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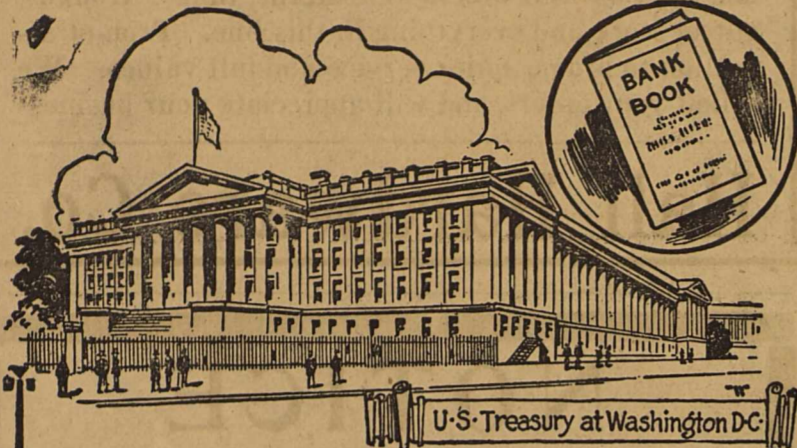
BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1916.

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- ☛ We offer the people of this community every inducement to save that is consistent with safe banking.
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## WOMAN SHOT BY HUSBAND AND IS FATALY WOUNDED

What promises to be the first murder to occur in this city in many years, occurred shortly before noon Wednesday, when John Croughn, a horse trader, shot and fatally wounded his wife with a .45 pistol. The shooting occurred at the camp of Croughn and his wife just South of the city and in what is known as the Colorado River Park.

Dr. F. M. Hale responded to the call for a physician and the woman was hurriedly carried to the Halley & Love sanitarium and the surgeon soon announced that the wound was fatal and there was no chance for the woman to recover.

From the best information obtainable it seems that Croughn is a professional horse trader, and with a number of other traders, came here several weeks ago, and the traders, numbering about seven or eight families, have been living in tents on the river. It is reported that Croughn had been drinking for several days, and he and his wife had been getting along badly together and had agreed to separate, and as the story goes, the woman was in the act of leaving the camp, or was arranging to leave, when Croughn decided to not let her go and with his pistol shot her in the right side of the back. The bullet passed just beneath the kidney, breaking the back, paralyzing the lower limbs of the woman and passing through the intestine, lodged just beneath the skin to the front of the left side, from where it was removed by an operation after the woman had been carried to the sanitarium.

After being overpowered by other members of the camp and relieved of his gun, Croughn made his escape, going to the river, where he was later arrested by Deputy Sheriff Breedlove. When found the man was crouched under a bank in some weeds. He came out as soon as he realized that the officers had him and stated that he only shot his wife to "scare her." The man will be held for murder in case the woman dies.

After being carried to the sanitarium, Mrs. Croughn stated that she believed her husband shot her accidentally. Croughn and

his wife had been married for thirty-five years, according to a statement made by Croughn, and they have several grown children, four of whom were in the camp when the shooting occurred. Croughn appears to be between fifty-five and sixty years old.

### Statement of Son.

In the camp with their mother at the time of the shooting were two sons, Mitchel and George and two daughters, Miss Annie and Mrs. J. B. Riley, and the son-in-law Riley. According to a statement made to the officers by one of the young men, their father had just returned from San Angelo and had been on a drunk.

The family were preparing to move, having torn down the tent and were packing up when the shooting occurred. Croughn was standing near where the tent had been torn down, and Mrs. Croughn had picked up an armful of wood and was going towards the fire with it when Croughn called to her, and just as she stopped and started to turn around the shot was fired that will end her life. One of the sons was near his mother and reached her in time to catch her as she fell, and the other son and son-in-law were at the wagon looking after the team. They caught Croughn and prevented him from shooting the second time, the hammer of the pistol catching the finger of Riley as the trigger was pulled.

Young Croughn, when asked where he lived stated that he did not live anywhere and that he had been on wheels all his life. Said that he was born in Salt Lake City, and that one time his father was worth \$200,000, but squandered the money in drink, and also spent his wife's money, and the trouble that caused the shooting grew out of Mrs. Croughn's refusal to make efforts to get more money from her people.

There were six witnesses to the shooting, and the testimony, or the statements made by others corroborates the statement made by the young man.

At a late hour this afternoon Mrs. Croughn was still living but it is the opinion of the physicians that she can not live but a short while.



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.

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**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER**

"The Old Reliable"

## NO TROUBLE WITH KAISER

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—As an evidence that Germany now entertains hopes for a satisfactory settlement of the Lusitania case, all American newspaper correspondents have been invited to join in a three days tour of the German front, and the tour will begin on Feb. 15th.

J. W. T. Bishop and his father returned to Ballinger Monday at noon, where the old gentleman had been quite ill, and their many friends will be glad to learn he is able to be up again.

D. S. Crockett of the Bethel neighborhood, while in the city Saturday ordered a years supply of the Banner-Ledger and Dallas

## WOMAN IS RELEASED

SHERMAN, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Annie Faust, who shot Rev. H. M. Cagle Monday afternoon, was re-arrested following the death of Rev. Mr. Cagle last night and charges of murder formally filed against her.

Mrs. Faust was released on \$5,000 bond shortly after her arrest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banowsky and Uncle John Hoffman and sons, J. G. and Arthur of the Benoit country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

J. S. Mills, one of the prominent business men of Miles, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

## PLANNING PREPAR- EDNESS POLICIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Worried over the prospects for continental army plans, President Wilson began this morning a series of conferences with the House leaders. Mr. Wilson hopes to devise some plan for preparedness that will be acceptable to Congress.

W. H. Stagner, of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Talpa to visit relatives.

## DESERTED; SHOTS SON AND SELF

FORT WORTH, Feb. 9.—Mrs. G. T. Kelley, aged twenty-eight, shot and seriously wounded her two sons and then killed herself this morning. The woman used a revolver, and the two boys may die. It is alleged that Mr. Kelley's husband had deserted her, and she became despondent and was temporarily insane.

W. L. Hambricht, of the Winters country, was among the large crowd in Ballinger Monday.

## BELGIUM REFUSES OFFER FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Rome reports today that Belgium refused to make separate peace terms as proposed by the Germans. It is understood through dispatches received here that the information was obtained through the Vatican.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stephens of Miles, came in Wednesday morning and Mrs. Stephens will visit in Ballinger while Mr. Stephens looks after his race for Tax Assessor at Winters, a day or two.

### 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 Assment in Guaranty Fund 2,696.95 |                                  |
| <b>CASH - - - - - 187,775.14</b>               | <b>\$439,726.00</b>              |
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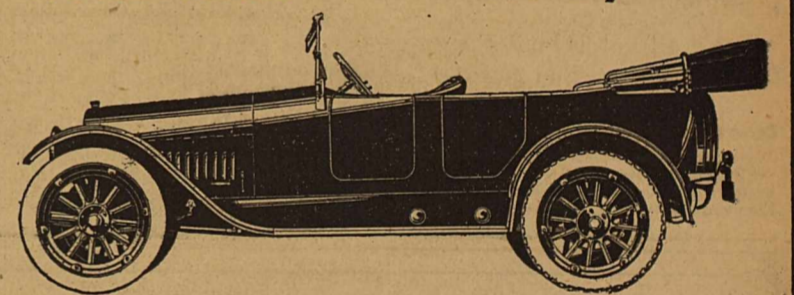
The above statement is correct.

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  |

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

1 brush, 2 passenger, good tires and will run \$50 \$25 cash balance \$5 per month.

1 Buick, 5 passenger, good tires, 30 h. p. will take \$75 cash.

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

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Tires any kind 10 per cent off list. Gasoline 19c. Dry batteries 27c. Pres-to-light put on your car \$12. Exchange on presto \$1.50. Aluminum numbers 10c. Spark plugs 15c.

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The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Ballinger, Texas





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Orderlies**

The laxative tablet with the pleasant taste

10¢ 25¢ 50¢

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

**PREMIUM PLACED ON DIVERSIFICATION**

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 7.— A premium is placed on diversification by the Texas Bankers' association in its plan for extending the farmers' credit. A farmer applying for a loan who can show he has not "placed all his eggs in one basket" will be deemed a better "risk" than the one who has given his farm entirely over to cotton.

One of the important features of the bankers' plan is the adoption of an agricultural credit statement, showing the assets and liabilities of the applicant for a loan. It will go a long way toward determining his credit.

When a farmer applies for a loan he will be required to make a sworn statement showing in detail his ability to meet the obligation. Under the heading of assets he will show the amount of his cash, the value of his real estate, machinery, tools, livestock, food and feed products, and the extent of other resources. On the liability side he will give a record of his debts including bank notes, accounts, mortgages, judgements, etc. He will also give a statement as to who lives on the farm, how many persons are employed, the size of the farm, acres cultivated and ownership. A more detailed statement will show acres in corn, oats, wheat, cotton, sorghum, peas or beans, forage, hay, potatoes, rye, vegetables, pasture land and fruit.

The bankers believe the rather exhaustive statement will impress the farmer with the importance of the character of his operations, and bring him to realize the importance of diversification. The idea is to let the farmer see the necessity of growing things for his own needs, leaving cotton to bring in the actual cash.

"A great many farmers, when urged to diversify, complain there is no market for other products than cotton," said Frank Clarke, representative of the bankers' association and of the extension department of the Agricultural and Mechanical college. "The market is his own needs. If men make money through putting vegetables through a manufacturing process and selling them back to the farmer, it sounds reasonable that the farmer can save money by raising vegetables for his own use."

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**COUNTY COURT**

County court convened at one-thirty Monday. The criminal docket was called, but on account of no jury being drawn for the February term most of the cases were continued.

Next week will be commissioners' week, and the third week will be civil docket week. As soon as the criminal matters for the present week are disposed of it is probable the court will pass on non-jury civil cases.

**\$700,000 PROPERTY CHANGE HANDS**

(San Angelo Standard)

One of the largest deals, involving San Angelo and West Texas ranch properties, to be closed in many months was consummated in Mason on Friday afternoon. The deal was a trade and serves as one of the many splendid indications of the high values of local real estate.

A. W. White of Mason and Major Littlefield of Austin, composing the firm of White & Littlefield, sold their thirty thousand acre ranch in Menard, Kimble and Mason counties to Irve Ellis of Menard. Four thousand, five hundred head of the best cattle in Western Texas were also disposed of. The total consideration was \$700,000.

Fifty per cent of the land involved is tillable and all is well improved.

For the ranch and cattle, White & Littlefield, received the Lasker block in San Angelo, located on the northeast corner of Chadbourne street corner of Chadbourne street. This property was valued in the transaction, at \$125,000. It includes the buildings on East Concho avenue, beginning with the Crystal Theatre, and extending westward to and including the Arc Light Saloon. North on Chadbourne street, the property extends to and includes Joe Luna's Eagle Barber Shop.

**YOU'RE BILIOUS! LET "CASCARETS" LIVE IN LIVER AND BOWELS**

Don't stay headachy, constipated sick with breath bad and stomach sour.

Get a 10-cent box now. You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have the headache, coated tongue, bad taste, and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have a bad cold.

Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil? Cascarets work while you sleep; cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet, liver and bowels regular, and head clear for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.

**HONOR DEPARTING MEMBER**

W. S. Rather, who will leave soon for Central America, was honored by a reception of Voshti Chapter 32, Order Eastern Star, last Tuesday night at the lodge hall. Following the regular business program, a course of refreshments were served in honor of the departing member who was tendered many kind wishes in his future home. The meeting was attended by a large crowd despite the inclement weather.—Temple Telegram.

W. S. Rather is none other than Sam, a former Ballinger boy, and the son of Frank T. Rather, one of the pioneer citizens of this county. He will be kindly remembered by the young men of his time, and the family is kindly remembered by the old timers of this county.

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 nor "bugging in head." Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

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Ballinger, Texas

Headquarters For

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We Repair Windmills

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**Dunn and Glenn**  
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"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

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

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708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.  
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OUR TREES ARE NOW READY FOR DELIVERY. THEY SHOULD BE SET OUT DURING PRESENT MONTH. WE HAVE A FINE LOT OF BUDDED AND GRAFTED TREES ON THREE YEAR OLD ROOTS.

S. B. HOWARD, Ballinger, Tex.

**Y. M. B. L. TO TRY**

**GET-ONE PLAN**

The Business League has mailed letters to its members informing them that an effort will be made on tomorrow to double the membership of the League by having each member bring in a new member. This plan worked with remarkable success at Brownwood.

The Y. M. B. L. now has but 47 town members, whereas it ought to have 150, if every man in business here is to "tote fair" with his neighbor. The average income of the League is now a little more than \$120 per month. Of this, about \$95 is spent for fixed expenses, leaving but \$25 to be put to profitable uses. Clearly, it is greatly to the interest of Ballinger, if the town expects to get any real good out of its commercial organization, to increase the net amount which can be spent for the upbuilding of the town. The League expects all firms who join to pay as much as \$1.00 per month, but individuals will be granted full membership for dues as small as 25 cents per month.

Let's all get behind the movement tomorrow and push!

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

**SOCIALIST MEETING.**

The Socialist party of Runnels county met in called session at the court house in Ballinger Saturday afternoon, with D. W. Pane, chairman and Secretary Savage, presiding, with about 30 members from different parts of the county.

After a short discussion of questions before the body a standing vote was taken and H. F. Nut, of Miles, was elected lecturer and organizer with instructions to begin a canvass of the county about March 1st, 1916.

Charmen from the various voting precincts were appointed at this meeting. It was also decided to call a mass meeting of the entire county to meet at the court house in Ballinger some time in April, date to be set by the president, at which time a county ticket will be placed in the running. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

**Something Good.**

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine, obtainable everywhere.

**Strictly Cash**

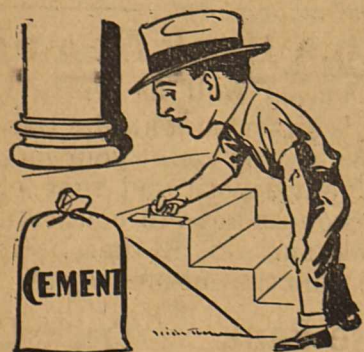
I am here to stay and to build up a clean, up-to-date grocery trade. I pay strictly cash for my groceries and sell the same way, dealing on the smallest margin of profit possible. Everything in my store is a leader, nothing at cost to make up for it on some thing else, everything must bear its own profit.

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But in the meantime the comfort of the mother is of vast importance. There is a splendid external remedy known as "Mother's Friend" which exerts a wonderful influence upon the expanding muscles. They become more pliant, stretch without undue pain, make the period one of pleasant anticipation instead of apprehension. In a series of splendid letters from all over the country mothers tell of the great help "Mother's Friend" was to them. Even grandmothers tell the wonderful story to their own daughters about to enter the state of motherhood. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today of your nearest druggist. Use this splendid help with your own hand guided by your own mind. For a free book of interest and importance to all mothers write to Bradfield Regulator Co., 409 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. It relates the personal experiences of many happy mothers, it tells many things that all women should be familiar with; it is at once a guide and an inspiration. Write for this book.

### MORTUARY.

#### GRANDMA DAVIS DIED SUNDAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Davis was held Sunday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Crews on Eleventh Street. Rev. Schoonover, of San Angelo, a Christian minister, conducted the service, in the absence of the Rev. Montgomery, pastor of the local Christian church. Mrs. Schoonover accompanied Rev. Schoonover and sang a solo. Judge and Mrs. C. O. Harris, formerly of this city, and old neighbors to Mrs. Davis, also came over from San Angelo to attend the funeral and assisted in the music.

Mrs. Davis died at seven o'clock Sunday morning, and the news soon spread over the city, and many friends of the family gathered at the home at the hour appointed for the funeral to pay the last tribute to this good old lady, and a long procession followed the remains to the City Cemetery, where a new made mound was covered with flowers.

The pall bearers were Jack McGregor, C. R. Crews, E. D. Walker, Oscar Pearson, Scott H. Mack and Geo. M. Vaughn.

### OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary B. Maxwell Davis died February 6th at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. R. Crews.

She was born in Ripley, Tenn., nearly 85 years ago and was there married in 1847 to Edward W. Davis. They came to Texas in 1852 and located in Llano County. She was left a widow early in life with seven children, the youngest an infant of two years. Besides rearing these she took five orphans, nieces and nephews into her home and raised them all to be useful men and women. Her pioneer home was open to all and she was ever the friend of the distressed and needy.

She joined the Christian church before she was twenty years old and it was her joy to follow where He led.

Though paralyzed and confined to her room the last twenty years of her life she was every cheerful and happy, her mind bright and memory wonderful. She was a

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benediction in the home and an inspiration for good to all who knew her.

There is nothing in life so beautiful as the end of the aged Christian; the final going away of one whose long sojourn on earth has been full of duty discharged; of loyalty to God and of love to our neighbor: "Dust to dust" often loses its discordant notes in the sweet music of "I am the Resurrection and the Life" and the grave is stripped of its horrors while we hear only the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

A NEIGHBOR.

#### Mrs. John Nunn.

The sad message was received in Ballinger Saturday morning telling of the death of Mrs. John Nunn at their home at Clyde, Texas, Friday. The remains were shipped to Ballinger and taken to the Old Runnels cemetery Saturday afternoon for burial.

Mrs. Nunn was one of the pioneer women of this county, a noble Christian mother and devoted wife and leave besides her husband several children, brothers and sisters to mourn her death. The Ledger joins a host of friends in sincere sympathy and condolence in this sad hour.

#### TO THE YOUNG LADIES.

Which Will You Do, Will You Independence or Marry a Two-bit Man?

