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**"DON'T FAIL TO READ THE NEWS"
REMODELING SALE**

**15 DAYS OF REAL
BARGAINS**

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

SAW FOUND IN JAIL BEDDING

There are only thirteen prisoners in the Ballinger jail at this time—three o'clock Friday afternoon, Jan. 14. There were fourteen prisoners two hours ago, but one has just been released, having squared himself for some misdemeanor charge. Twelve of the thirteen prisoners are all being held on felony charges. The number 13 is unlucky—for the prisoners.

Jailor Armstrong made a discovery shortly afternoon today that he considers worth a great deal. It was a lucky find and the discovery occurred shortly after he had released one prisoner from jail and reduced the number to 13. Hereafter he will not pass up number 13 when it comes his way. Its not a hoodoo for this jailer.

Mr. Armstrong had a white boy and a Mexican in the same department of the roomy jail. Roomy in this instance stands for two small rooms. The white boy is just a little out of balance. It is claimed that he is not crazy, but he left the "bughouse," with out the consent of the authorities in charge of the "bughouse," and he must go back and clear himself. The Mexican is held because he knew how to write and wrote the other fellow's name to a check. These two prisoners lost some of their valuables, a necktie, or a half hose, or something of the kind and the jailor was aiding them in locating the missing property and directed that they turn the mattress up and look under it. When the bed was put asunder, lo and behold there was a saw, all fixed and ready to cut through the bars of the jail when properly directed by the hands of the prisoners.

Jailor Armstrong was not looking for saws, but man feels best when he finds something valuable unexpectedly, and this was a valuable find and an unexpected one to the jailor. If it had not been discovered perhaps we could have boasted of an empty jail within the next night or two.

Now the question that is most interesting to the officers, and the jailor is going to have to sleep way into the jail? This question may be answered, and it may not, but we are guessing that the jailor is going to have to sleep with one eye open if he keeps that bunch in jail until next spring when court will pass on their cases.

KAISER ON MOVE AGAIN.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—The Kaiser arrived at Nish at noon today and was greeted by Czar Ferdinand, according to wireless dispatches received here.

SHERIFF PERKINS GETS A NEGRO BURGLAR

Sheriff Perkins left Ballinger at noon Friday with a negro prisoner handcuffed and will turn the negro over to the Tom Green County officers and return to Ballinger this afternoon.

The negro's name is Robert Johnson and he is wanted at San Angelo for burglary, having entered a residence in that city a few days ago and robbed it of valuables consisting of clothing, jewelry, etc.

Mr. Perkins received a postal card giving description of the negro and he was on the watch out for him. He learned that a negro suiting the description of Johnson had been in Ballinger, and was somewhere close around yesterday afternoon.

An investigation revealed the fact that the negro had sold a part of the stolen goods here and Mr. Perkins got on his trail and caught him near Hatchel yesterday afternoon. The negro was en route to Abilene and it is supposed that he expected to catch the Abilene and Southern train either at Hatchel or Winters.

Jack Nichols, the stock dealer, returned home Wednesday from Fort Worth, where he had been to sell out a bunch of cattle.

FLOODS ENDANGERING HUNDREDS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19.—Floods in Southern California continue to sweep away much property. Several big dams in Arizona and Southern California are reported to be weakening as a result of renewed rains, and hundreds of families are in danger.

Ade Montgomery, of Coleman, who had been in Ballinger on a short business trip, returned home Wednesday morning.

Luther Long returned home Tuesday afternoon from a business trip to points west.

G. A. Prusser of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Don McLary of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was looking after business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed with The Banner-Ledger for another year.

Advance Showing

→Fashions Favorites←

For Spring

Every express brings us many of the smartest and most pronounced styles of the season.

Our New York buyer is simply filling our ready-to-wear section to overflowing with the new spring style

Spring Suits, Skirts and Blouses

Such wonderful styles have never been shown before.

Sport Skirts—the most popular styles are stripes and plaids with leather trimming. Some have those cute Charles Chaplin pockets.

Dressy Skirts—are mostly taffeta and faille with the new overskirt drapery suggestions. An especially wide, color range.

Many beautiful Blouses in exceptional designs. The suits we are showing are what might be expected from the leading women's outfitters.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co.
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

MEXICAN BANDITS CAPTURE 7 UNITED STATES SOLDIERS

DOUGLASS, Ariz., Jan. 19.—Mexican bandits captured seven United States cavalrymen following a fight on American soil between the soldiers and the bandits, South of Hachita, New Mexico, according to telephone messages received here today. A cowboy made his way to Hachita with the news after the bandits disappeared towards the border with the soldiers.

Fifty cavalrymen and a posse of cowboys are in pursuit of the bandits, but it is not believed that the lives of the seven captives will be saved.

EL PASO, Jan. 18.—Col. Manuel Valles, known as "Villa's butcher," was publicly executed at five o'clock this morning. The Villa bandit was put to death within a few feet of a string of Pullman cars that were standing on the track, and in which a number of American women and children refugees were sleeping.

It was reported here earlier in the night that Bacca-Vallas with eight other Villa bandits had been captured and executed fourteen miles West of Columbus, N. M., last Friday, but this proved false when the butcher of Americans was captured and put to death at five this morning.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Mexican trouble continues to hold the attention of Congress and the question is responsible for the most acrimonious debates.

Senator Henry F. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, introduced a resolution in the Senate this morning calling for immediate intervention in Mexico. Senator Lippitt has a strong following in his resolution, and after its introduction a bitter debate began.

EL PASO, Jan. 18.—Victor Hamilton and Albert Simmons American prospectors, were murdered by Villa bandits near Pedriena in West Torreon last Saturday, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here this morning.

The news reached here in messages to friends of Simmons this morning and stated that the bodies of the two men were being held in Torreon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Senator Weeks introduced a resolution in the Senate today declaring that all responsibility in the Mexican trouble rests with the United States Congress and not with the president, and the resolution favors immediate intervention.

Following a cabinet meeting this morning it was officially announced that the administration is standing pat on its Mexican policy and was opposed to intervention, and that when Americans went into Mexico they did so at the risk of their own lives.

Dispatches received here from London bring the news that the British government is preparing to ask the state department if this government intends to take any action in Mexico for the protection of the British subjects.

Carranza, in a message to Ambassador Arredondo, says that the bandits who massacred the nineteen Americans a week ago, are being pursued by Mexican soldiers and would meet with "condign punishments."

EL PASO, Jan. 14.—This city is quiet today after being placed under martial law, following rioting throughout the night last night that filled the hospitals with injured Mexicans.

The feeling here over the murdering of Americans in Mexico is expected to lead to further outbreaks, however, and Mexicans are being rushed across the river by the whole lot, or thrown in jail to escape American mobs that are being formed in different sections of the city.

J. W. T. Bishop left Wednesday afternoon for Cleburne to be at the bedside of his father, who is reported seriously ill.

MAN FOUND IN DYING CONDITION

(San Angelo Standard)
The intensely cold weather now prevailing in San Angelo was for the second time within a week cheated of a possible victim Sunday at noon, when a white man, half-clad and trembling with cold and unable to speak or hear, was discovered by coach cleaners in a baggage car on the Orient tracks. Deputies John DeSpain and D. R. Hodges of the sheriff's department were called.

They found the man standing in his bare feet on the car floor, his hat gone and his hair disheveled. He was questioned but could not speak. Then the officers took him to the county jail. Shortly after arriving the man suffered an attack resembling epilepsy. All efforts to learn his name or place of address have failed.

A description given by Deputy Hodges Monday afternoon is as follows: Height, five feet, ten or eleven inches; weight, about 150 pounds; complexion, light; age, about 30-32.

It is the opinion of the railroad employees who found the man that he arrived on a train and sought protection from the cold in the baggage car, where he was later found. The sufferer wore a pair of yellow ducking pants and a sweater.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT 300 CITIES SOON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The tentative itinerary for President Wilson's stumping tour in the interests of National Preparedness was made public this morning.

The itinerary embraces, three hundred cities and towns. Dallas, Texas, is included in the extended trip which will probably come in March. The shorter trips will be made at an earlier date. Mrs. Wilson will accompany the president.

W. W. Rainwater of Crews, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

JUDGE KONE FIGHTING RATS

Judge Ed R. Kone, of the State Department of Agriculture, arrived in Ballinger Wednesday morning and will spend a couple of days here in the interest of the extermination of pests—mostly rats. Judge Kone was scheduled to speak at four o'clock this afternoon and again at some hour tomorrow.

Judge Kone stated that a campaign was being waged in twenty-five counties in this part of the state and if the people in each county would co-operate, that great good could be accomplished in ridding the country of rats and other pests. Following Judge Kone will be a practical demonstrator, a man who will show the people how to mix the poison and offer instructions.

Judge Kone stated that this man would probably be here the first of next week, the date to be announced before he leaves here, and that the demonstrator would mix free of charge the poison and aid in destroying the rats.

"Rats are the greatest pests this country is troubled with at this time," said Judge Kone in talking to a Ledger reporter. "It is estimated that rats destroyed more than a half million dollars worth of chickens and eggs alone during the year 1915, and the spreading of certain diseases that are now claiming life in Texas is directly traced to the rats. The people should not allow them to increase when a little time and a few cents will exterminate them."

Poultry breeding season is here, and it is a well known fact that rats are worse than ever in this county. It's time to do something, and we trust Judge Kone and his crew of pest exterminators will launch a campaign for a ratless county.

PLOT TO KILL CHINESE EMPEROR.

PEKIN, Jan. 19.—Numerous arrests have been made in connection with the plot to assassinate Emperor Yuan Shi Kai. Deadly explosives were found in the palace in time to prevent his death.

W. H. Pape of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here ordered The Daily Ledger out to his rural route address for the ensuing three months.

Statement of Condition
...The...
Winters State Bank
Winters, Texas
At the Close of Business December 31st, 1915

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$169,059.80	Capital - - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 53,297.27	Surplus and Profit net 19,486.97
Overdrafts - - - - - NONE	Borrowed Money - - - - - NONE
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Christmas Saving Club 31.55
Other Real Estate - - - - - 6,896.84	DEPOSITS - - - - - 370,207.48
Interest and Assent in Guaranty Fund - - - - - 2,896.95	
CASH - - - - - 187,775.14	
\$439,726.00	\$439,726.00

The above statement is correct.
JOHN Q. McADAMS, Cashier

Comparative Statement of Deposits

December 31, 1910	\$78,060.50
December 31, 1911	114,760.54
December 31, 1912	131,061.46
December 31, 1913	153,170.47
December 31, 1914	162,526.34
December 31, 1915	370,207.48

W. A. Nance **Henry Jones**



Mitchell Cars on Credit

We are in a position now to sell Mitchell Cars on terms. See us at once.

Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!!

1 4 cylinder Buick, in good running condition \$125.
1 Metz, 4 cylinder, 4 passenger, in first class condition \$250. \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

Trade with us this year and reduce that automobile bill. You will always find us 25 to 50 per cent cheaper on anything in the auto line than anyone else. We have the tools and can turn out a job before others could find the trouble.

Tires any kind 10 per cent off list. Gasoline 17c. Dry batteries 27c. Pres-to-light put on your car \$12. Exchange on presto \$1.50. Aluminum numbers 10c. Spark plugs 15c.

Ballinger Auto Company
Opposite Court House Lawn

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THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Ledger and the
Russell County Ledger were con-
solidated January 28, 1913.

Hatching time will soon be here.
Swat the rat.

There are six candidates for tax
assessor in the race in Coleman
county, and the game is young.

Did you know that the year
1915 began on Friday? Yet it
was not such a bad year.

Politics make strange bedfel-
lows. Bryan will back Champ
Clark for president in case he
can't land the job himself.

We predict that the calamity
howler will soon be abroad in
the land. In fact there is just a
little grunting going on now.

Just a little more money in the
banks now than two months ago
makes just a little more opti-
mism for the banker, and the de-
positor as well.

The moving picture and auto in-
dustry are among the young indus-
tries in America, but they are the
healthiest baby industries in Amer-
ica.

It is claimed that cold weather
will not kill the boll weevil,
but no doubt the present temper-
ature is not conducive to the
health of the pesky little bug.

The United States could do no
better thing in dealing with Mex-
ico than to make a contract with
Teddy Roosevelt to clean up the
republic at so much per head.

It is the intention of Huerta's
family to take the remains of the
old man back to Mexico City for
burial. Madero's friends will no
doubt take a part in the funeral.

The Brown county grand jury
worked twelve days and returned

from Boston. We notice some of
our contemporaries pulled the
cork under like good "fishes."
What will you take for the bill,
boys?

The citizens of El Paso are not
feeling kindly towards the ad-
ministration over the way the
Mexican problem is being hand-
led. The clack of the bandit's
gun has been felt in that city and
a majority of victims of the mas-
sacre were citizens of El Paso. We
would all perhaps view the trouble
from the same standpoint if
the Mexican murderers had robbed
our homes.

Some towns adopt one scheme
to get on the map and some an-
other. It seems that Brown-
wood has selected the Dallas way
of doing things. Highway rob-
bers relieved a peanut dealer of
\$300 in the bayou city last week,
and a few days later robbed a liv-
erly stable man of fifty cents. We
advise our friends to not go out
at night when they go to Brown-
wood, keep good company and
don't carry any money with you.

Since the beginning of the war
in Europe 195,000 horses have
been concentrated at St. Louis and
shipped to the fighters. This
bunch of horses cost the allies
\$135,000,000, or about \$185 per
head, while the price paid to the
horse raisers figured from \$100 to
\$125 per head. With the adopt-
ing of horse flesh as one of the
principle dishes for the American
table old Dexter should now bring
a better price.

Three boys were sent from
Brownwood to the reformatory
last week for burglary. We un-
derstand that three or four boys
in Ballinger are bidding for a
place in the Gatesville home, and
that the matter will probably be
presented to the court when it
convenes. Some parents object
to the law interfering with them
in raising their children, but
when they fail they should glad-
ly welcome a stronger hand on
the job.

We are receiving almost daily

**PURE BLOOD MAKES
HEALTHY PEOPLE**

Hood's Sarsaparilla surely and ef-
fectively removes scrofula, boils and
other blood diseases because it drives
out of the blood all the humors that
cause these diseases. They cannot be
successfully treated in any other way.
External applications for their re-
moval have proven almost useless,
because they cannot drive out the
impurities that are in the blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure
rich blood, perfects the digestion, and
builds up the whole system. The skin
becomes smooth, clean and healthy.
This great blood remedy has stood the
test of forty years. Insist on having
Hood's, for nothing else acts like it.
There is no real substitute. Get it
today. Sold by all druggists.

in Bell county seek comfort from
a bootlegger with Waco right at
hand?—Waco Tribune

Bootlegging is not recognized
as a legitimate business. It is not
to be excused in Bell county on
the ground that some men must
have a drink occasionally. Pat-
ronizing the bootlegger is not
the proper way in which to satisfy
any alleged inward demand for
refreshments and the drinking fra-
ternity should not encourage such
practice. The penalty is heavy
and no good man will enjoy a
drink the purchase of which will
result in the sending of one of his
fellows to the penitentiary.—Temple
Telegram.

The man who patronizes a boot-
legger is encouraging bootlegging
and as a rule will stoop mighty
low to shield a criminal. The
man who buys booze from a boot-
legger is helping to fill the peni-
tentiaries with negroes and trifling
white men who peddle booze
for a pittance profit. A man who
buys booze from a bootlegger
should be placed in the same class
as the man who conceals stolen
property.

When Parents Fail.

The Ballinger Ledger com-
ments upon the tendency of
boys to get into mischief as fol-
lows:

Three boys were sent from

**BAD ROADS COST MORE
THAN GOOD ROADS**

By A. E. Burges Secretary Y. M.
B. L. Ballinger

The benefits of good roads are
so many and so great that it is
difficult to see how any man can
oppose their construction. Yet,
for the benefit of those few who
do not favor them or who may
be undecided and also for the pur-
pose of bringing out some of the
arguments usually overlooked the
writer is going to state in detail
in this and a later article a part
of their many advantages.

The cost of hauling freight is
calculated at so much per ton per
mile, that is per ton-mile. It is
convenient to measure the cost of
hauling by road in the same
terms. The cost of hauling de-
pends upon the size of the load
that can be drawn by the team,
the wages of the driver (or the
value of the farmer's time, if he
does his own hauling), and the
wear and tear on the team and wa-
gon. The U. S. office of public
roads has found that the cost per
ton-mile in Texas for hauling on
the public roads average 43 cents,
whereas the cost in the whole
United States averages but 23
cents. The 23 cents is the cost on
merely the average road. The
cost on good macadam roads fre-
quently runs as low as nine cents
per ton-mile and the cost on the
railroads for freight averages less
than one cent per ton-mile. Does
it pay to have good roads?

Oddly enough it costs as much
in cash to have bad roads as it
does to maintain good roads. Ev-
ery time a farmer in traveling a
muddy or cut-up road breaks a
single-tree or a trace chain, or
smashes a wheel, it costs him cold
cash to have that part mended.
The same applies to cars and all
other vehicles. Thus, it becomes
evident that the amount of cash
owners of conveyances pay out as
a result of bad roads would be
sufficient to maintain good roads
once built.

When the whole county has

farmer whether he be renter or
land owner.

By encouraging diversification,
good roads tend to make business
steady all the year and to equal-
ize the business of the railroads.
Every merchant can see the ad-
vantage of steady business rather
than having the same volume of
business crowded into a few
months comparatively dull. So
can any man, farmer or merchant,
realize the advantage that it would
be to him if the railroad busi-
ness were more steady if he has
once asked for a car in which to
ship his products and been in-
formed that the demand for cars
is so great at that time that he
cannot be supplied with one un-
til some weeks later.

Good roads encourage the use
of better stock and better vehi-
cles. Men are not inclined to buy
blooded stock and bright new bug-
gies to drive them when they
know that roads are so poor that
they will impose a strain on both
the animals and the vehicles. The
same will apply to automobiles.
Good roads encourage the buying
of automobiles and automobile
owners encourage the building of
good roads. It would be hard to
say which is cause and which is
effect, but an increase in the num-
ber of automobiles is always en-
couraging to those who are work-
ing for better roads.


It does not take much thought
to see that Runnels County needs
better roads. The reason stated
here in favor of good roads are
but a few of those that might be
stated. The writer will state oth-
ers in a later article.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears
the
Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hathorn*

Mrs. Eugene Risser and baby of
Bonham, who had been visiting
her mother Mrs. Fannie Johnson
and friends the past several weeks
left for their home Tuesday.

**REMEMBER
Pe-ru-na**



**When
You Call
At Our
Drug Store**

Mr. Robert H. Norris, No. 1333 Hen-
ry St., North Berkeley, Cal., writes:
"We have never had any other medi-
cine but Peruna in our home since we
have been married. I suffered with
kidney and bladder trouble, but two
months treatment with Peruna made
me a well and strong man. My wife
felt weak and was easily tired and
was also troubled with various pains,
but since she took Peruna she is well
and strong."

MOVES TO WINTERS

Frank Bridwell has bought a
controlling interest in the Win-
ters Saddlery Company, and has
already taken charge and in a
short time will move his family
to that place to make their fu-
ture home. The firm has purch-
ased the building they occupy,
and will at once make extensive
improvements in the building
and add to their already large
stock.

Mr. Bridwell is one of Ballin-
ger's prominent and highly es-
teemed business men and many
friends here regret to see this
man and his family leave Ballin-
ger, but wish them unbounded
success and contentment in their
new home.

We cordially recommend this
estimable family to the social
and business circles of Winters.

Give us a chance to buy your
oats and wheat. We pay top mar-
ket. Missouri Milling Co. 13-3rd
-3tw.

Lon Mapes of the Pony creek
country and his brother George
Mapes of San Angelo were among
the business visitors in Ballinger
Wednesday.

Holding Cotton Is Risky Unless you cover it with a
good fire insurance policy.
Why take the risk?
Be on the SAFE SIDE—let us PROTECT you from loss on
grain and cotton. Drop in and talk it over with us. **Ballinger Insurance Agency**

to the court thirty-eight indict-
ments, twenty-two felonies and
sixteen misdemeanor. Migh-
tily ugly for our neighbors.

Twelve cent cotton about plant-
ing time is calculated to cause a
farmer to make his rows just a
little longer. It will be a bad
policy to forget diversification,
regardless of high price cotton
The world must eat to live.

