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5 KILLED IN COLLISION NEAR CISCO

BURGLAR KILLS WATCHMAN

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, May 24.—J. R. Crane, private night watchman employed to guard a store on College Avenue, was shot and killed before daybreak this morning. He is supposed to have been slain by a burglar in the pharmacy.
Policemen found Crane dead on the sidewalk in front of the store with a bullet wound over his right eye. No trace of the slayer has been found, but the lock to the drug store had been pried off the door.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BILL EFFECTIVE SOON

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, May 24.—The newly enacted capital punishment bill passed by the recent legislature will become effective August 13, investigation of the measure today showed. The bill failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote required to make the bill effective immediately and will not take effect until 90 days after the close of the session on May 15.
Persons sentenced to death before August 13, but not hanged, will have the choice of being hanged or electrocuted, according to Senator J. H. Thomas of Bell county, author of the electrocution bill.
Senator Thomas said Governor Neff is expected to approve the measure in that it was prepared to meet his objections to that passed by the regular session. The chief executive vetoed the former bill on the grounds that it would result in confusion as to persons sentenced to hang before the bill becomes effective and after its passage.

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HOUSE PASSES NEW TAX BILL

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, May 24.—The House today passed finally the Culp bill placing a graduated gross receipts tax on telephone companies. The new tax amounts to a slight increase over the present tax.
The Smith delinquent, occupation, inheritance, and gross receipts tax bill was killed when it failed in engrossment.

The House adopted a concurrent resolution asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to withdraw its denial for the consolidation of the Frisco and International & Great Northern railroads.

The Senate declined to adopt a resolution setting sine die adjournment of the present session at four o'clock this afternoon. The resolution to adjourn was introduced by Senator Joe Burkett and others, the members stated, in view of the House killing the income tax bill.

FIRE BOYS WILL DANCE

The Ballinger Fire Department will compliment its Racing Team which won third prize in the state meet and first prize at San Angelo with a dance Friday night at the Ballinger Club Rooms beginning at 9:00 o'clock.

In order to pay the expenses of this dance a small fee will be charged the men who participate in the dance but there will be no admission charge at the door.

All friends of the boys and members of the club are invited whether they dance or not.

COMMITTEE.

POLITICS AID CHINESE BANDITS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—A delayed message from Minister Schurman at Peking was received today by the state department, in which the American representative expressed his belief that the task of obtaining the release of the Americans and other foreigners who are being held captive by Chinese bandits, was now complicated by Chinese politics.

Minister Schurman said that it did not seem probable that the bandits would kill the foreign captives, but that there was great danger during the prolonged negotiations for a compromise and that the captive might die from exposure, starvation or disease.

"LISTEN BILL"

Did you get that touch of Spring in the air yesterday?

Kinda made you want to step on the starter and get out on the creek, didn't it Bill? Kinda made you feel like lookin' over your fishin' tackle, eh, gosh, it must be pretty fine to be able to step on her when all outdoors calls as it does right now, but I gotta stick right here. Somehow or other your trip interests me. Kinda feel like I'm responsible for part of it, anyway. Can't see you plan a trip without giving you a shot about my tire service. You can't have a good time with tire trouble on your mind. Slip those troubles to us and you'll never have to worry again.

That's just it, Bill, we're here to give you just as much tire service as you need. Come in again, today.

Uneeda Tire and Battery Service

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The Sea Wall



NEGRO KILLS MAN; WOUNDS HIS COMPANION

(By Associated Press)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 24.—W. O. Spencer, manager of a chain store in this city, was shot to death, and his companion, Miss Laura Whitten Johnson, a school teacher, was slightly wounded early today by an unidentified negro.
Mr. Spencer and Miss Johnson were driving in an automobile when they were attacked by a negro on a road in the Eastern limits of the city. The negro robbed both of his victims and escaped.

HARDING PLEADS FOR PATRIOTISM

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—An appeal for a rededication by the American people to the aims and purposes of their government, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution of the United States, was made today by President Harding in an address at the opening session of the American National Council, an organization recently formed to encourage better American citizenship.

