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MAN HOLDS UP A. & S. TRAIN NEAR HATCHEL

The North bound Abilene & Southern train, leaving Ballinger about one o'clock Wednesday was held up in the L. P. Wood pasture a short distance South of Hatchel, and a few minutes after the train left Ballinger.

A lone would-be highwayman, masked and using a Winchester, staged the daring hold-up, and got away with what was either a practical joke or the act of a demented man, and his identity and whereabouts are still unknown, although the officers, aided by a posse made a hurried and sweeping search of the country in the vicinity of the hold-up.

The masked man stepped out of the brush by the side of the track as the train was approaching and leveled his Winchester at the engineer. The engineer stopped the train, and the masked highwayman walked up closer to the engine and commanded the engineer to "Now, go on." The engineer obeyed orders and pulled the train into Hatchel, from whence the sheriff's department was notified.

The train was in charge of Engineer McCord and Conductor Morgan Jones. The hold-up was also reported when the train reached Winters, and deputy sheriffs and a posse of citizens started out from that point to apprehend the pseudo bandit. The train crew gave the officers a pretty good description of the man, and the officers found a trace of him as he was coming toward Ballinger, walking down the railroad, persons claiming to have seen such a man, but he mysteriously disappeared, and up to a late hour Thursday nothing more had been heard from him.

It was first reported in Ballinger that Engineer McCord did not stop when the man by the side of the right-of-way leveled a Winchester on him, but stepped on the gas and got away, but a later report said that the train was halted. However, the "bandit" made no effort to rob it. Officers are inclined to the belief that the hold-up was the act of an irresponsible and that in time he will be apprehended and placed under restraint.

F. M. Pearce left for North Dakota Wednesday afternoon to join Mrs. Pearce and their little son on a visit. From a point in that state Mr. and Mrs. Pearce and son will go to different points on the Atlantic coast for a visit.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

BANKS TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY MONDAY

The local banks have announced that business will be suspended Monday in observance of Labor Day. The banks will not open for business, and all persons having banking business to attend to will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

RAIN FAILS TO DAMPEN LEGION

GALVESTON, August 29.—A heavy downpour of rain and skies overcast with clouds today failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the Texas Legionnaires who were eager for the second day's program of their fifth annual convention.

Judge Kenesaw M. Landis was scheduled to address the Legion convention this morning and address the auxiliary convention this afternoon. Major General Lewis, commander of the Eighth Corps area, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, was also on the morning program for an address.

The afternoon session was expected to get down to business, taking up committee reports and holding a discussion of rehabilitation.

LAST EFFORT TO STOP COAL STRIKE

HARRISBURG, Penna., Aug. 29.—Governor Pinchot will bring his intervention in the anthracite coal situation to a climax tonight. He called on the representatives of the mine operators and officials of the miners' union today to meet him at six o'clock tonight in a joint conference, to hear and answer compromise proposals which he prepared in an endeavor to avert suspension of work in the mines on September 1st.

WANTS PERMIT TO BUILD ROAD

WASHINGTON, August 29.—Application for authority to construct a new line of railroad in the Southwest Texas oil field was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the Rio Grande City & Northern Railway.

The new line, if constructed, will extend from Sam Fordyce through Rio Grande City to Mirando City, a distance of 83 miles. The application stated that materials and equipment were on hand for the construction and operation of the first twenty-two miles of the line from Sam Fordyce to Rio Grande City. The application does not give an estimate of the cost of the new line.

Jack Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Lynn, had an operation for adenoids and tonsils Tuesday, and we are glad to report he is getting along nicely.

McCutcheon and Fletcher Tie for Irrigation Directors

A canvass of the returns from the election recently held to create the Colorado Valley irrigation district shows that the district was created by a majority of 23 votes, and the issuance of notes with which to finance the work was authorized by a majority of 30 votes.

Freak voting is disclosed by the returns. It will be noticed that the issuance of notes was favored by a greater majority than the majority favoring the creation of the district.

Another freak twist of the election is the tie vote on two of the candidates for directors of the irrigation district. J. L. Scott, C. L. West, H. T. Wilkins, and W. B. Cobb, all favoring irrigation, were given the highest vote in the order named and were elected as members of the board, while Bert Fletcher, of Maverick, favoring irrigation, and J. B. McCutcheon, of Bronte, opposing the creation of the district, tied for fifth place.

Just what steps will be taken for filling the vacancy caused by the

S. L. WILLIAMS AND GUIN HEAD WATER ASSN.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 28.—Stuart L. Williams, of Ballinger, was elected president of the Texas Water Conservation Association here today at the last session of the convention.

Carl S. Guin, also of Ballinger, was elected one of the vice-presidents; and Judge A. K. Doss, of Ballinger and Mr. Guin were selected as members of the legislative committee.