You are at the cross roads of life. There are two paths open to you. One leads to your independence, the other to dependency. You are to choose, which of these roads you prefer to travel. One requires effort, the other indifference. To travel one, you must have real backbone and determination, the other, a string for a backbone, and indifference will do. Some girls say "The lion is in the way." These girls like gumption, get-up-and-get, they reason that if so-and-so and such-and-such a thing had not happened they could have made a great success. The lion is in the way. Fear and indifference has entered into their daily life and robbed them of their vim and courage. It's our life work to train people to determine to get up and do things, develop their late talent, quicken their perception that they may lead a higher and more useful life. Our thorough practical training in Bookkeeping, Business Methods, Shorthand, Stenotypewriting, Telegraphy, Business English, Business Law, Business Arithmetic, Spelling, Business Writing, Rapid Calculation, Money and Banking Corporation Finance, Taxation and Public Finance, Private Secretaryship, Salesmanship, - Advertising, Real Estate, Commercial History, Higher accounting, Economics, Parliamentary Law, and Managerialship, together with the use of the most modern office appliances, gets the lion out of the way, gives the girl her independence, places her where she can make an honorable living, in any city in the land; command the respect of the very best people. If in after life, she is left a widow with plenty of money or property she knows how to care for it. If upon the other hand, she is left and has to support herself she can do so by accepting a good salaried position in some office.

Girls graduate from our institution are not only carefully looked after while in school, but the place where we secure them a position, through our employment department is carefully investigated as to the moral surroundings, and in the larger cities we have arranged for appropriate boarding places in private homes. No mother need fear her daughter will not have the proper care and attention while in our school and in making her start into the business office.

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Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.  
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WANTED—German girl, for house work, small family. N. PASSUR, "Watch Me Grow," tfd

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WANTED—Work on farm or land to rent. Call at Ledger office. 28-3td-3tw-pd.

WAR HORSES WANTED—5 to 9 years old, 15 to 16 hands high. Also we have bargains in buggies and wagons. Call at Street & Middleton's Barn, 10th Street, Ballinger. 3-4td-4tw

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—950 head of bred Ewes, all in fine shape, located on my ranch at Millersview, Texas, apply to Will C. Bryson. 11-3 twpd.

FOR SALE—Few more good milk cows. J. K. HUTTON. 9-2td-1tw.

PLANTING SEED—Mebane cotton seed has come. Call at once and put in your order. O'Kelly & Walton. 4-6td14tw

FOR SALE—My home and store building. Store 30x140, ceiled and weaver boarded. Home and store close in, modern conveniences. Bargain if sold at once. Cash and good terms. See C. A. Freeze, Singer man. 1-d&w

FOR SALE—One fine mare with foal. Inquire at Cunningham's Second Hand Store. Would consider part cash. 27-d&w-tf.

SEED POTATOES — Yancy's Golden Bush Yam \$1.50 per bushel. Select seed June corn \$1.25 per bushel. Cantaloup seed \$1 per pound. W. E. Blair, South Ballinger. 11-4tw

PARTRIDGE ROCK EGGS FOR SETTING—If you are going to raise chickens get good ones. Partridge Rocks have all the best qualities. Eggs per setting of 15 \$1.50. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger.

FOR SALE—Planting cotton seed, the big boll Rowden cotton at \$1.00 per bushel. J. A. Patterson, Norton or Wilmeth phone Route 1. 4-2tw-pd.

CAR LOAD MEBANE COTTON SEED—I am making up orders for a car load of pure Mebane cotton seed, to come direct from A. D. Mebane Cotton Seed Co., the originator of this famous cotton. The car will be shipped out on February 15. Get your orders in, get pure seed and save money. Miss Leslie Holloway, exclusive agent for Ballinger and Winters, Ballinger, Texas. 24-1td2tw

### LOST.

LOST—One shotgun, 12 gauge, double barreled. Finder return to Ledger office for reward or to Naylor & Whiddon, Miles, Texas. 7-3td1tw.

A letter received from Mrs. A. B. Burrell Saturday morning says send us the Banner-Ledger a year, we are still interested in the old home news and the paper is just like getting a letter from home. Their many friends in Ballinger will be glad to learn they are well and enjoying life in their new location.

Will C. Bryson, one of the prominent stock men of Millersview, had business in Ballinger Wednesday and placed an ad in the paper to sell 950 bred ewes.

## BOOTLEGGER NO. 8 LANDED IN JAIL

Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Rowena brought a negro here late Friday afternoon and placed him in jail charged with selling booze.

The negro gives his name as Chas. Jones, and the officers say he is a good double to Simon Brown, another bootlegger who broke jail last summer, but they decided that all coons look alike and that Chas. Jones was not Simon Brown.

The negro made three sales of booze at Rowena, according to evidence obtained before the arrest was made, and when arrested the negro had in his possession a grip containing twelve pints of Bob Harper whiskey.

This makes eight bootleggers in jail, seven negroes and one white man, and the officers think they have evidence that will convict each one. If so there will be about ten persons sent from this county to the pen when court meets next month.

## EAT BIG MEALS! NO SOUR, ACID STOMACH INDIGESTION OR GAS

"Pape's Diapepsin" is quickest, surest stomach relief Known—Try it!

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, gassy, out-of-order stomach surely within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably, or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headache, dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and besides there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there.

Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapepsin" to keep the entire family free from stomach disorders and indigestion for many months. It belongs in your home.

### SPRING HILL NEWS

Health in our community is very good.

Farmers are making good headway preparing for this year's crop. The oat crop is badly injured by the dry freeze.

We nearly all became detached from Ballinger last year on account of bad roads, but the graders have been working on the roads between the two points for some weeks and are putting them in fine condition.

Our school is progressing nicely with regular attendance and there will be a box supper at Spring Hill school house Friday night. The proceeds will be used in paying for an encyclopedia for the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Brother Golden preached to us Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m., the first Sunday in the month being his regular appointment.

Everybody has about all the business of their own they can attend to and we are dwelling in peace and harmony.

KNOX.

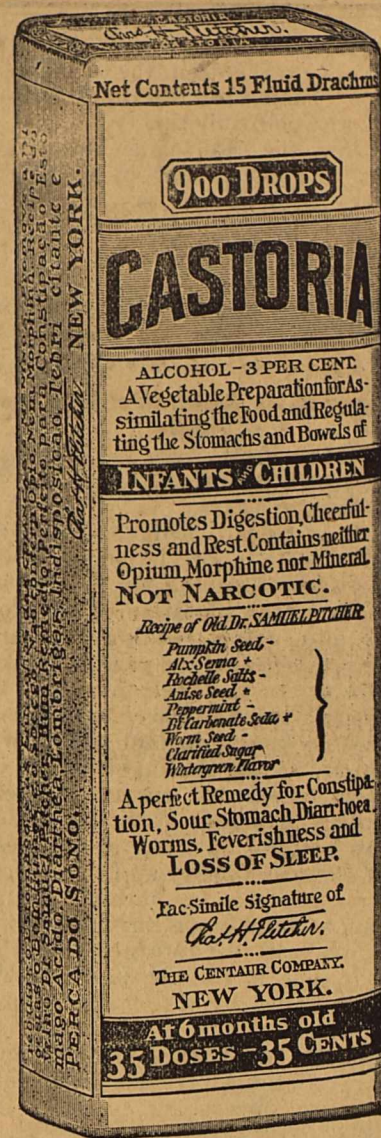
Will handle a complete line of Ready-to-Wear and Ladies' and Misses' Millinery goods. Investigate styles and prices before you buy. A. J. ZAPPE. 10-1td-2tw

### HATCHEL DOTS

Mrs. Reagan has returned from a visit to Port Arthur.

Mr. Graham and family of Winters, were shaking hands with friends here Sunday afternoon.

Misses Wiygle and Guin visited the Misses Graves Sunday. Elder Spears filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Sunday evening Elder Norman



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preached at the Christian Church.

Both services were well attended.

Miss Lula Michaelis was absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Shelbourne visited Mr. and Mrs. Caudle Monday.

We have organized a Literary Society and will meet Feb. 25. Everybody invited to come. We will entertain you.

The reception given by Prof. Sprinkle was well attended. All report an enjoyable evening.

Farmers are looking blue over the prospects of an oat crop.

Most of the oats in this part are apparently dead. A good rain might help some of them.

TEXAN.

### SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Jim West of San Angelo, spent Saturday and Sunday with W. E. Branch.

Miss Nellie Taylor of Valley Creek, who is staying with her uncle, Sam Taylor, and attending the Ballinger school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

A. S. Hubard of Winters, while en route to San Angelo, spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Ed

Eubank.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Henry Greer and Mrs. E. D. Jackson who have been quite ill the past few days, are on the mend.

Quite a crowd of the young people attended the fruit supper at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corum's Friday night. All report a good time.

ELBERTA PEACH.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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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 a two month treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2238 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists—Adv.

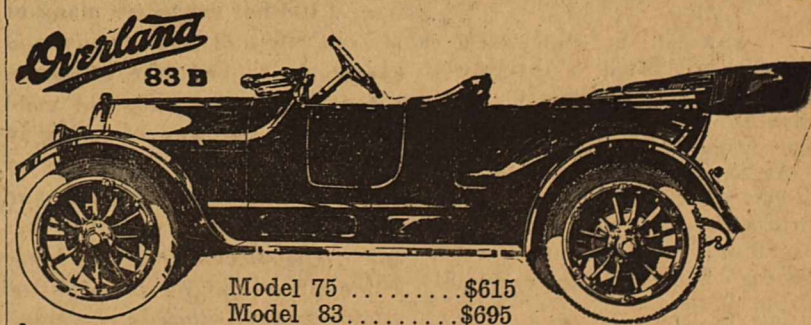
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THE BANNER-LEDGER PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Ledger and the Runnels County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

Candidates are still coming and prospects are good for a full crop.

The man who runs for governor against Jim Ferguson will only buy a little advertising; no office.

Foreign capital invested in Ballinger is worth just as much to the town as local capital, provided local men control it.

We trust to be able to report something doing for better roads when the court begins to grind next week.

A half dozen car loads of rabbits should be shipped from this county within the next half dozen weeks.

We believe that a majority of the American people endorse Wilson's preparedness policy. Its better to be safe than sorry, and as individuals we will never feel the cost.

Less than five miles of new railroad was constructed in Texas in 1915. Railroads are handicapped by Texas laws, and the state will not develop as it should until railroad building is resumed.

There is no effort being made to exterminate the rats in this city, and the people will soon begin to kick about the loss of poultry. If you don't apply the remedy you should not kick.

We can't believe that Caranza's love for the United States is more than skin deep and the Mexicans will take a delight in shooting the gringos every time an opportunity presents itself.

It has been suggested that the citizens of Ballinger be given an opportunity to pass on the commission form of government at the coming April election, with

time, but recently milk bottles have again gotten the disagreeable habit of disappearing.—Brownwood Bulletin. Now, the Coleman Democrat has no right to step in and say that Brownwood is not the "goody-goody" town the esteem Bulletin editor claims for it.

\*\*\*\*\* Letters from the People \*\*\*\*\*

Appreciates Kindness of Ballinger People.

Winslow, Ariz., Feb. 1, 1916. Banner-Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Friend Sledge: We note with much appreciation that we are again indebted to the good ladies of the Christian Church for the pleasure of reading the Banner-Ledger another year. We take this means to thank them and to speak a word of cheer to you concerning your excellent paper. We both hold the Ballinger people in high esteem and appreciate their kind remembrance of us. We enjoy keeping up with the progress of Runnels County and think that your paper is far ahead of any county weekly we know of.

We have just returned from the old home in Kentucky, where we were called by the death of my father.

With best wishes for you and other Ballinger friends I remain, Yours sincerely, FRED S. CARTER.

"Three Weeks in Georgia" Editor Ledger:

As I promised to write something of my trip to the old state of Georgia, I will briefly say:

In the first place I never saw so many people wanting to go somewhere at the same time. Trains were so badly crowded that I had to ride in the negro coach in passing through Alabama. I sat right up by a big fat "nigger woman" for about 75 miles.

It had been 24 long years since I had visited my old home, and the changes were wonderful to me. My aunt had met two or

A CHILD HATES OIL CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if cross, sick, feverish, constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them. How you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep their harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

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 on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

DIGGING UP SOME ANCIENT HISTORY

I'm an old settler. But I want to find somebody that was here in this "bully robust country," as Jo Wilmett would say, before I came. I want to find somebody that was here in '86 and '87. I want to know if The Ledger

WOUNDED WOMAN STILL LIVE

The latest reports from the sanitarium this afternoon says that Mrs. J. C. Croughen, the woman who was wounded by a shot from a pistol in the hands of her husband at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning, was resting well. The woman rested well through the night and indicates that she will make a strong fight for life.

The physicians say that it is possible that she will recover, but not probable and it is believed that peritonitis will set up in a short time, as the wound is of such nature to bring about that end.

Nothing new has developed in the case since the report of the tragedy as given by this paper, and the facts brought out by taking preliminary evidence are about as published.

At the time of the shooting the family were arranging to leave Ballinger and go to Robert Lee, and it seems from the evidence that Croughen objected to the move, and began expressing his objections in pretty strong language early in the morning, and as the story goes he caused trouble earlier in the day by going on tantrum and breaking up the breakfast dishes. The camping outfit, wagon, teams, etc., is the property of Mrs. Croughen, the children, and the son-in-law Riley, but they deny that anything had been said about leaving Croughen behind and it was generally understood that he was going with the family.

The man has been charged with assault and attempt to murder, and if the woman dies the charge will be changed to that of murder, and it is thought that the man will be denied bond pending the convening of district court next month.

IN BALLINGER MONDAY

Among the number from different parts of the county in Ballinger first Monday we noticed, J. M. Nichol of Maverick, A. P. Serratt, of the Norton country, J. J. Bedford, E. F. Edwards, Johnnie Hall and W. H. Rodges of Winters, W. A. Guin, of Hatcher, J. R. Taylor and son Ben, of the Norton country, F. F. Ernst, and son of Rowena, Haywood Miller of Talpa, Joe Oliver of the Hatcher country, W. P. Jones, of the Valley creek country.

Henry Bredemeyer and little son, of the Winters country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and paid the Ledger office a pleasant call.

J. A. Weathersbee, of the Maverick country, and Wm. Gray and J. T. Carter, of the Token country, were among the Business visitors in Ballinger Monday and the first two gentlemen ordered the Banner-Ledger and Dallas News to their address for a year.

L. R. Menchew, of the Norton country, E. M. Harrell, of the Hatcher section, Wm. Pumphrey, of Pumphrey, J. D. Smith, of the Wingate country and W. S. Maddox and son George, of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

C. F. Reasonover and Henry Evans, of Talpa, Abner Perry of Miles, and I. A. Garrick, one of the prominent merchants of Winters, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger first Monday. Joe Ostertag, came in from Carlsbad and spent a few days at home and left Tuesday for Carlsbad, where he is holding a position for the present.

H. B. Whitt, C. C. Thomas, R. B. Armstrong, Shannon McWilliams, of the Valley creek country and J. R. Turner of the Norton country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

R. C. Henniger and son, of the Hatcher country, and B. A. Lott of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Willie Stephens, of Miles, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and informed us that he was figuring on getting in the race this year for tax assessor.

TOUR UP THE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla, a Spring Tonic Medicine, is Necessary.

Everybody is troubled at this season with loss of vitality, failure of appetite, that tired feeling, or with bilious turns, dull headaches, indigestion and other stomach troubles, or with pimples and other eruptions on the face and body. The reason is that the blood is impure and impoverished.

Hood's Sarsaparilla relieves all these ailments. Ask your druggist for this medicine and get it today. It is the old reliable medicine that has stood the test for forty years—that makes pure, rich blood—that strengthens every organ and builds up the whole system. It is the all-the-year-round blood-purifier and health-giver. Nothing else acts like it, for nothing else is like it; so be sure to get Hood's.

RUNNELS COUNTY BOY PROMOTED IN NAVY

Upon the recommendation of a board of examining officers, Jesse C. Dixon, of Crews, this county, has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States Marine Corps, according to advices just received from Washington, D. C.

Jesse, who is a brother of Forest B. Dixon of Crews, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Denver, Col., recruiting station, on May 13, 1912, and is now serving at the marine barracks, Port Royal, S. C., awaiting transfer to expeditionary duty, where he will have many interesting experiences, or to a cruising battleship, which will visit strange lands and give the Crews non-commissioned officer an excellent opportunity to see the world.

Young Dixon is widely known in this community and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his rapid promotion in the United States Marine Corps.

D. P. Wetsel, of Blanket, came in a few days ago and will locate in the Wingate country to make his future home.

Large advertisement for Ballinger Insurance Agency with decorative border. Text: 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

the understanding that the change take place one year hence. This would keep the question free from any political entanglement and give plenty time to select suitable men to handle our \$75,000 corporation. Its a good suggestion, we favor such plan and believe that a majority of the people of Ballinger will support such a move.

THE STORY OF THE LUMP OF LEAVEN.

The Brown County grand jury worked twelve days and returned to the court thirty-eight indictments, twenty-two felonies, and sixteen misdemeanors.—Ballinger Ledger.

Brownwood is not such a goody-goody town as the esteemed editor of the Bulletin would have the public believe.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

As long as Coleman and Ballinger are included in the great Brownwood country, we will not squabble about being "goody-goody." But it may be that the public likes to be hoodwinked; else how could the Wallingfords and others of their ilk continue to thrive.—Brownwood Bulletin.

