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HARDING'S BODY ARRIVES MARION

(By Associated Press)
MARION, Aug. 9.—Traveling slowly through the long lines of homefolks, the funeral train carrying president Harding's body, arrived at Marion at twelve thirty eight this afternoon, two hours and thirty-eight minutes late. As the train reached Marion County the Court House bell began tolling. The progress of the train through the county was slow due to the large crowds which lined the rightofway. Many were neighborhood neighbors of the late president.

(By Associated Press)
CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 9.—The funeral train bearing the body of the late president Harding of Marion stopped one minute here today as a mark of respect to William McKinley, often called the political mentor by Mr. Harding. Later another one minute stop was planned at Caledonia where the late president spent his boyhood days. The train arrived at Canton at nine twenty-five this morning nearly two hours behind schedule.

BUSINESS BLOCK IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press)
DENISON, Aug. 9.—Fire originating in a restaurant swept an entire block in the business district at Pottsborough near here today, destroying two brick and five wooden buildings. The total loss is estimated at fifty thousand dollars.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR

OCTOBER 8th, 9th 10th
The Ledger has received notice that the Brown County Fall Fair will be held at Brownwood on Oct. 8, 9, and 10. It had been reported that Brown county fair would probably not be held this fall, but a definite announcement has dispelled all doubt, and Earl Looney, president of the fair association of Brownwood, announces that the fair will be held on schedule time. A fair manager has been appointed and money is being placed on the "barrel head" by voluntary subscriptions to take care of the expenses.

POST OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR FUNERAL

Postmaster Reese has received notice to close the local office from three to four o'clock Friday afternoon. The announcement is made that all post offices throughout the United States will suspend business for one hour on account of the funeral of President Warren G. Harding. The last rites over the remains of Mr. Harding will be performed at his home in Marion, Ohio, at three o'clock Friday afternoon and all lines of business connected with the federal government, and many private institutions will stop for the funeral. Many cities throughout the nation will observe the hour with memorial services.

COUPLE WED AT COURT HOUSE

Miss Jewell Jackson and Armand Cooper were married Tuesday morning at the court house immediately after procuring their license from the county clerk, John O. Frink, justice of the peace, performed the ceremony.—San Angelo Standard.

This is a Ballinger couple. They were married in San Angelo Tuesday morning and at the present time are in Christoval where Mr. Cooper and James Hoover are operating a restaurant during the Baptist encampment. Mr. Cooper has been employed in a local restaurant for the last three or four years and is well known in Ballinger. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackson of South Ballinger.

Ellis Island seems to be one of the most popular summer resorts in the world.

NAMES OFFERED TO MAKE BOARD FOR IRRIGATION

Proponents of irrigation residing within the proposed Coke-Runnels Water Improvement District No. 1, along the Colorado River have selected five men whose names they will ask to have printed on the official ballot for August 18th, at which time the voters affected will decide upon the organization of an irrigation district and the selection of five directors for the district.

The five men named are M. B. Cobb, Ballinger; Bert Fletcher, Maverick; J. L. Scott, Bronte; C. L. West, Miles, and H. P. Wilkins of Bronte. Three of the men live in Runnels County and two in Coke county.

Mr. Cobb lives in the Valley Creek community near Ballinger and farms 250 acres of land. Mr. Fletcher owns 350 acres near Maverick on Oak Creek and the Colorado River, a part of which he irrigates. Mr. Scott, better known as "Uncle Joe" is the owner of 1000 acres of land lying within the proposed district near Bronte. C. L. West owns 65 acres northeast of Miles. Mr. West is a brother-in-law of Elmer Talbott of this city. Mr. Wilkins is a part owner of a tract of 1280 acres lying within the district.

Other names may appear on the ballot, and the voters may, if they desire, write in the names of the men of their choice.

36 COMMANDER RECEIVES MEDAL

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Aug. 9.—Col. Oscar Roberts, of Taylor, commander of the Hundred and Forty-third Infantry of the Thirty-sixth Division, was presented the distinguished service medal for outstanding service in France, by Major General E. M. Lewis, commander of the Eight Corps Area, here today.

STILL HAVE CHANCE TO GET A STATE SCHOOL

Ballinger is still in the running for a state institution of higher learning, and should not permit anything to block her efforts as long as there are prizes to be awarded.

It is generally expected that the Alpine Normal will be abolished, or moved Eastward. The educational survey committee will meet in Austin this week to deliberate on matters looking to the betterment of the education interest of the state.

The Alpine Normal is out of reach of the territory which it should serve, and on account of the high cost of maintaining the institution compared with the benefits the state is getting from it, there is a move on foot to kill it or move it.

This question has already been before the legislature, and is sure to come up again, and it is expected that the large territory which has no state institution of higher learning will be a hard fight for the relocation of the Alpine Normal. Ballinger is in the center of the territory which is not being served by such an institution.

WINTERS LADY ADJUDGED INSANE

After a hearing before a commission here Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. J. M. Townsend, of Winters, was declared to be of unsound mind and it was ordered that she be placed in the asylum. The unfortunate woman will be carried to the asylum as soon as a place in that institution can be had for her.

B. F. Cox, typewriter repair man of Abilene, was here Thursday on business.

Misses Georgia Singletary and Anna Jean Sharp went to San Angelo and Christoval Thursday, where they will spend a day or two.



