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HUERTA DENIES STORY THAT HE WILL RESIGN

Says Associated Press Story Is Untrue--Forces Service to Denie Former Report--Will Stay Until the Last.

By United Press: MEXICO CITY, May 21.—General Huerta is incensed by the publication of an Associated Press story, saying that he had authorized his delegates at the mediation conference to offer his resignation. He has forced the Associated Press representative here to deny the story and state every word of it is untrue.

Huerta said today, "I am determined to hold on until the end, regardless of the circumstances which will probably arise."

W. S. Davis, one of the substantial citizens of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger today.

SHOT WHILE CALLING FOR HELP

By United Press: TAPPAN, N. Y., May 21.—"Robbers trying to get into station, going to shoot. Help." This message clicked to the West Shore Railroad depot at Harvestraw. The message ended with this and Clyde Hotalling was shot while sitting at the key by the robbers. The robbers only secured eighteen dollars.

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Federals Evacuate Saltillo

By United Press: El Paso, May 21.—According to advices received here today the Mexican Federals evacuated Saltillo early this morning after brief skirmishing.

Special to The Daily Ledger: ESTACION AMARGOS, Mex., May 20.—General Villa and his re-

MEXICO: THE RECORD OF A CONVERSATION WITH WILSON

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"My ideal is an orderly and righteous government in Mexico; but my passion is for the submerged eighty-five per cent of the people of that Republic, who are now struggling toward liberty."

The President closed his fingers into a sinewy fist. He leaned forward in his chair—leaned forward as a man leans forward who is about to start on a race, his body taut, his muscles tense. I could see the cords stand out on the back of his neck. His eyes were narrowed, his lips slightly parted, his lips vigor and earnestness impressive.

"I challenge you," he said, "to cite me an instance in all the history of the world where liberty was handed down from above! Liberty always is attained by the forces working below, underneath, by the great movement of the people. That, leavened by the sense of wrong and oppression and injustice, by the ferment of human rights to be attained, brings freedom." The President relaxed from his tense attitude and smiled.

"It is a curious thing," he continued, "that every demand for the establishment of order in Mexico, the great mass of the population, but order for the benefit of the old-time regime, for the aristocrats, for the vested interests, for men who are responsible for this very condition of disorder."

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The FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK is making new friends and showing a decided increase in the amount of its deposits day by day. This indicates a healthy condition and is proof conclusive that we are rendering satisfactory banking service to our patrons. By satisfying those having business relations with us, we gain their good will and high appreciation, which leads to the friends of our depositors becoming customers of ours as well. We would like to add you to our list of satisfied banking patrons.

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War or Peace to Be Determined Within 10 Days

By United Press: WASHINGTON, May 21.—The question of either war or peace with Mexico will be settled within ten days is the belief of officials of the United States government here.

The United States envoys at the Niagara Falls mediation meeting stand for unconditional retirement of General Huerta from the

office of president of the republic. If an agreement is not reached whereby the United States representatives get satisfaction, mediation is at an end. President Wilson will then determine the next aggressive step, according to those who are in close touch with the administration. The army and navy await the word for immediate action.

Divorce Evil Before Assembly

By United Press: CHICAGO, May 21.—Social questions have been brought to the attention of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church by reports of various committees handling this phase of the work.

Effective action has been urged by the committees on Christian life against the alarming growth of divorce.

"The sanctity of marriage is rapidly being undermined," the report said. "Marriages are entered into with levity and haste and the whole structure of home is shaken. One out of every eleven marriages ends in divorce. The United States is next to Japan in the highest divorce rate in the world. Such a situation is a disgrace to the American nation."

To correct the divorce evil, a campaign of country-wide education is on.

"The sacredness of marriage and evils of divorce," is recommended.

J. H. Mills, one of the successful stock farmers of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Thursday at noon en route home from near Temple where he had been visiting relatives the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom came in from their Coke county ranch Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Odom reports big rains in his section, in fact good rains all along the route to Ballinger.

Carlos Dunn, who attended the firemen's convention at Victoria and also visited with his family at Mildford the past week, returned home Thursday at noon.

J. M. Nichols of the Santa Anna county, at one time a valuable citizen of Runnels county, came in Thursday at noon to visit relatives and friends in this section a few days.

G. M. Vaughn, of the Missouri Milling Co., left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth, where he goes to attend the annual meeting of the mill men of the state.

Runnels Co. Soaking Wet; Fall 6.10

Following Is The Rain Fall Since January.
February, 20
March 15
April 1.15
May 4.60
Total 6.10

The dry weather croaker can't be found in this country now. The protracted rains have soaked the ground, and every farmer is no doubt ready for a little sunshine.

The slow showers falling for the last week, almost every day, were supplemented Wednesday and Wednesday night with a general down pour. The fall Wednesday at Ballinger amounted to one inch, and the rain falling steady almost all night Wednesday moved the rain gauge up more than another inch. The report from over this county and points outside of the county up to Thursday morning reported the following rain fall for Wednesday and Wednesday night:

Abilene, Concho, Eden, Menard, Ovalo, Truitt, Wilmeth, Wingate all report a big rain; Benoit and Stacy report a good rain; Blackwell three inches; Bradshaw, Leaday, Maverick, Miles, Paint Rock, report two inches of rain; Brady two and one-half inches; Bronte four inches; Brownwood six-tenths; Coleman one and five-one hundredths; Fort Chadbourne three inches; Millersview four inches; Norton four and one-half inches; Rowena two and one-half inches; San Angelo one and two-sevenths; Santa Anna one inch; Winters two and one-half inches.

Following up on the splendid winter season the rain this year has been sufficient to keep all crops in splendid condition. Those who have inspected the crops, and the reports coming from the farmers, say the prospects for crops were never more promising at this season of the year. There is a good stand in every line, and the grain crop is far ahead of what the most optimistic man expected. The rain fall so far for the year has not been heavy, but it has been distributed in a way that caused the greatest benefit, falling at the opportune time.

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NEW PHONE SYSTEM NOW IN OPERATION

It required just a little longer time to get ready to cut in the seven hundred or more phones in Ballinger on to the new switch board, and the connection was not completed until five o'clock Sunday morning. The hour for making the connection was fixed at twelve o'clock Saturday night.

In a few minutes after the operators walked out of the old office into the new office and took their places at the new switch board, the first light flashed on the new board, and the call was the first answered on the new board. The first call came from No. 424 which is the home of Mrs. M. J. Pollard, and the party calling wanted No. 28 which is the C. W. Harper feed stable.

It was the purpose of the company to use the old phones on the new system by attaching a condenser, until the workmen had time to make the rounds and replace the old phones, but quite a number of the old phones failed to work, and this crippled the service to some extent, but the new phones are being installed as fast as possible, and in a few days the service will be greatly improved.

The phones that are working show a great improvement over the old system. It enables the caller to get central much quicker, and the service is better in every respect. There will be more or less trouble for a few days until everything gets regulated, and during this time the management requests that the public be patient. You can kick, but don't crank.

There are some interesting facts concerning the new improvements, which cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

To begin with, when it was planned by the West Texas Telephone Company to install a central energy, or flash light system, in Ballinger, the officers of that company decided to give Ballinger a plant that would be modern in every respect, and to obtain this end no expense was to be spared in the matter of rebuilding and extending the outside plant, and installing the central office equipment.

Much preliminary work is involved in a work such as the West Texas Telephone Company is now about to complete. This preliminary work consists of making a complete development study of Ballinger and vicinity.

By development study is meant that a careful survey was first made of Ballinger and the territory surrounding; that is, every residence and business house was spotted on a map, then classified, and telephonic development estimated; then future commercial possibilities and agricultural development were considered. In fact, everything concerning the future of the city was given due consideration. From a final summary of all this data working plans were evolved, covering both the needs required in the outside

plant, and the central office equipment. To care for the needs of Ballinger, it was finally decided to order a switchboard having an ultimate capacity of 3,000 local lines. The initial installation was planned for 700 lines, with an immediate additional capacity for 400 more. The outside plant was to have capacity for 1,000 lines.

The work, as outlined above, is now nearing completion, and only a few small details are lacking to make the installation at Ballinger one of the most complete telephone plants in the state. Few people realize the vast amount of work involved in undertaking the matter of converting a Magneto type equipment, such as we have at Ballinger, to a central energy or flash light, type. In the first place, the central energy type equipment requires a much higher insulated plant. That is, more cable is required, and the use of open wire construction must be kept down to a minimum. Again, every telephone must of necessity be changed to a type specially designed to operate with the new switchboard.

During the last ninety days at Ballinger the construction crew has placed 10,000 feet of lead covered cable in various parts of the city, has set in over 200 new poles, and rewired practically every house and building. In fact, the entire plant has been gone over from one end to the other. This has resulted in making the poles and fixtures of the West Texas Telephone Company less conspicuous in the various residence and business streets.

The switchboard installation crew has also been at work now for practically sixty days, and everything will be in readiness on Saturday, May 16th, at midnight, to make the change. Of course, the change from the old system to the new will take only a few minutes, but it has taken many weeks of work to have all connections properly made, and it is hoped that not a single telephone will be left out, or in trouble, because of this change of systems.

After the change to the central energy system, there will still be considerable work to do. This, however, will consist primarily of installing the new telephone in place of the old ones, which have been temporarily arranged to operate in connection with the new switchboard. There will also be the work of dismantling the old board and finishing the remainder of the office space which the new equipment occupies.

After everything has been completed, the West Texas Telephone Company will extend to the citizens of Ballinger and vicinity, an invitation to visit the new offices and inspect the new equipment.

Prof. J. A. Huffines, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Temple and will go on to San Antonio in a day or two to spend several months on his summer vacation.

J. E. Hipp, of Nolan county, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Yeggs Blow Open Safe of Theatre

NEW YORK, May 18.—Masked and armed yeggs blew open a safe at the Strand Theatre and obtained \$5000. They bound and gagged three watchmen and forced a fourth at a point of a gun to punch the clock of the Burglar Insurance Company.

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MRS. J. N. MASON DIED MONDAY.

Mrs. J. N. Mason died at her home on Valley creek Monday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock, after an illness of several months. The remains were laid to rest in the Runnels cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church of Hatchel conducting the services.

During her illness all that the physicians and loving hands could do to relieve suffering was done for Mrs. Mason, but her trouble was incurable and she quietly passed from this life, leaving behind a husband and children to grieve the loss of a loving wife and mother.

Mr. Mason has the sympathy of his many friends in this the dark hours of his life.

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NAZARENE SET DATE FOR REVIVAL.

As we stated through this paper some four or five weeks ago that we would hold a revival meeting, we now announce that the meeting will begin June the 17th. The revival will be conducted by Rev. Ollie Irick and wife, and a large tent will be provided for the meeting and located south of the court house, near our church. E. W. WELLS.

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OAT CROP SPLENDID.

J. D. Smith, one of the prominent farmers of the Wingate country and one of the candidates for county commissioner of precinct No. 3, who had been greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger the past day or two, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Smith says the recent rains in his section were fine and the small grain crop is just "humping" and will turn out much better than expected some time ago. While here Mr. Smith applied to the Democratic county chairman and had his name placed on the primary ticket for the election in July for county commissioner of Precinct No. 3. Mr. Smith says he would be busy harvesting his large oat crop and might not get back before the proper time to have his name placed on the Democratic ticket, hence attended to the matter while here.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

F. B. Watson, of the Hatchel country, was here Tuesday to get medicine for his brother, R. T. Watson who we are sorry to learn is suffering with an acute case of pleurisy, and has been quite ill the past few days, but we are glad to note was some better when his brother left his bedside.

Am "Kind of Socialist" --- Marshal

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Vice President Marshall is "a kind of socialist," according to an announcement made yesterday to a said he stood ready to quit the democratic party when the right kind of socialist party comes along.

The "right kind" is one that marches under the stars and stripes and according to the laws of the Christian religion, he told his friends of the congregation.

Child Cross? Feverish? Sick?

A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms, and almost every child has them. Gickapoo Worm Giller is needed. Get a box today. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Gickapoo Worm Giller is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist.

POLICE DOGS ON MAIL VANS

PARIS, May 19.—Police dogs today were introduced here to guard the mail vans while the clerks are attending to other duties, following experiments which proved highly successful. Many private business houses already make use of dogs to protect delivery wagons.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs. GODFREY MASSEY, wft Concho county, Tex

THIRD ATTEMPT TO CARRY ROAD BONDS SUCCESSFUL

BONHAM, Tex., May 19.—The good road advocates in this precinct scored a conspicuous victory Saturday when they voted the issuance of a \$250,000 highway bond issue by a good majority. This is the third time the proposition has been submitted to the voters within less than four months and the victory this time was the result of an earnest campaign waged in the interest of the project by the local Chamber of Commerce and the papers of this place. The bonds will be disposed of as soon as possible and road building started immediately.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

A CORRECTION.

Some time ago mention was made of an auto accident to a young man of San Angelo and the statement was made that on account of bad roads near the city limits his auto was turned over and the accident occurred. We are informed and know it is a fact that it was not on account of the bad road but bad judgement of the young man, as the county road at the point where the accident happened is in fine shape and well macadamized and with a reasonable speed of driving an auto the accident would not have occurred. The roads are in substantial condition and was built with the view of wagons hauling country produce to Ballinger and not with the view of high speed racing autos.

Miss Ollie Holstead, one of the efficient young ladies with the West Texas Telephone Co., sends the Banner-Ledger to her mother Mrs. A. B. Holstead and to her brother Geo. W. Holstead of Wichita Falls for the balance of the present year.

Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Tally, of Crews, came in Tuesday at noon from Marlin where they had been recuperating the past several weeks. They also visited at other points in the state with friends while gone.



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You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Bilioussness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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COXEY HAS NOW ONLY SIX MEN

FREDERICK, Md., May 16.—Deserted by all his "army" except six privates, General Jacob Coxe arrived here today on his long march from the Pacific coast to Washington. He will arrive at Washington Tuesday or Wednesday. He said he would continue to the capital even if he is deserted by all but his own family, which consists of Mrs. Coxe, a daughter, and a son. General Coxe's family ride on donkeys and head the cavalcade.

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W. J. Miller left Saturday afternoon to visit his family and look after business affairs at Austin a week or so and will also visit Brenham, while gone.

J. Meers, who is with W. O. Schultz of the Eden country, in the oil drilling business was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and says they are going down after oil in Mr. Schultz's place and prospects for striking paying oil is now very promising. They have the machinery and capital back of them and propose to push the enterprise to a successful finish.

W. O. Schultz, the big stockman of the Eden country, passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Fort Worth on a short business trip.

Quick Meal Oil Stove

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E. M. Burrow, J. R. Harris, and Joe Oliver, three of the representative citizens of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and reports fine rains in their section Saturday and crop prospects looking splendid.

The Country Trade

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HOG GROWERS ORGANIZE CLUB

The men who see the opportunity to realize a nice profit from a few porkers met in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and organized the Runnels County Hog Club. N. J. Wardlaw was elected president, and P. T. Rushing vice president, J. H. Taylor secretary.

The club starts out with fifty members, and they will meet again at the city hall in Ballinger on first Monday at which time rules and by-laws will be adopted and a board of directors elected.

There are no membership fees to pay, and the club is only organized for the purpose of co-operating and raising a few hogs for market. The only requirement is that each member pledge themselves to arise at least two hogs for market. It is the purpose of the organization in this way to be able to ship a car of hogs from time to time. A shipping date will be selected and each member requested to bring his hogs to the car on that date, and they will be weighed in and shipped to market. This plan has proved very successful in many places. Comanche county has such an organization and the farmers in that county are profiting wonderfully by the plan and the hog industry has rapidly increased in that county.

Those desiring to join the club are requested to be present on First Monday or send in their name to J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, Texas.

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This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains, and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cents bottles. For sale by all dealers.

AMERICAN LOSES IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

SANDWITCH, England, May 18.—Jerome Travers was eliminated from the International Gold Tournament in the first round by Charles A. Palmer, of Ireland. The American early defeat was a great surprise as he was a heavy favorite with the thousands who witnessed the game.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheeks. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

BOY NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wagner was considerably bruised up and had a very narrow escape Thursday afternoon when he was run over by a horse as he was going home from school.

Jack Nichols was riding the horse, and was loping along the streets when the boy ran out in front, coming from around the corner of a fence; he did not see the boy until he was right on him, and it is presumed that the boy did not see the horse, until they ran together. The boy was knocked down, and the horse passed over him, but fortunately did not step on the boy.

Aside from a few bruises the boy is not hurt and is getting along all right today.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Eczema.

FIRE MARSHALS ORGANIZE.

We are indebted to J. P. Martindale for copies of the Victoria Daily Advocate giving an account of the Firemen's Convention held in that city last week. Mr. Martindale reports that while the firemen's convention was in session the fire marshals got together and organized the State Fire Marshals Association. The dues were fixed at one dollar per year, and the marshals will co-operate for the best interests of their work. After the organization was perfected a deputy state fire marshal addressed the meeting.

The Ballinger delegation who attended the convention all report one of the most successful conventions in the history of the association, and say the citizens of Victoria entertained them royally.

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- Texcoco—Tes-CO-co.
- Tlaxcala—Tlas-KAH-lah.
- Tuxpam—TOOS-pam.
- Tampico—Tam-PEE-co.
- Chihuahua—Chee-WAH-wah.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended, and after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey, 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

J. D. Moreland, one of the substantial farmers down the river six miles, was in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and reports crop prospects good in his neighborhood at present.

COL. STANLEY LOCATES AT MILES

The MILES MESSENGER SAYS:

The irrigation project being promoted by Col. C. M. Stanley, whereby it will be possible to place as much as 100,000 acres of fine lands in Coke, Runnels, Tom Green and Concho counties under a gravity system or irrigation, received a great impetus at a meeting held in Miles Tuesday afternoon when the final touches were added to the \$10,000 subscription by our enterprising citizens. The money is to be used to complete the final surveys and other preliminary work. It was a most enthusiastic meeting and one of great importance to the town of Miles, as the completion of this subscription determines the location of the land office at this place. This will undoubtedly give Miles a renewed commercial activity, the construction of the great canals which will bring the water to our fertile fields will call for the disbursement of the sum exceeding one million dollars in this vicinity which means much to the merchants and business men in general. Mr. Stanley expects to call on the business men of Ballinger and lay a similar proposition before them, which if accepted, will cause the extension of the big canals to that vicinity, and we have no doubt of its acceptance by Ballinger's business interests, as that city is wide awake to the situation and knows the vast benefits to be derived from a great project like this one. If our reading of the horizon is correct the entire territory thru which this system will be extended will in the near future commence to take on such energy and life that the eyes of the world will be attracted and we expect at no distant day the population of the four above named counties will be increased so enormously that the outside world will be astonished.

Mr. Stanley will move his family to Miles by June 1st, from Houston and become a citizen of Runnels county. The preliminary work on the reservoir is completed and that of aligning the main canals will begin in a few days and will be pushed until completed.

In this connection we may say that Bronte has already completed her subscription, which was a similar proposition to that made to Miles, and nothing remains in abeyance except the completion of Ballinger's quota.

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E. C. James, one of the successful stock farmers of the Maverick country, who with his wife had been at the bedside of their daughter at the sanitarium, left for home Saturday afternoon and we are glad to report the young lady convalescing nicely and will soon be able to return home.

Will Daily, the gardner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt, says the family enjoyed a nice mess of home grown English peas, which he thinks is the earliest of any in the city for this season.

LOST—Black overcoat, pocket, torn and mended, on Paint Rock road and my house. Please leave at Ledger office. J. J. Crockett, Ballinger Route 1. 18-1td 1tw

T. W. Whidden, one of the prominent stock-farmers east of the city, was here Saturday to attend the organization of the hog club and to attend to business affairs a few hours.

W. S. Maddox, of the Valley creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday. Mr. Maddox will read the Banner Ledger in the future having added his name to the list Friday.

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Divorcee Is Cause of Tragedy

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 16.—Joe Hensley, aged eighteen, Hubbard Miniard, aged seventeen, both of prominent families, shot each other early today and are dead as result of wounds sustained in the shooting. A pistol duel was fought by the two young men. The matter came up over Mrs. Daisy Adams, a pretty young divorcee, who accompanied Miniard at the time of the tragedy. She was wounded by a stray bullet.

Refrigerators and Ice Cream Freezers at Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., Prices are low enough. 13-2td 2tw

A SURPRISE AND ROMANTIC WEDDING.

Two Ballinger young people were wed in Paint Rock Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Millwee, Rev. Robert S. Adair officiating clergyman. The contracting parties were Mr. W. J. Wilke and Miss Myrtle Pearl Jones. We wish the young people happiness and prosperity. —Paint Rock Herald.

The above news did not reach Ballinger until the paper publishing same was received here. It seems that the young people were on a picnic on the Concho river, and decided to drive over to Paint Rock and close the contract that made them man and wife. They returned to Ballinger the bride going to her home and Mr. Wilke returning to Wichita Falls, where he is in the show business, and no report of the affair was made to their respective families until the news leaked out through the paper.

Miss Myrtle Pearl Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones, and is among Ballinger's most worthy young women. Mr. Wilke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke. He grew from babyhood to manhood in Ballinger, and made this his home until a short time ago when he located at Wichita Falls, where he engaged in the show business. He returned to Wichita Falls to provide a home and will be joined by his bride in a few days.

When interviewed by a Ledger reporter Saturday afternoon, the happy bride blushing admitted the report that she was married, but it was the first confession she made of the fact, and stated that they just wanted to surprise their friends.

Their friends in Ballinger will wish for them the best married life possible.

J. E. Benson, of Winchell, Texas, who had been visiting relatives and friends at his former home near Pumphrey, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route home. While here he ordered the Banner Ledger to his address to keep posted on the Runnels county news, and says this county still feels like home.

W. B. Kelsey, who farms up the river on the Doose Pean Mott place, reports an inch and a half rain at his place Saturday morning.

Women to Plead with President

DENVER, Colo., May 16.—The special legislature which has been in session here for the past several days, adjourned this afternoon, after passing a million dollar appropriation to the militia of the state as strike expenses.

Private mine guards in the militia are to be paid.

To plead with President Wilson to end the strike and describe the horrors of the battle of Ludlow, Mrs. Pearl Jolly, Mrs. Mary Petruce and Pedro Valdes, who lost children and other relatives in the Ludlow battle, are going to Washington.

The survivors at Ludlow are suing for \$10,000 as damages against companies, mine guards, and militia of the state, for the loss of lives of relatives and property.

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J. L. Ray, one of the successful young farmers of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Dee Oliver, the sheepman and stock farmer of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and reports a good rain at his place.

Perry Boswell, of the New Home community, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willingham and two children left Saturday afternoon for Palestine where Mrs. Willingham will visit her mother for a few weeks. Mr. Willingham accompanied them as far as Hearn and returned home Sunday night.

Miss Inez Butler, who had been teaching school at Brady the past year, visited friends in Ballinger Saturday en route to her home at Abilene.

Mrs. Winters, of Abilene, was the guest of her friends Mesdames G. G. Odom and J. F. Currie Saturday and left Saturday afternoon for Blanket to visit relatives and friends a week or two.

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"Heavy rains do great damage to crops" is a familiar expression published in East Texas papers.

The splendid rain comes as a death blow to politics. Farmers are going to be too busy to think.

A boy has been discovered in New York with two appendices. The breed should be stopped at once, one should satisfy any one.

Jones county, with a record of twenty-five dry years, is to have a prohibition election on June 6. It is claimed by the pros that there are grown men in that county who never saw a saloon.

The Dallas News says, "there are accumulating signs that Gen. Huerta will spend the summer away from home." If the rebels get hold of him they will no doubt give the old man a passport to

In a speech at San Angelo, a representative of a packing house, stated that Texas farmers, were paying over fifty million dollars annually to the Northern farmers for meat, and Texas is one of the best hog states in the Union. What's the matter with Texas farmers?

The special committee appointed on White Slave Traffic at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Chicago, in its report say there are 100,000 prostitutes in the United States, and that a far greater number are unchaste. The committee say that the contributing factors to this condition are the fashions of today, the dances, the theatre, literature and ignorance. The remedy suggested is the enlightened training of the young.

Miles has organized a Retail Merchants Association. The citizens of that town have also subscribed \$10,000 to the Stanley Irrigation project.

The toad frog music you hear is prelude to the serenade that will be given by the grain binders in the near future. The harvest will be great.

The binder dealers are working overtime getting things in shape for the harvest. From all reports the grain crop is going to pan out much better than the farmers expected.

C. W. Post's estate is estimated at one hundred million dollars. Yet there are people who become despondent and kill themselves on account of financial embarrassment. Post's millions could not buy health.

The grand jury of Tom Green county convened at San Angelo Monday, and Wednesday afternoon they made a partial report, returning thirteen indictments, and returning to continue their work. Pretty good showing for three days work.

President Wilson should know first hand the true conditions that prevail in Mexico through the conference held with O'Shaughnessy, and if O'Shaughnessy talked to President Wilson in the same tone of mind that he talked when he first reached the United States, Huerta did not gain anything by the conference.

There are men in Ballinger who put in the most of the day loafing on the streets and talking politics—trying to save the country, when they could be of some bene-

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fit to humanity if they would stay at home and use the fly swatter. You know who we are talking about, without giving names.

A committee should be appointed to wait upon the first man that kicks about the rain. Some one has been heard to say that the rain is damaging the grain crop, and that the country needs sunshine. That might sound all right for East Texas and the Brazos bottom, but such statements sound silly in Rannels County.

Many people are anxious to see Villa whip Huerta and get full control of the Mexican government. The United States seems to be willing to supply the ammunition and arms for Villa to do the job with. We are anxious to see Huerta put out of business, but we can't see what is to be gained by the change.

The Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific railroad running out of Jackson, Miss., must pay a widow woman \$7000 damages for chartering a train to a mob who lynched the ladie's husband. This is the first case where such suit was ever filed, and will no doubt cause railroads to investigate for what purpose special trains are wanted in the future.

Free storage for the wool growers should be some inducement for the concentrating of a large quantity of wool in Ballinger. At the proper time buyers will come here and buy the wool, and we venture the claim that the price paid will come up to that paid on any other Texas wool market.

Reports coming from Falls county and some of the other old reliable \$200 per acre counties, say that things are not as prosperous as in times past, and that crops prospects are far from promising. There are many acres of good land in Rannels county that can be purchased at from \$20 to \$30 per acre that will rapidly increase in value as the years go by. Come to Rannels county.