A little leaven will leaven the whole lump. It is possible that the pure moral influence wafted with the western zephyrs from righteous Runnels will penetrate the confines of the bilious bile of Brown County cussedness and impregnate the bayou law "busters" with a desire to desist from the damnable doings that is taking the "goody-goodness" from that county.

BROWNWOOD DBOTTLES MISS ING.

A number of Brownwood dairy-men report that milk thieves are again operating here. Several months ago the theft of milk became so common that the dairy-men became exasperated, got busy and caught one of the miscreants. This stopped the trouble for a

three trains and had decided that I was not coming, so when I got off the train at Old Tunnel Hill I was lost and thought that I had gotten off at the wrong place, when a stranger convinced me that it was my old home. The stores were some good distance from the depot when I left, now they have all moved close to the depot.

The country looks like it has all run together and fell in, and it poured down rain most of the time while I was there, and kept me from going o'possum hunting. I did not get to see many of my old boy and girl friends, and everybody looked like strangers I found that the same old good eating was the way of living in the old states, and they never feed you out of paper sacks and tin cans. Modern farming has taken the place of the old home made plow and ox teams, and thorough bred hogs have replaced the razor backs, so you see the people have improved since I left that country. Land has improved, and what was at one time poor land is now making from a half to a bale of cotton to the acre, and from 25 to 40 bushels of corn and sells for from \$25 to \$300 per acre.

I had a pleasant visit with my aunt Kattie, and would like to tell you of a trip I made 40 miles from the railroad to visit Uncle Josh and Aunt Milinda, but my letter will be too long.

WILLIE L. HAMBRIGHT, Winters, Texas.

Just receiving a new line of Spring Goods. A. J. Zappe. 10-1td-1tw.

knows of any newspaper published during these two years and giving an account of a stage robbery between Ballinger and Angelo.

A lone highwayman held up the stage and robbed thirteen passengers. It was reported that he got \$1,000 of money and jewelry the first haul and that he repeated the feat several times afterward, but without getting anything as passengers would leave their valuables at Ballinger, which was then the terminus of the railroad. Is it so? Has anybody the papers containing the account of the incident?

And there's another story that goes this way: Some parties stole 40 head of beef steers belonging to Uncle Bob Fairbanks, out of a pasture, and drove them to the railroad and shipped them and have never been caught and punished. Is that so? Well times were rocky. This was a rough country—and that's a fact.

Who can give us a history of Old Fort Chadbourne in the Northwest corner of Runnels County? The walls of the old stone buildings still stand in a picturesque place in the mountains and some of the buildings are still intact and occupied while the country is very interesting. I am sure somebody could, if they would, give us some history of this old fort.

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

If "Uncle Johnnie" will take a day off and visit The Ledger office we will be pleased to let him read Runnels County newspapers that were published before Ballinger was placed on the map, and perhaps he will find something that will be interesting to him in ancient history. At present we are too busy making modern history to dig up ancient history.

M. C. Taylor, of Norton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

HUNG JURY IN CONCHO MURDER

Special to The Daily Ledger: PAINT ROCK, Feb. 10.—At a late hour today the jury in the Simmons murder case was still out and it is reported that the case will result in a mistrial with ten for acquittal.

Simmons was tried for the murder of a man by the name of Bington, at Lightner, in this county about one year ago. The unwritten law played a big part in the trial of the case, the defendant introducing evidence to show that Bington had ruined the daughter of Simmons. Sensational letters written by Bington to the young lady were introduced as evidence. Simmons shot Bington as the latter was returning to his home at Lightner, having just gotten off the train, Simmons using a shotgun and shot the man as he was attempting to get out of reach of the gun. Simmons was carried to Ballinger and kept in jail until he made bond. Judge Doss & Baugh of Ballinger, represented the defendant.

This is the only criminal case to come up at the present term and with the disposal of a few civil cases the court will adjourn. The grand jury is in session, but it is believed they will investigate all matters brought before them and complete the work this week.

T. E. Davis and Editor Cooper of Miles were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Joe Sommers, of Rowena, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

L. W. Little of the Tennyson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

J. W. Borders, of Maverick, was supplying and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Robert Stevenson, of Brownwood, who spent a few days with home folks and friends in Ballinger, returned to Brownwood Monday afternoon.

G. C. Murray, of Fort Worth, was in Ballinger a few hours Monday en route home from Miles, and informed us that he would move to this county in the near future to make his home.

Mrs. Estes Lynn and baby, of San Angelo, came in Monday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor and Ballinger friends.

Robert French, who represents the Brownwood Marble Works, was looking after his company's interests in Ballinger Monday.

C. D. Reginold and son came in from Winters Sunday and will make their home in Ballinger in the future.

Louie Strube of the Olfen country and J. S. Reese of the Benoit country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. O. Gross of the Gross ranch 10 miles up the Colorado, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. H. Rodgers of Winters, and T. A. Duke of the Bethel neighborhood, and W. W. Witherspoon of the Tennyson country, were among the large crowd in Ballinger first Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox, of Pony creek, were shopping in Ballinger and order the Banner-Ledger and San Antonio Express for a year.

J. M. Valentine, one of the prominent contractors, S. P. Hale and son-in-law Mr. Hood of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

\*\*\*\*\* POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. \*\*\*\*\*

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

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

Representative 111th District: WALLACE E. HAWKINS.

For County Clerk: W. C. McCARVER, C. C. COCKRELL, H. G. SECREST.

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, M. D. CHASTAIN

For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS.

For County Judge: O. L. PARISH

For District Clerk: (Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1: E. C. MOOR.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 3: J. D. SMITH.

R. M. Middleton and wife and her brother of Concho, came in Friday and the latter two accompanied the remains of their father, Mr. Head, of Baird, to Center City for burial. The old gentleman died at his home in Baird Thursday at the ripe old age of 86 years.

C. A. Herring, one of the prosperous stockmen of the Talpa country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

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### PLANS TO CONSOLIDATE RURAL SCHOOLS

A move is on foot among the patrons of the Spring Hill and Dry Ridge schools to consolidate the two schools and establish a rural high school. Those advocating the proposition to consolidate claim that the two schools are crowded, the teachers have more than they can do and better facilities are necessary for the proper instruction to be given the pupils of the two districts.

For the purpose of discussing the plan to consolidate a meeting has been called and the patrons of the school have been notified to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wheelers at two-thirty Friday afternoon. County Superintendent Wooten has agreed to be present and explain the necessary steps to take in order to consolidate the two schools, and the advantages and disadvantages will be discussed. All those favoring the proposition and all those opposed to consolidating are urged to be present.

### GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT! STOP DANDRUFF AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Hair stops falling out and gets thick, wavy, strong and beautiful.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few week's use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any druggist or toilet counter, and just try it.

### RABBIT HUNT.

Ed Jones requests us to announce a rabbit hunt for Thursday, February 17th to begin on the Leaday and Ballinger road one and one-half miles from Ballinger and will hunt down the river. A splendid barbecue and plenty other good things to eat will be served at noon and a cordial invitation extended to everybody to attend, the hunt.

### Sure Signs of a Torpid Liver.

If you have spells of dizziness, biliousness, or constipation, look to your liver for the cause. You can get relief by taking Po-Do-Lax. It acts quickly on the liver, helps it to discharge the poison and tone up the system. Helps the stomach too. Only 50c at Druggists.

Joe Thelie of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

### Dr. 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.

### S. S. S. IS PURELY VEGETABLE—NATURE'S BLOOD TREATMENT

Scientists have discovered that the forest and the field are abundantly supplied with vegetation of various kinds, that furnish the ingredients for making a remedy for practically every ailment of mankind. Medicines made from roots, herbs and barks which Nature has placed at the disposal of man are better than strong mineral mixtures. Mineral medicines work dangerously on the delicate parts of the system, especially the stomach and bowels, by eating out the lining membrane, producing chronic dyspepsia and often entirely ruining the health. S. S. S. is guaranteed to be a purely vegetable remedy. It is made entirely of gentle-acting, healing, purifying roots, herbs and barks, possessing properties that build up all parts of the system, in addition to removing all impurities and poisons from the blood. S. S. S. is a safe treatment for all disorders of the blood. It cleanses the entire system. Get S. S. S. at any drug store. S. S. S. is a standard remedy recognized everywhere as the greatest blood antitoxin ever discovered. If yours is a peculiar case write to Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

### MANY RABBITS ARE BROUGHT TO TOWN

A new industry was opened today when the first carload of rabbits ever to leave Ballinger were shipped out. At least the car is being loaded and will go north on the A & S. tomorrow afternoon. It is not known at this time how many rabbits the car will contain when the seal is placed on it and it is billed out to the Dallas Rabbit Co., of Dallas, but rabbits have been brought here in sacks, wagons and autos.

The largest single load came from the drive made on the W. T. Routh place and the adjoining places this week, and this load contained about 400 rabbits and brought in the neighborhood of \$50.

W. T. Bessonet is here superintending the loading of the rabbits, and stated that arrangements had been made for other shipments to follow by express. A photographer was called out to make a picture of the loading, and this will be used in state papers. While the writer was witnessing the loading today, a small boy came up with his arms full of "cotton tails" his rabbits were weighed, he received the cash for them and went away as happy as a millionaire, and wearing a smile that would take the grouch out of the worst pessimist.

### PROVEN SWAMP-ROOT AID'S WEAK KIDNEYS

The symptoms of kidney and bladder troubles are often very distressing and leave the system in a run-down condition. The kidneys seem to suffer most, as almost every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to dangerous kidney troubles.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-root which soon heals and strengthens the kidneys is a splendid kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed in most cases by those who use it.

A trial will convince anyone who may be in need of it. Better get a bottle from your nearest drug store, and start treatment at once.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger.

### REPORT SAYS DOG WAS MAD

Dr. E. R. Walker received a report from Austin today stating that the dog which bit Chas. James was made and that the boy was being given treatment at the institute at Austin. The dog's head was carried to Austin for examination.

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.

Oscar Drennan, who is doing some road work in Sutton county, spent a few days with his family and returned to Sonora Tuesday at noon.

### EVANGELIST HAM AND RAMSEY ARRESTED

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 8.—Pinned down to giving officers definite information concerning the many charges that they have brought of corruption and lawlessness in Corpus Christi the Ham-Ramsey combination of professional revivalists, through an affidavit filed at 9 o'clock Monday morning with Justice F. H. Miles, admitted that any evidence that charges that they have made were based solely upon hearsay or that it came to them in the form of a confession from those who confided in the revivalists as ministers of the gospel.

Reverends Ham and Ramsey during the past several weeks have made many charges to create the impression that Corpus Christi is as wicked as Sodom and that lawlessness runs riot in this city. The charges have included seduction, rape, gaming, running of saloon and clubs on Sundays and many other acts in violation of law.

One charge was that on a recent occasion four white women and one man all clothed with smiles sat around a table drinking beer and that while in such nude condition they were served by a negro man; another charge was that 300 gaming houses exist in Corpus Christi; another that on a recent Sunday 22 barrels of beer were sold by one club.

Justice E. H. Miles says that he wants to see the law enforced. In fairness to the revivalists and to the city he cited the revivalists to appear in his court for a conference with him, the three to candidly discuss conditions and to get the names of the violators of the law so that warrants of arrest could issue forth and that the violators be brought to answer for the crimes.

An understanding between the revivalists and Justice Miles has now been reached, the conference has been held, the affidavit has been furnished.

A promise has been given to Justice Miles that a committee of citizens will furnish him with a list of those who are violating the law and that members of the committee will swear out the complaints against such violators. The warrants will then be issued and served and the trials will follow.

The subpoenaing of the reverends Ham and Ramsey before Justice Miles was the cause of a parade Monday afternoon in which 1,025 men, women and children participated attesting to their faith in the prohibition movement.

San Antonio, Feb. 7.—Charges preferred by the municipality of Corpus Christi in defense of the good name of its people caused the arrest Friday afternoon of Evangelist Ham and Evangelist Ramsey, who have been conducting a revival there. The serving of the warrant by the sheriff at the close of afternoon services caused a sensation.

The evangelists in their sermons are alleged to have libeled and scandalized the good character of the men and women of the community by charging gross immorality existing and encouraged among the citizens. The officers of the municipality through the state court asks for the conviction of the preachers unless they prove the charges they have publicly made.

The accused accepted service and are preparing their defense for the trial set for next Monday.

### For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

### INSTALLING WESTERN UNION TIME.

Mrs. A. H. Wiggy, local manager for the Western Union, has perfected arrangements for installing ten Western Union clocks at various places in the city, the subscribers agreeing to pay \$1 per month for the time furnished by the telegraph company. The clocks are installed and kept in repairs and correct time given daily.



### MELON GROWERS TO ORDER SEED IN BULK

At the regular meeting of the members of the Runnels County Produce Association at the Business League office Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, it was decided by vote to order seed in bulk from a well-known Georgia seed raiser who has quoted Tom Watson seed at 50c per pound in 50 to 100 pound lots. Those present ordered 50 pounds and left the money for them. The order will not be sent until February 15, however. Others who want to get in on this must hurry.

### Colds Need Attention

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey 25c all Druggists.

### WINTERS PROHIBITIONISTS HAVE ORGANIZED.

(Winters Enterprise) Whenever there is the least threat to bring saloons back into Runnels county, you can always depend on Winters furnishing its share of opposition to the threat. This was evidenced Monday afternoon, when, on a few minutes' notice, prohibitionists gathered and organized a local prohibition club.

Committees were appointed and a line of action mapped out that means an organized movement from Winters to prevent the county going back to the wets. H. O. Jones as chairman of the local club has had much experience in this line heretofore and will direct the movements of the club with a strong contingent of voters and workers to assist him at all times.

### WORKING PUBLIC ROADS.

Claude Little of the Maverick country, was in Ballinger Monday and took out the city street grader and will do some work between Maverick, Norton and Ballinger and the Valley creek country. He is doing some good and much needed work and with a little help from the citizens of Ballinger in money or otherwise, he will soon have the roads of that territory in splendid shape.

A good deal of the trade that goes to Bronte is the legitimate trade of Ballinger and would come here if the roads are put in the right condition.

### Severe Cold Quickly Cured

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Wea'therby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

### WORK UNDER WAY RE-MODELING BIG STORE HOUSE

The carpenters are at work remodeling the big store house of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack. The old fronts have been moved out and are being replaced with modern plate glass fronts. Changes in the interior are scheduled to be made and the store arranged for the convenience of the patrons and for displaying to better advantage the various lines of goods carried by this company. Plans will be drawn and it is probable that another story will be added to the buildings, or at least to two of them. This firm occupies three buildings, giving them a front of 90 feet, and a total floor space of 90x140 feet.

### 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

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# New Goods

## Arriving Daily

Our new spring goods include silks and woollens in all the newest weaves and colors, wash goods, white goods, linens, etc.

**New Laces** **New Embroidery**  
The prettiest line we have ever shown

Classy new Middy Blouses in the latest styles and patterns, prices - - - **50c to \$1.00**

### Heywood Shoes For Men

Our feature line of \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 shoes. The new spring oxfords have arrived. This line includes the newest styles in all leathers. We are especially proud of this line—the acknowledged leader of all \$4 to \$5 shoes. Come in and look them over.

### Big Line of Men's and Boys' Pants Just Arrived

All these goods were bought before the big advances in prices and we are going to give our customers the benefit of these lucky purchases.

Our new spring COAT SUITS have begun to arrive and will be on display about February 15th.

## Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

### NATURAL RESOURCES GOING TO WASTE

That Ballinger is sleeping on her rights and allowing her natural resources to go to waste was what might be termed the key note to the address made by E. W. Kirkpatrick, secretary of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce to about twenty-five business men at the Business League room Thursday night.

Brownwood has one of the most successful business men's organizations in the bush league class in Texas, and Mr. Kirkpatrick had been invited to meet with the Ballinger business men and address them at their regular quarterly meeting.

President E. D. Walker called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Kirkpatrick who spoke for nearly one hour and the address was listened to in the most attentive manner, and new life will no doubt be injected into the local work by the inauguration of suggestions made by the visitor, and which have proven successful in the work at Brownwood.

Mr. Kirkpatrick emphasized the importance of looking well to the cultivation of a better feeling between the town and the country. He pointed out how the success of one depended on the success of the other, and said that community co-operation was an important factor in the success of any town and county.

The speaker reminded his hearers of the wonderful advantages offered Ballinger as a trade center, and said that this county maintained a reputation for diversified farming that few, if any counties, could boast of, and said that Brown county had fast learned the wisdom of raising something besides cotton and was building smoke houses on the farms of that county. The hog industry has reduced the pork bill of Brown county farmers wonderful during the last two years. A couple of years ago the Chamber of Commerce of that city adopted a plan of creating more interest in hogs by distributing 100 brood sows among the farmers, and as a result the hog industry has put many farmers out of debt and on a cash basis.

"We do not allow political issues and the keenest competition between our local merchants to interfere with our work," said Mr. Kirkpatrick. "Our membership list has doubled within the last two months, and we are working now to increase our annual income from \$5000 to \$6000."

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the Brownwood precinct spent \$150,000 in building roads and the experience taught them a valuable lesson and he offered some suggestions that will be helpful to the people of this county when it comes to building roads. "Don't spend all your money in building roads and then have nothing left to maintain them," said the speaker, and he told how Brownwood made a mistake in this and were not striving to overcome the error.

The progressive Brownwood secretary stated that the great trouble with many business men's organizations the members got the idea that when they paid their dues they had done all that was expected of them, when paying dues is not half the work. It takes co-operation and live committee work to make the organization success, and if you have a secretary and give him a big bank account he can not succeed if the members do not co-operate with him.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he had gained some good ideas by coming to Ballinger and said that Ballinger had possibilities that no other town in this section could boast of, and if the people would work together they would accomplish things little dreamed of.

