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FIRST PEACH BLOSSOMS REPORTED

H. L. Wendorf, who owns a nice orchard South of town, says the first peach blossoms for the season appeared in his orchard. The last few weeks warm weather has caused the buds to swell on many trees and there is considerable uneasiness among the fruit growers for the crop. Unless sufficient cold weather comes within the next few weeks to hold the buds back a freeze later in the season would destroy the crop.

John Formwalt, of Van Horn ex-sheriff of Runnels county, after a pleasant visit to his sister Mrs. W. E. Allen and old time Ballinger friends, left for his home Sunday morning.

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OLDEST ENGINEER MEETS HIS DEATH

What is believed to have been a defective switch caused the death of one of the oldest engineers on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, of the branch between Ballinger and Temple. As train No. 78, due in Ballinger at 4:30 p. m. was passing through the yards at Lometa a small station this side of Temple, the engine tender mail car, baggage car and one passenger coach, left the track. The accident occurred Saturday night at 9:40 o'clock.

Engineer George Corbin, the one man of the train who happened to an accident when the cars jumped the track and the engine turned completely over, had been running on the west branch of the Santa Fe for about twenty-six years. He was one of the oldest engineers in the service of the road. He was liked by every person who knew him. He was well known in this western part of the state. His figure at the throttle as the trains passed through his city was a familiar sight.

He was driving his engine at a moderate rate of speed at the time of the accident. He was leaving Lometa with his passengers and was passing through the west yards of the railroad. Before any one knew of the trouble with the rails, the engine had turned completely over and Engineer Corbin met his death by the scalding water from the boiler of the giant piece of machinery. Fireman Tom Wicham was in a position to jump at the time he noticed the engine was reeling to one side. His foresight saved his life.

Engineer Corbin was carried to Temple as fast as the service would allow where his injuries were treated by the company's physicians. At 5 o'clock Sunday morning he died. The remains of one of the oldest engine drivers in the state, who had been at the throttle thirty years, twenty-six of which was spent with the Santa Fe, were laid to rest in the cemetery at Cleburne, Sunday afternoon.

RECEIVES NEWS OF MOTHER'S ILLNESS

Dr. W. W. Fowler received news Monday morning from his old Monday morning from his old mother was seriously ill, and not expected to recover. Dr. Fowler left on the afternoon train Monday to be at her bedside. He requested us to say to his patients that he would return as soon as his mother improved or the end came.

DR. BUTLER'S REMAINS BURIED HERE

Dr. T. E. Butler's remains arrived here from Temple on the noon train Monday and were interred in the Ballinger cemetery, the funeral taking place from the train. Rev. E. V. Cox accompanied the family and remains and preached the funeral.

Dr. Butler was a resident of Ballinger for many years, and during the time he lived here he was a practicing physician. He moved here with his family from Mississippi many years ago, and during the time he lived here made friends of those who became acquainted with him. He left Ballinger about three or four years ago and moved to the coast country in South Texas. His health became bad and he was carried to Temple for treatment several months ago, and death relieved his suffering Saturday afternoon. The Temple Telegram gives the following account of the death:

Dr. T. E. Butler, aged 61 years, died at 1 a. m. Sunday at the home of his son, J. P. Butler, 812 South Thirteenth street. The remains were sent to Ballinger on No. 77 Santa Fe this morning, and the funeral will take place this afternoon.

For the past six months Dr. Butler had been sick at the home of his son in Temple. He came here from Bay Side where he had lived for the past few years. Before going to Bay Side Dr. Butler lived for a number of years at Ballinger. He was born in Monticello, Miss., and lived his boyhood there. He came to Texas about twenty-five years ago and lived for a time at Ballinger. He returned to his old home and lived several years, then returned to Texas.

Deceased is survived by a wife and one son, J. P. Butler, a conductor on the Santa Fe out of Temple, and a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bone who lives at Wichita Falls, Texas.

The heart broken wife and two children, Mrs. J. W. Bone and Pickens Butler and Mrs. Butler's brother, Howard Pickens, accompanied the remains here.

PASTOR'S HOME NOT SUBJECT TO TAX

Lampasas, Texas, Jan. 24.—A decision of great importance to the churches of Texas has just been handed down in the case of the State of Texas vs. the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Lampasas, before the court of civil appeals.