KLAN OFFERS \$7500 REWARD

PITTSBURGH, Penna., Aug. 27.—Rewards totalling \$7,500 have been offered by the Ku Klux Klan for information as to those responsible for the riot at Carnegie, Pennsylvania Saturday night, and in which Thomas Abbott, a Klansman, was killed, and a number of others wounded.

The riot followed a conclave which brought together the largest number of Klansmen to ever assemble in this state, and when the Klansmen attempted to stage a parade, Abbott was shot thru the head and at least ten other Klansmen are in a dying condition as the result of an attack made on them.

The state, county and municipal authorities are co-operating in an effort to prevent further trouble, and four arrests have been made.

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tie, is not known. We understand that the law makes no provision for disposing of a tie vote. However, a similar case resulted in the last school trustee election held in Ballinger, and the attorney general ruled that another election be held to vote off the tie.

Following is the official count on the vote cast in the recent irrigation election, the count not including Ballinger, which voted overwhelmingly against the proposition and was counted out:

- For district, 376
- Against district, 353
- For notes, 376
- Against notes, 346
- For Directors—
- J. L. Scott, 380
- C. L. West, 371
- H. T. Wilkins, 369
- W. B. Cobb, 367
- Bert Fletcher, 366
- J. B. McCutcheon, 366
- J. M. Slaughter, 361
- A. J. Rollins, 359
- C. A. Dose, 358
- I. A. Curry, 358.

Business Efficiency

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Special to The Ledger:

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 29.—Roy Rollins, age 35, a Brownwood tire salesman, is in a hospital here in a serious condition and suffering from wounds inflicted when he was slugged and robbed on the Ballinger-San Angelo road five miles East of this city about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Rollins was found in the road by Weir Nixon, salesman for the National Biscuit Company, and E. C. Prant, an Abilene salesman, about 5:30 Tuesday afternoon and brought here in an unconscious condition.

The salesman was wounded by blows over the head, his pockets were turned outside and forty cents in change found on the ground near the body. He was hurried to this city by the two men who found him, and given medical attention.

It was several hours before Rollins regained consciousness sufficient to give the officers any information, and in a semi-conscious condition he told a disconnected story which furnished a clue the officers are following today.

According to the story as told

by Rollins, he left Fort Worth Monday, traveling with different salesmen in autos making a return trip from Fort Worth to this city. He left here last week in an auto which he purchased, and for which he owed a balance of \$200. He sold the car in Fort Worth and was returning here to pay off the debt. The trip from Fort Worth to Ballinger was made with a salesman by the name of William Wilde. Leaving Ballinger Tuesday he traveled as far as Harriett, between Miles and San Angelo, with an Abilene salesman by the name of Bell. Bell was not going further West than Harriett, and Rollins left him at that point, stating that he would walk on towards San Angelo and possibly catch a ride.

Rollins stated that after he had walked up the road some distance from Harriett a man about forty years old and a boy came along in a Dodge touring car and offered him a ride. After going a short distance, they stopped, the boy stating that he wanted to roll a cigarette. Instead of rolling a cigarette the boy slugged Rollins over the head with a tire tool, and then the man slugged him over the head, and he was thrown from the car into the road.

While in his dazed condition Rollins says that he remembers hearing his assailants say, "a car is coming, let's throw him out," and after that he lost consciousness and did not remember anything else until he recovered his

senses in the hospital.

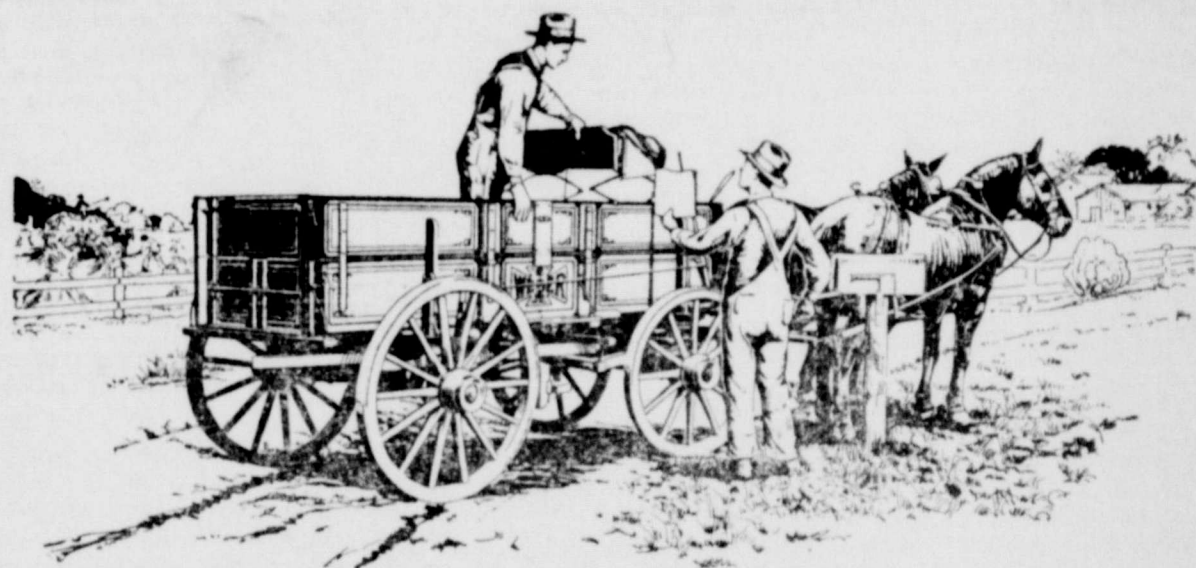
The two salesmen who picked up Rollins and brought him on to San Angelo, stated that they met a Ford touring car traveling at a high rate of speed, and also met a Mexican driving a truck before they came upon the body of Rollins in the road. The officers do not believe that these parties had anything to do with the robbery, but theorize that perhaps the persons in the Ford car and also the Mexican saw Rollins lying in the road but were afraid to stop and offer assistance for fear that they might be held as suspects. Rollins is positive that the persons who attacked him were driving a Dodge touring car.