Mr. Harding said that such a rededication would furnish to the nation a commanding national interest, which he said had been lacking since the World War.

Bailey Mack returned home from Fort Worth, Thursday at noon, where he had been spending several days in Dallas taking degrees in Masonic work.

The Ice Cream season is now with us, and so is

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If you have a taste for something good, Alta Vista fills the bill as well as the stomach. Home entertainments should always use Alta Vista Cream. A remark is often heard "Oh! it's Alta Vista—it's always good"

See our show window.

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BIG BARBECUE MARKS CLOSE OF CONVENTION

"It was the biggest thing ever staged in West Texas," is about the way those who attended the convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at San Angelo express it in referring to the meeting.

No event was ever featured on so large a scale by the press of the state, and no program was perhaps ever put over so successfully. It illustrated the West Texas spirit, and the successful way in which San Angelo handled the enormous crowds proved what pulling together will do for a community.

The convention closed with a barbecue banquet Wednesday evening, and thousands were in attendance upon the closing feature of the meeting. During the afternoon the annual parade was staged and it required more than one hour for the marchers to pass in review as the people packed the sidewalks.

Ballinger staged her parade at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning and it was a great success with hundreds of Ballinger citizens taking part. Ballinger carried out her part of the program in a way which attracted the attention of the thousands who came from all corners of West Texas, and from other sections of the state.

The Ballinger fire company won first place in the firemen's reel races, the team making a record of twenty-five seconds. John Tarleton College, of Stephenville, won over Ballinger in the Class B band contest.

The 1924 convention will be held at Brownwood, another one of our neighbor cities, and with the experience in taking part and helping to make the convention just closed a success, Ballinger will no doubt make herself heard again next year when the boosters gather in Brownwood.

The executive sessions of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at the convention resulted in promoting development work of West Texas. Leaders in commercial and development projects from all over West Texas, as well as from other sections of the state, addressed the meeting, and propositions looking to a greater awakening and advancement all along development lines were discussed, among which was the Colorado Valley irrigation project.

Some significance must be attached to the work done by the fact that some of the biggest business men in Texas attended the convention to keep in close touch with West Texas, and no meeting of any character ever received as much attention from the daily newspapers of the state. No con-

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, May 24.—Texas & Pacific officials at the Dallas offices of the road today requested the sheriff of Dallas county to send blood-hounds to Cisco to be used in an effort to trail persons, it is alleged tampered with the switch, and which caused a collision at Dothan, on a siding near Cisco early this morning. So far as known there are no blood hounds here.

EASTLAND, May 24.—A check of the loss in a collision of two T. & P. passenger trains near Cisco at four o'clock this morning, showed that five persons, a negro porter and four men riding the blind baggage, were killed outright. One of the bodies has been identified as Clyde Edwards. The bodies of the other three men were cremated in the fire which destroyed three cars.

The injured passengers include S. H. Stroud, of Jeane, Texas and Ed McGown, of Fort Worth, both of whom were seriously hurt. The others injured include J. B. Osborne, fireman and W. H. Jackson, express messenger.

DALLAS, May 24.—Seven people were killed in a Texas & Pacific wreck at Dothan, according to meager reports at the general offices of the road here today. Six of those killed are alleged to have been unidentified trespassers who were beating their way on the train.

ABILENE, May 24.—At least five persons were killed and one fatally injured and several others more or less seriously hurt when West bound Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 15 smashed into East bound passenger train No. 16, at Dothan, six miles East of Putnam, at 4:00 o'clock this morning.

The head-on collision took place on a siding. Train No. 16 had pulled in on the siding to let No. 15 pass. Charles Baker, negro porter on No. 16, was walking down the track ahead of his train, which was standing on the siding, to throw the switch and let his train out after No. 15 was to have passed. Train No. 16, coming at a high rate of speed smashed in on the siding, running over Baker and grinding him to pieces, and colliding with No. 15.

As a result of the collision, four men, who are said to have been riding the blind baggage on train No. 16, were killed, and three seriously burned. One man on No. 15 was killed and another lost a lower limb. The dead men have not been identified at this hour.

