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Defense Offers Evidence In Miller Murder Trial

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 8.—In order that the large number of witnesses might be released and return to their homes, Judge Woodward has been holding night sessions in hearing the Miller trial, in which Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho county, is charged with the murder of Tom Bengé at Eden, last September.

The defendant went on the stand this morning, and related incidents leading up to the killing, testifying to threats communicated to him, and warnings brought him of a conspiracy on the part of Bengé and his friends to take his life. The conclusion of the evidence depends on how the state handles rebuttal. The testimony will probably all be in before court recesses this afternoon.

The state rested Tuesday afternoon late and the defense began offering testimony. Judge Howze was the first witness called by the defense. Before offering evidence the defense disclosed its plan of defense and established a predicate for its argument that there existed a well laid conspiracy to kill Bob Miller, and that the ring leader of the plot was Tom Bengé, and that this conspiracy was known to Miller, and that threats against his life by the conspirators had been communicated to him both by face to face talks and over the telephone, and that the presence of Tom Bengé in Eden at the time of his death was for the express purpose of carrying out the conspiracy to take Miller's life.

James Howze, of Eden, was the first witness called by the de-

fense. Judge Howze testified that he knew Miller and Bengé, had known them for many years. He said Miller's character and reputation was good and that Bengé's was bad.

James Simpson, of Eden, offered practically the same evidence as Howze, and said that Bengé was a man who was known to be dangerous and would put into action any threats he made. Simpson said that the reputation of Malloy and Cochran, who testified for the state, was bad.

W. A. Ballard, a real estate dealer of Eden, made a good witness for the defense. Said he was in his office on the afternoon Bengé was killed. Saw man named Warring, friend of Tom Bengé, come to window and look in; heard remark made in office about Bob Miller going to be killed. Said he knew Cochran and Malloy to be men of bad reputations for truth. Knew Bengé to be dangerous man to deal with. Said he saw several men drive off in an auto after hearing Warring say Miller was going to be killed. This was about ten o'clock in the forenoon. Bengé was killed in the afternoon.

L. T. Cave, justice of the peace, said that he told Miller that he had heard that Bengé said he would kill him on sight, and he warned Miller not to move to Paint Rock, as he would get killed. This was some time before Bengé killed Bryant, Miller's son-in-law. Witness testified that reputations of Malloy and Cochran were bad, and he considered Bengé a dangerous character.

H. S. Gober swore that Bengé had a bad reputation and that Miller was considered a peaceable, law-abiding citizen. H. W. Gober and P. R. Williams offered the same testimony as H. S.

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ANNUAL MEET IRRIGATION ASS'N

The Second Annual Meeting of the membership of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association has been called for Wednesday, December 14th. The meeting will be held in Rowena, where a spacious hall has been secured, and at which a large crowd is expected.

Besides talks by authorities on the various phases of irrigation, there will be a report from Chief of Survey C. C. Holder on the progress of the survey and mapping; a report from C. S. Guin, President of the Association on the proceedings at the Western States Irrigation Congress, where Mr. Guin represented the State of Texas; the annual report on financial statement of Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the Association, and the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year.

The Irrigation Association was organized a year ago at a meeting held in Miles, and has increased from 25 persons to a membership of several hundred. The publicity program of the association has attracted attention of people throughout the country to this section. The survey which they secured has resulted in about \$25,000.00 being spent in this and Coke counties by the State and Federal governments. The irrigation project itself is laden with wonderful possibilities for this section, and is deserving of the interest and support of every citizen of this section who has its best interests at heart.

COTTON MILLS WANT TARIFF BILL ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Prompt action on the tariff bill was asked today by the spokesman for cotton goods manufacturers appearing before the Senate finance committee. Present uncertainties, it was said are preventing the active operation of old enterprises and the stimulation of new ones.

E. F. Krebs will leave in a few days for San Diego, California, where he goes to spend the remainder of the winter with his sister, who lives at that place, and whom he has not seen in about twenty years.

Try Want Ads for results

Women Strikers Use Red Pepper in Fight on Police

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A temporary injunction prohibiting members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union from picketing, or otherwise molesting workers at the stockyards, was granted by the superior court today. The petition for the injunction was filed by twenty-six packers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Fifteen hundred policemen were sent to the stockyards early this morning when long before daylight several groups of persons, including a few women, gathered about the gates to the packing yards. Only a few hours earlier two hundred policemen fired into thousands of strike sympathizers, who attacked the plant and employes and finally made an attack on the policemen.

