatican to align itself squarely with the forces of civilization and justice in this war.—New York World.

A GROWING GIRL

A girl when in her teens is passing through a critical period of her life. The transition from childhood to maturity is not always easy; consequently, in many cases health breaks down entirely and the girl goes into a decline and dies young. If she escapes this fate, she may fall into a state of permanent ill-health. It is of the utmost importance, in order to insure normal and healthy development, that proper precautions be taken, and nothing has proved more helpful than the faithful use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the great woman's medicine and tonic.

J. B. Riggs of Wingate was a visitor to Ballinger Monday.

Has a High Opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have a high opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets for biliousness and as a laxative," writes Mrs. C. A. Barnes, Charleston, Ill. "I have never found anything so mild and pleasant to use. My brother has also used these tablets with satisfactory results."



The Oldest Yard Here
The Ballinger Lumber Company
is the oldest established lumber yard in this section of the state, and is known for the complete stock of high grade building material carried at all times. Our long life is due to our long way of dealing with our customers. We appreciate your patronage.
Ballinger Lumber Company

The High Cost of Living
is a serious question these days. You can help solve this question by trading with us. Fresh Meats, prompt deliveries and courteous treatment is our motto. Phone 126

THE CASH MARKET
F. Chapman, Proprietor

The Girl Who Was a Soldier Boy

How I Went "Over There" With Pershing's Division

By HAZEL CARTER

Mrs. Hazel Carter of Douglas, Ark., is a young woman, twenty-two, whose young husband, Corporal John J. Carter of the United States army, was ordered to France with the Pershing expedition.

Determined to accompany him, she obtained a soldier's uniform and fell in as a private on his departure. She was five days at sea on the transport before she was discovered and was returned home against her wishes.

Copyright 1917 by Bell Syndicate, Inc.

The quartermaster captain came in a all-a-blasted. He was as mad as a bear with a sore ear. A U boat would have been welcome alongside of me. "What are your intentions?" he demanded. He gave me a swell imitation of a clap of thunder. He expected me to drop dead of fright, but I fooled him. This didn't help his temper any. "I want to go to France and join the Red Cross," I said.

"Why didn't you join it at home instead of trying to make a goat out of the army?" "I'm not trying to do anything but get to France with my husband," I answered. "If he is wounded I want to be there to take care of him. That goes for the rest of the boys in K company too. Why should I sit back home in a rocking chair and wait while some strange woman is nursing the one I love and his comrades? I'll go right to the trenches with him. I'll fight with him, and if he or any of the other boys are hurt I'll drop my gun and take care of them."

"We'll see about that," snapped the quartermaster captain. "Right now you'll come with me. Fall in there, men." I marched up to the orderly room on the top deck with an advance and rear guard of one officer each. The Q. C. was in command of the ship. The others were trailers.

Without further ado court went into session. Of course they thought my whole trip had been fixed up by my husband and some of his men. They tried their best to get me to name my allies, but I never did. How could I when I didn't have any at the start? I told my story straight, exactly as it happened, and that is all there was to it. Not once did they trip me up. Finally they gave it up as a bad job and ordered me to a stateroom on the first deck, under guard.

Then they sent for my husband. The boys told me later that when an order came and told him he was wanted by the quartermaster captain he turned as white as a sheet and almost collapsed, but in a second he bucked up like a regular soldier. He couldn't obey orders quick enough, because he wanted to know what they had done with me. It was a shame, for he had never been up for anything before, and this hurt his record.

The first thing he blurted out when he reached that impromptu courtroom was: "Where's the kiddie?" He was on. The only answer he got was a heavy volley of cold looks. It didn't take him long to discover a military court is no respecter of Cupid. He had a mighty uncomfortable half hour worrying, until he finally found out I was safe. All that time they kept him busy answering questions and denying he had planned the trip. It was hard to make them believe he did not know I was on the boat until we were well outside of Sandy Hook.