Following the talk of Mr. Kirkpatrick, Secretary Burges made his monthly report of the month just closed, showing the amount of money collected, how expended, etc., and what matters had come before the league and how disposed of.

Those present spent some time together in a social way after the meeting adjourned, and refreshments, consisting of cake, chocolate, cigars were served.

President Walker announced that it was the desire and purpose of the league to hold quarterly membership meetings at which time efforts would be made to bring the members together in a social as well as business.

Watch the Fords Go By.

### BELGIANS GET \$83.80 FROM BALLINGERITES

The committee in charge of collecting funds for relief of the Belgian war sufferers, make the following report:

From business houses . . . \$15.25  
From 3rd, 4th and 5th Sts. 16.60  
From 6th and Broadway . . . 9.45  
From 7th and 8th . . . . . 9.85  
From 9th and 10th . . . . . 15.10  
From 11th and 12th . . . . . 10.80  
From 13th and 14th . . . . . 2.50  
South of Railroad . . . . . 4.35

Total, . . . . . \$83.80

The subscriptions were partly in cash, and in goods, the cash was invested in goods.

The goods will be shipped today to Fort Worth Warehouse & Storage Company to be forwarded to The Belgian Relief Committee.

Mrs. John I. Gujon, chairman of the local committee, wishes to thank all donors and those who have assisted her in this good work, especially The Daily Ledger.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Your druggist will refund money if PAIN-OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

### RUNNELS GIRL WRITES FROM HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville, Tex., Jan. 31.

The new \$75,000.00 Science-Administration building is being erected on the Southeast side of the campus. It is to be of reinforced concrete, steel and brick. It will be fire-proof in every particular. The only wood used will be to cover the concrete floors and frame and finish openings.

The outside walls will be trimmed with terra cotta in different colors. It will be two stories and a basement high, the basement story to be wholly above ground. The building will contain besides the Science department, the Administration offices and a large auditorium which will seat two hundred and fifty persons. The ceiling of the auditorium will be two stories high. It is the largest and most beautiful building on the campus.

The cornerstone is to be laid Monday, February 14th., with Masonic ceremonies. President F. M. Bralley of the College of Industrial Arts, is to deliver the

### THE REFLECTIONS OF A MARRIED WOMAN

are not pleasant if she is delicate, run-down, or over worked. She feels "played out." Her smiles and her good spirits have taken flight. It worries her husband as well as herself.

This is the time to build up her strength and cure those weaknesses or ailments which are the seat of her trouble. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription regulates and promotes all the proper functions of womanhood, enriches the blood, dispels aches and pains, melancholy and nervousness, brings refreshing sleep, and restores health and strength. It cures those disorders and derangements incident to womanhood.

Mrs. LUCINDA ARMSTRONG, 8512 Dallas Avenue, Dallas, Texas, says: "My mother used Dr. Pierce's medicines over thirty years ago and recommended them to her daughters. I have used the Favorite Prescription during my married life and found this remedy was all that was claimed for it."

principal address. President Sam Sparks of the Board of Regents and State Superintendent W. F. Doughty, will also deliver addresses. Governor Ferguson and other state officials have been invited. It is to be a great occasion and the home folks of all the students are invited.

The Normal Lyceum course is excellent this year. We recently had with us the Oxford Company and the Schumann Quintette. A little later we are to have with us again the Ben Greet Woodland Players, who will give us two of Shakespeare's plays in the natural amphitheatre on the campus.

Almost every year at commencement the seniors give a play, written by them, and taken from some incident in Gen. Sam Houston's life. It is called the "Sam Houston" drama and is to be given this year. The seniors are busy at work on it now.

We have just closed a contest lasting a week, in the Y. W. C. A. There were two sides, the girls on each side trying to get new members. The two captains reported twenty-one new members.

Our secretary, Mrs. W. A. Francis is a very enthusiastic woman and all the girls enjoy the work in the Association.

The basket ball girls and boys are busy now, but have played no matched games yet. Both teams are to play A. C. S. on the 10th of February. Tennis is a favorite game among the students here, also. The Sam Houston Normal stands for clean athletics, and no team anywhere plays a cleaner game than does any S. H. N. S. team.

SUSIE REAMS.

## County Treasurers Quarterly Financial Statement

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared, M. Kleberg, county judge; Feb McWilliams, W. D. Meadows and C. N. Craft, county commissioners, all of Runnels County, Texas, who being duly sworn, each on his oath, deposes and says that he has fully complied with the provisions of Article No. 867 R. S., as set forth in said Article taken in connection with Chapter No. 164 Acts of the 29th Legislature, known as the depository law, by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of W. L. Brown, county treasurer of Runnels County, Texas, as set forth in said County Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending October 31, 1915, and find the same to be as follows:

|   |            |             |
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| First class, jury fund, overdrawn . . . . .                               | \$ 22.62   |             |
| Second class, Road and bridge fund, cash balance . . . . .                |            | \$ 1,142.30 |
| Third class, common county fund, overdrawn . . . . .                      | 85.42      |             |
| Fourth class, special fund, cash balance . . . . .                        |            | 653.85      |
| Fifth class, advertising fund, cash balance . . . . .                     |            | 263.14      |
| Sixth class, court house bond, sinking fund No. 1, cash balance . . . . . |            | 1,142.31    |
| Seventh class, B. B. sinking fund No 1, cash balance . . . . .            |            | 1,289.14    |
| Eighth class, B. B. sinking fund No. 2 . . . . .                          |            | 1,217.14    |
| To outstanding checks . . . . .   |            | 211.50      |
| To balance commissions due . . . . .                                      |            | 56.02       |
| By overdraft . . . . .  | .05        |             |
| By balance as certified by depository . . . . .                           | 5,867.31   |             |
|   | \$5,975.40 | \$5,975.40  |

M. KLEBERG, County Judge.  
FEB McWILLIAMS,  
Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
W. D. MEADOWS,  
Commissioners Precinct No. 2  
C. N. CRAFT,  
Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of November, 1915.

O. L. PARISH,  
County Clerk Runnels County, Texas.

### FLYNT TO MAKE RACE FOR SHERIFF.

I wish to inform my friends and the voters of Runnels County that I will be in the race for sheriff of this county, and as soon as I can get away from my business at Winters I will make my formal announcement in the various papers of this county and enter into an active campaign. This advance notice is given in order that you may not obligate your self and that you might have ample time to consider my

application for the office. I have served you as sheriff and you are familiar with my ability as a peace officer. With the experience I have had I feel that I can make you a better officer than before, and if elected I will be on the job all the time for the enforcement of the laws of this state. I will appreciate the support of my friends, and in due time will make an effort to see you all.  
Yours respectfully,  
JIM P. FLYNT  
d&w1t-pd.

### BALLINGER CITIZENS RECIEVE PATENT

H. G. Roten and W. W. Embry received their patent papers Tuesday for their invention of a Rotary Cycle for row binders. It is a very important and useful invention. Patent has been pending for the past three years. The invention does away with all friction, makes the machine cut clean and close and in many ways will be of great benefit to the farmers using row binders, etc.

### Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

H. L. WENDORF  
dtf Hutchings Ave.

### NO FOUNDATION FOR REPORT

It has been reported that Judge Willingham would make an addition to Ballinger on his land across the river from Ballinger should the commissioners court see fit to build a causeway from the foot of Eighth Street or Seventh street across the Colorado. There is absolutely no foundation for the report says Judge Willingham and under no consideration would he have his pasture cut into town lots, and his offer is only intended to benefit the citizens in getting to Ballinger the nearest route possible.

### 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. 17-1fw

Nath Crocket, one of the prosperous young farmers of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.



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# Speaking of the Weather

February and March bring weather conditions very trying to most people.

Colds, coughs, sore throat, tonsillitis, catarrh, bronchitis, pneumonia, are all prevalent.

These are all catarrhal conditions. All dependent upon the same cause, climatic changes. Sloppy weather underfoot. High winds, chilling blasts, changing from day to day. Thermometer dancing a jig. Barometer following suit.

All of the acute catarrhal conditions above referred to, call for

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# FAMILY MURDERED WHILE THEY SLEEP

MINGUS, Palo Pinto Co., Feb. 5.—The bodies of Mrs. G. W. Sinclair, age thirty-five, and Mrs. William Wilkins, age sixty-five, were found dead in their beds with their heads crushed, when the husband of Mrs. Sinclair returned to his home early this morning.

Sinclair is employed on the night shift at the Texas & Pacific round house and discovered the awful murder when he returned home from his work. Katie, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, was beaten in the head with some blunt instrument and will die.

A heavy iron bar, covered with blood and hair, was found in an outer room of the Sinclair home. The victims of the murderer show that they died without making a struggle, and it is believed they were attacked while asleep, and probably never knew what was taking place. An outer door to the home had been forced open.

to something to hinge an arrest upon.

Deputy Sheriff R. M. Loftin, who left here this morning, is expected to make an arrest in a nearby town before morning, it was stated by officials Monday night. It is believed that two men whose movements have been closely watched since the murder was discovered will be able to furnish important information in connection with the case.

"The motive for the crime was not robbery," stated Justice Guest Monday night. "It is my belief that it was intended to put Mrs. Wilkins out of the way and that Mrs. St. Clair and her little 3-year-old daughter were awakened by the struggle. In order to cover up his identity Mrs. Wilkins' assailant apparently intended to kill Mrs. St. Clair and her little daughter and left both of them for dead."

### DEATH FROM SHOCK CAUSED BY MURDER

STRAWN, Tex., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Ben Brockman, daughter of Mrs. Wil Wilkins, who was killed by an unknown assailant Saturday, while visiting at the home of G. W. St. Clair at Mingus, died today from shock caused by her mother's death.

Mrs. Wilkins was assaulted with a steel spike bar. At the same time Mrs. G. W. St. Clair also was killed and her daughter, Katie, aged 3, was so badly injured that her death is momentarily expected.

Katie now is in a Dallas hospital.

No arrests have been made in the case.

### MINGUS, Feb. 7.—Strong circumstantial evidence in the hands of local authorities is expected to result in the arrest of a man before morning in connection with the murders of Mrs. G. W. St. Clair and Mrs. Will Wilkins who were found dead in the St. Clair home here last Saturday morning with their skulls crushed from blows from a pinch bar.

This announcement was made by Justice of the Peace Guest Monday night, who with Sheriff Abernathy and Deputy Sheriff Loftin and Boyd have been working unceasingly on the case to develop a clew which would lead

### THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE AT BALLINGER

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### TAYLOR COUNTY HAS 3553 POLLS.

Taylor county only exceeds Runnels in poll tax receipts by about 400 the total payment in our neighbor on the north amounting to 3553 against 3120 payments in Runnels county. Runnel county has made a healthy growth during the last twelve or eighteen months and it is quite a youth yet.

Watch the Fords Go By.

## PROSPERITY

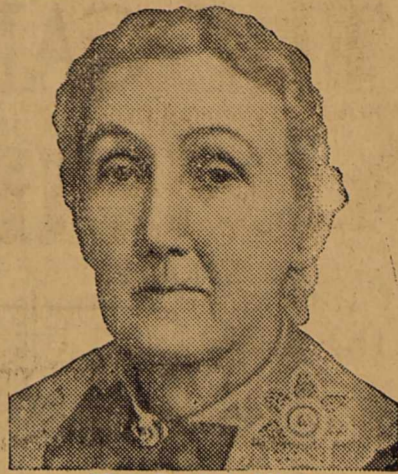
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Mrs. Rachel Allen

The infirmities of age are especially manifest in a tendency to constipation and call for treatment that will afford relief in an easy, natural manner. The rapid action of cathartic remedies and purgatives that shock the system should be avoided, more especially as the relief they offer is only temporary and is usually more than offset by disturbance to the vital organs caused by their violent action.

Nearly thirty years ago Dr. W. B. Caldwell, Monticello, Ill., prescribed a compound of simple laxative herbs that has since become the standard household remedy in thousands of homes. It acts easily and gently, yet with positive effect, without griping or other pain or discomfort. Mrs. Rachel Allen, Galesburg, Kans., is seventy-one years old, and after using a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, wrote that it had done

her a world of good and that she intends to keep it in the house always.

Druggists sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for fifty cents a bottle. It is a splendid remedy and should be in every home. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

### Notice of Sale by Trustee State of Texas, County of Runnels:

Whereas by virtue of authority vested in me, as trustee, named and appointed on a certain deed of trust, recorded in volume 11 on page 592, records of real estate mortgages of Runnels County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 8th day of February, 1911, by R. L. Maddox and wife, Josie B. Maddox, for better securing of one certain promissory note of four hundred twenty and no-100 dollars, (\$420.00) more fully described in said deed of trust, executed by the said R. L. Maddox and wife Josie B. Maddox, payable to the order of H. W. Lynn at Ballinger, Texas, due on the 8th day of February 1912, bearing 10 per cent interest per annum from date until paid, interest due and payable annually as it accrues, and also providing for the payment of ten per cent additional on the amount of principal and interest, then due as attorney's fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, for lot No. 4, block No. 107, in Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas, of the original plot of the town of Ballinger Texas as surveyed by Thos. King, engineer.

And whereas on the—day of—1913 the said above mentioned H. W. Lynn for a valuable consideration sold and delivered to J. M. Skinner the said above described note, who is now the legal owner and holder of said above note, and the said R. L. Maddox and wife Josie B. Maddox have default in the payment of said note above described, due on the 8th day of February, 1912, and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal, interest and attorney's fees, by reason thereof, and as provided for in said note and in said deed of trust, the said J. M. Skinner has declared said note and all of said indebtedness immediately due and mature and has so notified the said R. L. Maddox and wife Josie B. Maddox in writing, and whereas said note is past due and unpaid, now aggregating, principal, interest and attorney's fees five hundred eighty-seven and 40-100 dollars (\$587.40) and whereas I have been requested by the said J. M. Skinner to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale between the legal hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at public auction to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1916, the same being the 7th day of March, A. D. 1916, at the court house door in the town of Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas the following described property to wit: All that certain parcel of land and being situated in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, which upon the map of the plan of the original town of Ballinger, made by Thomas King, engineer and on file in the county clerk's office of said Runnels county, is designated distinguished and described as lot No. four (4), in block No. one hundred and seven (107). Being the same land conveyed to said Josie B. Maddox by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company on Oct. 11th, A. D. 1914 as shown by deed recorded in volume 42, page 54 of the deed records of Runnels county, Texas, with all the rights, members and appurtenances in anywise belonging.

Witness my hand this 19th day of January A. D. 1916.  
C. J. LYNN,  
Trustee  
dJan. 19-26Feb.2

### THE OLD FASHION WAY OF CLIMBING THE LADDER

Referring to M. A. Traylor, recently elected president of a large National Bank of Chicago, the Hillsboro Mirror says:

Some years ago Mr. Traylor was driving a delivery wagon here in Hillsboro. He went to Malone and made good in the banking business and then to Ballinger, where he proved himself a financier.

State Press knows nothing of M. A. Traylor except what has appeared in the public prints concerning him. But S. P. bets that when M. A. Traylor was driving a delivery wagon in Hillsboro he drove it right, and that he wasn't afraid of a little overtime, or a little wind or rain or winter or summer. Also S. P. bets that when M. A. Traylor got a job as bookkeeper in a bank at Malone he didn't grumble over having to come down after supper in the busy season and work till ten or eleven o'clock. Of course it is easy to overdo that work thing, and as a rule, men who work day and night use up their vitality early in life. But when a man like M. A. Traylor has a job to attend to he attends to it, giving little attention to the clock and carrying an ear tolerably indifferent to the noon whistle. We are living in a progressive age. Many old things have passed away, giving place to new, but the old-fashioned way of rising in the world has not been improved upon. Active industry and tireless intelligence still count heavily in the making of the individual's success. Furthermore State Press bets that M. A. Traylor did not belong to the beer club at Malone and that he never spent any money for mail-order whiskey.—State Press in Dallas News.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves'

The Old Standard Groves' 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.

### HERE TO PAY FIRE LOSS.

Half F. Brandt, insurance adjuster from San Angelo, was here Tuesday to adjust the fire loss on the Chapman & Turner meat market that burned last week. The adjuster for the company who was carrying the risk on the building and cafe have not arrived to adjust these losses.

J. D. Coulter returned home a day or two ago from Kentucky, where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother. He says she was 86 years of age and died very suddenly. He says the water if awful high all through the Mississippi bottom and Arkansas practically a sea of water from Memphis to Little Rock.

### HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Then you realize the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite, and makes work a burden. To restore that strength and stamina that is so essential, nothing has ever equalled or compared with Scott's Emulsion, because its strength-sustaining nourishment invigorates the blood to distribute energy throughout the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite and restores health in a natural, permanent way. If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, get Scott's Emulsion to-day. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

### Citation By Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. C. Williams and wife, Nora Williams by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March, A. D. 1916, the same being the 13th day of March A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of July A. D. 1912 in a suit numbered on docket of said court, N. 1466, wherein J. R. Beverley is plaintiff, and T. C. Williams, Mrs. Nora Williams and A. Schawe are defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows: Plaintiff sues up on six (6) certain vendor's lien notes executed by T. C. Williams and Mrs. Nora Williams, payable to order of A. Schawe, of date August 22, 1908; five of said notes being in the sum of two hundred and No-100 (\$200.00) dollars each and one in the sum of one hundred seven and 50-100 (\$107.50) dollars; that said notes were given in part payment of land situated in Crane County, Texas, and known as 200 acres out of a 570 acre tract and being survey number (1) made by virtue of script number 501. That the defendant A. Schawe before the maturity of said notes acting by and through his authorized agents sold and transferred, for a valuable consideration, said notes to the plaintiff herein. That said notes bear interest from date

at the rate of eight per cent (8 per cent) per annum and provide for ten per cent (10 per cent.) attorney's fees.