Last night's toll of casualties

Wedding Suit Delayed; Man Brings Suit for \$113 on Suit from Tailor

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Because his trousers to his wedding suit were alternately too long and too short, and then too long again, making his appearance ridiculous, and causing a postponement of his wedding, John Crim today filed suit in the circuit court here

SUBMARINE SINKS; CREW SPENDS TWELVE HOURS UNDER WATER

GRAND LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

WACO, Dec. 8.—The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas completed the election of officers last night, and the following result was reported:

Grand Master, D. F. Johnson, Brownwood; Deputy Grand Master, Mike H. Thomas, Dallas; Grand Senior Warden, Gus A. Brandt, Houston; Grand Junior Warden, Gwynn Williams, Decatur; Grand Treasurer, H. C. Talbot, Houston; Grand Secretary, W. B. Pearson, Waco; member of committee on work, W. S. Tate, Hamilton; member board directors Masonic home, Andrew L. Randell, Dallas.

At the close of the business session today the new officers will be installed.

The Grand Lodge of Texas today extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico. For the last ten years the Texas lodge has withheld recognition of the Mexican lodge.

COTTON GINNINGS ARE MADE PUBLIC

The government issued the ginnings report today, showing that 7,640,870 bales of cotton had been ginned this season as compared to 10,141,293 for the same date last year.

Slight reflection from the ginnings report was shown in the market, the market gaining 25 or 30 points during the early trading.

Gins in Runnels county were operating at certain places last Saturday, and it is reported that more than 200 bales of cotton were ginned at Ballinger and Winters. Where it came from is hard to tell, as the country was supposed to have been picked over good and clean some time ago.

F. E. Hartman went to Brownwood Thursday morning to attend the district conference of the Methodist church.

Carbon and Typewriter Paper—The Ballinger Printing Co.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 8.—The lake submarine S-48 sank off this harbor last night and was submerged for twelve hours before the crew, by lightening the ballast tanks raised one end of the craft to the surface and made their escape through torpedo tubes this morning.

The submarine was making a nose dive when the accident occurred, according to members of the crew, who told of their miraculous escape.

The crew was picked up by a tanker and taken a hospital at the navy yards in New York for medical aid. Many of them were overcome by chlorine gas, and were pulled from the boat by their more fortunate mates more dead than alive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Fifty

one members of the crew of the submarine S-48, who escaped through the torpedo tubes after

the undersea boat made a nose dive off Bridgeport yesterday, and stuck to the bottom for 12 hours, told a remarkable story of their rescue on their arrival at the New York navy yards today.

According to the report of the commandant the crew lightened one end of the submarine until it rose above the surface of the water, and then crawled out through the torpedo tubes and sat perched on the pinnacles of the craft for more than ten hours, after darkness had fallen. A mattress was pulled out of the submarine and by setting it on fire the attention of a passing tanker was attracted, which went to the rescue and brought the men here.

LITTLE FREEZE-UP TONIGHT

The forecast for tonight predicts lower temperature, with a clear sky, with warmer weather and a clear sky Friday.

Big shipment of Christmas Trees, will be here positively in plenty of time. Place orders through the torpedo tubes after now. Jeanes & Co. 8-tfd

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Includes all dresses formerly priced from \$45.00 to \$60.00.

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We have sizes from Misses size 14 to Extra size 58. If you've been thinking of buying a new dress now is the time to decide.

Remember the date—tomorrow and Saturday, December 9th-10th

VAN PELT-PYBURN

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Why hurry to do your Christmas shopping? Wait until the eleventh hour and get the goods the early shoppers have kicked aside.

A conservative estimate places Runnels county's 1921 turkey output at \$50,000, with a turkey dinner for every family in the county. Some gobblers.

We are approaching the season of the year when a little cash saved during the year comes in handy. Another reason why you should have a savings account. Lay up something for a dry day, you know.

Speaking of the injustice of the federal census reports, the town of Mexia is given credit for only 3,500 people in the 1920 census count, while that burg is now claiming 12,000 people. Just another oil boom.