The question at issue decided whether the parsonage property, occupied by the pastor of the church was subject to taxation.

The case was tried in the district court at Lampasas last April and the court held the property not to be subject to taxation, and the higher court affirms the decision of the lower court.

This decision will affect every church with a parsonage, in the state.

The above will be good news to at least five or six churches in Ballinger. For the past years these churches have been paying taxes on their preacher's home. One church paid \$35 taxes last week. It is not known whether this money can be recovered or not.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME; TRIAL CONTIUED

Witnesses in the Littlefield murder trial which was set for Monday morning at Brownwood, passed through Ballinger at noon Monday en route back to their homes at Paint Rock, the case having been continued. It will be remembered that Littlefield, who lives in Concho county went to Brownwood several months ago where he killed a man by name of Murphy and it is reported that the killing grew out of family trouble in which Murphy ruined the life of Littlefield's sister.

Littlefield's father and all the family, except two boys, left their home in Concho county Saturday to go to Brownwood to attend the trial. At three o'clock this (Monday) morning the home in Concho county was destroyed by fire and the two boys left at home came near losing their lives. One of them was seriously burned, and they both narrowly escaped, getting out only in their night clothes, and were compelled to go three miles to the nearest neighbor's house without their clothes. It is reported that the boys were not around the place all day Sunday, and that they came home Sunday night and there had been no fire in the house since the family left to go to Brownwood to attend the trial.

The burning of the home and the serious burning of one of the Littlefield boys was phoned to Brownwood and Judge Goodwin continued the case and the officers hastened to the scene of the burning to investigate and if possible get some clue as to the burning of the home.

Joe Mitchell returned home Saturday night from a short business trip to Temple.

ANOTHER LITTLE EGG SHIPMENT

There is no industry in Runnels county that has increased during the past few months as rapidly as the poultry industry, and the big business in poultry is still in its infancy. We stated in an issue of this paper last week that the poultry dealers of Ballinger shipped for that one week \$400 worth of eggs. We can go one better this week, and say that the firm of E. A. James & Co., shipped over \$600 worth of eggs last week from Ballinger alone. This does not include shipments made by the other merchants of Ballinger, nor does it include shipments made from Winters, Miles and Rowena.

Please get the idea. This is just one week's laying for Runnels county hens. Please get another idea: It is not a one year crop—like cotton, but is coming in daily and turns into circulation money that helps to pay the family bills. It is easy money with which to buy groceries, clothing and helps the farmer to conduct his business on a cash basis.

S. F. Knight, of Cross Plains, who had been in our city on a short business trip, left for his home Monday morning and will wind up his affairs and move to Ballinger to make his future home. He has leased the Lankford Wagon Yard on 7th Street and will fit it up in first class shape after the first of February.

J. W. Pace, one of the prominent citizens of Killeen, came in Sunday night and will visit his brothers W. A. and J. B. Pace of the Wingate country and to look after business affairs a few days.

We want your job work.



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SOCIETY

Phone All Societies News to No. 240
Miss Louise Doss Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daugherty entertained most delightfully with a six course dinner Tuesday evening to compliment the finance committee of the Ninth Street Baptist Church. The house was decorated throughout with ferns and potted plants. In the dining room, which was effectively decorated a menu of seven courses were served. Later a business meeting was held in which the finances of the church were discussed. Those present were: Messrs H. O. Rhodes, W. A. Nance, B. C. Kirk, L. E. Bair, Troy Simpson and Rev. Bion W. Adkins.

Afternoon.

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Church gave a delightful planned tea Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. McGregor on Eleventh Street. The room were effectively decorated with cut flowers and plants and the dining room presented an unusually attractive scene.

The guests were received at the door by Mrs. McGregor and were ushered into the dining room where fragrant tea and sandwiches were served. As each one departed a free-will offering was dropped into a crystal bowl on the dining table. The money received will be used for the church.

Afternoon Entertainment

Mrs. Andy Gustavus planned and carried out a most enjoyable "42" party Friday afternoon at her home on 8th Street. The reception suite was beautifully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers, ferns and potted plants.

