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NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY MOB AT WACO

WACO, May 15.—The largest mob ever formed in Texas, or perhaps in any other state, stormed the court house here this afternoon, overpowered the sheriff, and lynched Jesse Washington, a negro, the confessed murderer of Mrs. George Fryar. The negro was brought in to court for trial this morning, and while the trial was in progress the mob was forming. Just after the death sentence was passed on the negro the mob overpowered Sheriff Fleming in the court room in the presence of the judge, and rushing the negro to the City Hall Square, tied him to a stake, and applied a torch that burned the negro to death. The mob disbanded and while there is great excitement, no further trouble is expected.

BUSINESS LEAGUE SECRETARY RESIGNS

A. E. Burges, for the past six months secretary of the Business League, tendered his resignation this week, and left Ballinger Thursday morning, going to Brownwood, where he has accepted a position with the Brownwood News. Mr. Burges was faithful in the discharge of his duties while in charge of the local business men's organization and his monthly reports published in this paper from time to time kept the public posted as to what was being accomplished. For a lack of funds sufficient to carry on the work and pay the salary of the secretary, Mr. Burges found that there was little money left to carry on the work after the secretary's salary was paid, and until a larger fund is in sight the work must be handled on a very limited scale, and for this reason the League is now without a secretary. E. D. Walker, president of the Business League, stated Thursday that Mr. Burges had turned the keys and the books of the organization over to him and that everything was in good shape, and the work would be carried on the best way possible until more interest could be created and new life injected into the organization. Chas. Gibson of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

75 MEN WANTED FOR MILITARY CO.

The proposition looking to the organization of a company of National Guards at Ballinger, is assuming shape by degrees, and if sufficient interest is manifested, a call will be made for volunteers, and the organization perfected. F. M. Pearce is in receipt of a letter from B. F. Delemater, Colonel of the Second Infantry, under whose district Ballinger would be placed in case an organization is perfected here, and Col. Delemater briefly outlines the necessary steps to begin with in working up the local company. Mr. Pearce has had considerable training in such matters and holds a captaincy in the National Guards of Illinois, having been appointed while attending the military academy at Alton, Ill., where he graduated. He is ready to take the initiative and push the proposition if the local boys will manifest sufficient interest in the proposition. He says it will require lots of work, but will be a big boost for Ballinger, and the company would get the benefit of a trip to the encampment, and might be able to display some of their patriotism. Following is the letter received today by Mr. Pearce. Read it, and then if you are interested, enlist. I will be pleased to have an organization at your city and will assist you in every way possible. You are aware that it will take 65 men and three officers to be mustered into the National Guard at this time. This will require something like 75 men as you are never able to get all the men on the floor at one and the same time and the law requires that you have the 65. Would suggest that you go ahead and get all the signatures you can and if it looks sure that you can enlist the required men I will ask the Adj. General to forward you the necessary papers. You will find this a very big job and one you will have to do considerable work and continuously, as you will not be able to get them all at one time but keep on at it, notifying me as you progress and I may be able to give you some advice as to how to proceed as I have had lots of experience along this line. B. F. DELEMATER.

LEFT FOR CONCHO

H. Giesecke, H. M. Josey, C. W. Northington, Bud Miller, and Tom Massey left Monday morning with a boat and load of groceries for the Giesecke camping place on the Concho river to fish a few days.

BANDITS WRECK TRAIN AND MANY LOSE LIVES

LAREDO, Texas, May 16.—The latest report received here from the scene of the wreck on the Mexican National, say that 150 passengers were burned to death, while five were shot by the bandits who wrecked the train. All passengers were robbed before killed and the train guard completely annihilated. The report of the wrecking of a train by Zapatistas near Palmagonzal, and the robbing of passengers has also been received here. The advices say that one American was robbed of three thousand in gold and much loot carried away by the Zapata bandits. SAN ANTONIO, May 15.—Villista bandits, operating within a short distance of Carranza capital, wrecked a train early Friday morning near Gonzales, which is but a short distance north of Queretaro, killing at least twenty four persons. Passengers fleeing from Mexico City were robbed of money and jewels estimated to amount to \$250,000 in value. Among the passengers were a number of American men and women, who were robbed and who made their way, afoot and half clad, to Gonzales, nine miles away. The news of the bandit attack on the train was brought to Eagle Pass by passengers on a train over the Mexican National, which left Gonzales Saturday and which carried most of the passengers of the wrecked train north to the junction for Laredo. The bandits had torn up the rails, and the engine and first four cars went into the ditch. Many passengers were killed in the cars, and a few were shot by the bandits for resisting or protesting against robbery. As the passengers were disentangling themselves from the wreckage, an armed group of 30 to 40 bandits swooped down upon them, shouting, "Viva Villa!" As they came they fired three volleys into the train, but it is not known any were killed by their wild fire. Men and women of the cars that stayed on the track jumped through the windows on the opposite side and most of these got away into the brush, leaving most of their clothing and their hand baggage in the coaches. Among these were several American women, whose names were not obtained by the passengers who arrived at Eagle Pass. The bandits went through these cars, robbing systematically and cutting traveling bags open with machetes. One group of them was evidently looking for a number of Carranza prisoners and when they came upon them they released them with shouts of delight, and promptly shot the Carranza officer who had them in custody. COLUMBUS, N. M., May 16.—The American cavalry column is pursuing a band of seventy Villistas west from the Rubio ranch. The bands are retreating towards the hills with the Americans close in pursuit, and a battle is expected. The bandits killed three people south of the Rubio ranch last Sunday. WASHINGTON, May 16.—The cabinet met this morning and heard the report of Gen. Scott, who had just returned from El Paso. As a result of the El Paso conference the cabinet reports that it is satisfied that an agreement will be made with Mexico without a break with the de facto government. While Obregon held out for a limited expedition he has convinced the American government that the de facto government will do all within its power to co-operate with the expedition in putting down bandits. EL PASO, May 16.—Seven passengers were injured when the