They brought me back to confront him and to question us together. Wasn't I proud of him, though, when I saw him standing there, straight and trim and full of courage, his chin in the air, his shoulders back, ready to face any kind of music they had to play? He half started toward me, and I made a running jump for him. "Attention!" shouted the quartermaster captain, pounding the desk with his fist. It was a hard situation for him to handle. He saw that. We both stopped short and fell into position. The habits and discipline of the army certainly get a grip on you.

On the Grill. I don't know how long we were on the grill. It seemed ages to me. We stuck to our story—the truth. They brought in the first sergeant of my husband's company and questioned him too. He had to admit he knew nothing about it. He might have suspected, but he figured it was none of his business. He didn't add this, however. Sticking your nose into other people's affairs is a dangerous pastime in the army.

Things looked pretty tough for us at times, but I did not lose my sense of humor. The Q. C. kept referring to me as "he" part of the time and "she" the other part. Now I was "Carter," like a regular, and again I was Mrs. Carter. When he looked at me in my soldier suit, with my hair cut short like a man's, he could not figure me as anything but a doughboy. Finally they ordered the guards to take me back to the stateroom. I did not care what happened to me as long as they did not court martial the "old man," as the soldier's wife calls her husband. I knew that would break his heart and mine too.

passed outside the porthole. "Whaddya think they'll do with her?" asked one rookie. "I dunno. One o' the men that was over in the Philippines sez they'll either call out the firing squad and have her shot at sunrise or else they'll make her walk the plank."

"You mean they'll put out a plank and make her walk off the end of it into the ocean?" "Sure. One o' the men that was over in the Phillipps—"

I strained my ears, but I could not hear any more. The rookies had passed out of earshot. I hoped by the time they made me walk the plank I would be near enough to France to swim ashore. Then the laugh would be on them. The prospect didn't disturb me much.

After what seemed several years, though as a matter of fact it was only a few minutes, my husband came to my room. He looked very solemn. I ran to him. He took me in his arms and held me tight for a long time. Then he began to pull off his coat. "Tell me," I begged. "I am no longer Corporal Carter, but Private Carter."

CHAPTER V. No France For Me.

THE rest of the trip was under guard. I think it was the fifth day we were under way they got me. I could hear the men singing and drilling. The routine of the army was going on as if nothing had happened. How I longed to be back in my old place among them as a doughboy! All I had now were the clothes, just memories of my soldiering. I had to stick to them because there was nothing else on board for me to wear.

I did not see my husband for two days. It was hard to know he was on the ship, only a few feet away, and yet I could not even speak to him. I begged so hard to see him that they finally let him up, and after that he was allowed to come to me when he was off duty.

He told me the men were getting anxious to land. They had recovered from their seasickness and wanted to see what it was like "over there." All were in the best of health. As their appetites returned they complained more and more about their rations, which is to be expected. At mess one evening a homesick Sammy talked about the deep dish buckleberry pie his mother used to make. He almost caused a riot.

"You'll be pickin' berries out of the air soon, boy, lead ones," said a Sammy, who had eaten his pie mostly off of lunch counters all his life. For the most part those were dreary days for me, as I saw my husband only for a short time when he did get up to my prison. Outside I could hear all the noises of the troops—noises that had sounded so sweet in my ears before. There were the calls of the crap players, the plaintive music of the ukelele, no longer soothing to me now, and the harmonizing of the old, sad tunes. Previously the accomplished player of the "uke" had been the most popular man on board, and he was yet for all I know, but not with me. I would have liked to kill him when he tuned up.

Much time was on my hands for thinking. I was proud of the respect these soldiers of Uncle Sam had shown me—a girl—when they had every opportunity to take advantage of me with me living among them as one of the gang. I am speaking of those who were aware of my presence on board. They ought to make a fine record in France, both in and out of the trenches. I was also proud I hadn't been seasick, although I had never been on the ocean before. I had shown up some of the rookies in this respect any way, for they had been a seasick crowd.

Nether had I had any fear of submarines, even though I cannot swim a stroke. This was more than some of the recruits could say. Several of them had been very open pored as they broke into sweats of pure fear with each submarine alarm for drill purposes. I felt, perhaps, I would fit better in the trenches than they would.

