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Three Alleged Yeggs Make Their Escape from Local Jail

Broke jail at Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, March 15th 1919. Give name here as Walter Harris, age about 28 years, height five 11 inches (Nearly slight scar on right side and through left eyebrow, eyes dark grey, hair light brown, scar on left hand between thumb and forefinger, appears to have been burned, deep round scar apparently from bullet wound about two inches below the left knee on inside of leg, two upper gold teeth with one natural tooth between, weight about 155, slender built, very slightly stooped, expert car driver, smokes Campbell cigarettes, wears about a number seven shoe, was wearing a yellow corduroy suit when he broke jail.

Willis (Snakey) Newton, age 29, weight 155 pounds, height 5 feet 11 inches, hair dark, thin on top, roaches back, high forehead, back of neck and side rough, seems to be scars from old sores, may have some scars on leg, was raised on a ranch in Eastland county, Texas, is good rider, has small slender hands, slim built, hangs around oil fields and Oklahoma border, narrow face, medium long legs, has small keen black eyes, wears 6 1-2 shoe, professional gambler, burglar, and freight train rider, is a friendly shrewd duck, has prison record in Texas and Oklahoma.

Jack (Red) Johnson, hair red, thin on top, scar on back of neck at foot of hair, circular in shape, appears to have been made with knife, height in shoes 5 feet and 8 inches, age about 27, claims to have a wife in Ardmore, Okla., stoop shoulders, weight about 160, rough face, freckles on face and neck, upper lip a little short, showing two upper front gold teeth, shoots craps and rides freight trains, works around hotels, at cheap labor and pool halls, wears about a number 8 shoe.

All left Ballinger, night of jail break, in 1917 model, stolen Ford car, three new tires, engine No. 1569170, these are bad men, take no chances, help me catch them. Wire me at my expense.

J. D. Perkins, Sheriff of Runnels county, Ballinger Texas.

The above description of three of the most desperate outlaws ever placed in the Ballinger jail has been scattered broadcast over the country, the phone, telegraph wires and mail being used Sunday and Monday in an effort to put officers throughout the country on guard.

The men arrested in Taylor county and brought here on March 6th, following the bank robbery at Winters on the night of March 4th made their get away in a manner that has caused the heads of people who have visited jail since the prisoners left to stand in amazement and wonder.

It was known that the prisoners were bad men, and that they would take desperate chances to make their escape, as one of their

number was killed when the gang of yeggs resisted arrest and made fight on the officers in the mountains of Taylor county on the night following the bank robbery, but sheriff Perkins felt that his prisoners were securely imprisoned in the steel lined misdemeanor cell, and had not looked them in the cages as there was no fire in the cages. The local jail was remodelled a few years ago, and the misdemeanor room was lined with steel and considered safe for the worst criminal.

The prisoners are supposed to have made their escape from the jail between twelve and one o'clock Saturday night. It was a professional jail break by professional yeggs, as the evidence left behind will show. The men in some

way worked one of the rivets in the steel ceiling of the cell loose, and using a stove poker they made a hook and with this hoop run through the rivet hole in the section of the steel ceiling and using two blankets, one end of the blanket attached to the hook and the other to a steel cot, securely fastened to the wall of the cell, a piece of kindling was inserted between the blankets and twisted until other rivets were pulled loose and the steel ceiling pulled down sufficient to allow the men to burn a hole with red hot poker through the two-by-six timbers which were above the steel ceiling.

After burning their way through the heavy wooden joist above the steel ceiling, the men crawled out through the scuttle hole in the top of the roof of the jail and sealed down the wall on a rope made from blankets which they carried to the top of the jail from their cell.

The men removed steel slats from the steel cots in the cell by breaking them loose from the cots, and used these in burning out the wooden joists, heating them in the stove. It is presumed that one man standing on a steel cot did the burning, while the others remained on the floor and passed the red hot poker up to him.

It is a mystery how the prisoners removed the first rivet from the steel ceiling, and only a shrewd criminal could have carried out the plan of escape, even after the first rivet had been removed. Many are of the opinion that the yeggs were aided from the outside, while others believe that they secured help, or friends outside were ready to help them make their get-away after they escaped from the jail.