It has been announced that the
Business League will carry on a
campaign of education and exert
its greater strength for good
roads. It is to be regretted that
that the people must be educated
before they can do what is for the
best interests of all.

Senator Sheppard in deeling to
make race for delegates to Nation-
al convention says that candida-
tes and office holders should not
represent the democratic party in
the National convention. Why not
make the rule apply to republi-
can candidates and office holders
also, Morris?

We are told that the chick
show will go by default for the
lack of some one to take the lead
and put up the cash. Poultry
industry has received a big boost
through the poultry exhibits for
the past three years, and we see
a big mistake in allowing the en-
thusiasm to wane.

The Ledger is in favor of more
food inspectors, health and sani-
tary officers. They are a great
deal more important than inspec-
tors of some other things the peo-
ple are being taxed to keep going.
If you saw how half the food you
eat was handled before it reached
your plate you would pass it up
and go hungry some times.

A Boston Cigar Co., has sent
out the copy to Texas newspa-
pers for an ad calling for a space
of from a quarter to a half page
with instruction to run the ad and
send bill. We sent the bill first,
and so far have failed to hear

appeals from candidates for state
office, with nicely written or print-
ed "news items" about them, with
the request to please publish. If
we have any space to donate to
the cause we will give it to the
candidate who is running for the
little county office. The man
whose ambition is big enough to
get him in the race for a state of-
fice should have a bank account
to back his ambition. It takes
money to run a printing office.

Lewis Haney, professor of econ-
omics, says, "The tenant farmer
hasn't a chance." Prof. Haney is
not talking about tenant farmers
in Runnels county. We know of
several who made enough money
last year to buy land and they are
doing it. We know one tenant
farmer living not over four miles
from Ballinger who has four or
five thousand dollars worth of
cotton in the warehouse and does
not owe a cent, and he has money
in the bank and something else
besides cotton left from his year's
work. If you are going to rent
land rent in Runnels, and you
will soon be able to buy a home.

HOGS AND PEANUTS.

Ballinger Business league is tak-
ing orders for Spanish peanuts,
for planting purposes, the object
being to encourage production
of that crop in Ballinger territory.
The success of the past will prob-
ably cause the planting of a
larger crop of peanuts than has
before, been attempted.—Temple
Telegram.

Where hogs are raised peanuts
can be made profitable. Hogs are
on the increase in Runnels coun-
ty, and so is the peanut acreage.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD

From the reports that come
this way, the Lights Along the
Leon are not burning bright for
bootleggers in Bell County. This
is as it should be. We are an anti-
boot when a community votes for
local option the law should be
respected, obeyed and enforced.
And why should the thirsty man

Brownwood to the reforma-
tory last week for burglary. We
understand that three or four
boys in Ballinger are bidding for
a place in the Gatesville home,
and that the matter will prob-
ably be presented to the court when
it convenes. Some parents object
to the law interfering with them
in raising their children, but when
they fail they should gladly wel-
come a stronger hand on the job.

When the officers of the law are
compelled to take charge of boys
and punish them for their mis-
deeds, it presents a spectacle
which is invariably sad. But not
always are such incidents the re-
sult of parental neglect. There
are some boys whose natures are
essentially criminal, and to them
the love and care of their parents
is absolutely worthless. It is true
that in a majority of cases the
parents is at fault, when his boy
goes wrong; but regardless of the
responsibility for the boy's mis-
deeds, the state is doing both boy
and parent a favor when it arrests
the boy and places him in a re-
form school where he will have
time to mediate upon his evil-do-
ing, and resolve to be a better
boy when he is released.—Brown-
wood Bulletin.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothe, com-
fortable, avoid exposure and give
Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is
pleasant, soothing, a nti-septic,
raises phlebms and reduces inflam-
mation. The first dose gives relief,
continued treatment with
proper care will avoid serious ill-
ness or a long cold. Don't delay
treatment. Don't let your child
suffer. Get a bottle today. In-
sist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.
Se. at Druggists.

Dr. Rives, wife and two child-
ren, of Arkansas, came in Wed-
nesday at noon and will visit his
brother, Rev. Rives and family a
while before going on to Winters
to make their future home.

good roads, farmers have their
choice as to what town they will
trade with. If the roads are bad,
they must needs trade only with
the nearest town.

Where roads are good, farmers
can market their products with
but little effort at just the time
when they can get the most for
them, having first phoned into
town to learn the market prices
of that day.

Good roads allow the hauling to
be done when field work is impos-
sible. Rain may stop planting,
cultivation, or harvesting but it
cannot stop hauling on good
roads. Good roads also allow
children to attend school at times
when muddy roads would make
attendance impossible.

Good roads make it possible for
the farmer to raise more crops
with the same number of men
and teams. How? Farm work
consists in cultivating the fields,
hauling away the products, and
hauling back supplies, etc. With
a given number of men and
teams, the farmer can do only
so much farm work. But if good
roads in his neighborhood enable
him to do his hauling in less time
or with fewer teams he has that
much more time to devote to rais-
ing more crops or better crops.

Good roads increases the area
which may be devoted to raising
high-priced products. Land near
towns is considered more valuable
than that further away. This is
partly due to the fact that the
haul to town is shorter and hence
the land is suitable for dairies,
truck gardens, etc. But if the
town has good roads leading out
from it, the time and cost of get-
ting products to town is lessened
and dairies, truck gardens,
etc., may be located further out
at the same cost for transporta-
tion. In this way the area suit-
able for the production of high-
priced products is much increas-
ed. Good roads also encourage
diversification, since they make
hauling easy at all times of the
year. Diversification, in turn,
means final independence for the

**GIRLS! HAVE A MASS
OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR
SOFT, GLOSSY, WAVY**

25-cent bottle destroys dandruff
and doubles beauty of your
hair.

Within ten minutes after an
application of Danderine your can
not find a single trace of dand-
ruff or falling hair and your
scalp will not itch, but what will
please you most will be after a
few weeks' use, when you see new
hair, fine and downy at first—
yes—but really new hair—growing
all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately
doubles the beauty of your hair.
No difference how dull, faded,
brittle and seraggy, just moisten
a cloth with Danderine and care-
fully draw it through your hair,
taking one small strand at a time.
The effect is amazing—your hair
will be light, fluffy and wavy, and
have an appearance of abundance;
an incomparable lustre, softness
and luxuriance.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowl-
ton's Danderine from any drug
store or toilet counter, and prove
that your hair is as pretty and
soft as any—that it has been neg-
lected or injured by careless
treatment—that's all—you sure-
ly can have beautiful hair and lots
of it if you will just try a little
Danderine.

Miss Lelia Latham, of Brown-
wood, who had been in our city to
attend the marriage of her cousin
Miss Vinita Boyd to Mr. Hobart
Nicholson, returned home Sun-
day afternoon.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO
OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching,
Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days.
See first application gives Ease and Relief. 5c.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCE-
MENTS.**
All Copy for Political Announce-
ments must be accompanied
by Cash.

Subject to the action of the
Democratic Primary, July 25th:

- Representative 111th District:**
WALACE E. HAWKINS.
For County Clerk:
W. C. McCARVER.
C. C. COCKRELL
For Tax Assessor:
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
T. H. CURRY.
JOE TURNER.
For County Treasurer:
W. L. BROWN
For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD
For Tax Collector:
W. T. PADGETT.

Rev. T. C. Jester returned home
Saturday from Dallas and we
are glad to report Mrs. Jester
convalescing very nicely and hopes
to return home the last of this
week.

Kyle Stokes was transacting
business in Ballinger Tuesday
and sends The Banner-Ledger
with his compliments to R. H.
Stokes at Corsicana, for the en-
suing year.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay
Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound,
and 3/4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair
twice a week until it becomes the desired
shade. Any druggist can put this up or
you can mix it at home at very little cost.
Full directions for making and use come
in each box of Barbo Compound. It will
gradually darken streaked, faded gray
hair, and removes dandruff. It is excel-
lent for falling hair and will make harsh
hair soft and glossy. It will not color the
scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not
rub off.

DISSOLUTION SALE

Sale Opens
Friday, January 21st

Sale Closes
Saturday, February 5th

TO THE TRADE. About two weeks ago we bought the interest of Mr. Melton in the business formerly known as Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., and will maintain a business at the same stand. The style of the new firm being HIGDON-McELROY Co., as was announced in last weeks Banner-Ledger. Having gone through this stock carefully we find in several departments of the store we have too many goods for this time of the year, therefore in order to reduce the stock in these departments, we have in this Dissolution Sale, cut the price to where it is within reach of all. It is not our aim to continuously bore you with sales, but when we advertise an article, we assure you it will be just as advertised. Note the prices below. Come and see for yourself.

Outing

A good grade of Outing, that sold regularly at 7 1-2 cents, while it lasts at 25 yards to the DOLLAR.

Comforts

Our entire stock of Comforts go in this Dissolution Sale:
\$1.00 grade for79c
\$1.50 grade for95c
\$2.00 grade for\$1.35
\$3.00 grade for\$1.95
\$4.00 grade for\$2.85
\$6.00 grade for\$3.95

Blankets

A good one for95c
\$1.98 blankets go for\$1.35
All Blankets from \$4.00 up, go at HALF PRICE.

Suitings

All wool Goods and Suitings that sold for 50c and 65c go for the yard39c

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters

\$1.00 grade for75c
\$1.50 grade for98c
\$2.00 grade\$1.25
\$2.50 grade for\$1.50
\$3.00 grade for\$2.00
\$3.50 grade for\$2.25

Ladies' Collars

One lot of Ladies' Collars, they sold for 50c and \$1.00, your choice for25c

Ladies' Dresses

One lot of White Dresses, slightly soiled, some good styles, and beautiful materials, they sold up to \$12.50, your choice for only 75c

Ladies' Dresses

One lot of ladies' and misses' Dresses, value \$12.50 to \$25.00. Dissolution Sale price is only \$5.00

Ladies' Waists

We have a number of Waists slightly soiled, they are arranged in three lots:
Lot No. 1, choice24c
Lot No. 2, choice45c
Lot No. 3, choice95c

Ladies' Shoes

One hundred pair of ladies' Shoes, broken lots, in patent vici, gunmetal and tan. Value up to \$5.00, your choice\$1.95

Men's and Boys' Clothing

Here is a chance to buy your supply of winter clothing—right in the mid-season—and really before the cold weather has begun, at prices which will mean dollars added to your bank account. The stocks are large, the selection good. Come let us fit you.

Men's Suits

\$15.00 suits and up your choice, Dissolution sale\$10.85
\$10.00 and \$12.50 suits your choice, Dissolution sale\$7.95
\$5.00 and \$6.50 suits your choice, Dissolution syle\$4.45

Boys' Suits

\$10.00 and \$8.50 suits your choice, Dissolution sale\$6.45
\$6.50 suits your choice, dissolution sale\$4.85
\$5.00 suits your choice, Dissolution sale\$3.45
\$4.00 suits your choice, Dissolution sale\$2.85
\$3.00 suits your choice, Dissolution sale\$2.15

All men's and boys' pants (except overalls) less 25 per cent

Ladies'

Ready-to-Wear and Millinery

It is our aim to clean up entirely in our millinery and ladies' ready-to-wear departments, so it is no longer a question of profit, but a sale, and at the close of the Dissolution Sale, we are going to say, well done. If the price will move them.

Ladies' Coat Suits

Any winter suit in house HALF-PRICE
Ladies' and children's coats, your choice of our stock ONE-THIRD OFF
All one piece dresses are marked to prices that will suit you. SEE THEM

Millinery

Tailored hats, values \$5.00 to \$12.00, fifty in this lot, your choice for\$1.24
Tailored hats, value \$3.00 to \$5.00, thirty in this lot, your choice for95c
Tailored hats and shapes, 100 in this lot your choice only49c

Shoes!

Shoes!

We have found in this department practically no hard stock. It is new seasonable up-to-date merchandise, but there too, the stock is too large, so the knife has been put to the prices here, as you will see below:

\$5.00 shoes for - - -	\$3.95	\$2.50 shoes for - - -	\$1.95
\$4.50 shoes for - - -	\$3.45	\$2.00 shoes for - - -	\$1.65
\$4.00 shoes for - - -	\$3.15	\$1.75 shoes for - - -	\$1.35
\$3.50 shoes for - - -	\$2.85	\$1.50 shoes for - - -	\$1.15
\$3.00 shoes for - - -	\$2.45	\$1.25 shoes for - - -	\$1.05

The above prices apply to men's, ladies' and children's Shoes

All Goods Marked In Plain Figures

HIGDON-McELROY CO.

"The Store Ahead"

Ballinger

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Texas

Men's Hats

75 men's Novelty Hats, \$2.50 to \$3.50 grade for1.95

Men's Shoes

One hundred twenty-five pair men's Shoes most all patent leather, in button and lace, values \$3.50 to \$5.00 all sizes for \$2.95

Men's and Boy's Sweaters

75c grade for45c
\$1.00 grade for75c
\$1.50 grade for\$1.00
\$2.00 grade for\$1.25
\$2.50 grade for\$1.50

The same reduction will be made on all WOOL SHIRTS.

Men's Underwear

Men's 50c fleeced lined Underwear, in all sizes, goes for the garment35c
Or Three garments \$1.00

Men's Raincoats

A full assortment of coats regular price \$6.50 to \$15.00, greatly reduced. Ask to see them.

Ladies' Skirts

One lot of Skirts, value up to \$10.00, your choice\$4.95

Ladies' Waists

Ladies' chiffon Waists in colors, value up to \$6.50, sale price\$1.95

Crochet Thread

Lustre cotton, all colors, 8 spools for25c

Dress Pins

A fairly good pin, 6 papers for 5c

Colgate's Talcum

25c talcum powder, sale price 14c.


Ladies' & Misses' Wool Gloves

25c grade for19c
35c grade for24c
50c grade for35c

School Tablets

A good school tablet, 5c values, sale price, 8 for25c

The Careful Man and his wife



put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.

Husband and wife should both save money. What's the good for one to save and the other to spend? Just ask yourself today: "Who gets the money I earn?" Do I get it or does somebody else get it? You earned your money; it belongs to you. Keep it. Be a careful man and bank your money.

Bank With Us
...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
"The Old Reliable"

MORE AUTOS THAN VOTERS IN COUNTY

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 14.—No political subdivision of the United States has as many automobiles per capita to its population as Sutton County, Texas, according to the claim of Sam Stokes, clerk of that county.

The voting population of the county is approximately 800, and there are registered in Stokes' office nearly 1,000 automobiles. This record is perhaps all the more remarkable for the fact that there is not a railroad in Sutton county. It is about 60 miles from the nearest railroad point.

Stokes also asserts that Sutton county has more wealth per capita than any county in Texas. It is in the heart of the sheep and cattle country of Western Texas. The high prices of these ranch products have brought an enormous amount of money to the people of that region during the last year or two.

Practically every family in the county has one or more automobiles.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Barbara Golden who has been an efficient stenographer at the First State Bank here the past several months, was married at San Angelo, last Tuesday to Mr. Will Bondurant of Louisville, Ky.

The Misses Golden and Best of Ballinger, were guests of Miss Barbara here Monday and left with the contracting parties Tuesday, for San Angelo, to be present at the marriage of their sister and friend. Mr. and Mrs. Bondurant will spend a few days with the bride's parents at Ballinger, before proceeding to Louisville, Ky., where they will make their home.—Bronte Enterprise.

In attempting to state that Tom Vandevanter had again taken charge of the City Wagon Yard, the type got mixed and did not state anything. Suffice to say that Tom has put the yard in tip-top shape and everything is clean and bright as a new silver dollar.

RUNNELS CO., PECAN NURSERY
S. B. Howard, Mgr. 107 N. 12th Street

Our trees are now ready for market. We will be prepared to deliver same at any time. Can supply Holbert, Stuart, Fratcher, Money-maker, Kincaid, Oliver, Texas Prolifer and a few of the noted Raby tree, a native of Runnels County.

S. B. HOWARD

FORMER BALLINGER CITIZEN DIES AT SIMMONS CITY.

Word was received in Ballinger a few days ago of the death of Sam Mapes, a former citizen of Ballinger and a pioneer of this county. Deceased came to this county in 1884 and resided here for about twenty-five years before moving to Live Oak county. He died of Bright's disease on January 6th.

Mr. Mapes was a brother of Lon Mapes of this county and George Mapes of San Angelo. Many friends in this county will remember Mr. Mapes and will regret to learn of his death.

MRS. J. M. STEVENSON DEAD.

On December 26th, at 10 a. m. Mrs. J. M. Stevenson died in her home west of Goldsboro, having been sick but a few days. Bro. and Sister Stevenson came to Runnels County 27 years ago and have lived in the county ever since. They had just returned from a visit to Coryell county, their old home, a short time ago.

Sister Stevenson is the daughter of Rev. F. M. Carey, an old settler of Runnels Co., her father being a Methodist preacher. She was dedicated in infancy, and in early childhood gave her heart to God and for most half a century lived an earnest christian life.

She leaves her companion, three boys, Frank, John, Carl and two girls, Bulah Edward and Mrs. Hat tie Bush to mourn her departure.

On December 25 she was talking of her father most of the day, who died years ago.—Novice News.

Mr. Stevenson is one of the pioneer citizens of this county. He has many friends in Ballinger who will join The Ledger in extending to him sympathy in the loss of his wife.

R. R. Russell, of San Antonio, came in Tuesday to look after his Grape creek ranch property and other business interests in this section.

TOM P. COLE MAKES WEATHER PREDICTIONS

Tom P. Cole, hatter and West Texas weather prognosticator, of San Angelo was here Wednesday afternoon and gave out his predictions on West Texas weather during 1916. He named dates up on which certain changes will be noticed and the forecast is interesting.

January, a fine month up to date, will be warm and clear, said Mr. Cole, and hardly a norther will be seen. There will be a light rain on the 15th, with heavier precipitations from Jan. 28 to 30.

There will be rain, sleet and snow and a norther every other morning in February and cold rains from the northeast and snow from March 1 to 15.

"Plant no corn before March 20," is Mr. Cole's advice, for if you do it will rot in the ground. Plant on the 20th, however, and if properly worked, the crop will yield from 25 to 40 bushels of grain to the acre.

April will be a dry month and the corn planted in March on the date mentioned, will flourish.

There will be plenty of rain from May 1-15 and between the same dates in June. In July, rains will fall on or about July 4-14 and 24.

"And the best crop ever known in this country of every description will be grown," predicts Mr. Cole.

Local showers will fall through out the country in August and the summer will be the coolest in ten years.

More three-year-old steers will be seen on the range this fall than in many seasons. Heretofore, states the North Angolan, ranchmen have not had sufficient feed and grass to hold their cattle. They will have in 1916, however, better grass and more sheep and wool than ever before known in West Texas.

The country will again be visited by rain in September, between the first and fifteenth.

October and November will usher in a rainy period, plenty of moisture falling. These precipitations will turn into cold rains between December 1-15.

"Christmas, 1916, will be much colder than any Christmas we have had in ten years," asserts Mr. Cole. "Folks went in their shirt sleeves this past Christmas."

Mr. Cole says he has blocked hats in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, in 116 towns in the past year to the sum of \$2,100.00 and worked in most of the towns two to three days and finds Ballinger and San Angelo ahead of any section he visited.

GET RID OF SCROFULA HOW? TAKE S. S. S.

Fifty Years' Use Proves S. S. S. Will Relieve Stubborn Cases.

You have noticed the little festering pimples on the face and body—swelling of the glands—soreness in the legs and arm muscles. These are the symptoms of Scrofula. You may have some of these symptoms, possibly the taint of Scrofula infection. But in either case, it is a dangerous condition. Your blood is infected, impure, and you can never hope to gain perfect health until the impurities are washed from the system. If you feel badly all the time, you must crave health. If you want to feel renewed spirits, the glow of perfect health, bright eyes, clear skin, the knowledge that you are well, you can do so. Cleanse your blood by taking S. S. S. For fifty years it has been the standard blood purifier. It relieves the trouble by renewing the blood, renewing its strength, and stimulating the flow so that the blood regains its lost vitality, and throws off the poison. Even long-standing cases respond. But you must use S. S. S. Take it for all blood infections. Get it at your druggist's today. If you need special advice write the Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Leska Hinde, who is teaching the Eagle Branch school accompanied by Miss Eula May More, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

The long silence from this quarter, was caused by your scribe having had a siege of la grippe, which has been quite fashionable in South Ballinger.

Mrs. Ben Middleton is still quite ill with la grippe.