Engineer W. D. Simpson suffered a broken arm and collar bone, and others sustained injuries when the trains crashed. Fire broke out in a baggage car of train No. 16, and the Cisco fire department was called to extinguish the flames. Three cars were burned before the fire could be checked.

The collision, it is believed, was caused by an open switch, and it was reported at Baird that the switch had been tampered with, and a trap set to wreck the train.

The first report of the wreck on the T. & P. was received at Ballinger early Thursday morning when Fort Worth newspapers, received here from Abilene by jitney, failed to arrive on time. The papers came by Abilene over the T. & P. to that place and by auto to Ballinger.

Dothan, where the collision occurred, is the first stop West of Cisco, and about six miles from Cisco. It was reported that the collision tore up considerable track and piled wreckage on the track which will delay traffic over that line for several hours.

FOR SALE—Four room house on Hutchings Avenue. Phone 490 or see L. C. Alexander. 1d.

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Community Building

POINT FOR HOME BUILDERS

"Waste" for Which There Is No Necessity, and Which It Is Easy to Eliminate.

You have observed homes nearing completion and noted unused lumber lengths, studs, joists, flooring, bricks short ends strewn "helter skelter" around the house and lot. These "left overs" usually provide the home owner with kindling wood for several years to come. At \$30 per thousand feet this makes mighty expensive fuel. Sometimes this waste amounts to as much as the first year's interest on the home building investment. In nearly all cases this waste is unjustified. If the home is yours, you pay for it.

Another important source of waste is the unnecessary use of elaborate finish and expensive equipment in small homes. You can select a type wholly out of comparison, so far as expense is concerned, with the cost of the home. You can build an extravagant, complicated roof, you can overload your home with unnecessary meaningless details, such as monstrous brackets, wide, projecting eaves, heavy cornices and "frilly" things which have the appearance of being filters or "stuck on" in an attempt to secure architectural effects.

Much of this has little or no architectural merit, renders no service, detracts from the beauty of the home, and certainly piles up the total costs to unjustified amounts. Details of this character and special equipment frequently require special knives and extra mill work.

"Extras" are things which many home builders can do without and in no way interfere with the beauty, service or comfort of the home. It is worth while to remember these things and see that your home plans are designed to eliminate waste.

MAKE USE OF SHRUBBERY

Back Yard May Be Made a Thing of Beauty by the Judicious Use of Trees and Vines.

Step into your back yard and look in six directions—north, east, south, west, up and down. You are fortunately situated if there is in more than one of these directions a view that cannot be improved. The view up is likely to be charming, and the view down, if you have a good lawn, will be. But in the other four directions, it is likely there are pictures which you would not care to have framed on the walls of your living room.

Where this is the case, the elimination of these views is the first object of garden planning. The boundaries of the private area must be determined. Allow for a vegetable garden, either within this area, or adjoining it, in a location which enjoys the maximum of sun possible. The service area for domestic uses must also be set aside unless the premises are too limited for that. And when this is done, plantings to screen the private area from the outside world, or such of it as may be undesirable to the view, may be planned.

Usually shrubbery with a few trees for accents and shade will furnish the most pleasing boundary planting. But where space is much confined lattice or board fences, to be covered with vines or even left uncovered, may be used to advantage. Use the fence if shrubbery threatens to encroach upon the flower borders or central lawn; for the chief interest of the garden will not be found in the trees and shrubs; it will be in the flowers, and the activities which may be enjoyed on the lawn.

Removal of Soot.

The Federal Fuel Administration board suggests the following plan for removal of soot: The fire is put into good condition with a substantial body of hot fuel. Common salt thoroughly dried is then thrown or sprinkled onto the incandescent fuel bed in a quantity depending entirely on the size of the furnace. In case of a house-heating furnace one found at a time is ample. In the case of a larger power plant boiler, four or five scoopsful may be required. The dampers are kept open so as to maintain the furnace temperature, and the salt is allowed to remain until the fumes have entirely disappeared.

Immediately upon charging with salt, the furnace becomes filled with dense white fumes which may require as much as half an hour to entirely disappear. If results are not secured on the first application it should be repeated as many times as necessary.