Progressive "42" was played at eleven tables. Mrs. Ed. O'Kelley winning high score. During the games delicious home-made candy was passed and later an elegant salad course was served on the card tables. Those enjoying the afternoon were: Mesdames U. P. Meltor, Stone, T. J. Gardner, Loveless, Creasey, Claude Lynn, Hart, Sway, Chastain, B. C. Kirk, J. G. Douglass, Baskin, Williams, F. D. Futeh, C. S. Miller, Holt Smith, M. C. Smith, Maddox, J. K. Hutton, M. Kleberg, B. S. Long, John A. Weeks, Peyton, Orgain, Scott Mack, Bair, Bateman, McAlpine, J. Y. Pearce, Oscar Pearson, Sharp Fleming, Nash, Woolley, Griggs, O'Kelley, McMin, Troy Simpson, Padgett, Adkins, L. L. Miller, Nez Gustavus, L. C. Alexander, O. Harber, Morgan, Misses Alice Morgan and Nell Alexander.

Miss Alexander Hostess.

Miss Nell Alexander charmingly entertained the Thirteen Club Saturday afternoon from four to six at her home on Eighth Street. The reception rooms were profusely decorated with stands of violets and ferns. The afternoon was most pleasantly spent in embroid-

ering, playing auction bridge and having fortunes told. Later refreshments were served to the following members: Misses Katie Bell, Gregory, Bettie Miller, Bertha Rasbury, Lena Belle Doss, Lois Crews, Mammie Gregory, Lucy Minor Crawford, Etta Hutton, Beulah Kindall, Ada Allen, Louise Doss and Nell Alexander.

Sunday School Class Organized.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. Edwin Day met and organized Saturday afternoon at her home on Broadway. First the following officers were elected: Ona Hartman, president; Mary Page, vice-president and Edye Cooley, secretary and treasurer. A name for the class was then discussed and "The Sunshine Class" was decided upon. Their motto is: "For Others." The class will meet to discuss the lesson, attend to business and to have a social meeting.

Victrola Concert.

One of the most enjoyable events of last week was the Victrola concert given at the club rooms, Thursday evening. Many beautiful pieces were played and enjoyed by every one and especially "Lo! Here the Gentle Lark" by Melba and Bonnie Sweet, "Bessie" by Tetraxini. After the concert all went into the ball room where dancing was enjoyed.

INSURANCE RATE TO BE REDUCED

For the past several days the local insurance agencies have been busy compiling figures and making a report to their companies and rating board, showing the total amount collected in insurance premiums and the total losses for the city of Ballinger for a period covering three years. These reports are being made for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Ballinger property owners are entitled to a reduction in rates. Under the law governing such matters where the loss ratio of a town is as low as fifty-five per cent there is a reduction of three per cent of the final rating in each risk. For each subsequent five points of the loss ratio three per cent reduction is allowed until the maximum credit of fifteen per cent is reached at thirty-five loss ratio or better.

According to the report that is being made by the local agencies the loss for the last three years, covering 1911, 1912 and 1913 will amount to about 40 per cent, which will entitle the property owners to a reduction of nine per cent on each risk. As an illustration, if you are paying \$1 per hundred for your insurance the reduction would make your rate 91 cents per hundred. This applies only to property within the city limits and the report of premiums collected and losses paid as shown by the following figures covers only insurance written and losses paid within the city limits. The following figures are for three years, with the exception of the agency of Miss Maggie Sharp which was not established until the spring of 1911:

Agency	Premium	Loss
Ballinger Insurance Agency	\$30,737.55	\$12,851.74
M. D. Chastain & Co.	23,712.90	11,838.56
Miss Maggie Sharp	8,000.00	1,400.00

Total \$62,450.45 \$24,830.30
In giving the above figures for the benefit of our readers, we would like to call attention to the importance of co-operating and adopting every plan possible along fire prevention lines. With the reduction to be made on the above report it can be easily seen that the property owners will save nearly six thousand dollars in premiums, or about \$2000 per year. It still remains for us to reduce the loss to maximum and secure another reduction of six per cent or a total saving of fifteen per cent on each risk, as compared with the present rate

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PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS

BAKING POWDER BREADS

Baking Powder Breads have three things in their favor which are making them more and more popular. They are an agreeable change from yeast bread, they are quickly and easily made and are especially useful in emergencies, and they are often prescribed by physicians when yeast bread continues to ferment in the digestive tract. Baking Powder Breads may be made in almost endless variety. A few of the most popular recipes are given below.