F. T. Rushing, who has been quite ill, we are glad to report is some better.

The South Ballinger Sunday school, and Literary Society, are still improving. Everybody invited to come.

ELBERTA PEACH.

MOTHER! DON'T TAKE CHANCES IF CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, clean little liver and bowels

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue. Mother! If coated or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrup. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

NICHOLSON-BOYD.

Rev. E. Rosemond Stanford, pastor of the Methodist church, spoke the beautiful marriage service Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock that united for life two happy hearts, that of Mr. Hobart Nicholson and Miss Vinita Boyd, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike C. Boyd, on Broadway.

It was a quiet home affair and only a few friends and members of the families were present.

A sumptuous infare supper was enjoyed by all present at 6:00 o'clock, at the palatial home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, on Broadway and 7th Street.

The young married couple are two of Ballinger's most favored and highly esteemed young people and occupy a prominent place in both the social and business circles of the city.

They are at home to their many friends in their splendid and well established new bungalow home on 7th Street.

The Ledger joins a host of well wishers in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the bride and groom.

CONTRACT LET FOR REMODELING STORE

The job of remodeling the building of the firm of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, has been turned over to the carpenters and stone masons, and the work will soon be underway. The plans call for some important changes in the three buildings occupied by the firm, and the work will begin at the front by tearing away the old awning and replacing it with a modern drop awning.

The plans also call for a new front for the building, with plate glass show windows. The interior is also to undergo important changes, the dry goods department being enlarged and room made for a ladies' ready to wear department.

This company is laying plans for enlarging its business and we understand will have other important announcements to make later. They have contracted for 5,000 inches of advertising space in The Ledger and are inaugurating an advertising campaign that offers special buying inducements to the trading public.

A. W. Hill of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered his Banner-Ledger changed from Benoit to Ballinger Route B.

JUST FOUR—READ THE ANALYSIS.

You do just four things. You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better, you are increasing your efficiency, and, therefore, your income. You may feel that you are very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means partial failure, and to violate all the laws means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of business success. The late Prof. James of Harvard, declares that the average man only uses ten percent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean that you are only twenty percent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five per cent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 a week or less? That ninety-two per cent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That ninety-five per cent have no money at the age of 60? We have been very successful in getting men out of the eighty-five, the ninety-two, and the ninety-five per cent class. Why not let us help you? We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusively proven by the letters in our catalogue from former students. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are thousands of men worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man, you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only about \$2.00 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousand dollars a year from the chin up, selling brains. Be a chin upper and sell brains; but remember you must get them before you can sell them. Take our thorough, practical courses of Bookkeeping (Shorthand, Stenotypewriting, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance, and Telegraph); learn how to think, to remember, to imagine, and act. We can teach you and thereby greatly increase your usefulness throughout life.

Our large catalogue is free for the asking, if you will only fill in and mail the following blank at once.

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Course interested in

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One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.
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Call Telephone No. 27.

WANTED
WANTED—To work a crop on shares, or work on ranch. Experienced man with family. W. H. Armstrong, Ballinger. 21-3tw-pd.

WORK WANTED—Building concrete cellars, open well work, all work that comes in that class. R. B. Wilbourn at City Park. 13-1td1tw-pd.

Money to loan on Real Estate. Farm loans preferred. Ft. Worth Life Insurance Co., Fort Worth, Texas. 14-8tw

CHARACTER READING—The character of anyone read from their hand-writing by an expert. The world's greatest and most interesting science. Enclose sample of writing and a dime. Geo. C. Thornton, Bangs, Texas. 47t-w1t-pd.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—About 150 tons of ensilage, 7 miles of town, feed lot, with permanent running water adjacent same. For further particulars call on or phone C. A. DOOSE. 20-2td 1tw

FOR SALE—Two scholarships in Tyler Business College. If you contemplate going to a business college, you can not beat this one. For particulars call on or address The Ballinger Printing Co. 1tdw

FOR SALE—Three row stalk cutters, address Lee Evans or Walton & O'Kelly Hardware Store, Ballinger. 24-twtf

POSTED
Trespass Notice.
All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, or otherwise trespass upon my Pecan Mott farm, or upon any and all other properties owned or controlled by me in this (Runnels) County.
dwtf C. A. DOOSE.

Trespass Notice.
The public generally, is hereby warned not to trespass in any way upon my premises, by hunting, fishing, trapping, etc., or they will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.
HENRY VANDEVANTER.
20-2td-1tw.

Posted—Keep Out!
Notice is hereby given that no hunting or fishing is allowed in my pasture.
SAM BROOKSHIRE.
10-8tw-pd.

LOST.
Lost, Strayed or Stolen.
ESTRAYED—from my farm 3 miles west of Maverick, bay horse about six years old, about 15 hands high, collar mark, branded on jaw circle with bar through it. \$10.00 reward for recovery of animal. A. L. Pearce, Coleman, Texas. 14-2tw

FOUND
FOUND—Fountain pen in public road. Owner can get pen by calling at this office and paying for this notice. d&w1t

REPUBLICANS HOLD MEETING
At a call meeting of the Republicans of Runnels county, held today at the court house, Ballinger, Texas, for the purpose of electing officers and such other business, as might come before the meeting, the following officers were elected: H. A. Cady, Ballinger, county chairman; C. S. Guin Ballinger, clerk. The county chairman was authorized to appoint precinct chairman, or the different precincts, in the county. The following appointments were made, subject to acceptance: John J. Anderson, Miles precinct; E. J. Guinn, Wingate precinct; O. D. Dillingham, Winters precinct; Dr. Mitchell Norton precinct.
There being no other business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn, adopted.
Signed, H. A. CADY,
Chairman.
Signed C. S. GUIN,
Clerk.



Show Your Wife How

to write checks for her bills instead of counting out the money and then not being able to tell where her cash has gone. This bank has a special department for women's accounts and will be glad to show any one how much better a check is than ready money.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Letters from the People

Moderate Yields Better Than "Bumper" Crops.

Editor Ledger:

Yours entitled "A Million Dollars Deposit in the Three Ballinger Banks," which appeared in a December issue of your good paper, was ably edited and has been read, no doubt, by the public of this territory with unusual interest.

I will be criticized when I say experience has taught me to believe, that owing to the extreme optimism prevalent in West Texas, moderate yields are better for the general good than "bumper crops." This is a condition which should not exist, and would not, if the men at the helms of our banking institutions would raise the financial standard and talk conservatism instead of so much prosperity, and assist the public to think seriously on the condition of the County's public roads, weeks and months destitute of rain, windy March weather, eggs, poultry and Jersey cows.

For ten years my feebleness has been taxed to the limit in solving endless problems growing out of what seemed at times to be prosperity—1906 was a good year, "criminally prosperous," the lullaby of foolish optimism soothed the people to insensibility as to proper methods and whereof, and some inquired of automobile agencies as to the proper procedure of entertainment for the coming tiresome years, resulting in never failing reaction and corresponding complications, this time the 1907 panic, followed by a series of lean years.

"When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, disturbed by no creditors and enslaved by no debts, shall sit amid his teeming gardens and orchards, vineyards, and dairies and barnyards, pitching his crops and in his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus and selling it in his own time, and in his chosen market, and not at a master's bidding, getting his pay in cash and not a receipted mortgage that discharges his debt but does not restore his freedom—then shall be breaking the fullness of our day."

The following taken from the books of the Winters State Bank of Winters, is confirmation of our share in liberal proportions of the good things so many are talking about. Deposits on September call \$218,000.00. Deposits on November call \$363,800.00. Deposits on December call \$370,200.00.

We have not more prosperity than we know with what to do, as some have asked, and owing to the general views thus expressed to maintain our stability, and fill with credit to the community, our mission we must be very careful and should at the proper time divide our loanable surplus among borrowing customers, being mindful, first of proper security and the amount of credit to which the individual, firm, or corporation is entitled, basing our decisions on the moral risk and balances maintained.

JNO. Q. McADAMS.
Jan. 18, 1916.

Some Difficulties

Editor Ledger:

There has been considerable complaint on the part of people growing crops new to their section, or canning products not

hitherto offered for sale locally, that the home merchants do not buy readily of such things; in fact rather, that discrimination is made in favor of stuff shipped in from elsewhere.

I am led to believe that this is largely true and for which there is a reason not generally understood by the producer. The jobber, for instance, procures his supplies in car lot from sections of large production, the grades standardized and backed by adequate financial guarantee. From the local producer, the jobber cannot depend upon uniformity of grade, or adequacy of supply; which precludes his doing business with scattered local producers.

The local dealers occupy the same situation. They have been wont to look to the jobber for their supplies, securing in quantity required and at their own convenience as to time and terms. Their trade also demands uniformity of quality, which it is impossible to secure from a number of local producers, each preparing for market according to his own idea of how it should be done.

All this trouble admits of remedy, and that the difficulty be understood and the remedy applied, is my reason for calling attention to the matter, which I have discussed with a number of merchants, wholesale and retail; and am sure that if the local merchants especially, could secure their supplies of beans, peas, canned goods, etc, from their farmer friends in such quantities, of such character and at such times and on such terms as is possible with the jobbing houses, they would be glad to give them the preference. With the jobbers, on the other hand, it is more a question of whether they could buy in bulk, and of such character as is demanded by their trade. In such case, the more patriotic among them would no doubt give "inside" to the local producer. At least, some of them say as much.

The remedy? CO-OPERATION in producing and handling for the market. In thinking out the new problems up to the farmer, himself and his friends always get back to the matter of cooperation, without which the farmers can do nothing except what they have always done, and cannot do as they have always done and stay in the business.

R. R. CLARIDGE,
Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry.

WANTED AT ONCE
99,999 dozen eggs, highest spot cash prices paid.

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20-3rd-1th Phone 320.

Nearly 13,000 Ministers and Priests at Front

Paris, Jan. 12. (By Mail)—Nearly thirteen thousand ministers and priests are today serving in various capacities with the French army, according to statistics just given out by the Minister of War. The government itself has assigned as chaplains with regiments 151 Catholic priests, 28 protestant ministers, and 14 rabbis. There is about an equal number of chaplains who have been allowed to go with the troops. Most of the ecclesiastics volunteered their services and are serving as nurses. Their total numbers 12,580.

Miss Dovie Pipkin of South Ballinger, returned home Thursday at noon from a visit to East Texas.

HATCHEL DOTS

Our community is suffering from a siege of la grippe. Several are reported sick at this time.

Mrs. Gribbs has pneumonia. Stonewall Seibel has pneumonia, but is improving.

Miss Mary Hoiliday has been sick.

Mrs. Graves, who spent Christmas in Robertson County, has returned home.

The new Christian church is about complete.

Bro. Black of Thorp Springs filled the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday.

Messrs. Bowen and Bradshaw were in Ballinger Monday.

Two dozen new seats have been placed in our school rooms. We are now able to comfortably seat all the pupils. Interest and enthusiasm are high. Teachers and pupils are pleased with the work and all bids fair for a prosperous school year.

Mr. Bledsoe has moved his family here from Haskell County.

Delbert Vancil of Ballinger, was looking after business here last week.

Messrs. Wiygle, Springle, and Kerley, were in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. Bales visited Mrs. Sprinkle one day last week.

"TEXAN."

BALLINGER NEWS.

This Case Has a Hint for Many Ballinger Readers.

This Ballinger woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills.

She has found them as represented.

She wishes her neighbors to know.

She publicly recommends them.

No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated.

Profit by Mrs. Ward's statement.

Mrs. J. T. Ward, 306 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "My back ached constantly and I had dull, throbbing pains across my kidneys. I had headaches and dizzy spells, too. My eyes swelled up and my sight was blurred. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and was relieved of the backache and my kidneys were put in good condition."

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

MIKE BOYD FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

To The People of Runnels County:

I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the office of tax collector of Runnels county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July, and in making my announcement for the office I do so fully recognizing the responsibility and duties incumbent upon the person who shall be your choice for the office. I have served you as your assessor for the past six years, and feel that it has in a great measure made me more competent to fill the office of collector, and I am asking for the office of collector as a promotion as I am anxious to better my condition and to go higher up, and will ask each of you to give me your careful thought, and if you think I am worthy of the promotion I will certainly appreciate your vote and influence. I have no promises to make you only that if you see fit to elect me your collector I will try to make you a good one and to always do my duty as I see it. Thanking one and all for the many kindnesses shown me while your assessor. I am with malice toward none, and best wishes for all.

Your humble servant,
MIKE C. BOYD.

Weather Forecast

Tonight and Friday cloudy rain.

HEURTA ANSWERS DEATH CALL

EL PASO, Jan. 14.—General Victoriano Huerta, formerly provisional president of the Republic of Mexico, and who has been in the hands of United States Federal authorities for since last June, passed over the great divide at eight thirty-five o'clock last night. Huerta has been in the hands of United States and death was not unexpected.

Up to a late hour today funeral arrangements had not been perfected but efforts are being made to arrange for the body to be buried on Mexican soil.

Huerta's Rise and Fall.

Born 1857 of well-to-do parents of Spanish and Indian ancestry.

Entered Chapultepec military academy 1875, where he remained 4 years. Then entered army.

1880-1892 led soldier's life. Rid Matanzas of Flores Zegasa's band. Promoted to Lieut.-Col.

1892-1902 surveyed Mexico for government. Made Brigadier-General, highest rank except commander-in-chief.

In 1911 first came to public notice when Gen. P. Diaz, driven into exile by Madero, chose Huerta to give him a safe conduct to Vera Cruz.

1913—

Feb. 18.—Huerta joined Felix Diaz, ousted Madero, and had himself declared provisional president.

Feb. 23.—Madero and Suarez slain.

Feb. 27.—Villa took up arms against Huerta.

April 19.—Carranza made provisional president of constitutionalists.

July 13.—Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson recalled from Mexico.

Aug. 13.—Huerta refused to recognize John Lind, President Wilson's envoy.

Aug. 23.—President Wilson read famous "watchful waiting" message to Congress.

Oct. 10.—Huerta dissolved congress, declaring himself dictator, imprisoning 110 deputies.

Nov. 3.—President Wilson asked Huerta to resign, and not appoint any of his official family as successor. Refused.

Nov. 13.—President Wilson formally declared "Huerta must go." Lind left Mexico City.

1914—

Jan. 26.—Huerta balked plot to assassinate him, arresting Felix Diaz followers.

Feb. 3.—President Wilson lifted embargo on arms to aid constitutionalists.

March 17—147 mutineers of Huerta garrison at Jolulita executed.

March 18.—Huerta reopened negotiations with Lind at Vera Cruz.

April 9.—Bluejackets from U. S. Dolphin arrested, Admiral Fletcher considered it insult to flag and asked salute from Huerta commander.

April 14.—Huerta refused to apologize for Dolphin incident. President Wilson ordered Atlantic fleet to Mexican waters.

April 17.—Huerta offered to salute flag in United States reciprocated.

April 18.—President Wilson demanded unconditional salute.

April 20.—Congress gave President power to coerce Huerta.

April 21.—Admiral Fletcher seized Vera Cruz customs house. Nineteen U. S. bluejackets killed.

April 22.—Huerta handed American Charge O'Shaughnessy his passports.

April 23.—United States formally severed diplomatic relations with Huerta.

April 24.—Fifth U. S. army corps sailed for Vera Cruz via Galveston.

April 25.—United States accepted offer of A. B. C. mediators to adjust crisis.

April 30.—Huerta agreed to accept A. B. C. mediation and declared armistice with Carranza pending negotiations.

May 30.—Mediators assembled at Niagara Falls.

July 1.—Mediators adjourned. Federals and constitutionalists expected to meet and discuss peace terms.

July 3.—With many military successes Carranza delayed naming peace delegates.

July 15.—Huerta quit as pro-

visional president and fled to Europe.

1915—

April 12.—Huerta arrived in New York from Spain. Bought home at Forest Hills, N. Y. Denied he would head new Mexican revolution.

June 18.—Huerta started for "Panama Exposition."

June 21.—Arrested by U. S. agents at Newman, Texas. Taken to El Paso and charged with violating U. S. neutrality by inciting new Mexican rebellion. Imprisoned at Fort Bliss.

When arrested at Newman, Texas, by federal officers accompanied by soldiers, General Victoriano Huerta remarked with elaborate irony: "Ah! American soldiers to greet me. That is very nice. Efficient watchful waiting."

With the passing of the grizzled, the meteoric career of Mexico's last dictator who sought to rule with a mailed fist becomes history. Across its pages are written battle, power, diplomacy politics, wealth, women and wine. War trained, he was a staunch advocate of the doctrine of force he learned from his idol, Porfirio Diaz.

Possessing an indomitable will, ignorance of fear, physical strength and quick perception, Huerta the tyrannical and crafty, during his 17 turbulent months in the presidency nearly involved this nation and Mexico in war. Only the tolerance of the Washington administration averted disaster. His regime afforded this nation a chance to proclaim its Pan-American Policy cementing ties of friendship with South America.

Huerta believed the best place for an enemy was the grave. He loved whiskey. Pain held no terror for him. During the Madero reign Huerta was nearly blind by a cataract over one eye.

An operation was performed without an anesthetic.

"Cut it off," he told the surgeon, and as cold bloodedly as Huerta spoke the surgeon cut. Huerta was silent and abrupt. His face was expressionless, hard, determined; his lips were tightly compressed, eyes cold, black and penetrating. Cunning and decisive a politician and diplomat of the first water, he had the cruelty of the aborigine, but no Indian loyalty. He boasted of his Indian ancestry, but Spanish blood flowed in his veins.

SAME OLD FIGHT WILL CONTINUE

By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 19.—Peace negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been broken off and the nations will continue in combat. This is according to unconfirmed wireless advices received here from Rome today.

WAR CLOUDS HANG HEAVY OVER SPAIN

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The allied O.H. serahd shar owf k e'wa are watching every move of the Spanish government in view of the growing conditions of unrest in Portugal. It is persistently rumored that Spain is preparing to invade Portugal when the Spanish government believes that England's hands are too full with other trouble to interfere.

The food situation in Portugal is reported to be the most critical. 80,000 workmen are on a strike at Oporto, and in riots that are raging in Northern Portugal many people have been killed and hundreds reported injured.

Private advices received here hints that agents of the Spanish government are in Portugal and are responsible for the strife that is being stirred up in that country.

EXAMINATION FOR CREWS POSTMASTER.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on the 26th day of February, 1916, an examination will be held at

Home Celebration of Wonder Interest

The arrival of a baby in the household completely changes the entire aspect of the future. But in the meantime, during the anxious period of expectancy, there is a splendid remedy known as "Mother's Friend" that does wonders. It is for external use, relieves the pain of muscle expansion, soothes and quiets the nerves, extends its influence to the internal organs and removes to a great extent the tendency to worry and apprehension. It is a natural treatment, safe for the mother, has no drug effect whatsoever and for this reason must exert a most beneficial influence upon those functions directly connected with motherhood. In a very interesting book the subject is freely discussed and a copy will be mailed free to all expectant mothers by Bradfield Regulator Co., 406 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today of any druggist. Use as directed and you will then know why mothers for nearly half a century have used and recommended this splendid aid to motherhood. Their letters are messages of cheer, that breathe comfort in every word.



Ballinger, Texas as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Crews, Texas, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$217 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Crews, Texas or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the commission at Washington at least 7 days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants.

U. S. Civil Service Commission.

MEXICAN TROUBLE IS BEFORE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, introduced a resolution in the senate today giving President Wilson power to enter in an agreement with Carranza in which a joint war can be waged in Northern Mexico, and American troops used in exterminating the Villista bandits. The resolution provided that the American troops be withdrawn to the border after order has been restored and American lives made safe.

Consul Edwards at Jaurez wired the State Department today that he informed newspaper man that he did not approve the guarantee given by Carranza for the protection of Americans in the Cusi mining district, and that it was not safe for Americans to enter that district, on January 6th, after receiving word from Washington to take such action.

GIVES GREECE 48 HOURS TO SHOW HAND

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—England and France are demanding today that Greece show its hand in the Balkan crisis, and it is said that dispatches reaching here from Sofia, Bulgaria, indicate that the Austro-German diplomats will be forced to leave Greece or the Entente Allies will order a commencement of hostilities against the Greeks.

The Allies have ordered Greece to hand the Central Powers' diplomats their passports, within forty-eight hours, or refusal will mean that England and France will take the "necessary steps."