Wading out of bloody butcher pens in demanding higher wages, packing house employes throughout the country are resorting to bloody methods for enforcing the rule of might makes right. In this day of world peace and disarmament demands such tactics will not work in a civilized country.

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FAMOUS DANCERS IN PHOTOPLAY

Mlle. Nana and Mons. Alexis, the well known dancers, were selected to do their specialty "Apache" dance in one of the big scenes of the Parisian cabaret, in the photoplay production, "Neglected Wives," which will be shown at the Maerov Theatre tomorrow, Friday. Mlle. Nana and Mons. Alexis, whose enviable reputation in vaudeville as eccentric dancers is well known, have in this production achieved a distinct success as the Apache dancers of the Parisian dance hall.

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The Ledger will publish a special Christmas number of the Banner-Ledger on next Friday, Dec. 16th, and will offer advertisers the best medium of the year to reach the Christmas shoppers just at the right time. The edition will be put in the postoffice on Thursday night and will be circulated over Runnels county in time to benefit the Saturday trade and still be a benefit to the merchants the entire week before Christmas.

This same edition will be changed into a Welcome Teachers edition on Monday and published in the daily on that day, Dec. 19th. 400 extra copies of the daily edition will be printed and a copy given each teacher here attending the institute. All the institute news will be carried in this paper and this feature of the holiday business should appeal to every merchant in Ballinger.

If you have not already arranged for space with our solicitor see him or phone No. 27 at once and reserve space in these two big issues. It will be necessary for us to have "copy" early in the week in order for our force to handle the big edition, so arrange for your space now and get busy on your copy.

Don't delay—phone 27 immediately and get in on this big double offer. Christmas cuts furnished for any line of business, and only regular rate charged, a big circulation that covers Runnels county, Ballinger and the Teachers Institute—get busy.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy, particularly beneficial for older men. Price \$1.25 per bottle, John A. Weeks Special Agent.

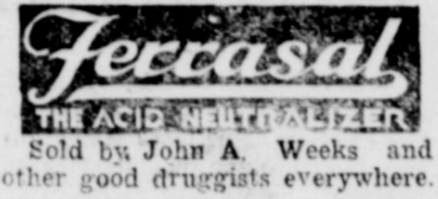
D. J. Johnson and H. W. Greber of the West Texas Telephone Co. were here from Brownwood Wednesday.

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INDIGESTION A MODERN AILMENT PRESENT DAY FOODS HARD TO ASSIMILATE

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NOTICE TO DAILY LEDGER SUBSCRIBERS

Since The Daily Ledger passed under the management and ownership of the Ballinger Printing Co. in Feb. 1913, our rule has always been that Subscriptions are cash in advance, and this rule has continued, but we find that some of our subscribers are just a little negligent in taking care of their expirations, due we think, to carelessness. We adopted a plan some time ago to mail out the expiration notices, thus saving a street collector. Most subscribers respond promptly, but some do not and to those who do not, we ask that you please give the matter attention. Today, we are mailing out notices to all who are in arrears up to Dec. 1st, and if you receive a notice, please give it attention. If you do not desire the paper longer then be kind enough to notify us and it will be dropped. THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY.

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Corinne Griffith appears at her best tonight at the Fo-to-sho Theatre as Clara Deene, private secretary of Anthony Blake, in the Vitagraph special, "What's Your Reputation Worth?"

The production is one of unusualities. It requires hundreds of extra players and many specially constructed sets. One scene which is shown but a few seconds represents a dream palace. Another massive set represents a restaurant with cabaret in full swing. In this set over 150 extras are used and two danseuses of the Metropolitan Opera ballet are seen in solo dances. The action is shifted from New York to the country in winter time. The company went into the Adirondacks and near a popular winter resort took scenes in this most picturesque of locations. Here Corinne is shown skiing, sleighing and participating in many winter sports. For the production Miss Griffith had a score of new gowns designed. Many of them will be shown at the openings during the coming season.