Plaintiff prays for judgment of the amount due upon said notes including principal, interest and attorney's fees, foreclosure of his lien and costs of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

### ONE DOSE RELIEVES A GOLD--NO QUININE

"Pape's Gold Compound" ends bad colds or grippe in a few hours.

Relief comes instantly. A dose 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 in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head! Nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine.

### WINGATE PRECINCT WILL ELECT SMITH

J. D. Smith, commissioner of Precinct No. 3, composed of the Wingate country, was a visitor to Ballinger first of this week, and while here "slung his hat in the ring" for re-election. Mr. Smith is serving his first term as commissioner and he has made good and it is believed that the voters of Precinct No. 3 will send him back for another two year's without opposition. Mr. Smith made the race two years ago on a platform that he would serve to the best interest of all and special favors to none, and he has lived up to that policy, and he says he is making the second race on the same kind of a platform. While the office of county commissioner pays a small salary it is one of the most important in the county, and it is probable that the next two years will be busy ones in road building and the court should be made up of level headed men, men who will handle the county's affairs in a way that will be to the best interest of the people who pay the bills.

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

### Mr. Went-And-Cut-It Here's Mr. 'Gets-It'

The New Plan Corn Cure That's as Sure as the Rising Sun.

"Glad to meet you" says the razor to the corn. "I'll bleed for you" says the corn to the razor. Razors are corns love each other. Corns love to



"Why, O Why, Did I Do It? 'Gets-It' for Me After This—If I Live!" he cut, picked, gouged, salved, plastered and jerked out—they grow faster. Mr. and Mrs. Went-And-Cut-It realize it now—they use "Gets-It" instead—it's the wonderful, simple corn-cure that never fails. Stops pain. You apply it in 2 seconds, it dries at once, the corn is doomed. Nothing to stick to the stocking or press on the corn. It means good-night to plasters, salves, diggers, razors and toe-bundling. You can wear smaller shoes. Your corns will come right off, "clean as a whistle." Never inflames healthy flesh. The world's biggest selling corn cure. "Gets-It" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

# THE GIRL AND THE GAME

A STORY OF MOUNTAIN RAILROAD LIFE  
By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

AUTHOR OF "WHISPERING SMITH," "THE MOUNTAIN DIVIDE," "STRATEGY OF GREAT RAILROADS," ETC.

NOVELIZED FROM THE MOVING PICTURE PLAY OF THE SAME NAME. PRODUCED BY THE SIGNAL FILM CORPORATION.

SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad, by George Storm, a newsboy. 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 Seagru, promoter, from a threatened collision between a passenger train and a runaway freight. Safebreakers employed by Seagru and Capelle, his lawyer, interrupted by Helen while stealing General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater, fatally wound General Holmes and escape. Storm and Helen chase the murderers on a light engine and capture them. Spike has hidden the plans and manages to inform Seagru where they are cached. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Seagru helps Spike to break jail and uses him to set fire to a powder train hauled by Storm's engine. Helen saves Storm from a horrible death. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagru, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blue print.

## FIFTH INSTALLMENT

### THE FIGHT AT SIGNAL STATION

The operator at Signal station could hardly have been more peacefully engaged than she was at the moment George Storm threw open the office door and paused on the threshold.

"What are you doing over here this morning?" demanded Helen.

"Looking for a job."

"You might take mine," suggested Helen, lifting her eyebrows in a profession of sympathy.

"Whereabouts is that man Rhinelander?" asked Storm lazily. "Hasn't he got some kind of a construction camp around this joint?"

"Why, how stupid of me not to have thought of Uncle Amos myself," exclaimed Helen. "Of course he has. And he's sure to have a job for you."

"He is sure," drawled Storm, "either to have a job for me or the best chance he ever had in his life to get licked—I give him his choice."

"Kind of you," retorted Helen; "he wouldn't mind getting 'licked,' of course, but he is short of men—I happen to know that."

"Maybe I'd better go over and give him a chance to hire me."

"Suppose I go with you."

Helen and Storm found Rhinelander hard at work. It was the first time he had seen Storm since the night on the launch and he greeted his visitors with a hearty laugh. "Licked?" He echoed, after Helen had repeated her companion's threats. "Why, George, I could whip my weight in wildcats this morning. I'll have steel half way up the pass if I can get hold of a few cars of ties this week. And something always happens when I feel this way. I'll tell you right now," he pointed a stubby finger at Storm, "it's up to you,



Helen Attached Her Instrument and Sent a Hurry-Up Message.

young fellow. Either go to work here, or take a dressing down yourself."

"My hands are up," said Storm. "I'll go to work. What have you got?"

Rhinelander turned to his foreman. They took only a minute to confer. "Wood has a job for you right now," announced Rhinelander to Storm.

"You are assistant foreman. Get busy." That particular day was to prove a busy one for the whole camp. Helen returned to the station and Storm went out with Wood—himself a veteran engineman. The mailman came in presently with a letter for Rhinelander, advising him that a bid he had made for a large quantity of ties had been ac-

cepted. The first shipment was promised for Thursday.

Rhinelander called in Wood to hear the news. "Have the flying gang here tomorrow early, to the last man jack," directed Rhinelander. "Now that we've got a chance, let's make a killing."

Wood summoned Storm. "Put up the bulletin, George," directed Wood.

At Oceanside, the directors of the road were in session. Capelle, representative of Seagru, leader of the enemy camp in the cut-off race, learned from them that morning of the new construction credits granted to Rhinelander. In the directors' room there had been a stormy scene when Capelle denounced the action they had taken. But his angry protest came too late and he was forced to carry his wrath and the bad news out to Seagru.

Storm lost no time in posting the bulletin. While he wrote it out men gathered about and one, in especial, read the announcement with keen, snaky eyes:

"Flying gang will be at Signal station at 9 a. m. to unload ties."

This one was Spike, Seagru's spy in the Rhinelander camp. Restless, conscienceless, teeming with crooked instincts, as devoted to mischief as the devil to men, Spike printed the substance of the bulletin on his memory, and turning from the men around him left the scene. By a circuitous route which he habitually used in sneaking from one camp to the other, Spike made his way to Seagru's hut and reported what he had just read on the bulletin board.

Seagru regarded him with amusement. "There are no more ties coming to Rhinelander," he explained patiently. "His supplies are cut off."

Before Seagru could say more, there was a knock at the door and his foreman, Bill Delaney, appeared with Capelle. Seagru lost no time in asking the news and Capelle, with the best face he could summon, told him how they had lost out on stopping Rhinelander's credit. Men that had known Seagru a long time could never remember seeing him as angry as he was at that moment.

"Why wasn't the credit stopped?" he demanded furiously, "as you said it was?"

Capelle answered bluntly: "Rhinelander's new credit was granted during my absence."

No explanation served to allay Seagru's rage. He pointed wrathfully at Spike. "Tell him what you saw about ties."

While Capelle, humiliated, listened, Spike repeated once more the bulletin board message.

"Had you followed my instructions," cried Seagru, regarding Capelle scornfully, "the ties would not have been furnished."

Capelle turned sullenly away, refusing to talk further. "I did the best I could," was all he would say.

Seagru, himself, was in no mood to listen to excuses had there been any more to offer. Paying no more attention to Capelle's presence he whirled angrily on Spike. Few words were ever needed or exchanged between these two men. "Those ties"—Seagru looked significantly at his tool—"must never reach Rhinelander."

With a great deal of thought and very brief expressions, the two conferred apart. What they worked out no one knew. But a few moments later Seagru gave Spike a liberal supply of money and Spike left the hut. Calling to Capelle, Seagru resumed his abuse.

Spike, without delay, hastened to Signal station, bought a ticket from Helen and took the local passenger train for Oceanside. He had the day and the night before him to figure out schemes to prevent the delivery of the ties to Rhinelander, and by morning he had more than one ready.

The easiest one he tried first, and he might have been seen in the morning, early, in the out-freight yards at Oceanside watching the make-up of the freight train that was to take the four cars of ties to Signal. He kept in the background every moment, but had continually within his eye the preparations to get the train under way. When at length the brakeman entered the caboose to place the waybills on the desk, Spike watched him closely, only taking care to get away before he was observed himself. Sneaking up toward the head end he caught sight of the conductor, and to avoid him dodged in between two box cars. But the conductor had seen him and sending a knave summoned a yard policeman. The two descended on Spike with scant ceremony. The detective dragged him from his hiding place, questioned him, warned him, and marching him off shot him out of the yards on a goose step. But Spike, as strong for resources as a cat for lives, had only begun to work when he was ordered to "beat it." He did beat it, but to such good purpose that he got down to the bridge ahead of the

freight train. When the train drew near, Spike handily boarded the head end.

Some moments later the hind-end brakeman, sitting on the caboose, saw a tramp in the door of a box car. The brakeman started forward to investigate and had he been able to see all that occurred just a moment later, he would also have seen the tramp clinging to the side of a car of ties removing Rhinelander's name from the billing card and substituting therefor the name of Seagru.

One after another of the billing cards on the four cars of ties Spike manipulated in the same way. In the meantime the two brakemen, one of whom had caught a glimpse of him, were consulting as to how to get him. But by the time they had made their plans and were ready for a forcible laying on of hands Spike's work was done. Watching the trainmen walk forward, he dropped lightly from the last car and waiting for the caboose, which was empty, swung up by the hand rail and went inside the car. He grabbed the waybills from the rack box and examined them. Finding those for the cars of ties, he carefully erased Rhinelander's name from each of them and taking his time inserted Seagru's. Having done what struck him as an artistic job on these, he replaced the bills and climbing into the cupola looked outside.

It was then by good fortune that the conductor and one of the two brakemen spotted him. To get back quick they flagged the engineer—the train was going at a pretty good clip—and started for the side. But this suited Spike's own game, for as the train slowed he dropped off and the crew, thinking themselves well rid of a nuisance, signaled their engineman ahead.

The train was running not far from Beaman when Spike left it, and slinking into the woods adjoining the right of way he made his way as fast as he could up to the Beaman telegraph



Rapped the Convict Over the Head.

office, where he sent this message to Seagru:

Changed the two ties you thought Rhinelander wears for two that suit Seagru.

"Say, where's the nearest livery stable in this place, mister," Spike asked the agent.

He hardly waited to hear the answer given him before he was on his way out of the office. And without losing a minute he got a horse where he had been directed for one and rode hastily away on it.

Helen, a few moments later, took Spike's message to Seagru. When she handed it to Lyons he said he would deliver it. Placing the duplicate on file, Helen resumed her crochet work.

Passing the Tidewater camp, Lyons saw Rhinelander, Storm and Wood in conference over unloading the expected ties.

"You don't need me over at the station," said Wood to Rhinelander. "I'll send Storm with the men to look after the unloading. I'll stay here with these lazy graders."

Seagru himself took the message from Lyons. He read it with secret satisfaction. The moment Lyons had left, Seagru called Delaney, his foreman, told him to get the gang together to unload four cars of ties the instant the local freight pulled in.

But in the interval the Tidewater camp leaders, Rhinelander and Storm, were not losing any time in looking after the shipment themselves, and they appeared together at the station to get track of it. Lyons, in response to Rhinelander's inquiries, said he did not know what the local freight was carrying.

"You find out, will you, Helen?" asked Rhinelander. And as he made the request he showed her his letter advising him the ties would be on the local.

While Rhinelander, Storm, Helen and Lyons were thus engaged, Seagru and his foreman, Delaney, entered the office. Seagru seemed at his best, very affable and friendly with everybody and was soon asking questions as to what ties were coming for him that morning. Helen took his inquiries and Rhinelander, overhearing, explained that the ties coming in on the local freight train that morning were for the Tidewater work, not for Seagru. Seagru declared him mistaken. A dispute flared up, which in a moment involved practically every-

body in the room. Of these, the opposition bosses for the unloading jobs, Delaney and Storm, became the most heated and seemed about to come to blows. But Rhinelander, checking Storm's indignation, advised restraint and referred the whole thing to Helen, asking her to find the real fact out from the dispatcher. Helen sent a hurry-up message and the answer came from the dispatcher's office within a few minutes:

"Local will set out four cars ties at Signal for Rhinelander's construction gang. H. C. W."

Lyons, without comment, passed the message to Rhinelander, who read it and showed it triumphantly to Seagru. Seagru entered an emphatic dissent. "I don't care what those boobs at Oceanside say," he snapped. "Those ties are for me and you'll find out I know what I'm talking about."

Fast words followed. Storm and Delaney again eyed each other fiercely. Then the sound of a freight train pulling in started everybody in the room out for the platform. The moment the train stopped the disputants crowded forward, each side eager to reach the conductor first. The conductor, a man of peace, listened unmoved to the violent contentions addressed to him. At length he produced the waybills for the property in dispute. Seagru got hold of them first. To his delight he saw that, as expected, they read to him as consignee, and he showed them with an injured air to Lyons. Rhinelander, reading the doctored bills over Lyons' shoulder, was confounded.

Seagru meant to let nothing of his advantage slip for lack of action. He whirled on Delaney. "Get our ties off those cars, Bill, and do it quick."

Storm took a hand in. He felt his side was beaten, but would not quit. "Hold on," he said gruffly. "Not yet. This thing is in dispute. Take your time," he added to Delaney, and a significant look lent strength to his words.

Again Rhinelander quieted Storm down. Delaney began giving orders to

those ties don't belong to you. It's some trickery and thievery your gang has put up on us. This way, Lyons!"

Accompanied by the agent, Helen following, Rhinelander entered the station. Helen went to her desk to wire for a confirmation of the dispatcher's message. As she did this, her eyes fell on the clip on which had been filed the duplicate of Spike's message to Seagru. Across it she had thrown her crochet work and her eye was now met by the words of the cipher message as Spike had meant the secret message to be read by Seagru:

"Changed ties Rhinelander to Seagru."

Startled, she called to Rhinelander. With Lyons, the latter read the message as she now pointed it out to them. The two men saw the import at once. But outside the station Spike and Seagru were listening. "You see you're caught," muttered Seagru to Spike. "They'll wire for confirmation and help. We're in for trouble."

"No trouble at all," declared Spike coolly. "I'll save them the work of wiring."

"How?"

"By clipping their wire. Just keep cool, Seagru. I'll get you through."

Spike, without delay, climbed a pole and with a pair of clippers made good his threat.

Helen, sitting at the instrument, was trying to call. She stopped. "The wires are cut," she exclaimed.

Seagru and Spike on the platform passed the window. Storm, at this juncture, ran in from the field of battle. "There's too many of them," he said in disgust. "Every time you knock one dago down, two Greeks come in to take his place. The way to wind this thing up, Mr. Rhinelander, quick and clean, is to capture Seagru and lock him up. We can do it. Stick him in the freighthouse here and pile a couple of dozen bags of cement on him. No? I say, yes!!! Something's got to be done."

"Can't you get a message through somehow?" asked Rhinelander of Helen in agitation.

"Yes," she answered, unhesitatingly, "I can. I'll get one through for you." So saying, she caught up an extra instrument, ran out on the platform and climbed the pole Spike had climbed, to cut in with her pony above the break.

Storm called into conference the handiest of his men—men who cared neither for the law nor the devil—and giving brief and hurried instructions, ran from the station at the moment that Seagru with his outfit were rushing the outnumbered Tidewater gang.

Pushing straight through his own demoralized forces to the thick of the scrimmage, knocking men right and left when he had to and dodging in between when he could, Storm, his two trusties at his elbows, struck, shoved and jumped his way straight to where Seagru was urging his fighting men on. The latter, busy with the main encounter, saw Storm too late. The engineman catching him by the collar whirled him unceremoniously around, pinioned him before a blow could be struck and with his helpers dragged him victoriously off.

Bedlam was let loose. Seagru's men, seeing the trick too late, ran in with a yell to rescue him. Back and forth the fight swayed, while Helen, above at the depot, attached her instrument and sent to the dispatcher her hurry-up message.

"Seagru has the ties. Send Help. H."

But whoever had the ties, Storm had Seagru, and his men were now easily standing off the onslaughts of Seagru's men on the platform. The latter, needing help, sent for reinforcements, and a moment later the entire gang, leaving the unloading of the tie cars ran down the track to join in the fight. The train was left deserted. Storm, seeing this, turned his prisoner over to his men and chose a moment when he could break away to run to the engine. Gaining the cab, he immediately started to back the train up to Rhinelander's camp, where the main body of their men still were. As the train drew past the station, Helen, having finished, sprang recklessly from the pole to the top of a box car and running forward met Storm, who had started back, and showed him a message from the dispatcher:

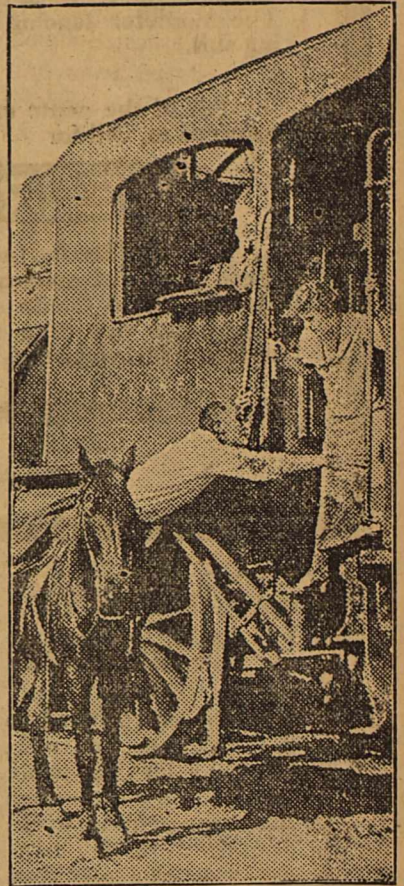
"Will send sheriff to Signal."