STOLEN HORSE BRINGS THIEF BACK

A young Mexican, a former soldier in the Madero army, and who was seriously injured by having part of his skull shot away, and who had been stopping in Ballinger for some time, stole a horse from another Mexican Sunday and attempted to ride the horse back to Mexico, or at least he started towards Mexico. On account of the Mexican's brain being injured he is paralyzed on one side, and has the appearance of being idiotic, or of unsound mind. According to the story told by the Mexican when taken in custody by Sheriff Perkins, he got lost some time during the night Sunday night, and the horse brought him back to Ballinger. He said he did not know where he was when he returned to Ballinger and found his way to a wagon yard where he put the horse in the wagon yard and told the keeper of the yard that he would call for him later. The horse was returned to its owner and the Mexican will be given his passport and sent out of the city as an undesirable. This paper recently carried a story of the war experience of the young Mexican as told by himself. He came to Ballinger in a pitiful condition, and it is the opinion of the officers that the city was imposed upon and the Mexican sent here by some nearby city just to get rid of him. His brain is exposed, there being no skull to protect it over a space as large as a man's hand. He is not able to work, and has no means of support. According to the story told by the Mexican he is now only about 20 years of age, and he was forced into the army at the age of fourteen. At the age of sixteen he was wounded and instead of being given proper treatment he was kicked out and told to come to Texas. Since then he has been taken care of by charitable Mexicans and white people in this country.

HOG GROWERS CALLED TO MEET

F. T. Rushing, president and J. H. Taylor, secretary, of the Runnels County Hog Growers Association, request all members of the association and all others interested in the pork production work, meet at the Business League room in Ballinger at three o'clock next Saturday, May 20th. Business of importance must be attended to at this time.

HORSE SHOT FROM UNDER ITS RIDER

Parties in an auto traveling on the public road leading out towards Maverick, shot and seriously wounded a horse on the Dee Oliver farm this week. Mr. Oliver's boy was riding the horse in the pasture at the time and was too far from the road to tell who the parties were, but was not out of reach of the bullet which was evidently fired from a long range gun. The horse was not killed, but was seriously wounded, and the young man had to get off the horse and lead him to the house. It is not believed that the parties shot the horse intentionally, but the accident occurred through reckless shooting of high powered guns along the public road. L. B. James, also had the misfortune to get a good horse wounded by a stray bullet, and parties have reported to Sheriff Perkins that they have recently narrowly escaped being shot by parties shooting targets and long range guns along the public roads. It seems that joy riders from Ballinger are the accused. The parties drive out on the public roads and shoot from their autos, and the bullets whizzing around the heads of the citizens living and at work along the roads, has caused a complaint to be registered with the sheriff's department. We are also reliably informed that little boys, hardly large enough to attend school, are permitted to shoot target rifles in the city limits. This is very dangerous, and will bring regret to the parents as well as serious injury and probably death to some innocent party. Such practice should be stopped or the guilty parties called to account.

METHODIST CHURCHES TO UNITE

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 16.—The Methodist Episcopal Conference in session here today adopted a resolution endorsing the proposal made by the Southern church for the uniting of the church north and south. The M. E. Church South drafted a proposal at its conference in Oklahoma City last May, and the action of the Northern conference today accepts the proposal, and the details will be worked out and the two churches brought together with a combined membership of 7,236,000.

MANY COME TO SUNDAY CONCERT

With every section of the country represented, and autos parked a block deep on Hutchings Ave. and Seventh Street, Sunday afternoon, the largest crowd in the history of the present band enjoyed the concert Sunday afternoon. Winters, Miles, and Paint Rock, were well represented, while many farmers who own cars motored to Ballinger and spent the afternoon in the city park. The band rendered a good program, and were at their best. Old folks, middle aged folks, young folks, and children, were out in gala attire. The children romped on the lawn, while the young folks found it an opportune time for love making and the old folks talked about the war and discussed other worn thread-bare subjects. It was the first concert since the completion of the new band stand, and during an intermission in the musical program, at the request of the band boys, Judge Jno. I. Guion made a short talk and on behalf of the band boys thanked the citizens who subscribed to the band stand fund and made it possible for the construction of the band stand. Judge Guion complimented the boys for their loyalty to the city, in that they furnished their time and talent, being volunteers on the job of furnishing the city with such good musical entertainments. The talk by Judge Guion came in good place and was highly appreciated by those present.

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SCHOOL BOARD SENDS OUT
1500 TAX NOTICES

Did you get yours? The property owners of the Ballinger Independent District are receiving little notices today notifying them

that their property renditions have been increased, and the board is naturally being criticised. The board has set Saturday, June 27th, as day for hearing the kicks and will turn a deaf ear to all complaints until the equalization board meets on the above date.

**CONCRETE CAUSEWAY
CONTRACT CLOSED**

Before adjourning last Saturday, the commissioners' court awarded the contract for building the Colorado concrete causeway to Austin Bros., of Dallas, and the contract calls for speedy work.

The cost of the new crossing on the Colorado river figures about \$3,000. It will span the river at a point about half way between Seventh and Eighth Street, and about a mile and a half below the county bridge at the foot of Hutchings Ave.

The building of this new crossing comes as the result of a campaign that has been carried on for a new road leading South east from Ballinger for several years. The opening of the new road will shorten the distance for the people living along the Colorado river below Ballinger, as well as those living along the Paint Rock road, by several miles. At present all this travel must travel the San Angelo-Ballinger road coming into Ballinger and cross the river at the bridge. It will be remembered that Judge Willingham has had a standing offer with the court to donate the land for the road across his land whenever they put in the crossing over the river.

The causeway will serve as a low water crossing only, and during heavy rains and when the river is up, travel will have to continue to use the bridge. The contract calls for a crossing that will afford space for two vehicles and a four foot passageway for pedestrians. It will be constructed a height that will form quite a lake

above the causeway, providing an ideal fishing and boating place, a spillway permitting the overflow water to pass.