Propose Plan Merge Railroads

One of the big questions before the country today is the railroad consolidation, and as a matter of enlightenment from the viewpoint of a member of the railroad commission, The Ledger will carry a series of articles by Walter Sployn, a member of the commission. An article on this subject will be carried each Thursday for the next two or three weeks. Following is the first article on this subject:

Consolidation is putting two or more units together and managing them as one. To consolidate the railroads means to put two or more railroad companies into one company and to operate through one corporation properties that had before belonged to two or more corporations. There are now over eight Class I railroads, that is, railroads with an income of a million dollars or more per annum. There are also several hundred Class II and Class III railroads with incomes of less than one million dollars per annum. The proposal is to consolidate all of these railroad companies into fifteen or twenty big systems.

Whether or not the Supreme Court will uphold the legality of such legislation remains to be seen. It is clear from the record of testimony before the Commission in its various hearings on consolidation that some of the states will certainly contest the constitutionality of the law.

Consolidation has been going on for three quarters of a century. The first railroads were short lines built to carry goods to and from important ports and river cities. It was thought that they would always be less important than canals, rivers, and other means of water transportation. Many of the roads were built by local people and for only a few miles. In time many of these little roads came to connect with each other; and after 1850, it was seen to be desirable to piece together many of these short lines into longer roads which could carry through passengers and through freight for distances of several hundred miles.

By 1870, some systems had reached a thousand miles. In the 80's through extension and consolidations, some systems had even five thousand miles of line. Thru these same processes by 1910, there were several systems with as much as ten thousand miles. When James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman formed a corporation to buy and operate as one property parallel and competing roads in the north western part of the United States, the country began to be alarmed. The Department of Justice filed suit to dissolve this corporation and the Supreme Court held that such consolidations were unlawful. It then appeared to be settled that the people of the United States preferred a number of railroad companies to a few; that they believed in competition, particularly between parallel lines, and that they were disposed to rely upon competition as the most important and effective means of regulating railroad transportation.

In 1920 the Ees-Cummins Bill became law, and was referred to as the Transportation Act of 1920. Paragraph 4 and 5 of Section 5 of that law calls upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to prepare a plan under which the railroads of the United States may consolidate into a few systems; that is to say, Congress command-

NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE IN COURT ROOM

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Washington Heights court was thrown into an uproar today when Norman Roberts, negro, who had been summoned to court on complaint by his wife, shot her dead in the corridor of the court room, he then fired on a patrolman who attempted to capture him, he was himself shot dead by a policeman.

SAYS HORSE POWER CHEAPEST FOR ICE WAGON

Mule and horse teams are replacing the trucks used by the West Texas Ice Company, in fact the innovation has already been made, according to announcement by Taylor Rowe, manager. Mr. Rowe has recently purchased five mule teams and the company already had two horse teams, thus giving the company seven wagons in service. An extra mule team is being maintained in case of injury to any of the other animals. Mr. Rowe says that the move is one of economy, inasmuch as wear and tear on wagons is not so heavy as trucks. The purchase of young mules also means that they will increase in value up to a certain age, while a truck depreciates rapidly and in fact will last only about two years under heavy service.—San Angelo Standard.

MANY CITIES TO PAUSE IN GRIEF

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Aug. 9.—Memorial services will be held throughout Texas tomorrow for the late president Harding. Public tribute will be paid the late president here at a mass meeting in one of Dallas' largest theatres at three o'clock. Whistles will blow at Port Arthur at three o'clock to signify the beginning of a five minutes period of silence. Denison will observe mourning day by services from eleven to twelve o'clock. Business houses at Beaumont will close to allow the employees to participate in the municipal services. Appropriate services will be held at Sherman tomorrow night. Business will be at a standstill in Waco from two to three o'clock. Memorial services will be held in the City Park in Austin tomorrow night. Memorial services will be held in Wichita Falls from three to four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

BARBERS FIX NEW PRICE FOR SHAVING

Beginning Friday, Aug. 10th, shaves will be twenty-five (25c) cents in the following shops:
OSCAR LEE,
LANE & MEADERS
E. E. WOODSON
J. A. FREEMAN
9-3rd*

GERMANS LOSE APPEAL CASES

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The Court of Casation today rejected the appeal of Baron Bohlen, head of the Krupp plant at Essen, and other directors of the Krupp company, from sentences imposed by the French court martial at Werden. The court overruled the contentions of the Germans council that the offense was not committed in enemy territory.

John Emerson and Anita Loos' Own Production

John Emerson and Anita Loos, the deans of scenario writing are the authors of "Red Hot Romance" their own production, which will be shown as a First National attraction at the Maeroy Theatre Friday only.

The story is a satire on the "romantic" type of tale which shows young and heroic Americans interfering in the politics of small though mythical, kingdoms, outwitting the army and winning the daughter of the king.

U-boat warfare cured some progerman Americans and buying German marks cure the others.

FOUR INJURED IN STRIKERS FIGHT

(By Associated Press)
HILLSBORO, Ill., Aug. 9.—One man was shot and seriously wounded, and three deputy sheriffs were badly beaten in a battle between deputy sheriffs and strikers of the American Zinc Company near the entrance of the plant at six o'clock this morning. Officials of the company stated that they would request the governor to send troops there if the situation had not turned to the better this afternoon.

One Piece Bathing Suits Banned on El Paso Streets

(By Associated Press)
EL PASO, Aug. 9.—Bathing beauties here must wear something besides one-piece bathing suits on the streets of El Paso. They may ride around in an automobile provided they don't stop but the practice of parading must stop. This is the decree of the city council.