The officers are working West of here and in the direction of the Big Lake oil field. It is the opinion of the officers that the high-jackers came from the Central Texas oil fields and were en route to the Big Lake field.

The robbers got \$207 off Rollins and left him in a dying condition. The most serious wound was caused by a blow on the head behind the right ear.

Rollins was formerly in the dry goods business in Fort Worth, but for some time has been a traveling salesman for a tire company, and is well known throughout this section of the state. He has been making headquarters here, and his wife was at the Goodman Hotel here when notified of the tragedy.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS,

ROWENA DRUGGIST KILLED BY NEGRO

"I have your negro; come get him," said a telephone message from Sheriff Y. Yarborough, of Nolan county, to Sheriff J. P. Flynt shortly after 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, and the message brought to a halt a search for John Smith, the negro who killed F. J. Kuhn near Rowena Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Flynt was at Winters conducting a search for the negro when the Sweetwater officer got in touch with him over the phone. The Ballinger sheriff began immediately to send out word to members of the posse which had been searching the country for the black since early Thursday night.

The Nolan county officer arrested the negro near Sweetwater, and it is reported that he admitted to the officer that he was the negro wanted for the murder of Kuhn. The negro was seen near Wingate and 30 miles from Sweetwater, and it is presumed he secured a ride into Sweetwater, where he was apprehended. When arrested the negro was still armed with a pistol which was stained with blood and is believed to be the gun with which Kuhn was killed.

At 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon the Sweetwater sheriff phoned Sheriff Flynt that he was moving the negro from Sweetwater, and stated that it was not necessary for the Ballinger sheriff to know where his prisoner was until he thought it safe to bring him to Ballinger for trial.

The news that the negro had been arrested soon spread throughout the country. Leaders of the posses searching for the murderer were communicated with, the men called off the hunt, and they soon began to gather in Ballinger thinking the negro would be brought here. In an hour after it had been reported that the negro had been apprehended quite a crowd gathered here. "I don't know where he is," said the sheriff to the crowd who congregated on the streets. A large delegation from Miles, Rowena and Winters was here, and a report from Rowena stated that a mob from that place had been formed to "get" the negro.

Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho county, Sheriff Frank Duckworth and Deputy Sheriff Green of Tom Green county, and every deputy in this county joined in the hunt, and the officers in neighboring counties were notified and stood guard on the highways leading out of the county. Many of the officers came to Ballinger as soon as notified that the negro had been arrested, and remained here throughout the afternoon to aid in keeping down any trouble which might come up over an attempt to get possession of the negro.

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd left for Galveston on his vacation Friday afternoon, but before leaving he filed a complaint against all three of the negroes now in jail, charging them jointly with first degree murder, and they will be held pending action of the grand jury which convenes here on September 17th.

F. J. Kuhn, of Rowena, was shot and instantly killed in a difficulty with John Smith, a negro tenant farmer, on the Kuhn farm, about eight miles southwest of Ballinger and three miles north of Rowena about 5:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Immediately following the murder the negro armed himself with a shotgun and Kuhn's pistol, and made his get-away. The killing taking place in the country, it was some time before the news reached Rowena and Ballinger, and the negro got a considerable start of the officers, but a posse was soon formed and an all-night search made throughout the surrounding country.

Roads leading into town were guarded and the net work of phone wires kept busy in the rural districts sending out a description of the negro and warning the people to look out for him. Several hundred men joined in the man hunt, and members of the local National Guard volunteered to the sheriff's department and were on duty throughout the night in guarding bridges and roads leading into Ballinger and other towns in the country.