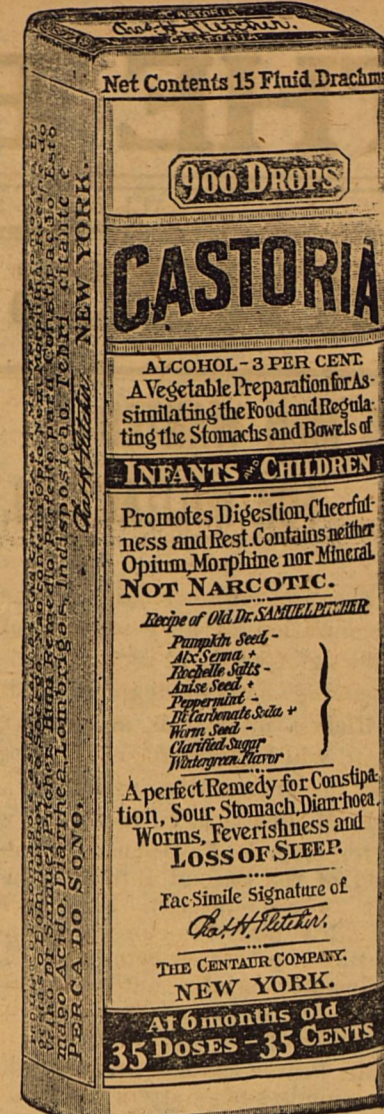
**METHODIST CHURCH PAYS
OUT OF DEBT.**

A debt of about \$600 has been carried on the Methodist church for some time, and the pastor, Rev. Stanford put on foot a move Sunday that resulted in practically all the cash necessary to pay off the debt being raised before sundown Sunday evening.

In addition to the amount necessary to pay off the debt the members of the church raised enough to pay for the making of valuable improvements in the church property, having contracted for repainting the church, building side walks and beautifying the yard with flower beds. The church recently sold the parsonage which stood on the lot with church and this is being moved away to make room for lawn and flowers.

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F. W. Greber of Brownwood, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., who had been looking after business interests in the city between trains Saturday left for his home in the afternoon.



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MRS. ED HALFMANN DEAD

Mrs. Ed Halfmann of the Olfin country, died last Wednesday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Olfin cemetery Thursday, the services being conducted by Rev. Father Garmann. Mrs. Halfmann had been suffering for about two years with cancer, and during the past three months was confined to her bed.

Deceased was born in Colorado County on Christmas Day 1873, and came to Runnels County with her husband 21 years ago, locating South of Ballinger where a family of five children have come to bless the home and with the husband survive to mourn the loss of a good wife and a good mother.

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BOX SUPPER AT NEW HOME.

We have been requested to announce that the Woodmen Lodge of the New Home community will give a box supper at the New Home school house on the first Saturday night in June, which will be June 3rd. Every one invited to come.

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J. F. Stuart left Monday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

S. A. Mathis of the Hatchel country, came in Saturday to meet his daughter, Mrs. Monroe Voglesang, who came in from her home at San Angelo in the afternoon, to visit her parents a few weeks.

GETS IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT

C. A. Orbeck was notified Monday by the president of the Texas Bankers' Association that he was appointed on the committee for the American Institute of Banking educational work.

This is a new department in the Texas Bankers' Association, and is a much deserved compliment to our young friend, which his many Ballinger friends congratulate him on this recognition of his merits.

IRRIGATION MAP NEARLY COMPLETE

C. M. Stanley is back from an auto trip to points north. He reports the reservoir survey complete and map of same will be finished by June 1st. Mr. Stanley and S. R. Young have taken the agency for the Chevrolet automobile, with headquarters at Sweetwater, and both will move there in the near future. They have Nolan, Mitchell, Seury and half of Fisher counties—Miles Messenger.

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Watch the Fords Go By.

**Treading on Dangerous Ground—
Look Out!**

Parties hunting along the public roads leading into Ballinger have recently shot valuable stock and endangered the lives of citizens. The matter has been reported to me, and I wish to warn those who are driving out of Ballinger in autos and shooting long range guns. It will be too late to be careful after you have killed some good man.

It has also been reported that small boys are shooting targets within the city limits.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff.

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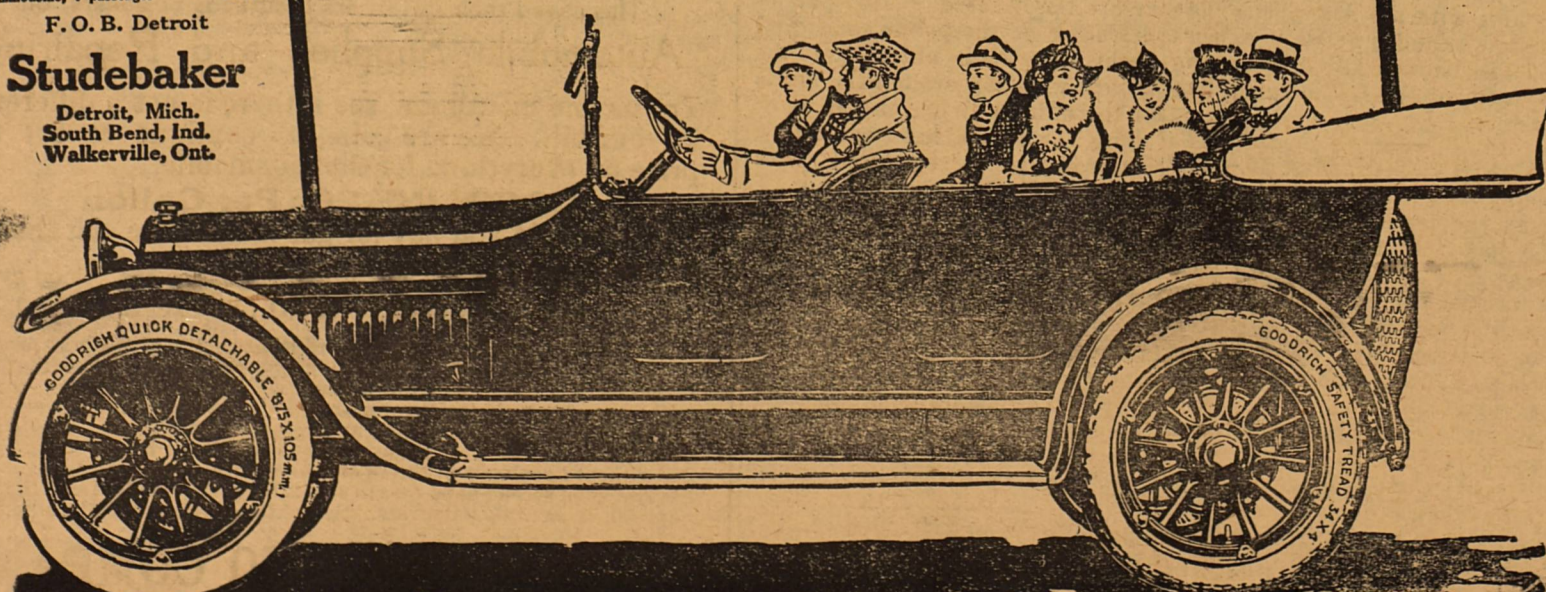
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What The War Is Doing For The Farmer

