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Parties arriving in Ballinger Tuesday morning report a good rain fell Monday night from Abilene to near Winters.

If the rain that has started falling over the county will continue until the ground is thoroughly wet, it can really be called "a million dollar rain."

Santa Anna is preparing for a big occasion on July 9th when the little city will open several blocks of newly paved streets in the business section.

Some farmers in the county who planted early cotton and who have had good luck in escaping hail and sandstorms state that they expect to gather first bales of cotton during the month of July.

Rivers and creeks in this section are getting low at present and farmers are beginning to "holier" for rain. The Concho River is not running and the Colorado is very low.

The beautiful court house lawn and the fine municipal band here offer a fine combination for weekly night concerts.

The move to pave alleys here is a good one and it should be carried on until every alley in the city is made of cement.

Voters should bear in mind that July 16 is the day set for the people of Texas to vote on two important amendments to the constitution.

The city commission has started an excellent move here if the citizens of the town will co-operate in putting it over.

in putting it over. It has been many years since the houses in Ballinger were numbered and since that time many numbers have been lost.

Prospects for a bigger Runnels County Fair were never any brighter than they are at the present. All departments of the fair are shaping up early.

MAY COMPLETE HIGHWAY TO CITY LIMITS BY AUGUST 1ST

Work on highway No. 30 toward Winters is progressing as rapidly as material can be secured.

The tools and mixer are about three miles from the city at present. The road work has passed the Old Runnels cemetery, and is at the curve just above Turkey Creek.

Mrs. Shirley Shields and daughter, Marcelle, are here from Houston for a few days, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus J. Wheeler.



Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Moonen, Jr. are the proud parents of a 7-pound boy, born Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and son, Pat, spent Tuesday in Ballinger visiting relatives and friends.

AUTHOR FINDS FISHING IN ST. LAWRENCE BAD

CAPE VINCENT, July 3.—Harold MacGrath, noted novelist, vacationing here, complains that fishing in the St. Lawrence river has gone to pot.

"Nothing like the old days" was the way MacGrath put it after the opening day of the season had netted him only three bass and a few perch.

Walter Boswell, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business.

Guy Airy, of Wichita Falls was in Ballinger Wednesday attending to business here.

Send Dry Army To Detroit for Vigorous Fight

By Burl A. Ely (International News Staff Correspondent) DETROIT, July 2.—In 1921 there was but one prohibition agent in Detroit. Today hundreds have been mobilized in the Detroit sector to wage a vigorous war against rum runners between Canada and the United States.

During these intervening eight years of rum smuggling there has been a metamorphosis of tactics on the part of both the runners and their enemy the dry army. New tactics by prohibition forces have been met by new methods on the part of smugglers who have pride themselves on having thus far managed to keep one step ahead of the dry forces.

The metamorphosis grows from river smuggling in slow old scows to probable installation of a system of "fly-by-night" airplane smuggling.

Back in 1921, the rum runners operated in broad daylight. They transferred their cargoes of liquor across the waters from Canada to Detroit and unloaded them under the light of the sun to immense trucks.

The free-and-easy methods of smuggling received a setback, however, in 1923, when the State Police Border Patrol came on the scene. The smugglers were forced to change their tactics. They moved with more cautiousness and instead of operating in broad daylight, they carried on their operations under cover of darkness.

The smugglers were once again forced to resort to new tactics when the State Police Free Lance Squad, organized and led by Lieut. Alonzo Gillette, came into existence and the Customs Boarder Patrol was ordered out to assist in the campaign.

Finally abandoning the river-front warehouses, the smugglers still using the slow scow for river transportation, transferred their cargoes directly from the boats to automobiles which whisked the liquors to "plants" (garages and old buildings) located in the city far from the river front.

And now, with the mobilization of dry forces here for a great campaign against liquor smuggling on both land and water, the rum runners according to reports, are planning to take to the air.

Some of the more daring smugglers, however, are sticking it out along the river front and plan to fight it out with the dry forces on water. They are rigging themselves of their old speedboats and replacing them with speedier craft—rebuilt tugs—with which they hope to successfully carry on their operations.