About noon one day I heard a great commotion on board. Men were running backward and forward, shouting and calling to one another. Things were being moved in a hurry. The whole ship throbbed with new life. I tried to discover the cause of the excitement by peering through my single porthole, but could see nothing. A guard came to my door and knocked.

To Be Continued

Experience the Best Teacher. It is generally admitted that experience is the best teacher, but should we not make use of the experience of others as well as our own? The experience of a thousand persons is more to be depended upon than that of one individual. Many thousands of persons have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds with the best results, which shows it to be a thoroughly reliable preparation for those diseases. Try it. It is prompt and effectual and pleasant to take.

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
Sept. 11th, 1917

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$379,745.77
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
U. S. Treasurer Certificates	5,000.00
Subscription Liberty Loan Bond	7,400.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances ()	8,304.84
Cash and Exchange	223,515.28
	\$679,365.89

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	55,688.07
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	488,177.82
	\$679,365.89

The above statement is correct. R. C. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

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

GET IT AT Weeks DRUG STORE

The Modern, Efficient ELECTRIC FAN

The Home Comfort and Business Necessity.
Emerson Fans Make the Breezes Blow.
Last for Years.
Let Us Demonstrate Them to You.

Ballinger Light, Power and Ice Company
Phone 31

THE BABY'S TWO BEST FRIENDS

His milk—and his mother who knows the best milk for him to have. Of course this mother knows Jackson's Dairy milk to be the very best obtainable; as, indeed, most mothes do know.

JACKSON DAIRY
Phone 5903

Grocery Headquarters

We handle only honest groceries of first quality. And in addition to that, we consider each customer a personal friend and treat him as such.

Reach for the phone this morning, and we'll deliver your order in time for lunch

L. B. Stubbs
Two Phones 93 and 94. Auto Delivery

Big Demand for Trained Help

Almost every line of business is calling for trained help. Especially in this true with the railroads and banks. There never was such a demand for bookkeepers and stenographers, and this demand will increase when the next call for soldiers is made. Those who are not subject to the draft law should qualify as quickly as possible for filling the places made vacant in the banks, railroad offices and almost every other line of business. This can be done by attending some good commercial college. We have several scholarships good for complete courses in the Tyler Commercial College. Select the course you want to take and begin to prepare yourself at once. Delays will rob you of good opportunities.

The Ballinger Printing Co.

Telephone 27

If you have any printing work not let the home company do the work—we will appreciate the order. The Ballinger Printing Co.

Phone Us For Your GROCERIES

We're as close to you as your telephone and we give you the same personal, courteous service that you would get if you came to our store yourself. We have but one price to all.

Ring us up next time you're in a hurry for groceries of any kind and we'll deliver promptly.

Miller Mercantile Company

Phones 66 and 77

Any thing from a wedding invitation to a visiting card can be handled by us. The Ballinger Printing Co.

MANY DEAD FISH IN CONCHO RIVER.

Something has happened to the fish in the Concho river between the City Park and the Orient railway bridge. They are dead by the hundreds, and the stench arising from that section of the stream is becoming rather offensive. Persons walking along the banks of the river in this section Sunday afternoon were surprised to see the number of dead fish floating on the surface of the water. Some of them were considerable size.

Along the rock where the water is shallow and small currents are formed could be seen hundreds of dead fish that had drifted against the rocks. They were rapidly decaying and an offensive odor filled the air.

No Reasons Assigned.

Scores of persons testify to having seen the dead fish, but none of them could give any reason why they were there. Whether the deeper holes in the river had been dynamited, the fish poisoned in

some way, or whether they had just contracted a disease known only to the finny tribes and died therefrom, could not be said. The only positive statement concerning the matter which would be made is the fish are dead and that large numbers of them are floating on the water or drifted against the rocks.—San Angelo

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXHIBIT

MANY BRANCHES TO BE SHOWN AT THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS.

COVERS 5,000 SQUARE FEET

Included in the Exhibit Will Be Sections of the Forest Service, Weather Bureau, Bureau of Animal and Plant Industry, Etc.