The European war is not an unmixing evil; nor yet is it an unmixing blessing for this country. We shall not attempt to go into the ethical side of the question at all, nor shall we discuss "war brides", munition plants or other similar phases of the situation. We shall look at the war purely from the standpoint of prices for raw products, either produced here in this country or imported from foreign countries. And



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amongst them those that have not gone up in price in spite of the war.

For example, here is a peculiar situation in regard to a beverage which is so universally liked that it has become almost a staple. The name of that beverage is Coca-Cola.

Now Coca-Cola, as you know, is really an agricultural product—a product of the soil. Cane sugar—the very purest and finest—constitutes a large part of Coca-Cola syrup. As you know, sugar has gone way up—so every glass of Coca-Cola you drink makes some farmer's heart gladder.

So it is with the pure fruit juices that, combined, produce the inimitable flavor of Coca-Cola. Not so much in quantity seemingly when you consider a single glass of this delicious beverage, but enormous when the entire Coca-Cola output is considered.

Yet this product of nature—the farm-increased in cost though it has been to the makers, has not been raised one penny in price to dealer—or to you. The price at the soda fountain and in the bottle has not risen one iota.

Now inasmuch as the rural population alone of America consumes millions of bottles and glasses of Coca-Cola every year, you and the other agriculturists of this country will not only be able to continue to please your palates and get delicious refreshment with this beverage at no increased cost, but you will be sending back to the farm bigger profits and more money at no greater expense to yourself.

Let us take wheat, for example. We all know that the war has put the price of wheat way up. Very well—this means that the whole country, city, town and rural population as well as paying more for their flour—therefore the wheat raiser should theoretically be getting rich on a product which it costs him no more to raise than formerly and for which he gets more money.

But wait a minute—there are other things to consider in this matter of growing rich off of the war. Cotton and wool and meats and farm machinery and sugar have gone up too. This means that while the wheat raiser is getting more for his product, he is also paying some other agriculturist more for his product. This cuts down somewhat on the profits the war is bringing to the farmer. Then it would seem that the best way to keep ahead of the game is for the farmer to pay the farmer who raises his necessities the increased prices that the war has brought about and when buying his luxuries or those things that are not bare necessities of life to pick and choose from

ward developing the country. "If we did not expect that Ballinger was to be a greater city than it is now, and the country a greater country we could not afford to spend the money here we are going to spend," said the speaker. "We realize that power is going to be needed here and we are arranging to install a plant that will take care of all future needs and supply power for any purpose that might arise."

Mr. Fitkin told what they were doing at other points in Texas and in other states. At the rapid increase in demand for electrical power all over the country much capital is necessary to develop the territory and supply the current. Small companies have realized that in order to meet the demands they must invest more money than they can command. This was the case in our own community. The former owners of the local plant had reached the point to where it was necessary to invest much capital to meet the demands, and realized that it was to the best interest of the public as well as to the men with their money invested to dispose of the light plant to a company with capital to develop the field.

Contracts for Ice Plant.

After Mr. Fitkin had made a short talk, Mayor Powell suggested that any one present desiring further information might get that information by asking Mr. Fitkin any question they wished. The mayor stated to Mr. Fitkin that it was reported here that the local power plant would be dispensed with—moved away—and that a cable line brought into the city from San Angelo and the current for this city furnished from that point, and Mayor Powell asked Mr. Fitkin to state to those present how the work of developing the field would be carried on. Mr. Fitkin again took the floor, and in a most frank way told of what had been done and what the future plans of his company were.

"We have just closed a contract to buy the local ice plant," said Mr. Fitkin, "and the only thing that is causing a delay is the usual routine details necessary in getting such matters closed up. The money is in the bank and as soon as our attorneys pass on the title to the property, the deal will be closed and we will take over the plant, and make improvements that your city will be proud of. We have purchased the machinery and all necessary material for installing here a plant for generating current for Winters, Rowena, and other nearby points. We have also closed a contract for the Winters light and power plant and will begin the work of extending from this city the transmission lines to carry current to that city and to Rowena and other points in this section. We have made an appropriation of \$100,000 for the extension of the work in this territory. We will spend in the immediate future in your section \$25,000 for labor alone. We will want about fifty men and teams in building out lines from Ballinger to other points. We expect to give you a service that is excelled by none, and one that will reach out and serve people who need the power and who will profit by having their power to aid in developing the country. We will establish an ice station at Winters and will create a demand for a greater output of ice from the local ice plant. We will install here a large cold storage plant, able to take care of the surplus eggs, poultry, and fruit crop, and assist the farmers in holding this produce until they can get a better price."