Nevada Briggs

Nut Bread

2 1/4 cups white flour 1/2 cup sugar
2 1/4 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
1/2 teaspoonful salt 1 egg beaten light
1/2 cup nuts (pecans or walnuts chopped rather fine) 1 cup milk

First sift together, three times, the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt, add nuts. Beat the egg, add the milk and stir into the dry ingredients, mixing thoroughly to make a stiff drop batter. Grease a small bread pan, drop the batter into this, turn a pan of the same size over the top and bake one hour. The first half of the time have the oven very slow, then increase the heat. This bread is excellent when several days old.

This bread can be baked in any empty cans that have close-fitting lids. To bake in a can fill the greased can half full of the batter, put on the lid and shake batter to the side of the can, lay it on its side in the oven. Bake slowly the first half hour, turn the can to the other side and bake last half hour with a hotter oven.

Plain White Bread

4 cups sifted flour 1 teaspoonful salt
4 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls sugar (if desired)
2 cups milk (or water)

Sift together, three times, the flour, baking powder, salt (and sugar if used), stir in the milk or water to make a dough. Use exactly same baking directions as for Nut Bread, baking in cans or a bread pan.

Colonial Loaf

2 1/4 cups of flour 1 teaspoonful salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts 1 egg
1 cup milk 1/2 cup sugar
3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
3/4 cup chopped raisins, currants or citron as desired.

Mix and bake as directed for Nut Bread.

Rye Bread

1 cup of white flour 2 cups of rye flour
3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls sugar 1 teaspoonful salt
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls of caraway seeds (if desired)
1 1/2 cups of sweet milk

To mix, sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar, three times, add caraway seeds and milk and mix and bake by rules for other breads. This is excellent for sandwiches.

Graham-Nut Bread

2 1/4 cups white flour 1 1/2 cups graham flour
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls sugar 1 teaspoonful salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts or raisins
4 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
1 1/2 cups sweet milk

To mix, sift white flour, baking powder, salt and sugar, three times, add the graham and nuts. Stir to stiff batter with the milk and bake as nut bread above. This is an excellent bread for those who cannot eat white bread or meats.

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Next Week: Paper Bag Cookery

German Coffee Cake

2 1/4 cups sifted flour 1 egg
3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
1 level teaspoonful salt Milk
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls butter, melted
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls sugar

Sift dry ingredients together, beat the egg, add milk and butter to the egg to make one and one-quarter cups; stir all together with inverted spoon to a stiff batter. Turn into biscuit pan and spread even. Brush top lightly with melted butter. Sprinkle sugar and ground cinnamon over top. Bake in moderate oven.

Corn Bread

1 cup wheat flour 2 cups yellow corn meal
3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
1 egg, beaten light 2 1/2 teaspoonfuls sugar
1/2 teaspoonful salt 1 1/2 cups milk
2 1/2 teaspoonfuls melted butter or lard

Sift together, three times, the meal, the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. In another dish combine the egg, milk and melted butter; stir in the meal and flour prepared as above, beating rapidly until the dough is smooth, after which let stand. Bake in moderate oven.

Helpful Hints on Bread Making

Have materials all at hand
Sift three times, flour, salt and baking powder, mix thoroughly.

Bake slowly enough to allow the bread to rise before it crusts over, using a covered pan to keep the surface soft. Remember that baking powder breads do the greater part of the rising in the oven and that baked bread can not rise. Let it rise before baking.

K C Baking Powder is particularly adapted to bread baking on account of its long sustained action. It begins to rise as soon as moisture is added, and under the influence of a gentle heat, it continues to give off its leavening gas for fully half an hour. You cannot expect the same results from old fashioned quick-acting baking powders. With K C Baking Powder you are assured of a light, palatable loaf.

Never, never knead baking powder bread as one does yeast bread. Turn from the mixing bowl into the baking pan.

Follow mixing and baking directions carefully. Remember failures are not simply bad luck, but bad ways. There is a correct, scientific way for building baked foods the same as for building houses, and unless these rules are followed, results cannot be perfect.

Broadway Jones

From the Play of
George M. Cohan

By
EDWARD MARSHALL

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Jackson Jones, nicknamed "Broadway" because of his continual flirtation of New York's great thoroughfare, is anxious to get away from his home town of Jonesville. Abner Jones, his uncle, is very angry because Broadway refuses to settle down and take a place in the gum factory in which he succeeded to his father's interest.