The action is intensely melodramatic, and the production is one of contrasts. It is the story of a girl who is willing to make great sacrifice in order to bring happiness into the life of the man she loves.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio is a constitutional remedy is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

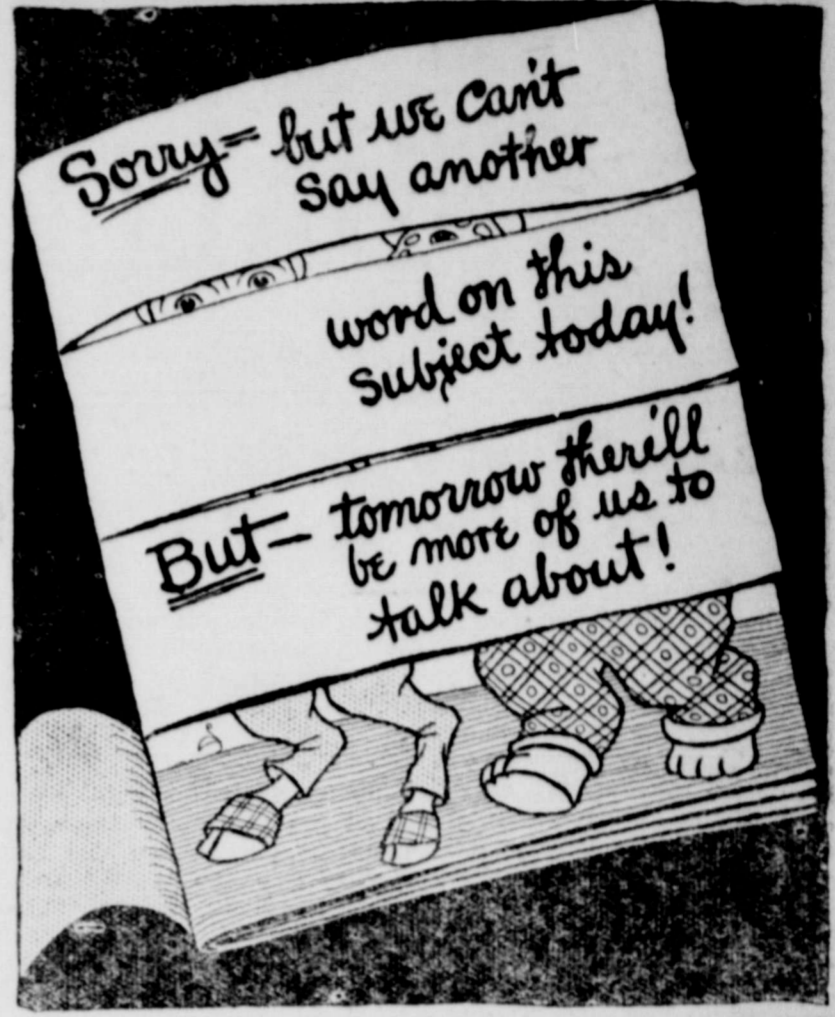
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E. E. Smith, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

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Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Mrs. J. J. Bugg and Mrs. A. Schawe visited Winters Wednesday in the interest of the Christmas seal campaign.

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CHANGES IN MAPS OF WORLD

Almost Impossible of Belief Has Been the Increase in Knowledge in the Christian Era.

Mapmakers are having a busy time in these days of ever-changing boundaries. Europe has regrouped itself, and the old map of our school days is wrong from top to bottom.

But what tremendous changes have taken place in the Christian era, a comparatively short time in the history of the world, observes a writer in London Answers. The Roman's map of the world was the Middle sea—the Mediterranean—and the lands washed by its waves. To sail out of the Straits of Gibraltar—the Pillars of Hercules—was as great an adventure as being shot in a rocket to Mars would be today!

For another thousand years, after the decline of Rome, very little progress was made. India was a sort of fairyland, China—or Cathay—might have been in the moon, Russia and Siberia were wholly out of bounds. America was not dreamed of, Australia had never been heard of, no European ship had ever sailed on the Pacific ocean.

Then, quite suddenly, came the age of exploration. The Spanish and Portuguese navigators, followed by the great English adventurers, doubled the world's land area for the map makers. But even then the maps were fearful and wonderful. America was a piece of all guesswork. The greater part of Africa the same. Even Europe looked like nothing on earth, and where they were at a loss they drew fabulous beasts and birds to fill up the spaces.