Many branches of work under the direction of the Agricultural Department of the United States Government will be shown in the big exhibit which the Agricultural Department will place at the State Fair of Texas, October 13-23.

This exhibit will be located in the Agricultural Building and will be free to patrons of the State Fair. The exhibit will occupy not less than five thousand square feet of floor space, and will be accompanied by four representatives of the Department of Agriculture, who will explain the details thereof. Included in the branches to be treated by the exhibit will be:

Forest Service—Willow basket exhibit; model of dry kiln, two models showing the proper way to pile lumber for seasoning; erosion model, showing the results of deforestation, transparencies showing the work in various national forests; two stereoptographs for automatically showing stereopticon views; miniature fire tower; iron telephone box; fire fighting equipment tools; fire finder; twenty-four colored glass transparencies and fifty bromides and engravings.

Weather Bureau—Large glass map, size six feet; lightning rod house, snow gauge, storm warning lantern, barograph, river stage transmitter and dial, ordinary rain gauge, single register, triple register, anemometer, electric rain gauge, wind vane, maximum and minimum thermometers, series of photographs and charts.

Bureau of Animal Industry—Sheep and cattle dips, diseased meat specimens showing results obtained by meat inspector service; story of clean milk, comprising forty-eight photographs and charts, showing the process through which the milk passes from the farm to the consumer; display of various kinds of eggs, including chicken, turkey, guinea, hens and geese; poultry house model, showing construction of intensive and sanitary poultry house, trap nest, colony house and brood coop models; egg tester and incubator showing the fertility and infertility of eggs and telling why the public should produce fertile eggs for food; model dairy barn, model of milk house, model of silo construction; numbers of farm pictures, including animal and poultry life.

Bureau of Plant Industry—Specimens of various grains such as oats, rye, wheat and cereals; series of farm views, showing fields of wheat, rye, oats, wheat and cereals.

Office of Public Roads—Twelve models showing construction of various types of highways.

Bureau of Chemistry—Baby food and charts and drug exhibits and canning and drying fruits and vegetables.

War Declared

on all kinds of

Chronic Disease

where they are treated without the use of drugs or the knife.

No Undressing

the most delicate lady can be treated with even her hat on.

For further information write us about your troubles and wants or come to see us. We can and will help you.

Stephens' Hotel Sanatorium

205 8th Street Ballinger, Texas

Dr. J. T. Stephens, Proprietor

county for sixteen and a half years. I had some hard old pulls while there, but had gotten on what you might call easy street before I left Runnels county. I never ran up on anything in Runnels county as hard as I have here. I am making a total failure this year. I have made the worst flash then in any previous year since I have been in West Texas, which is 28 years.

The situation is not improving here yet. We were in hopes we

would get rain so we could have grain pasture for our stock. We have shipped in several cars of seed wheat and are ready to plant when it rains.

I have some dear friends in old Runnels county. I wish them all well, and here is good luck to the Banner-Ledger and also to its editor, Mr. Sledge, who has done more for Runnels county and get less for it than any other man.

Yours truly,
T. T. SUTTON.

Used 40 Years

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

Roseoe, Texas, Sept. 20, 1917.
The Ballinger Printing Co.:
Find enclosed check to pay for another year to your valuable paper, the best county paper in the state. I like to keep in touch with your county, for I livd in Runnels

Money in the bank means something more than "just money"—it means character.

Character stands for independence of thought and action. It is the foundation of success.