CHAPTER II—Judge Spotswood informs Broadway that \$25,000 left him by his father is at his disposal. Broadway makes record time in heading for his favorite street in New York.

CHAPTER III—With his New York friend, Robert Wallace, Broadway creates a sensation by his extravagance on the White Way. Four years pass and Broadway suddenly discovers that he is not only broke, but heavily in debt. He applies to his uncle for a loan and receives a package of chewing gum with the advice to chew it and forget his troubles. He quietly seeks work without success.

Continued from Yesterday.

He swayed there on his feet, a some what sickly smile upon his face, his hand elaborately spilling champagne on his shirt front, a fact of which he was in ignorance and which no one noted for a time. It was Mrs. Gerard who called attention to it by elaborately dabbling at him with her handkerchief.

There were proprietary details ever of movement of her hands and some shrewd wits suspected for an instant even though they put the wild idea from them as absurd before it gained firm foothold in their minds.

"Who is she, Broadway? Name! Name! Name!" she shouts insisted. "Guess!" said Broadway strangely. He felt less worry than he would have felt before he had imbibed the last few glasses of champagne. He had been drinking very busily since the dreadful thought had been put into execution. He had been certain he would need some artificial courage.

It gathered in his soul and helped him fashion an extraordinary smile—vacuous and tremulous, but none the less a smile.

"Viola!" he ranted a reckless youth across the table, and Viola (who was present in the makeup which she had worn from the stage of a near theater, where she had, that evening, acted powerfully the part of a wronged and innocent maidenhood) hoped wildly for an instant. Perhaps Broadway, in his cups, had decided on this most unusual way of asking her the fateful question! She had had high hopes of him. Perhaps—

"No," he answered thickly. "Guess again. Three guesses. It's going to take some brains, I tell you that! Intellect's the only thing'll do it. Who ever guesses right gets a cigar."

There was only one among the ladies present who was not favored by some speculative mind, and that one was the right one.

Guesser after guesser named some of the young and vivid creatures of that almost wholly young and vivid feminine company, none guessed the only faded flower in the gay group. Broadway, never dreaming of the agony which filled the faded flower's much polluted bosom because of the omission of her name, feeling few emotions, really, other than the keen sensation of relief from his financial worries, stood smiling somewhat vacantly, but, on the whole, without much pain, upon the puzzled party.

"Go on, guess with your brains," he generally suggested. "It's mind, not foot-work, that will win the prize."

But none guessed. Realizing that in this was something like reflection on her fitness for the coveted position of consort to the youth, Mrs. Gerard attracted everybody's attention, presently, by a wonderfully feigned embarrassment as she rose and stood by Broadway's side.

The party gasped, but rose to the occasion as soon as it could get its breath again. It was incredible, and there were those among the guests who were so sure of this that they believed a joke was hidden somewhere in the episode, but the majority were so well trained to Broadway's genius

for producing mad extravagance that they simply charged this up as one of them.

A dancer who had been brought up from the cabaret below after one o'clock and closing time had come, sprang lightly to a table, and to the destruction of the floral lobster and some notably fine glassware, did a gay pas-seul among the wrecks of sanguinary shells and emptied bottles. The head waiter smiled, knowing that whatever might be broken would be charged up in the bill at double value

and paid for without question by the sensational spendthrift, to whose own wealth was now linked the extraordinary fortune of the recent John Gerard (wholesale leather) who had made his millions, married a very vital lady of his own ripe years and then died of sheer antiquity, to leave her, triumphant in superior vitality, relict and craving for that gaiety which life with him had not provided.

"Broadway!" breathed the ancient lady with a skillful simulation of embarrassment. "You naughty, naughty boy!"

"Naughty, possibly; but how extremely lucky!" said the wholly unexpected bridegroom-elect without a quiver, much to his own surprise and self-congratulation. As it broke up the party rioted with joy, very largely alcoholic, Mrs. Gerard's car, when it came up from its hiding place around the corner, was straightway encumbered with the flowers from ladies' corsages, table bouquets and men's boutonnières. One enthusiast thrust in a potted palm, and Mrs. Gerard screamed when she sat on it. Another made a thoughtful contribution of two lobster-claws which, to his astonishment, he had found in his hands as he arrived upon the sidewalk. A lady, being under the impression that the wedding had been celebrated while she briefly napped up at the table, insisted upon throwing one white satin slipper at her whom she believed to be the bride, refusing to accept the theory that Mrs. Gerard was, as yet, only Broadway's fiancée.