While the men were still fighting in front of the station, Spike managed to tear himself loose from the fray in time to see the freight train backing up the hill. He knew what this meant and realized the move must be stopped. Running to his horse he mounted and spurred after the receding train. But his intervention had turned the fighting in favor of Seagru's men, and they were fast beating Rhinelander's gang off. By a sudden rush on the freighthouse they even recaptured and released Seagru himself.

The latter, covering the situation at a glance, saw, as Spike had seen, the real danger: Storm now in possession of the ties was running away with them. Yelling to his men, Seagru bade them drop the fight and follow. Spike on his horse was fast overtaking the train. Running his horse close to the moving train, Spike sprang from the saddle to the engine itself and started back. As he came over the top of the cab, Storm on the tender confronted him and the two grappled. Helen had at once taken the throttle, but Spike, fighting Storm back into the coal quickly put him at a disadvantage. He was, in fact, overpowering him when Helen came to the rescue and rapped the convict smartly over the head. She jumped back to

the engineer's seat in time to halt the train opposite Rhinelander's camp, and without losing a moment she ran over to headquarters, where she gave the alarm to Wood and asked him to hurry the remainder of the construction gang over to the train before the cars should be stolen again by their active enemies. Wood, who would rather fight than eat, responded like a whirlwind, and heading his men, started them across the fields on the run for the kidnaped train.

Storm had, meantime, dropped a rope around Spike's neck. He tied him to the engine cab just as Helen, with her re-enforcements, reached



Sprang From the Saddle to the Engine.

the tie cars and the men hurriedly began the unloading.

They were not to have an easy time of it. Seagru, with his rioters, had already climbed the hill and was urging them forward. Not a soul on the engine had a weapon, and as Seagru's men came on it looked as if the train would be taken then and there by force of numbers. Helen, however, was not without reserves.

"Give them the live steam, George, and a lot of it, quick," she cried. "Don't let them capture us."

Storm needed no more than the hint. Turning on the valve he let loose a hot cloud that drove Seagru and his gang gasping from the engine. The foremost of the men caught in the white fog were glad to get away unhurt, and halting at a safe distance rallied for orders.

Delaney, whose fighting blood was just getting warmed up, saw a further chance and called to his men to follow him around the cut. The gang divided and Delaney's part of it, starting over the hill, met Rhinelander's men. For a time there was a hot mix-up. As the enemy came on in ever increasing numbers, Wood and his men were soon getting the worst of it, but fresh shouts were heard down the hill and at the moment the sheriff's posse—now arrived—running in, took the side of Rhinelander's men and helped them beat Seagru's gang back.

Outnumbered, driven from their vantage ground and disheartened at the unexpected diversion of the enemy, Seagru's men sullenly gave way; even Bill Delaney's fiercest efforts failed to rally them. It was only a few minutes before the sheriff's men were making prisoners right and left, rounding up the stragglers and marching them down the cut. The hill had been won and lost, but the ties had been firmly held and were safely in Rhinelander's possession.

The moment the fight was decided, Storm, with Helen, went back to the engine to get their personal prisoner, the redoubtable Spike. They took him back to where the sheriff was giving his orders for the disposition of those under arrest. Helen explained to the sheriff very forcibly just what Spike had done.

"Well," demanded the official jocularly, "what'll we do with him? String him up right here in a box car?"

"No," exclaimed Helen, indignantly. "You can do better than that." She pointed to Seagru, now also under arrest. "Put those two men at work unloading these ties for our camp. They are the ringleaders in the whole affair. If they had their deserts, they would both be in the penitentiary. Make them work, sheriff. That's the last thing that pair want to do." Rhinelander came up with his men as she finished.

"You're right," declared the sheriff, good humored over the outcome. "From the look of 'em, what those guys need is a dose of good, hard work." He turned to his deputies and pointed to the ties. "Get those fellows up on the flat cars and see they both work every minute till the last tie is unloaded."

"Suppose they refuse to work," suggested a deputy.

"Refuse?" echoed the sheriff, savagely. "If they do, find a pump that will work and give 'em the cold water."

But Seagru and Spike did work. When Helen, Rhinelander and Storm left the scene the two, beading with sweat, were pitching ties in record time.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



**"Buy It  
MADE IN TEXAS"  
(B-I-M-I-T)**

A slogan that thousands of people in this empire state of ours are adopting. Are you one that has made it a rule? If not now's the time to start. Do you eat Kansas and Missouri flour, when the best flour on earth is produced from our Texas mills. The sweetest cane sugar made within our border and many items which we eat and wear, are Texas products, made by Texas labor, grown on Texas land, created by Texas capital for Texas people, be a real Texan and keep this Texas capital in Texas, where it can build a greater state, a greater county, a greater town.

**A "Progressive" Spirit About This Store**

**COME OVER AND HELP US**

**---Its An Invitation**

**TO THE NEW CUSTOMERS**—to the customers, who have made this their shopping place, in the years gone by—your liberal patronage of of the past has inspired us to greater aims for the future—our **Remodeling Sale** was a pronounced success—in the truest sense of the word—the people responded liberally—taking advantage of the "real" bargains which were offered. **THE REMODELING** has started—the carpenters and mechanics are busy on the building, inside and out, modernizing our home, for the business that we anticipate for the coming year—and with this expenditure of money and energy the enlargement of the stocks carried, that we may get your endorsement by a liberal share of of your patronage.

**THE READY-TO-WEAR**—A brand new department that is to be added to our growing dry goods section, where you can find the new items for women's and children's wear—the prices—which will always be reasonable, consistent with the quality of the merchandise shown. **Sometime It Will Be VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK Why Not Today?**

**Buy It From  
A BALLINGER STORE  
(B-I-F-B-S)**

Thousands of dollars of dependable merchandise will be in the hands of the Ballinger merchants this spring, awaiting your coming, (and incidentally we will have our share), the building of the community depends strictly on the place where you spend your money.

Every dollar placed with the home merchant finds its way back to the regular channels of trade; when it leaves the community, you are the loser. Come to Ballinger, where the selections are best, more varied stocks from which to buy, and up-building of your town, better prices for your products, Don't be a loser, be a winner.

**YOU SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE  
"Avery" Products**

Made by B. F. Avery & Son's plow company, which from points of merit, are the recognized pioneer plow makers of the South, which factory was started in Louisville in 1845 and has continually made plows since that date, improving each year until today they stand without a peer as makers of good farm implements.

**MR. BILL**—The most popular machine on the market today, with the scientific farmer, who makes crops by getting a good stand on his land, at the right place, a planter which "plants" maize, corn or cotton, under all conditions, on a level on a ridge or in water furrows at a uniform depth, has removable seed hopper and adjustable foot on main opening standard.

Let us show you the many good features, the price, one row

**\$32.50**

(Less 5 per cent for cash)

**JOY RIDER CULTIVATORS**

The improved kind, with the square frame pivot swing, a well balanced style, that is reinforced at every place where there is a heavy strain, the plows work in conjunction with the tongue and team by a slight pressure of the foot, which makes it possible to follow the straightest or crookedest row in your field. Let our implement men show you this good style. The price

**\$37.50**

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Come Look, You Won't Be Urged to Buy

**Flour**

**PEACE MAKER**

A "Texas" product that "makes the best biscuits ever" which are as white as the driven snow. Sold a carload during the Remodeling Sale and have just received another, to be distributed to the bread eater of Ballinger.

**"PREMIUMS"**

The whole front of the sack is covered with medals and premiums, which this good flour has taken in the last few years—made at Denton, Texas—by Texas labor, for Texas people.

**B-I-M-I-T**

**WHY NOT BUY THE BEST—ITS A  
"Mitchell" Wagons**

The "Monarch of the road" a well earned name by a wagon that has stood the test and found to be above the standard of good wagons, both in points of durability and light running.

Every piece of material be it either iron or wood that enters into the construction of this wagon is thoroughly inspected, and if the slightest flaw is found its cast aside, that's one of the reasons why they're good—again for practically 100 years these people have hunted for the weak points and the remedy has already been applied. The price, 3-inch sizes with spring seat

**\$95.00**

(Less 5 per cent for cash)

**"AERMOTOR" WIND MILLS.**

"The wind mill which runs while all others stand still." A broad assertion, but it's true—these are features that this one has, that makes it best.

The Oiling Device—Your gear is set in a gallon of lubricating oil (enough to last one year) which does away with an annoyance. The gear is covered with metal cap making it dust-proof, rain-proof, and not a drop of oil escapes. The drive shaft is a double gear with an eight inch lift, which distributes the load. All steel 8 feet diameter, priced at

**\$35.00**

Let Us Show You—You Won't Be Urged to Buy

**These Prices are Good for Monday and Tuesday Only  
And You Had Better Be Here at That Time**

**GARDEN FORKS  
\$1.00 grade 69c**

A good 4 prong steel fork for garden and flower bed use, standard size with hickory handles, the kind that is worth \$1.00, a special for two days, each

**69c**

(Limit 1 to a customer)

**DRY GOODS SPECIAL  
15c to 40c grades 10c**

A special lot of Louisiana silk, mercerized fabrics, cotton suitings and fancy materials, real 15c, 25c, 35c and 40c grades, two days special, yard

**10c**

(Limit 2 cuts to customer)

**MEN'S CLOTHING  
ONE-HALF PRICE**

A clean up of our entire line of Men's Suits—fancy weaves, and blue serges, two and three piece suits—no reserves—every suit offered at one-half of original price:

\$15.00 suits, 2 days special ..... \$ 7.50  
\$16.50 suits, 2 days special ..... \$ 8.25  
\$20.00 suits, 2 days special ..... \$10.00  
\$25.00 suits, 2 days special ..... \$12.50

**LAUNDRY SOAP  
5c grade 8 bars 25c**

A good soap for laundry use, large full size bars, of such good brands as Lenox, Hammer and Silk, special for two days

**8 bars for 25c**

**GARDEN RAKE  
35c grades for 29c**

A rake of standard size, with maleable cut teeth, 14 inch wide, long hickory, extra clear selected handles, the 35c grade for

**29c**

(Limit 1 to a customer)

**SOMETIME IT WILL BE**

**Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack**

"Tell The Truth Advertisers"

**WHY NOT TODAY**

**REMEMBER THIS IN  
SHIPPING HOGS**

The secretary of the Hog Growers and Shippers Association calls attention to the following rules which will be enforced from now on. Clip this out and keep it.

When you list your hogs for shipment, don't fail to ship. But if you decide not to ship, let the secretary know at once. Whatever you do, don't hold your hogs up until a few days of shipping and then sell. If you do, you will be debarred from shipping with the association in the future. Such action on your part is not only confusing to the secretary but is unfair to all others who are shipping. When the secretary takes your

number of hogs he counts on that number to help make up the car. We are doing our best to get the best price we can for your hogs. The secretary is doing these things for the benefit of the members. He does not draw any salary or get any commission.

I am shipping to one of the best hog salesmen that there is on the Fort Worth yards, as the following evidence taken from Daggett-Keene's Market Report will show. The following write up of A. M. Keene, to whom I am shipping, appeared on Friday, February 5:

Sold 44,929 hogs in 1915 and during the month of January, this year, sold 7,702 head. Also, for this week sold 2,594 hogs selling 12 loads in one day and topping

the market with 7 loads. Carried off all honors by topping the hog market for the week at 8c.

He has had five years' experience as head hog buyer on this market for Armour and Company and for six years have sold the hogs for own company.

Feed your hogs light and water good the night before shipping. Don't feed at all the next morning, but water light. Follow these rules and when your hogs go to the pen at Fort Worth they will take on a good fill. If you feed and water heavy the morning before shipping you are sure to lose, because the ride will make them sick and they will not eat nor drink when they get to Ft. Worth. Follow these rules and you will

have no cause for complaint. J. H. TAYLOR, Sec.

**WILL SHIP HOGS  
NEXT TUESDAY**

The hog growers are planning to ship a carload of hogs next Tuesday. All those desiring to ship should communicate with J. H. Taylor, at the earliest time possible so ample car room can be provided.

**OPENING NEW ROAD TO BE  
PUT UP TO COURT**

Jack McGregor is circulating a petition asking the commissioners to act favorably upon the proposition to open a new

road South from Ballinger leading out from the foot of Eighth Street across the Colorado river. It will be remembered that Judge C. H. Willingham has proposed to give the right-of-way for this road through his land which would give a direct line South intersecting the Paint Rock road about four miles from Ballinger. The proposed plans call for the building of a concrete causeway over the river at the foot of Eighth Street which would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500. It is pointed out by those who are behind the movement and who have made some investigation that the work can be done without the usual method of issuing bonds or levying

an extra tax, as the commissioners have authority to issue to the amount of \$5,000 the material men and others will gladly accept in lieu of the cash.

The commissioners meet Monday, and the motion will be put square them, and it is believed they will act favorably.

T. J. Parrish and his wife, acting business in Ballinger, day and renewed with Ledger and the liberal offer for the Daily Star and Farm & Ranch, three good papers for \$3.50.

War With Mexico is a Very Much Debated Question But Everybody Agrees that The

# BENTON COUNTY NURSERY CO., ROGERS, ARKANSAS

Is the place to buy the best bargains in strictly first-class, high-grade, state inspected fruit trees, berry plants, grape vines, ornamentals, etc., for Spring planting. Give us about five Minutes of your time and be convinced that we are offering you the greatest bargains you were ever offered in nursery stock. We are located in the very heart of the Ozarks, in one of the finest fruit sections of the world. Benton County, Arkansas, bears the distinction of having more acres in fruit than any place in the whole world for the era it covers. Our trees are propagated from the finest varieties of fruits and healthiest trees grown. They are first-class in every respect. Guaranteed. They are grown by an expert nurseryman, a man who has been on this job more than a quarter of a century. This stock must move for Spring planting or go on the brush pile and be burned. Below are the varieties we are offering and the prices cut half into:

| Apples                     |                 |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| In Lots of 1 to 50         | 50 to 500       | 500 and up      |
| 2 to 3 ft. was 16c now 8c  | Was 12c now 6c  | Was 8c now 4c   |
| 3 to 4 ft. was 25c now 12c | Was 20c now 10c | Was 16c now 8c  |
| 4 to 6 ft. was 30c now 15c | Was 25c now 12c | Was 20c now 10c |
| 6400 Henry Clay            | Very early      | Very early      |
| 1250 Yellow Transparent    | Very early      | Very early      |
| 1700 Early Harvest         | Very early      | Very early      |
| 2150 Liveland Raspberry    | Early summer    | Early summer    |
| 3200 Wilson Red June       | Early summer    | Early summer    |
| 750 Stribbling June        | Early summer    | Early summer    |
| 3450 Maiden Blush          | Early summer    | Early summer    |
| 6150 Red Astrachan         | Late summer     | Late summer     |
| 900 Horse Apples           | Late summer     | Late summer     |
| 240 Summer Queen           | Late summer     | Late summer     |
| 350 Imperial Rambo         | Late summer     | Late summer     |
| 1400 Fall Winesap          | Early Fall      | Early Fall      |
| 2175 Wealthy               | Early Fall      | Early Fall      |
| 700 Rusty Coats            | Early Fall      | Early Fall      |
| 9125 Grimes Golden         | Early winter    | Early winter    |
| 7000 Rome Beauty           | Early winter    | Early winter    |
| 12000 Jonathan             | Early winter    | Early winter    |
| 4000 Shannon Pippin        | Early winter    | Early winter    |
| 3275 Yellow Newton Pippin  | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 15000 Delicious            | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 7800 Gano                  | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 8000 Ben Davis             | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 20000 Stayman Winesap      | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 14600 Mammoth Black Twig   | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 12500 Arkansas Black       | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 7000 Ingram                | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 3000 Shockley              | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 2100 Limbertwigs           | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 9000 Huntsman Favorite     | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 8500 Baldwin               | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 6000 Missouri Pippin       | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 7500 Banana                | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 2500 York Imperial         | Late winter     | Late winter     |
| 375 Golden Sweet           | Summer          | Summer          |
| 600 Paradise Sweet         | Winter          | Winter          |
| 1100 Florence Crab         | Early winter    | Early winter    |
| 300 Whitney Crab           | Early winter    | Early winter    |

| EARLY OZARK, EUREKA  |  |  |
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| Ever bearing sorts, 100, \$2.00; \$10.00 per 1000.   |  |  |
| Grapes in lots of 1 to 50 was 15c, now 10c; 50 to 500, was 10c, now 6c; 500 and up, was 6c, now 4c. Moores Early, Catawba, Concord, Niagara. |  |  |

