

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## French Demands on Germany Responsible for Peace Delay

Paris, March 31.—After a conference with United States congressmen, in which he expressed a determination for an immediate peace treaty enabling the United States to return her soldiers from Europe, President Wilson today threatened the English, French and Italian members of the peace conference with pitiless publicity, showing who is responsible for the delaying of the peace conference and why the delay, unless action is speeded up and the treaty submitted to Germany.

It is believed that the excessive demands of the French upon the Germans in reparation for the war is the greatest cause of the delay. It is known that the French want sixteen billions for reparation out of the total of forty billions estimated that Germany can pay to all the nations.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT OF CITY ELECTION

An election will be held tomorrow for the election of a mayor and two city commissioners. The tickets have been printed and carry the names of two candidates for mayor, C. S. Guin and E. F. Krebs, and two names for commissioners, G. A. Doose and R. T. Williams are on the ticket for reelection without opposition. These gentlemen have served during the term since the commission form of city government was adopted, and the fact that their names go back on the ticket for re-election without opposition speaks for itself.

Considerable interest was manifested in the mayoralty campaign at the eleventh hour, and what for a time looked like would also be a single man race resulted in a little contest for that place.

There are only about three hundred qualified voters in the city, there being only 270 poll tax receipts issued, and the interest in the mayor's race will no doubt bring out a full vote. The polls open at eight o'clock and close at seven.

Lieut. Roy Sharp left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood, where he has accepted a position with Rogers Dry Goods Co. Lieut. Sharp was offered his old place with the Higginbotham store here, but decided to accept the position at Brownwood.

Mrs. Max Russell returned home from Menard Monday at noon, where she had been in response to a message telling of the serious illness of her father.

## RESULTS OF GRAY MATTER IN CONTEST

The Interscholastic County meet was held here last Friday afternoon and Saturday. A large crowd from the rural schools came here to participate in the various events and to witness the sport. Following are the results as far as have been reported to The Ledger:

Winners in essay contest, Rural school division: Ruby Balke, Mazeland school.

Class B, High school: Jeffie Lee Curry, Miles.

Declamation contest: Rural boys: First, Jim Lacy, Mazeland; second, Lenoard Forbus Pumphery third, Albert Baker, Draseo.

Rural Girls: First, Marcine Gooch, Mazeland; second, Eura Bibbs, Draseo; third, Nina B. Hudson, Pumphery.

Junior boys declamation, First, Gussie Clark, Miles; second, Burton Reese Ballinger.

Junior Girls: First, Mamie Jean Hale, Ballinger, second, Wanda Atwell, Miles, third, Lion Cambell, Winters.

Senior boys: First, Captain Coleman, Miles; second, Edwin Setzler, Ballinger, third, Elton White, Winters.

Senior Girls First Bernice Griffith, Winters, second Helen Prinzing, Miles, third, Ruth Coekrell, Ballinger.

Winners in debate: Kate Coekrell and Elzie Brown, Ballinger.

Athletics, Ballinger won championship of the county in both boys and girls basket ball. As Ballinger is the only Class A high school in the county she had no competition in the track events.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we have been unable to secure information in regard to the results of the various field events. We hope some one who has this information will send it in for publication.

Miss Georgia Singletary returned to Abilene Monday afternoon, where she is taking a business course in a college in that city.

Leon Thomas returned from France Monday at noon. Leon was discharged at Camp Bowie, and comes home a happy boy with an experience which money could not buy. Like most all the other boys coming out of the army Leon looks fine and says he feels fine.

Miss Aurelia McKinzie, who has been spending the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe McKinzie returned to her school at Mary Neal, Monday.

## REHEARING DENIED IN DEBBS CASE

Washington, March 31.—The supreme court today denied application for rehearing in the Debbs case, in which Eugene V. Debbs was convicted for violating the espionage act.

Unless executive clemency is granted Mr. Debbs will have to serve ten years in the federal penitentiary for violating the espionage law.

## WILLING TO RISK CITIZEN'S FAITH

The editor of The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from a lady who gives as her address, 437, 10th St., N. E. Washington, D. C., and in signing her letter prefixes the name with a Miss, in which the lady makes inquiry about the oil development here, and expresses a desire to throw in with the Ballinger bunch. The letter says: "My dear sir:—

"Having read in the Oil & Gas Journal that Ballinger citizens have organized a company and will drill a deep test well, I am asking for information.