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

MOVING LAND MARK FOR SECOND TIME

An old two story green house, for many years standing on the highest point in Ballinger, near the home of E. L. Rasbury, is being torn down and the lumber will be hauled to Norton where it will be used by J. D. Miller in making improvements in that thriving little inland town.

This house was formerly known as the Dickinson place. It was moved to Ballinger from Runnels and was one of the first houses to be built in the county. It was placed on wheels and moved to Ballinger and its removal from Runnels wiped out an old land mark for what was one time the capital of the county. The house has been occupied very little since being moved to Ballinger as it was in a bad state of repairs and the owner did not consider it worth repairing.

Mr. Miller purchased it some time ago, and the material in it

will not be used for kindling but for making repairs in other buildings. The lot where the house stands is a very desirable building. The lot where the house R. Willis, of Brownwood, formerly a Ballinger cotton buyer.

Mrs. J. McGregor left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo to visit her daughter, Mrs. Estes Lynn and family, a few days.

Miss Norman, of Houston, who had been visiting at Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

E. H. Redman of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday, Mr. Redman renewing with The Banner-Ledger while in town.

Prof. H. G. Secrest, principal of the Talpa schools, who spent Sunday with home folks, returned home Tuesday and ordered The Daily Ledger to keep him posted on the home news.

Start--While the Starting is Good

You probably have surplus money out of the splendid crops which have been raised here. You may not always have it, but NOW, while you can, open a bank account and let it work for you in building up a credit with a bank whose business it is to help you become successful.

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Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things"



WE LEAD THE PROCESSION

when it comes to supplying building materials of high quality. We are not in it at all if poor materials are desired. For your own interest we urge you to use the best building materials and to make sure of it by getting them here.

Wm. Cameron Lumber Co

UNFORTUNATE MAN PLACED IN JAIL

A stranger, a man about forty years old, giving his name as Hemphill, appeared in Ballinger a few days ago, he was soon placed in jail on a charge of insanity. The man is supposed to have relatives at Gainesville, but so far they have failed to respond to calls for financial aid for the unfortunate man.

Hemphill can tell little of himself, and talks at random. He talks as though his mission in Ballinger is one of mystery. One or two men here who formerly knew his people thought best that the man be placed under restraint, and he was placed in jail to await word from his people. If relatives do not send for him, he will be tried before a commission and probably sent to the asylum.

The man is no criminal. He has violated no law, yet he is locked in jail, a place provided for criminals, and where surroundings are not supposed to be beneficial to a man suffering with a mental disease. Unfortunate it is that such people must be dealt with as criminals.

EAT WITHOUT FEAR OF INDIGESTION OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

Instant relief! "Pape's Diapepsin" ends your stomach trouble forever.

Wonder what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it digests food and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Please, for your sake, don't go on and on with a weak, disordered stomach; it's so unnecessary.

District Attorney Alex Collins is prosecuting the case, assisted by F. L. Snodgrass of Coleman. The history of the Hickman case is brief, extending over a period of but little more than a year. During the Christmas holidays, 1914, Will Hickman was ex-sheriff of Coke County, T. A. Griffith was deputy-sheriff, having gone into office shortly after Hickman's term as sheriff had expired.

BUYS LEDGER TO FIND RELIEF.

Norton, Tex., 1-18-16
Editor Ledger:

As this is the year for the candidates to make a raid on the farmers, and the flees have killed my last pup, and the opossum crop is running short, you will find enclosed check for which you will please send me your paper for one year. J. M. OSBORN.

Liven Up Your Torpid Liver.
To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c at your druggist.

G. M. Vaughn had business at Rowena between trains Wednesday.

Paul Michaelis and L. M. Bales of the Hatchel country, and J. M. Schneider, the irrigation stock farmer down the river, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Truman Roberson left Wednesday at noon to visit his father at Blackwell a few weeks.

Jim Callan of Fort Worth, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

E. B. Ross is a new citizen for Ballinger, having recently arrived with his family from Grand Falls, and located on Eleventh Street. Mr. Ross has not engaged in any line of work or business but says he came to Ballinger to stay.

HICKMAN OFFERS SELF DEFENSE PLEA

(San Angelo Standard)
The examining of eleven witnesses in the Tom Green County district court Tuesday morning, opened the case of the State of Texas vs. Bob Hickman, charged with the murder of T. A. Griffith.

That Griffith while in jail, following the shooting of Will Hickman, declared that he was not afraid of the "Hickmans," and that if given a gun he could stand his own ground; also that months afterward in Bronte, just before shots were fired into his body, made a move which appeared to eye-witnesses to have been an effort to draw a gun from his hip pocket, were details testified to by witnesses for the defendant.

H. E. Taylor, constable at Bronte, stated on the stand that he saw Griffith on the street several days before he met his death. He carried a shot gun and Taylor advised him to go home, as there might be more trouble if he didn't. Taylor testified that Griffith told him he could shoot "as quick as anyone," and that if Bob Hickman would get on the streets he would show him who could fire the quickest.

Bob Ayres, representative of Ed Hughes & Co., of Abilene, formerly of the latter city, but now of Ballinger, was the next witness. He stated that while Griffith was in Abilene he was called to see the prisoner. The latter told him that he was not afraid of the "Hickmans," and that if given a Winchester he would stand his own ground or words to that effect.

Many Ladies at Trial.
The court room was well filled Tuesday morning, there being many ladies among the spectators. The majority of the latter were relatives of persons involved in the trial.

Bob Hickman sat directly facing each witness and inside the bar rail. On one side was his wife and on the other Judge W. A. Wright of this city, one of his attorneys. J. F. Cunningham of Abilene, also defending Hickman was nearby. Frequently during the quizzing, the defendant conferred with his lawyers and many times further questions, sometimes along a new line of examination, were asked the witness.

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The history of the Hickman case is brief, extending over a period of but little more than a year. During the Christmas holidays, 1914, Will Hickman was ex-sheriff of Coke County, T. A. Griffith was deputy-sheriff, having gone into office shortly after Hickman's term as sheriff had expired.

An old trouble is said to have caused ill feeling between the two men. During Hickman's term of office, Griffith was arrested upon some charge, and, it is understood, went to jail. The first killing was in Bronte. Hickman sat in Ed Walton's real estate office with Walter Kiker, a deputy sheriff and P. W. Huddman, justice of the peace. Griffith is said to have walked in and fired two shots from a six-shooter into the ex-sheriff's body.

A charge of murder was filed in the district court of Coke County at Robert Lee and Griffith was released under a \$10,000 bond.

Less than six months elapsed before the second shooting occurred. Bob Hickman, the defendant in the present case, operated a mercantile store in Bronte. Griffith walked in front of Bridge's Hardware Store, across the street one day during the early summer of 1915, and was shot twice with a shot gun. Death resulted within thirty minutes. Bob Hickman was placed under arrest.

The grand jury of Coke County indicted Bob Hickman for murder and placed his bond at \$7,000. This he made and was released.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stevens of Miles, who attended the Nicholson-Boyd nuptials in Ballinger, returned home Monday at noon.

Mothers! Your cares in comforting the aches and pains of the family from youth to old age, are lessened when you use this old and trust-worthy remedy—

Sloan's Liniment

Bruises—Rheumatism—Neuralgia

Mothers: "Keep a bottle in your home"

Price 25c., 50c. and \$1.00

2-YEAR-OLD NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH

A two year old negro boy was fatally burned in a servants house near the standpine about noon Thursday. The child had been left with two older children, the oldest about six or seven years old, while the mother had gone to her work. It is supposed that its clothing caught fire while the child was playing in the fire. It ran out in the yard screaming and the screams attracted the white people in the neighborhood, but its clothing had been burned from its body when help arrived. The little negro was still living at four o'clock this afternoon, but the physicians says there is no chance for its recovery as the skin on the body and face was all burned off, an ddeath is only a matter of a very short time.

The two year old negro baby that was burned to death about noon Thursday, was buried today. The child died yesterday afternoon, only living a few hours.

A negro man circulated among his white friends and raised the money to defray the burial expenses, and the child was buried in the negro section of the City Cemetery.

KIDNEY MEDICINE

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root sells well with us because it invariably produces good results in Kidney, Liver and Bladder troubles. We sold a dollar bottle to one of the inmates of our Soldiers' Home near here, and after using it he brought in about one dozen gravel stones some as large as a pea, which he had passed. He states that he obtained wonderful relief from the use of Swamp-Root.

ERNEST A. BROWN,
Lafayette, Ind.
Personally appeared before me this 28th day of July, 1909, Ernest A. Brown, of the Brown Drug Co., who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

DAVID BRYAN, Notary Public

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

I. L. Baird, Lee Thomas, and Will Brown of Winters, came in Saturday and the latter gentleman left for Marlin to use the hot water baths for the benefit of his rheumatism.

Elder W. D. Black, of Thorp Springs, who preached at Hatchel and dedicated their new church at that place Sunday, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

MAKES HIS BIG MONEY ON TURKEYS

While in Winters a few days ago the writer met R. R. Morgan, who was in the bank banking his money and transacting business like a millionaire. Mr. Morgan raised cotton last year, but cotton was not his largest crop. Cotton did not bring him the most money, and the returns from his cotton did not figure the largest profit.

"Here's a man—a small farmer, who sold \$450 worth of turkeys," said Jno. Q. McAdams with whom Mr. Morgan was transacting some business at the time. "That's a good story for your paper," said the Winters banker, "and he raised some cotton too."

In conversation with Mr. Morgan we learned that his cotton crop brought him about \$450—no more than he received from his turkey crop. When asked which netted him the greatest profit he very promptly replied "my turkeys."

Diversification is credited with the good bank deposits of this county and the increased bank accounts. There was a time when the money was in the hands of a few and the great majority of the farmers were buying on a credit. They are raising something to eat and a surplus to sell, and where such farming methods are practiced it will swell the bank deposits every time.

START COMPLETE CHICKEN FACTORY Costs one Dollar. California Natural Hen Incubator—PATENTED.

Often made for less than dollar. Any capacity. Hundreds of thousands sold. Highly endorsed by College Agriculture, Florida University. Clearly drawn working plans and right to make for personal use, also three valuable up to minute Poultry Premiums. Total cost One Dollar.

REPRESENTATIVE, Natural Hen Incubator Company. Metropolitan Cafe, Ballinger. Circulars Sub Agents Wanted. 1912td-2tw-pd.

CITY POLL TAXES FALL FAR SHORT

Up to noon Wednesday Tax Collector Lusk had only issued 159 city poll tax receipts out of about 500 assessed. Only ten days remain in which to qualify for voting. The tax collectors will no doubt be rushed to the limit during the last day or two of the month. If you wait until the last minute and then fail to get your tax receipt you will no doubt regret.


Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gannaway are visiting relatives and friends and looking after their farm interests in the Wingate country.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life. If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excited; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions. It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength. Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

On Account of Unfavorable Weather, We Will Continue Our MID-WINTER CLEARANCE SALE ANOTHER WEEK

IN addition we place on sale a new line of "Dove Under-Muslins" which we will sell at Great reductions in order to introduce them. This is a high-grade line of underwear and is bought by the most fastidious. These garments were bought when prices were 20 to 25 per cent lower than they are today. The styles are the very latest. We offer you a wide choice of dainty designs,

DOVE

Under-muslins
 We are Showing the Latest Styles

with beautiful and attractive trimmings--lace and embroideries. The garments are made of fresh crisp and substantial nainsooks, cambrics, batiste, muslin, etc. Seldom are such



attractive under-muslins priced so low as during this sale. This will be the season's biggest under-muslin event. Visit our sale this and next week. It will pay you big.

SALE CLOSES JANUARY 29th

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

"Quality First"

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Voters of Runnels County: I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

I am asking that you elect me again because I have got to have work of some kind and as I understand the duties of Treasurer and like that kind of work, I feel that I am better qualified to fill the office than any other line of work.

During the time I have served you as Treasurer, I have done my best to perform the duties of the office and my books are subject to your inspection.

You may ask the Commissioners Court as to the condition of my reports when turned over to them for approval.

On account of my work I will be unable to make a close canvass of the county, so if I do not see you in person, I now ask for your vote and influence, and I assure you if I am elected to the office I will certainly appreciate it and will perform the duties of the office as I have in the past.

Respectfully yours,
 W. L. BROWN.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

To My Friends: It is my desire to notify you formally at this time that I am

THE NEWEST REMEDY FOR Backache, Rheumatism and Dropsy.

KIDNEY, BLADDER and URIC ACID troubles bring misery to many. When the kidneys are weak or diseased, these natural filters do not cleanse the blood sufficiently, and the poisons are carried to all parts of the body. There follow depression, aches, and pains, heaviness, drowsiness, irritability, headaches, chilliness and rheumatism. In some people there are sharp pains in the back and loins, distressing bladder disorders and sometimes obstinate dropsy. The uric acid sometimes forms into gravel or kidney stones. When the uric acid affects the muscles and joints, it causes lumbago, rheumatism, gout or sciatica. Write Dr. Pierce at once. Send 10c. for large trial pkg. "Anuric." During digestion uric acid is absorbed into the system from meat eaten, and even from some vegetables. The poor kidneys get tired and backache begins. This is a good time to take "Anuric," the new discovery of Dr. Pierce for kidney trouble and backache. 50c. at druggists.

asking you to make me your tax collector for the ensuing term.

When first approached on this subject I was undecided as to my action in the matter, but from the large number of people who have voluntarily asked me to make the race, I feel it to be the will of the most people that I again fill that office.

In the past it has been by endeavor to please the patrons of the office and courtesy and efficiency have been my aim. Each of you whom I have served while in office must judge as to my success in my endeavors. I can do no better than to promise you the same service in the future if reelected.

I am most grateful for the support I have received in the past and wish to thank you all for the same. If my private life and official conduct have been such that the majority of the people wish me to continue to fill the tax collector's office, I shall feel that my best efforts have been appreciated and rewarded and shall thank you all very much for same.

Sincerely yours,
 W. T. PADGETT.

TO THE VOTERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of tax assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. For the benefit of some who do not know me I wish to state that I have been a citizen of this county for eleven years. I have farmed until three years ago. I am familiar with the value of all kinds of property which I think is a very essential qualification for a man who asks the citizens to elect him to such an important office. As I am well acquainted with all parts of the county I feel that I can fill the office very satisfactorily if elected. I will make a strong effort to see each and every voter in the county before the election. I sincerely ask for a due consideration and investigation of my candidacy.

Sincerely yours,
 JOE TURNER.

12 YEARS BOOSTING CROWNED SUCCESS

(By Uncle Johnnie)

For twelve years the Banner-Ledger has been publishing these musings. Gentlemen, I thank you. Through these columns I have tried to keep Mazeland in the forefront. I have also spoken for the entire county the good opinion of all good citizens. Notwithstanding the adverse opinion of some, I have tried to be conservative and fair. I have been outspoken in everything that I believed to be for the betterment of the county and community. I have nothing to retract. I had rather die than compromise my honest convictions.

I believe that Runnels county is as good as any county in the state. I said that when it was as dry as a sermon on procrastination. I said if you would stick to it when it was dry it would stick to you when it got wet. I dare say that there is not a county in the state in better shape financially.

Farmers have more money in bank. There is perhaps more cotton being held than ever before, there are more hogs, Jersey cows, horses and mules, than ever and there is not a pessimist in the county but that will admit that the county is on a sounder and firmer basis than ever before in its history. There are autos.

We feel like congratulating the Banner-Ledger on keeping pace with progress. The experimental stage has been passed and the county has gone forward with such leaps and bounds that other counties are limping along behind green with envy.

Runnels is certainly to be congratulated. While floods have swept some sections and insect pests have devastated others, Runnels has made bumper crops of everything and the weather for gathering has simply been ideal.

People are coming here for employment. Of all the people around the world the people of Runnels county should be the most grateful. If omnipotence holds the destiny of a county in

the hollow of the hand, Runnels destiny is the brightest ever. Twelve years ago Jim Allen said that he would put a monument on every man's grave who starved in Runnels county. I thought then that he would be building monuments the rest of his natural life. But he never has been out a cent and now the probability is past and "Old Jim" will have to look for some other channel through which to get rid of his wealth.

Runnels is coming in on the wave-crest, she is enjoying a regular giggle-fest. The sorriest old piece of meat in the county is singing her praises. Prosperity is cackling louder than ever before.

The old Redneck who owns dirt in this county can now put a \$6.00 hat on the northwest corner of his head, put a long Havana in the southeast corner of his mouth, put his thumbs in his vest holes and parade up and down Runnels county like a peacock, in full feather.

Our old wool hat is still flying in the air for Runnels at large and Mazeland in particular.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured. with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O.
 Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bauman and baby returned home Tuesday afternoon from a visit to relatives at Miles.

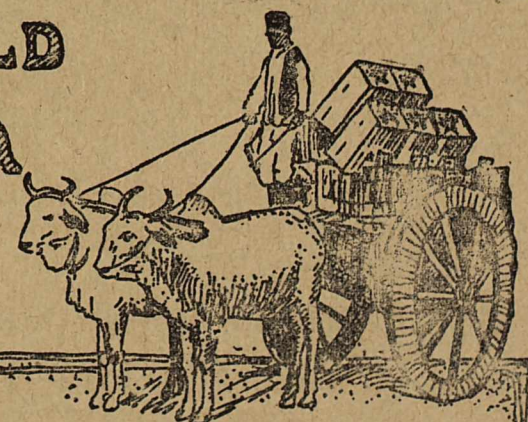
BOOST FOR BALLINGER BAND.

A member of the Texas Show, which recently visited Ballinger in writing to The Billboard, a theatrical magazine of national reputation, gives Ballinger some advertising by complimenting the Ballinger band and its director. The writer to the local show magazine says of the local band: "We met some old trouper in Ballinger, Texas, this

week, including Joe T. Ward, director of the Ballinger band. A real band man is Ward and he has a real band."

Mrs. Crooms, of Talpa, was shopping in Ballinger between trains Monday and was accompanied home by little Miss Katharina Doose, who will visit her aunt, Mrs. Maude Foreman at that place a few days.

IN OLD INDIA



ALTHOUGH the railroads run up and down the length and breadth of India, and autos are not unknown, the rough cart drawn by the sacred bull is still a common sight.

Occasionally we are obliged to call upon one of these picturesque primitive conveyances to deliver TEXACO Oils.

Our business in India includes not only the sale of large quantities of burning oils to the natives, but the supply of lubricants to the big cotton mills and other industries, and a great many other oil products.

This distant business is held by the quality of TEXACO Products. They must pay their way in such markets by their economy.

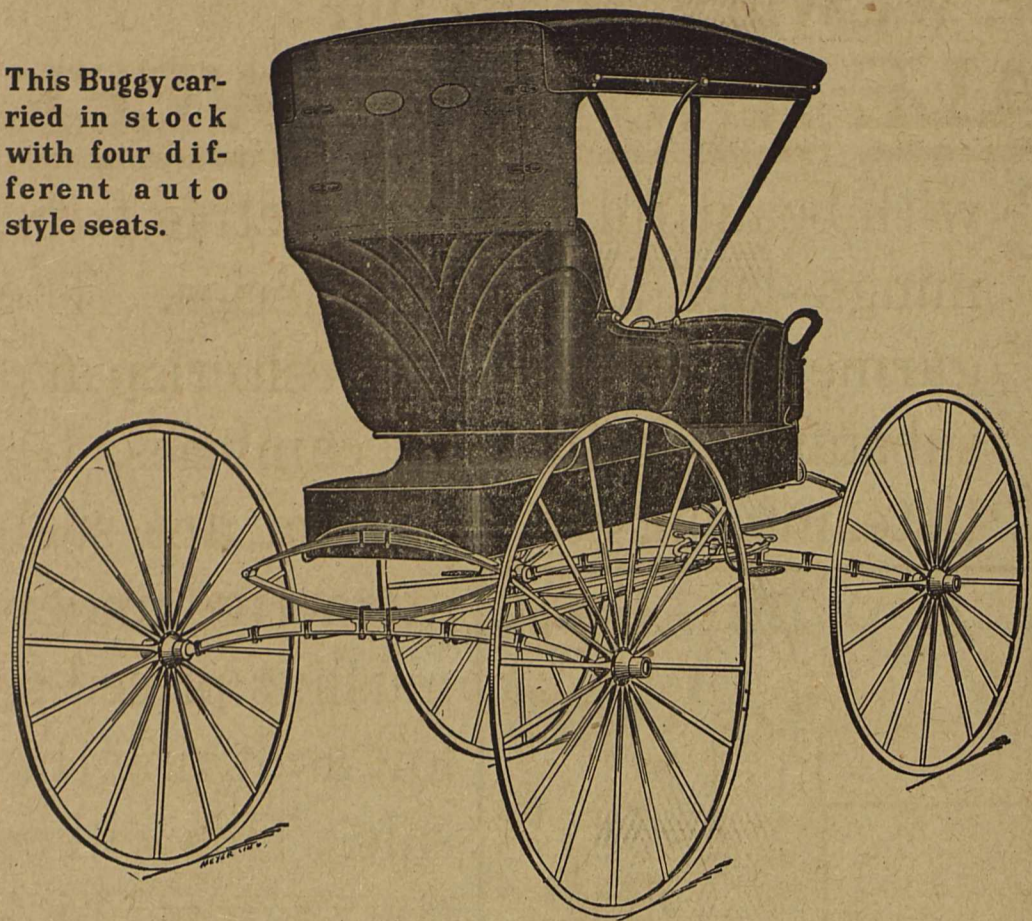
That is why TEXACO Petroleum Products are in demand the world over. That is why your neighbors ask for them and why you should use them.