Mr. Fitkin stated that as soon as they could get possession of the local ice plant they would begin the installation of the new machinery, and as soon as the machinery was installed and the current supplied from the new power houses, they would move the present machinery from its present location at the oil mill to the ice plant, and would give the city a duplicating system to equal any in Texas. The company was working just as fast as it could to push the new improvements. Mr. Fitkin said, and that such work required time as the manufacturing plants were crowded with orders on account of the war.

New Machinery and Material Ordered.

G. O. Baker, operating engineer for the Interstate Electric Corporation, was present, and in a statement to the business men after the meeting had adjourned, stated that the new material had been ordered and would arrive here just as fast as the railroads could handle it. The company

Winters Light Man Here.

A. F. Roberts, owner of the Winters light plant, was here Monday afternoon, coming down to meet Mr. Fitkin and close a contract for the sale of his plant to the new company. The contract was closed before the meeting Monday night. This will put Winters on a basis with Ballinger and that city will be fortunate in having a current to equal that of this city, and that too every minute in the day and every day in the year. It will be a big boost for that and other smaller towns in this section.

Jack McGregor, Chas. S. Miller, and W. C. Penn, were among those who made short talks and stated that they were ready to encourage such capital to come into our city and help develop the country. Mr. McGregor stated that the country had the natural resources and all that was necessary was capital and he for one did not propose to block the way for such improvements. This was the idea expressed by others, and Mr. Fitkin was given the assurance of co-operation and encouragement by the business men present.

Mr. Fitkin and his associates left early Tuesday morning for other points where they are making extensive improvements in properties recently purchased.

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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!

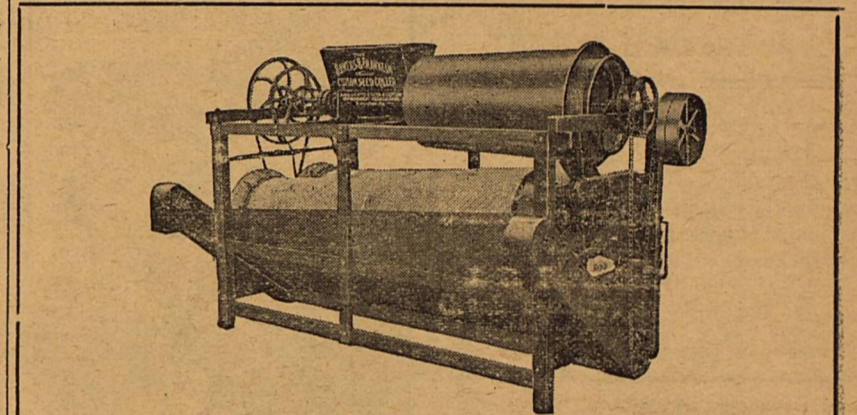
Calomel is mercury or quick-silver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are 'all knocked out,' if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or if you have 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 does not 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.

Walter Woodward, one of the prominent Coleman attorneys, was looking after legal business in the county court Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boozer of the Marie country, came in Saturday and Mrs. Boozer left in the afternoon to visit relatives and friends at Gadsden, Ala., for a few weeks.

George Lusk of Coleman, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lusk, and Ballinger friends.



Plant Sound Seed--You'll Get Good Stand.

Bring your cotton seed to us and let us cull them for you with a machine that takes out all falter impure seed, leaving only the large healthy seed for your planter.

T. S. Lankford

DELICATE APPETITES

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

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

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

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

NOTICE

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

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

For Reliable Abstract Work
See
SECURITY TITLE CO.
"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

WILL INSTALL BIG POWER PLANT IN THIS CITY

What came as quite a surprise to the business men and citizens of Ballinger, was announced at a mass meeting at the Carnegie Library last night, when A. E. Fitkin, of New York, representing the Interstate Electric Corporation, made a short address and briefly outlined some of the plans his company had perfected for developing the light and power facilities of this section.

Mr. Fitkin arrived here from San Angelo at four-thirty, accompanied by his associates, and he was the guest of a number of business men at the Central Hotel preceding the meeting at the Carnegie Hall. It will be remembered that the Business League recently extended Mr. Fitkin an invitation to make Ballinger a social visit when he came to this part of the state. He was due here first of the present month, but his visit had been delayed by business at

other points, where the Interstate Electric Corporation is developing the light and power possibilities.

Despite the inclement weather, quite a crowd of business men and citizens greeted Mr. Fitkin and his associates, and listened with interest to the capitalist briefly outline plans of his company and to the frank way in which he answered all questions put to him.

Mayor Powell introduced Mr. Fitkin, stating that he did not know what the electric light and power man had to say, as he had only met him about five minutes before he entered the hall and had not talked with him concerning the proposition to be discussed.

Mr. Fitkin expressed his appreciation for the courtesies shown him and for the way in which he had been received. He said that in coming to Ballinger his company expected to do its part to

My money is gone!!
I was not a careful man after all

Are you going to hide your money in a hole in the ground or in your house and always be worried fearing that you may be watched by a robber?

No.

It is the robber's business to learn who keeps money hidden, and he will kill you, if he must, to steal. Be a careful man.

Make Our Bank Your Bank,
...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
MEMBER OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Month of May Marvels

SATURDAY, MAY 20th TO SATURDAY, MAY 27th

Every man and woman should make it a point to do all of their May shopping while this wonderful May event is in progress. Beautiful early summer apparel and bright new merchandise for the warmer days have been so attractively priced that we are confident every shopper who appreciates genuine value-giving will term these offerings as "marvels" for the month of May.



Suits of Palm Beach Cloth

What is Palm Beach cloth? It is a genuine lustrous mohair with strong cotton warp to give strength and to prevent the smooth mohair from slipping. It will not cockle or hold lint, dust or other particulars.