After escaping from the jail the robbers went to the home of Ralph McShann on Ninth Street, on the opposite side of town from the jail rolled Mr. McShann's Ford down the street a block or two by hand, where they cranked the car and went west. Officers tracked the car a mile or two west of the city early Sunday morning, and later in the day received notice that three men traveling in a Ford car passed through Miles about two o'clock Sunday morning. A later trace of the men was found near Sterling City, where the men stopped for water, and they were later seen going northwest from Sterling City.

The jail delivery was discovered about sun up Sunday morning, when Mr. Perkins sent his little boy up to see if the prisoners were up and ready for their breakfast. The news soon spread over the city and during the day hundreds of people visited the jail to see how the yeggs got out.

The grand jury had been working on the case in which the men were being held for robbing the Winters State Bank, and a late session of the grand jury was held Saturday afternoon to examine witnesses who came in on the A. & S. train which was several hours late. These witnesses remained over here Sunday, and after the jail delivery it developed that Newton's brother-in-law came in on the train with the witnesses, and was seen around the jail later.

The grand jury would no doubt have returned an indictment against the men this week, or at least against Harris, who had been positively identified as one of the yeggs who was in the battle with officers on the night following the

MR. WILSON DECLARING STANDS PAT ON HIS PLANS SOVIETISM IN GERMANY

Paris, March 17.—President Wilson is expected to reaffirm his stand on the league of nations question and declaring that the league of nations must be a part of the preliminary peace terms with Germany before the supreme war council this afternoon, despite the statement made yesterday by French Foreign Minister, Pichon to the effect that the league could not be a part of the preliminary treaty.

It is officially announced that there had been no change in the president's plan, and he holds to the same views today concerning the league of nations that he did when he arrived in France.

Information given out today shows that the preliminary treaty of peace will probably be ready to submit to the Germans on March 25th, and the terms will include all questions of boundaries, reparation, indemnities, etc., with little change needed when the final treaty is entered into.

SUING BURLESON ON PHONE RATE RAISE

Washington, March 17.—A decision of the supreme court rendered today granting Kansas the right to sue Postmaster General Burleson to prevent an increase in long distant telephone rates, opens the way to prevent increased rates in many states.

Dee Johnson, of the Crews country, Wm. Goetz, of the Olin section, Ernest Graves and S. D. Williams, of the Hatchel country and R. B. Armstrong and W. W. Paschal of the Valley Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Wm. and Fog Coffey, two of the pioneer stockmen of the Leaday country, were greeting friends in Ballinger Saturday.

robbery, and Newton and Jackson were in bad in other counties, even had the grand jury here failed to find that evidence justified an indictment against them for the bank robbery.

Officers say that the three yeggs are the worst they have ever had to contend with in this county, and they have instructed brother officers over the country to take no chances when they apprehend the criminals. The outlaws were perhaps a hundred miles from Ballinger when it was discovered that they had escaped, and about the only thing officers could do was to use the wires and make an effort to put brother officers on guard. This has been done and while it may be several days before the men are captured, or perhaps they may make their get-away entirely, but the way of the transgressor is hard, and in time they will pay the penalty.

Paris, March 17.—Uncensored reports brought to this city by couriers from Germany show that the Spartacans have organized all German radicals for a revolution and the establishment of a soviet republic by April 1st.

It is declared that Germany is ripe for sovietism with Spartacans organizing all outlying provinces. Copenhagen dispatches declare that martial law has been extended to all districts surrounding Berlin today.

U. S. TROOP NOT TO BLAME FOR TROUBLE

Pekin, March 17.—While early reports from Tien Tsin suggested that American marines were to blame for the recent disorders there, later reports would seem to show that the Japanese were also at fault. It is claimed that Japanese military guards entered the French concession and seized two Americans and when American officials inquired of the Japanese police authorities if any Americans were being detained they were given a negative answer. Later American officials found two Americans in a police station, one of them lying almost naked in the yard calling for water. The Japanese were induced to send the injured man to a hospital and an American consul refused to leave the station until the other man, a corporal had been released. This demand was finally granted. The American consul was stoned by Japanese as he drove away. When the American marines entered the Japanese consulate they are reported to have attacked a visitor. On Thursday evening American marines who were entering a moving picture theatre in the French concession were attacked by a crowd of Japanese armed with sticks. They managed to enter the theatre, the proprietor of which telephoned the French police, who dispersed the Japanese.