There is a TEXACO Agent near you. Let us serve you through him.

The Texas Company
 General Offices: Houston, Texas
 Agents Everywhere

From the Store of Good Values

This Buggy carried in stock with four different auto style seats.



It is, always has been, and always will be our aim to give greater values for the money. This doesn't mean cheaper goods but it means more true worth for the money expended.

Great care has been used by our buyers in the vehicle line and we have found that the extra time it takes to select a line is time well spent. You profit by our experience. If you want real service for your money

A Log Wagon has STRENGTH, but you wouldn't buy it for STYLE.

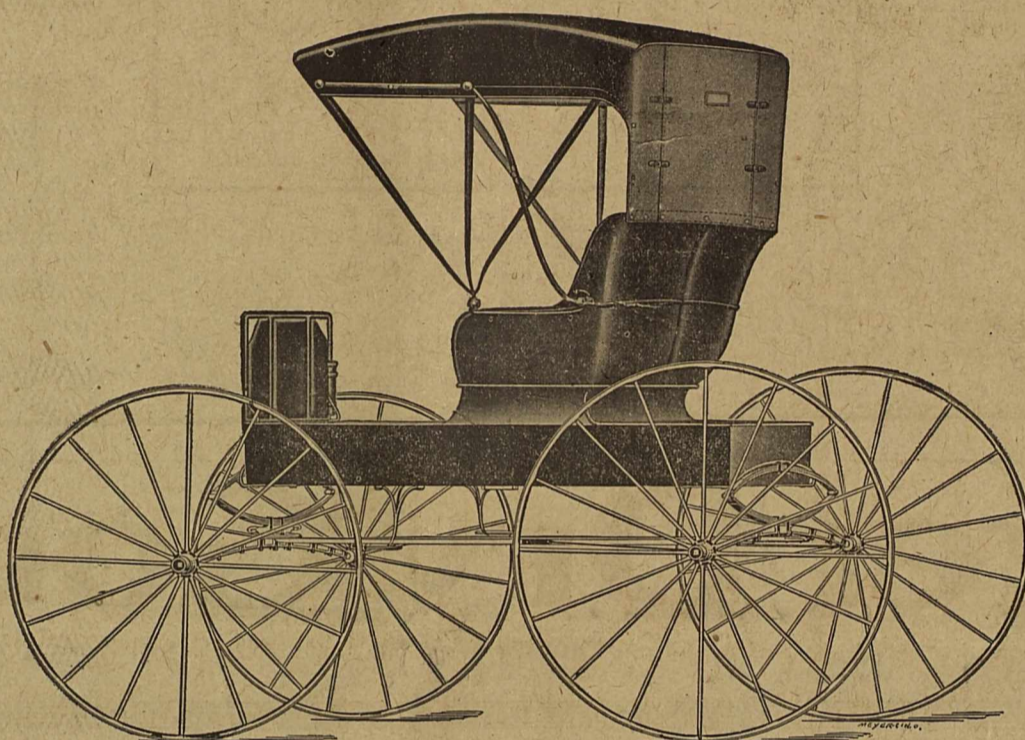
In buying a light horse-drawn vehicle you must get B O T H. The natural solution—and one which you will not regret—is to buy a PARRY.

They're designed by workmen who've had years of vehicle experience, and nothing but best grade materials find a place in their construction.

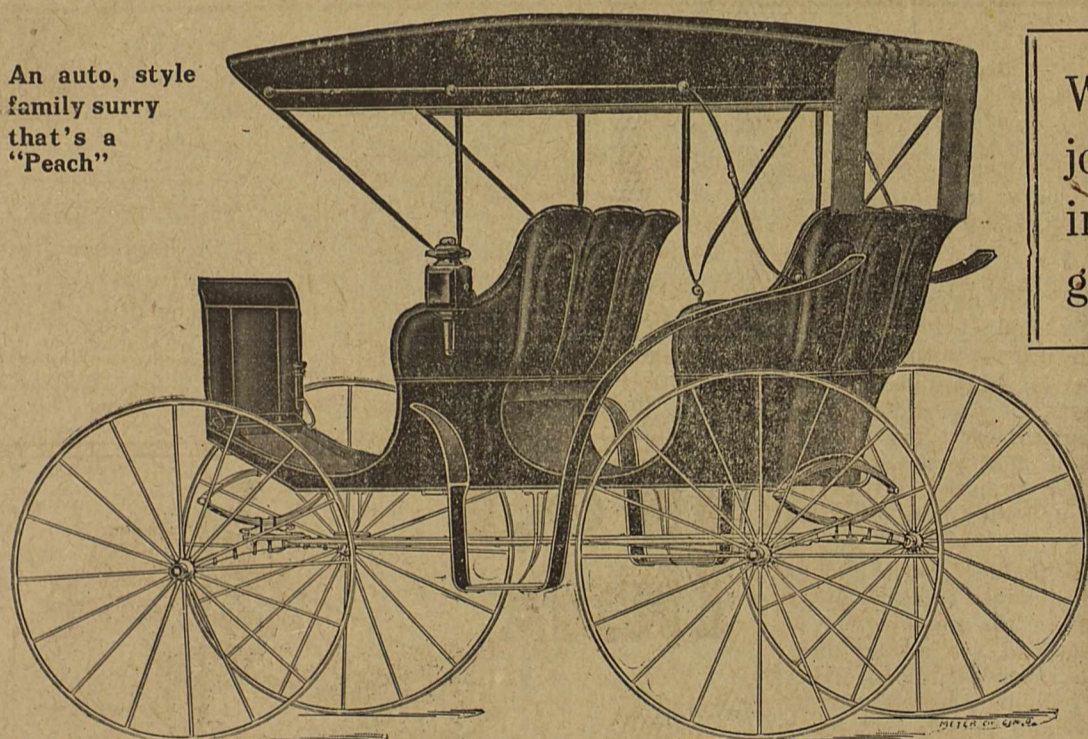
PARRY BUGGIES

will just exactly "fill the bill"

We have investigated the products of numerous reliable manufacturers and decided to handle the Parry line in preference to all others, because in our estimation it offers the most real vehicle for the price.

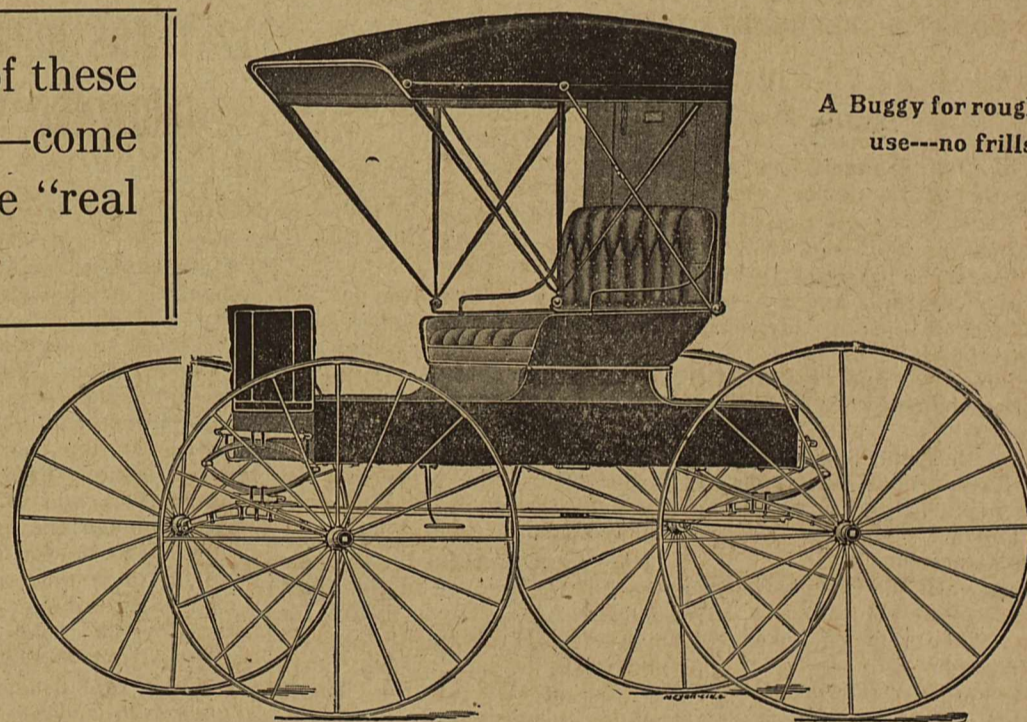


An auto, style family surry that's a "Peach"



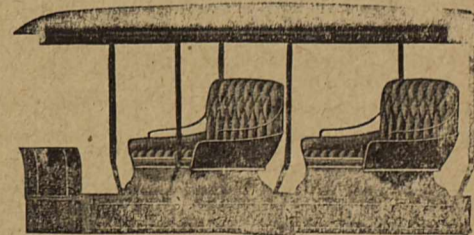
We have all of these jobs in stock—come in and see the "real goods."

A Buggy for rough use---no frills



Manufactured on our personal orders by the Parry Manufacturing Company at Indianapolis, Indiana. The largest factory in the world devoted to the manufacture of horse-drawn vehicles: For 33 years they've been engaged in building nothing but this class of goods. Their workmen are experienced and proficient; the factory is located right in the heart of the good hickory territory and within easy access to the markets that supply the other raw materials which go into buggies. This means that the manufacturing cost of these vehicles is cut to a minimum.

Quantity buying enables us to get advantage of every possible discount on the purchase price of these jobs and all of these things together enable us to fix retail prices that mean Real Economy to every vehicle user who buys here.



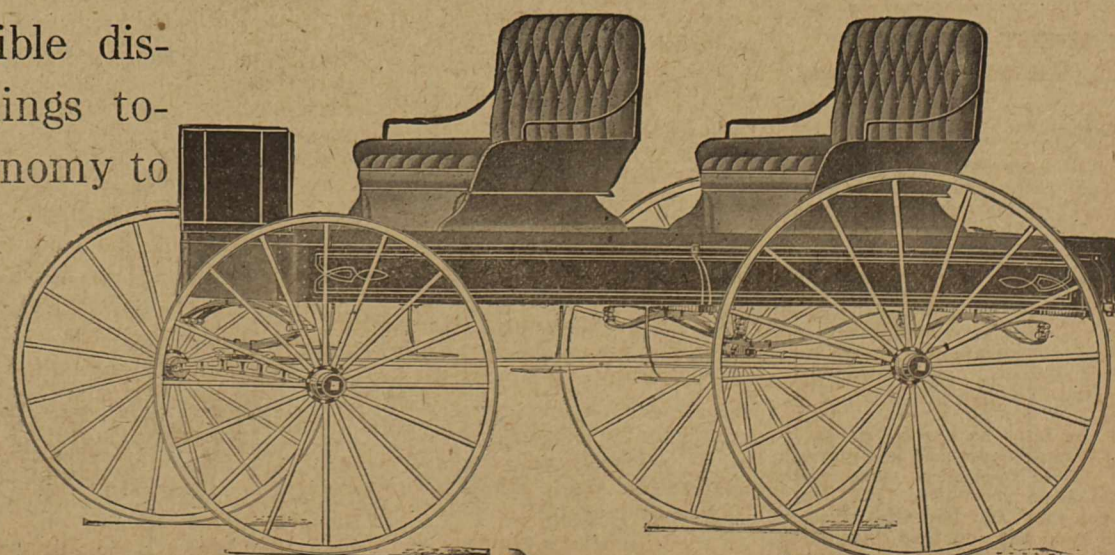
Top furnished regularly on this spring wagon.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-
WILLIAMS COMPANY**

BALLINGER,

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TEXAS



New Cornice Brake Installed. CONTRACTORS

Get your cornice, gutters, ridgeroll, or any kind of special tinwork from us. Save trouble and time and get it at home.

We Repair Windmills

Repairing pumps, windmills, tanks, troughs, etc, is done by men who know. Call us for your trouble.

Dunn and Glenn
Telephone No. 22 Ballinger, Texas

For Reliable Abstract Work See

SECURITY TITLE CO.

"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Headquarters For

STANDARD IMPLEMENTS

Just received another car load of the famous "crop-makers," Standard Disc Plows, Standard Disc Harrows, with seeders. A complete tin shop in connection, send us your orders for cisterns, tanks, troughs, gutter work and everything in this line. Prompt attention to orders, quick service and full values. We solicit your orders, and will appreciate your business

Hall Hardware Co.

Effective January 10th, 1916

To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of workmen and by so doing, conduct a Quality Service Station only. Can take care of any high-class technical job requiring skill and painstaking care.

Owing to the shop requiring all of my time and the extra cost of collections, I am discontinuing the monthly account system. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours Truly
H. M. LEACH

CAN YOU VOTE IN A PRO ELECTION?

Every good citizen should strain a point and make an effort to pay his poll tax, whether he anticipates the benefits to be derived from the privilege it will give him to have a voice in the selection of men to fill the various offices and in passing upon questions that will be submitted to the people from time to time.

It is probable that you are not interested in the selection of county and state officers. One man may suit you as well as another, and your desire to see any particular man elected to office may not prompt you to dig down in your pocket to the tune of \$1.75.

It is a foregone fact that other questions will be submitted to the voters of this county before the year is far spent. What position will you occupy when it comes to exercising your rights as an American citizen? Will you be able to express yourself at the polls, or will you have to let the other fellow set the standard and dictate to you how the old town and county shall be controlled?

Just for argument's sake, suppose that petitions were now being prepared for a prohibition election in this county, and that a sufficient number of signatures were affixed to the same and presented to the commissioners' court at its February meeting calling for an election to determine whether saloons shall open for business in this county or not, and that the court should order an election some time during the early days of March, could you vote? Mr. Anti could you vote? Mr. Pro could you vote?

The records in the tax collector's office show that the voters are indifferent and slow, and unless there is a rush during the remaining ten days in which voters can qualify, many will be disappointed.

A poll tax receipt issued after twelve o'clock on the night of January 31, is not good for a vote.

How To Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kill sand expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough, and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

A VIOLATION OF LAW.

There is an ordinance on the city records that forbids the blocking of the streets and sidewalks of Ballinger, and there is considerable complaint that the street in front of the City Wagon Yard and the Ballinger Wagon Yard and back of the Hall Hardware Co. store, is blocked most all the time, and especially first Monday, by transient horse traders and the farmers and public hitch, and also they spend nearly the entire weeks on that street lie generally cannot find a place and litter up the same and build fires in the streets that is a dangerous proposition. We understand Street & Middleton have agreed to put up hitching racks and provide a ground at their trading barn on Tenth street, on which the traders could meet on first Monday and other days and then the main streets of the city would not be blocked and it could also be kept cleaned all the time.

The citizen should see that this state of affairs does not exist any longer.

Jeanes Produce Company famous home-made East Texas have a fresh shipment of their Ribbon can syrup at 65c per gallon. You will have to hurry if you get yours. 11-2td-2tw

BIDDING FOR JACK RABBITS

The Business League is in receipt of a letter from a Temple produce company offering to buy all the jack rabbits that are killed in the various drives to be made in this county during the next two or three months. The letter says in part:

"I notice that the farmers of your county are going to have a rabbit drive on Wednesday the 19th, we are trying an experiment on jack rabbit meat, and if we can make a success we will be in position to handle all the jacks in Texas, and pay a price for them that will get the majority of them killed. Please wire me at my expense whether these rabbits could be bought delivered the nearest R. R. station and about how many they expect to get in the drive. If we can establish a market for jack rabbit meat it will put lost of money in West Texas, as well as get rid of a pest that is destroying thousands of dollars worth of property annually."

BREAKS A COLD IN FEW HOURS--TRY IT

First dose of Pape's Cold Compound relieves all gripe misery.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

"Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only 25 cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute.

RABBIT HUNT POSTPONED.

We are requested to announce that the rabbit hunt that was scheduled for the W. E. Allen pasture and that section, on Wednesday, January 19th, has been postponed to Wednesday, Jan. 26th, on next week, on account of the severe cold weather. If nothing prevents the hunt will be pulled off Wednesday of the above date.

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

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Master Billie McAlpine was operated upon at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Monday for appendicitis and the many friends will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely at present.

Wm. Ledford, of Talpa, representative of the famous Busby gloves, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Drs. Forbes & Watson

Veterinary Surgeons, San Angelo, Ballinger and Coleman, Texas. E. R. Forbes, V. S. formerly State Veterinarian of Texas. T. W. Watson, V. S. formerly President State Board Veterinary Medical Examiners, of Texas. Specialties—Surgery, Dentistry, Lameness and Ranch Practice, Tuberculin testing of cattle. Calls to ranches in any part of the state promptly answered. Office at The Union Wagon Yard Ballinger, Texas.

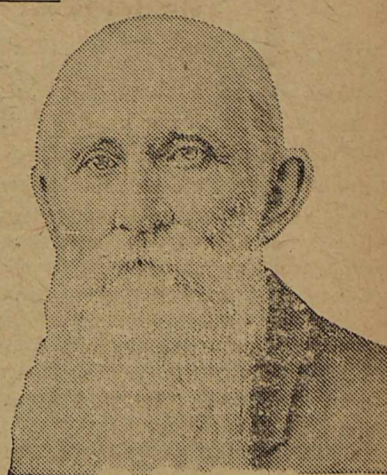
Healthy Old Age Brings Happiness

Simple Remedy Promotes Health
By Overcoming Tendency
to Constipation.

Advancing years impair the action of the vital organs. Old age should be the period of greatest happiness, but good health is necessary. Constipation should not be tolerated—it is often the direct cause of ill health.

Headache, belching, biliousness, bloating, drowsiness after eating and other symptoms of constipation can be readily relieved by the use of a simple laxative compound sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Mr. J. H. Bristol, 1412 Geddes Ave Ann Arbor, Mich., who is 83 years old, says "Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best remedy I ever used for constipation and I always have a bottle of it in the house to use when I feel the need of it; it never disappoints."

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a mild laxative preparation, positive in its effect, acting easily and



Mr. J. H. Bristol

naturally without griping or other pain or discomfort. For over a quarter of a century it has been the standard household remedy in thousands of homes. Druggists everywhere sell it for fifty cents a bottle. A trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

BOB HICKMAN ON TRIAL AT ANGELO

(San Angelo Standard)

Bob Hickman of Coke County, went on trial in the Tom Green County district court Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He is charged with the murder of T. A. Griffith, also of Coke County. More than one hundred witnesses have been summoned and from a special venire of one hundred men a jury is being selected Monday afternoon.

Sixty witnesses and persons interested in the case arrived on the Orient from the north at 11 o'clock today. A good percentage of the voting population of Coke County is said to have been represented in the number. Due to the fact that the train does not arrive until 10:50 o'clock, the beginning of proceedings was postponed until 1:30 p. m.

The court room was crowded almost to its capacity when the examination of the veniremen began promptly on time. R. D. Barron and M. Elliott were the first two men called to the stand and both were excused. The witnesses have been dismissed until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Judge W. A. Wright of San Angelo, and J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, are representing Hickman, while District Attorney Alex Collins will prosecute.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

W. F. Atnip of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says he is fearful that the oat crop is gone to the bad without a warm rain soon.

R. B. Griffith of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Rowena to attend the County Farmers' Union meeting and will go on to San Angelo to attend the district meeting of the organization.