50 beautiful Palm Beach suits ready, belted, double breasted and plain styles. Price \$7.50 to \$10.00

MAY MARVELS A Sale of Ladies' Suits

Values up to \$15.00 during May choice - \$9.95
Values up to \$22.50 during May choice - \$14.95
Values up to \$25 choice \$19.95

We anticipate a tremendous response for the season of buying is now at its height, the assortments of the new goods are at their best and the newest ideas are everywhere noticeable in our showings. You know what splendid qualities of goods this store carries and how moderate our regular prices are, so surely when such "marvels" in value-giving as these present themselves, you will buy without hesitance.

Summer Dresses in Dainty Wash Fabrics

Many of them are newly arrivals "colorful and coolful" for the rising thermometer days at hand.

Yesterday's express brought to us 50 lovely; all white dresses of voile net and organdies beautifully trimmed in lace and ribbon, sizes 14 to 42 values \$4.98 to \$25.00

MAY MARVELS Silk and Poplin Dress Special

25 beautiful poplin dresses in a variety of shades, beautiful summer styles, sizes 16 to 40, values up to \$8.50 choice of entire lot during May - \$4.98



Values like these are seldom offered in May so it's thrift for you to do the most of your summer shopping while this event is on. Our heavy purchases of spring goods long before the markets advanced their prices are responsible for these splendid values now.

36 inch linen Damask values \$1.25, May price the yard - 89c

40 inch white India lawn, value 15c May price the yard - 11c

20 pieces ratines, reps and corduroy 35c to 50c values, May price the yard 23c

3000 yards of thread lace 1 to 4 inches wide, values up to 7 1-2c the yard 5c

36 inch white voiles, marquisette and linenweaves, values up to 35c, special May price the yard - 25c

10 yards English nainsook, value \$1.50 the piece, May price - 95c

50 pieces cotton fancies, airy and cool for summer dresses, stripes and checks, very special the yard - 15c

You Should See these Beautiful Summer Fabrics

Now at this store our abundant display of appealing summer fabrics promise an interesting visit to every woman who is thinking of summer sewing.

MAY MARVELS

27 inch white organdie flouncing beautiful designs; really worth \$1.00 to \$1.25 the yard. Very special during May the yard

69c



Growing More Popular Every Day

That is what can be said of our shoe stocks and we know the reason for this growing popularity. We buy shoes which can be safely guaranteed to our customers to give complete satisfaction. No styles enter our stocks that are not correct. Every shoe must be as near perfect in construction and material as is possible for skilled hands to make it. We also see that you have a perfect fitting shoe before you leave the store. That's service and the making of new customers.

Howard & Foster Shoes for Men
All styles that's good, sizes 5 to 11, price \$5.00; others \$2.50 to \$3.50

Wickert & Gardner Slippers for Women
Every wanted style that is new and good, priced at \$4.00 and some at \$5.00

May Marvels

REMNANTS

1 lot of remnants consisting of lawns, white goods, ginghams, cotton checks and wash goods in general. During May pick your choice at half regular price.

Enjoy the Comfort

of summer underwear that is cool in material, modern in construction and allows perfect ease with every movement of the body. All popular styles and materials are carried in our good stocks. Our values are worth knowing.

Cross bar union suits, very special - 75c

Wilson Bros., Close-Krotch, and Varsity union suits here, knee of 3-4 length, wing and athletic sleeve, price \$1.00 \$1.50 and \$1.98

Special

75c check union suits, knee length, very special May price - 49c

May Marvels Silk Shirts

18 dozen men's silk bosom shirts, beautiful patterns, sizes 14 to 16 1-2, regular price \$1.50, May price \$1.19

The Pick of the Season in Straws

There are so many good looking styles here that it is impossible to describe them all. A new straw hat from these displays will reflect your good taste in choosing; that we are sure of.

Sennetts, Panamas, Milans and leghorns, in all the wanted styles and shapes. Big values at \$2.50, \$3.00 \$4.00 and \$5.00

Special!

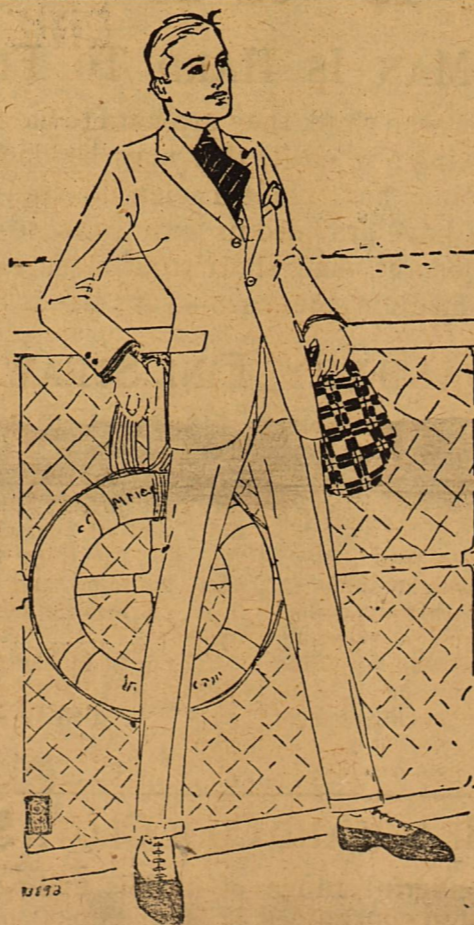
1 lot men's sailors, values up to \$2.00, special May prices - \$1.50

Hosiery

Beautiful half hose, in fancy and plain colorings, very special, a pair - 25c

May Marvels Work Pants

24 dozen men's wash, work trousers, grays and blue stripes, actually worth \$1.25 on today's market, May price - \$1.00



These Suits are Good Because They "Make Good"

In our showing are styles that strike the fancy of men with conservative tastes as well as young men who want distinctiveness without sacrificing dignity. There is double satisfaction in choosing a suit at this store. First you get a style and pattern you like. Then you have an assurance of getting a suit that will stand the real test of service—one that you will be proud to wear after you have had it several months. In a word, it will "make good."