"Is any of this stock for sale to an outsider? Is Ballinger shown to be on an oil structure? How close to other oil fields does it lie?"

"If you know of a tract, either for sale or lease, somewhere on the structure, especially near where Ballinger citizens are going to drill, I might also consider that. Have other companies leased in or around Ballinger? I would prefer, however to get into a company in which the citizens have faith than in any other company."

"Thanking you for the information, I am,

That letter is deserving of the prompt attention of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. It verifies just what the Ledger has said from the beginning, and that is the citizens of this city should long ago have organized a company for the purpose of drilling a well within the city limits. Selling the stock would be a small task, because people are anxious to gamble a little on this field. Every town should have a few men whose chief stock is promoting development propositions, and there is no field where wild cat promoting would receive more encouragement than the Ballinger field.

## DERRICK COLLAPSES AT WARING WELL

Monday morning while pulling the eight inch casing out of the Waring well one of the upright posts of the derrick buckled causing the whole structure to crash to the ground. The men were all on the opposite side of the derrick from the way in which it fell so, luckily, no one was hurt. M. B. Howard, fortunately, had just moved away from the spot where it fell. On account of its taking so long to get new steel from the mills to rebuild the derrick it has been decided to construct a wooden one so as not to delay drilling operations any longer than possible, and work has already begun to clear away the wreckage and to prepare for the construction of a new one. This is a 90 foot derrick.—Eden Echo.

## BANKS ADOPT NEW CLOSING HOUR

The banks have moved up business hours to conform with the new time and with the business hours adopted by the business houses, and through the summer will open for business at nine o'clock and close at four.

## TO PROBE MEXICAN LAND SALE

Washington, March 31.—The State Department sent a message to the United States Ambassador in Mexico City today, asking him for a full report of the alleged sale of land in Lower California to the Japanese.

Mexico City, Saturday, March 31.—That Japanese corporations have been granted concessions to exploit agricultural lands in lower California was the statement made late today by General Amado Aguirre, under secretary of development and agriculture.

The affirmation was made, however, that the concessions were fully authorized by the provisions of the Mexican constitution regarding the area and position of territory in relation to the ocean shore and the frontier line.

There is nothing in the concessions, it was asserted by the under secretary, that might possibly lead to difficult as far as the Monroe doctrine was concerned.

Washington, March 30.—Attention of the state department was called about two weeks ago to the reported proposal of Japanese interests to acquire a large tract of land in Lower California from the California and Mexican Land Co., of Los Angeles in telegrams forwarded to the department by Senator Phelan of California.

The attitude of the United States government toward any such move by foreign interests was set forth in a communication sent at that time by the department to the Los Angeles Co. The company was referred specifically to two documents, the Lodge resolution in the sixty-second congress and a message by President Taft both in 1912 and each of which was inspired by the proposal of Japanese fishing interests to establish a base on Magdalena bay.

The Lodge resolution declared that sales of property by Americans to any nation which might use the tract as a base to threaten the United States could not be viewed without grave concern by this government. The message of President Taft transmitted a report by Secretary Knox in response to a senate resolution. The message and report were similar to the Lodge resolution in content.

Mrs. J. B. Currie returned home Monday at noon from a visit to relatives at Santa Anna.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE LARGELY ATTENDED

The service held at the Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in honor of two of the members of that church, Pat Williams and Walter Singletary, who died on the battle fields in France, was largely attended and the program rendered was appropriate and made an hour of solemnity for the friends and love ones of the departed heroes.

The large auditorium was filled with people before the hour announced for the service, and with a silence that was in keeping with the occasion the large crowd listened to the reading of the obituary by Judge Parish, and with bowed heads joined in prayer with W. B. Wood leading. E. D. Futch made a talk, and Rev. W. Bion Adkins delivered the memorial address. Music fitting for the occasion was rendered by a large choir made up of singers from different churches, and a quartett by Messrs. Andy Gustavus, W. A. Bridwell, Robt. King and A. B. Lankford.

They were the first and only members of this church to die on the battlefield, and the honor paid to their memory came not only from the church but from a host of friends who knew them for their manhood, gentlemanly character and Christian soldiers.