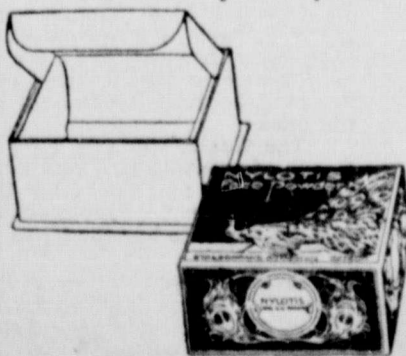
Girls may play in the pools, run around on the bank, shoot the chutes and slide the slides, but the council says they must not run around elsewhere. Two swimming pools are located in the city.

"I thing some good girls, thoughtlessly, stopped in the streets to talk and fool about, which led to complaints," said Mayor Dudley, former state senator.

So the council ruled that the part of the city ordinance which says something about "indecent exposure" includes a one-piece bathing suit.

Judge A. K. Doss left for Houston Wednesday afternoon to look after business for one of his clients.

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MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also to local news published herein.

If you want to double your money invest in a straw hat now and save it until next spring.

The legislature made a mistake in not drawing the dead line further West than 98th, and saving the locating board a lot of time and the state a lot of money.

Government statistics proves beyond a doubt that Bunnels county is the best agricultural county in West Texas. Then why should we worry about not landing a state school?

The report of continued drought over the cotton belt sent cotton up five dollars per bale one day last week. It is time to send out another drought report, and perhaps in this way we can average up conditions.

We don't know exactly how the thing was put over, but we take our hats off to Lubbock and congratulate the Plains people for landing the Texas Tech. At the same time we must admit that we have a sympathetic feeling for thirty-five other West Texas cities.

Seven parties were arrested and tried for vagrancy at Sweetwater Monday. Our neighbor city should not deal so harshly with citizens who were attracted to the town of Sweetwater perhaps by the prospects of a college town boom. Vags coming towards Ballinger can find profitable pastime in heading maize.

WEST TEXAS ASSET
 West Texas has been clamoring for an A. & M. College for several years, and after much political wire pulling, and after Abilene lost the much coveted prize, the school has been planted.

If the school counts for all that has been claimed for it, West Texas has gained an asset, and it must be admitted that it is a West Texas institution. The locating board made sure of that when it selected a site so close to the Western border.

Reasoning on the basis that development is moving Westward perhaps had something to do with the final decision of the locating board, and West Texas has got what West Texans have been fighting for. Every little bit helps in the development of a country, and all West Texas should rejoice over the asset for West Texas.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy

This is unquestionably one of the most successful medicines in use for bowel complaints. A few doses of it will cure an ordinary attack of diarrhoea. It has been used in nine epidemics of dysentery with perfect success. It can always be depended upon to give prompt relief in cases of colic and cholera morbus. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take. Every family should keep this remedy at hand.

COMEDY ARTIST A GENIUS AT FO-TO-SHO TODAY

Rambrandt Brown was a genius. He must have been for no ordinary artist could have painted "The Approaching Storm," with a colored janitor as a model for the threatening black clouds. Lige Conley portrays this hungry artist in "Blazes" the latest Educational Mermaid Comedy which will be at the Fo-To-Sho for the last showing today. This theatre also has a wonderful headliner in Betty Compton "At the End of the World," a Paramount production.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

Is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. **HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE** has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years.
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MOTHER!

Child's Best Laxative is "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! Even a bilious, constipated, feverish child loves the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup" and it never fails to open the bowels. A teaspoonful today may prevent 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.

BANK BANDITS KILL CASHIER

(By Associated Press)
 MIAMI, Okla., Aug. 9.—The cashier of the State Bank of Ketchum, near here, was shot and killed today when he attempted to resist three men who held up and robbed the institution, according to incomplete reports received here. The bandits escaped.

FINAL SHOWING OF THE WM. FARNUM PICTURE

Photoplay fans who like action of the good old red-blooded kind, should not fail to see William Farnum in "Without Compromise" which concludes its run at the Maeroy Theatre today.

Wm. Farnum's pictures are never time-killers, they are emotional thrillers, and this lost Fox production is fully up to the standard if it does not excel the best Western the popular big star has done.

BIG INCREASE IN ELECTRIC POWER

DALLAS, Aug. 9.—Production and use of electricity for the first half of 1923 shows an increase of about seventy-five million kilowatt hours as compared with the same period last year.

Most of the increase in the use of electric energy is due to the home building movement throughout the country and to the greater demand by industries that are expanding rapidly and increasing their use of electric power as compared with other forms of power.

The explanation of this increased use of electric power lies in the fact that it is more efficient and cost less generally than other forms of power. The efficient use of fuels in generating electricity by large power plants explains the fact that the cost of electricity stands alone among all costs of living as having shown a reduction from the 1914 figure. The average increase in all other items of living and industry to the users is now in the neighborhood of fifty per cent above the 1914 costs.

WOMAN SO BLUE SHE CRIED

Because of Ill Health—Tells How She Found Relief by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Burlington, Iowa.—"I used to dread the time for my monthly period as it came every two weeks and lasted for two weeks, and during that time I would have the blues and cry. Since I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I am so happy I can hardly express myself. I have gained several pounds and look fine. I have recommended your medicine to my friends and you may publish my letter as a testimonial. I hope your medicine will give others the relief it did me."—Mrs. RALPH GAIL, 2021 Des Moines St., Burlington, Ia.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a medicine for ailments common to women. It has been used for such troubles for nearly fifty years, and thousands of women have found relief as did Mrs. Gail, by taking this splendid medicine.
 If you are suffering from irregularity, painful times, nervousness, headache, backache or melancholia, you should at once begin to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is excellent to strengthen the system and help to perform its functions with ease and regularity.