TALKIES AND MOVIES ARE COMING BY TELEVISION

ST. LOUIS, July 3.—Thomas Spooner, assistant manager of the research department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., predicts that within a short while talkies and movies may be broadcast into homes by television, just as radiograms are broadcast today.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coleman are here spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swann.

Mary Celeste's Fate Now Seen Salvage Scheme

By George Axelsson (International News Staff Correspondent) PARIS, July 3.—The fifty-seven-year-old mystery surrounding the fate of the American brig Mary Celeste—most famous of sea mysteries—has now been explained as a pure hoax to obtain salvage money.

Sailors of many generations have crossed themselves and looked sideways when the name of the ill-fated brig Mary Celeste was mentioned. The Flying Dutchman held no more terror for the old salts than did the brig.

The Mary Celeste left New York in the fall of 1872 bound for Gibraltar, with a crew of ten including the captain's wife. On December 4 the ship was found derelict and abandoned near Gibraltar by the British barquentine Dei Gratia.

No trace was found of bodies, the ship's safe contained many valuables showing that she had not been plundered, there was a meal set out in the cabin, with hot tea, and the stove was still warm from cooking.

Elaborate inquiries held at Gibraltar never shed any light on the mystery. The captain of the Dei Gratia remained firm in his statement regarding the finding of the Mary Celeste, and he was stoutly supported by his crew.

Mr. Keating produces an entirely new mass of evidence, collected from every possible source, in order to solve the mystery. Making use of statements by one Pemberton, alleged survivor of the Mary Celeste, he maintains that the ship was never abandoned.

When the Dei Gratia sighted her, there were four men on board, all quietly transferred to the Dei Gratia. These men subsequently held their tongues in the hope of getting part of the salvage money.

In fact, three of these men had previously been members of the Dei Gratia crew. The latter ship was docked close to the Mary Celeste in New York, Mr. Keating shows. Both were bound for Gibraltar, and as the Mary Celeste was short-handed, the captain of the Dei Gratia loaned three of his men. The two captains made an agreement to meet at the Azores on the way.

This is what happened to the Mary Celeste, according to Mr. Keating's version: The captain's wife had a piano which broke loose in a heavy sea and crushed her to death.

The captain, a bit "queer" before, now became insane. He accused the mate, a huge man named Hullock, known as the Baltimore Bully, of murdering her. Near the Azores, the Captain jumped overboard.

Hullock was attacked by a man named Venholt, a shanghaied landlubber. In the struggle, Venholt was hurled overboard. At the Azores, Hullock and two sailors deserted, from fear of being accused of mutiny and murder. Four men remained, three of whom were original members of the Dei Gratia crew.

Spanish Weather Bureau Smashed by Mob When Drought Destroys Crops

(By International News Service) ZARAGOZA, Spain, July 3.—The peasants in the Moncayo mountain region are facing a desperate situation owing to the continuous drought that has desolated their this year's crops.

The Spanish Government recently installed a weather bureau just outside the little mountain town of Anon, in one of the most isolated regions of the peninsula, and where the inhabitants are very backward.

A group of peasants of Anon were recently discussing the tragedy of their crops drying up, and the period of want and misery that this would mean to them. One of their number, suddenly inspired informed his friends that he knew what kept it from raining. It was 'those devilish machines that came from Madrid,' he stated, indicating the mysterious meteorological apparatus the Weather Department had set up.

This primitive idea took root and a group of "young bloods" of Anon waited until it was dark, then proceeded to demolish all the apparatus of the weather bureau, wreaking special vengeance on a large cog-wheel that formed part of a valuable rain gauge.

By the rarest chance, they had scarcely finished their work of destruction when a terrific storm came up and the lands were regaled by a drenching rain—the first rain that had fallen for nearly three months.

Due to the splendid result following the destruction of the "devilish machines," the technicians sent by the Weather Bureau to repair the apparatus, met with strong opposition that they had to abandon their task and quit the town.

Several civil guards have been sent to arrest those guilty of the depredations, and to protect the experts who have returned to put the apparatus in working order again.

WHITE STRAWBERRY IS RAISED IN INDIANA

JAMESTOWN, Ind., July 3.—W. E. Rosen, local resident, has developed in his garden a white strawberry believed to be the first of its kind in this country.

Recently Rosen was informed by the department of agriculture that the white strawberry was something entirely new.