## Allied Armies to Advance if Germany Refuses to Sign Up

## NO PROSPECTS FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINS

While on an inspection tour of this branch of the Santa Fe last Saturday General Manager Maxson, accompanied by his wife and a number of other officials of the road, offered no encouragements to those who are anxious to see the trains taken off last fall restored.

The party on Friday went as far north as Purcell, Okla., on the main line. It was purely an inspection trip, Mr. Maxson stated Saturday afternoon. He added in response to questions, that no changes in the present passenger schedules were probable and that it was unlikely that Trains No. 70 and 75, which were taken off last fall, would be restored until conditions improved.

Prospects for a good year are bright all along the Santa Fe in Texas and Oklahoma, but so far business has shown no appreciable increase, this being the dull season of the year.

## MORE RAIN FOR MAKING GRAIN

Nearly three quarters of an inch of rain fell at Ballinger Saturday night, making nearly three inches for the week, and coming after the good rain of last Monday.

Reports received here indicate that the rain was general over this section of the country, and much heavier in some localities than at Ballinger.

During the last week both the Colorado river and Elm creek have been on rises and water sufficient to irrigate the whole county has gone to waste.

The rains are proving a great benefit to the small grain crop, and farmers say another such rain in a few weeks will produce a bumper grain crop in this county. There is activity already underway for harvesting the crop. Binders, threshers and harvest hands will be greatly in demand.

London, March 31.—Newspapers here today declare that Marshal Foch has authorized order for a general advance of the allied armies along the Rhine in case Germany refuses to sign the peace treaty.

## EVERYTHING ON NEW SCHEDULE

If you have not pushed the hands of your watch and clock forward one hour, you are running behind, the world just that much, and in the end will get left. Everything started on Monday morning on a new schedule and we beat father time out of one hour.

Sunday was given over to make the change and the various churches held service on the old schedule in order to take care of the fellow who is sometimes a little slow in adopting himself to the new way.

Monday morning the public school began their sessions on the new time and the early hours for school will hold good for the remainder of the term. Don't look backward, or think backward, but just go by the clock as it now tells you the time of day, and you will always be on time. This will call you out of bed a little earlier than under the old schedule, but it will give you an earlier bed time hour, and after all evens up the day.

## MILLION DOLLARS FOR ROADS IN TRAVIS

Travis county, which already has long stretches of sarvinted highways, is planning to issue from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000 in additional road bonds to put its road system into perfect condition, according to Joe A. Barbisch of Austin, who has for years traveled here as representative of typewriter companies. Mr. Barbisch says that Travis county is more than pleased with its highways investments and is clamorous for more of the same sort.

### Real Petticoat Economy



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Petticoat turned inside out showing the "Protecto" shield that takes rub of corset and protects the silk.

### New Dresses, Blouses and Skirts Coming in Every Week

Glad for You to See Them

## Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

# See Us for Your Tire and Battery Troubles

We Carry a Complete Stock of Willard Storage Batteries United States, Racine and Kelly Springfield Tires and Tubes We Can Save You Money

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**Easter April 20**  
**Fine CLOTHES**  
**for Easter**

For this, the season's most important event, we are prepared to meet your most exacting requirements.

An extensive assortment of the most prominent weaves is here for your selection.

An unparalleled exhibition of style models from the great modistes awaits your inspection.

You can be dressed in the height of style, without going to extremes in price.

The finest actual hand tailoring and the most expert selection in fabrics are what you get in the clothes we make.

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Associated with Lamm & Company, Chicago, Illinois.

**Angelo Votes Million Dollars For Roads, Water and Lights**

The voters of San Angelo, in an election held last Saturday authorized the issuance of \$500,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of buying or building a water plant and a power and light plant. The vote was almost five to one, and comes as a result of an investigation ordered by the city commission about a year ago, and indicates that the people of that city are not satisfied with their present water, light and power plant. The vote was 518 for and 120 against.

At the same time the voters of Tom Green county authorized the issuance of \$500,000 worth of road bonds, the bond issue carrying by a vote of 740 for and 225 against. The county will get additional money from the state and federal government which will give that county \$800,000 for road building.