"But you can't walk without it," her escort pleaded earnestly. "I'd limp a year for Broadway," she insisted, missed Mrs. Gerard's cuffure by a quarter of an inch and then burst into tears.

Four yellow government notes were placed in circulation in police circles before the long and rangy touring car reached the granite archway which invited entrance ten stories underneath the bachelor apartment in which Rankin waited for him, sleeping, but with one ear open for the riot which frequently attended the home-coming of his master.

The car had scarcely come to a standstill before both eyes were open. And as the eyes appeared from their snug hiding places behind fat lids, his ears achieved astonishment. His master had returned at early hours on previous occasions accompanied by merry friends, but they had never chosen as their happy, matin song, the "Wedding March from Lohengrin." What could it mean?

Going to the window he craned out, trying to see what was going on upon the sidewalk, but the extending cornice underneath the window made this quite impossible, although the touring car beyond the curb was visible. This lacked interest, so he hurried to the outer hall, where he stood near the elevator shaft and listened earnestly. Presently, as the group succeeded in getting up the three stairs leading from the sidewalk into the ground floor hall, he caught a word or two of thick, congratulatory talk.

"Sh'ou joy, ol' man," was the most frequent of the crowding, earnest words.

What could it mean? As he heard the elevator door close and the swift swish of the ascending car, Rankin withdrew to the apartment, there to linger, waiting for his master, consumed with carefully mastered curiosity.

Devoured with curiosity he stood waiting as his master entered through the outer door which he considerably had left ajar for him. He had guessed at certain details of his young employer's probable condition and knew that in the midst of just those details Broadway was impatient of latch-keys, bell-ringing or even knuckle-tapping on the door.

The first thing he noted as the unsteady Broadway entered was the fact that his silk hat had been reversed upon his head; the second was that someone evidently had been sitting on his raglan cape while it had been rolled rather carelessly; the third was that his face wore an expression of relief and peace with all the world.

Not so unsteadily that he failed entirely to reach the goal Jackson tacked across the room and found the window. His friendly escort was still evidently in his mind, for from the open window he now waved a genial handkerchief, whispering meanwhile "Night-night," as if the hearty spirit which induced the words would take them to the sidewalk ten score feet below.

Having performed this sacred rite of friendship he regained the center of the room, looked about him as if curiously, and then went unsteadily to the grand piano, upon which he placed his elbow with a nestling search for comfort which seemed to indicate a firm decision to lean against the instrument and go to sleep without delay. This would never do, for when his slumber became deep he would be sure to lose his balance. Rankin saw the deep necessity for rousing him from his intention.

"Mr. Jones, Mr. Jones," he urged tapping him upon the shoulder.

Jackson looked up, sleepily, as if as touched at the interruption of his slumbers. "Hello," he said good naturedly, "who's there?"

"It's Rankin, sir," said Rankin.

"Who's Rankin, sir?" The tone was that of tolerant curiosity to learn a total stranger's unimportant identity.

"I'm the butler, sir."

"Butler?" "Yes, Mr. Jones; the butler." This seemed to rouse his master and he looked him over with some show of interest. "A butler!" he exclaimed in tones of deep reproach. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself? When you were a little boy your mother had great hopes of you—thought you were going to be president of the United States, or something like that."

Rankin bowed impassively; he did not deny it.

"Now," said his employer with the deepest of reproach, you've disappointed everybody. You've turned out to be nothing but a butler. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

Rankin was not offended; instead his air was that of triumph. "Ah, but see who's butler I am, sir!" he exclaimed.

"Who's butler are you?" inquired Broadway, apparently with idliest curiosity.

"I'm your butler, sir."

"Oh, you're my butler?" This seemed not to be especially astonishing, though deeply interesting to the master of the house.

"Yes, sir." Broadway looked at him with a glad smile, then with an earnest and enthusiastic gravity. He warmly shook his hand. "I congratulate you, Rankin. I'm very fond of my butler." His sentiment rose higher and he patted Rankin on the cheek. "I love my little butler. You must come out with me some night, Rankin."

"I should like to, sir," said Rankin truthfully.