Palm Beach and Keep Kool Clothes

In many styles at \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00 100 suits at this price. We are showing over 300 suits in serges, worsteds, silks, mohair and novelties, every suit guaranteed and worth a \$5 bill more than the price asked.

MAY MARVELS

We are exclusive agents for the Dutchess and Paragon pants and you will find no trouble in getting your size here. We have an immense stock and the saving will be from 25c to \$1.00 on the pair. Big values at

\$2.50 to \$6.50

Ladies' White Slippers

Special—168 pairs ladies' white slippers, in white, black and canvass, all styles, sizes 2 to 8, values up to \$3.50, to close out during May, special - \$1.79

Melton Dry Goods Co
INCORPORATED
EVERYBODY'S STORE

Shoe Special

1 lot men's low shoes, in patent, gunmetal and tan leathers, values up to \$5.00, sizes 7 to 10, special during this May offering for - \$2.95

A REAL CREOLE DINNER FOR 10c

Here is a great blow to the high cost of living. A regular knockout, and mighty good news for the jaded appetite. Here is really something new in the food line. Mrs. Rorer says, "this can at 10c contains more palatable nourishment than any other canned vegetable twice its size."

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

PYREX GLASS DISHES FOR BAKING

A real wonder are these sanitary glass baking dishes. A new process fire glass that enables you to cook quicker, better and more sanitary than the old style metal and earthenware vessels. See these in our hardware department. The prices are reasonable.

Women's Tailored Suits and Dresses at Special Prices

This wonderful sale of women's suits, coats and dresses just in the middle of the season is sure to appeal to every woman that reads these prices. This offer includes all the season's best and most stylish fabrics and style creations. Taffeta, silk and wool poplin, serge, Failles and Georgette crepe combinations. The first to come will have the best selection.



DRESS 8445
BUTTERICK PATTERN

Sport Dresses

These beautiful and practical Sport Dresses certainly are having the call these days. They are so comfortable and are so easily made. The cost of one of these dresses is negligible—a Butterick pattern, and a few yards of striped sport cloth combined with a small amount of your own handwork and one of these dresses is yours. Many other materials may be found here that will make a dress like above.

You should see this great collection we are now showing.

Women's Suits and Dresses

Former Price \$25.00
NOW \$16.95

Women's Suits and Dresses

Former Price \$20.00
NOW \$13.95

Women's Suits and Dresses

Former Price \$18.50
NOW \$12.45

Women's Suits and Dresses

Former Price \$15.00
NOW \$9.75

\$1.25 Gladstone Waists

These clever creations and adaptations of the higher priced lines are certainly finding favor with our customers. The styles are sport and semi-tailored materials of sport stripes, organdie and voiles. The price is always the same

\$1.25

Special Line of the Newer Styles in Silk Hosiery

You cannot really appreciate this line until you see it.

Newer Blouses Oftener

The policy that is in force in our blouse section enables us to show you something new all the time. Each week and sometimes each day we receive a special assortment of the new style creations. This week we are showing, maize Georgette crepe with white cape collar, white Georgette crepe with embroidered floral designs large sailor collar, white net and chiffon combinations embroidered in silver metallic lace, also shantung and charmeuse trimmed blouses. Special priced

\$6.00

Fern Waists \$1.00

By special arrangement we are to receive a special lot of the new Fern Waists, each week. This is the same service that is received in Dallas and the larger cities. Buy the same styles and patterns that the women in the larger cities are wearing at the same time and at the same price, always

\$1.00

Pumps

are going to lead in footwear this season. All styles and leathers are here priced low.