The same company which supplied Ballinger with light and power is supplying San Angelo, and the proposition to buy or install a municipal plant at San Angelo naturally caused some speculation here.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Beware of cheap imitations. Take no other. Buy your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, the 25 year's success is proof. Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

**IMPOVERISHED BLOOD**

Here's Proof That Vinol Enriches The Blood

Bradford, Pa.—"I have used Vinol for impoverished blood. I was broken out with a rash and run down so it was hard for me to keep about my work. After trying medicines, Iron and Wine and other medicines, without benefit, Vinol enriched my blood and improved my condition very rapidly."—Rose Lasky.

There is no secret about Vinol. It owes its success in such cases to beef, and cod liver, peptonates, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates, the oldest and most famous body building and strength creating tonics.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., City Drug Store and druggist everywhere.

P. S.—For eczema of scalp try our Saxon Salve. Money back if it fails.

J. B. Estes was in off of Route B Saturday and dropped a little silver in The Ledger's till.

**CROUP**  
Spasmodic croup is usually relieved with one application of—  
**VICK'S VAPORUB**  
"YOUR BODYGUARD"—30¢, 60¢, \$1.20

**Liberty Bonds**

Do not sell your Liberty Bonds unless obliged to do so through real necessity.

If you must sell you are advised before doing so, to consult with the management of this bank, who will either recommend you to some reputable broker or purchaser who will buy your bonds or this bank will purchase bonds in moderate amounts, fully or partially paid, on the following basis:

Current quotation on the New York Stock Exchange with accrued interest to date of purchase, less 50 cents for each \$50.00 Bond or for each multiple thereof.

(At request of Federal Reserve Bank Dallas)

**THE First National Bank**  
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**TELEGRAPH RATES UP 20 PER CENT**

Manager Moore of the local Western Union Office, announces that he is in receipt of orders from Postmaster Burleson, new schedule for telegraph rates, effective April 2nd.

The new rates brings an increase of twenty per cent on all domestic messages and affects both commercial and government messages, but there will be no increase on "press rates" messages granted to newspapers.

In addition to the twenty per cent increase in message rates comes an increase in war tax on all messages amounting to more than fifty cents. The war tax on all messages now is five cents. The new war tax will be five cents on all messages of less than fifty cents and ten cents on all messages of over fifty cents.

Mr. Burleson says the advance is made in order to take care of the increased cost of operation occasioned by the wage increases now in effect and which were made during the past year.

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.

H. Clements, of New Braunfels, arrived Saturday at noon, and is here to look after his farming interest. Mr. Clements says things are looking fine all the way up the line from his home to Ballinger, and he is delighted to see this country coming back to better days so fast.

**A Timely Suggestion**

The next time you have a cough or cold try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: It is pleasant to take and you are sure to be pleased with the relief which it affords. This remedy has a wide reputation for its cures of coughs and colds.

**FOR MAYOR**

On being interviewed by our reporter, Mayor E. F. Krebs, said that while he was not a candidate now nor was he when elected two years ago, but if his friends wanted him to fill another term he would accept the office and try to fill it to the best of his ability. Quite a large number of his friends have insisted on his accepting the office for another term and he is willing for his name to go on the ticket.

**Why Colds are Dangerous**

You are often told to "beware of a cold," but why? We will tell you: Every cold weakens the lungs lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases. People who contract pneumonia first take cold. The longer a cold hangs on, the greater the danger, especially from the germ diseases, as a cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the germ of consumption, diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough. The quicker you get rid of your cold, the less the danger of contracting one of these diseases. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation as a cure for colds and can be depended upon. It is pleasant to take.

Sam J. Nelson was among the soldiers arriving home Saturday and was one of those who we failed to get in the list of names. Sam says he sure is glad to get back to Ballinger and it is no more France for him. He thinks more of the American people, and especially Texans, than he does the whole French population.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Fresh bread for sale at Ward's Cafe. dtf.

Apply a cotton cloth wet with Ballard's Snow Liniment to all wounds, cuts, burns, sores or blisters, and note its wonderful healing power. It is prompt and very effective. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

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**HOW CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE WAS SAVED**

New Process Invented to Preserve Surface of Monolith in Central Park.

HIEROGLYPHS OBLITERATED.

Rigors of Western Climate Caused Khedive's Gift to Disintegrate.

Painting Ancient Obelisk With Special Preparation Stopped Decay—Ruined Portions Restored.