A Brown county veteran, a Mr. Carter, living at Blanket, lost one-half of his coat while en route to Jacksonville to attend the old soldiers reunion. He pulled his coat off and laid it across the window of the car in which he was traveling, and as the train passed through some town a negro grabbed his coat, and with Mr. Carter holding to the other half of the coat it was split. This demonstrates the sticking quality of the old vets.

Has the oil boom blown over so quickly? If so, and your land is tied up with a lease, have you lost anything. The promoters came to Ballinger without giving notice and they left over the same route. It has been said that they will return with a drill and puncture the earth, and it "mought be" that the oil will spout. At any rate oil his declined several cents per gallon during the past few weeks with no explanation from the decliners as to the wherefores and whys for the decline.

The United States have been trying for some time to make the Mexicans believe that we want to help them instead of doing them an injury, but no doubt actions speak louder than words, and Uncle Sam's activity in making preparation for the worst, is what the Mexicans are judging us by. Look at the map of Mexico and you will notice that the Mexican coast lined with battleships and the border with soldiers, all under the Stars and Stripes too.

The new dances that are being introduced over the country, like many other things which go under the head of style, is all the "craze" with those who see the real fun in indulging in such

peculiar sensation giving pastime. But at the same time the new "figures" are responsible for no little comment, and severe criticism. There is a difference of opinion as to whether they are just the proper thing in the proper place, and if they are the proper thing, where is the proper place, etc. Of course those who have never experienced the swirling sensation that is produced by the Boston Hop, the Bunny Hug, the Tango, the Turkey Trot, the Castle Walk, the Two-step, the One step, the Eight-step, the Maxixe, the Hesitation Waltz, the Dream Waltz, the Side Waltz, the Media Luna, Les a-Cote, Innovation, El Charro, the Lane Duck, and then some more steps including the Skating step, the Swing step, the High step, etc., are not competent judges to pass on such matters. If the young ladies who participate in such dances knew their origin, and the environments under which they were first put in vogue we feel that they would instead with a blush of shame. We should some times judge such matters by their origin. Man is often so measured.

*** LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE ***

The Folly of a Second Primary.

Mr. Editor: I have been informed that when our Democratic Executive Committee meets that they will be asked to adopt the majority rule for nominating county officers this year. As a Democrat, and one who believes in majority rule where there is anything to be gained by it, I want a little space to show the folly of holding a second primary in this county.

In the first place, we do not really need the first primary. Our county is largely Democratic and it is not possible for an opposing party to rise up and elect a single officer against our Democratic ticket, even if we did not thin them down to one in a hill. But I am not opposing the July primary. I just mention this to impress upon the voters the folly of a second primary.

Let us take it for granted that the man who gets the highest vote in any of the races, does not get 25 per cent of the total Democratic vote of the county, which is very probable, will any one say that he is not fit to serve the people if he gets more votes than against him? When the candidates announced for office they did so with the expectation of losing if they did not get more votes than any of their opponents. If there was an issue at stake, one in which the people would suffer, in case a majority of the voters did not have a voice in it, I would say let's have a majority vote. But there is no issue; just a matter of choice between men, and any of them will suit me. If I do not elect my candidate with my first vote I will accept the man that gets the highest vote, and do not want to be troubled with another election. I believe that this is rule with a majority of the voters of his county.

There are only two or three offices which will be on the ticket in the second primary, and this being the case the voters will lose interest and it is probable that not one-half of the voters will participate in the second primary. To substantiate us out in this statement we refer to the second primary held in Alabama last week. In the election held on April 6 in the governor's race B. B. Comer received a plurality over four candidates, Chas. Henderson running second. In the second primary held May 11, between Comer and Henderson, the later beat Comer 11,000 majority, but the total vote cast for both men in the second primary was 40,000 votes less than the number cast for governor in the first primary, and Henderson's vote in the sec-

ond contest was but slightly more than Comer's vote in the first primary.

We would like to see some of the second primary advocates offer a single sane reason for holding a second primary in Rannels county.

Yours for a square deal,
"A Progressive Democrat."

Shep, Texas, May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Get An Education, Ignoranceville, Texas.

Dear Bill and Sallie: I've been thinking for some time that I'd write you a few words about the education we "aint" got, but are trying to get.

So while I'm at leisure I'll tell you of a few things which I've been studying and thinking about mighty hard of late, and I hope you will pardon me for saying I hope you will begin to do likewise at once, if you haven't already begun.

You, perhaps, have heard that whiskey, murder, etc., are very serious evils among us today. Well, its true in a way, but ignorance and superstition combined is the greatest evil which now, ever has, or ever will best the human race. All other evils are the result of this same cause. Nearly every one is dissatisfied with our present nation and government. That is as it should be. If we should all sit contentedly down and wait for somebody else to do things worth while, we would go backward instead of forward. When we become educated enough to know what we want and how to get it, we will get it, let it be better government, better times, or anything else.

What are we doing to banish ignorance in the "Lone Star" State?

Texas is the largest state in the Union, the richest in natural resources and yet in the percentage of pupils enrolled in the public schools Texas ranks 46th (48 states in the Union.)

Texas ranks 36th in the value of resources, 5th in population, and ought to rank 3rd in wealth, but instead it ranks 9th.

Teas ranks 36th, in value of school property, 39th in annual expenditure per child, 42 in number of school days per child, 39th in length of school year, 33rd in percentage of attendance, 18th in expenditure as per wealth, 39th in daily cost per child, 32nd in high school attendance, 30th in the average of teacher's salaries, and as a general average Texas ranks 38th, leading only ten states behind, and 37 which march ahead in the attempt to avoidish ignorance forever.

But behind this dark cloud of ignorance, superstition and sluggishness we begin to see little bright patches of silver lining here and there. The sun of education and enlightenment is gradually, but surely peeping over the Eastern horizon of human effort. Let's all turn our faces toward this glorious sun which will some day set the human race free and usher in the millennium age. Then we will have "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men."

Well, Bill, as to health we are proud to say we don't know of a single case of illness in this community. We are blessed with an abundance of moisture and weeds. Sorry to say it, but our Valley Creek High School will close 23 inst. Wish it could run all the year, just like a store or credit account (sometimes). We had a fine rain yesterday, the 16th.

Well, so long. Don't forget to write to your old uncle Ephriham soon.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the sickness and death of our companion and mother.

J. N. MASON,
SYBLE MASON,
IMA MASON,
MR. and MRS. ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. F. Rogers of Miles, and Miss Mattie Bishop of Pony creek county who were operated upon this week at the Halley & Love sanitarium are doing nicely since the very successful operation in each case.

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Grady Chastain returned home Wednesday afternoon from San Angelo from a short visit to friends.

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OUR TENANT PROBLEMS

EDITOR'S NOTE:—This is the fourth of a series of Articles on AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS prepared by Judge S. A. Lindsey, chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission.

The tenant problem is less simple than the getting of cheap money on land worth twice the amount borrowed; all that is required in that case is to arrange the security (the best in the world) so that it is acceptable at the source of cheap money. All this is cold-blooded business between the investors in securities and those selling same. The transaction is: give me security and I will give you money. The state is not interested in this and should take no further hand in it than to provide the law by which the organization for invading the cheap money market may be effected, and then giving such organization opportunity to borrow such trust funds as the government may be lending.

The problem of inducing shifting tenants who are merely in partnership with the landlord in robbing the soil of its fertility and dividing the swag, to induce them to buy, improve and build up the soil they till and become fixed units of strength in their communities is clearly a concern of the state. This problem is close akin if not entirely identical both in purpose and result to that of general education. The strength and vigor of the state is as much dependent upon conserving the fertility of the soil as upon the intelligence of the people. The family is the unit of the state and the home surroundings, the prosperity, the optimism and education of the members of the family spell the strength and vigor of the state. If the state would be strong and enduring it must educate its citizens and attach them to the soil. There is something strengthening in the possession and proprietorship of a piece of land. Deprive people of this strength and they become socialists because their sense of weakness and insecurity impels them to seize at straws as do the drowning.

Mr. V. T. Hoggatt, Register State Land Board of Colorado told me the other day how his state is attempting to convert tenants into land-owners. He said Colorado has \$6,000,000 of permanent school funds. This money is being made available in this way: The counties are given the privilege of investing their proportionate part in the notes of purchasers of homes. This is done through the commissioner's courts. The court considers each individual case. If the man is honest, intelligent, industrious and capable of paying out the land and the land is worth the money, the court buys the land for him, or takes up his notes and gives him 40 years at 5 per cent interest in which to pay. The county must see that the state does not lose its funds. Every proposed loan is advertised and the people knowing the county to be responsible to the state assist in preventing an unworthy or unsafe case from getting through.

Inasmuch as the people of a state have adopted this plan let us consider it closely, before dismissing or advocating it. For remember we are not writing a political platform but studying a modern question in economics or statecraft which is now upon us for solution.

Inquiring About Loan of \$300,000

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Joseph Folk, council for the Interstate Commerce Commission, questioned Charles S. Mellen today regarding a \$300,000 loan made by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the Boston Herald. Folk endeavored to establish connection between the loan and the passage by the Massachusetts legislature of a bill authorizing the New Haven to hold the Boston and Maine. Mellen insisted that the loan was made a year or two before the bill came up. He emphatically denied the intimation that the legislature was corrupted.

Mellen admitted that he paid big bills to the Boston Republic but claimed the accounts were for advertising. Mayor Fitzgerald owned the paper at the time.

The New Haven had many news paper men on its pay roll in an effort to enlighten the public and attempt to favor the ownership of trolley systems by steam roads.

Dr. Marvin Turney of Ft. Stockton, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Winters to visit friends and look after affairs a few days.

J. N. Adams left Wednesday afternoon for Hamilton in answer to a quick call stating that his brother was seriously ill and not expected to live. Mr. Adams was raining hard, as quick auto was raining hard, a quick auto trip got him here just in time to catch the afternoon train.

Jack McGaugh, of Brownwood who had been making headquarters with Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack in our city the past week representing the McCormick Harvester Co., left for home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. McGaugh reports the sale of about 60 binders to farmers in our county and this section.

CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

- For County Superintendent: E. L. HAGAN, J. N. KEY, S. C. HARRIS.
- For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, J. A. DEMOVILLE, MARSHALL SIMPSON
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. C. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON, JIM McWHIRTER, R. L. (Bob) SHAFFER.
- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL
- For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES, Miss MARY PHILLIPS.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN, EDWIN DAY, W. T. PADGETT.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: E. M. SETSER.
- For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: FEB McWILLIAMS.
- For Constable Precinct No. 1: B. F. ALLEN, CHARLIE EISENHUTH
- For Congressman-at-Large: R. B. HUMPHREY. (of Throckmorton, Texas.)

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescuer.

Caron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side. The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good."

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

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PERSONALS

Bill Coffee and daughter, of the Leady country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. D. Woods, of the Winters country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

C. M. Doyle, of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and reports the rains splendid at his place.

I. N. Phillips, of the Wingate country, was among the number in Ballinger Monday to attend county court.

E. B. Walker, one of the successful stock farmers of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

R. B. Hambright and J. D. Good, two of the substantial citizens of the Norton country, were supplying in Ballinger Monday.

W. J. Wilkerson, one of the successful farmers of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Tom Parish, one of the successful stock-farmers on the line of Concho county, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. A. Tyler, of Miles, came in Monday afternoon to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

Wm. Davenport and Verb Jones two of the representative citizens of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

John Justice, who farms seven miles down the river on the W. T. Ward place, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Tuesday and reports good rains and crops looking fine in his neighborhood.

Prof. A. H. Golden, principal of the High school at Bonarton, Baylor county, came in Monday to be at the bedside of his mother Mrs. W. M. Golden who is quite feeble we are sorry to note.

George Milliken and son Louis of the Old Runnels neighborhood were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Milliken reports good rains and his oat and wheat crops fine.

W. F. Atnip, one of the successful farmers of the Coyote creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says the recent splendid rains put the crops in fine shape.

Miss Ollie Sides and brother Sid, of Hatchel, accompanied their aunt Miss Rosie Bates to Ballinger Monday morning and the latter left on the morning train for her home at Brownwood.

W. L. Condra, of the Jamison neighborhood, was in the city

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LINDSLEY SAYS COLORADO IS SITTING ON VOLCANO

By United Press: CHICAGO, May 19.—"Colorado is sitting on a volcano when she withdraws the federal troops and there will be war of reprisal so terrible that one shudders to contemplate it. We are going to beg the president not to withdraw the regulars."

This was the statement made here by Judge Ben Lindsley, famous for his ideas in juvenile court procedure, who is leading a party

of survivors of the Ludlow battle to Washington.

He characterized the horrors of the Ludlow battle as unbelievable. He told a story of a father going into camp to search for his missing son, how he was saluted with his child's corpse with the head off and the body half burned. Mothers who went to rescue their babies were shot down, Judge Lindsley said, and brutally murdered.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RAILROADS.

Railroad Presidents Discuss Transportation Problems and Their Relation to the Public.

There are always two sides to a question. The public long accustomed to listening to arguments against an increase in railroad rates, is now given an opportunity by W. B. Scott, president of the Sunset-Central lines to hear the railroad's side of the question. His recent interview to the Texas press is an out-pouring of the railroad heart and shows that the railroads of Texas instead of piling up high hills of money as they are generally supposed to do, are actually operating at a loss.

In his discussion of the subject, president Scott said in part:

"The fiscal year ending June 30th, 1913, showed that the thirty-three Texas railroads earning a gross total of \$118,617,454. The operating expenses were \$92,609,612, the net income being \$26,007,842 with other income given as \$1,907,227 or a gross corporate income of \$27,915,070.