Once the heating surface is thoroughly cleaned a small application every few days is usually sufficient to keep it so.

Advice Always at Hand.

Building and loan associations everywhere are always glad to talk over any person's building problems. It has been the experience of the building association that in nine cases out of ten the various association officers will be familiar with the locality or even the street on which the prospective home builder contemplates putting up his home. This knowledge comes from having made many loans in various sections, and this makes the officers competent to advise whether certain types of houses would be the best.

TAX SCALE ANNOUNCED ON NEW MOVIE BILL

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, May 24.—Motion picture establishments will contribute approximately \$125,000 annually to the state treasury if the bill now pending before the legislature is passed, Rep. Baldwin, author of the bill, declared today. Baldwin is author of a series of bills seeking to levy taxes on shows and other amusement companies which he estimates will bring in more than \$500,000 biennially to the state.

The motion picture tax would apply to all opera houses, theatres, auditoriums and similar places under terms of the bill. The tax would be payable annually, graduated to the size of the town. The scale proposed follows: towns of less than 1,000, \$15; between 1,000 and 2,500, \$25; between 2,500 and 5,000, \$40; between 5,000 and 10,000, \$60; between 10,000 and 15,000, \$80; between 15,000 and 20,000, \$100; between 20,000 and 50,000, \$125; and all cities over 50,000, \$150.

Representative Baldwin declares that such establishments pay the same tax in all towns and cities at present.

TUSCOLA WOMAN FREED OF KILLING HUSBAND

After deliberating only five minutes the jury in the case of Mrs. Lue Flanagan, at Abilene, returned a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Flanagan was tried the second time for the murder of her husband at Tuscola last July, the first trial resulting in a hung jury. The woman plead self defense, and a little daughter testi-

fied that Flanagan pointed a pistol at Mrs. Flanagan prior to the shooting which resulted in the death of the man. Flanagan was a jitney driver, and the account of the killing at Tuscola last July is still fresh in the minds of the readers of this paper.

NOTICE

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Lock up your home. Go out when you please. The outside icing feature of your Herrick Refrigerator gives the ice man access to the ice chamber—from the outside.

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Big Barbecue Marks Close of Convention

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tion, notwithstanding that the legislature is in session. The 1923 convention marked an

important epoch in the history of the commercial organization, and set a pace which will keep Brown-wood busy for the next twelve months to maintain at the 1924 meeting.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money

SPRING BRINGS CHIC STYLES FOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS



THIS is a happy day for the maid in her early teens, for her clothes—at first glance—seem almost replicas of those worn by her elders. They are in fact much alike in line and in style.

Everybody wears simple, slip-over and straight-line frocks like that one pictured, everyone may wear the soft crepe de chine sash—not everyone can wear the little round neckline with the small Deauville kerchief as a finish, but youth can, and looks particularly well in it because of its free and easy flavor. This frock, which may be made of ratine cotton crepe, crosspatch or kasha cloth, is cut with kimono sleeves and finished at the bottom with a deep hem. It is pretty in lively colors with stripe or cross bar in white or black, but there are

many color combinations to choose from in goods of this character.

For dressier wear crepe de chine frocks appear to be entitled to first place in the parade of fashions for the young. It is shown in many pretty printed patterns, and in quaint designs of prim flowers set against a white or other light ground.

Figured silks add touches of brilliancy to youthful street suits, where they provide collar and cuffs for the coat and pockets for the skirt of plain fabric. Twills reign in the realm of street suits and flannels for sports.

Julia Bottomaly

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GOOD YEAR Service Station

THE best economy combination in tires that we know of is a quality product backed up by conscientious service. So we sell Goodyear Tires, as representing the utmost in quality, and deliver the buyer a service that helps him get from those tires all the mileage built into them at the factory.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

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GOOD YEAR

Service

is what counts in the Business World, and we try to meet this requirement all the time.

We appreciate our many new customers and are grateful for the loyalty of our old ones.

If you have not visited us do so. We both win if you patronize us.