ANOTHER CUT IN TRAIN SERVICE

The local train dispatcher has been taken off duty on Sunday, and hereafter no report can be had on trains arriving on Sunday. People who are expecting to leave on the train, or wish to meet parties arriving on the train can mill around the station and wait until the train arrives, regardless of how late the train should be running. Of course that is just one day out of the week, and it is a day when most people do not have anything to do but wait, but to say the least of it, it is putting us back about twenty-five years in train service.

Judge Hare, of Temple was among the attorneys in Ballinger, Monday looking after his clients before the district court.

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Don't let your chickens violate the law.

Even a bank yegg in Ballinger can make some speed when it comes to going over the top.

The man who grouches about a dust storm shows his ability to meet conditions as they really exist—every day.

Most of the people in Ballinger were in jail Sunday. They went to see how the other fellow got out.

You may not wish to hurt your neighbor's feelings, and a good way to carry out your wish is to keep your chickens at home.

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Dr. Saunders, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Garden City on Business, Dr. E. R. Walker accompanied Dr. Saunders and will visit his daughter in Garden City.

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HANDLING CRIMINALS

There are several hundred men in Ballinger who put in a good part of the time Sunday, telling now they would have done things had they been on the job and been the prison keeper. Of course, to hear them tell it there would have been no jail delivery.

We can all see our mistakes after they are made, and it is easy to criticize the other fellow. The Ballinger jail is about on a par with other county jails, and there has never been an "outlaw" of the bad type confined in the local jail for any length of time, that he did not make his escape.

Handling a criminal is an art very few men are versed in. There is too much sympathy in the make up of the average man, and when his fellowman seems to be down and out he naturally shows a kindness that proves costly in dealing with criminals.

The three yeggs who have just escaped are perhaps the most desperate criminals ever placed in the local jail, and they should have been handled, as such. They are gone, and there is no use to worry about that. The next best thing to do is to do everything possible to bring them back, and when they are brought back, it will be "katty bar the door" with them, and it will take more than one friend working on the outside to get them out until the court has passed on their guilt or innocence.

No one feels the loss with keener regret than Sheriff Perkins and he is doing everything that can be done to run the bandits down. In this he is being assisted by his fellow officers and friends.

It is a waste of time to look back now and say what should have been done. Get the yeggs behind the bars again and then do it. The men have proven that they are criminals and if apprehended again they should be treated as such, and not treated as common poker players.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

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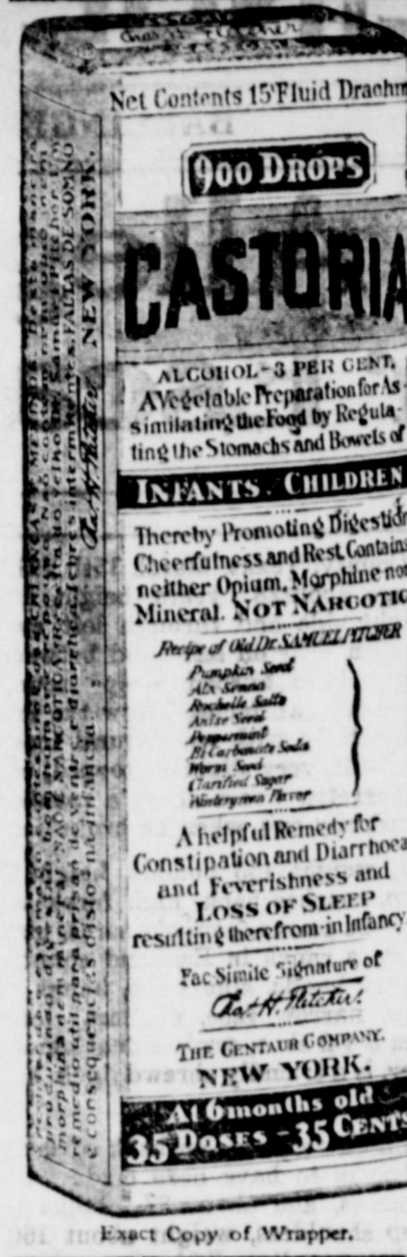
Among those who make up the 131st Field Artillery and who landed at New Port, on the Arollus last Friday, are: Ben Glass and J. Binder, of Rowena, Frank Gully and M. P. Cooper, of Ballinger. The Ledger published a partial list of the boys last week and there are others yet whose names we have not been able to get. These boys will be home in two or three weeks.