| Peaches   |                              |                              |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| In Lots of 1 to 50                                  | 50 to 500                    | 500 and up                   |
| 2 to 3 ft. was 15c now 7c                           | Was 12c now 6c               | Was 8c now 4c                |
| 3 to 4 ft. was 20c now 10c                          | Was 16c now 8c               | Was 12c now 6c               |
| 4 to 6 ft. was 25c now 12c                          | Was 20c now 10c              | Was 16c now 8c               |
| 2000 Mayflower                                      | Very Early Semi-Cling        | Very Early Semi-Cling        |
| 15000 Red Bird                                      | Very Early Semi-Cling        | Very Early Semi-Cling        |
| 1250 Greensboro                                     | Very Early Free Stone        | Very Early Free Stone        |
| 800 Alexander                                       | Very Early Cling Stone       | Very Early Cling Stone       |
| 1000 Sneed  | Very Early Cling Stone       | Very Early Cling Stone       |
| 700 Eureka  | Very Early Free Stone        | Very Early Free Stone        |
| 1500 Waddell  | Early Free Stone             | Early Free Stone             |
| 500 Alton   | Early Free Stone             | Early Free Stone             |
| 750 Mamie Ross                                      | Early Semi-Cling             | Early Semi-Cling             |
| 9000 Carman   | Early Free Stone             | Early Free Stone             |
| 600 Champion  | Early Free Stone             | Early Free Stone             |
| 600 Arp Beauty                                      | Early Free Stone             | Early Free Stone             |
| 2000 Fitzgerald                                     | Early Free Stone             | Early Free Stone             |
| 1800 Belle of Ga                                    | Mid Season Free Stone        | Mid Season Free Stone        |
| 1250 Crawford                                       | Early Mid Season Free Stone  | Early Mid Season Free Stone  |
| 7000 Stump the World                                | Mid Season Freestone         | Mid Season Freestone         |
| 5000 Old Mixon                                      | cling mid-season Cling Stone | cling mid-season Cling Stone |
| 20000 Elberta                                       | Mid Season Free Stone        | Mid Season Free Stone        |
| 2500 Mountain Rose                                  | Mid Season Free Stone        | Mid Season Free Stone        |
| 46 Heath Cling                                      | Mid Season Cling Stone       | Mid Season Cling Stone       |
| 5000 Crawford                                       | Late Mid Season Free Stone   | Late Mid Season Free Stone   |
| 8000 Captain Ede                                    | Late Free Stone              | Late Free Stone              |
| 2000 Crosby   | Late Free Stone              | Late Free Stone              |
| 15000 Elberta Cling                                 | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 9000 Gold Dust                                      | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 750 Salway  | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 5000 Late Elberta                                   | Late Free Stone              | Late Free Stone              |
| 4500 Red Indian                                     | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 10000 White English                                 | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 7000 Heath Cling                                    | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 8500 Henrietta                                      | Late Cling Stone             | Late Cling Stone             |
| 2500 Stenson Oct.                                   | Very Late Free Stone         | Very Late Free Stone         |
| 4500 Krummel Oct.                                   | Very Late Cling Stone        | Very Late Cling Stone        |
| 1100 Early Elberta                                  | Mid Season Free Stone        | Mid Season Free Stone        |
| 1750 Mammoth Cling                                  | Latest of all                | Latest of all                |
| 1700 Hale (Million Dollar Peach)                    | Free Stone                   | Free Stone                   |
| 1 to 2 ft. Hale and Early Elberta, were 45 now 20c. |                              |                              |

| Cherries                   |                 |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| In Lots of 1 to 50         | 50 to 500       | 500 and up      |
| 3 to 4 ft. was 50c now 25c | Was 40c now 20c | Was 20c now 10c |
| 1210 Dyehouse              | Very Early      | Very Early      |
| 1900 Early Richmond        | Early           | Early           |
| 725 Montmorency            | Mid Season      | Mid Season      |
| 264 English Morilla        | Late            | Late            |
| SWEET CHERRIES.            |                 |                 |
| 1460 Black Tartarian       | Early           | Early           |
| 340 Lambert                | Mid Season      | Mid Season      |
| 1120 Windsor               | Late            | Late            |

| Plums                      |                 |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| In Lots of 1 to 50         | 50 to 500       | 500 and up      |
| 3 to 4 ft. was 30c now 15c | Was 25c now 11c | Was 20c now 10c |
| 975 Red June               | Very Early      | Very Early      |
| 1200 Wildgoose             | Very Early      | Very Early      |
| 3200 Abundance             | Early           | Early           |
| 2100 Burbank               | Early           | Early           |
| 3000 Wixon                 | Late            | Late            |
| 640 Blue Damson            | Late            | Late            |
| 975 Gold                   | Early           | Early           |
| 1110 German Prunes         | Early           | Early           |

**Ornamental Plants**  
**ROSES**—Field grown; leading varieties, were 50c, now 25c. Tube roses, bulbs 9c.  
**CANNAS**—All colors; were 20, now 15c.  
**BUTTERFLY BUSH**—was 50c, now 25c.  
**FERNS**—were 50c, now 25c.  
**GERANIUMS**—were 10, now 5c.  
**SOFT MAPLES**—6 to 8 feet, was 35c, now 20c.  
**TULIP POPULARS**, 6 to 8 ft., was 40c, now 20c.  
**CAROLINA POPLARS**—6 to 8 feet, was 25c, now 15c.  
**CAL PRIVETTS**—2 to 3 feet, was 6c, now 4c.  
**ARBORVITAE**—2 to 3 feet, was \$1.00 now 45c.  
 Send your order for Frost Proof Cabbage plant Price Guaranteed.

| Pears                      |                 |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| In Lots of 1 to 50         | 50 to 500       | 500 and up      |
| 3 to 4 ft. was 30c now 15c | Was 25c now 12c | Was 20c now 10c |
| 4 to 6 ft. was 50c now 25c | Was 40c now 20c | Was 30c now 15c |
| 2100 Koonce                | Summer          | Summer          |
| 3400 Bartlett              | Summer          | Summer          |
| 200 Clapps Favorite        | Summer          | Summer          |
| 650 Anjou                  | Summer          | Summer          |
| 3500 Garber's              | Fall            | Fall            |
| 110 Flemish Beauty         | Fall            | Fall            |
| 4000 Keiffers              | Winter          | Winter          |
| 70 Winter Nellis           | Winter          | Winter          |

**Apricots**—Price 3 to 4 ft. was 25c, now 15c. Early Golden, Superb, Morepark  
**Rhubarb or Pie Plant**, was 10c, now 6c.  
**Asparagus**, was 10c, now 5c.  
**Gooseberries**, in lots of 1 to 50, was 30c now 15c; 50 to 500 was 15c, now 9c. Dowling, Houghton Industry  
**Currants** was 10c, now 6c. Red Dutch Fay's Prolific.  
**Raspberries**, in lots of 1 to 50, was 5c, now 3c; 50 to 500 was 4c, now 2c; 500 and up, was 3c, now 1 1/2c. Cumberland (Blk). Gregg (Blk), Miller (Red.)  
**Blackberries**, in lots of 1 to 50, was 5c, now 3c; 50 to 500 was 3c, now 2 1/2c; 500 up was 2 1/2c, now 1 1/2c; Early Harvest, Snyder, Kit-tatiny, Mercereau, Rathbun.  
**Himalaya**, was 10c, now 6c.  
**Dewberries**, lots 1 to 50, was 5c, now 3c; 50 to 500 was 3c, now 2 1/2c; 500 up was 2 1/2c, now 1 1/2c. Austin Improved, Lucretia.  
**Juncberries**, was 10c, now 5c.  
**Loganberries**, was 20c, now 9c.  
**Quinces**—3 to 4 feet, was 35c, now 15c. Cham-pion, Orange.  
**Mulberries**—3 to 4 feet, was 30 now 15c; New Everbearing, Russian.  
**Japanese Persimon**—3 to 4 feet, was 50c now 30c. Mikado, Imperial.  
**Pecans**, paper shell, budded, or grafted. Stuart Pabst, Schley, 2 to 3 feet, was \$1.50, now 90c.

All our stock has been inspected by the State Nursery Inspector and found to be absolutely free from all insects and diseases. All stock is fumigated before leaving the Nursery. Our shipping season begins about March. Send in your order now, don't wait, as the first in is first served. If we are out of any variety your order may be substituted with one as near it as possible? We pay the freight or express charges on orders amounting to \$5.00 or more. We allow five per cent. discount on all orders accompanied with cash. And remember our **GUARANTEE** is, you must be satisfied. In answering this ad tell us in what paper you saw it. We guarantee everything we ship to reach you in first-class condition, mail us your order today. . . . Yours for Business.

## BENTON COUNTY NURSERY COMPANY, ROGERS, ARKANSAS

J. P. Clifton and Claude Tubbs, of the Valley creek country and D. M. Crockett, were among the number in Ballinger Saturday afternoon, who renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

Watch the Fords Go By.

### Dr. E. R. McKinney, VETERINARY SURGEON and Dentist.

Will respond to all calls either by tegraph, telephone or mail. I have had an experience of twenty years in treating domestic animals. My references are my many satisfied patrons.

Ballinger, Texas.

### BOILING BEANS SCALDS CHILD

Little Winnerfred, the two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was badly and probably fatally burned Friday morning. The child was playing around in the cook room where the mother was preparing the noon meal, and while the mother was out of the room or had her back to the stove, the child reached up and pulled over a pot of boiling beans. The contents of the pot covered the child's face, head and arms, and the clothing were saturated with the boiling water inflicting burns that it is feared will prove fatal.

Dr. C. A. Watson was hurriedly called to see the child, and the latest reports say the child is seriously burned.

### NO TIME WASTED.

Prompt Action Is Pleasing Many Ballinger Citizens.

Get down to the cause of every thing. Bad backs are frequently caused by weak kidneys.

Help the kidneys to get rid of kidney backache. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only.

No time wasted trying to cure other troubles. Ballinger people endorse their merit.

Mrs. R. A. Williamson, 205 N. Sixth St., Ballinger, says: "My back ached and pained across my kidneys. I felt dull and languid, especially in the morning and could hardly keep going. Dizzy headaches annoyed me and the kidney secretions passed irregularly. I used Doan's Kidney Pills procured from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store and they relieved all these symptoms of kidney complaint and strengthened my back."

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

### PAYS \$930 FOR WEEKS GRUBBING

Tad Richards, of Winters, who recently purchased several hundred acres of good land on Oak Creek, will help to increase the production of Randall county soil by putting a big block of the land in cultivation. Mr. Richards has a bunch of Mexicans numbering about 130, grubbing this land and getting it ready for the plow. The Mexicans with their families are camped on the land and are clearing it at a rate that will soon have it ready for cultivation. Mr. Richards paid \$930 for one weeks wages to the Mexicans. The contract with the Mexicans calls for the clearing of 500 acres.

Other farmers in the county are putting in new land, and it is estimated that at least fifteen thousand acres of new land will be put under cultivation in this county this winter.

### J. D. SMITH FOR RE-ELECTION

To The Democratic Voters of Commissioners Precinct No. 3: After serving you for one term and since discussing the matter with a number of those most interested I have concluded to offer as a candidate for re-election.

There are no issues that I am aware of upon which any dissension may arise, nor do I know of any opposition to my serving a second term; but I have heard of some little discussion of the official acts of the court and I want to say for the benefit of one and all that I have used my very best efforts to carry out what I promised when elected and that I have had no "boss" nor any one to dictate to me what I should do; the interest of my constituency has always been my guiding star and I am a candidate for re-election more to give you the opportunity to express your approval or disapproval of my course than for any other reason, as the office nor its emoluments are of sufficient importance to me to cause any great sacrifice on my part to be re-elected.

If any of my official acts have been such that have met the dis-

approval of my friends I trust they will consider that I acted for ALL and perhaps when viewed from all sides those who disagree now may change their views later. Respectfully,  
 J. D. SMITH.

### HAVE YOU SEEN BALLINGER IN 1886?

In a show window of the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., is an object that will interest citizens of this town. It is a picture of Ballinger 30 years ago, and although the town looks a trifle smaller than the present city, it has a prosperous look, with big piles of lumber just unloaded from cars, and awaiting manufacture into homes for the early settlers. The photograph is the property of H. A. Smith, of Waco, who was formerly manager of the Cameron Lumber Co. The lumber yard can be seen in the picture, if careful search is made, though the sign seems to be rather hazy. Mr. Smith is now a stockholder in Higginbotham's store, and his letter concerning the picture follows: Waco, Texas, Feb. 4, 1916. Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen: Failing to get this picture enlarged and copied I am sending you the original, and being an eye-witness can vouch for it. This was taken from the top of a box car near the present depot and looking east. By looking sharp you can see the sign, "Wm. Cameron & Co." on posts over the tent, which was our office. The wagon is our camp wagon from Coleman, and covered with a sheet back of tent is my buggy. I lived on the hill near Field and Bonsal, railroad conductors, until Nov. 1886. Lots were sold by the railroad company on the hill and homes were built. First business lots were sold July 1, 1886. Three thousand peoples were camped in the vicinity and the first lot sold was the old saloon corner for \$1,000.

With best wishes for still greater improvement in your city,  
 Yours very truly,  
 H. A. SMITH.

Watch the Fords Go By.

### INDIAN BOWS AND ARROWS

You can see a genuine Yaqui Indian bow and arrows on display at the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co., which is a real curiosity for most of our younger citizens. They were sent to Master Charlie Miller by his brother, Hugo Miller, from Nogales, Arizona. At one time the government gave the Indian a gun when he would bring in his bow and arrows, and these were stored away in the jail at Nogales. After the Carranza forces took the city during the fight with the Yaquis, these bows and arrows were sold to Americans and others as souvenirs.

A letter from Hugo to his brother says they have had some very heavy snows in that country recently.

G. W. Mathews, who has been buying cotton at Winters the past season, came in Saturday night to spend a few days with his family in Ballinger.

### Coughs and Colds are Dangerous!

One out of every three people die of Lung Diseases—all started with a Cough.

### At First Sign of Cough take Dr. King's New Discovery.

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment.

Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases often follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle to-day. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. All druggists.

**REASONS WHY—THE WALKER DRUG COMPANY**  
**THE LEADING DRUG STORE**  
 IT IS A PLEASURE TO TRADE AT THEIR BRIGHT, CLEAN, WELL-STOCKED DRUG STORE  
 Where the clerks are courteous, thoughtful and attentive even to the smallest of details. Where you don't hesitate to ask for facts about drug store merchandise and always get the truth based on practical knowledge.  
 Where merchandise is beautifully displayed, kept clean, fresh, up-to-date and fairly priced.  
 Where the system of delivery is in keeping with modern merchandising methods.  
 Where every employe in the store seems to be only anxious to please their customers  
 Where you will always find stocked a represented line of popular prescriptions carrying the NYAL and REXALL label of quality goods which are selected and offered for sale because they have stood the test of time and have proven that they give the maximum of customer satisfaction.  
 Where you make a drug store purchase and realize if it is not right you can take it back and get what you paid for it—the drug store whose guarantee you can depend upon.  
 Where you can usually find what you want if it has ever been offered for sale in a retail drug store.  
 Where you can get the best goods at the best prices and each sale backed by a guarantee.  
 Where they deliver FREE and FREELY.  
**THE WALKER DRUG COMPANY**  
 "IN BUSINESS FOR YOUR HEALTH"  
 PHONES 12 AND 13



LOUIS JOSEPH

# GRAFT

Each Episode Suggested by a Prominent Author  
 Serialization by HUGH WEIR and JOE BRANDT  
 Produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company  
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## THIRD EPISODE

### The Traction Trust

Suggested by  
 GEORGE BRONSON HOWARD,  
 Author of "Snobs," "God's Man," Etc.

#### SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney of New York, attacks the liquor and vice trusts. He is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. His son, Bruce Larnigan, is elected district attorney and takes up the fight. Bruce is in love with Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust. Bruce Larnigan is decoyed to an evil resort in an effort to frame him up. He beats the conspirators by having the police commissioner present. A fire starts in a tenement across the way. Larnigan saves the children of Dow, one of the conspirators. This man agrees to expose the trust. He is murdered by the gang.

**B**RUCE LARNIGAN'S crushing defeat of the tenement house trust, resulting in the murder by the graft syndicate itself of Anton Dow, who was about to give Bruce evidence against the fifteen, served to show Stanford Stone and the remaining members of the graft syndicate that in Bruce they faced a foe far more dangerous to them than his murdered father had ever been.

Stanford Stone, the secret head of the powerful graft syndicate, had despised Bruce in the beginning. Now he was beginning to fear him. And the fact that he was in love with Dorothy Maxwell, the girl who was Bruce's fiancée, only increased his determination to get rid of Bruce.

It was impossible for Stanford Stone to work in the open. It seemed to him vitally important to hold secret his own connection with the graft syndicate. Even Bruce Larnigan was so far from suspecting it that after the death of Anton Dow he confided many of his plans for the future to Stone.

"Dow's death is unfortunate," he told Stone. "He was a villain, but he was about to turn over a new leaf. He would have been a useful witness too. However, I have other irons in the fire. I am more and more convinced that all the graft in this city runs ultimately to a central spot; that one man dominates all the corrupt elements. I can't strike at any particular form of graft, no matter what it may be, without weakening that great central power."

"That sounds reasonable," said Stone sympathetically.

"Now, for instance," said Bruce. "I am planning to look into the opera-



Dorothy Picked Up the Dictaphone Receiver.

tions of the traction trust. I am convinced that whole organization is riddled with graft and that the city is being looted right and left in connection with the new subways. I haven't got all my evidence yet, but I'm going after it. And I may need your help."

"I am at your service," said Stone. "As I've told you before, I feel, as a public spirited citizen, that it is my duty to uphold you in the fight you have undertaken."

But no sooner was Stone alone than his face was transformed and twisted by hate and malice. Without delay he sent for Amos Black, one of his confidential agents. He told Black that Larnigan must be killed.

Black was one of a number of characters of the underworld through whom Stone worked at times.

Through men and women known to him he got into touch with Bruce Larnigan's chauffeur. This man, seemingly respectable and actually faithful enough to Bruce, had a dark spot in his life. Black managed to learn of this and so got the man Bonner into his grip. He arranged to have Bonner drive Larnigan through the park while gunmen were planted there.