Women of Sedentary Habits: Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in a constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Robert French, of Brownwood representative of the Brownwood Marble Works, was looking after his company's interests in Ballinger Monday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

HERE TO CONDUCT TICK ERADICATION

Dr. D. E. Warner, with headquarters at Sweetwater, is in Ballinger and will spend some time in this county inaugurating the work of dipping cattle and freeing the county of cattle tick. The law adopted in an election held last fall has become effective and the inspectors will get busy and enforce the law.

Dr. Warner is working under the direction of the Live Stock Sanitary Board. He will aid in teaching the cattlemen and all those who have cattle infected with ticks how to handle them in dipping. The county will provide dipping vats and the work will be carried on in a systematic way until all the cattle in the county are free of ticks.



A TEXAS WONDER
THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2928 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

BIG BUILDING LITTLE PATCHING

We can supply the material for your big building job or the little patch work around your home. You do yourself an injustice if you fail to let us figure on your lumber bill.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

I Buy, Sell and Trade For Most Any Old Thing.

Viols and Bicycles Repaired. Also Furniture Storage.

Jewel Cunningham

Ballinger, Texas
Next Door to Globe Store

GALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS GENTLY

Don't lose a day's work! If your liver is sluggish or bowels constipated take "Dodson's Liver Tone."

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quick-silver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guar-

antee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

NO VIOLATION TO PAY OTHER MAN'S POLL

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 17.—No indictments will be returned by the federal grand jury against local citizens who, it was alleged, paid poll taxes for others illegally during January, 1914. Federal authorities, it was learned today, have reached the conclusion that payment of the taxes in this instance was not a violation of the law.

For months those "inside" have either feared or hoped that many men prominent in politics of southwestern Texas would become involved in a case that would revive memories of Terre Haute and Corpus Christi. It was alleged that the poll tax campaign was conducted in all the big cities of the state to help defeat prohibition and elect a governor who would follow Gov. Ferguson's policies. It was contended that the poll taxes were paid to influence the contest for the congressional nomination between Congressman James L. Slayden and Judge M. D. Slaton. It was proven, however, that Judge Slaton was not even mentioned as a candidate until April whereas all the poll taxes were paid prior to Feb. 1.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trasspass 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,
wif Concho county, Tex

LARGE CROWDS ALL DAY.

The big clearing sale at the Ballinger Dry Goods Co.'s store is drawing large crowds and Saturday the store was crowded from morning till late at night and the entire sales force assisted by quite a number of clerks for the occasion, were as busy as bees. The bargains are rare and many citizens of both town and country will no doubt avail themselves of this opportunity to stock up.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

H. L. Wendorf shipped out Saturday three new saddles to a customer at Norton. These saddles will cost the buyer a total of \$75, and another one valued at \$65 was also sold to a rancher at Garden City.

MYSTERIOUS ALPINE MURDER.

Alpine, Tex., Jan. 14.—S. D. Beach, aged about 45, was shot and instantly killed here last night while sitting at a table with his wife and children, about 8 o'clock. His assailant, who has not been arrested, crept to a window and fired one shot thru the glass. The bullet struck Beach in the neck, severing his spine.

Beach had lived here for the past three years, being district agent for a sewing machine company.

He came here from Corpus Christi, Texas, and was said to have been in failing health at that time. He was well and favorably known here. Beach's coming to Alpine followed his being indicted with several prominent citizens in Corpus Christi for alleged election frauds. He was prominently identified with city politics there.

Brewster county officers are working on the case and believe they have clues which will lead to an arrest.

The Gist of It.

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere.

STOLED HIS GARDEN SEED.

N. Passur says he lost the profit on a case of garden seed between noon and three o'clock this afternoon, when some one "swiped" thirty-eight packages of seed from his store. Mr. Passur says he does not enjoy being robbed in such way in broad open day light and he called on the officers to help him catch the thief.

THURMAN RE-ELECTED.

We are glad to note that John Thurman has been re-elected vice-president of his bank at Santa Anna. Mr. Thurman is one of the charter members of the bank, having been elected vice-president when the bank was organized a year ago. The bank scored success for the first year. Mr. Thurman was here formerly with the boys in the Ballinger banks and was here Sunday to spend the day with friends.

J. S. Cooper of the New Home neighborhood, came in Monday to meet his wife and baby who returned home on the noon train from a visit to relatives in Houston.

OFFICERS ELECTED BUSINESS LEAGUE

The new directors of the Business League met Saturday afternoon and organized by electing Mr. E. D. Walker president, and Mr. August Vogelsang, vice-president. Mr. Oscar Pearson was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors.

The acting secretary, A. E. Burges, was reelected for the year 1916.

It was decided to launch a campaign for an increased membership. Each of the farmer directors was designated as a committee to work his own community and secure new members, asking each of them to pay one dollar per year as membership dues. The secretary was instructed to complete the canvass of the town, getting new members who are to pay one dollar a month or more, as dues.

A systematic campaign of outside advertising as extensive as funds will permit will be launched by the League at once.

The secretary's plan to make an economic survey of Ballinger and its resources was approved by the directors. The object of this survey is to gather detailed and useful information about Ballinger and its trade territory that the League may be able to handle more intelligently the problems which confront it.

An educational campaign for good roads of the right sort built and maintained in the right way, will be carried on during the year by the League and when the time seems ripe, definite action looking toward the building of good roads out of Ballinger will be taken.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915. At all druggists.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS GRADUALLY INCREASE

In order to qualify for voting, more than fifteen hundred people in this county must pay their taxes within the remaining fourteen business days of this month, and the collector must issue an average of over one hundred receipts per day.

Up to date, less than one-half the poll tax payers of the county have paid their taxes. Of course this means that the tax collector will be compelled to work overtime, and the rush is picking up now. It also means that the fellow who waits until the eleventh hour may be cheated out of his vote in the hot campaign that is promised.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

ANOTHER FARMER BUYS CAR.

R. P. Kirk sold and delivered to B. F. Kemp last week, a Studebaker auto. Mr. Kemp is one of the prosperous farmers of Elm Creek between Ballinger and Old Rannels.

Aug. Vogelsang of the Hatchel country, and Uncle Johnnie Hoffman of the Benoit country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and the latter gentleman renewed with The Banner-Ledger and Dallas News for another year.

A. L. Kerley and daughter, Miss Pauline, of Hatchel, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Miles to visit relatives a few days.

C. E. Crowson, a former citizen of the Truitt country, but now near Rowena, was among business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Don't Cheat Yourself!

We are not only a convenience but a MONEY SAVER for you.

PIANOS MUSIC

We must satisfy you because nothing else will satisfy us.

The Music House Reliable

GEO. ALLEN
of Western Texas,
SAN ANGELO

Established in 1890

WILSON'S PLAN TO MOBILIZE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Wilson has begun work to put into operation the plan he outlined in his last message to congress for preparing the nation's manufacturing, railroad and other business resources for quick mobilization in case of emergency. It became known last night that he had written to the heads of all the principal engineering organizations asking that they appoint representatives to collect data for use in organizing business for national defense, in time of danger.

The letters, one of which was made public in New York by W. L. Saunders, president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers went also to the president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Chemical Society.

The work of collecting data will be carried on by the representatives of the organization in conjunction with the civilian naval consulting board.

When the plans tentatively drawn up by the president and his advisers are completed, machinery will be set going which is expected to place in the hands of the government complete information regarding business and industrial resources which would have to be called to the assistance of the army and navy in time of war.

When the president addresses the railroad Business Association banquet in New York January 27 he is expected to refer to the advisability of having the railroads and concerns which manufacture railroad supplies co-operate in the general mobilization plans. The army war college already has in its possession much data necessary for the proper movement of troops in time of war, but the administration desires the active assistance of railroad executives and manufacturers in completing this fund of information and keeping it up to date.

George A. Post, president of the Railroad Business association has informed the president that his organization is willing to co-operate in this work.

Other associations of business and professional men will be asked to help.

We are in the market for all the oats and wheat in Rannels County. Don't sell until you get our prices. Missouri Milling Co. 13-3td-3tw.

BARBER SHOP TO MOVE

The north half of the building formerly occupied by N. Passur, is being fitted up for a barber shop and the Ballinger Barber Shop located in the Miller building, on the opposite side of the street will occupy the new stand.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass in any way on my property or property controlled by me or you will be dealt with as the law directs. JAKE STUBBLEFIELD, Norton, Tex. 17-ftw

A. W. Savoy was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to the address of his friends Will J. Wallace, of Mullin, for the ensuing year.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST FIELD CROP

DALLAS, Jan. 17.—At the annual convention of the Texas Industrial Congress the prizes for the best field crops, livestock and gardens were awarded. The capital prize of \$500 was adjudged to Alvin Tiroff of Wilbarger County. Mr. Tiroff produced 4.64 tons of cowpea hay; 42.64 bushels of corn; 2 tons of kaffir heads and 1.87 bales of cotton on four acres at a total net profit of \$244.11.

Lynn Walker of Decatur, produced 117.9 bushels of corn on one acre and was awarded the first prize of \$200 in the Texas Corn Club. The second prize went to Frank W. Helton of Wheeler County, who grew 83.89 bushels on his acre. Sam Villiva of Jefferson County ranked third having a yield of 83.25 bushels.

In the forage crop contest Karl Wolf of Haskell County, won first prize. He grew 4.89 tons of milo maize heads on one acre. J. S. Calhoun of Hall County, and Garland Whitt of Floyd County were awarded the second and third prizes. Mrs. Karl Wolf took the second prize in this class in 1914.

Irby Smith of Hopkins County, led all contestants in the Texas Peanut Club with a yield of 4 2-3 tons of peanuts and peanut hay. This crop cost \$2.41 per ton to produce and netted a profit of \$175. Wm. Norman Ray of Comanche County won second prize and produced 3.78 tons of hay and nuts. Leone Holmes of Nacadoches County won the third prize.

R. F. Oakley and his sister, Mary Oakley, of Nolan County, were awarded first and second prizes in the Kleberg Beef Club. In the Pryor Baby Beef Club Horace Hamilton of Grays on County, was awarded \$200, having added 251 pounds in weight to his calf during a feeding period of 123 days at a cost of .054 cents a pound. Josephine Milberger of Hill County stood second.

Andrew Carey of Taylor County was first in the Hog Club; his hog showed a gain in weight of two pounds per day during a feeding period of 123 days. Pearl Lee of Comanche County stood second in this class. The reports of contestants in the Home and School Garden Class show some remarkable records. Billy Minter, a ten-year old school boy of Austin, on a backyard garden, measuring ten by twenty feet, grew 573 pounds of vegetables valued at \$32.32, at a cost of \$5; his net profit was \$1.27 per square yard; at this rate an acre would net \$6,143. Willie and Fred Rosenburg of Decatur, who cultivated their gardens on a commercial scale, each produced approximately \$200 worth of vegetables, netting them \$175 each.

The general averages per acre of the contestants are as follows: cowpeas 3.3 tons of dry hay; kaffir, milo or feterita 3.16 tons of heads; 68.04 bushels of corn; 1.18 bales of cotton; 2.94 tons of peanuts and peanut hay; 24.5 bushels of wheat and 57 bushels of oats. The average net profit of the boys and girls in the Pryor Baby Beef Club was \$5.16, and \$8.51 in the Hog Club. In the garden contest the average net profit was \$50.15.

The Congress has issued its prize announcement for 1916 and will send entry blanks to any one upon application.

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y. writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere.

BUSINESS CHANGES IN ROWENA TOWN

Kuhn & Haverland are moving into their new building and Mrs. Patterson is expected to move into the building vacated by the barbers while Dr. Shiller will move his stock of drugs and office into the building vacated by Mrs. Patterson.—Rowena Review.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

8,742 HURT ON TEXAS RAILROADS

AUSTIN, Jan. 17.—The annual railroad report made public by the railroad commission today shows gross income of \$107,404,010 and operating expenses of \$85,900,984 for last year. 8,742 people were injured on Texas railroads during the year 1915, which is a decrease over the previous year.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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THE BEST COMPANIES
Prompt Service
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Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office.
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Are You a Woman?
Take Cardui
The Woman's Tonic
FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

A Car Load of The
Cream of the Plains Flour,
Just Received at
ROTEN'S
LUCKY GROCERY STORE.
There is none better if any as good. Try a sack
TELEPHONE 101

**PLANS
and
POLICIES
1916**

NOT LOOKING BACK-
WARD with any thought of
dissatisfaction, of the growth
of our business—but like the
sturdy oak—this business is
assuming more strength as the
years pass—which growth has
only been made possible by
your co-operation.

Creating capital, improving
conditions, gaining the confi-
dence and the good will of the
people—its career has been co-
operation, the principles, cour-
age, enterprise and energy, with
a determination of iron strength
to be worthy of the confidence
imposed in us, and we hope in
the future to even do greater
things than in the past.

Enlarged departments at
every turn.

Improved service when-
ever possible.

"The Managers"

THE REAL "SALE OF SALES" FOR THE SEASON

Remodeling Sale

Swapping Merchandise For "CASH"

Not an ordinary event—this launching of this remodeling sale—
sacrificing thousands of dollars of staple and every day articles—with
the one view in mind—sell the merchandise.

There are lines which are to be discontinued—others to take their place—hence there are real
bargains—which are worth while. This sacrifice of this merchandise is worth more to this store and
its future than a profit would be on this same merchandise.

WE NEED THE ROOM

The masons, the carpenters, and the decorators will soon be wanting space—in which to carry
forward their part of the plan which has been outlined for the coming year. These are the conditions
that give you an opportunity to supply your future needs with merchandise—below its real value.

**Telephone, Mail and Telegraph Orders Filled Promptly, But—
You had better make your arrangements to be here**

"TRUTH"

**In Our
ADVERTISING
1916**

Just a word regarding the ad-
vertisements that will appear
from time to time over the sig-
nature of this firm:

The information that we pre-
sent will be accurate in the
truest sense of the word—there
will be no deviation, no subter-
fuges—just plain unvarnished
facts about the merchandise
that we offer for sale.

There was a time when hon-
esty in advertising was an un-
known quantity. The result
was not strange—the sale
pulling power lost its effect—
now its absolute truth—its the
only policy that pays.

But the new customers of
this new store—with the old
distinctive way of selling goods
invite you to come see. If you
are skeptic—indulge with a
brief examination—there will
be a material benefit to you—
as well as our selves.

"The Ad Man"

15 Days ^{Of} Real Bargains ^{That Are} worth While ^{For} Cash

Department News

ONLY AN OUT LINE

For fear that you might forget the magnitude
which this sale covers, we outline the depart-
ments with a spirit of pride—

Dry Goods

This department is to feel the real effect of this
remodeling or expansion sale in the true sense of
the word, and the values will be far fetching—
new lines are to be added—a general tearing
down of shelving and assuming larger quarters—
will make real values.

Clothing

With practically two months more of weather
in which to wear these suits—or possibly you had
better buy your next winter's suit now, while the
prices are way below their real values. Odd pants
values, which are money savers. Boy's clothing
also the odd pants.

Shoes

Solid leather shoes, made to wear by Hamilton
Brown. The family shoe makers, offers excep-
tional values which are bound to bring results.
Every pair is included in this land slide of values
—better look up your wants during this 15 days
of cash realization sale.

Womens' Furnishings

A department which is to be added as one of
our new adventures Ladies' Ready-To-Wear for
this spring, will be a feature worth remembering
—in the meantime every garment in underwear,
both knit or muslin, hosiery and all items of wo-
men's wear are at special reductions.

Men's Furnishings

Keeping up with the times—a well assort ed
stock of dependable merchandise—the kind that
the man wants, who is particular about style and
quality. During our big remodeling and cash
realization sale—the values are unusually inter-
esting.

Implements

The excellent quality of the brands of
implements concerned in this sale must
appeal to the careful farmer. The low
prices at which we offer dependable
brands—

must command the interest of economi-
cal farmers. In both of these features
the opportunity is unmatched.

**"Some time Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack
Why Not Today."**

Wagons

The old reliable "Mitchel"—a success
for over 80 years. Every wagon is build
ed with the one idea in view which is
service—every piece of material is in-
spected by experts—which is air dried
and thoroughly seasoned, giving the
best of results—a wagon that gives sat-
isfaction. Special 15 days cash realiza-
tion prices

Buggies

The standard of high-class vehicles,
that have stood the test for 35 years—
others have come and gone—but the
old reliable "Moon" still is in the lead
for service and light running—the best
is the cheapest, better investigate this
15 days cash realization sale.

**"Some Time Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack
Why Not Today"**

Groceries

Need Any? If so a coming to this de-
partment will point the way to practi-
cal economy. We have a wide variety
of the best things to eat, in both staple
and fancy kinds—which means a saving
on your living expenses. The inside
pages carry a suggestive list—but there
are dozens of equally attractive values
—in this complete grocery store.

**"Some Time Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack
Why Not Today."**

Stoves

For 79 years this brand of stove has
stood the test—its Bridge & Beach all
the time for indurance, reliability and
economy of fuel—during our cash rea-
lization sale—there is a real saving—
better investigate.

"CASH"—Is King for 15 Days

Department News

OUR STOCKS

Completeness is the word in this store—a place
where all your needs are filled under one roof—
at prices that are reasonable and in many instan-
ces far below value—

Hardware

Have enjoyed an excellent trade for the past
few months. Now the time to clear decks and
clear house—there is a real saving for you for the
next 15 days—better buy your supply while the
profit sharing is going on.

Cream Separators

Increase your profit. There's an addition to
every farm which has as many as 3 cows—less
work, less worry, added profits. Better investi-
gate the merits of the "Baltic" or "Simplex" spe-
cial low prices.

China & Queen's Ware

Attractive bargains that are worth while in
this department in just the every day kinds and
also the real imported kinds. Odd pieces, portion
or complete sets—all at real money saying prices.

Granite & Tin Ware

Real bargains indeed this 15 days of value giv-
ing. A clearance sale has been inaugurated that
will simply sell the merchandise and bring this
store in touch with the housewives—this is bar-
gain days at this store.

Cutlery

Standard qualities that have stood the test—
knives, razors, shears, and table cutlery—"Keen
Kutter" the trade-mark that stands for quality—
with a permanent guarantee behind the buyer.
Special prices worth while.

**SALE
OPENS
SATURDAY
JANUARY
22ND**

"CASH IS KING"

**Don't Forget
The Dates**

VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

"TELL THE "TRUTH" ADVERTISERS"

Ballinger,

**Don't Forget
The Dates**

Texas

**SALE
CLOSES
Wednesday
FEBRUARY
9TH**

"CASH IS KING"

20 Pounds STANDARD GRANULATED Sugar \$1.00

With purchases of \$5.00 or more we will sell to each customer 20 pounds of standard granulated sugar. This applies to purchases in either dry goods or groceries, hardware, or implement departments.

"Cash is King."
\$1.00

REMODELING SALE

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE

In launching this real merchandise movement—where value giving will be the paramount issue—every price quoted is a bonafide price. The price inducements shown are absolutely correct both in original or former price and the price reductions which follow. It's a land-slide of values which are matchless.

15 Days of Bargains---"FOR CASH"---Regular Price On Charge Account

10 Yards Standard Calico 29c

Americans, Simpsons, and other standard brands in greys, blues, reds, and checks. The real 6c quality, our former price 5c, special 15 days sale

10 Yards for 29c
Limit 10 yards to customer

10 Yards Bleached Domestic 59c

Full 36 inch widths in such brands as you know, Lonsdale and Gold Medal, soft finish, without starch, special 15 days sale

10 Yards for 59c
Limit 10 yards to customer

8 Pounds Coffee \$1.00

A selected whole grain coffee that is evenly parched and of excellent quality, a grade that sells for 20c in a regular way. Buy all you need for a long time to come—it's bargain time.

"Cash is King."
\$1.00

Wash Goods Special

35c to 50c grades 14c.
A special lot of Jack-quards, lousines, mercerized shantung, in pinks, greens, reds, lavender, blacks, stripes, checks and fancies, a real bargain, choice 14c a Yard.

Huck Towels

10c grades 7 1-2c.
Heavy weight, cotton huck, with fast turkey red borders, hemmed ends, an extra special even at 10c, 15 day remodeling sale price 7 1-2c each.

Cotton Checks

6c grade 25 yards \$1.00.
An even finish, 26 inches widths, many desirable patterns in stripes and checks, suitable for quilt linings, 15 day remodeling sale 25 Yards for \$1.00.