New Yorkers awoke one morning to find in their breakfast headlines the news that a zealous park employee had discovered signs of disintegration on the surface of the city's most treasured antique—Cleopatra's Needle. Photographs revealed that the monolith was peeling, large pieces of sandstone having fallen from the tall shaft, carrying with them part of the prized hieroglyphs.

London's twin sister of Cleopatra's Needle was reported as resting comfortably and enduringly on the banks of the Thames, and the rival port wondered whether a preparation would be found to stay the attacks of their harsher climate.

Such a preparation was soon forthcoming. A new paint combination as a preservative for stone was invented

**THE OBELISK.**

The Obelisk was presented to the City of New York by the Khedive of Egypt, Lieutenant Commander Gunning, U. S. N., after a three years' effort, obtained possession of it and moved it to its present position, at an expense of nearly \$100,000. It was finally swung into position at noon, January 22, 1881.

The height of this monument from base to tip, is 69 feet, 2 inches. The measurement of the base square through its axis, is 7 feet, 8 1/2 inches. The entire weight of the monolith is 219 1/2 tons.

Since it was quarried near the torrid zone, it has traversed the entire length of Egypt, most of that of the Mediterranean Sea and the width of the Atlantic Ocean—a distance of 6,400 miles—proving itself a first rate traveler for one whose age has exceeded thirty-five centuries in the course of its existence. It has seen Pharaoh and his host going to their destination in the Red Sea, Shishak marching to the conquest of Jerusalem, Cambyses despoiling the land, Herodotus, Plato and other Greek students, engaged in pursuit of Egyptian lore, Alexander, the Great on his victorious expedition through the land of Goshen, six and a half centuries of Roman sovereignty and Christian struggle at Alexandria, all the long line of Moslem rulers, since Caliph Omar, and now, leaving alto-gether its native land, it stands looking up on the million dwellers in this metropolitan whose site was unknown to the Eastern world at a time when the Obelisk had been in existence for two thousand years.

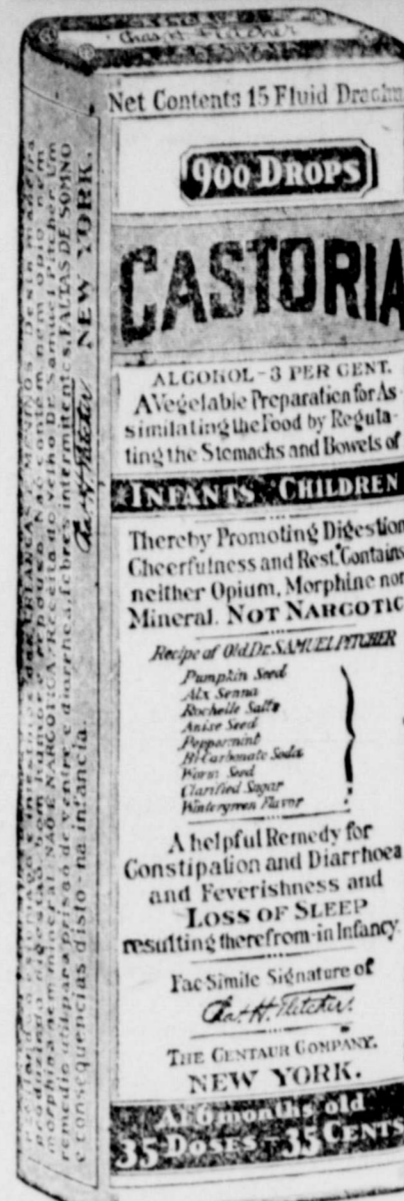
by Dr. William Kuckro, chemist of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Many years previous coating with paraffin had been tried, but the application had not entirely accomplished its purpose. The new painting process, however, proved a success. Disintegration was halted and the damaged parts restored. New York breathed easily again.

**PAINT PROTECTION AND ITS ECONOMY.**

The preservation of structural materials, which may be obtained through the application of paint, constitutes a most vital means of furthering the conservation of our natural resources. It is, moreover, the most economical method of sustaining the appearance and general upkeep of any community.

A structure coated with sheets of India rubber would not be as well protected from decay as a structure coated with a good oil paint. This is due to the fact that a sheet of rubber is not so durable or as waterproof as a thin dried film of paint. The latter material when applied dries to a continuous elastic film containing finely divided particles of metallic, wear resisting pigments. A square foot of such a film upon a wooden surface costs less than a penny, yet it will beautify and protect a dollar's worth of surface for many years. This is a low rate of insurance.