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H. A. Wheelles was here from Hatchel Monday, and received a German helmet of the officers type while here from his brother W. O. Wheelles, who is some where in Germany helping to make up the new army of occupation. This is the first German officer's helmet received here, or at least the first one The Ledger has heard of, and it attracted considerable attention among the relie owners. Many of the helmets of private soldiers have been sent back home by the boys in Germany. The helmet received by Mr. Wheelles carries considerable brass decoration and

leather lined, making it comfortable for the chief hun. Across the front of the helmet is the inscription in German "Furchtlos und Treu." We have been told that when translated in good old common American language it says "fearlessness and truth," something which it turned out that the Germans were just a little short on. Mr. Wheelles also received the brass buckles from a German officer's belt with the inscription "Gott mit uns" and this too turned out to be a false hope the Germans handed out to their men on the battle front.

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LETTER FROM COBLENZ, GERMANY

Will Dunlap is in receipt of a letter from Austin Ward, a Ballinger boy, who went over the top several times and was in the thick of the game when the Germans put out the Kamamad signal. The letter follows:

Coblentz, Germany.

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

My mother just sent me a clipping of a letter you had received from Hamil, which reminded me you were still in this world. I have been away from home so long now Bill, I don't suppose I would know half the people in town. I understand there is a big oil boom round Ballinger now and everybody has the spade out in the back yard. I hope the old burg does show some good form and come out of the sleep she's been in the past several years.

I am very comfortably situated in a big German barracks with good bunks and everything as convenient as the Dutchman can make it. It is a good thing we are housed as it has certainly been cold weather up here. The Moselle river was frozen over for several days and the people were out with their ice skates. The Rhine is too fast to freeze over. I heard about Roy Sharp getting wounded in the leg which was tough luck alright. My outfit was in the same sector in July and we worked with the 42nd and I can tell you she was a warm baby up there. The Heinies were doing their best at that time and were not hauling freight like they did later. I have been very lucky over here Bill. We were attached to the 1st corps just after landing on May 23, '18, within less than a month we were on the line. A corps signal Bt. works with all the divisions in the corps or anywhere they might be needed. We worked with every outfit in the corps and also with the French. The old 1st Corps always had the shock troops and when there was going to be a big push anywhere you could bet the 1st Corps was in on it. We left the Chateau Thiery front August 15th, and went to the St. Mihiel front from there we went to the Argonne and stayed there till it was finished.

On Nov. 16 we started our march into Germany and it was some race. My outfit being motorized got ahead of the infantry and we were the first troops into Longuyon. There was one company of Heinies going over the hill as we entered. We got a grand welcome and in Longuyon, the people dug out the French flags and they were putting us on the back and offering us everything they had. The h-1 of it was they did not have anything. There was one bottle of cognac produced in the whole town. The Germans had used this place as a base of

supplies. They made the inhabitants work for them and the women and girls were the worst looking creatures I ever saw. Talk about souvenirs, There was a warehouse full of spiked helmets, belts, buckles, Gas masks, and everything you could think of in this line. We dug into the helmets and I got twelve of them but sold them to an S. O. S. boy for 10 francs a copy. We went from Longuyon into Luxemburg and we were also the first troops in there. The people there went wild when they saw American troops, a great many of the people spoke English and they would not let us spend a mark. The girls and they were real girls, thought it a great honor to walk down the street with an American "soldat." From about 9 o'clock in the morning till about 2 in the afternoon the city was ours, and we were stepping high, wide and handsome, about 2 o'clock Gen. Pershing came in and reviewed a division of dough boys marching in. The whole 3rd army stopped here for 2 weeks giving the supplies a chance to catch up. That two weeks was certainly a vacation for us, we had been in the wilds of France for over 3 months without seeing and civilians at all. I went into Luxemburg fat as a goose, had over 700 francs, but left a broker.