The TRUTH About Preliminary Expenses of Irrigation Project

In order to satisfy the minds of those who have been laboring under the misapprehension that \$750,000.00 would be required for preliminary work on the irrigation project, prior to the bond issue, the following letter from three of the leading firms of engineers in Texas are quoted:

Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:
 Your favor of the 6th inst. has been received and are carefully noted.

You mention that some opposition to the irrigation project has been developed over that clause in the law which allows the directors a limit of 15% of the proposed cost of the project for preliminary work. This clause names 15% as the maximum amount the directors would be allowed to expend—but we doubt that the expenses preliminary to the bond issue would amount to more than 2%. As evidence of our sincerity in the above, we are willing to enter into an agreement with the Association to prepare such plans and specifications as necessary for a commission to be agreed upon, but not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Yours very truly,
 ELROD ENGINEERING CO. (Dallas)
 By David Drennan.

Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:
 Replying to yours of August 6th, relative to estimated cost of surveys and plans preliminary to the election of bonds on your irrigation district, we wish to say that we would be willing to enter into a contract for this service for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$50,000.00. We believe that this work can be done for something less than this amount, say \$35,000.00 or \$40,000.00.

Without giving a great deal of study to the amount of work involved, we would take the job for \$50,000.00.

Your people need have no hesitancy in creating this district by the fear that this preliminary work is going to cost such a sum as \$750,000.00. We believe that any of the several reputable high-class firms in the state will agree with us in this.

Very truly yours,
 THE TERRELL BARTLETT ENGINEERS (San Antonio)
 By Jno. S. Fenner.

Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:
 Yours of the 6th inst. received re cost of preliminary plans, etc., for the Ballinger-Bronte project.

I think you told me that Mr. Holder had for some months been at work running out the topography below your damsite, with sufficient accuracy to enable you to safely outline your irrigation district. Assuming this to be a fact, such data as he thus collected, added to the careful topography work previously done by him at and above the damsite (and below) should enable the designing engineers of the whole project to formulate the preliminary plans, specifications and estimates of cost which must necessarily precede the bond issue, for considerable less than \$50,000.00.

Very sincerely yours,
 JOHN B. HAWLEY, (Ft. Worth & Houston)
 For Hawley and Sands.

The data on alleged tax rates (varying from \$11.00 to \$26.00 per hundred) which appeared in The Ledger of August 8th is as preposterous as it is misleading. Detailed figures showing that the average tax rate over the 40 year period need not exceed \$1.50 per hundred will appear in an early issue of this paper.

(Adv.) COLORADO VALLEY IRRIGATION ASS'N.

The Sign of the Guaranty Fund Is A Symbol of Safety to the Depositor

It is stated upon good authority that the banks of the United States have total deposits of only about one-half the money in circulation. The other half is presumed to be hidden away in the family sock, buried in the back yards, hidden in the attic or concealed in private or lock boxes in vaults.
 If this hidden treasure were put into circulation through banks it would work wonders for our country, and would finance many meritorious enterprises.
 It may be that a large part of this private money is not in banks because the owners have not sufficient confidence in the banks.
 The Guaranty Fund Banks of Texas have the very best means of creating this confidence.
 The very fact that since the Guaranty Fund Law has been in operation, not a single dollar of non-interest bearing or unsecured deposits has been lost by depositors in the State Banks of Texas.
 Avail yourself of this protection by depositing your money in—

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK A GUARANTY FUND BANK

HOW THE SHOCK HIT LUBBOCK JURY FOREMAN IS INDICTED

Special to The Ledger:
 LUBBOCK, Aug. 9.—"Let there be joy unconfined" is the motto in Lubbock tonight. Upon the announcement received by long distance through the courtesy of the Star-Telegram the town held its breath for a full ten minutes, a-fraid even to breathe much less shout for fear that they had heard the news wrong and then pandemonium broke loose.

The fire whistle screeched, the fire trucks raced around the square, automobile horns broke loose, people rushed from their places of business, overflowed the street, stores closed, noise-makers appeared from unknown hiding places and a hasty meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce to lay plans for the night's celebration.

More than a hundred telegrams of congratulations have been received, delegations are arriving every minute from adjoining towns. The Slaton and Lorenzo bands have wired that they are on the road and while special officers are being pressed into service to hold the crowds down to reason, streets are being roped off and arrangements are being made for a long evening's celebration.

RETURNS FROM SISTER'S FUNERAL

C. D. Burley, local lumberman, returned to San Angelo over the Santa Fe Wednesday morning, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Burley, of Wichita, Kans. Mr. Burley was called to Wichita on July 25 by the accidental drowning of his sister, Laura.

Miss Laura, who was a saleswoman for an automobile agency at Wichita, was teaching another woman there to run the car when it plunged off the river embankment. Miss Burley received blows on the head and it is believed she was dead when the car hit the water. The other woman was drowned.—San Angelo Standard.

Houston Hart, editor of the San Angelo Standard, passed through the city Thursday morning en route home from Fort Worth, where he had been to receive the verdict of the Tech locating board.

Ledger often saves you money

(By Associated Press)
 LEWISBURG, W. Va., Aug. 9.—H. R. Herrah, foreman of the jury which was discharged here two weeks ago after being unable to reach a decision in the murder of William Blizzard, mine union official, was indicted of two counts, charging bribery by the Green Briar County grand jury which made a report to Judge S. Sharp here today.