Dwellings, barns, outbuildings, sheds, posts, fences, stock enclosures, wagons, implements, windmills and other structures, whether of wood, iron or cement, should be preserved, through the use of paint, from rapid decay. High grade paint may be used successfully for all such purposes. Colored paints will be found the most serviceable, the coloring matter in the paint adding from two to three years to the life of the coating.



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**Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria**

Always Bears the Signature of

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**TRAIN TO RUN ON NEW TIME**

Local agent Carringer announced Saturday that all trains would be operated on the new time beginning Sunday. The west bound train will arrive at 11:55 as usual but the fellow who does not either run his watch up before he retires

tonight, or run it up when he gets up in the morning, will get left. The train schedule will be maintained under new time, but on the same old hours.

Mrs. L. B. Harris, of San Angelo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Horace Strain.

Fresh bread for sale at Ward's Cafe. dtf.

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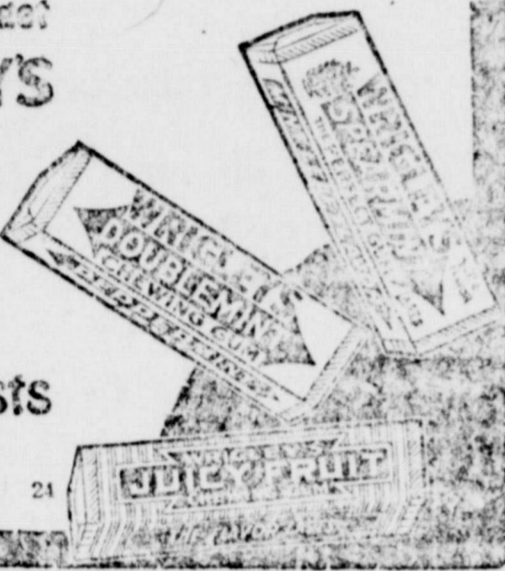
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The Flavor Lasts



## EVERYTHING MAN USES IS LUXURY

This paper is just in receipt of a communication from Judge A. S. Walger, Collector of Internal Revenue, at Austin, Texas, outlining the provisions of that portion of the new revenue bill imposing taxes on miscellaneous luxuries and semi-luxuries. This portion of the bill affects almost every class of business from the street vendor manufacturer of automobiles and of candy and soft drinks to the motor trucks.

One section of the law places a tax on all persons selling real and imitation jewelry, precious stones, watches, clocks, opera glasses, etc. Sculpture, paintings, statuary, art proclamations and bronzes.

Another section of the law imposes a tax on all manufacturers of the following articles:

Cereal beverages and soft drinks. Mineral waters and table waters when sold in bottles or other closed containers. It also applies to all soft drinks, ice cream sodas, etc prepared and sold at fountains. It applies also to manufacturers of automobiles, automobile trucks, inner tubes, and accessories therefor.

Pianos, organs, graphophones, music boxes and records.

Tennis rackets, skates, fishing rods, games and all similar articles commonly known as sporting goods.

Chewing gum, candy, photographic films and plates.

Firearms, shells and cartridges, hunting, bowie and dirk knives.

Portable electric fans, thermos bottles.

Cigarette holders and pipes.

Automatic slot-devices vending machines.

Liveries and livery boots and hats.

Hunting and shooting garments and riding jackets.

Toilet soaps, toilet articles, patent and proprietary medicinal preparations.

Still another part of the law places a tax on all sales of certain articles when the selling price exceeds a prescribed amount.

This section affects sales of the following articles:

Carpets and rugs.

Picture frames, trunks, traveling bags, suit cases, pocket books, purses, shopping and hand bags.

Umbrellas, parasols and fans.

House or smoking coats or jacket and bath robes or lounging robes.

Men's waistcoats.

Women's and misses' hats, bonnets and hoods.

Men's and boy's hats and caps.

Men's, women's, misses' and boys' boots, pumps and slippers.

Men's and boy's neckties, silk stockings or hose.

Women's and misses' silk stockings or hose.

Men's shirts.

Men's, women's and boys pajamas and underwear.

Women's petticoats and waists.