After leaving Luxemburg we made one stop before getting to Coblentz, landing here December 15th, 1918. We have been sitting here doing nothing since and it sure is tough when we read about the boys going home. Guess our time will come someday. I went on a boat ride up the Rhine for about 35 miles and met Frank Cameron aboard. I had not seen him since 1912 but picked him out right away. He is with a photographic section attached to the 4th corps. I have seen him a couple of times since and we had a good time talking over things around the old burg. He is the second Ballinger boy I've seen since coming over. I saw K. V. Northington on the St. Mihiel sector.

Well Bill if you find time drop me a line as I will be right here for a few moons yet. When I get discharged I am coming out to Ballinger and see the folks before starting back to work in San Francisco. I hope you are in good health and making plenty of jack. Give my best regards to all the gang and let me hear from you.

Your friend,
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Mrs. J. S. Jones, of the Fuzzy Creek community, left for Hamilton, Saturday afternoon, where she goes to be with her mother, who is reported seriously ill.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR M. E. LEADERS

A council or training school of leaders of the Brownwood district of the M. E. church South will be held at Ballinger on March 18th. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. J. E. Crawford, conference missionary secretary; Rev. Dr. S. G. Thompson, presiding elder; W. A. Kling, field representative.

The purpose of the council or training school was to teach those attending it, who will be church and district directors and local pastors, in the best modern methods of church finance and especially the present campaign for 2,000,000 Southern Methodists throughout the land. Central Texas, annual conference will raise \$1,345,431.40 of this high amount, the largest ever undertaken by any church since the day of Christ Brownwood district with its nearly 5,000 loyal and progressive Methodists are going over the top with its quota of the amount.

Two sessions were held by the council, one at 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. The attendants exchanged their best ideas and gathered inspiration for the coming campaign.

Judge Geo. W. Barkus, of Waco has been chosen as conference campaign director, and he is most enthusiastic about the prospects, he said:

"Texas Methodists are not slackers, and they are going over the top for their full quota and a generous over-subscription for good measure. This is an every Methodist campaign, in which every Methodist will take his full part with pride for the church he loves. We are accustomed to do big things and we shall not fail now."

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SMOOTHER CHECK MAN GETS \$800 AT B'WOOD

(Brownwood Bulletin)

Officers of several counties are looking for a well dressed and evidently prosperous individual giving the name of H. A. Gregg, who this week got away with about \$800 of the Brownwood National Bank's money on a worthless draft. Realizing that he might be personal non grata in this immediate vicinity after he had gotten this sum from the bank, Gregg left the city hurriedly in a jitney, and from all reports continued his trip as rapidly as possible towards Fort Worth and points beyond.

Gregg, claiming to be an oil man from California, came to Brownwood the first of this week, and at various times "flashed" large rolls of real money and entered into discussion of a number of oil leases and royalty deals of more or less magnitude. While here he became acquainted with several local operators, and later in the week induced one or two of them to introduce him at the bank where he deposited a draft for \$2500. Later in the day he returned to the bank and drew out a part of the fund, leaving the remainder on deposit pending a report on the draft. As soon as he got the roll of money from the bank Gregg hired a jitney driver, at a fancy price, to take him to Dublin, "to close a big deal" and after reaching Dublin induced a citizen with a high powered car to take him to Fort Worth, paying \$50 for a trip negotiated in three and a half hours. He explained that a big deal was pending in the Panther City and that haste was therefore necessary.

From Fort Worth the trail appears to be lost, but officers all over the country have been notified to watch for the alleged millionaire with the phony draft habit. Officers were placed on the trail here as soon as it was learned that the draft deposited in the bank was worthless.