BRINGS BACK ACTION OF BRAIN

Remarkable Power of Smelling Salts When the Seat of Reason is Violently Affected.

When Carpenter sent that one terrific blow against Dempsey's chin in the second round of their battle for the championship, and Dempsey staggered, dazed by its force, one of his seconds applied a bottle of smelling salts to his nose.

When a woman faints, smelling salts are placed beneath her nose, and she revives.

The reviving effect of smelling salts is due to the ammonia they contain. Aromatic spirits of ammonia have the same effect. Ammonia is a very powerful stimulant to both the lungs and the heart. In full strength, the fumes of ammonia are intensely irritating to the lungs and throat, as any fireman who has helped to put out a burning factory in which ammonia was stored can testify. In a very weak solution it irritates only sufficiently to stimulate. When inhaled, the gas affects the nerves ending in the nose, throat and lungs; so quickly do these carry the news to the brain and so instantaneous is the response by way of the pneumogastric and other nerves that the lungs expand to draw in air and the heart at once pumps more rapidly—Buffalo Express.

Dog Biscuit for Breakfast.

Judge Jean H. Norris tells the funniest true story of domestic difficulties. Here it is:

In the tragedy of misunderstandings, it is a relief to run across a case that is strictly humorous. Entertainment of this sort was furnished in one instance by a husband, arraigned for nonsupport, who declared that he had left home because he had been given dog biscuit for breakfast.

"That ain't no foundation for a hard day's work," he complained. "I always have oatmeal porridge in the morning; but that precious pup was sick and wouldn't eat his regular fare. So the missus gives him my porridge, and then breaks up his biscuit and tries to pass it on to me. Wasn't that enough to make any man leave home?"

Asked if she liked the dog better than she did her husband, the woman burst into a pean of praise for her spouse.

"The dog's a delicate little thing and awfully fussy about his food," she explained. "I thought if the dog biscuits didn't hurt him they certainly wouldn't hurt a strong man like James."

The trouble ended in a complete reconciliation.—American Magazine.

"Indephen Blue" a New Shade.

"Indephen blue" is the name of the novelty over which the dye men are puffing out their chests like pointer pigeons and declaring that "American dyers are fully the equals of their German rivals in resourcefulness." In the present instance they have gone beyond, for try as they have the Germans have not obtained a tinge of this type possessing all the desired properties.

The color is brighter and slightly more violet than indigo and closely resembles bruno-indigo. Its great resistance to light, surpassing that of indigo itself, is a property that delights the dyer, while it equals indigo in a number of other customary tests, including that of boiling.

This discovery will be greeted with applause by textile manufacturers.

Flowers Preserved in Ice.

A wreath of western Australian wild flowers recently arrived in England to be placed on the Unknown Warrior's grave in Westminster abbey. The wreath was frozen in a solid block of ice, and when the flowers were thawed they proved to be just as fresh as when they were gathered, in spite of their six weeks' journey through the tropics.

GRAY HAIR BECOMES DARK AND BEAUTIFUL

Try Grandmother's Old Favorite Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients, at very little cost. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

Sam Briley, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

Have a Christmas Tree this Christmas. Give us your order today. Jeanes & Co. S-1fd

A nine pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore Wednesday night. Mother and baby are getting along nicely. Father is still on the job at the City Cafe.

Joe Ostertag, Jim Flynt and J. D. Perkins returned home Wednesday night from Brownwood, where they were witnesses in the Bob Miller trial.

PREACHER GETS GOOD POUNDING

Rev. C. E. Simpson's home on Tenth Street underwent a heavy pounding Wednesday night. Members of the Methodist congregation as a means of expressing their appreciation for their pastor, gathered at the parsonage and all carried armfuls, and auto loads of good things to eat. As is usually the case the pastor was stormed by his members and surprised, but needless to say that it was a pleasant surprise, and no doubt makes Rev. Simpson feel that the lot of a Methodist preacher is not so hard after all.

LOST—Overland auto crank on Broadway. Leave at Ledger office. S-1fd

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JAPS ACCEPT TREATY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Japanese government has accepted the proposal for a quadruple understanding, the authorized British spokesman said today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Powers representing the Far East committee today adopted a resolution agreeing not to enter into treaties of understandings among themselves which would in any way impair the four Root resolutions concerning China.