The officers struck the trail of the negro at the home of Porter Murray Northwest of Ballinger. He was later heard of at a negro farm house in the Valley Creek community, and it was reported here early Friday morning that he had been seen on the Wingate road 14 miles north of Ballinger. After an all-night hunt the posse reorganized here Friday morning and continued to scour the country between Rowena and Winters and Northwest of Ballinger where the black man was last seen. Poses from Winters and Rowena were also formed and sent out,

NEGROES REMOVED TO PREVENT LYNCHING

In order to prevent any possible outbreak and mob violence here as a result of the killing of F. J. Kuhn by a negro, or negroes, on a farm near Rowena Thursday afternoon, Sheriff Flynt spirited away Essie Johnson and William Johnson, two negroes who were held here in connection with an investigation of the murder.

The two negroes declared that they had nothing to do with the murder, and claimed that they were only eye-witnesses to the tragedy, but they ran away from the scene of the trouble, fleeing with the third negro, John Smith. Whether guilty or not the local sheriff took no chances and loaded the negroes in an auto and slipped them out of town early Friday night. The negroes are in jail in some other county.

Quite a number of the friends of F. J. Kuhn and citizens from Rowena gathered here Friday night, and it was reported that others were coming for the purpose of storming the jail and taking two negroes held in jail here in connection with the murder of Kuhn. The men remained here for an hour or two and then departed, and the threat of lynching has quieted down.

John Smith, the negro who escaped following the killing, and who is believed to be the negro who fired the shot which ended Kuhn's life, is being held in jail elsewhere. He was arrested near Blackwell, in Nolan county, by

quarrel. Kuhn reached in the car and got his pistol, and as he did so the negro clinched him and a scuffle followed, both men falling to the ground. One shot was fired and Kuhn failed to get up.

This is the version of the killing as related by the two negroes in jail here. Up to a late hour Friday the officers had not taken the statement of other witnesses. It is said that a white woman witnessed the difficulty from a distance of about two hundred yards, and the two Mexicans whom Kuhn carried out to work in the field were also witnesses, although they were some distance from the scene of the trouble.

Kuhn's death was caused by a bullet wound in the head, the bullet entering the lower jaw bone and lodging in the top of the head. The bullet passed through one hand before striking the man's head, indicating that he was attempting to defend himself, and had hold of the gun when it was fired.

Mr. Kuhn is survived by a wife, Mrs. Kuhn being the widow of Mr. Turek, a druggist who died in Rowena several years ago.

J. A. Ostertag, undertaker for the King-Holt Undertaking Co., was called to Rowena following the killing and took charge of the remains. It was announced late Friday that the funeral would be held and the remains laid to rest in Rowena late Saturday afternoon.

The negro who murdered Mr. Kuhn has a family who have been residing on the Kuhn farm for the last two years. It could not be learned where the negro came from to Rannels county, but in case he makes his get-away, it is probable that he will try to return to his old home, and officers there will be put on guard.

Kuhn had many friends in the Rowena country, and feeling against the whole negro race as a result of the killing was intensified to such an extent as to make it unsafe for negroes to remain in Rowena Thursday night, and it is reported that they were warned to flee, and most of them left the town and went to spend the night in other parts of the country. It was said that only one aged negro woman remained in town Friday, and she expressed a desire to get out.

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

Sheriff Jack Yarborough of that county, and not near Sweetwater, as first reported. He was carried to Sweetwater and the message of his arrest sent out from there caused the report to go out that he had been arrested there.

According to the report received here the negro made a full confession of the slaying when arrested. Just what his confession was has not been made public. It is not known whether he implicated the other two negroes or not.

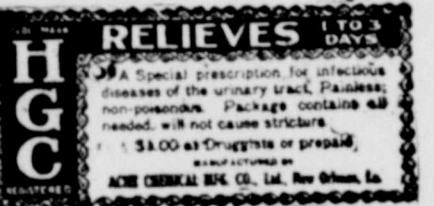
The negro was walking towards Sweetwater on the Blackwell-Sweetwater road when apprehended by Sheriff Yarborough and Deputy Sheriff Butler of Nolan county. The revolver used in slaying Kuhn was taken from the black after his arrest, and he offered no resistance. The gun was a .38 Colt, ten-shot automatic. Four shots had been fired from the gun and it was blood-stained.

The Nolan county sheriff placed the negro in jail at some point and he will be held until the grand jury meets here next month. Sheriff J. P. Flynt states he does not know where the negro is being held, but he has been assured that the negro is safely behind the bars and ready to be turned over to him when he calls for him. "I asked Yarborough not to tell me where the negro was," said Mr. Flynt, "and I can truthfully tell those who ask me that I don't know."

MURDERED MAN IS BURIED AT ROWENA

Quite a number from Ballinger went to Rowena Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral of F. J. Kuhn, victim of a negro murderer. The funeral was held at five o'clock and interment made in the Rowena cemetery.

Deceased was forty-two years old. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kuhn is a sister of Ed. S. Kubela, formerly editor of the Rowena Review, and a well-known citizen of the Rowena country. Mrs. Kuhn has been in the drug business for several years at Rowena, her first husband being engaged in the drug business at that place when he died, and she continued the business.