JUDGE BLAMES HOMES FOR CHILD DELINQUENCY

CHICAGO, July 3.—Judge Charles Hiffman asserted in an address before the Exchange Club that juvenile delinquency is the fault of the parents and can usually be traced back to bad home conditions.

Palace Theatre advertisement for 'FATHER and SON' starring Jack Holt, Dorothy Revier, and Mickey McBan. The ad includes a large illustration of the main characters and the text: 'Mon-Tue July 8-9 Ballinger' and 'A Talking Picture'.

City Grocery Specials advertisement featuring a list of items and prices: BANANAS, per doz. 19c; SUGAR, 100 lbs sack \$5.60; RICE, 2 lb. pkg. 19c; MEAL, large size, 20 lbs. 65c; PICKLES, 1 qt. 25c; ORANGES, per doz. 18c; 48 lb. sack Guaranteed Flour for \$1.75; Coffee, Maxwell House \$1.42; Pan Cake Syrup, per gal. 80c; POST TOASTIES, 2 for 25c; CORN, 2 cans 24c. The ad concludes with 'WE WANT YOUR GROCERY BUSINESS' and 'City Grocery'.

WEST TEXAS LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR THE LAST HALF

Table with columns for BALLINGER, COLEMAN, BIG SPRING, SAN ANGELO, ABILENE, MIDLAND and rows for Keep Up, With The, Bearcats, Each Day, In The, Ledger.

American Lawyer Finds Curious Laws Governing Devices In Far New Zealand

(By International News Service) LOS ANGELES, July 3.—S. S. Hahn, Los Angeles attorney, saw cannibals, man-eating sharks and tigers, coral reefs, bananas, coconuts and white men going mad from native gin...

Claims Germans Found America Prior to 1492

(By International News Service) BUDAPEST, July 3.—Because historians had been unable heretofore to agree on the date of a Danish-Portuguese expedition which was known to have discovered land far south-west of Greenland...

RENOIT NEWS

The race shower which fell Tuesday afternoon was gladly received. It was spotted in the community, some reporting a good rain, while others reporting only showers. Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Curry, of Santa Anna, visited John Curry and family Sunday.

HAGAN NEWS

A very good crowd attended Sunday night. A very good crowd attended Sunday night. A very good crowd attended Sunday night.

that by stating them concisely and posting them where they will come to the attention of a great many motorists, we can so emphasize them as to make a real contribution towards greater highway safety. The twelve rules are: 1. Courtesy comes first.

Tourists' Driving Rules for Safety

As a contribution towards greater safety and more pleasant driving conditions on the highways of the country this summer, the Ford Motor Company has listed twelve rules as suggestions to motorists and has distributed them to dealers over the country.

FIND NAME ON TURTLE CARVED 67 YEARS AGO

SCOTTSBURG, Ind., July 3.—Sixty-seven years ago Mrs. Sarah Blair carved her initials and the year date, "1862" on the back of a tortoise which she found near her home here.

SPRING COLORS BLOOM IN THE MODERN DINING-ROOM



The newest rhapsody on spring is the modern menu! While the poets write traditional sonnets to the young man's fancy, the burnished dove, and the flowers that bloom in the spring, the housewife cultivates poetry on the table. Spring blossoms forth in the new spring menus just as surely, as colorfully and lightly as in a meadow of new buttercups.

PIGGLY WIGGLY Saturday Specials. List of products and prices: BANANAS, nice fruit, doz. 23c; LETTUCE, 3 heads for 25c; No. 2 Gabilan Red Kidney Beans 2 for 25c; 1 can Egyptian Talcum Powder; 1 Bottle Ben Hur Perfume; Both for 26c; COMPOUND, Bird Brand, 8 lbs. \$1.08; CATSUP, 14 oz. Van Camp 24c; CANOVA COFFEE, 2 lbs. \$1.29; LIPTON TEA, 1-4 lb. 21c; LIPTON TEA, 1-3 lb. 43c; LIPTON TEA, 1 lb. 86c; CHEESE, per lb. 25c; SALT BACON, per lb. 20c; GEM FRANKS, per lb. 24c; PURE PORK SAUSAGE, lb. 20c. Includes recipes for Grape Pudding Sauce and Grape Gelatin.