"To measure against this income, items including taxes, rentals, leases, hire of equipment, interest on bonds, debts, etc., aggregating a total of \$30,050,656, were properly charged, the result being that instead of the thirty-three roads mentioned really earning any money, they actually sustained a deficit of \$2,135,586. This does not mean that all of the lines failed to earn net revenue for some of them did, but it does mean that the burdens or operation set seriously upon a majority of the Texas lines, and that of the total number of roads twenty of them sustained deficits which in one instance ran as high as \$1,227,000.

"Railroads like other commercial institutions, have certain commodities for sale, viz: transportation of persons, transportation of goods. Out of the sale of this transportation must they find their revenue. If the price of the sale is too low, then the establishment cannot make a profit and if it cannot provide the necessary funds for operation must cease to be a going concern. There must be a limit to the present loss or the roads will be faced with either a decided decrease of high price service or placed at the tender mercies of a receiver and in either instance the public must suffer accordingly.

"The remedy, when it is acknowledged that the roads are intelligently and economically administered, is indicated in an increase in freight rates sufficient to overcome the loss and to meet the increase of expense in operations due to causes already set forth.

"An increase of ten per cent in all rates would of course apply on the rate for 100 pounds by class and commodity. If the railroads were permitted to increase their rates they would be enabled to successfully meet the present cost of operation without facing the serious deficits and difficulties which now confront them, and which seriously threaten a curtailment of service and efficiency and a decrease in the work of railroad development in all sections of the State."

The following interview with Mr. Ben B. Cain, vice-president of the Gulf, Texas and Western Railway, which appeared in the Washington Herald recently also throws an interesting light on the situation:

"There is no question confronting the country which is quite so vital as granting to the railroads an increase in freight rates. This applies not only to the eastern lines but is more essential to the prosperity of those lines struggling for existence in the most sparsely settled sections of the country. Data compiled by the American Railway Association which I have reason to believe are reliable, show that 91 1-2 cents of every dollar

earned by the steam roads of the United States has to be expended in keeping the road going, there being only 8 1-2 cents with which to pay dividends and make improvements. The distribution of a dollar earned by the common carriers is as follows:

Labor, 44.17; fuel and oil 8.93; material, supplies and miscellaneous expense 14.06; loss and damage 2.20; taxes 4.21; rents and leases 4.41; interest on debt 13.43; dividends and improvements 8.59.

"Within the past month railroads of Texas made application to the railroad commission for an increase of 15 per cent in freight rates, but our commission refuses to even consider the application, notwithstanding it was based upon facts which if true undoubtedly warranted an increase."

TEXAS FACTS

TEXAS LEADS THE NATION IN—

- Livestock.
- Land area.
- Wild game.
- Railway mileage.
- Uncultivated area.
- Number of cattle.
- Number of farms.
- Number of mules.
- Number of goats.
- Number of turkeys.
- Number of cowboys.
- Number of counties.
- Production of cotton.
- Production of pecans.
- Production of mohair.
- Number of cotton gins.
- Agricultural production.
- Production of livestock.
- Production of seed oats.
- Number of farm laborers.
- Production of polo ponies.
- Production of watermelons.
- Number of colonies of bees.
- Number of asses and burros.
- Number of cotton compresses.
- Production of butter on farms.
- Number of farm home-owners.
- Interurban construction in 1913.
- Number of cotton seed oil mills.
- Production of early strawberries.
- Production of winter vegetables.
- Production of big league ball players.

Miss Dona Armstrong and her brother Irvin left Wednesday afternoon for Abilene where they go to attend the funeral of their grand mother, who died in that city Wednesday morning.

ALL AMERICANS OUT OF GOLF GAME.

By United Press: SANDWICH, May 21.—The last two Americans, Weber and Evans, were eliminated from the British Amateur Golf Championship here today.

Dr. Todd of Maverick was greeted by Ballinger friends Tuesday and looking after his candidacy for County Tax Collector.

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HEAD COMING TO LEAD BAND

The band boys closed a deal with Prof. J. H. Head to lead the band through the coming summer, and Prof. Head will be here to begin the work on June 1st.

It will be remembered that the Business League met a few days ago, and authorized the boys to employ a leader, guaranteeing to foot the bill for the months of June, July and August. At that time it was thought that Prof. Martin, who had charge of the band last summer would be here and accept the place, but a telegram from Mr. Martin stated that he had made other arrangements for the summer and could not come. Diaz Wood, acting for the band, took the matter up with the directors of the Business League, and they authorized him to employ any other good man they could get, and all the boys and the Business League have agreed upon Prof. Head, and Mr. Head has accepted the leadership of the band.

Prof. Head had charge of the band during the time he was principle of the Ballinger schools, and in fact is the man that organized the band. He was successful with the work when he had charge of the band, and the boys are fortunate in getting him to return here for the summer.

It is the purpose of the Business League to furnish music free to all the picnics held in this county during the summer, and as the boys are already in good shape, they will be ready for engagements as soon as their leader arrives, and those wanting the band should communicate with them at once.

DEPOSED GOVERNOR TO OVERTHROW VILLA

PARRAL, Mex., May 19.—Chao the deposed governor of Chihuahua, is bitter against Villa, and it is rumored that he is plotting with General Luis Hergera to overthrow Villa after the battle of Saltillo and deprive the rebel leader of the prestige it would give him in capturing Mexico City. Gov. Chao is one of the strongest governor's in Mexico and has a strong following, and it is believed that with the aid of General Hergera it would be easy to cause an uprising against Villa among his soldiers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Browning of Baird, passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon en route to Coleman where they will make home again.

LAD LOSES HAND WHILE ROPING STEER

SAN ANGELO, May 21.—To have his right hand almost completely twisted from his arm by a rope, with which he had lassoed a steer, was the terrible experience of a young boy, the son of J. F. Reynolds, at the ranch of his father below the Door Key ranch, southwest of the city Sunday evening. Young Reynolds, it is said, roped the animal and had coiled the rope several times about his wrist in order to hold it when the steer wheeled and dashed off. The full particulars could not be ascertained, but the boy's hand in some manner was so terribly torn from the leaders that it had to be amputated.

Dr. A. J. Marberry of this city performed the operation and returned home Monday afternoon. It is thought the injured lad will recover.

No Calomel Necessary.
The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once used always. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

UNITED STATES IN GOOD HEALTH

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The United States is in better health than ever and the inhabitants are living longer, according to the census figures of 1913. The death rate is 14.1 per thousand, or a reduction of one in eight compared with the average of ten years ago.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker, of Hamlin, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Baker the past few days, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

HOW TO GET STRENGTH

After any sickness is purely a matter of nourishment, whether the attack was an ordinary cold or severe illness; the weakened forces cannot repulse disease germs, and this is why a relapse is so often fatal or why chronic weakness often follows sickness.
Restoring strength to millions of people for forty years has proven the real need for taking Scott's Emulsion after any sickness; nothing equals it—nothing compares with it—its pure, medicinal nourishment, free from alcohol or opiates, promptly creates rich blood, strengthens the nerves and lungs to avert tuberculosis.



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El Paso Is Awaiting Trouble

EL PASO, May 16.—All things considered it is rather a remarkable thing that there have not been serious outbreaks between Mexicans and Americans here and in Juarez which is just across a short bridge over the Rio Grande. El Paso's population of 40,000 is largely Mexican, and there are a great many Americans in Juarez. At various times, strained relations between the Constitutionalists of the Federals and the American administration have seemed near the breaking point, and El Pasoans have looked for trouble, that has never come.

It costs only five cents on the trolley line to cross the national boundary into Juarez. In that Mexican city now controlled by Constitutionalists are gathered hundreds of gamblers from North America, racing men, promoters of cock fights and bull fights, and the usual hangers-on of these amusements.

The race track is only a short distance from Juarez. It can be reached in less than an hour from almost any point in El Paso. Instead of being limited to a period of days, the race meetings some times are stretched out over a pe-

riod of months. It is pointed out here that the easy money of the race track affords considerable augmentation to the funds of the Constitutionalists—or to the Federals, for that matter if the Federals happen to be in power at Juarez.

But the race track is not the only attraction for gamblers and other lovers of "sport" which Juarez holds out. There are cock fights, the roulette wheels, the faro banks, "no limit but the ceiling" poker games, and last and most important of all "Keno."

Keno has all the advantages of a lottery, in that a large number of persons can play at the same time and get instant action. If the "sports" are interested, settlements take place every few minutes. With the odds large because of so many players the winner draws down a considerable pot for the amount invested. In playing this favorite of the Juarezites every player is given for a small fee, usually ten cents, a card which bears from fifty to one hundred numbers. With one hundred persons taking part, this would make a pot of \$10 from which would be deducted the bank's commission.

A "house" employee draws duplicate numbers from a box slowly, calling them out to the waiting men, who have their cards before them, with little bits of gun wadding ready to be stuck upon the numbers upon the cards, as these are announced by the caller. The first man to complete a row of

three numbers covered with gun wadding shouts "Keno" and he gets the pot.

As in all gambling games, the possibilities for an argument resulting in a general melee are tremendous, especially when the character of the hot blooded Mexicans is taken into consideration. The trouble about such a fight is that the Mexicans want to get their knives into action, or indulge in a little shooting, in which latter phase the cowboy element from Texas is only too ready to accommodate them.

Then there is no police force worthy of the name in Juarez and in the event of a real riot lasting over a period of days the only appeal which could be made would be to Villa. And many of the Mexicans themselves would rather their city be pulled down about their ears than appeal to him, knowing full well what would probably follow the soldiers be "turned loose" following the "saving" of the city. They figure that while the city might be saved, for the constitutionalist soldiers, and not for the inhabitants.

With all the gambling, cock-fighting and horsing around one's heart desires this sort of thing, it is little wonder that a tremendous number of men fond of this thing, the very character of men, usually, who are most prone to trouble of a more serious character, has been drawn to the little Mexican city.

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it, and we believe it is; there can be no reason why ladies should suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

POOL HALLS WIN AT BROWNWOOD

Brownwood, May 16.—Brownwood's anti pool hall election yesterday resulted in favor of pool halls remaining. The vote was 371 for, and 339 against.

Both sides have been active during the past few days causing much interest to be manifested in downtown sections.

Refrigerators and Ice Cream Freezers at Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., Prices are low enough. 13-2td 2tw

BALLINGER TERRITORY GETS GOOD RAIN SENIOR CLASS HONORS AWARDED

A rain never fell at a more opportune time to make grain than the splendid rain that fell over Ballinger's entire trade territory about nine o'clock Saturday morning. Very little sunshine has beamed down upon this county since last Monday, and the threats developed into real rain, and just the kind of rain that the farmers wanted. There was no wind to damage the grain, and sufficient water fell to make the grain crop average up several bushels more per acre. It is probable that some were not ready for rain, but taking the country as a whole it is another million dollar rain.

The fall at Ballinger amounted to a little better than sixty-one one hundredths of an inch, and quite a number of places over the territory reported as much as an inch, and reports from many places say "good rain." The rain did not extend farther east than Coleman, and that place only received a shower up to noon. There was no rain at Brownwood. Talpa reported a good rain, and all points west to San Angelo reported good rains. Abilene and all south to Paint Rock reports good rains. Maverick, Crews, Winters, Norton, Miles, and in fact the entire Ballinger trade territory reports a good rain.

"Nothing but hail or some other great calamity can keep us from making a bumper grain crop," said a prominent farmer Saturday when he learned that a good rain had fallen on his oat field.

FOR SALE—Jersey cows and heifers. Apply to Farris and Middleton, Union Wagon Yard, Ballinger. 13-2d2twpd

WINGATE-MAZELAND PICNIC

The large Sunday schools of the Wingate and Mazeland neighborhoods met Friday morning on the banks of Valley creek in the Nunn pasture between Wingate and Mazeland and a splendid program was rendered which was highly enjoyed by all present and a most delightful occasion reported by all who were fortunate enough to be present. Quite a large crowd from Winters was present and about all the county candidates were in evidence. At one thirty a sumptuous and substantial dinner was spread under the large shade trees and all heartily partook and all were loud in praise of the splendid dinner prepared by the good ladies of the two neighborhoods.

The crop prospects from Ballinger to that section are splendid, the small grain good and about ready to be harvested in many places and the cotton and feed stuff plowed out and growing nicely. Taken all in all the prospects for bumper crops in that section are better than they have been for many years. The clever, hospitable citizens of the Wingate-Mazeland country certainly know how to entertain their visiting friends and Friday was no exception to the rule.

How's This?

We offer one Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Ike Hoeng returned home Sunday night where he and Will Globber had been to market two carloads of fat cattle and hogs. Mr. Globber bought himself an auto while gone and since retiring from active business will enjoy life traveling over the country. However Mr. Hoeng says Will was stuck in the mud near Fort Worth when he left him.

Mrs. J. J. McCarver, of Bartlett, who had been visiting her son, Will McCarver and family the past several weeks left Saturday afternoon for her home.

After making an average for the last four years work for the senior class in the Ballinger High School the honors were awarded according to the grades attained, Friday afternoon. Miss Edith Miller secured first honor and Miss Geneva Currie second honor for the girls and Elmer Allison was awarded the scholarship for the highest honor from the boys.

In commenting on the work of the senior class, Superintendent Fleming says the honors were awarded on a basis of four year's work, this being the first class where the honors have been made up on the average for four years. Mr. Fleming also stated that all the members of the class did well, no one falling below eighty in their average.