FOUR MEN CAUGHT NEGRO MURDERER

John Smith was arrested by four citizens of Blackwell, according to a story of the negro's arrest as carried in the San Angelo Standard. Smith was fleeing for his liberty after killing F. J. Kuhn at Rowena last Thursday afternoon, and he was apprehended by John Harmon, R. L. McFarland, Rex Whiteside and T. A. Carlyle, near Blackwell, and the men started with the negro to Sweetwater when they met the officers on the road three miles from Sweetwater and turned their prisoner over to the officers. The negro was riding a white horse when arrested. The citizens who caught him say that the negro was armed with a pistol but they say there was no blood stains on the gun as first reported, according to the story published in the San Angelo newspaper.

Smith and the other two negroes held in connection with the murder, are being held in jails in some neighboring city, as it was feared that a lynching might take place if they were held in the Ballinger jail.

Nathan Coulter, of San Angelo, came down Sunday afternoon and will be the guest of his uncle, J. D. Coulter.

Mrs. Ann Tanner, of San Angelo, came down Sunday afternoon and will be the guest of Miss Marguerite Dooze for a few days.

GETTING READY FOR COURT TERM

District Attorney Walter U. Early was here from Brownwood Tuesday looking over the evidence compiled by investigations into criminal cases which will probably be called for trial at the coming term of court, and investigating the killing of F. J. Kuhn at Rowena last week.

Mr. Early was in conference with the sheriff's department while here, and familiarized himself with the testimony in several criminal cases. He stated that the state would do everything possible to mete out justice to the slayer of Kuhn, and assured the friends of the dead man that there would be no delay in the trial of the case on the part of the state.

There has been considerable feeling among the Rowena people over the murder of Kuhn, and it was feared that mob violence might result, but some of the leading citizens of Rowena and the older heads appealed to those who were worked up over the tragedy to permit the law to handle the case, and the threat of lynching has subsided, and the negro will be handled by the courts as the evidence in the case justifies.

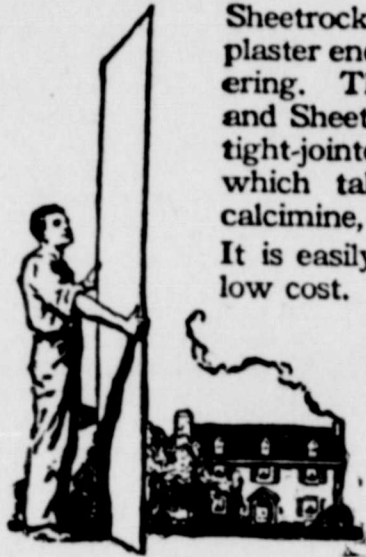
Mr. Early spent a few hours here and returned home Tuesday afternoon.

COTTON SELLS HIGHER ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE

BROWNSVILLE, Aug. 23. — Cotton prices across the Rio Grande River from this part of Texas are eight and nine cents a pound higher than in the Brownsville market. Growers on the American side of the river have been receiving from 20 to 21 cents a pound for the staple, while Mexican growers on the other side of the border are receiving either 29 or 30 cents a pound. The difference in price is due to the Mexican tariff of eight cents a pound, custom officials say. Several textile mills have been built in Mexico during the past year, and the Mexican growth of cotton is not expected to fill the demand.

Thousands of acres in the Matamoras district have been planted to cotton this year. One planter has more than 3,000 acres averaging one-half to three-fourths of a bale to the acre. Some of the small growers are getting a full bale to the acre. Gins on the Mexican side are operating 24 hours a day.

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Propose Plan Merge Railroads

Article 3.
(By Walter Splawn)

In the preceding article I have called attention to the problem of the weak and strong road operating as competitors in the same territory. Congress called upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to consolidate these properties so that each strong road would be given its due proportion of weak properties, so that rates could be prescribed which would bring a fair return to the roads as a system. For many months, the Interstate Commerce Commission has been working on this problem of putting the weak roads with the strong. It has found the task almost insuperably difficult. For example, in the Northeast, there are three huge systems that have grown up through the years—the New York Central, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania. The other roads of the Northeast are relatively much weaker than these three systems, with a few exceptions. To place all the railroads of the Northeast in three systems would perhaps be necessary if the mandate of Congress were obeyed to the letter, that is, that the strong and weak roads should be actually put together. But that would make three systems so large that operating officials are skeptical as to the wisdom of attempting to do so. Moreover, consolidation is voluntary, and it is hard to conceive how it could be otherwise, for it would be very difficult to compel a railroad to buy another railroad. A man may be compelled to sell his property for public use, but we have as yet no law to compel a man to buy what he does not want. Now it has appeared from the hearings that the New York Central does not care to buy the weak roads paralleling it. The same is true of the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio.