BLOUSE 8491 SKIRT 8492
BUTTERICK PATTERNS

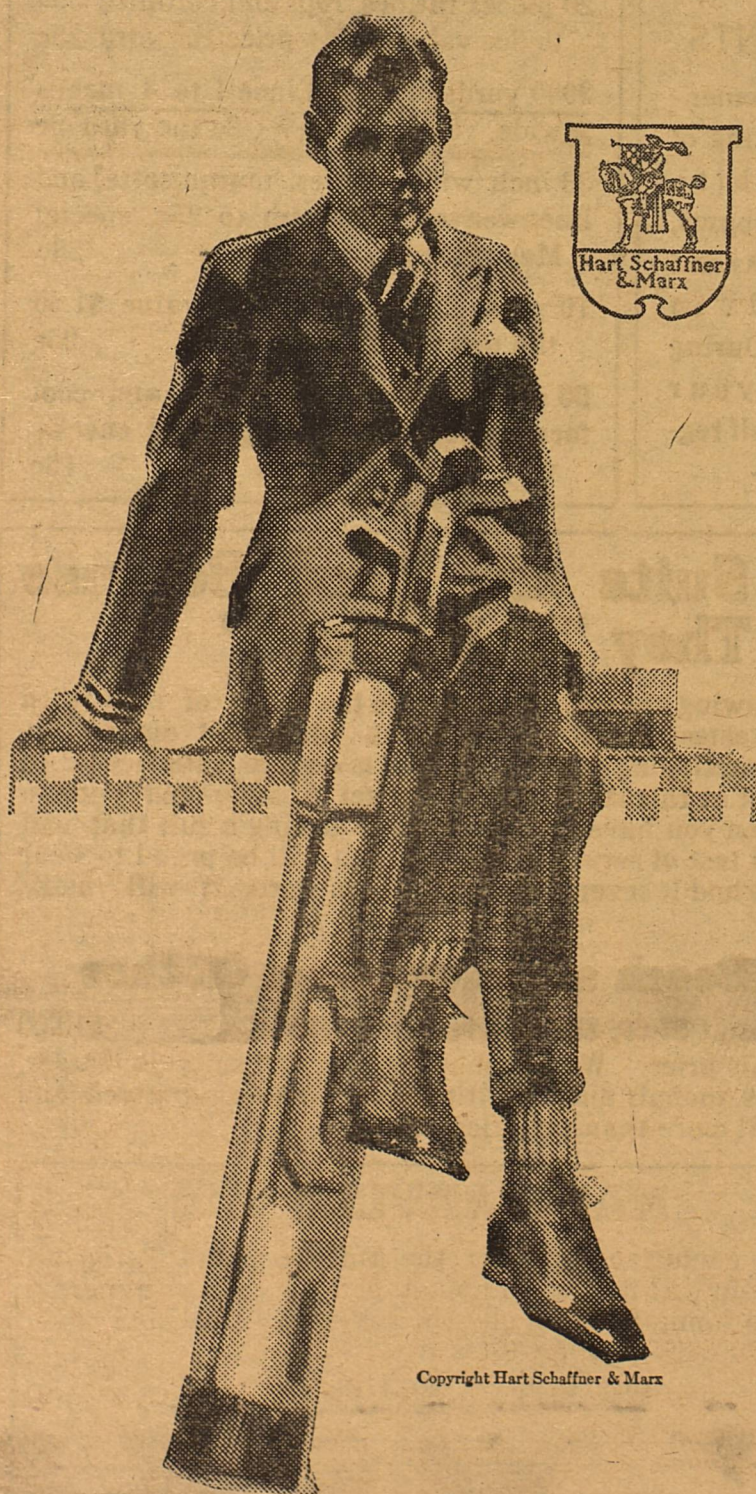
For Good Sports

Never was there a more popular garment than the middy blouse! This 1916 model has pockets, smart and novel in their manner of buttoning over the belt. The collar is excellent, for it may be worn open, or closed as high as one wishes, and that without the bother of a shield, merely by buttoning it up at the neck.

The skirt is a splendid type for sports, just the right width, just the right fulness, and pockets included.

Awning stripes for the skirt, or checks and plaids and linen and piqué, and for the middy one will choose drill or linen, or cotton poplin.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.
Ballinger's Greatest Store



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Do you know about "Dixie Weaves?" You ought to, for your own comfort this summer

DIXIE WEAVES ARE MADE BY
HART SCHAFFNER & MARX

They are very light, all-wool fabrics that keep shape and require no laundering; don't miss those two points. They are reasons why Dixie Weaves are better than many other materials you buy for coolness. If you want to combine summer comfort with style, come in here and get posted on Dixie Weaves.

\$12.50 to \$15.00

NO MAN IS HARD TO FIT

With men who think they are hard to fit, we have a way of showing how easily this may be done. Hart Schaffner & Marx have made a scientific study of this subject; they have provided us with suits to fit every figure—big men, tall men, short stout men, extra tall slender men, medium stout men—your size is here.

HABERDASHERY FINE STRAW HATS

Note especially our silk shirts at \$5.00. We show a very large stock; you've paid more than \$5.00 in the past for such shirts; extra fine quality, cool, summer weight shirts at \$1.50 or up; Athletic underwear, comfortable, serviceable \$1.00 a suit and more. Fine cravats—we show some "beauties" in soft summer colorings at 50c and up.

You'll find all of the best straw shapes here in sailors, Panamas, leghorns; at so many different prices, that there's not a man of you who cannot find just the thing to suit his head, his mind, and his pocket-book. Prices range from \$1.50 up to \$8.50. The men in charge of this department are experts—they'll be glad to just "show you."

PALM BEACH AND COOL CLOTH SUITS

A wonderful range of models and patterns, workmanship guaranteed \$7.50 and up.

TICK QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. Does the tick law require dipping of cattle that are not ticky and do not range on ticky premises?

Answer. No.

Q. How often is it necessary to dip cattle to free them and the premises, on which they range, of ticks?

Ans. Every 21 days. This is the long period between systematic dippings, in fact we might say that it rubs the danger line. To make it any longer is to take a chance of letting ticks mature, reseed the premises and loose a part or all the work done before.

Q. How many regular dippings of cattle is necessary to free them, and the premises on which they range, of ticks?

Ans. Six is the least under the most favorable conditions.

Q. What are some of the conditions that may extend the number of dippings beyond six?

Ans. Failure to dip one or more animals in a herd at the proper time, a neighbor's ticky stock getting on premises after one or more dippings have taken place, failure to dip horses and mules that range in a ticky pasture, dipping stock while raining or having a heavy snow fall on stock soon after dipping.

Q. When does a yone owning or controlling ticky stock or stock ranging on ticky premises have to start dipping?

Ans. As soon as the people of any locality, where dipping has started, requests it. In other localities when the inspection force starts its aggressive campaign, about July first.

Q. Can the owner of a vat refuse to let a neighbor or other party dip stock at his vat?

Ans. Yes. In this county a vat is private property and the owner can open it to the public, or restrict it to private use.

Q. How many miles can the sheriff drive stock to a vat for dipping when called on for that service?

Ans. The Texas Tick Law says nothing about distance. The greatest distance the writer has any knowledge of a sheriff driving cattle to dip is 16 miles. In that case several hundred were taken and some died, probably

account of the long trip. The sheriff was sued and the State Court sustained him. The owners were wealthy and carried the case to the Federal Court. The Federal Court sustained the sheriff.

Since this county has voted this law operative the best general advice we have to offer is for everyone to co-operate. Get rid of this tick matter as soon as possible. Build enough vats that no one will have to drive over two or three miles. Start in and dip the cattle ticks or no ticks and not allow it to reach the stage where law enforcement becomes necessary.

Mail tick eradication questions to the writer at Ballinger. Those of a general nature will be answered through the county press.

Very respectfully,
D. E. WARNER,
Veterinary Inspector, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

PORT ARTHUR MAN FINDS GOOD HEALTH

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

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

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

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

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

J. B. Porterfield of the Pony Creek country, and Rev. Adair of Paint Rock, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.



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