The Tech Shop
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Extra Specials

For Friday and Saturday

Choice evaporated Apples per pound15c
Seedless Raisins, pound 15c
No. 2 1-2 can Table Peaches for23c
Quart bottle Vinegar15c
Quart bottle Apple Vinegar only29c
3B can White Swan Coffee for\$1.39
60 pounds Spuds\$1.49
Dry Salt Bacon, pound .17c
Wrapped Smoked Bacon, per pound21c
25c Mavis Talcum Powder here19c
30c Kolynos Tooth Paste 25c
3 boxes (36) 5-grain Aspirin tablets25c

Gair Mercantile Co.
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in connection with the

Fourth Annual Summer Normal

offers opportunity to high school students for review work in sixteen subjects. A strong faculty will present a course of study covering:

Algebra	Composition
Agriculture	English History
Ancient History	English Literature
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Bookkeeping	Physical Geography
Modern History	Physiology
Civics	Spanish
Latin	General Science

This school is underwritten and being advertised extensively by the business men of Ballinger and the Young Men's Business League. It is growing in strength every year, and is rapidly becoming a valuable asset to this city. High school students in Ballinger and surrounding towns are urged to patronize their home institution.

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You have the choice of these dependable trains

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Save Business Hours by seeing that your ticket reads via the Katy Lines. Don't forget our superior dining car service. Ask Any Katy Agent or Write W. G. Crush, Passenger Traffic Manager, Dallas, Tex.

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"California Fig Syrup" is Child's Best Laxative



Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." A teaspoonful never fails to clean the liver and bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the souring food and nasty bile out of the stomach and bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

HIGH WATER HOLDS UP MANY MOTORISTS

About one hundred and sixty automobiles, loaded with people returning home from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at San Angelo, were held for two or three hours on the banks of Red Bank and Bitter Creek, two small streams between Ballinger and San Angelo last Wednesday afternoon. A heavy rain on the water-sheds of the little streams caused a rise which made it impossible to ford the dip, and the crowd waited impatiently for the waters to recede.

A light shower fell at San Angelo, but the rain was reported heavy at points between Ballinger and that place. However, the roads were not heavy and aside from the long wait on the banks of the two streams, the trip was made without undue trouble.

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, codeine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course, not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.

Ed Jones has been confined to his home suffering with blood poison for several days. Mr. Jones had the misfortune to hurt his hand and the wounded member became infected.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANT ADS 25c up to 12 words, over that 2c per word first insertion. 1c per word each additional insertion. All want ads are cash.

LOST—On Paint Rock-Ballinger road, pair of wagon double-trees, some two or three weeks ago. Finder return to Ledger office. 22-3td.*

If you want cash for your used Furniture, or Stoves—call 260, Ballinger Furniture Co. 17-27td.*

FOR SALE—Good fresh Milch Cow. Phone 3403. J. B. Estes, Hatchel. 16-12td.*

FOR SALE—Good oak Bed Room Suite and \$250.00 Phonograph cheap. Phone 309. 15-tfd

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping room after Saturday, May 5. Also several South bed rooms. Phone 179. 2-tfd.*

CROPS ARE LATE IN SOUTHWEST

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 24.—Crops generally are late because of cold rainy weather in five Southwestern states including Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi, according to the bi-weekly report of the U. S. Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, compiled for the group here. Cultivation and planting, however, is advanced over the same time last year in Texas particularly, the report states.

A summary of the condition of major crops today in these states follows:

Corn: planting 75 per cent completed Arkansas; 80 per cent Mississippi; 80 per cent Louisiana; practically completed in Oklahoma. Some wheat still to be planted in Texas where the crop is late.

Wheat: heading out generally. High winds and dry weather have injured crop in Northwest Texas, where harvest is in a few weeks. Prospects are generally unsatisfactory in Panhandle country.

Oats: crop growing well, heading, and ripening in South Texas. Condition poor and abandoned acreage large in Oklahoma. Beginning to head in Arkansas and Louisiana where crop looks good.

Rice: Sowing being rushed in Louisiana where reduced acreage compared with last year is in prospect.

Barley and Rye: In good condition, approaching maturity in Texas.

Cotton: Per cent planted: Mississippi, 80; Arkansas, 76; Oklahoma, 55; Louisiana, 82. In Texas the South half of the state nearly through planting and West and Northwest from one-third to one-half finished.