Broadway became gay, mysterious. He looked at Rankin slyly and himself essayed to whistle some bars of the wedding march. "I know something you don't know," he cried irrelevantly.

Rankin listened with respect and close attention. His curiosity was almost painful. But his master did not satisfy it. "Now I'll bid you good-night, Rankin. Nightie, nightie!" Genially he waved his hand at him, laughed, whistled another bar or two and elaborately made the starboard tack toward the door of his bedroom.

Rankin made no protest; he knew better. "When do you wish to be called, sir?"

"Oh, that's so, I must be called," his master granted after a second's deep and serious thought. Then, in a deep study: "Now, let me see—when do I wish to be called? What day is it, Rankin?"

"It's Thursday, sir."

"Thursday? Well, I tell you what you do, Rankin. You call me on Saturday."

After this entirely unexpected suggestion to the little butler whom he loved, he found a devious course into his bedroom and Rankin, after he had watched the door close, heard the key turn in the lock. He sank into a chair, even his composure utterly destroyed. In the distance a church-clock chimed. Rankin counted the slow strokes. "Five o'clock in the morning!" he said helplessly.

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JO HARMON.
J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD.
WILL L. STUART.
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
- For County Judge:
M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer:
W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk:
O. L. PARISH.
C. C. COCKRELL
- For District Clerk:
JOHN THOMASON.

W. E. Chambers, the lumber man, left Saturday afternoon to visit at Brownwood a day or two.

Acute Sore Throat.

There is nothing better for sore throat than Hunt's Lightning Oil. Put it on at night, and the next morning the soreness is usually gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, of all reputable drug stores in 25c and 50c bottles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Doyle, of the Valley creek country, were among the shoppers in Ballinger Saturday.

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It's true, the season is here with its sudden changes, and the old idea that we need a blood medicine is not without reason. Too much heavy food has caused a torpid liver, sluggish blood, and a weak, tired feeling.

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HOW THE WEATHER BUREAU FORECASTS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26—Many people have an idea that there is something mysterious and occult about the work of the Weather Bureau in forecasting the coming of storms, frosts and floods. Not a few think that the observers must necessarily get their data by reading the planets, the stars and the moon. As a matter of fact the forecaster of the Bureau foretells the coming of disturbances in a businesslike way, very similar to that in which a man who has ordered a shipment of goods would estimate the date of its arrival.

Suppose a business man had ordered a carload of pineapples from the Hawaiian Islands. He would know the average time it would take the steamer to make the trip to the Pacific port, the average time for unloading and loading into refrigerator cars, and the average number of days to be allowed these cars for their trip across the continent to New York. His estimate, however would be subject to error because the steamship might be delayed by fog, or the cars might meet with an accident.

Storms, like pineapples, as a rule do not originate in the United States. They come to us from the Philippines, Japan, Siberia, Alaska, Canada or the Gulf of Mexico. The Weather Bureau gets cable, telegraphic or wireless notice of a foreign storm. Station after station, or vessel after vessel reports the storm's arrival in its neighborhood so that the general direction and rate of progress can be determined very nearly. In fact, the arrival of some storms can be foretold ten days in advance.

The forecasters watch for the region of low barometer which is the storm center around which the winds blow. This whirl or eddy moves bodily forward with the general eastward drift of about 650 miles a day in our latitudes. As the lines of equal pressure (isobars) around the low center crowd closer together, the winds attending the storm increase in force. The forecaster determines the direction of movement of the storm and its velocity.

When weather disturbances are reported, the forecasters know from experience about how long it takes them to reach our Pacific Coast, and then how long after they will reach the Atlantic Coast. For example, if a storm coming from Siberia drifts eastward around the North Pole and reappears in Alaska, it should appear in Washington and Oregon in about two days; should get to the Great Lakes in six days and to the Atlantic Coast in seven or eight days.

Unexpected conditions may delay storms or divert them from the straight track just as a refrigerator car may be thrown off its schedule or be shipped by accident on a wrong road. Some of these storms deplete themselves by running into regions of high barometer which are of greater magnitude and extent than the storm it

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To keep tab on cold waves that come into the United States from Canada and Alaska, the Weather Bureau studies the Canadian Weather reports. England sends reports from Iceland, the British Islands and Continental Europe, and daily reports come from St. Petersburg on the conditions in Russia and Siberia.