VETERAN A. P. MAN SUCCUMBS

(By Associated Press)
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Edwin Hood, sixty-five, veteran correspondent on the Washington staff of the Associated Press, died suddenly at his home here today. Hood had been in failing health for some time, but the end was not expected so soon.

Helen Chadwick called the most photographed girl on the American stage, will turn to her previous habit of wearing beautiful gowns in "Dangerous Curves Ahead" a Rupert Hughes comedy. Recently Miss Chadwick has departed from her customary mode of dressing, because she has been playing in such photoplays as necessitated outdoor and sport garments. In this delightful Goldwin comedy, coming to the Fo-To-Sho Theatre tomorrow, Miss Chadwick is seen again in the lovely evening, dressed in ball gowns which she wears with such grace, and which earned her the reputation of being the country's most photographed actress.

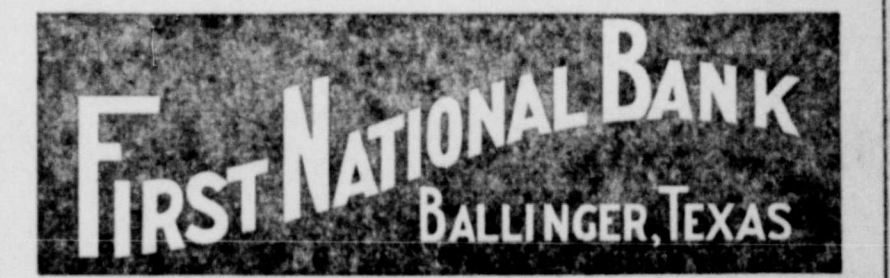
Dr. E. L. McEldowney, who is here to deliver a lecture on the court house lawn tonight, came in Wednesday at noon, and has been in the city since that time. Quite a crowd was disappointed at the failure of a similar lecture staged here a short time ago to materialize, and the speaker arrived in time to see that there was no hitch in the program this time. Dr. McEldowney will speak at 8:30 o'clock.

If a Bank is Right People Soon Learn to Know It

Believing in the truth of this caption as we do we have no intention of allowing anything to interfere with our determination to satisfy every patron as nearly as humanly possible.

If we shall be able to do this we shall have performed a real service both for the community and ourselves.

And we are resolved to live up to it.



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Phone 78 today for Ballinger Made Bread.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Coke-Runnels Water Improvement District No. 1.

STATE OF TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of August 1923, an election will be held in the proposed Coke-Runnels Water Improvement District No. 1, State of Texas, with the boundaries thereof as fully set out in the order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, made and entered on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1923, and as hereinafter set out.

Said election shall be held at the County Court House at Ballinger, Texas, in Precinct No. 1, and Maverick School House in Common School District No. 5, in Precinct No. 2, and Red Bank School House, in Common School District No. 35, in Precinct No. 3, and the City Hall at Ballinger, Texas, in Precinct No. 4, and the old Thiele Bank Building at Miles, Texas, in Precinct No. 5, polling places situated in that part of the said Coke-Runnels Water Improvement District No. 1 situated in Runnels County to determine whether or not the said district shall be created and at said election there shall be submitted the following propositions:

"FOR WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT;"

"AGAINST WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT;"

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF SAID DISTRICT;"

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF SAID DISTRICT;"

and the election of five directors to manage and control the affairs of said district.

I. M. Turner is named as presiding officer to hold said election in Precinct No. 1, and Bert Fletcher is named as presiding officer to hold said election in Precinct No. 2, and John Tounget is named as presiding officer to hold said election in Precinct No. 3, and C. R. Crews is named as presiding officer to hold said election in Precinct No. 4, and W. E. Ratliff is named as presiding officer to hold said election in Precinct No. 5.

The portion of said district lying in Runnels County has been created into five election precincts and the above named places have been designated as the polling places for the holding of said election in said precincts.

The boundaries of said proposed district are as follows:

On the North side of the Colorado River the boundary is as follows:

Beginning at a point 1000 feet South of the Southwest corner of Section 458, marked with a flag in mesquite tree on top of South end of ridge; thence one mile in a Southeasterly direction to Northwest corner of Survey No. 767 1-2; thence in a Northeasterly direction to the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 457; Thence East along the South boundary of Section 457 to Southeast corner of Section 457; thence in Northeasterly direction to the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 456; thence East along section line to Northeast corner of section 456; thence Southeasterly direction one mile to South point of ridge a rock pile; thence North to Bronte-Robert Lee Highway to a point 700 feet East of section corner on North boundary of Section 455; thence East along highway 2000 feet to intersection of road North; thence Southeasterly direction to center of Section 454; thence in Northeasterly direction to a point in Bronte-Robert Lee Highway 500 feet East of Southwest corner of Section 450, continuing on same straight line to quarter section corner between Sections 450 and 451; thence Easterly direction 5-10 mile to center of Section 451; thence Northeasterly direction to a point on K. C. M. & O. Ry. right-of-way 3000 feet North of Southeast corner of Section 430; thence Easterly direction to quarter section corner between Sections 428 and 429; thence South on section line between Sections 428 and 429, 1000 feet; thence in Southeasterly direction to quarter section corner on South boundary of Section 428 in center of same; thence Southwesterly direction through Section 427 to Southeast corner of Section 452; thence Southeasterly direction 8-10 mile to Southeast corner of Survey No. 780; thence Southeasterly direction 1.1 miles to Northwest corner of River Survey No. 326; thence in Southeasterly direction 1500 feet to intersection of road running North 1500 feet Northwest of Northeast corner of River Survey No. 326; thence Northeasterly direction to a point in West boundary line of Survey No. 1260 about 2000 feet South from