Potatoes (Sweet): Crop making good progress in Texas.

Potatoes (Irish): Crop in good condition in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

General Livestock Note: Cattle only fair condition in Oklahoma account of shortage of hay for winter feed and late wheat pasture. Stock becoming fat in Texas where much of spring wool clip has already been sold.

600 Per Cent Increase in Circulation— Since the Ft. Worth Record has been under new management the gain in circulation in Ballinger has been exactly 600 per cent—in other words 6 times as many Records are read in Ballinger as before.

There's a Reason. THE ALCOVE



There are roads to riches—but most of us travel in the wrong direction.

It's an uphill problem—this business of getting rich. So many different pitfalls bob up that the road is hard to travel.

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CONVENTION ECHOES

It was the largest Chamber of Commerce convention ever held in the United States.

The Ballinger delegation was the largest at the convention, and staged the biggest and best demonstration of any visiting town.

Ballinger's reel racing team, the third fastest in Texas, is now the champion of West Texas. The silver hose nozzle which was awarded as first prize will arrive soon, and be placed on display.

Everyone present at the band contest commented favorably on the showing made by Ballinger's Booster Band. Their presentation of their musical program was superb. Had they not been scored off heavily on lack of uniforms and instrumentation, they would have easily been inside the money.

Ballinger's caps attracted much favorable comment. None of the visiting delegations wore anything quite as distinctive. The

cap will likely be adopted as Ballinger's official insignia for trade trips and conventions.

The ladies committee which decorated the Ballinger car for the sponsor in the parade deserves much credit. It was an attractive car and was complimented on every hand. A splendid guard of honor for the sponsor was furnished by the local chapter of DeMolay.

The Texas Syncopaters, Ballinger's cracker-jack orchestra, made a hit with the dancers at the tea dance, and at the Queen's Ball.

"Lady Ballinger," sponsor for the "Biggest Little City," made an instant hit. The airplane trip to the convention city, furnished by the Y. M. B. L., made her the envy of every other sponsor. San Angelo ladies and many convention visitors voted her the queen of all the sponsors.

A. B. Spencer, of Crosbyton, was re-elected president. C. S. Guin of Ballinger introduced the resolution asking for Mr. Spencer's re-election. Mr. Guin was made first vice-president and Stuart L. Williams re-elected on the Board of Directors.

The Ballinger Booster Band has received offers of engagements to play at four different places on the strength of their showing at San Angelo. One municipal committee, after hearing all the bands

at the convention, asked the local organization to furnish music for its fair in August.

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Chamberlain's Tablets Are Mild and Gentle in Effect

The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Tablets is so mild and gentle that you can hardly realize that it has been produced by a medicine.

Col. C. L. Morgan was reported to be getting along badly Thursday, and his family and friends are fearful of the end. Mrs. W. J. Coulson came up from Coleman again Thursday at noon to be with her father.

Oleander Fete Galveston June 2-3-4

Flower Parade Every Day \$16.65 ROUND TRIP Tickets on Sale June 1-2 Limited fifteen days

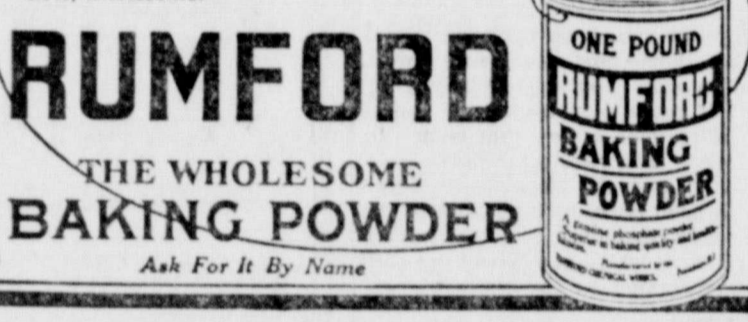
Tickets at above fare on sale each Friday and Saturday during the summer season, limited fifteen days from date of sale. Tickets at slightly higher fare on sale daily limited ninety days from date of sale.



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