Dealers of either of the three classes of articles are required to make reports at stated times to the Collector of Internal Revenue. All dealers should furnish the Collector their names and addresses immediately, in order that he may furnish them blanks upon which to make reports. Failure to make the required reports will subject any dealer to penalty.

### 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.

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**HERBINE** cures constipation and reestablishes regular bowel movements. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

**FIRE INSURANCE**  
The Best Companies  
PROMPT SERVICE  
Your business solicited  
**MRS. MAGGIE SHARP**  
Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co.'s Office. Phone 815. See Me.

## Spring is Coming

Repair the damages of winter's storms before the Spring rains set in. A small leak in the roof of your home or barn will grow larger if neglected at this time, and may cause you a big loss in money.

Get building material of all kinds at this yard and save money. Every order, large or small given our most prompt attention.

**Ballinger Lumber Comp'y**  
T. L. Acree, Local Manager

## Money to Loan on Farm Lands

I represent a strong and liberal loan company

See me about new or renewal loans.

**Estes Lynn**  
Hall Hardware Co., Building

## Daily Ledger Want Ads

**LOST**—Diamond bar pin between Queen Theatre and McElroy home on 8th Street. Finder return to Miss Mae McElroy. 29 dtf.

**PARK HOTEL NOW OPEN**—nice clean beds, first class meals, board by the week or month, Mrs. Frank Latham, Mgr. 31 10td

# QUEEN

Tonight

METRO PROGRAM

"The Gold Cure"

Featured by

**Viola Dana**

## MOVE TO ORGANIZE AN ATHLETIC CLUB

A move is on foot to organize an athletic club in Ballinger. Soldiers returning from the army who have undergone military and athletic training are anxious to keep up their training as well as getting the benefit of the training they have received, and they are enthusiastic for the new club.

"We want one hundred young men to come in as charter members with ten dollars each," said one of the soldier boys, "and with this we can equip our club, and then a small monthly club due will give us funds to employ an instructor and maintain the club."

### A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and 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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

### ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY SAILS FROM BREST

Mrs. Sam Berhinger received a cablegram Sunday from her husband stating that he was sailing from Brest, France. Of course this was good news to Mrs. Berhinger, and in the course of two or three weeks Sam should land in Ballinger with his honorable discharge.

**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.

Mrs. R. L. Harwell left Sunday afternoon for Texarkana, where she goes to be with her sister whose husband is very low and not expected to live.

Take **HERBINE** for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. For sale by Weeks Drug Store.

Mrs. J. K. Hutton is at home from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Preston Hunt, at Texarkana.

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Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of congress of August 24, 1912, of The Daily Ledger published every day except Sunday at Ballinger, Texas, for April 1919.

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss.

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared C. P. Shepherd, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the business manager of the Daily Ledger and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:  
Publisher: The Ballinger Printing Company. A Corporation.  
Editor: A. W. Sledge  
City Editor: Edwin Skinner.  
Business Manager: C. P. Shepherd all of Ballinger, Texas.

2. That the owners are:  
J. M. Skinner, C. P. Shepherd, A. W. Sledge, Troy Simpson, Mrs. D. C. Simpson, J. M. Skinner, Jr., E. T. Williams, Miss Svelyn Routh, Scott H. Mack, R. W. Bruce, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, all of Ballinger, Texas, and H. M. Jones of Coleman, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgages, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: NONE

5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed through the mails or otherwise to paid subscribers during the six months preceding the date shown above is 500  
C. P. Shepherd, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of March, 1919.  
(SEAL) E. Sheppherd, Notary Public, Runnels county, Texas.  
My commission expires June 1919.

D. W. Yeager, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

L. W. Compton and little son, and H. A. Mitchell, of the Winters country, and J. S. Flanagan, of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

### 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellis, of Memphis, Texas, came in Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ellis, and Ballinger friends for a few days.

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

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.  
FRANK J. CHENEY.

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Price Maddox, of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from the Mary Neal country where he owns considerable ranch property



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The 24 acres 6 3-4 miles northwest of the famous Knowells, Duke and Hog Creek gushers in the Ranger field. The Epler well is only 3 1-2 miles of the 24 acres, considered one of the best in the field. Several deep tests are being made now in 1 and 2 miles of the 24 acres. Acreage is selling for \$500 per acre in this vicinity and will be only a short time until the 24 will be worth \$1,500 to \$2,000 per acre.