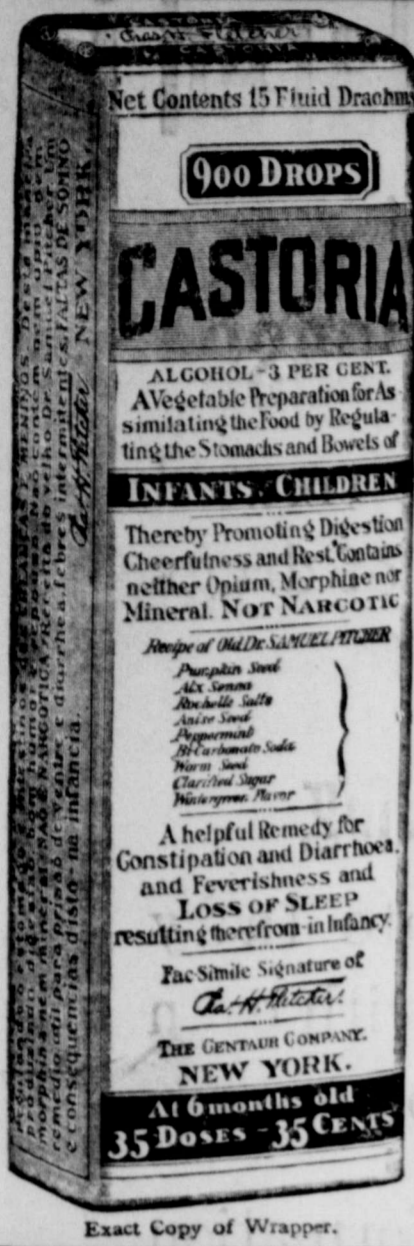
We invite you to put your money in our bank where it will be worth something to you.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Phone 97



Auto Delivery



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria

Always Bears the Signature of

Dr. J. C. Watson

In Use For Over Thirty Years

CASTORIA

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY

Local Merchants Launch Great Trade Campaign

The people of the Ballinger trade territory, and that includes all of Runnels county, and parts of adjoining counties, will receive within the next few days a special invitation to come to Ballinger to do their fall and winter trading

and to bring their produce to this market.

The leading merchants of Ballinger have just contracted for advertising matter to be used in carrying on one of the most aggressive trade campaigns ever inaugurated in this part of the state. This matter is to go in the homes of every family in the trade territory, and will be headed thru the columns of The Ledger.

The campaign will direct the attention of the people to important facts—facts that can not be denied, and will point out some of the advantages to be found in the Ballinger market for buying and selling. The leading merchants of the city, while not cutting out competition, or exposing the bargain-prices to be offered

by each merchant, have joined forces to work together for the best interests of the buying public.

The claim that Ballinger is the best market in West Texas will be backed up by the merchants making the claim with the highest grades of merchandise at prices that are in many instances on a basis with peace prices, the increase never having been tacked on.

The drought causing the short crops caught the merchants with the big stocks, as usual, and facing a season when buying will be lower than usual unless they can keep the prices down within reach of the man with a small bank account.

The merchants realize what they are facing, hence they will leave nothing undone to move the goods, and be prepared to stoop up for the spring and in this way keep their capital turning.

Ballinger is well known for its large retail stores and for the clean stocks of goods carried by local merchants. Few towns of much larger population can boast of a more metropolitan line of business houses, and the merchants are credited with carrying in stock goods that can seldom be found in towns of the same class.

The campaign launched by the merchants is sure to attract the attention of the buying public, and those who come will certainly profit by coming here to do their trading.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All druggists, 75c. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo was in Ballinger Monday for a short while, enroute home from Abilene.

KEPT HER AWAKE

The Terrible Pains in Back and Sides. Cardui Gave Relief.

Marksville, La.—Mrs. Alice Johnson, of this place, writes: "For one year I suffered with an awful misery in my back and sides. My left side was hurting me all the time. The misery was something awful.

I could not do anything, not even sleep at night. It kept me awake most of the night. I took different medicines, but nothing did me any good or relieved me until I took Cardui.

I was not able to do any of my work for one year and I got worse all the time, was confined to my bed off and on. I got so bad with my back that when I stooped down I was not able to straighten up again. I decided I would try Cardui. By time I had taken the entire bottle I was feeling pretty good and could straighten up and my pains were nearly all gone.