the Northwest corner of same; thence East across Survey 1260 to the East boundary line of same; thence Southeasterly direction, at about 600 feet crossing Coke and Runnels County line to the Southeast corner of Survey No. 1 Alsop property; thence South to Southwest corner of Survey 805; thence Easterly direction along South boundary of Survey No. 805 to Southeast corner of same; thence North between surveys Nos. 804 and 805 to Northwest corner of Survey No. 804; thence Easterly direction along North boundary of Survey No. 804 to Northeast corner of same; thence 800 feet South; thence Easterly direction to Oak Creek to center of Oak Creek at steel bridge; thence down Oak Creek in center of same to intersection of South boundary of section 272; thence Easterly direction along South boundary of Survey 272; to Southeast corner; thence Southwesterly direction 2.4 miles to Northwest corner of Survey 23 B. S. & F.; thence South along West boundary of Survey 23 to Bronte-Ballinger Highway; thence Southerly direction to Northwest corner of river survey 370; thence in a Southerly Southwesterly direction one mile along West boundary of survey 370 to Northwest corner of Survey 334, property of Bert Fletcher; thence in Southeasterly direction to Northeast corner of Survey No. 335, property of T. L. Todd; thence Northeasterly direction to Northeast corner of river survey 370; thence Southeasterly direction one mile to Southeast corner of River Survey 337, Southeast corner of H. E. Petty property; thence Northeasterly direction to Southwest corner of Section 29; thence Southeasterly direction to Southeast corner of Section 4; thence Easterly direction for three miles along North boundary of Sections 3, 36 and 35 to Northeast corner of Section 35; thence North one mile to Northeast corner of Section 32; thence Southeasterly direction to Northeast corner of Section 34; thence Northeasterly direction to Southwest corner of Survey 435; thence Northerly direction 1.35 miles along road to intersection of Bronte-Ballinger Highway at Northwest corner of Survey 435; thence continuing in same direction 2000 feet a stone mound; thence Easterly direction to intersection of East boundary line of Survey 436 1-2, 300 feet South of Barnett School Cemetery; thence South on East boundary of survey 436 to Southeast corner of Survey 436; thence Southeasterly direction to point in Ballinger-Bronte Highway 1000 feet West of Southeast corner of Survey 418; thence Southerly direction 1.4 miles to a point in road 1000 feet East of intersection road; thence Southwesterly direction to Northwest corner of H. E. Browder's property, one-half mile North of Hagan School; thence East along road to Northeast corner of H. E. Browder's property; thence Southeasterly direction to Southeast corner of B. F. Jones property; thence in Northeasterly direction in straight line to E. & W. Road on South boundary of M. D. Oliver property; thence East on road to intersection with Ballinger-Bronte Highway to iron post B. M. 1763; thence in Northeasterly direction to Southwest corner of survey 530 6-8; thence East along South boundary of same survey to Southeast corner of survey No. 530 6-8; thence East to center line of Elm Creek; thence down center line of Elm Creek to junction with Colorado River; thence up the Colorado River with its meanders on the East or North Bank to Northwest corner of River Survey No. 419; thence in Southwesterly direction Southwest corner of River Survey No. 419; thence in Southeasterly direction along South boundary of River Surveys Nos. 419 and 420 to Southeast corner of River Survey 420; thence in Southeasterly direction to Northeast corner of Section 503; thence South along East boundary of section 503 to Southeast corner of Section 503; this point common to South boundary of District line.

On the South side of the Colorado River the boundary is as follows:

Beginning at the point on top of North end of ridge, marked with copper nail in stump over which is a flag on staff, 500 feet South of the junction of Buffalo Creek with Colorado River; 2 1-2 miles Southeasterly direction along axis of dam from initial point of North boundary; thence East 2000 feet a stone mound; thence South 2000 feet to Southwest corner of Survey 456; thence Northwesterly 5000 feet a stone mound; thence Southeast 2800 feet to Northwest corner of survey No. 603, continuing in same direction 1400 feet a stone mound; thence

North 4000 feet a point in East boundary Survey No. 456; thence Southeast 500 feet intersecting property line fence between Albert Rawlings and Ed Dixon one mile East of Northwest corner of survey No. 603; thence Southeasterly direction 1.3 miles to a point in low divide 1.2 miles South of and 4-10 miles West of Northeast corner of Survey 23, property belonging to Albert Rawlings a stone mound; thence in Southwesterly one mile a stone mound; thence Southeasterly 1.4 miles, intersecting East boundary line of Rawlings survey 23, 500 feet South of the Northwest corner of H. Wilkins tract, Survey No. 2 1-2; thence Easterly direction 2000 feet to East line of Survey No. 2 1-2, 500 feet South of the Northeast corner of same; thence Northeasterly direction 500 feet intersecting South property line of G. R. Humlong, 1000 feet West of the Southeast corner of same; continuing same line intersecting Normand West's property line 1000 feet North of the Southwest corner of same; continuing same line, intersecting North property line of Normand 1500 feet East of the Northwest corner of same; continuing same line 2000 feet to low gap in ridge; thence Northeasterly direction to Southeast corner of River Survey No. 381; thence Northeasterly direction to flag on stake on North end of ridge at Northeast corner of survey No. 601; thence Easterly direction 7-10 miles to West side of K. C. M. & O. Ry. right-of-way 5-10 miles South of road crossing; thence in Southerly direction along West side of Railroad right-of-way, intersecting North property line of B. A. Taylor, survey No. 1363, 1500 feet West of Northeast corner of same; thence East on North boundary of Survey No. 1363 crossing K. C. M. & O. Ry. under bridge No. 155; continuing on same line to Northeast corner of Survey No. 1363; thence Northeasterly direction 3000 feet to Southwest corner of C. C. Hudson property, survey No. 11; thence Southwesterly direction to quarter section corner in North boundary of Survey No. 1, Northwest corner of property of J. R. Johnson; thence to Southwest corner of survey No. 1; thence in Southwesterly direction