Stanford Stone by means of a dictaphone was able to keep in close touch with Black's movements, since he never for a moment trusted Black. On the day after his conversation with Bruce, however, Stone, listening over the dictaphone, nodded with approval. Bruce he knew was coming to see him. Afterward Bonner should be able to take him through the park. And then—the graft syndicate's most dangerous enemy would be removed!

Bruce arrived while Black was still discussing his plans. With him was Dorothy Maxwell.

"We're not really together, Mr. Stone," she said gayly. "I'm looking for papa. I thought he might be here."

"I'm sorry he isn't, Miss Dorothy," said Stone. "But if you'll call up Boyd Penrose's office I think you'll get him. I'll take Larnigan outside while you telephone."

Dorothy smiled her thanks. She was left alone and by pure accident picked up the dictaphone receiver. To her horror and amazement she heard Black giving the final orders for Bruce's murder. Her heart almost stopped, but she managed to control her self and heard enough to put her in possession of all the details of the plot. Then, schooling her features, she went out and joined Bruce and Stone.

"I think I'll go straight home. I can't reach papa," she said. "Coming, Bruce?"

He nodded a farewell to Stone and went down with her. At the curb she seized his arm.

"Bruce, where are you going?" she asked tensely.

"To see an old friend—Jim Stevens," he said. "He's a newspaper man, and we're going to pull off a stunt together."

"Let me take you there," she urged. "Please, Bruce! Send Bonner home alone. I want to show you how my new car runs."

He thought nothing of her request and was glad to yield. Bonner, startled and dismayed, saw what had happened, and at once, instead of going home as he was told to do, he hurried to Black.

"Damn!" said Black. "Well, we'll have to get those fellows and plant them near Larnigan's house. Come on; take me through the park. It's riskier, but that can't be helped."

Bonner obeyed. They hurried into the park, and at the fatal spot, as Black stood up a volley rang out. The gun men had mistaken their employer for their victim. Black fell dead!

Meanwhile Dorothy had waited for Bruce during his talk with Stevens and had then driven him home. They found Mrs. Larnigan in tears. The holder of the mortgage on her house had arbitrarily refused to give her more time, and her lawyer had told her that he had found no one willing to take it up, good as was the security. Bruce saw in this a plot on the part of the fifteen to punish him. But Dorothy, without telling him of her intentions, determined to save him.

"Everything will come out all right," Dorothy assured Bruce.

She had some property of her own, and she went straight to her father and asked him to advance her a large sum on certain securities. He laughed as he did so, giving her the money in cash.

"What do you want it for?" he asked.

She told him, and, though she saw the startled look that came into his eyes, she did not know the reason nor that it was Roger Maxwell's insurance company that had threatened to foreclose on Mrs. Larnigan's house. Yet it was true—she had unwittingly defeated a plan concocted by her father and Stanford Stone.

Maxwell said nothing to Dorothy of the truth. Perhaps he dared not. Perhaps it was because just after he learned what she meant to do Bard Penrose, his old friend, and his daughter, Mabel, one of Dorothy's best girl friends, were announced. Penrose was head of the traction trust. He and Maxwell had many interests in common. And in the course of the talk the incident of the mortgage seemed to be forgotten.

It was the next day that Bruce and his friend, Jim Stevens, the reporter went to work on the new subway, having decided that this was the best chance they had to secure first hand evidence of an incontrovertible sort against the trust. Nor were they wrong. In a very short time they discovered the truth of what they had suspected—that a city inspector was being bribed to pass an inferior grade of cement in the construction work.

"The graft in that might run to millions!" said Jim, appalled. "And the danger—my God! The whole thing might collapse at any minute!"

"Get the facts down—and print them," said Bruce. "I'll stay here to get more evidence if I can. I don't think they suspect us yet."

Stevens obeyed. But at the office of his paper instead of being praised for his enterprise in securing a wonderful story he was bitterly attacked by his managing editor. Stevens had not known it hitherto, but his paper was a tool of the graft syndicate and was preparing at that moment to launch a bitter attack upon Bruce Larnigan. The story Stevens turned in was torn up. He himself was summarily discharged.

But that, as it turned out, was a false move, for it only aroused the fighting blood of Stevens. He went from newspaper to newspaper, until finally in the office of the Independent he found an editor with courage enough to face the consequences of defying the trust.

"They may smash us," he said, "but Larnigan is in the right, and we'll back him up. We'll begin by printing your story and putting you on our staff. Go out and get as much more stuff of this sort as you can."

A new danger threatened, however, for Stanford Stone had been in the office of Stevens' paper talking to the managing editor when the reporter made his report. Unseen by Stevens, he had heard everything and so knew that Bruce, in disguise, was working as a laborer in the subway. At once he saw a chance to crush his enemy. He went to Penrose, and the two concocted a new scheme for Bruce's destruction.

Bruce, suspecting nothing, was pleased by the praise that Kelly, ostensibly



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the foreman of the work, but actually the personal representative and graft collector of Penrose, gave him for his work.

"Sure, an' you do well for a greenhorn," said Kelly. "I'll be after raisin' your pay and givin' ye better work to do."

Bruce grinned his thanks. He was disposed to like Kelly and to believe that the man did not understand the rottenness of the work that was being done. Kelly, as was afterward to appear, was a good actor wasted on the job he held. He refused, in spite of Penrose's urgency, to be hurried.

"You'd be wantin' him to smell a rat," he said. "He's no fool, that lad. He takes careful handlin'—such as he gets from me. Lave it to me, Mister Penrose. I'll see that he goes to kingdom come. Lave it to Kelly!"

Day by day Kelly saw to it that Bruce got better work and more important to do. He praised him, encouraged him. And he did lull Bruce's suspicions, so that when at last he was ready to strike Bruce trusted him.

"It's toime yez learned the blastin'. That's the work that pays," said Kelly. "Take this dynamite cartridge, now, and carry it into the tunnel. The place to set it is marked with a red cross. The hole the driller left is there. Yez see, ye carry the wire along. Then when yez come back ye report and make the contact—and that's it. Aisy does it—see! Don't be droppin' that stick!"

Bruce obeyed, working his way into the tunnel. But above, when Kelly came out, Penrose was waiting by the electric switch.

"Aisy does it, sorr!" said Kelly. "Give him time to get the end and start back. Then I'll touch the switch—and good night Larnigan!"

"Splendid!" said Penrose. "Here, I must get my girls out. They're inspecting the work. I don't want them to take any chances."

Dorothy and Mabel, indeed, were near by. And Dorothy had recognized Bruce. She had an accomplishment that few of her friends suspected—she could read lips. And so, though out of hearing, she knew what Kelly and Penrose had said. At once she slipped into the tunnel after Bruce.

"Come quickly! There's a plot to kill you!" she screamed. "Drop that stick and run! Don't ask me how I know!"

Bruce obeyed. Together they ran for the street. And just as they got out of the tunnel there was a dull roar behind them. Bruce had escaped.

But the blast had unforeseen consequences, for the rotten cement gave way, the street fell in, and Bard Penrose, sitting in his automobile, was swept to his death.

## BLANTON NOMINEE AGAINST SMITH

In the preferential primary held in Taylor county last Saturday to determine between Thos. L. Blanton and J. M. Wagstaff which one should make the race for congress against Congressman W. R. Smith, Judge Blanton defeated Judge Wagstaff by a majority of ninety votes.

In the city of Abilene with a total vote of 1208 Judge Wagstaff defeated Blanton by 108 votes, but the country votes were in favor of Blanton and the total for the county was 2442.

This nominates Judge Blanton for the race against Smith as far as Taylor county is concerned. The preferential primary was the outgrowth of a challenge from Judge Blanton to place their cases before the voters of Taylor county, as it was a foregone fact that the two men in the race together would have had little chance to defeat Congressman Smith.

## TEXAN RESCUED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY

Find Swift Relief From Ailments of Years' Standing With First Dose of Treatment.

Many Texans needlessly suffer from stomach ailments and disorders of the digestive tract which appear to be particularly prevalent in the South. Many others have found a way to health by the use of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy.

The first dose of this remedy proves what it will do.

T. B. GOODPASTURE, 802 Sabine St., Houston, Texas, wrote: "I took your treatment last spring. I don't think I will have to take any more—it completely cured me."

R. L. RANDELL, Laredo, Texas, wrote: "I have just finished my fifth bottle of your treatment and passed several gall stones. Your preparation has worked simply wonderfully during my course of treatment."

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 returned.

## MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT "THE STORE AHEAD."

U. P. Melton left Sunday for the Eastern markets, where he will purchase new stocks of goods for his firm, the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. Mr. Melton stated that he intended putting in the most complete line of Spring and Summer merchandise "The Store Ahead" had ever carried.

New improvements at this store include refinishing show windows; adding mural decorations; and refinishing the ladies' millinery and ready to wear departments. An experienced artist will supervise the scenic work to give the necessary artistic touch.

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Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However, statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous bronchial and lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. Druggists.

Mrs. Sam Gray, of the Rowena country, who was visiting her mother Mrs. J. H. Hadley of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, was shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

## FEEL BILIOUS? CALOMEL SICKENS! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

I guarantee "Dodson's Liver Tone" will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.

Stop using calomel! It makes you sick. Don't lose a day's work if you feel lazy, sluggish, bilious or constipated, listen to me!

Calomel is mercury or quick-silver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or if you have headache, dizziness coated tongue, if breath is bad, or stomach sour just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it

doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it cannot salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to the children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

## VOELKEL-GERNGROSS

Mr. Homer Voelkel of our city and Miss Lena Gerngross of Falls county were happily married at the Catholic church at Westphalia Tuesday, January 25th at 10:30 o'clock in the presence of many relatives and friends. The young couple took the Katy Flyer for San Antonio, and after spending a few days there arrived here Sunday at 1:30 o'clock and were met at the train by relatives and friends and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schuhmann, where a most delicious dinner had been prepared. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel of Ballinger, and Mr. E. H. Voelkel and family of our city partook of the delicacies of the dinner and spent a pleasant evening with the happy bride and groom.—Rowena Review.

## 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 others. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

## BALLINGER NEGRO

GETS JUSTICE.

The suspended sentence has seemingly failed to work successfully in the cases of Harry Mulford, white man, and Bessie Payne, negro woman. Both were sentenced to two years' imprisonment upon respective charges of burglary and theft from person at the recent term of district court.

Friday afternoon Deputy Constable Wayne Green arrested Mulford while he was at work in Watts' automobile garage on South Oakes street. The man was charged by the officer with having stolen bedding from Mrs. Annie Dillard, proprietor of the Riverside Hotel, and automobiles supplies, including wrenches and several inner tubes, from the Watts' garage. These charges were embodied in two complaints filed against Mulford in county

## court Saturday morning.

Green found much of the bedding at the home of Bessie Payne the negress. Some of the wrenches, he stated, were sold to a local blacksmith.—San Angelo Standard.

## The Best Recommendation.

The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from the user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart, Waynesfield, Ohio, writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.

## GIN CO. TO MAKE REDUCTION IN PRICE

The Western Gin Company which owns, as most Enterprise readers know, the four gins in Winters, as well as several others in this and adjoining counties, has an announcement in their ad. in this issue that means quite a saving to the farmers, who gin cotton in Winters. They voluntarily reduced the price of ginning from 40 cents to 25 cents per hundred, this saving the farmer 75 cents on each bale.—Winters Enterprise.

## TRESPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,  
 wt/ Concho county, Tex.

## BUYS MEAT MARKET.

Joe Spoons returned home Thursday night from Eden where he had been to take Will Globber, who bought this week, the meat market at that place and will make West Texas his permanent home again. Mr. Spoons also attended to business affairs at Menard while away from home.

## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

**FREE**  
A 25c Bar Royal Medicated Cuticle Doctor SOAP, with each dollar purchase Saturday.

# Ballinger's Greatest Store's Annual White Offering

**FREE**  
A 25c Bar Royal Medicated Cuticle Doctor SOAP with each dollar purchase Saturday.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

You will be shown some of the most remarkable values in white goods it has ever been your good fortune to secure in Ballinger. These are only made possible by the large volume of business we do and by the wonderful fourteen store buying facilities we enjoy.



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

These phenomenal possibilities will cease. Every day will be bargain day and many extra bargains will be added each day. Reasonable and reliable merchandise for the entire household at such appealing prices. This will be a record making event with goods at prices that benefits your pocket-book.

**Every Department is Represented There's Something Here For You**

## Men's Knit Union Suits 49 cents



A lucky purchase enables us to offer for a limited time only, a complete assortment of men's close crotch union suits, one-fourth sleeves and three-quarter length legs. You have paid \$1 for no better quality, all sizes. During white sale, the suit

**49c**

You should see this remarkable value.

**Hart Schaffner & Marx Winter Suits & Overcoats** } **Your Choice \$15**

## FURNITURE at SPECIAL Prices

You need Furniture now—you will buy it soon. Get bargain wise. Buy Better Quality at Lower Prices:

### FURNITURE SPECIALS

White steel refrigerator, glass shelves, oval sides sanitary thorough-out \$28.95

White sewing machines new style rotary shuttle The old reliable, special \$34.65

Two-inch white enameled bed, this is a good and substantial bed, special for February white sale \$5.95

White enameled dressers, special white sale only \$17.85

White enameled dressing table, white sale only \$9.85

### HARDWARE SPECIALS

Two quart No Work ice cream freezer, white sale \$1.95

Chinaware priced so much less:

White plates, sets of six special prices white sale \$43c

Set of six white plates, with gold bands, white sale \$78c

Steak dishes, white sale \$48c

Extra large white milk pitcher, special for white sale \$38c

Medium size milk pitchers, special for white sale \$21c

## FLOUR Is ADVANCING and Will

### Advance More

Buy while you can save and get big satisfaction for little Cost

ALBATROSS the utmost in flour perfection. The best quality at a great saving, white sale, the sack \$1.70

### White Offering From Our Grocery Department:

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10lbs Comet rice ..... 85c        | White asparagus tip ..... 30c       |
| 5lbs Comet rice ..... 45c         | 25c bottle white cherries ..... 20c |
| 25c packade Eddy starch ..... 20c | 1lb Dromedary cocanut ..... 40c     |

These are only a few of our many Bargains.

**NAILS** Sizes 3-4 6 and 16 **Special \$1.98 the Keg**

**Extra Special**  
Celtic bleached domestic, soft finish, 36 inches wide the yard 5c  
Take as much as you like

**Extra Special**  
O' Cedar Mop and 25c bottle polish \$1.25

**Extra Special**  
Brass shoe tacks, all sizes 2 boxes 5c

**Extra Special**  
Clothes Pins, spring clamp, 3 dozen 19c

**Extra Special**  
White Quilts, large sizes to close 75c

**Extra Special**  
White sheets, 72x90 each, 35c  
As many as you like.

**Extra Special**  
Pillow cases, 36x42 each 10c

**Extra Special**  
Best quality bleached sheeting, yard 24c  
As much as you like

**Extra Special**  
Princess Embroidery floss 5 skeins 5c  
As much as you like

**Extra Special**  
Good Pearl Buttons, 5 dozen 5c  
As much as you like.

**Extra Special**  
Ladies' silk hose, white or black, three pairs for \$1.00  
As many as you like

**Extra Special**  
Val, Torchon and Thread laces Regular 10c and 15c quality, white sale yard 5c

**Extra Special**  
Lot 1. Embroidery, some real wide. Regular price 10c and 15c, white sale the yard 5c

**Extra Special**  
Lot 2. Embroidery, was formerly 20c and 25c white sale, the yard 10c

**Extra Special**  
Lot 3. Embroidery worth 35c, 50c and 75c, to close white sale 25c

**Extra Special**  
Lot 4. Baby flouncing and 27 inch flouncing, values up to \$1.50, white sale the yard 35c

**Extra Special**  
Special lot white lawn, white linen and flaxon, slightly soiled, values to 35c, white sale, the yard 12 1/2c

**Extra Special**  
I lot long cloth, nainsook, dimity and checks, white sale, the yard 10c

**Extra Special**  
Table linen, 72 inches wide values \$1, \$1.25, and \$1.50, to close white sale, the yard 75c

**Extra Special**  
Linen napkins, ready to use 18x18, regular \$1.25 value, white sale, the dozen 75c

## The Greatest Corset Values We Have

### Ever Shown

You profit by our overbuying on corsets. A large complete stock of high grade corsets to be closed at a mere shadow of their former prices.

Henderson Corsets, all styles, \$1.50 Quality, to close 25c

Large assortment American Beauty Corsets, value up to \$3.00, to close 50c

### MADAM GRACE

Many styles that formerly sold up to \$3.50, as long as they last 75c



**All Women's Winter Suits and Dresses One-Half Price**

## LINGERIE UNDERPRICED

Every article in our Lingerie department has been market to prices that will move it to make room for the Spring line:

### GOWN OFFERING

Dainty muslin night gowns, trimmed in lace and piped with pink and blue. Regular 50c and 75c values, white sale 45c each

Lace and embroidery trimmed gowns. Regular \$1.00 values, white sale 85c

Figured crepe and nainsook gowns, embroidery and lace trimmings, \$1.25 value 95c

Hemstitched flesh colored lingerie. Regular \$1.25 quality, white sale \$1.15

Nainsook gown trimmed with lace and embroidery \$2.50 values, white sale \$1.95

### PETTICOATS AT A SAVING

Nainsook petticoats with beautiful embroidered ruffles. Regular \$1.75 values, white sale \$1.35 each

Nainsook petticoats with serviceable lace flounces Regular \$1.25 values white sale 95c

Lace and insertion trimmed petticoats 75c values, white sale 50c

Nainsook petticoats with deep embroidery flounces regular \$1.00 value 85c white sale

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