I shall always praise Cardui. I continued taking it until I was strong and well." If you suffer from pains due to female complaints, Cardui may be just what you need. Thousands of women who once suffered in this way now praise Cardui for their present good health. Give it a trial. NC-133

Many a good man has failed in business for the simple reason that he was either too close to buy printer's ink, or else he had some little grudge at the editor and had rather fail than spend a nickel that would be of benefit to the editor and his family. However, we are truly glad that the people as a whole have learned that advertising is not done because of the likes or dislikes of the paper, but for the intrinsic value of the business. It's a business essential just as much so as clerk hire. It is true that a man does not have to advertise to do some business. It is equally true that he does not have to have popular clerks to do some business, neither does he have to have free delivery, telephone service, modern fixtures and many other accommodations. He can do some business without any of them, but he can do more business with them. The same is true of advertising regularly, and other things being equal and I'll show you the man doing the most business.—Sanger Courier.

Great Faith in Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy was used by my father about a year ago when he had diarrhoea. It relieved him immediately and by taking three doses he was absolutely cured. He has great faith in this remedy," writes Mrs. W. H. Williams, Stanley, N. Y.

BRITISH WAR EXHIBIT AT TEXAS STATE FAIR

IMPLEMENTS OF WARFARE USED BY EUROPEAN NATIONS TO BE SHOWN IN NUMBERS.

GREATEST DISPLAY OF KIND

Long Range Cannon, Submarine Torpedoes, Howitzers, Gas Masks, Trench Periscopes, Etc., Will Be Demonstrated.

Implements of warfare used by the fighting forces on the European battle fields will be shown in great numbers in the mammoth British War Exhibit which will be placed at the State Fair of Texas, October 13-28.

Larger than any exhibit of the kind that has ever been shown by the British Government, and probably greatest war display ever exhibited in the world, this British War Exhibit is expected to form one of the chief attractions of the State Fair.

Long range cannons, submarine torpedoes, howitzers, gas masks, trench periscopes, machine guns, and scores of other death-dealing weapons that are snuffing out the lives of soldiers across the sea, will be shown and demonstrated in this exhibit. Pieces of a wrecked German Zeppelin which created consternation by its flight of death over England, have been preserved and will be accorded a prominent place in the exhibit. Many trophies of the "Tomnies" march against Kaiserism are found in the German equipment shown. These specimens were all captured from the German army, and around each could be woven a story of courage and bitter suffering that would read like romance. Large shells taken from the German and Turkish troops, German tunics and steel helmets picked up from the field of carnage, will be arrayed in mute testimony of bloody battles along the trenches.

Chief among the interesting specimens will be guns from the famous raider ship "The Emden." The meteoric career and death-dealing record of this boat will lend added attractiveness to any piece of equipment that might once have seen service thereon. Paraphernalia from many other ships which occupy a prominent place in history to date of this great world struggle, is listed in the display.

German naval machines, dragged from the depth of the sea where they were placed in the hope of seeking destruction upon allied ships, will be shown complete, and the workings thereof demonstrated. Zeppelin incendiary bombs, hand grenades, rifle grenades, and explosive devices that have been produced by this great war are included in the exhibit.

One division of the exhibit that is expected to be of peculiar attractiveness, is that of the East Indian troops, which have had an important part in the war. A score of un-

RATES FOR Classified Ads

IN THE BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.

Black face type double regular rate. Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us. Call Telephone No. 27.

WANTED

WANTED—A cheap wagon team and harness. Call on or write M. Walden, Ballinger, Texas. 17-tfd

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—68 acres sandy land, river front, house, well and barn. 55 acres in cultivation. Can arrange part terms. See G. A. Jarrett, City Barber Shop. 28-w2t-pd

FOR SALE—scholarship for complete course of cotton classing, shorthand, or stenotypewriting, or bookkeeping, telegraphy, or business administration and finance, in Tyler Commercial College. First come gets scholarship at bargain. Ballinger Printing Co., Ballinger, Texas.