When we come West of the Mississippi we get a similar situation. The strong railroads of the West like the Union Pacific and the Hill lines, the Southern Pacific, and the Santa Fe are not very desirous of taking on hundreds and even thousands of miles of property that have not been able to earn a living. We have in the Southwest a number of railroads that from time to time have been in the hands of receivers. It is true that much of the financial difficulties have been due to their being overcapitalized. But financially weak they are, piling up deficits from month to month and from year to year and passing through out bankruptcy proceeding after another. Congress had in mind that such properties would be consolidated with the financially strong systems. But it appears to be very difficult to interest the strong competitors in taking over these weak, non-dividend paying and frequently bankrupt railroads. Consequently the tentative proposal, put out by the Interstate Commerce Commission in August 1921 to provoke criticism and thought, contains several systems made up almost entirely of financially weak roads. There are such systems in the Northeast, in the Southeast, in

the West and particularly in the Southwest. The so-called systems 18 and 19 of the tentative plan, the consolidation of the Frisco, the Katy, and the Cotton Belt into one system, and of the old Gould lines into the Missouri Pacific system furnish examples of the difficulties which are actually met in consolidating these roads. Since the commission evidently was not able to get any assurance from the strong systems that they would take over all of these Southwest lines, these lines have been treated individually and consolidated into two relatively local and competing systems composed of financially weak properties. A strong chain cannot be made up of weak links. A strong system can hardly be constituted of financially weak properties.

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WINTERS PLANS TO BUILD ICE PLANT

WINTERS, Aug. 24.—O. D. Dillingham will install a modern ice plant here this winter, and have same in shape for turning out ice by next spring, according to his promise to the citizens at a meeting of the business men's luncheon held this week. Mr. Dillingham assured the business men that the ice plant would be ready for business by next spring.

Following the luncheon and a watermelon feast, a report of the activities of the Chamber of Commerce was heard. S. E. Hunt reported improvement in the A. & S. service and Mayor Spangler discussed city problems and progress. H. O. Jones made a talk on the importance of trades days and former Mayor Paxton discussed the sewerage system.

Four new business buildings are nearing completion, and there is a demand for rent houses.

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FALSE RAIN REPORTS ARE CIRCULATED

Press reports sent out from San Angelo to the Associated Press Thursday stated that general rains had fallen in West Texas and a good rain was reported from that place. The report was false, and such false reports are calculated to injure this country from a business standpoint. Commercial credit is sometimes extended on the basis of such reports, and it is claimed that rain reports sometimes have a tendency to knock the cotton market.

The rains in this country are not only far from general, but very short and insufficient. Only one-quarter of an inch of rain fell at Ballinger and over most of the country composing Rannels and neighboring counties. San Angelo itself, from whence the "good" rain report was telegraphed to the world, received a little more than half an inch, to be exact, .66 of an inch, according to government report. Certain localities in Rannels county received as much as an inch, but such localities were few.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time you need Herbine to stimulate your liver, tone up your stomach and purify your bowels. Price, 60¢. Sold by John A. Weeks.

ANGELO MAN IS FREED ON FORGERY CHARGE

George Richardson, prominent ranchman and former commission merchant of San Angelo, and who went bankrupt, was freed by a jury on a charge of forgery at San Angelo Wednesday.

Mr. Richardson was indicted on eleven different counts, and while he has been found not guilty on one, the district attorney stated that the other ten cases would be tried.

Mr. Richardson was charged with signing other persons' names to notes which he put up as additional collateral for money he had borrowed. He admitted signing the notes, and the parties whose names were signed to them testified that they did not authorize such signatures, and that their names were used without their knowledge or consent. The defendant pled that he had no intention of defrauding anyone, and only gave the notes to protect his property and the interest of his creditors, expecting to sell lands and pay off all his obligations.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60¢ per bottle.

Mrs. C. R. Stone left Monday afternoon for Galveston, where she will represent the American Legion Auxiliary of this city at the state convention in Galveston this week.

BAPTISTS OPEN NEW BUILDING

The first service held in the new Baptist church brought out a crowd which filled the main floor of the large auditorium Sunday morning, and the first service held in the new building was a most successful one.

To begin with the Sunday school the first session in the building at 9:45, a large attendance being present. The various departments were assigned to their respective quarters, and while the building is not complete, the advantage of the modern arrangements for the departmental work of the Sunday school was impressively demonstrated, and the leaders in the work see greater things ahead. Total attendance at the Sunday school was 444.

The pastor, Dr. Alvin Swindell, stated in his preliminary talk and in making announcements, that when the building was completed, a formal opening would be held, the hour fixed so the people of other churches could attend without conflicting with other church services of the city.

The pastor also reviewed briefly the annual report which will go before the association this week, showing the number of members received, dismissed, etc., and committees were appointed to complete the report. The Rannels County Association convenes here Tuesday with the local church, the sessions to be held in the new building, and messengers were elected to attend the association.