Receipt Books, manufactured in Ballinger, for sale by the Ballinger Printing Co. Tfd

DISEASE STALKS IN PATH OF FAMINE

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—Hospitals here have been provided with three thousand new beds to accommodate typhus patients. Deaths are reported to be increasing in the famine districts due to the food shortage. Advances from Astrakhan state that typhus, small pox, cholera and Black Death have appeared in that province.

The Houston Chronicle, an up-to-date newspaper, Daily and Sunday, by mail, one year \$6.40. Daily without Sunday, \$4.40. Underwood News Co. Tfd

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CLEAN UP WEEK FOR CHRISTMAS

The Young Men's Business League and the Civic League have set the week of December 12th as "Clean Up Week" in Ballinger, and are asking every citizen and householder in the city to co-operate with them in giving the city a thorough "house cleaning."

The following week is Teachers Institute Week, and there will be two or three hundred out of town visitors with us that week. During the following week there will be many Christmas visitors in the city. The city should be spotlessly clean for these reasons if for no other.

Every city, however, needs at least one general cleaning annually, if not more often. At this time most of the trees have shed their leaves; the grass is dead, and everything is all set to be cleaned and burned.

Another important phase of city cleaning is the removal of which accumulates during the fall should be raked up and burned, as it is a constant menace as long as it remains on the place. Ashes, containing live coals, are sometimes thrown in the yard, and in this way many

fires are started. Trash of all kinds constitutes a fire risk, and its complete removal before winter sets in is almost a necessity.

It is to be hoped that every citizen of Ballinger will co-operate in the move, and assist the Y. M. B. L. and the Civic League in giving the city a thorough "clean up."

HOARSENESS

Swallow slowly small pieces—rub well over the throat.

VICKS VAPORUB

Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris are at home from an extended visit at Cooper and Dallas, returning home Tuesday. Mr. Harris says he was glad to get back to Ballinger. Conditions are not any better, or not as good in the three hundred dollar acre land belt as they are in Rannels county, according to Mr. Harris.

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are constipated, when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low-spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is decidedly the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels, and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, Special Agent.



Goodyear Quality Costs No More

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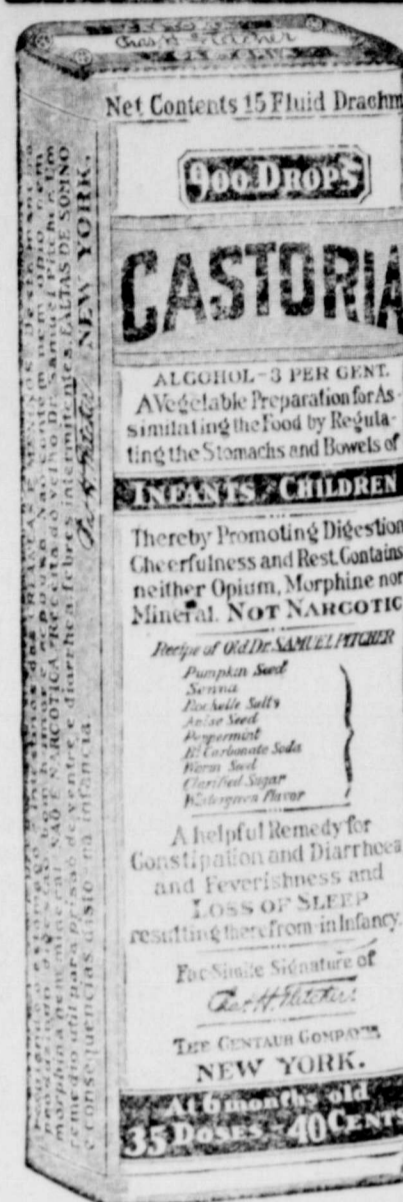
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Defense Offers Evidence in Miller Murder Trial

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John L. Golden gave Bengé a bad name and Miller a good name, stating that he knew both men well. Said that he talked to Miller a few minutes before the killing and that Miller said, "I am not a bad man, but I do not want to be shot in the back." Witness said that he had on two different occasions advised Miller not to go to Millersview to look after business for fear that he would come in contact with Bengé and be killed. Said he heard that Bengé had threatened to kill Miller on sight. Said Miller had acted on advice of friends and sent deputies to Millersview instead of going himself, and had tried to evade meeting Bengé.