Children's Handkerchiefs

5c grade for 2c.
A sheer plain cotton handkerchief, with 3-8 inch hemstitched edges, size 12 by 12 inches, just the thing for school wear, special. 2c each

Men's Duck Gloves

10c Grade for 5c
The good grade, made of 7 ounce cotton flannel, with heavy ribbed elastic tops, full sizes, well made, 15 day special

Piece Goods and Silks

A growing department that is filled with good quality merchandise, that is to be sold at real slaughter prices. There's bargains for you:

Wool Dress Goods

\$1.00 Grades for 79c
Solid black, colors and plaids in wool mummies, crepes, and twilled weaves, 38 and 40 inch widths, extra special value for 15 days. 79c

Serges

50c Grades for 39c
36 inch widths in colors, back, brown and red, the ideal material for school dresses, 15 day special. 39c

Cotton Suiting

25c Grade for 18c
Beautiful plaids, stripes, shepherd plaids and solid serge weaves, in widths of 27 to 36 inches, 15 day special price 18c

Plaid Suiting

15c grade for 9c.
Extra values in 28 inch suitings in fancy plaids and small plaids, for the children's dresses, a real 15c grade, 15 days special cash price 9c

LADIES' SWEATERS

Nothing is warmer for early morning wear than a sweater. Read the values—
Extra Specials
Grades up to \$4.50 48c

Men's Duck Gloves

A special lot of white sweaters, slightly solid ed, grades that sold at \$1.50 up to \$4.50, choice 48c
Regular Stock \$2.50
Grade for \$1.45

Crepe Meteor and Faille

\$2.00 grades for \$1.59.
New shading in pastel and the sombre colors of brown and black, every piece an individual pattern, extra values for 15 day remodeling sale \$1.59

Crepe De Luxe

\$1.00 grade for 79c.
A 36 inch material of rich lustre effect in solid colors, navy, electric, rose, black, negro, army gray, a special material for dresses or waists, extra special. 79c

Messalines and Silk Faille

\$1.00 Grade for 59c
Hundreds of yards of staple shades in messalines in 36 inch widths, silk faille, many patterns, fancy silks, suitable for waists, our entire line of \$1 sellers, extra special. 59c

Silk Failles

65c grade for 39c.
Hairline stripes and Dolly Varden patterns on solid grounds of brown, blue, plum, peacock, and tan, especially adapted to the making of pretty costumes, and 65c grade, 15 days cash sale 39c

UNDERWEAR VALUES.

LADIES' UNIONS

50c Grade 39c
A derby ribb, with slight fleece, all sizes 34 to 42, tapped necks bleached, pure white, extra 50c grade 39c

Ladies' Unions

75c Grade 59c
Special medium weight, bleached, pure

CORSETS

"Thompson's" glove fitting—a corset that has a reputation for comfort and service, absolutely new modern styles, special prices—
Coutil Corsets \$1.00 grades for 83c.
A low breast, made from a couple of good weight, rust-proof, 6 hose supporters, special cash price. 83c
Self Reducing \$1.50 Grade for \$1.15
A French coutil, in

Men's and Boys' Clothing

With the one idea in view which is the complete unloading of every suit in stock, we have made prices which will accomplish this in short order—read the news!

Men's Suits

\$25.00 grades for \$13.95.
Well tailored suits in staple blue serge, also grey diagonals and striped worsteds, every suit is an extra value worth original price, special \$13.95

Men's Suits

\$20.00 grades for \$11.95.
Scotch mixtures and fancy chevrons, 3 piece suits, coat, vest and pants, well tailored, real \$20.00 suits at the low price for 15 days. \$11.95

Men's Suits

\$16.50 and \$17.50 grades for \$10.95.
Blue serges and fancy serges in 3 piece suits, in weights that are medium weight suitable for spring wear, extra special, 15 days for cash \$10.95

Men's Suits

\$15.00 suits for \$8.95.
Suits that are extra values at the original price, made in 8 piece style, full cut and well tailored, 15 days special \$8.95

MEN'S PANTS

A well selected stock of the kinds that people want, well made, full cut, cashmeres, worsted and fancy weaves—
\$2.50 grades for \$1.95
\$3.50 grades for \$2.85
\$4.00 grades for \$3.15
\$5.00 grades for \$3.95

MEN'S SHOES.

We are justly proud of the service that our shoes give—both in the every-day kinds and for dress wear. Special boot values—in real

Boy's Suits

\$2.50 Grades for \$1.65
Large sizes in boys' cheviot suits, full knickerbocker pants, well made garments, a 15 day special. \$1.65

Boy's Suits

\$4.00 Grades for \$2.85
All sizes in a good wool cheviot, belted coats, pants very roomy, extra well finished, every one a special value at \$4, extra special for 15 days \$2.85

Boy's Suits

\$5.00 Grades \$3.85
Worsteds, chevoints and Scotch mixtures, in all sizes, 8 to 18, suits that are well made and full tailored, everyone a value, 15 day special \$3.85

Boy's Suits

\$7.50 to \$12.50 Grades \$5.65
The balance of our entire stock of boys' high grade clothing included in this extra special, to appreciate the value you had better see them, extra special \$5.65

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Spring needle underwear, medium weight, in bleached or unbleached, full cut and close fitting.
Men's Unions \$1.00 grades for 79c
Extra smooth garments that are very elastic, cut full and roomy, all sizes 34 to 44, real \$1.00 grades for 79c
Men's Separate Garments \$1.00 grades for 40c

FOR WOMEN

Dress Shoes
\$4.00 Grade for \$3.15
Ladies' wets and turned soles with cloth and mat tops, military and concave heels, patent vamps, special 15 days price \$3.15

Dress Shoes

\$3.50 Grades for \$2.85
Cloth stop, lace and button styles, patent

Children's Hosiery

10c Grades for 5c
A real 10c grade of hose, in childrens school hose, color black, seamless, ribbed, all sizes 5 to 9 1-2, special 15 day remodeling sale 5c pair

Pearl Buttons

The first quality 3c.
An extra clear ocean pearl button, in sizes of 12 to 20, 2-hole style, 1 dozen buttons to card, every button perfect, 15 day remodeling sale 3c a Dozen

Mennens Talcum

20c Grade for 14c.
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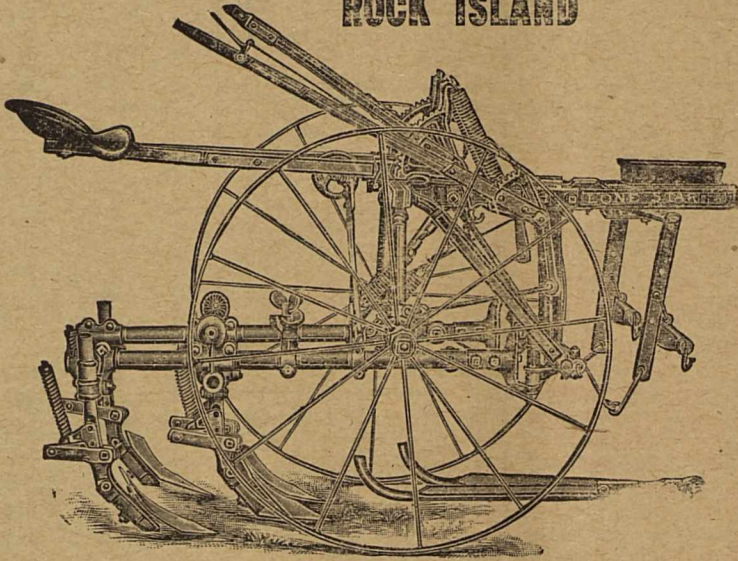
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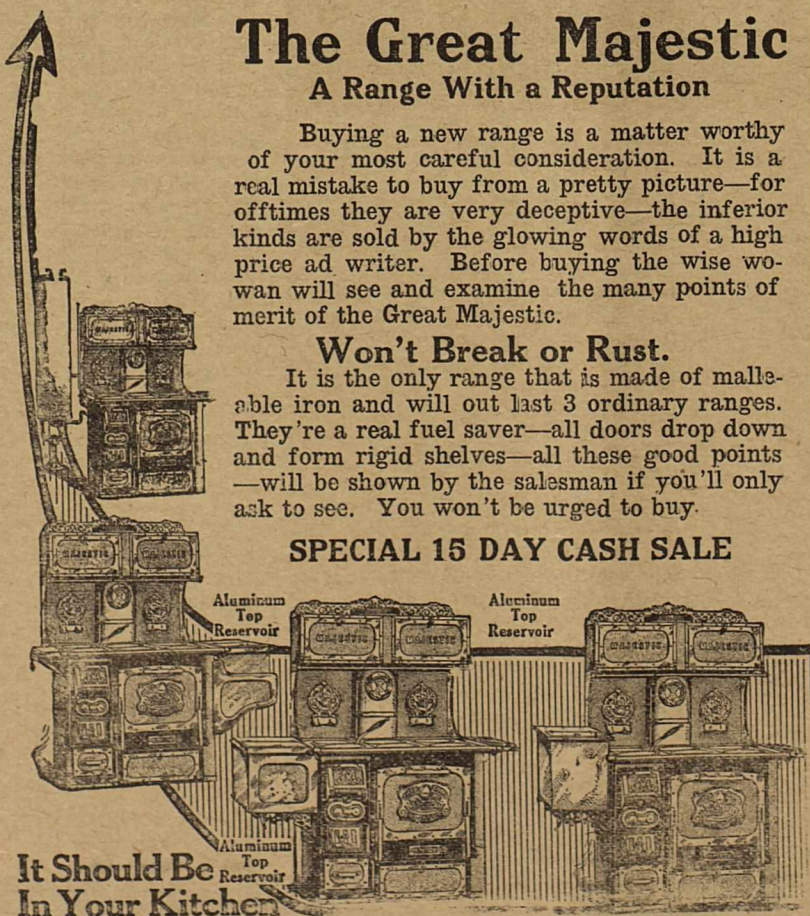
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SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad, by George Storm, a new boy. Grown to young womanhood Helen makes a spectacular double rescue of Storm, now a freight fireman, and of her father and his friends, Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagrue, promoter, from a threatened collision between a passenger train and a runaway freight.

CHAPTER II.

A fight among the directors—and a bitter fight—had been indicated from the moment the allotment of the stock issue of the new Copper Range and Tidewater cut-off line was discussed. It was not alone that the territory of the proposed cut-off was rich in traffic. The survey made by Holmes' engineers through a wild country, hitherto reputed inaccessible, had developed a low-grade pass through the Superstition mountains that would put the Tidewater's active rival—the Colorado and Coast line—with its heavy grades and curves, at a serious, if not irretrievable, disadvantage, in its fight for competitive traffic.

General Holmes, seated in the library of his country home with his associate, Amos Rhinelander, took from his morning mail a letter from John B. Rhodes, chairman of his executive committee, which revealed the extent of the feeling over the situation. Holmes handed the letter to Rhinelander. Rhodes had discovered that their competitors already had a surveying party out on reconnaissance, endeavoring to locate the Tidewater pass; having in view the reputation for sharp practice of the Colorado line backers, he urged Holmes to keep a close watch on the original survey, now in the general's possession, until the right of way should be definitely secured. He added that with his party of the directors, he would arrive on a special at noon for the informal board meeting at which means for financing the project were to be arranged.

Through a complication in financial arrangements, Holmes had been obliged to put on his own, the Tidewater line board, a minority group of directors led by Rhinelander's nephew, Seagrue and Seagrue's attorney, Capelle—Seagrue was owner of a substantial interest in the Colorado and Coast line itself. Indeed, his means were all tied up in it. It was this complication which caused uneasiness in Holmes' mind and called for prudence—not all those even of his own directorate could be trusted, in the circumstances, not to connive against his interest.

Seagrue had already been for the week-end the house guest of Holmes. He was at that moment seated in the garden with Helen—Holmes' daughter—and Helen was being alternately amused and bored by the patiently forced efforts of the easterner to interest her in himself and his affairs. More than once during his stay she had refused to listen seriously to him and now to annoy him, she professed to wonder, as the blast of a freight engine whistle sounded at the moment through the hills, whether that might not be George Storm, one of her father's many engineers—a man to whom she had lately rendered a great and gratuitous service and about whom Seagrue himself had once tried to twist her. And it so chanced that it really was young Storm's train running by them for the passing track. He had orders to wait there for the directors' special.

Toward noon, Holmes and his guests, together with Helen, started for the station to meet the train. Its arrival was the occasion of many greetings for Helen from old New York friends who declared that the mountain sun and air had wrought wonders for the once delicate girl.

It was while she stood thus on the platform surrounded by her newly arrived guests that a young fireman crossed the platform, cap in hand. After a slight hesitation he walked up to her as if he would speak. Again, as if undecided, he halted just before Helen. She noticed the rather grimy appearance of the stalwart fireman, obviously just from his cab, but did not look closely enough to recognize him. If he was pausing, as he stood, for courage, it rose in him, for as her eyes returned to him, he stepped nearer to her: "I think it was you who saved my life the other day," he said somewhat haltingly. Then he questioningly held out his hand. "Will you accept my thanks?"

The moment he spoke, Helen knew him—it was Storm, the fireman of the freight wreck. Indeed, she remembered him almost too well. Her face flushed with embarrassment. Her guests, without catching what he had said, were critically inspecting the smoked engineer. Something like a wave of resentment swept over Helen. Why should he choose this, of all mo-

ments, to speak to her? She was quite innocent of false pride; but her friends could not possibly understand the situation and Storm with real western impulsiveness had chosen, it seemed, the most inopportune time possible to express his gratitude.

But there was his outstretched hand—should she ignore it? Anger swayed her—yet something within her, and something in Storm's eyes and his manner, pleaded against cutting him dead. With furiously red cheeks but sweeping aside the cost, Helen put out her hand. "It was nothing," she said quickly. "Do not think of it." Then she repaid Storm's impulsive stupidity, as she thought it deserved, by catching at something Seagrue was saying and falling to see Storm again. The engineer had come up prepared really to say how grateful he was; he found himself, in a fleeting second, already well launched on the social toboggan and shooting toward the bottom of a long hill. Seagrue, almost before Storm's back was turned, was laughing at Helen and pointing to her glove. The white, soft kid now bore beyond repair the heavy, black fingerprints of the engineer's hand.

Questions and banterings from her companions contributed nothing toward restoring Helen's composure. But as the group moved to the waiting motor cars, she unostentatiously drew the offending glove over her wrist and threw it away. One pair of eyes watched the action closely; Storm, collecting his wits after his social disaster, noted what she had done. He was too philosophical to resent it. Instead, crossing the platform, when the party had driven away, he picked up the discarded glove and put it in his pocket.

Nor did he, in his turn, escape unseen. As one of the cars whirled around a nearby corner Helen, looking back at the scene of her annoyance, saw Storm picking up something white; she knew it was her glove.

On reaching home—the ladies were taken to their various rooms and the men went to their business—Helen, from her own room overlooking the passing track, watched the freight, bearing Storm, draw out and stop before the station for orders.

Turning to her glass more than once to see whether her cheeks were still as flushed as they felt, she was gratified to find that traces of her humiliation had disappeared. Her mind, from which she had tried to dismiss the whole incident, was now assailed by a rebellious curiosity concerning what she had seen happen on the distant platform when Storm crossed it to pick up her glove. As his frank eyes returned again and again to her imagination, something seemed to call her strongly, back to where he still was detained. She resisted longer; then surrendering to a sudden impulse, she ran downstairs, while her guests were disposing themselves, stepped into her racing car, drove to the station and alighting just as Storm came out of the telegraph office, she herself began to search at the edge of the platform for something. The engineer, after an interval, deliberately joined her.

"You have lost something."

Helen glanced up with affected surprise. "Nothing of moment. I missed a ring when I got home," she fabricated lightly, "and one of my gloves. I thought I might have dropped the one with the other here."

Storm's hand moved toward his blouse, then regaining his composure, he withdrew his hand, empty, and affected to search along the roadway with her. It was a brief duel of wits, but one in which the railroad man was no longer at a disadvantage. He was quite willing to search as long as she would linger and Helen, more than a little interested, was capricious and did linger until Storm's slow sentences began once more to bear too directly on the episode of the wreck and his gratefulness; then with a hasty goodbye she started for home and Storm, climbing into his engine, pulled out with his long train.

General Holmes, in the meantime, with his two jealous groups of directors, was striving in his drawing room to arrive with them at a mutually satisfactory settlement of the proposed stock issue. In reserving 30,000 shares of this for himself and his friends, Holmes had allotted 20,000 to Seagrue and his Wall street associates. This both Seagrue and Capelle had bluntly refused to accept, since the proposed line would work havoc with the through and local traffic of the Colorado and Coast road. Seagrue demanded instead an equal distribution of the new stock. Holmes and Rhinelander, after a long conference, put the motion flatly to the eleven directors. Seven of them supported President Holmes' proposal.

Seagrue, white with anger, rose. "Cancel our allotment, then. We will fight."

"Tut, tut, Earl," protested Rhinelander. "That's no way to talk."

"We will fight," echoed Capelle, equally wrought up. "Seagrue is right. If we are to be treated in this way we'll parallel your tracks!"

Rhinelander, Holmes and their associates tried in vain to pacify the two; their efforts were useless. Hard words passed and more threats were uttered; the meeting broke up in disorder.

Seagrue and Capelle retired to an adjoining room. Helen passed before them down the hall. Capelle glanced at her and looked toward Seagrue. His face stretched into one of his hollow grins.

"Bad business for you, Seagrue," he said to his companion. "If you can't unload your Colorado and Coast holdings, this thing will put you pretty near out of the game."

"Unload," snorted Seagrue, wrathfully. "When that cut-off is announced Colorado stock won't sell for waste paper."

Helen repressed the hall. Capelle nodded toward her. "There's your best bet, Seagrue. Holmes would give his son-in-law anything."

Seagrue looked glum. He hinted he had already tried that out, and fruitlessly, but spurred by his friend's suggestion, he determined on a further effort. After luncheon he attempted to renew his addresses.

But there seemed about the self-willed girl a certain barrier of independence, which, try as he would, he could never penetrate. "What's the matter, Helen?" he demanded at last. "You seem to take everything I say as a joke."

She repressed a little bubble of laughter. "That's the spirit it's meant in, isn't it?"

He was too irritated to be patient. Toward evening he assayed to be serious again; again she lightly evaded his advances.

Late in the day, when walking past the doors of the library, he saw Holmes, finishing a conference with Rhinelander, once more roll up an important document and place it within his safe, set inside the library wall. Seagrue knew too well what it was—the survey of the cut-off, the building of which, by crippling him financially, was likely to wreck his hopes of a career.

It was in this sullen mood that Capelle, a few moments later, encountered him. They had been partners in more than one unscrupulous enterprise and had learned to set value on audacity. A guarded discussion followed. Seagrue moodily rejected one after another of the suggestions of the resourceful Capelle, until one star-

companion, Kyde, to connect up the drills; his orders from Capelle were to open the safe.

Upstairs, Helen, in slumber, was half-awakened by a whistle signal. Storm was bringing a freight train down the hill to wait for the midnight flyer. The rumble of passing trains rarely disturbed her. This night a much lighter but an unusual sound woke her completely. She sat up a moment, listening. It seemed close—someone was in the house. Turning on a light and dressing hastily, Helen opened the hall door of her room.

She had been careful not to make the slightest noise in her movements. Unfortunately the light behind her silhouetted her figure on the floor at the foot of the broad flight of stairs. Spike, keen-eyed, in the library, saw it. He touched Hyde. "Douse it!" he muttered. Hyde extinguished the light. The two paused, listened, walked into the hall and paused again. Then they started noiselessly up the stairs.

Guarded as they had been, Helen felt their presence. With fast-beating heart she ran to her window. Out in the night she could see the light of a torch. It was Storm's light, carried as he worked around his engine. Catching up a small serving bell she ran out on her balcony and tying the bell to the telephone wire that connected with the main line wires, she started the jingling messenger off for help.

The engineer, busy with his work, presently heard the slight jingle, but only to wonder for a moment what it could be. The two criminals had entered Helen's room. The instant she stepped in from the balcony they caught and overpowered her—stifled her screams, and in spite of her continuing struggles, rudely gagged her.

The bell again attracted Storm's attention, and he was puzzled to determine what it might mean. Looking toward Helen's home he saw a bright light in one of the upper windows. Then, of a sudden, he saw more—silhouetted against the pane, a woman and a man were struggling. He alarmed the crew and ran swiftly up the hill for General Holmes' house.