The choir rendered a special song, and Dr. Swindell delivered a brief sermon, and six new members were received into the church.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60¢.

BIG INCREASE IN COTTON POOL

DALLAS, Aug. 25.—Although only scattered shipments of cotton have been received by the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association at their Houston warehouse, shipments already received show a 400 per cent increase over the same period last year.

Up to and including Aug. 21, the association had received from its members a total of 11,642 bales of Texas cotton. On this date last year they had received but 3,185 bales.

"The amount of cotton handled by the association last year amounted to 77,000 bales," J. W. L. Hall, secretary of the association announced today, "and already we have received one-seventh of this amount."

"The heavy shipments will not be received until the latter part of September and during the month of October, but from the receipts so far and the knowledge of the success of the 'More Money for Cotton' campaign, we are hopeful of handling around 250,000 bales this year," he said.

"The \$20,000,000 loan by Eastern interests to the Texas association to finance this year's crop will enable us to make advances promptly and care for all shipments as fast as received," J. T. Orr, president of the association said. "It is more than likely that Texas bankers will have an opportunity to join in a loan to the association if shipments continue on the ratio they have started," he said.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

Is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

HALL'S CATARRHAL MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of CATARRH BY DEAFNESS caused by CATARRH. HALL'S CATARRHAL MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of CATARRH for over Forty Years.

Sold by all druggists.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Johnny and Gilbert Pechacek of Abilene, were here Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechacek.

Local Merchants Planning to Make Trade Excursion

The San Angelo commercial organization is arranging a trade trip which will include the following towns: Carlsbad, Water Valley, Sterling City, Robert Lee, Blackwell, Ft. Chadbourne, Tennyson, Bronte, Miles, Rowena, Paint Rock, Millersview, Eden, Menard, Ft. McKavett, Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona, Sheffield, Ft. Stockton, Buena Vista, Imperial, Girvin, Rankin, Big Lake, Barnhart, Merton and Sherwood. The trip will begin on September 17th and will last for the entire week.

Reports from San Angelo indicate that a large number of automobiles loaded with their boosters will make the trip.


The Young Men's Business League is suggesting a trade trip for Ballinger business men. Every citizen of Ballinger should get behind the move and do his part to arrange such an affair and make it a success. Abilene business men have just completed a four-day

trade tour thru the heart of West Texas, which will naturally do much to create good will for that city.

A two or three day trip could be arranged for Ballinger which would include Hatchel, Winters, Wingate, Marie, Mazehand, Norton, Tennyson, Bronte, Maverick, Miles, Rowena, Paint Rock, Benoit, Talpa, Crews and other adjoining communities. Ballinger's splendid band could be taken along to furnish the music and good cheer. The cost would be insignificant compared with the results which would naturally follow.

BRUISES
Alternate applications of hot and cold cloths—then apply
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Enroll Now - For Only \$5



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If you have delayed placing your order because of the cash outlay necessary—you need wait no longer.

If you have been depriving your family and yourself of the pleasures and benefits of a car because you felt that you could not afford it—order now and know that it will not work any hardship on you. Use the

Ford

Weekly Purchase Plan

So plan to ride and be happy, you and your family. Make the first payment of \$5 today which will be deposited in a local bank at interest. You can add a little each week. Soon the payments, plus the interest paid by the bank, will make the car yours.

Come in and learn about this new plan.

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Performance Counts

The real test of any system is how it performs under fire. Performance (not promise) counts.

That is why this bank, as a member of the Guaranty Fund system of Texas, is PROUD of the record of State banking in Texas.


The Guaranty Fund has MADE GOOD against ANY LOSS every non-interest deposit in any Guaranty Bank, since the plan was put in use. No unsecured depositor has ever lost a dollar.

It cost more than ten million dollars, but ABSOLUTE security for depositors is worth any price.

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Build a Home of Your Own



AND GET IN OUT OF THE WET

CAMERON LUMBER CO.

MOVE TO REPAIR EIGHTH STREET NEW PASTOR FOR PRESBYTERIANS

People owning homes and living on Eighth Street are somewhat aroused over the condition of their street, and have started a move to improve the thoroughfare.

The city commission has agreed to meet the property owners more than half way on street work, and E. Shepperd started out with a petition, or tentative contract to interest the property owners in some plan of relieving the condition of the street.

The city proposes to establish the grades, take care of the drainage and pay one-third the cost of graveling the street, said cost not to exceed \$20 per lot. The property owners are being asked to pay the other two-thirds cost of graveling the street after grades have been established.

In the absence of a permanent paving this appears to be the next best thing. With proper grade and a drainage system for taking care of the water, a good gravel street could be kept up at very little cost. A few loads of gravel from time to time in repairing would certainly be better than the rough condition in which the street is at this time.