to Southeast corner of Survey No. 10; thence West along South boundary of Survey No. 10 across survey No. 2 to K. C. M. & O. Ry. 1000 feet North of Ry. Bridge No. 157 over Juniper Creek; thence Southeasterly direction along right-of-way to intersection of the Northeast corner of the town limits of Tennyson; thence in a Westerly direction to Northwest corner of town limits; thence Southerly direction along West boundary of the town of Tennyson to Southwest corner of same; thence South to Southeast corner of W. P. Bird's property; thence East intersecting West property line of K. C. M. & O. Ry.; thence Southwesterly direction to West boundary of survey No. 5; thence South to Southeast corner of Survey No. 5; thence Easterly direction along North boundary of Surveys Nos. 114 and 117; thence in Northeasterly direction to Northeast corner of survey No. 629; thence Easterly direction along South boundary of surveys Nos. 20 and 21 to Coke and Runnels Counties lines; thence South along county line to North line of Survey No. 120; thence Northeasterly to intersection of public roads, same being Northwest corner of Ben McMurray tract; thence East 1000 feet along road to angle in road; thence in Southwesterly direction to Southwest corner of Rasbury and Stokes property; thence South to Northeast corner of Section 123; thence in Northeasterly direction to Northeast corner of Section 124; thence Southeasterly direction to quarter section corner between sections 2 and 126; in center of South boundary line of section No. 2; thence Southeast to center of East boundary line of section No. 126; thence to Southwest corner of section 126; thence Southwesterly direction to quarter section corner between sections 74 and 75; thence across sections 75, 76 and 91 in Southeasterly direction to Southeast corner of section 91; thence South between sections 90 and 95 to Southeast corner of section 90; thence East one-half mile to quarter section corner between sections 95 and 96; thence South one mile to quarter section corner between sections 96 and 97; thence East one-half mile to Northwest corner of section 131; thence South one mile to

Southwest corner of section 131; thence South one mile on section line to Southwest corner of section 132; thence West 2 miles to Southwest corner of section 87; thence South one mile to Southeast corner of section 81; thence South one mile to Southeast corner of section 82; thence West along section line to Willow Creek; thence down center of Willow Creek to intersection of section line between sections 66 and 83; thence South across Runnels and Tom Green County line between sections 65 and 84 to quarter section corner; thence in Southeasterly direction to Southeast corner of section 84; thence Easterly direction to Northeast corner of Concho River survey No. 365; thence Northeasterly direction to North and West boundaries of Concho River surveys Nos. 366 and 583 and to Northwest corner of River survey No. 584; thence in Northerly direction, through Elixia Vaughn property to center of South boundary line of section 138; thence continuing line through section 138 and section 135 to intersection of G. C. & S. F. Ry. (Paint Rock Branch) thence in Northwesterly direction to South boundary of G. C. & S. F. Ry. right-of-way property line; thence Northeasterly direction along South boundary of G. C. & S. F. property line to intersection of West boundary line of Section 161; thence North between sections 154 and 161, 153 and 162, 152 and 163, to Southwest corner of section 164; thence East along South boundary of section 164 to quarter section corner between sections 163 and 164; thence North through section 164 to quarter section corner between sections 164 and 165, continuing line North to quarter section corner between sections 165 and 166; thence East to Southeast corner of section 166; thence North to Northeast corner of section 166; thence Northeast to Southeast corner of Colorado River Survey No. 411; thence in a Southeasterly direction along the following South and East line of Colorado River Surveys 412, 413, 414, 415, 416 and to the Southeast corner of River Survey No. 417; thence Southeasterly direction to Southeast corner of Survey No. 2; thence East along South boundary survey No. 503 to Southeast corner of survey No. 503, this corner

common to North boundary. In such election none but resident property tax payers who are qualified voters under the laws of this state shall be entitled to vote. (Seal) W. A. FORGEY, Clerk, Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas. d.2-9-16.

Child Cured of Bowel Trouble
A child of Floyd Osborn, Notary Public of Dungannon, Va., was taken with bowel trouble. Mr. Osborn gave it Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it quickly recovered. In speaking of this remedy he says, "It is the best I ever used."

Frank Plynt went to Winters Thursday morning to attend to business for the De Molay Chapter here.

Ray Newby, of Bradshaw, was in Ballinger Thursday morning visiting.

Archie Holloway returned home Tuesday night from Oklahoma, where he has been working.

Miss Eloise Gaines returned to her home in Dublin Wednesday morning after a visit to friends here. She was accompanied home by Miss Mildred Holliday who will spend a few weeks visiting.