The 200 acres near the wells at Abilene has an excellent prospect for oil as any prospective field in Texas. The Putman well being only about 30 miles east of Abilene. This well with tools in it flowed over. This well is 3800 feet, striking Ranger sand, acreage jump to \$500 per acre.

### Bank References

Wichita Falls, Texas, April 11th, 1918.

To Whom it May Concern:

I have known the bearer, Mr. E. A. Bedichek, for the past two years. Have had considerable business relations with him and have found him to be honest, sober and industrious. During my acquaintance, Mr. Bedichek has been successfully engaged in the production of oil propositions.

WLR\*P

Very Truly,

W. L. Robertson,  
Assistant Cashier.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that I have been appointed as Trustee for the Burkburnett-Ranger-Abilene Oil Association and have agreed to act in that capacity.

W. H. Free, Trustee.

Here are a few of our subscribers. They are men you know. Ask them about our proposition: Geo. C. Bishop, C. G. Hutchinson, T. A. Russell, W. J. Connell, Jno. W. Wilson, Wichita Falls; E. M. Graham, Geo. Pickett, Mrs. J. W. Dale, Winters; F. W. Kimble, Winters, C. B. Webb, Alf W. White, Ovalo, and many others have purchased several thousand dollars worth. Keep in mind they are home people.

We know we have oil in paying quantities, southeast of Abilene as it has been pumped for the past two years. A deep test for Ranger sand is being made north of Abilene. The 24 acres is near three tests now being drilled.

Considering number of acres, location and capitalization, I can safely say that B. R. A. is equally as good as the best and exceeds the largest percent offered the public today.

We propose to drill first well at Burkburnett soon as drilling fund is raised through sale of stock. One well producing even 100 barrels daily for 12 months will make \$80,000.00 clear. Five wells can be very easily drilled on the 5 acres. The Ranger and Abilene acreage will be developed as the stockholders consider wise, when development on joining acreage demands drilling on the Ranger and Abilene holdings.

### Investment

Millions invested and millions made and millions more to be made by proper investment, and many will regret if they do not invest and reap some of the great profits now awaiting. This stock should be sold, well drilled and profits realized before mid-summer. As safe and conservative investment as anyone could ask for.

### DIVIDENDS PAID BY BURKBURNETT OIL

All down the line from Pennsylvania to Texas, town lot drilling and booms have quite generally been disappointing in net cash returns to those who footed the bills, either in individual operators or promoted companies. This known fact kept experienced oil men and regular companies from getting in on the Burkburnett excitement, promoters being very largely responsible for the development on the townsite and adjacent territory, particularly to the east, south and north.

A list of promoted companies that have paid dividends shows approximately forty two that have so far paid dividends ranging from 8 per cent up to 300 per cent, which returns to stockholders their original investment—made at par or near par—and something besides. Estimated at an average capitalization of \$50,000 per company, a return of the original investment at par represents \$2,500,000; making a reasonable estimate of dividends paid in excess of the investment, the amount thus paid is probably close to \$1,000,000, not counting the cost of drilling and operation of the wells. Among the companies paying latest dividends are the Morris Oil Company, paying 50 per cent last Friday, the same day the Mann-Scott, the Mann-Hood, the Mann-Worth and the Farmers & Merchants Oil companies paid 21 per cent. The Perry-Browning Oil company also paid its third 50 per cent dividend. The Hearn Oil company announces it will pay a 50 per cent dividend March 20. Block 36 Oil company, with 300 per cent, leads all Burkburnett companies, the Hammond No. 1 having paid 200 per cent. The Floydada and the Wichita Fuel companies having paid 250 per cent and the Citizens' and the Columbia companies 200 per cent. Eleven companies have paid 100 per cent, two of them 150 and 175 per cent.

### Officers

E. A. BEDICHEK, President

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DR. M. C. BELL, Treasurer

W. H. FREE, Trustee, Cashier First State Bank, Abilene.

Stock has sold in number of companies at Burkburnett, 200, 500, 700, 2500 up to \$15,000 for \$100 invested in Hog Creek near 24 acres sold for \$7,000.00 for \$100.00 invested

See report of a number of companies at Burkburnett paying dividends.

See bank references regarding E. A. Bedichek operations over 1000 stock holders in Texas and Oklahoma have invested with him in several companies.

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