The graduating class is composed of Misses Margaret Futel, Ona Hartman, Mary Eagan, Myrtle Whitaker, Edith Miller, Hattie Miller, Mary Sue Spill, Ta Garlington, Geneva Currie, and Elmer Allison, Delbert Vanciel, Harry Lynn, Edward Futch, Clay Rayburn.

The commencement sermon will be preached at the Methodist church Sunday night, May 24th., by Rev. W. H. Doss, and the commencement exercises will be held at the Princess Theatre on Monday night, May 25th., when a play entitled "At the End of the Rainbow" will be presented by the school.

NOTICE OF HEARING To Appropriate Public Waters

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that J. M. Mackey, whose postoffice address is Marie, Texas, did on the 14 day of April A. D., 1914, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate . . . acre feet of water per annum, or 1 3-4 cubic feet of water per second of time for the period of . . . days in each year, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from Oak Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River in Runnels County, Texas, by means of a concrete dam to be constructed across said Oak Creek and a pumping plant, all located on Bryan and Wall Survey No. 272.

You are hereby notified that the land proposed to be irrigated consist of 52 acres out of survey No. 272, lying on the east side of said Oak Creek, in Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on said application of the said J. M. Mackey will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 18th day of May A. D., 1914, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this the 15 day of April, A. D. 1914.

JOHN WILSON,
E. B. GORE,
Board.

Attest:
W. T. POTTER,
Secretary.

1-8-15-22.

WHO FOUND A LOST COAT?

Winters, Texas, May 14.

Mr. Editor:

In traveling the road from the ford on Oak creek, through Norton and from Norton on the Winters road to Cayote creek, I lost a good coat, nearly new, a pair of speks, lead pencil, lower teeth, check book on Miles National Bank and a letter or two. I have just passed my 77 miles stone in life, and I need the lost goods badly, and will ask you to kindly announce this through your valuable paper.

Yours truly,
S. H. POWERS.

Patronize our Advertisers.

MR. LEWIS A. RIFFLE tells his experience with coughs and colds that lead to nervousness and debility.



Mr. Lewis Riffle.

Colds are often aggravated during the Summer because inactive bowels and a stomach out of order are prime causes in keeping a cold from getting well.

Pe-ru-na has very beneficial laxative qualities that neutralize such conditions. Its tonic ingredients tone up the system, and thus invigorate the stomach's functions to normal activity.

Mr. Riffle's experience is especially interesting at this time of the year because it shows the close relationship there is between a nervous breakdown and a neglected cold.

Pe-ru-na should be kept in the home at all times, that a cold upon its first appearance may be treated promptly and successfully. This often saves money and time, and what is more important, a great deal of vitality.

Mr. Riffle, of 758 Gantenbein Ave., Portland, Ore., writes: "I have found Pe-ru-na a most remarkable medicine for building up the system and for curing coughs and colds."

"I took it for four weeks a few months ago when I was all run down, nervous and debilitated, and it quickly restored my health."

"I always keep it on hand, as a few doses will cure a cold if taken in time."

People who object to liquid medicines can now obtain Pe-ru-na Tablets.

Arms to Be Imported at Tampico

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The rebels will be allowed to import munitions of war at the sea port, Tampico, if the interpretation of Secretary of the Navy Daniels' statement of his attitude as "passive" is correct. Secretary of State Bryan hinted today that there is nothing to prevent American manufacturers from shipping rebels munitions of war to be landed at Tampico.

The German ship Bavaria which is due at Havana Monday with arms for Dictator Huerta will return the cargo to Germany.

Apparently there is a working agreement between the United States and other nations to prevent General Huerta from getting arms.

Whooping Cough

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

COMPLIMENTS BALLINGER'S PARKS.

Dr. W. B. Halley, who accompanied by his wife, attended the State Medical Association meet at Houston this week, says he never saw a park while on the trip as pretty as the Ballinger court house park. He says there is nothing in Houston in the park line that comes up to the Ballinger park. The trees in the Ballinger park are growing nicely, and they are rapidly getting up to where they attract the attention of visitors as well as being admired and appreciated by our home people. There is no money that is more wisely expended than that the commissioners court appropriates in maintaining the park. It is the pride of every citizen in the county.

GREATEST GRAIN CROP IN HISTORY

TULSA, Okla., May 15.—With the grain harvest but a few weeks off nothing but calamity can keep Oklahoma from having the greatest wheat crop in its history.

One Lone Germ Breeds Millions

A sore or cut lets the germs under the skin. If you don't stop its breeding there will be millions in a few days.

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It stops the breeding at once. It keeps away all other germs. It soothes and heals as sure as you use it. A 25c. box will prevent hundreds of dollars of trouble.

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FUGITIVE TELLS OF HORRORS

VERA CRUZ, May 19.—"I did not keep count." This was the reply of Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, a fugitive from the wrath of Dictator Huerta, when asked how many men had been put to death in Mexico City during the last twelve months.

Dr. Urrutia said he carried out all of Huerta's orders to kill Mexicans of high and low degree, who incurred the dictator's hatred.

He said that he ran away from the capital because of his hearing of a plot to kill him, said to have been instigated by Huerta himself.

Dr. Urrutia said there were plots in Mexico City to kill the members of Huerta's cabinet and the dictator himself.

"The whole government is breaking down," said the fugitive and the people are slated to rise against him soon, I think and kill all Huerta leaders who can't get away.

Urrutia was asked, "It is true that Dominguez, the senator who rose in his seat and criticized Huerta, saying the criticism was his last will and testament, was killed?"

The refugee replied, "Yes, he was killed. He was shot I supposed."

"Is it true that he was taken to your sanitarium before he was shot and his tongue cut out by Huerta's orders?"

"That is a lie," answered Urrutia. "That statement was started against me by jealous cabinet members."

VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 19.—Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, who once was provisional President Huerta's most trusted counsellor in cabinet, and who as minister of the interior, was popular believed to have been the author of many orders for the disappearance of his chief's political enemies, arrived among the refugees from Mexico City. Dr. Urrutia said he had not been subjected to any overt act of hostility by General Huerta, but had decided that to remain within reach of the provisional president was to court death. He had been so convinced by testimony of friends.

The former minister of the interior declared he had stolen away from the capital in the same manner as any other fugitive.

Dr. Urrutia was dressed little better than a laborer. His bearing was downcast and he displayed plain evidences of the strain he had undergone during the past few weeks. Conditions in Mexico City were described by Dr. Urrutia as bad and growing worse. He declared Huerta would not resign and that he was a stubborn today as ever.

In regard to reports that General Huerta was determined to blow up the National Palace and other public buildings in Mexico City before yielding, Dr. Urrutia professed to have no accurate knowledge, but his opinion was that it was not improbable General Huerta would do so.

Dr. Urrutia is the man who wrote the ultimatum giving the United States twenty-four hours to recognize General Huerta and as an alternative declaring that Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires, would be given his passports and war declared. This was approved one night at a cabinet meeting after the mission of John Lind to Mexico had been begun.

NOT PAINT

The worst mistake in painting is not putting-off. That costs about 10 percent; you keep your money a year and pay 10 percent for it.

Paint would have to come-down 25 percent to make 10 percent on the job, for wages do not go-down.

The worst mistake is "cheap" paint. It costs from 50 percent to 100, first cost, and another in wear.

What a liar "cheap" is! "Put off" is bad-enough; "cheap" is ten times worse.

DEVOE

E. Koenig one of the substantial citizens of the country Southeast of Baling, was here Tuesday and reports fine rains at his place recently and the crop prospects good at present.

W. A. Pace, E. N. Dean and brother W. G. Allen, Mood Dunn of the Wingate country were among the number attending county court in Ballinger Monday.

DELIGHTED WITH RUNNELS.

R. S. Loyd, of Blooming Grove, Texas, who was here looking after property interests, left for his home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Loyd has just recently bought the John and Jim Patterson 839 acre farm east of the city and is delighted with his investment and says our section is far ahead of his section with reference to crop conditions and says at least 60 per cent of the cotton in his county is not yet planted or washed up since being planted and taken all in all he feels proud of his property in Runnels county.

Mr. Loyd ordered The Daily Ledger to his address while here to keep posted on the local news of the county.

Over 20 years in the harness business in Ballinger and have no idea of quitting. T. S. Lankford. 183td 1tw.

Attorney H. W. Bigler, Judge W. D. Jennings, and Abner Perry of Miles were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Your account is good for thirty days. Let Jolly fix them quick at Lankford's. 18-3td1w

W. M. Tolliver, one of the substantial farmers of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday, and orders the Banner-Ledger sent to his son in Woodmen, Cal., to keep him posted on the home news. Mr. Tolliver says the recent splendid rains put his section in fine shape as to crops, etc.

Nappers Arraigned Today

NEW YORK, May 18.—Niva Mutna, the woman keeper of a kidnapped child, two men who extorted \$125 from the child's father and two other men, who turned over the boy, were arraigned today on a charge of kidnapping five-year-old Joe Gumina from the front yard of his home April 28th.

A note, not in her handwriting but signed with her name, was delivered to the mother.

Parents of the child believe that the girl was kidnapped.

A six-year-old Finnish boy is also missing today.

YOUNG FRIEND POVERTY IS NO BARRIER. YOU CAN SUCCEED!

The one thing absolutely necessary to success is the rugged determination that makes a fellow grit his teeth, clench his fist, and say "I can because I will!" Your place in the world depends not upon circumstances, but upon you. Whether or not you will attain a high position in the work of your choice; whether you will give orders or only take them; whether your pay will be 'wages' or 'salary'—all this depends upon your determination. First, last, and all the time, he wins that turns a resolute face to the grim old world, and answers its challenge with an unflinching "I can succeed." Every man that wills it can be successful.

The supply of "average" work men is usually greater than the demand. That is why the unskilled live so often in dread of idleness, with its specters of humiliation and discouragement. The market for untrained help grows narrower with every invention of a labor-saving machine, and with every "examination" safeguard adopted by states or employers. The demand of today is for trained men—men qualified to answer satisfactorily the world's unavoidable "What Can You Do?" Every busy business office demands the keeping of books, rapid and correct figuring, writing of a neat business hand, the filling in of contracts and other legal documents, shorthand and typewriting, or the operating of a telegraph key. Young man, young woman, can you do these things for which the business world offers to pay handsomely? Say to yourself, I can succeed, I will succeed," and write for catalogue today, asking for credit plan if necessary. State confidentially your financial condition, and the course you are interested in. Make the start. DO IT NOW. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

A meeting of the Boys' and Girls' Hog and Baby Beef Club will be held at the court house, Monday (first Monday) June 1st, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of making the final preparations for the feeding test, and electing our delegates to the State Farmers' Institute. All local members are urged to be present, and a special invitation is extended to the officers of the remaining local clubs of the county.

JO EAGAN, Secretary.

Dr. Todd of Maverick was greeting Ballinger friends Tuesday and looking after his candidacy for County Tax Collector.

J. L. Lee, one of the successful stock farmers of the Norton country, was in the city Tuesday supplying and took out with him a binder to harvest his splendid small grain crop.

A. J. Loika, one of the successful young farmers of the Pony Creek country, was among the business visitors in Baling Tuesday.

Seth Laxon returned home Tuesday from an extended visit to Galveston and will spend a few weeks with home folks. Seth is looking fine and healthy and seemed to have enjoyed his stay in Galveston.

Officer Kills Self; Ill Health Cause

BROWNSVILLE, May 20.—Captain Winslow of the coast artillery suicided today, when he shot himself through the brain. Ill health is said to be the cause of the tragedy. His wife and child arrived from New Orleans only a few days ago.

NEW PHONE RATE CAUSES COMPLAINT

To The Business Men of Ballinger: No doubt you, along with myself have received notice from The West Texas Telephone Company that on June 1st, our present phone rate will be increased 50 per cent. To this I am offering no particular objection, provided we are to have a like increase of service, but I am going to ask you to join with me in asking that this efficiency in service be demonstrated before we contract for the increase and admit the Company's statement that the "system is equal to anything in the State."

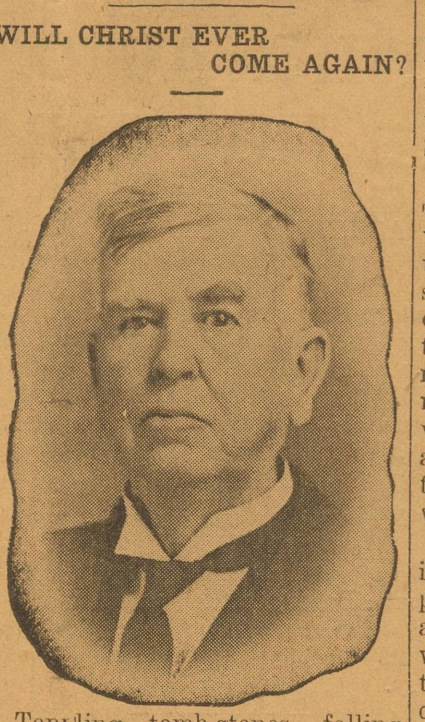
We have been promised a better system and more efficient service for the past five years and I think the Ballinger people have shown the Company every consideration and it was hoped by us that when the new system, that is now the excuse for an advance in rates was installed, the good service so long promised would be an actuality, but regret to say that, if possible, the present service is worse than ever.