Supreme authority over a small army of men has been vested in H. H. Simmons, Executive Secretary of the Southern department of the Army Y. M. C. A., known officially as the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. of the United States. Mr. Simmons is a prominent business man of Hillsboro, Tex., and is well known over Texas as a member of the state board of the Y. M. C. A. Up until the time of the signing of the armistice

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H. H. SIMMONS,
Executive Secretary, Southern Department, Army Y. M. C. A.

the personnel of the Army Y. M. C. A. in the Southern military department numbered approximately 1,050, but it is being cut down rapidly now along with the general demobilization of the camps, almost three hundred and fifty "Y" men having been honorably discharged up to February 1. The Southern department headquarters of the Army Y. M. C. A. is located in San Antonio, Tex., and it is from that point that the organization's activities in the camps of the six states in the department are controlled.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

S. C. White Leghorn Eggs from 250 to 270 egg laying strain. \$2.00 per setting, \$8.00 per 100 carefully selected. Mrs. D. F. Eaton. d&w tf.

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Mrs. S. J. Carpenter visited her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Jones, at Coleman, Sunday.

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There are thousands of women everywhere in Mrs. Fitzgerald's condition, suffering from nervousness, headache, and other symptoms of a functional derangement. It was a grateful spirit for health restored which led her to write this letter so that other women may benefit from her experience and find health as she has done. For suggestions in regard to your condition write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of their 40 years experience is at your service.

A. & S. JUMPS TRACK

The A. & S. train due here about noon each day, did not arrive until four-thirty Saturday afternoon. The train split the switch at Bradshaw and three cars went off the track. No one was injured further than the mental and physical discomforts of having to wait out on the prairie until the cars could be replaced.

SURGEONS agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds, the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is promptly applied, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, BOROZONE is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. For sale by Weeks Drug Store.

L. E. Padon, of Houston, representative of the Houston Post, is in the city in the interest of the Post.

NEW ERA MEETING HERE TOMORROW

Prominent speakers of the Presbyterian church will be in Ballinger tomorrow, and at three o'clock the first of two sessions of a New Era conference will be held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church. One of these conferences are being held in each Presbytery of the Presbyterian church in Texas, and throughout the nation.

The meetings are preliminary and a part of the great New Era campaign being waged by the Presbyterian church U. S. A. Sunday, March 23rd, will be Victory Day for this church throughout the United States, and the forces of the church are being lined up for the great campaign.

Quite a number of delegates are expected to be here for the conference tomorrow night. The evening session will be held at 7:30 following the afternoon session, and there will be prominent speakers at both of the conference. Every member of the church is urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited.

Has Had Stomach Trouble for Seven Years

Theodore Sanford of Fenmore, Mich., has had stomach trouble for seven years and could not eat vegetables or fruit without pain in the stomach and restless nights. By taking Chamberlain's Tablets he is now able to eat vegetables or fruit without causing pain or sleeplessness. If troubled with indigestion or constipation give these tablets a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial.

CHICKEN NOTICE

The city has an ordinance making it a penalty for chickens to run at large within the corporate limits of the city of Ballinger. The Mayor's office has received a number of complaints regarding the operations of chickens upon gardens in the past week.

Please see that your chickens do not bother your neighbors.

J. R. Lusk, City Seer.

STEADY INCREASES IN BROWNWOOD OIL

(Brownwood Bulletin) The production of the Sinclair-Gaines well is showing a steady increase and this morning put on a special week-end show that created much excitement and was the foundation for many alarming rumors.

As soon as the tools were dropped into the hole early today the well began flowing, the oil gushing high above the top of the derrick and drenching the drillers before they could get away. This unusual flow was reported several times in quick succession, and oil was thrown for a couple of hundred feet around the derrick.