In the interval, leaving Helen helpless, the safe-blowers descended the stairs. Holmes and Rhinelander had likewise been awakened by the muffled sounds of the struggle and the two appeared in the upper hall. Seagrue joined them and with his uncle hurried into Helen's room, where she was trying to release herself. But her father, turning downstairs, had interrupted the two safe-blowers at the very library door. The old soldier was no match for the two men, but he tackled them together. He had



Thus Perished the First Man Who Discovered the First Railroad Pass Over the Continental Divide.

ted him into anger. He balked inconspicuously. "I won't stand for safe blowing," he muttered.

"Nothing of the kind suggested," returned Capelle, undaunted. And with the whining smile that marked his face in argument, he continued: "I'll have two good men here by 11:30 tonight, if you say the word. One of them can open a safe by the mere click of the tumblers. All we want out of it is a copy of the cut-off survey. If we can get hold of that we can get hold of their right of way—most of it must come from Washington—before Holmes knows what's going on. I'll make the copy of their survey myself and return the original to the safe before morning with no one a bit the wiser. Why, see here! You're staying right in the house. All you have to do is to let them in tonight. Are you game? Or are you a whipped dog right now?"

Seagrue listened with set face. The low-toned conference lasted longer. At its close the two separated. Shortly afterward, Capelle, in Seagrue's motor car, started rapidly for the city.

At nearly twelve o'clock that night—some time after the house was quiet—Seagrue, leaving his room, went down to the library. He unlocked the terrace doors. Capelle's men were outside. They entered and Seagrue led them before the safe. The criminal expert of the pair made hardly more than a pretense of dropping the tumblers for an opening. He had come prepared for any eventuality, and the moment he saw the mechanism of the lock was unassailable he directed his

hardly begun to fight when he was struck down by a black-jack and the two thugs, survey in hand, made their escape. They crossed the lawn, gained the shrubbery close to the gate, and in the distance saw the headlight of the midnight passenger train. Signal was not one of its stops, but the safe-blowers ran hard for the station and taking a long chance for their getaway they recklessly but safely boarded the running train as it slowed somewhat for the bridge.

In the confusion within the household Helen had been released. She had hysterically told her story and as she and her friends rushed downstairs she encountered Storm, who had helped her dazed father to a chair. "Are you hurt, daddy?" asked his daughter anxiously.

"No," he cried, "and I've given one of them a jolt he'll remember. But Helen!"—in his agitation he laid his hand heavily on his daughter's shoulder—"those damned scoundrels have got our survey!"

"Then they shall never get off with it," exclaimed Helen with flashing eyes. "We will catch them if it kills somebody."

She gave her orders right and left—for caring for her father, calling the police and for making the pursuit.

The boarding of the moving passenger train by the two men had not escaped Storm's eyes, and a few words with Helen were enough to clear things. The flyer was gone and the burglars with it, but there was a chance yet to get them. Hastening with Storm down the hill, Helen told

him the whole story. When the two reached the siding Storm asked the conductor to put out a flagman to protect the freight; he half lifted and half pushed Helen up into the cab, and the instant the fireman cut off the engine, started in pursuit of the fast-receding passenger train.

But the stern chase is the long chase. The freight engineer had set himself a difficult task; one thing alone was in his favor, everything else was against him. He was running a light engine against one pulling a strong string of sleeping cars. But his own machine was built for traction, not for speed, and he was pitting it against one of the fastest types of engines on the division. From the time Storm opened the throttle not a device was left untried to make his ponderous engine go fast; not a trick of all those that had already made his reputation as an exceptional runner was now overlooked and every resource of the engineer's art was brought into play to overhaul the flying passenger train.

Helen crouched on the fireman's box with her eyes straining ahead into the darkness, or glancing across the hooded lights of the cab at the profile of the silent engineer, waited in vain for him to look toward her. It seemed as if he had forgotten her existence. His attention, for the moment, was centered on nothing but the terrific headway he had attained and must maintain to win, and his reeling, thundering machine seemed awake to the relentless energy of its driver, was responding like a thing alive to his iron will. A cry from Storm made her look across toward him. She saw his eyes regarding her, but he was pointing silently ahead, and looking again through her own window, Helen's straining vision caught far ahead the faint gleam of the red tail-lights.

From the top of the distant sleeping cars Spike and Hyde had seen the threatening chase. Without a quail, and crawling along the swaying cars, they made their way toward the engine. They held up the engineer and fireman. Spike understood enough of an engine to take the throttle and he tried to run away from Storm; but this proved a game in which he had no advantage. Striving desperately to increase his speed he found himself, as he glanced back from the cab window, steadily losing ground. The race was now more like the effort of a plow horse to run away from a thoroughbred. A last resort remained for the criminals. Hyde, at Spike's direction, climbed back over the tender and cut off the coaches.

The engine pulled away from the train. The air went on and the string of sleepers stopped abruptly. Close behind them the freight engine was pounding and lurching. Storm had barely time to apply his air and pull up as he stopped and he was nearly into the hind-end of the observation car.

When the passenger crew got outside there were hurried explanations. Storm, knowing every foot of the line, saw that they had reached the longest passing track on the division and that by running around the stalled train he still had a chance to overtake his quarry. Throwing his engine into reverse he backed down, took the passing-track switch and tore past the standing cars after the fast disappearing passenger train. With all of its lights extinguished, and still maintaining terrific speed, it was at a hopeless disadvantage against the skill of the man at the throttle of the engine behind.

Overhauled and with defeat in sight as the nose of the huge freight engine crowded them, Hyde from the gangway and Spike, turning from the useless throttle, opened fire with their pistols on their pursuers. Hyde, firing his last shot without effect, in his rage, hurled his heavy gun back at the other cab. It crashed through the window where Helen had sat an instant before, but she was now up and back over the engine tank. As Storm drew steadily abreast of the runaway, she watched her chance and with reckless daring sprang from where she stood over to the tank of the passenger engine. The safe-blowers turned to meet her. Stack and stack the engines were rushing toward the Little San Pablo bridge. But with Spike's and Hyde's attention turned from the passive engineer and fireman in the cab, they were suddenly attacked by both from behind. A furious mixup followed. Hyde, as Helen jumped down at him, grappled with her. Storm, eager in the jumping gangway opposite them, saw her peril. Catching up a wrench he hurled it with all his force at Hyde's head; it flew true and the thug sank under the heavy blow like a bullock. Spike in the interval, tearing loose from his assailants, gained the foot-plate and leaping up on the coal defied them.

It was for no more than a moment; the engineer went pluckily after him. Cornered, Spike looked ahead. They were reaching the river and the engines were making a dizzy speed. With the recklessness of a madman the criminal leaped from the tender far out into the stream below. The slightest miscalculation—a mistake of a tenth of a second in his reckoning—would have cost him his life. Yet he made his jump without injury, struck out for shore and gained the river bank.

Escape was first in his thoughts. He remembered the stolen survey in his pocket. On the safety of this, his money from Capelle depended and his first act was to secrete it near where he landed.

The two engines in this time had been brought to a stop and backed to the bridge. "Get after the man that jumped," cried Helen. "We must find

him. Take both banks of the river."

With one of the firemen left to guard Hyde, Storm and the other fireman hurried down one river bank as the passenger engineer took the other. Neither side afforded more than a slight chance of concealment and Spike, starting from where he had cached his stolen document, was pounced on by Storm's fireman. But Spike, a powerful man, had almost fought out for himself a second chance for escape when Storm bore him down to the earth. Helen ran up. "Where's what you have stolen?" she cried furiously as Spike stood prisoner. Storm,



She Ran Out on the Balcony.

without loss of time, searched him. "You've stolen our survey," exclaimed Helen wrathfully. "Where is it?"

Spike shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know what you're talking about," he muttered. "What do you fellows want with me, anyway?" he demanded, looking from one to the other of the two men, impudently.

They dragged him to the freight engine and with Storm directing, both engines started back to the passenger train. The freight engine sounded a greeting to the crew of the stranded flyer, and Storm and Helen clattered past to their own deserted train. With Storm speeding up at his throttle Helen soon saw the semaphore of Signal station and with the two prisoners, Storm and his fireman returned with Helen to the house.

Police officers were already in charge and the safe-blowers were turned over to them. Helen, agitated and anxious, was met at the door of the library by Amos Rhinelander. His face was grave. With a keen, questioning look her father's friend laid his hand tenderly on her arm as she attempted to enter the room. "Stop, Helen," he said in a constrained tone. "Don't go in there just now."

Storm stood near. She would have pushed past Rhinelander, but again he opposed her entrance. "And where is father?" she exclaimed as if a sudden realization had come upon her.

"My child," Rhinelander took her within his arm, "we are under the orders of the police. Nothing in the library must be disturbed."

An awful suspicion gripped her heart. "Father," she exclaimed intensely. "He was hurt. Where is he?"

Rhinelander, avoiding her glance directed to the half-darkened room, motioned significantly to Storm. The engineer understood; but it was too late. Slipping with the strength and speed of a fawn from between the two men, Helen darted into the library. Those of the fated household heard in the night an agonizing cry; it rang far. She had found her father all too soon and had thrown herself beside his dead body, where it had been placed on the couch beside the fireplace.

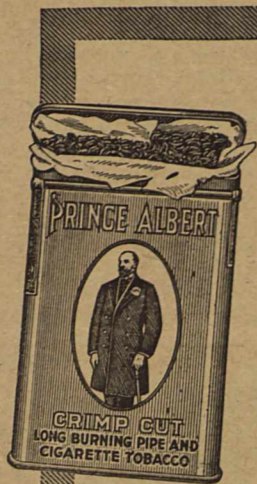
Wretched perished by the hand of a wretched criminal—a mere fleck of the scum of our civilization—this man who had himself, and alone, discovered the first railroad pass over the Continental Divide.

Seagrue's ears echoed long with a memory of that cry. Standing beside his captured confederates he asked himself whether the price had not, after all, been too high.

But Spike, insensible to all but his criminal instincts, drew close beside him and asked him, unobserved, for a pencil. But for the fear that his own neck might be jeopardized by an exposure, Seagrue would have had done with his two murderous tools then and there, but he had put himself in their power and dare not refuse. Spike, despite his handcuffed wrists, managed to scribble a note on Seagrue's cuff, telling him where the survey had been hidden. The officers coming out of the library, marched their prisoners away.

Alone in his room, the half-stickened conspirator read Spike's message. He paused and for a long moment pondered his situation. It was not hard for him to shake from his conscience his own responsibility for the tragic outcome of his villainy and Capelle's. It was, he argued, not what he had contemplated or desired. It was Capelle's fault. Accidents will happen—sometimes fatal ones. The game might still be his.

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RUNNELS CO. RURAL SCHOOL GET \$4575

State School Inspector Cunningham spent a couple of days in Runnels County this week inspecting the schools that were seeking state aid from the million dollar appropriation fund. Superintendent Wooten accompanied Mr. Cunningham over the county, traveling about 200 miles in visiting the schools in the county, and Mr. Cunningham was very complimentary in his remarks about the Runnels County schools, and as a result of his visit Mr. Wooten announced Saturday morning that fourteen schools in the county had met the requirements and had been approved for aid.

The amount approved for the schools ranges from \$200 to \$500 and totals nearly five thousand dollars, and we are reliably informed that other schools will meet the requirements and that the amount will run up to \$6,000 for the present term.

The schools which have been approved for aid are as follows: Crews, \$200; Wingate, \$250; Valley Creek, \$300; Drasco, \$200; Poe, \$200; Pumphrey, \$500; Hat-chel, \$500; Mazeland, \$425; Beth-el, \$500; Kirby, \$300; Norton, \$300; Harmony, \$300; Crockett, \$250; Maverick, \$300.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane syrup 65c per gallon at Jeanes Produce Co. 11-2td-2tw

D. R. Smith, one of the prominent stockmen of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Take your wheat and oats to Missouri Milling Co., and get top prices. 13-3td-3tw.

Treat Coughs and Colds At Once

Dangerous Bronchial and Lung Ailments Often Follow Neglected Colds.

Dr. King's New Discovery Instantly Relieves and Breaks Up the most Stubborn and Hard Colds.

We catch cold because our system has become weakened and finds itself unable to throw off the Cold germs. Nature in some cases will effect a cure; but generally, without aid we get worse. How much wiser to help nature fight and expel these cold germs! For

WANTS A CANNING CLUB FOR SCHOOL

Miss Olive Dunn, who teaches the Valley creek school, was in Ballinger Saturday and in an interview with a Ledger man, gave out some information in regard to interest in a Girls' Canning Club at her school.

Miss Dunn says her classes of 21 pupils are nearly all girls, only two or three boys in the room, and that the sentiment in her room is in favor of the organization of a canning club. She is now seeking information as to the how, etc., of the securing of the organization and will endeavor to get a club started at Valley creek very soon.

Some counties regularly employ a woman demonstrator for Girls' Canning Clubs and other women's clubs on the farms. Bell county business men recently guaranteed the salary of their lady demonstrator agent, when things were looking dark for her, and Dallas county has more than one lady agricultural advisor.

Shoes Wanted.
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GRADING SOUTH BALLINGER ROAD.

The road leading through South Ballinger, known as the Mt. Margaret road is being graded by Overseer Smith, and will soon be in good shape. This is one of the roads that has been such a hazard to farmers and travelers, and will add to the value of property along the route.

this purpose there is no better remedy than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is composed of Pine Tar mixed with laxatives and healing balsams. It is antiseptic. The instant Dr. King's New Discovery comes in contact with the germs, they die or leave. Your cough lessens, the irritation is soothed, and you begin to get better at once. Don't take the risk of serious sickness. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. In use over 45 years and guaranteed all the time. All druggists.

RECEIVES TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS

Temple, 1-13-16.

A. C. Homann, Ballinger. Notice morning press reports that you as cashier of Fathers and Mothers bank. We extend to you the right hand of fellowship and wish you success in all its forms. We trust that your troubles as an examiner have ended; that it will be your pleasure to give them their just dues in future transactions.

C. A. HUGHES, PAUL VILARET. Mr. Homann received the above telegram today. Mr. Hughes is the cashier of Gov. Ferguson's bank at Temple and Mr. Vilaret is one of the state bank examiners and both are good friends of Mr. Homann as is clearly expressed between the lines in the telegram sent him.

10 CENT "CASCARETS" BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay constipated, headachy, bilious, with breath bad or stomach sour

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery. A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

Rev. Sam G. Thompson, of Brownwood, the new presiding elder of this district, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home from Drasco and Winters, where he had been looking after church work.

TRAVEL DEMANDS FOR NEW BRIDGE

Prominent and leading financial citizens of this city are agitating the building of a new steel bridge on the Colorado river where the old bridge now stands and where life and limb is endangered by congested travel every day.

The present bridge was constructed twenty-five years ago, and at that time met the requirements, for the population of this county was less than three thousand, and where only one man crossed the bridge at that time one hundred are crossing today.

It seems a waste of space to mention here the inadequacy of the present crossing and the great demand for a more sane and safer way of getting from one side of the Colorado river to the other, but some have no doubt never given this question a thought, and seldom have occasion to witness the congested condition that is caused daily at this bridge.

Less than a week ago a serious accident was narrowly averted when a funeral procession was crossing at the bridge. Thirty-six vehicles were tied up in such way that a number of lives were endangered. It is well known that the bridge is too narrow for autos, buggies, wagons and pedestrians. The thick settled section just south of the river is responsible for a heavy local travel and the transient travel is rapidly increasing. Many children cross the bridge daily.

It has been suggested by those back of the proposition that a bridge be constructed affording a passage way for vehicles going and coming, the driving to the right idea being carried out in planning the bridge, and a special walk be provided for those on foot.

It is also the purpose of the men interested in the improvements that the new bridge not be lost to the county, but that it be moved further up the Colorado river where the country is rapidly settling and developing and where the people on the south side of the river are compelled to travel five or six miles out of the way in order to reach Ballinger, it being necessary for them to come to the bridge here in order to get across the river, when a more direct route can be had by crossing the river and traveling the road to Ballinger on the north side of the river.

The commissioners court made a trip over the country in the northwest part of the county this week, and they have also discussed the new bridge proposition and we are reliably informed that the proposition is one that they consider important and are ready to take some action in the matter.

The people of this county can no longer stand back and decline to build roads and bridges just because it will cost the county a little money. We are living in an age when time is valuable. We should also consider that life and limb should be placed at a higher premium than a few paltry dollars.

We understand that the move for the bridge and also for increased road work in this county will be put on foot in a tangible way in a short time, and the people will be appealed to strictly from a common sense standpoint and efforts made to pull the county out of the rut from a good road standpoint.

Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

TRIP TO ROWENA AND MILES

The local reporter and subscription solicitor for the Banner-Ledger, visited Rowena and Miles the latter three days of last week in company with Tax Collector W. T. Padgett, and added quite a number of new readers to the already large list of Banner-Ledger readers in that section.

The merchants and citizens generally are in fine spirits over the big crops and splendid returns.

Every line of business is looking up in each town visited. We appreciate the business given us and the many courtesies shown us while in the midst of these hospitable people.

PETITIONS OUT FOR CONCRETE BRIDGE

Chas. Ferguson is circulating a petition, which is being numerously signed, asking the commissioners' court to replace the steel bridge on the Colorado river at the foot of Hutchings Ave., with a concrete bridge, or viaduct.

The petition points out the inadequacy of the present crossing, and emphasizes the great danger to life caused by the congested travel. The petition does not specify in detail the design, width, etc., the new bridge should be, but it is known that the viaduct, if built, will be wide enough to care not only for present day travel, but for an unlimited increase in the population of the country as it will be so constructed that autos, buggies, wagons, and pedestrians can all be cared for at the same time. We understand that the court has this matter under consideration and realizes the great need of the new bridge, and it is believed that they will readily comply with the wishes of the people in so far as the money available will permit.

PORT ARTHUR MAN FINDS GOOD HEALTH

Sufferer is Restored and Makes Remarkable Gain in Weight on Few Doses.

J. F. Stoneburner of Port Arthur, Texas, suffered from stomach ailments for a long time. He fell off in weight and took treatment without apparent benefit. He tried physician after physician until he almost lost hope.

He at last took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, then wrote:

"I have taken all of your wonderful stomach remedy and got good results from it. I have gained in weight since starting on your remedy—twenty-one pounds so far. I was under the care of five doctors for about six months before I got your medicine. I am entirely well now."

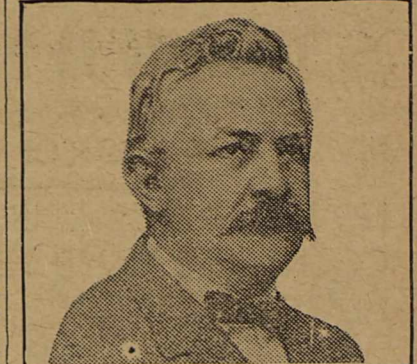
Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be refunded.

E. P. Jones one of the prosperous young farmers of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and renews with The Banner-Ledger and takes up that liberal clubbing offer for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kidd and daughter, Mrs. Jackson, of Talpa who had been visiting and shopping in Ballinger returned home Monday afternoon.

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who owns and operates one of the big stores in New Orleans, says:

"I am of the opinion that Rexall Orderlies are the ideal laxative for men, women and children. This opinion is based upon my knowledge of the formula and upon what my customers say about them. Through personal experience, I know they are pleasant to take, gentle in action, and give the same pleasing results when used by men, women or children."

We have the exclusive selling rights for this great laxative. Trial size, 10 cents. WALKER DRUG CO. THE REXALL STORE

JEANES & CO. GO TO PAINT ROCK.

Mr. Jeanes of the Jeanes Produce Co., Ballinger was in Paint Rock, Tuesday, arranging for putting in a branch store here. He has rented the Willbanks building and will open about February 1st. W. C. Fuller will likely move into the Burk building on the corner, one of the best stands in town. Mr. Jeanes will buy poultry eggs and all kinds of country produce paying cash for same. He has a branch at Winters, Miles, and Coleman. We are glad to have him come to Paint Rock as he is in touch all seasons with the best markets and buys produce all the year round.—Paint Rock Herald.

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Frank Spencer, of Eldorado, who had been visiting at Dallas and other points in that section, spent a few days with his son, E. E. Spencer and family, and returned home Tuesday.

W. H. Roberts of Mt. Pleasant, who had been looking after his farms near Crews the past week or two, returned home Monday afternoon. Mr. Roberts reads the Banner-Ledger to keep posted on the news of Runnels county.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill. I wish every suffering woman would give

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