I have been in commercial business and dealing with the public practically all my life and I have always considered that capital was entitled to a just return and that labor deserves an equitable compensation, and am not in favor of demanding any more of a corporation than of an individual engaged in like undertakings.

When either a corporation or an individual is furnishing service to the public the public has a right to the best service that its money will purchase.

I am not conversant with the cost of a telephone plant, hence can not say what the standing investment should be but, unless I am erroneously advised, the income of our phone system is not being squandered on salaries of operators, as I understand that the girls employed by the system only get \$22.50 to \$25.00 per month, a compensation which will most certainly discourage any tendency on the part of the young ladies to extravagance. I also understand that the head book-keeper, assistant manager, chief operator, substitute and general roustabout, a combination of offices which seems to be very satisfactorily filled by a young lady who has been with the Company for some five years, received the handsome sum of \$50.00 per month. I don't know what other business men are paying for like service, but it is costing my firm twice that amount.

As stated in the beginning, I am not complaining at the raise, but I don't want it for less than it is worth, and if it requires another raise to enable the company to pay these young ladies an equitable return for their service, then let us have an additional charge and not be reminded everytime the phone rains of the injustice inflicted on these young ladies who give us such uniformly courteous treatment. W. B. RAY.



WILL CHRIST EVER COME AGAIN?

Toppling tomb-stones, falling mountains, opening graves, wailing manias, fiery heavens, and a burning earth, have been so promiscuously associated with the Lord's Second Coming, that many Christian people are coming to dread the event instead of praying for it as instructed in the Bible.

What is the manner of the Lord's second coming? Will He ever come again in the flesh? Will this earth ever be totally destroyed? Why should the Lord ever come again? What could be the benefit of His coming? Is it a time to be dreaded?

These and many other important question will be definitely answered from the scriptures by Evangelist J. A. Gillespie, of Omaha, Neb., Sunday at 3:30 p. m., in the court house.

DON'T BE MISLED

Ballinger Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal.

Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy.

Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Used in kidney troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere.

The following statement forms convincing proof.

Mrs. I. L. Beard, Winters, Texas, says: "My daughter complained of weakness and pain in her back and a dull ache through her hips. Her kidneys were disordered and she was subject to headaches and dizzy spells. She was also nervous. She tried several remedies but was not relieved and when Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to our attention, we got a box. Through their use she improved and before long, the trouble left. We keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand at all times."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Beard had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, New York.

All kinds of repair work neatly done at Lankford's. 18-3td 1tw

MAKES BACKACHE QUICKLY DISAPPEAR

A Few Doses Relieves All Such Miseries. Bladder Weakness, Kidney Trouble and Rheumatism Promptly Vanish

It is no longer necessary for any one to suffer with backache, kidney trouble, have disagreeable bladder and urinary disorders to contend with, or be tortured with rheumatism, stiff joints, and its heart-wrenching pains, for the new discovery, Croxone, quickly and surely relieves all such troubles.

Croxone is the most wonderful remedy yet devised for ridding the system of uric acid and driving out all the poisonous impurities which cause such troubles. It is entirely different from all other remedies. It is not like anything else ever used for the purpose. It acts on the principle of cleaning out the poisons and removing the cause.

It soaks right in through the walls, membranes and linings, like water in a sponge, neutralizes, dissolves, and makes the kidneys sift out and filter away, all the uric acid and poisons from the blood, and leaves the kidneys and urinary organs clean, strong, healthy and well.

It matters not how long you have suffered, how old you are, or what you have used, the very principle of Croxone is such, that it is practically impossible to take it into the human system without results. There is nothing else on earth like it. It starts to work the minute you take it and relieves you the first time you use it.

If you suffer with pains in your back and sides, or have any signs of kidney, bladder troubles, or rheumatism, such as puffy swellings under the eyes or in the feet and ankles, if you are nervous, tired, and run down, or bothered with urinary disorders, Croxone will quickly relieve you of your misery. You can secure an original package of Croxone at trifling cost from any first-class druggist. All druggists are authorized to personally return the purchase price if it fails in a single case.

UNCLE SAM BUYING ARMY HORSES

The United States War Department is advertising for army horses and mules, and are asking the horse and mule dealers to submit to the Quarter Master at San Antonio not later than 11 o'clock a. m. May 26th, bids to furnish 2738 head of mules and horses. They want 1880 head of horses and 858 head of mules. The horses and mules must come up to a certain requirement, specifications of which are sent out in advertising matter asking for the bids.

There is no question but what war is all that Sherman claimed it to be, and our administration realizes this. But there is no doubt but what our administration also realizes that they will be compelled to go into Mexico and they are making preparation for the conflict. The fact that Huerta will be eliminated does not mean that peace will reign in Mexico. Perhaps never in the history of that republic were its citizens divided as they are today. It will be impossible to select a president and a cabinet from among them that can govern without being opposed by an army that will be strong enough to keep the country in a state of revolution for years to come. The interest of foreign nations will not be safe in that country until a stable constitutional government is established, and the job of establishing that government and protecting the interest of all nations represented will of course fall on the United States.

We believe that before the present year closes the United States will have full control of the Mexican government to deal with the proposition in just such way as they deem proper, and as has been thoroughly demonstrated at Vera Cruz, when the Mexicans learn our people they will love them and recognize us as their best friends. It is the purpose of the United States to help and not oppress, but the rank ignorance that prevails in the Mexican republic makes it hard to teach this fact.

Carl Horn, J. O. Phelps and Austin Williams, of the Hatch country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. H. Neas, one of the Rowena real estate men, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Sam Brookshire of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and reports five hours rain in his section Monday and all creeks bank full and the ground thoroughly soaked.

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The Globber Market & Bakery

Reopened on the afternoon of May 20th

I will sell only the best kinds of Packing House Beef, Pork, Cured Hams, Bacon, Etc., Butternut Bread Cakes and Pies.

Prompt and Courteous Service

Phone 126

Ike Honig, Proprietor.

Ballinger, Texas.

Silliman's Fate to Be Known When Villa Takes Saltillo

WASHINGTON, May 20.—With desperate fighting at Saltillo and San Luis Potosi, the Mexican situation is also centered today in the fate of Vice Consul Silliman.

General Villa is expected to take Saltillo within two days and allow American representatives

to learn the fate of Silliman. If the consul has been slain, this will have a grave effect at the Niagara Falls mediation conference which began today.

Tampico has been declared an open port and the rebels have contracted with New York firms for two big shipments of munitions through Tampico.

"AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW"

At the Princess Theatre next Monday night the High school will present "At the End of the Rainbow." At this time the commencement exercises will be held and the diplomas presented to the graduates.

In order to defray the expenses of publishing the annual number of the high school monthly, The Algerita, and to defray other expenses connected with the closing of the school, a charge of 25 and 35 cents will be made for the entertainment Monday night. In addition to being well entertained and getting full value for your money, you will help the members of the high school classes by attending the entertainment.

The Algerita is about ready for distribution, and it is something every member of the classes and the patrons of the school will appreciate. It is well edited and carries a number of half tone cuts of the classes, the athletic clubs, pictures of the faculty and cartoon drawings. The pupils have worked faithfully in getting up this annual issue of their magazine, and it is a credit to them and the school, and we believe that the patrons of the school will show their appreciation of the enterprising pupils who have made it possible to issue the magazine.

It is very probable that some one will call on you with tickets, and we suggest that you keep 35 cents handy in your left hand pocket, and be ready to offer them substantial encouragement when they strike you. The term of school now closing has been one of the most successful, if not the most successful, in the history of the town, and we should see to it that the entertainment to be given is in keeping with the entire term.

Rev. J. V. Havenor and son W. L., of the New Home neighborhood, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, who had been looking after legal business in Ballinger the past day or two, returned home Wednesday at noon.

F. W. Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., of Brownwood, was looking after the company's interests in our city Wednesday.

Miss Alpha Caperton left Wednesday at noon for Paint Rock to be at the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Gathin, who is seriously ill at her home in that city, and very little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

H. B. Halfman, of the Olin country, and D. L. Brevard, of the New Home community, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and are in fine spirits over the splendid rains and bright prospects for a bumper crop.

W. A. Guin, of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Virginia Wood, who had been attending the Denton Normal the past year, returned home Wednesday at noon.

BALLINGER WATER O. K.; SWAT THE FLY

The pointing of a suspicious finger at our water supply by some citizen, or citizens, authorized the City Health Officer Dr. E. R. Walker to immediately get busy and have a specimen of the water analyzed. Dr. Walker sent a specimen of the water, just as drawn from the hydrant, to Dr. J. E. Robinson, of the Temple Medical Laboratory, and today he received report showing the water to be pure and in the terms of the report "the water is O. K."

It has been rumored that there is several cases of typhoid fever in town, but the city health officer reports that not a single case has been reported to him, and in making his report to the State Health Department he is required to report on typhoid. He says it is a reportable case, just the same as yellow fever, and so far he has no case to report from Ballinger.

The common house fly is credited with being responsible for sixty-five per cent of typhoid fever cases. The fly is not particular about where he sticks his pegs. He will stop to rest on the filthiest germ laden substance he can find, and will fly direct from that to your dining table, take a crawl across your butter or any other food that might suit his fancy. By his filthy way of living Mr. Fly will spend a while on the milk pail, dishes, and if you do not offer objection he will enjoy a vacation upon the lips of the baby while the little innocent fellow is asleep. In fact one little filthy fly can start a disease that will claim valuable lives before it can be checked, and the man that does not use a fly swatter is not a friend to humanity.

Will Doose returned home Wednesday at noon from Temple and other points in East Texas, where he had been on business for his firm C. A. Doose & Co., the past few days. He reports crop conditions bad and ninety five per cent of the crops will have to be planted over and many acres that was in cotton will be planted in June corn and feed stuff.

G. A. Curfman, mother and his sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curfman and children, left Wednesday afternoon for Wichita Falls where they will make their future home. They ordered the Banner-Ledger to their address to keep posted on the Rannels county news.

Mrs. Garland Parks, nee Miss Mae Penn, of Kennedy, Texas, came in Wednesday at noon to visit her father W. C. Penn and family a few weeks.

C. E. Nance, of Winters, came in at noon Wednesday to accompany his aunt, Mrs. R. E. Hill, of Lometa who left from this point on the afternoon train for her home after a pleasant visit to Mr. Nance and family the past few weeks.

R. F. Turpin, of Hillsboro, came in Wednesday at noon to visit his father-in-law, R. B. Ingle and family of the Spring Hill neighborhood.

Dee Olier and W. B. Currie left Wednesday at noon for Christoval on a short business trip.

Race War in Progress in Guatemala; 250 Killed

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 20.—A three day race war between the Indians and negroes on the United Fruit plantations in Guatemala, has been in progress, according to reports reaching here. Two hundred and fifty have been killed and three hundred wounded.

5 KILLED WHEN AUTO HITS CAR

ASHVILLE, Ohio, May 20.—Five persons were killed when W. M. Miller's automobile struck an interurban car, near here today. Two families were nearly wiped out. Mrs. C. E. Hill, daughter of Miller, and Mrs. Slaughter were burned to death in the wreckage. Miller was a banker of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Ashley and baby came in Wednesday at noon from Milano Junction and will make Ballinger their home again. They were not very well pleased with that muddy, malarial country.

Mrs. W. J. Wilke and brother, Chester Jones, left Wednesday afternoon for Wichita Falls, where Mrs. Wilke goes to join Mr. Wilke to make their future home. It will be remembered Mr. and Mrs. Wilke stole a march on their friends and were married at Paint Rock last week. Their many friends join The Ledger in best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life in their new home.

Mrs. M. A. Griggs and son J. K. of Florence, Texas, came in at noon Wednesday and went out to the home of Z. T. Griggs, of the Norton country, to visit. They are mother and brother respectively of Z. T.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVER'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

J. J. Crockett, one of the substantial citizens southeast of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

G. W. Caswell of the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown of Winters, came in Monday afternoon to visit their son County Treasurer W. L. Brown and wife, while Mr. Brown attends County Court.

Vandle Kendrick of the Wingate country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Robert Massey and baby, who had been visiting Mrs. H. A. Massey and family the past few weeks, left Saturday afternoon to join Mr. Massey at Ft. Worth en route to Marshall, where they will make home for the present.

Bob Stevenson, who spent the past week with home folks at Thurber on a recuperating trip, returned to Ballinger Saturday at noon and resumed his job at the Princess Theatre.

Mrs. Caperton, of our city, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. B. Caperton of Maverick left Monday at noon for Paint Rock to visit relatives a few days.

Edgar Rasbury left Monday morning for Las Vegas, N. M., where he will spend the summer looking after cattle business on his father's ranch near that place.

QUIMET ELIMINATED FROM AMATEUR CLASS

SANDWICH, May 20.—Francis Quimet, the United States golf champion, was eliminated today from the British amateur championship by Tubbs of Littleton, Lockwood of Massachusetts was also eliminated, leaving only three Americans.

Frederick Herrechoff of New York was defeated in the championship late today, leaving only the Americans Evans and Weber.

Frank's Last Statement Excluded

NEW YORK, May 20.—Charles Becker's defense was staggered today when Justice Seabury excluded Dago Frank's death statement which upheld exoneration "so far as he knew" of the lieutenant's complicity in the Rosenthal murder.

Sick Headache
Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by all dealers.

Jno. A. Weeks left Sunday afternoon to attend a meeting of the State Board of Pharmacy in Houston a few days.

POSSE BATTLES WITH OKLAHOMA NEGRO

By United Press.
TULSA, Okla., May 18.—Rowe has escaped to the Osage hills. The search is being continued by the posse and officers of this county.