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Says Divorce Habit Gravely Menaces Our National Life

(By Associated Press)
WINONA LAKE, Ind., Aug. 9.—Divorces are granted in America at the rate of one every four minutes throughout the year, and are more numerous here annually in proportion to total population than in any other country which records marriage statistics. The annual total of decrees for the 48 states is in the neighborhood of 160,000 and is increasing three times as fast as the population. Such are the conclusions of Judge W. H. Thomas of Santa Ana, California, former associate justice of the California District Court of Appeals, drawn from a world survey of marriage and divorce figures in preparation for an American campaign for a national code governing marital relations.

Judge Thomas' survey included 54 countries, and the summary of his study, made public here, reaches back into the domestic relations of ancient Rome, Greece, and Babylon. In his conclusions in the suggestions that our national life is seriously threatened by the present status of our family relationship. Much of our trouble, he believes, is chargeable to the chaotic state of our marriage laws, and his recommendation is a uniform law, applicable to all American territory, based on wisdom and experience.

"In contrast with our records, one divorce for every nine marriages," Judge Thomas said, "those of France and Germany, our closest competitors, dwindle into insignificance. We have only one rival, Japan. Until recently that nation has been grinding out divorces faster than our own. Now, however, the United States Census Bureau discloses a rapidly mounting table of divorce which far outstrips the ratio of increase in population. Our rate of increase in divorces between 1870 and 1917, was for the entire country, exactly 400 per cent." In 1870, he said, we had 28 divorces for every 100,000 of population; in 1916 the figure was 112 for each 100,000.

"Our country heads the list among the nations of the world in this downward procession. In 1890 there were 33,107 divorces here; in 1916 there were 112,000. In Canada in the whole year of 1913 there were 59 divorces."

Judge Thomas came here recently to present his figures to officers of the National Reform Association at the organization's International Conference on Christian Citizenship.

Seventeen states in the Union fix no marriageable age, he pointed out in commenting on our present varied law. In nine of these states—Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont, the common law

ages of 12 for girls and 14 for boys have been formally recognized by the courts. In 19 states there is no law restraining feeble minded persons from marrying, and only three states forbid miscegenic unions, or marriages between people of different races.

There are now in the United States more than 12,000 married girls under 15 years of age. Approximately 100,000 girls 17 years or younger are married.

"The need of a uniform divorce law is apparent," Judge Thomas declares. "Disregard for the sanctity of marriage, over-emphasis of sex, under-emphasis of cannot allow the rate of divorce in the United States to continue at three times the rate of population increase.

"No logical and sound-thinking person any longer denies that, in certain circumstances, men and women who can not live harmoniously together should be allowed to reconstruct their happiness. No one now argues against the necessity for marriage laws which will make it impossible for the immature and unfit to marry and reproduce.

"Everyone is satisfied that these laws must be uniform. Hence the time for action has come. And because men have dilly-dallied about it, and because, too, the integrity of the family is woman's quest, upon the women of the country must be laid the business of bringing about reform.

"But legislation will not usher in an era of wisely planned marriages. The real hope of the world lies in putting as much painstaking and progressive thought into the great business of mat-

domestic responsibilities, lack of uniformity in the laws were among the chief contributing causes that led to the downfall of Rome, of Greece, of Babylon. We bring as we do into the other big businesses of our day, and in bringing to bear upon marriage the advanced ideas of science, religion and law, so that we shall be able to offer to young men and women a sensible presentation of the subject that will convince them of the necessity of permanent family relations and assure them of the happiness to be found

in a wholesome, family life. "Unification of marriage and divorce laws is only a partial solution of the problem. There must be early training for marriage and parenthood, and this cannot be provided for by law."

Constipation

Rachel Cribley of Beaver Dam, Ohio, was sick for two years with stomach trouble and constipation, taking one medicine after another with only temporary relief. "My neighbor spoke so enthusiastically of Chamberlain's Tablets" she

Cured of Stomach Trouble and says "that I procured a bottle of them at our drug store to try. A few days treatment convinced me that they were just what I needed. I continued their use for several weeks and they cured me."

Professor Saunders asserts that

the bagpipes have been played since 8000 B. C. Quite long enough.

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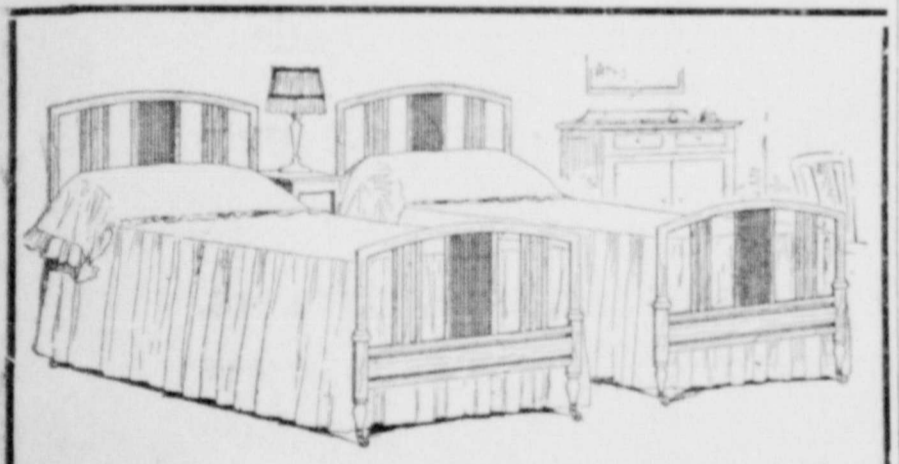
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