Frank Wood and J. D. McCollum testified that Bengé was a man of bad reputation and Miller had good reputation. J. M. Patton, Paint Rock banker, said that he was acquainted with the reputation of Tom Bengé and had always understood Bengé to be a dangerous man, while he knew defendant to be a peaceable man.

Sheriff Vaughn, of Marfa, testified that he did not know Tom Bengé, but knew Miller when he was in the ranger service on the border, and that Miller stood high wherever he had served as ranger, and people wanted to retain him when he quit the ranger service.

J. D. Perkins, former sheriff of Runnels county, testified that he knew Bengé and was acquainted with his reputation in Runnels and Concho counties, and that his reputation was bad. Said Miller's reputation was good. On cross examination he said he had heard of Miller having one fight. Deputy Sheriff Brownrigg, of Ballinger, testified along the same lines as Perkins.

W. O. Schultz, of Millersview, testified that he had known Miller six or seven years, and that he was generally known in Concho county as a peaceable and law abiding man. Said that he heard that Miller had a fight several months ago in Brady. Never heard Miller's reputation discussed until after the homicide.

Before the night session closed, Jack Clifton, a neighbor of Tom Bengé, was placed on the stand. He offered damaging testimony against the state. He related how Bengé talked when Bengé came to his house to borrow a plow. Clifton said that he remarked to Bengé that he looked worried. Bengé said "yes, but I will get out all right." Said he thanked Clifton for going on his bond for killing Will Bryant and said that Bengé stated that he regretted to have to call on his friends in his trouble, but declared that he would get out by and by, "but there were two more — that he intended to get first," and said Bengé named the two as R. D. Shumate and Bob Miller, and said that Bengé told him that he

intended to get both of them on the first opportunity. Clifton said that he advised Bengé to get out of trouble for killing Bryant before getting into more trouble. Witness Clifton told of another instance when he was passing Bengé's home and went in to get out of a hail storm. Said he found Bengé walking the floor, apparently drunk and he was cursing and using the vilest language including the cursing of Almighty God, whom he dared to come down from heaven and fight it out man to man. Said that Bengé was mad because the hail was injuring his crops. Clifton said that he remonstrated with Bengé and Bengé demanded him to "shut up."

This testimony was ruled out by objection by counsel for state. District Attorney Early characterized it as "hot air," and said that when Bengé was in that condition he was drunk and silly. Clifton said that this incident was conveyed to Miller. Counsel for defense stated that Bengé met Miller the following day, or pretty soon thereafter, and used the same language to him that he had used during the hailstorm and that this would be brought out at the proper time.

Many other witnesses for the defense were examined and all testified that Bengé was of bad reputation and Miller had a good reputation. Rev. W. L. Wall, Methodist minister of Eden, and Rev. A. L. McHan, Baptist minister of Concho county, testified that the reputations of Cochran and Malloy were bad. Rev. Wall said he warned Miller that Bengé would kill him, and in order to avoid trouble he advised Miller to resign as sheriff. Said Miller told him he was not a quitter, and that he felt that his duty was to the people of Concho county. Rev. McHan said that he was in Eden the day of the killing and heard a Mr. Ballard say that he believed that a plan was being matured to kill Bob Miller that day.

Sheriff Flynt of Ballinger told of the arrest of Miller following the killing. Flynt said that he considered Bengé a dangerous character. On cross examination said that Bengé was a man who would tell a man to his face what

he said to his back.
Dick Grimes, of Abilene, who formerly lived on the Bengé ranch, said that he heard Bengé say he would kill the "—" and that he was referring to Miller, and that this was after Bengé had killed Bryant. Witness said that he saw Bengé kill a Mexican, and whip another Mexican. Said Bengé went armed all the time and often carried two pistols.
Will Dunnan, another employe on the Bengé ranch, told of threats Bengé made against Miller, remarking one day when he saw Miller going down the road, that "there goes the ——— that I will get."

Joe Osterlag, undertaker, of Ballinger, who embalmed Bengé's body, testified as to the wounds, stating that there were four or five wounds in the right shoulder, apparently made from buckshot, and that the shoulder was shattered.

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