TULSA, Okla., May 18.—A pitch battle is in progress three miles south of this place between a posse and Douglas Rowe, a negro porter. Rowe robbed a drug store of \$800 and made his escape. In the battle between the officers and the negro this morning Detective Ed Rice was fatally wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Bishop of the Pony Creek country, came in Tuesday afternoon to bring their daughter, Miss Mattie to the Sanitarium in our city, where she was operated upon for appendicitis Wednesday.

A. H. Schneider, one of the successful farmers of the Valley creek country, up the Colorado river, passed through Ballinger Sunday morning en route to the Giesecke place, known as the Osborn farm, to assist Charlie Eisenhuth in erecting the two large silos now in course of construction.

Miss Ethel Evans of Talpa, was among the shoppers in Ballinger Tuesday and spent the night with her friend Miss Ione Cockrell of West End, and returned home Wednesday morning.

Prof. L. D. Hartwell of Wingate who is an attorney as well as the teacher of the Public Schools at that place, was in Ballinger Monday looking after legal business in the County Court for his client.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zaak, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday and reports fine rains at their place this week.

VOTE INDICATES RACING WANTED

BATON Rouge, La., May 20.—A poll of the general assembly today, indicated that racing will be restored in Louisiana under the Parimutuel system with a state commission. A vote on the question will be taken Monday.

Miss Gray of Coleman, came in Wednesday at noon and will be the guests of her friends, Misses Edna and Stella McDaniel a few days.

Incidents of Occupation at Vera Cruz

BY BERNARD RUCKER (United Press Correspondent.)

VERA CRUZ, May 8. (By Mail)—Proposes meditation in difficulty between Mexico and the United States. That was the caption in a recent edition of the Mexican Herald over the story of Argentina, Brazil and Chili's offer to try to settle the Mexican difficulty and Secretary of State Bryan's reply which secretary of the Navy Daniels wirelessly to Rear Admiral Badger. The typographical error caused many a laugh in the American colony and more "watchful waiting" was predicted. The Mexican Herald is the first English newspaper ever published in Vera Cruz. Hudson, its owner published his paper in Mexico City until he was forced to flee the capital. He immediately bought a press here and issued his first paper on Friday.

The publication of the "A. B. C." offer caused much dissatisfaction among the naval men and Americans here. They immediately conjectured that the movement meant a lot more delay.

The shooting by Mexican snipers of a 16-year-old Mexican girl in a street near the Plaza was one of the most pathetic incidents of the two days' fighting.

In the fighting the little girl's father was killed and she became separated from her mother. Two Red Cross men found her alone, frightened and crying in a house which they searched. Placing the girl between them, the Red Cross men started with her to a place of safety. On the way down the Avenida Independencia snipers fired on the party and the girl was instantly killed. So far as known she was the only female killed in the fighting.

Another shocking incident was the killing on the third night of a 12-year-old Spanish boy. At 7:30 that night the patrol went through the streets warning all natives to stay in their houses. The Spanish boy was told by his father to stay indoors but when firing began his curiosity got the better of him. He was shot and killed almost in his own doorway.

The U. S. S. Collier Orion has been the busiest ship in the harbor since the arrival of the Atlantic fleet. The Orion carried 10,000 tons of coal, enough to fill the bunkers of five dreadnaughts.

As soon as the Arkansas took up her position she coaled and then the New Jersey and South Carolina emptied the Orion. Other colliers filled the bunker of the other ships.

No matter what some Mexicans may think of the American marines, Senorita Maas, the beautiful and charming daughter of Gen. Maas, Federal Commander of Vera, has the utmost confidence in their honesty.

When Gen. Maas and his family fled into the interior, Capt. Anderson of the Florida, in charge of all the marines, occupied the Maas mansion as his headquarters. All the rooms except those occupied by Anderson and his staff were locked up.

Two days later Senorita Maas came in from Soledad where her father is camped and went to her home. She asked the guard to allow her to enter her boudoir and was apparently surprised when he took out a key from his pocket and unlocked the door. Evidently the Senorita expected to find the whole house open and occupied.

Inside the room she went to her dressing table and un-locking a drawer (more surprise) drew out a jewel case. In it were rings, bracelets, necklaces and other gold and diamond jewelry worth a fortune. Finding her jewels intact, the girl calmly put them back into the drawer and locked it again.

"I shall leave them here. They are safer with los Americanos than with me in these times," she said with a bow and a smile. "Thank you, senor." And she was gone, probably the most astonished young woman in Mexico.

The refugees from Mexico City have nothing to do but sit around the Plaza cafes and talk. Consequently they hear and create and disseminate some of the most

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One application soothes and heals a rough pimply skin, and, when repeated, quickly effects a cure. Eczema, Erysipelas, Tetter, Ulcers and all skin diseases yield to its curative properties. *One box. At all Druggists.* Send for free sample and book, "Health and Beauty." JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., 1730 Spring Garden St., Phila., Pa.

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amazing stories. Baron Munchausen had nothing on the nervous and frightened Americans.

On the third night after the landing of Fletcher's marines, it was confidently believed around the Plaza that Zapata would attack the town before dawn. Then came a story that Victoriano Huerta had resigned and that Senor Lopez Portillo Rojas had succeeded him as provisional president.

This, it was said would satisfy the American Administration and end the trouble. Those are only samples of the astonishing yarns that were circulated and believed by the uninformed.

GAME WARDEN ON RETURN TRIP

O. R. Stephens, deputy game warden, of Austin, is here again this week, and it is reported is looking into violations of the game laws. It will be remembered that Stephens was here two or three weeks ago and caused several local citizens to dig up, after making a talk that caused them to think he had the "dead wood" on them. He has not made known his business on this second trip, and if he has information which will cause any one to part with their cash in keeping their conscious in harmony with the law, he has failed to reveal that fact.

In Brownwood last Saturday three parties were indicted and fined \$25 and cost for bird netting.

WILL BUILD RESIDENCE

The deal was closed Monday in which R. L. Harwell the auto dealer, bought several lots from G. W. Houston on 11th street, near the Sam Baker and C. R. Stephens homes and Mr. Harwell will in the near future erect a nice residence on the same. He is setting his pegs to make Ballinger his future home as he and his wife are delighted with Balingier and her hospitable clever citizens.

A Jolly good fellow will meet you with a smile and fix your shoes quick at Lankford's 18-3d Itw.

Mr. and Mrs. Conda Wylie and Mrs. J. F. Currie left Tuesday afternoon for Temple, where Mr. Wylie goes to be examined with the view of having an operation performed.

Mack D. Townsend, of Hamlin, a former valued citizen of our county, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Brownwood where he is figuring on making his future home.

J. A. Nichols, the stockman, sold Tuesday to Joe Cervenke of Rowena, 58 head of cows and will deliver the same this week. Mr. Nichols had recently bought a bunch of cows near San Angelo and shipped out a car load to Ft. Worth and sold the balance as above stated to Mr. Cervenke.

J. R. Holloway the Norton gin man, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Rev. A. E. Turney and brother Clyde Turney came in from Winters Tuesday afternoon and Clyde left for Brownwood on the evening train. Rev. Turney is making home at Fort Stockton but is visiting for a few weeks with friends at Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rogers, of Miles, came in Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Rogers was taken to the Sanitarium in our city where she

Miss Opal Wilkinson of Coleman was the guest of Miss Hut-ton Tuesday between trains, en route home from a visit to friends at San Angelo.

M. J. DeFeest, of Big Springs, who had been attending county court in our city, left for his home Wednesday morning.

MOLLYGODDLE LAXATIVES

Can Not and Do Not Touch the Liver
They may clear out the intestinal tract, but do not relieve the jammed-up bile. Years ago May Apple Root (called Podophyllin) was a last-resort bile starter. It gripped fearfully, but brought out the bile. Podophyllin with the gripe taken out is now to be had under the name



J. W. Lindley, of the Spring Hill country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. Mr. Lindley runs an irrigated farm and says 35 or 40 acres under irrigation are worth more than a hundred under the dry system. He reports his crops looking fine at present.

GLOBER MARKET OPENS

Ike Hoeng has leased the fixtures, etc., at the Globler market and will open up the same for the public Wednesday. He has cleaned up and put everything in tip-top shape and will at all times keep in stock the very best Fort Worth packing house meats. He will also continue the bakery in connection, presided over by the old reliable baker, J. O. Cline. Mr. Hoeng is an experienced market man and is financially able to run the establishment in an up-to-date manner. He bids for a share of your patronage by his adv. in The Daily Ledger. Polite, prompt and courteous treatment is promised at all times.

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MEXICANS CAN'T UNDERSTAND U. S.

BY BERNARD RUCKER (United Press Correspondent.)

VERA CRUZ, May 10. (By Mail)—Mexicans still are puzzled over the attitude of the United States troops here. They can't quite figure the answer. Not a man jack of them but was certain that with occupation of this seaport by hostile troops would come the pillage and looting that generally marks capture or taking of a city town by Mexican soldiers. They have become used to this procedure during the four or five years of revolution and uprisings. They were vastly amazed therefore, when the American troops not only did not follow up their occupation with disorders, but actually made Vera Cruz safer and more pleasant to live in than at any time in the city's history. These Mexicans down here simply can't understand it when the American troops cared for the wounded Mexicans as tenderly as they cared for their own wounded. They could not understand when, after a really wonderful exhibition of two-handed fighting process, the youthful marines and jacksies, as soon as some semblance of order was established, went calmly about the work of feeding the women and children of the men at whom they had so recently been shooting.

The Mexicans laughed scoffingly when they were told that the marines and sailors would not immediately attack Gen. Maas, the Federal general, and march on Mexico City. When the Americans didn't, again they could not quite get it.

"Oh, but wait until the regular troops arrive under your Gen. Funston," they then said. "When your Gen. Funston comes, it will be different. Americans merely have been waiting to go into action until the regular soldiers come." Everyone was firmly convinced this would be the program and the ultimate limit of astonishment was reached after the regulars had been here a week without the expected advance toward the capital.

It is only now that Vera Cruzans are beginning to realize that American soldiers are giving them the best city government they ever had. Some of them, still with hatred rankling in their hearts against the "Gringos," may not admit this aloud, but nevertheless Mexicans from the Capital and other interior cities have flocked to Vera Cruz for safety.

All this, of course, has bred great respect and no little welcome toward American fighting men, and American fighting methods. But there still is another feature that these Mexicans like about the situation.

The American marines, jack-tars and regulars, not to mention the great influx of refugees, form an army of buyers who have caused intense delight to merchants. The best of it is that the money the 10,000 or more American troops spend in local shops is good United States money, and not depreciated Mexican coin. All the shops are open again and today the native dealers, caterers, restaurateurs and the like are enjoying such prosperity as they never enjoyed before. The great demand for food stuffs to say nothing of clothing has sent prices sky high.

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E. G. Bowden, H. K. Lilley and daughter, Miss Maggie, of the Norton country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. V. Davis and J. F. Pennington, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. W. Higginbotham of Dublin, came in Tuesday at noon to look after business interests, in our city a day or two.

Geo. T. McLelland and S. A. B. Hamilton left Tuesday afternoon for Winters and Mr. McLelland will look after his demonstration work in that section a few days before returning home.

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PRAY FOR RAIN TO STOP FIRE

ESCANABA, Mich., May 19.—The citizens met here and offered prayers for heavy rains to fall and stop forest fires which are doing great damage. The villages of Alfred and Lathrop have been destroyed, and the fires are raging over a large territory. Communications with the burning district is impossible. Every available boat and raft has been loaded with women and children and started down the Escanaba river in an effort to get them out of the path of the fire. Appeals received at Duluth from all over the iron range are calling for aid to fight fires that are raging in second growth timber and that have been burning since Sunday.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved, and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. J. W. Powell left this morning on the Abilene & Southern train for Denton, Texas, where she will attend the closing exercises of the Denton State Normal College. Her daughter, Miss Lucile will graduate there on the 26th. They will spend a few days in Dallas before returning home.

Miss Crouch, of Miles, came in Monday afternoon and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lindsey and friends a few days.

Dr. Leggett, of Rowena, and F. Bloomintritt of the Miles country had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

For a Torpid Liver. "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief." writes Mrs. F. H. Trabus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

Joe Cervenke and E. H. Voelkel of Rowena, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Clifford Sheffy left Tuesday morning for Brady to visit her parents and friends a few weeks.

Mrs. Kate Stephenson and her daughter, Mrs. Slater, of Ennis, Texas, who had been the guests of A. T. Campbell and family the past week, returned home Saturday afternoon.

C. Henniger, Otto Voglesang and Paul Machaelis, of the Hatchel country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Lyda Willman left from this point Monday afternoon to visit relatives at San Antonio a few weeks.

L. Helms, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

MAN DIED ON TRAIN AT TALPA

Just as the east-bound Santa Fe pulled into Ballinger Monday afternoon a man by the name of Malone became suddenly ill. Some one who was seated near the man in the car noticed that he had fainted and went to his aid and called for a physician. Dr. Dixon of Wingate, happened to be at the train, being here en route to Temple, and he responded to the call.

Dr. Dixon administered medicine and the man was given temporarily relief, but he became worse and died just before the train reached Talpa. He was taken to Coleman and turned over to the undertaker and his relatives notified.

When the man first became sick it was not known who he was. He was returning from San Angelo, and it was later learned that his name was Malone, that he formerly lived in Coleman, and that he has relatives living in Coleman now, but his home up until recently has been in Oklahoma.