Eighth Street should be one of the most popular streets of the city, and would be if it was passable, but there is no joy in riding on that street at this time, and people detour most any old way in preference to driving down Eighth Street in its present condition.

No doubt the property owners will fall in line and support any reasonable move for putting the street in good shape. The city is not in condition financially to build and maintain the street without the financial support of the property owners as above outlined.

Mr. Shepperd reported Tuesday morning that he had met with splendid success in calling on the property owners. More than half of the residents on Eighth Street had signed up, and only one had hesitated to come in, and he said that he "would think about it."

Since the move has been put on foot to improve the street by graveling the surface, some of the property owners favor a more substantial character of paving, and it is possible that some plan may be adopted for putting down a paving which will be more lasting and will give the property owners and the city more for their money. Some favor a crushed rock base with tarvia finish, which it is claimed would cost but a little more money and would last many times longer than the gravel topping.

Has Never Seen Their Equal
"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for stomach trouble, biliousness and constipation off and on for the past ten years. I have never seen their equal yet. They strengthened my digestion, relieved me of headaches and had a mild pleasant action on my bowels. I take pleasure in recommending them" writes H. D. F. Parmenter, Cridersville, Ohio.

Notice
Platform dance Dry Ridge Saturday night. Music by San Angelo colored Jazz Orchestra.
29-1td-1tw.*

Ledger want ads pay.

Regular services will be resumed at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church next Sunday with Rev. R. B. Twitty, for three years pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Abilene, in charge. Rev. Twitty is expected to arrive here this week with his family consisting of wife and two boys.

Rev. Twitty visited Ballinger last week, preaching at the Eighth Street church Wednesday night. The Session of the church extended him a call to the pastorate of the Eighth Street church, and the congregation approved the action of the session at a congregational meeting held Sunday morning, and Rev. Twitty accepted same.

The Eighth Street church has been without a pastor since last April when Rev. Jess Mitchell resigned. Since then the church has undergone repairs, and everything put in good shape for the new pastor. Ballinger will welcome the new minister and his family to this city.

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases, such as Eczema, Itch, Tetter, Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on Children, Sore Blistered Feet or any other skin diseases, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy on a guarantee will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my neighbors and friends who did what they could to save my home and contents which were recently destroyed by fire, and also those who contributed to helping to reimburse me for my loss. Especially do I wish to thank George Dean for his help.

G. C. ALLISON.

28-1d-1w.*

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE—Good surrey and harness cheap. Pechacek's Blacksmith Shop. 312w.*

SAY, LOOK, All of our 25 cent Shaves are out. Just as good shaves now 20c. Jim Freeman. 31-2tw

FOR SALE—Mountain cedar posts to consumers. Write for prices, f. o. b., Ballinger. Aylor Cedar Co. 17-3tw.* San Saba, Texas

FOR SALE—Full blood White Leghorn Roosters. Five months old. \$1.00 apiece. G. C. Brock Rt. 4, Winters. 17-4w.*

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One bay horse, 16 hands high, one brown horse 15 1-2 hands high; one gray horse 15 hands high. \$20 reward for recovery of horses. A. L. Carlisle, Bronte, Texas. 27-tfw

FOR SALE—Molasses barrels, \$1.00 each. Vaughn Grain Co. 17-6td-2tw

A BARGAIN—Seven room residence on 90 foot corner lot close in and desirable neighborhood. Garage, underground cistern, etc. Phone 222. 21-12td-3tw

Unusual Showing For Fall AT THE HUB

We are making a special showing of High Grade Ladies' Coats, Suits, Dresses and Tailored Hats, including Printz Coats and Suits; Mitchell and Campen Bros. Dresses; McRoy and Miller Hats.



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We have made a special purchase of fine fabric Printzess Coats, designed and tailored by Printz for the Fall and Winter season.

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An Event You Can't Afford to Miss

Special Sale of 75 Choice Dresses Will Go on Sale at One Half Price

We were lucky in obtaining 75 new Dresses from one of our manufacturers at a greatly reduced price. We are in turn offering these to our trade at ONE-HALF PRICE.

These Dresses are made of Poret Twill, Wool Crepe, Tricosham and Moire, in all the new colors—all sizes, 16 to 52. We are featuring many models in the lot especially good for stouts.

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

It is stated upon good authority that the banks of the United States have total deposits of only about one-half the money in circulation. The other half is presumed to be hidden away in the family sock, buried in the back yards, hidden in the attic or concealed in private or lock boxes in vaults.

If this hidden treasure were put into circulation through banks it would work wonders for our country, and would finance many meritorious enterprises.

It may be that a large part of this private money is not in banks because the owners have not sufficient confidence in the banks.

The Guaranty Fund Banks of Texas have the very best means of creating this confidence.

The very fact that since the Guaranty Fund Law has been in operation, not a single dollar of non-interest bearing or unsecured deposits has been lost by depositors in the State Banks of Texas.

Avail yourself of this protection by depositing your money in—

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