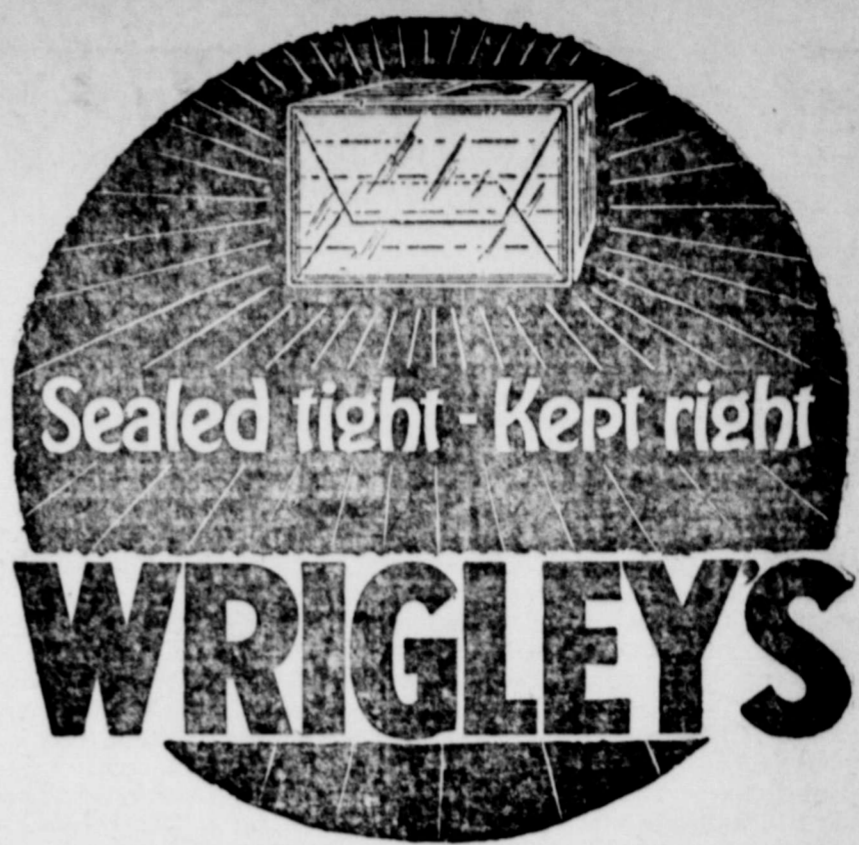
When the tools were dropped into the hole the oil stood about 2300 feet in the well, and after the flows ceased it had dropped approximately 500 feet. It is estimated that something like 50 barrels were thrown out of the flows.

Drilling this week has been very slow owing to constant caving in the wells, only about ten feet having been drilled during the week. The drillers themselves hardly know what sort of formation they are in, but it is apparently shale.

The arrangements for tankage are being rushed as much as possible, to take care of the present production which is momentarily expected. Many think that if the well were equipped with 6-inch casing instead of 8 inch, so that it could clean itself thoroughly, it might drill itself into a big producer from the sand already drilled. Meantime, the "dope" indicates that a big sand is to be found at around 2625 feet, and the drillers are trying to reach it.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

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The Greatest Name in Goody-Land



Misses Martial Bridwell and Kate and Ruth Cockrell, returned home Sunday from Brownwood, where they visited relatives and friends a few days after attending the basket ball game given in that city Friday.

Tom Fields, of Temple, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fields, of our city returned home Monday.

MOTHERS Reduce your doctor's bills by keeping always on hand — **VICK'S VAPORUB** "YOUR BODYGUARD" — 30¢, 60¢, 9¢, 20¢

E. E. Dillingham, of Dallas, came in Sunday to look after business affairs and to visit relatives and friends a few days.

Col. Morgan Jones passed thru Ballinger Sunday, coming in from Coleman on the Santa Fe, and going out over the line which he and the people laid. He had been to Coleman, making the trip across from Abilene in a car, and is keeping an open eye on the oil development in this country. He inquired about the progress being made here.

The Best Laxative "My sedentary habits have necessitated the use of an occasional laxative. I have tried many but found nothing better than Chamberlain's Tablets," writes George F. Daniels, Hardwick, Vt. Mr. Daniels is proprietor of the Hardwick Inn, one of the model hotels of New England.

J. H. Mills and Ira Rogers, of Winters were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday

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