Before the man died he regained consciousness and while he could not say but a few words, it is reported that he told those who were looking after him that he had been poisoned.

Coughed for Three Years

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Pimples.

Jack McGaughy, of Brownwood, who is here with the McCormick harvester people, spent Sunday with his family at Brownwood and returned to Ballinger Monday at noon.

A. M. Nicholson, of the New Home neighborhood, was conducting business in Ballinger Tuesday and reports crops looking fine in his neighborhood.

I. V. Myers, of Fort Worth, who had been attending county court in our city, left Tuesday for his home. Mr. Myers, like all strangers, remarked about our pretty, clean city and the clever hospitable citizens he met while here.

H. C. Moten and J. A. Brice, two of the representative citizens of the Wingate country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

A. L. Kerley of the Hatchel country, and J. L. Jordan of the Coyote Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and report splendid rains at their places Saturday morning.

CONSTIPATION. Its Cause and How to Cure it.

Eat too much, Stomach feels bloated, All out of sorts, Don't feel like work to-day. Guess I've another case of biliousness. "Take anything?" "Yes; come pills, but no results; suppose I'm getting ironclad. Sometimes I double the dose, then they physic me so hard I'm too weak to work. Think I'll have to try something new." "Ever try Prickly Ash Bitters?" "No; I've heard a good deal about it, but never tried it." "Well, you'll be pleased with the results."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC JUNE TWENTIETH

H. C. Moten, of the Valley creek country, on the Wingate road was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and spent the night with friends and returned home Tuesday. Mr. Moten requests to announce that there would be a Sunday school picnic in the Proctor pasture on Valley creek on Saturday, June 20th and a splendid program has been arranged and the Winters band will make music and good speakers will be on hand on this occasion. All of the county candidates and citizens generally are cordially invited to be present and a general good time is anticipated.

W. J. Davis of the Bethel neighborhood, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home from a visit to his parents near Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker, of Hamlin, came in Monday at noon to visit his father D. M. Baker and family and Ballinger friends a few days.

J. D. Smith and J. B. Pace of the Wingate country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Judge J. P. Cogdell, and E. F. Edwards of Winters, came in at noon Monday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or so.

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MEXICO! THE RECORD OF A CONVERSATION WITH WILSON

(Continued from First Page.)

No one asks for order because order will help the masses of the people to get a portion of their rights and their land; but all demand it so that the great owners of property, the overlords, the hidalgos, the men who have exploited that rich country for their own selfish purposes, shall be able to continue their processes undisturbed by the protests of the people from whom their wealth and power have been obtained.

"The dangers that beset the Republic are held to be the individual and corporate troubles of these men, not the aggregated in-

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justices that have been heaped on this vastly greater section of the population that is now struggling by force what has always been theirs by right.

"They want order—the old order; but I say to you that the old order is dead. It is my part, as I see it, to aid in composing those differences so far as I may be able, that the new order, which will have its foundation on human liberty and human rights, shall prevail."

As a result of my conversation with the President, which was on the evening of April twenty-seventh, only a few hours after word had come that Huerta would accept the offer of mediation made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile. I can state these conclusions, which will endure regardless of the outcome of mediation negotiations. The settled policy of the President, in regard to Mexico, will be as follows:

First—The United States, so long as Mr. Wilson is President, will not seek to gain a foot of Mexican territory in any way or under any pretext. When we have finished with Mexico, Mexico will be territorially intact.

Second—No personal aggrandizement by American investors or adventurers or capitalists, for exploitation of that country, will be permitted. Legitimate business

40 Suffis Arrested When Attempt Is Made to Harangue King

LONDON, May 21.—Forty suffragettes were today arrested for rioting as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Pankhurst and her army entering the Buckingham place to harangue King George. Emeline Pankhurst is reported

as being one of the arrested. Violent disorder was occasioned when several hundred women attempted to rush the police and rescue prisoners here. One thousand uniformed police are on guard.

interests that seek to develop rather than exploit will be encouraged. Third—A settlement of the agrarian land question by constitutional means—such as that followed in New Zealand, for example—will be insisted on.

Willard Wooden In Professional Circles

Willard Wooden, the Ballinger boy who has set several records in college baseball, while playing at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, is no longer in amateur circles. He left Tuesday night for Fort Smith (Ark.) where he will play ball during the summer months.

Moseley, who is another Runnels County boy, living at Winters formerly, is managing the Fort Smith delegation and through him Wooden secured a contract. Moseley knew Wooden and worked with him in Ballinger on several occasions. He began getting a line-up on the big boy while the two were in college circles, Moseley being with Trinity and Wooden with Howard Payne.

Wooden wound up his college career by defeating Oklahoma University Tuesday afternoon, allowing only three hits during the course of the fray. The game would have been a clean shut out had not teammates gathered a series of errors that allowed the visitors at Brownwood to score two runs.

Wooden expects to visit Ballinger at the close of the season next September. It is very likely that he will locate here during the winter months.

In all probability he will go to a higher league next season, since it is known positively that several of the big 'uns have their eyes on the lengthy Ballinger boy. Fort Smith is playing class C ball.

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Roosevelt Mixed in Haven Case

WASHINGTON, May 21.—That Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 personally interfered to prevent the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad from selling its steamship lines to Charles W. Morse, was Charles S. Mellen's testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

At Roosevelt's request, Mellen said he refused to sell the lines for \$20,000,000.

The commission today continued its efforts to find out why the Rhode Island and Connecticut trolleys which were being operated at loss, were gobbled up by the New Haven lines at inflated prices.

As far as the Rhode Island was concerned, Mellen admitted that United States Senator Allrich was behind the deal.

Mellen said he wanted to get rid of the steamship lines because he was always afraid "a terrible disaster on one of those floating tinder boxes and I was convinced time was near when the railroads owning competing steamship lines were booked for trouble. The Morse figure was a fair one and I wanted to sell. If we held on I knew we might have to sell at a loss but I also knew if the deal had gone through, it would cement the Morse control of coastwise transportation and I felt it my duty to consult Roosevelt who was my friend. He was very anxious that Morse's scheme should fail. He said, 'I assure you that if you will reject this offer and keep the lines out of the hands of Morse, you will experience no trouble from me, so long as I am president and so long as law remains as it is now.'"

Mellen boldly declared that government ownership of railroads of this country was certain to come.

JURY GETS BECKER CASE TOMORROW

NEW YORK, May 21.—The Becker case will go to the jury at noon tomorrow. Both counsel for defense and state rested today. Neither Becker nor his wife were put on the stand. Attorney Manton reviewed the testimony for Becker this afternoon.

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OLDEST MASON LIVING HERE

MILES, May 21.—J. H. Meadows, of this place, celebrated his 97th anniversary today. Mr. Meadows is remarkably strong for one of his age, and is able to take care of himself around his home. He thinks he is the oldest Mason living, having joined the Masonic lodge when he was 21 years old, and has been a faithful member of that order for 76 years. He says he expects to live out his five score.

Mr. Meadows came to this county from Bell county several years ago. He was born in Russell county, Kentucky.

RECITAL BY MISS WARD TONIGHT

DALLAS, Tex., May 20.—Miss Euphie Ward, a Ballinger girl, is among three students who are graduating this year at the Ursuline Academy here, in the music department. A recital is scheduled for tonight at 7:45 o'clock by the three graduates of music. The remaining two members of the music class who are graduating this year, reside in Dallas.

Will Glover returned home Wednesday night from Coleman where he left his auto en route home from Fort Worth where he had been on cattle business the past week. On account of the heavy rains he was compelled to leave his car at Coleman and return home in the train.

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CHATTERING TO U. S. SOLDIERS

BY BERNARD RUCKER (United Press Correspondent.)

VERA CRUZ, May 15.—(By Mail.)—The native impresarios already have begun to cater to the Americans. Several nights ago the Salon Olimpia—Olympia Theatre—gave an entertainment to which all Americans were bidden. Handbills printed in both Spanish and English were scattered throughout the city, announcing there would be "At 7 p. m. and 11 p. m. a Magnificent Exhibition of most sensational films exceptional vaudeville Los Perleyes greatest European acrobatic dancers they will present their hilarious bull fight in which their famous dog Neron plays most important thought, prices 1P-20 and 40 mex."

The Olympia was only the pioneer of the amusement resorts. As soon as the other impresarios saw the yellow handbills of the enterprising Olympia manager, they turned green with envy and soon the streets of Vera Cruz were fairly avalanched with dodgers on paper of every possible color and most flamboyant type, advertising in the most amazing English entertainments of every description from moving pictures of the taking of Vera Cruz to fancy dancing and bull fights.

Vera Cruz is a "good show town" in the parlance of Longacre Square. There are half a dozen theatres and innumerable moving picture shows. The Vera Cruzans like to be amused. They like everything except work. There is not an hour in the day—except the inviolate "siesta" when there is not a band concert of some kind going on some where.

The other day the U. S. S. Arkansas, flagship of Rear Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet was flying a red flag. Observers who saw the glory emblem did not know if the crew had mutined or whether Embma Goldman was a visitor aboard. A flag officer finally set anxiety at rest by explaining that a warship flies the red flag when she is taking on oil and gasoline. The flag means there must be no smoking aboard during the process. The order is one of the strictest in the navy and applies to bridge, wardroom and gallery.

The Standard Oil tank Winifred strayed into the harbor and the flagship immediately ordered her alongside to supply gasoline for the numerous small boats constantly plying between the flagship and the shore.

The vast array of ships in the harbor have been busy every moment since they dropped anchor. First they coaled and then took on provisions from the Celtic and now they are taking on oil and miscellaneous supplies. A dreadnaught of the type of the Arkansas burns up 25 tons of coal a day while at anchor. This is necessary to operate the water service machinery for hoisting, etc. Since the curfew was lifted there has been a fleet of small boats going ashore at six o'clock each morning from the warships, carrying the stewards. They go to the Mexican markets and buy fresh fruits and vegetables for the ships' messes.

"I wish we would get to go home before the new wears off this war. We'd be heroes then and get some reception," a blue-jacket from the Florida said today. "If we sit down here watchfully waiting for months the girls will forget all about the fight and we won't get any welcome at all." That is the attitude of all the blue jackets. They are mere boys, their average age being nineteen, and they have all the characteristics of the average American boy. As long as there was excitement and novelty they were satisfied with Vera Cruz and had no thought of Sand Street, Brooklyn. But now that things have settled down to routine and the boys have the prospect before them of remaining on shipboard in the Vera Cruz Harbor, they are openly expressing their desire to go back home. The two days of fighting was the first any of them ever saw and they want to get back to their relatives and sweethearts while their glory is fresh.

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TAPPING THE SOURCE OF CHEAP MONEY

EDITOR'S NOTE.—This is the first of a series of articles on RURAL PROBLEMS prepared by S. A. Lindsey, chairman of the Farm Life Commission.

There are land loan companies throughout the country. They operate in this way: They will take up land notes drawing 8, 9 and 10 per cent and sell them in the East at a rate which will net the investors 5 and 6 per cent. In this way they make from 2 to 5 per cent per annum on each note. This is legitimate. I only mention it to prove that our land securities can and do find cheaper money than the local market's offer.

The bill now before Congress proposes to authorize the organization of Land Mortgage Banks, with Federal supervision same as National Banks. These Land Mortgage Banks will make loans on land notes where the title is good, to the extent of half the appraised value of the land. The mortgage bank will see that the title is good and the value is there, just as banks usually do. They will file these notes with Uncle Sam who will authorize the bank to issue its own bonds or promises to pay in such denominations as are easiest sold, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of the mortgages and notes held. On these Uncle Sam, who is known as a square man all over this and European countries, will affix some kind of stamp or sign which will mean that the bank issuing it is under his supervision, and that no fake methods have been used. The capital of the bank will be involved and will insure great care on the part of the bank taking the land note and mortgages, and Uncle Sam's supervision will give the investors confidence.

Uncle Sam requires that these banks must lend money on land notes and mortgages at not exceeding 1 per cent above what they can sell their bonds for. So if the bank pays 5 per cent on its bonds the borrower will pay the bank 6 per cent which is from 1 to 3 per cent less than other loan companies now make. You say no one would organize one of Uncle Sam's banks when he is allowed to make but 1 per cent on loans. But Uncle Sam is going to encourage his land banks. He now lends his Postal Savings funds to banks at 2 per cent, and that money is used in commerce. Henceforth he is going to lend it to the mortgage banks, who are to let the farmers have it. He is going to let his land banks take mortgages and land notes and sell their bonds up to fifteen times their capital and surplus. You see these mortgage banks are nothing but a kind of note-broker concern for the farmers, and their compensation for finding the source of cheap money and keeping that class of securities in good standing is 1 per cent per annum to be paid by the farmers whom they serve. They can make over 15 per cent on their capital and surplus. That is pretty good.

But before one of these banks can be organized in Texas we will have to adopt the Torrens system of land title registration. We should have done this long ago. The money people pay to record titles would build up a fund ample to insure all land titles and leave an immense surplus besides.

But the land mortgage banks will not entirely enable the landless man to buy a home. In my next article I will suggest an easy and feasible method by which this can be done.

F. Garlitz and F. Bloominritt, of the Miles country, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

B. E. Averett came in from Abilene Wednesday afternoon and has accepted a position with the Creasy Rotary Filer Co., and will again make Ballinger his home. Mr. Averett was with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill the past several seasons.