The same businesslike system used in tracing the track of a storm is applied in determining the arrival of frosts.

Flood forecasts are made in much the same way. Information as to the amount of rainfall at the head waters of streams that cause floods are covered by telegraphic reports sent by local observers. As this rain reaches the main channel, the height of the water in the channel is determined by successive gaging stations. Past records establish how much a height, say of 20 feet at Dubuque, Iowa, will produce at Davenport, another station 80 miles down the Mississippi. This plan is followed all the way down the river, and at point full allowance is made for the effects of water from tributaries and from additional and local rainfall. As a result of these observations in the recent flood, the people of Cairo had warning a week or ten days in advance. The Pittsburgh district can be given only 12 to 24 hours' notice, because a flood is upon them with in 24 hours after a heavy rain storm.

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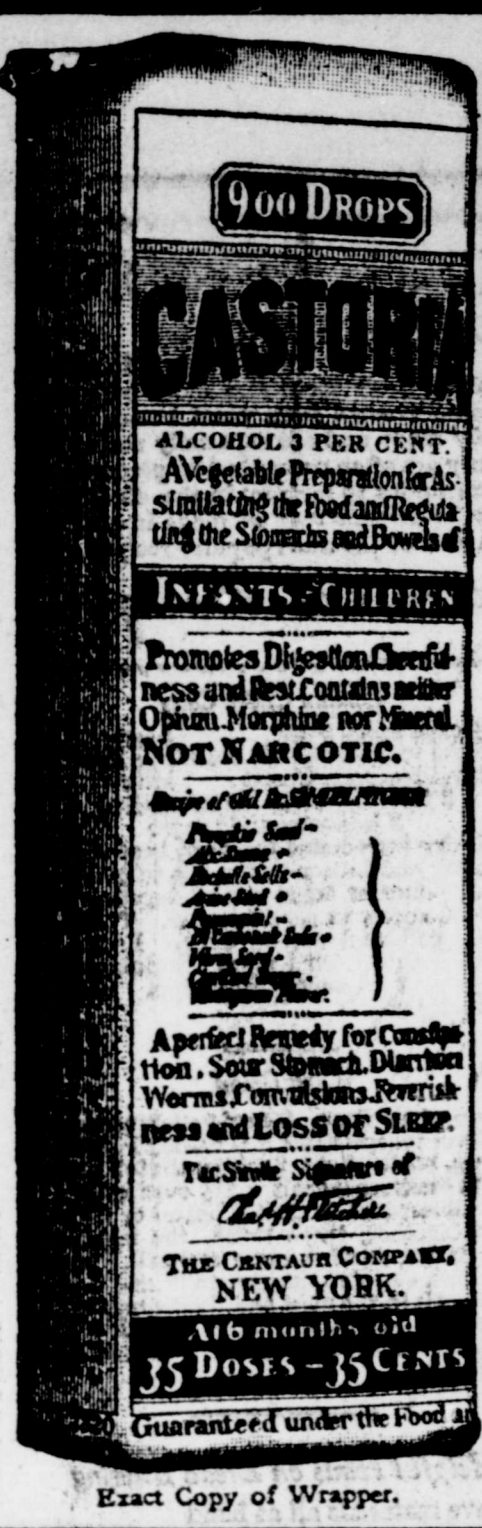
Mrs. Jennie Swett, wife of Don A. Swett died at her home on Tenth Street at nine o'clock Sunday night. Mrs. Swett was 48 years old. She had been in poor health for some time, and while it was not known that death was so near, her condition had been serious for some time.

The funeral took place at four thirty Monday afternoon from the residence and interment was made in the Ballinger cemetery. Rev. R. M. Hammock, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, conducted the services, and the friends and acquaintances of the family followed the remains to the city of the dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Swett moved to Ballinger about one year ago, and made many friends here. Besides the sorrowing husband two children remain to suffer the loss of a mother's love and care. There are other relatives in Colorado, the former home of this family, but they were too far away to come here and be present in the sad hours. Those who have become acquainted with this family since they moved to Ballinger, and who have learned to love them as neighbors and friends, are made to sorrow, at the taking of this good wife and mother, and to the grief stricken father and little children heartfelt sympathy is extended.

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Chas. S. Miller returned Sunday night from a business trip to Galveston and other South Texas points.

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