FOR RENT—Two good, cool bedrooms, close in. Ring phone 179. tfdh

FOR SALE—Three Vendor Lien notes aggregating \$320.00, due Dec. 1st, 1917, 1918, 1919, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent secured by good four room house, two acres of land in the town of Mayerick, good well and windmill, half cash was made at time of purchase and property sold cheap, safe investment for any one with some cash they want to be bearing them interest. Perfect title. Phone 60 or 161. Ballinger, Texas. tfd

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 439. d3t

STORAGE, STORAGE — Rock warehouse where you may store your household goods, pianos, automobiles, etc. H. A. CADY 5-d26t

FOR RENT—Nice clean bedrooms. Savoy Hotel. Phone 533. Mrs. McFarland. 20-6tdpd

Mrs. V. L. Grady of Santa Anna, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Norwood, while here to attend the funeral of Miss Sallie Patterson.

T. H. Rugeley of Abilene was in Ballinger Monday between trains.

WAR CAUSES FIRES

Your property may burn tonight. What would be the loss to you? It may never burn, but you are taking big chances. Why take the chance and suffer uneasiness when a few dollars invested in one of our Old Line Insurance Policies would make good your loss. Let us figure the rate for you.

Telephone No. 317

Ballinger Insurance Agency

OFFICE WITH BENNETT ABSTRACT COMPANY

T. J. Gardner, Mgr.



INSURANCE

How About the Future?

Supposed you should fall sick or suffer the misfortune of an accident? What better

Insurance

can you have than a bank account? This bank welcomes your account, whether large or small.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank
& Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends who assisted us in any way during the recent illness of our sister, and would have each know that words of thanks from us can not express the real thanks in our hearts.

Mr and Mrs. S. P. Hathaway

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take as other. Box of Four. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

RED CROSS NOTICE

After carefully considering the situation, we have decided that it is best to have the sewing hours begin at 2:30 and close at 5:30, in this way giving the ladies ample time for performing home duties; also allowing us time for the week to be done in time for our first shipment.

MRS. KATE CORDILL, General Supervisor for the Sewing Department.

School Days are Here.

Hunt up those old shoes and have them half soled and otherwise repaired. Leather is high and it will pay you to do this. Wendorf will do your work and guarantee satisfaction. Give him a trial, d&w-tf

OUR BOYS

With 150 men from this county now in the army, our people begin to realize that we are mixed up in the little fracas in Europe.

Ballinger Ledger. Taylor county has furnished, to the navy, regular army, national guard and national army, between five and six hundred of its best young men. This is a record Taylor county may well be proud of. Our boys have not been slow in answering the call of duty. "Over There" they will make their mark. God be with them.—Abilene Reporter.

People Speak Well of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have been selling Chamberlain's Tablets for about two years and hear such good reports from my customers that I concluded to give them a trial myself, and can say that I do not believe there is another preparation of the kind equal to them," writes G. A. McBride, Headford, Ont. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They will do you good.

T. W. Cox returned from Abilene Monday.

W. P. Rye and wife of Eastland passed through Ballinger Monday going to San Angelo.

J. T. Howard of Winters had business in Ballinger Monday.

forms of those picturesque models of rope bridges built by the natives of the Himalayas, frontier towers along the northwest line of India, Sappur equipment bridges, mortars, and bombs will be exhibited.

Indian swords and daggers taken by the Thirteenth Lancers at Subhanwar Mohmand Border, rifles, Afghan gun, from the Cantt Indian Museum, and other specimens will be a part of the display.

The British War Exhibit weighs approximately twenty-five tons, and will require an immense amount of floor space. It will be located in the Educational Building, where special quarters have been set aside.

The exhibit was secured by the State Fair of Texas only after the posting of a heavy bond, and at a very considerable expense. It will be shown at the State Fair of Texas as a benefit for the Red Cross Society. Attendants will be at the exhibit constantly, to explain in detail the interesting points.

Jim Greer of Wingate was in Ballinger Monday.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well-known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

QUEEN Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM

TRIANGLE PLAYS. Dorothy Gish in a special 5-reel Drama—

"THE LITTLE YANK"

A human story with spectacular incidents, illustrating to ideals.

ALSO

Triangle Comedy in 2 acts. "LOVE UNDER COVER" 7000 feet — 10 & 15c

Children 10c
Adults 15c