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MARY PICKFORD IN
"CAPRICE" TONIGHT

Tonight at the Princess Theatre the patrons of the film will see in 4 reels a drama of the piney mountains with Mary Pickford in the leading role. This play will be worth your while, and is not to be confused with cheap celluloid dramas of newly organized photo-play houses but has such men as Daniel Frohman, Al Zuekor and other higher up men of the profession in its making.

Mary Pickford is an example of vivacity, "airiness" and motion. She is an exceptionally fine artist and "Caprice" seems to have been written for her alone.

You will regret it if you miss this picture, and a happy memory is better than a cheap regret.

PETTY THIEVING DAMAGES PROPERTY

H. S. Lipscomb who has charge of Chas. S. Miller's irrigation plant on the Colorado River just above town, came in Wednesday to report to the officers the work of thieves done at the pump station Tuesday night. This is a new plant, having just been installed and put in operation.

Some party or parties kicked the door to the pump house open and stole some valuable parts of the engine, and also carried off other articles of value. Mr. Lipscomb could not start the engine until he came to town and purchased the missing parts. The matter was placed in the hands of the officers and Mr. Miller has offered a reward of ten dollars for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

The parts stolen are brass, with the exception of a gas burner and an axe, and it is probable the work of boys. A boy that will commit this kind of an offense is paving the way to the penitentiary and will sooner or later cause some parents trouble and sorrow. The officers are working on the case and no doubt the guilty parties will be apprehended.

MAN IS BURNED; IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Collie Littlefield who was seriously burned when his father's home was destroyed in Concho county last Sunday night, has been brought to Ballinger and placed in the Halley & Love sanitarium. Littlefield is in a critical condition and there is considerable doubt as to his recovery.

The fire which will probably cost this man his life is believed to be the work of some one who touched the match with a spite to revenge. Littlefield's brother charged with murder was docketed for trial Monday morning. There had been no fire in the home for a couple of days, and Littlefield was asleep when the home burned about three o'clock Monday morning. He escaped with his clothing burned from his body and he was compelled to go three miles without clothes to the nearest neighbor. The officers are working on the case, but have no clue.

The murder case against the other Littlefield boy was continued on account of the fire.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT CITY'S PICTURES

A letter addressed to Ballinger with "The Cleanest Town in Texas" written in bold type on the left hand corner of the envelope has just been received from Chicago where Dr. Carrick is attending the American Medical Association. The writer sent Dr. Carrick a number of Ballinger scenes for use in Holland's Magazine, but as will be seen from Dr. Carrick's letter the pictures will not appear in the Feb. issue of Holland's.

Mr. A. W. Sledge,
Ballinger, Texas.

My dear friend Mr. Sledge:

I appreciate your kindness in sending your several photographs or rather photographs of your beautiful and well-cleaned little city.

The photographs are probably in my Dallas office. I hope to make use of some of them in the near future, upon my return to Dallas.

I am leaving here Wednesday for several of the large cities of the East and will return to Dallas about February 25th.

With every good wish, I am,
Faithfully yours,
M. M. CARRICK.

SENTENCED TO HANG MAN IN BALLINGER

In 1897 an old man murdered and robbed of his money in Muskogee, I. T., Jack Rail was arrested and tried and sentenced to be hang for the crime. His attorneys secured a new trial for him and in the second trial his punishment was reduced to life imprisonment in the Leavensworth penitentiary.

Rail was stranger in Muskogee. He was traveling through the country horse back and happened to be in town on the morning of the crime was committed. He was arrested and held on suspicion. A thousand dollar reward was offered for the guilty party. Two young men by the name of Moncreath appeared and testified against Rail, stating that they saw Rail with the old man just about thirty minutes before his body was found. Other circumstances connected up in a way that made a strong case against Rail and he was convicted. He was placed in the pen, and served 15 years and two days, when about one year ago a man giving his name as Joe Rodgers appeared at the pen, and confessed to the murder. Rail was released and Rodgers took his place behind the bars. It later developed that the two young men who swore that they saw Rail with the old man a short time before he was killed received \$250 each for testifying, and they are both now in the pen serving a long term for perjury.

Rail had been married just seven months when he was arrested. His wife knowing that he was innocent remained true to him and joined him as soon as he was released from the pen. They are both in Ballinger today, and tonight Rail will lecture at the court house, telling in detail the history of the case, and giving his 15 years experience in a United States prison. The lecture will be free.

Mrs. Jo Hardin left Wednesday afternoon to visit friends at Winters a few days.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO A BALE OF TEXAS COTTON

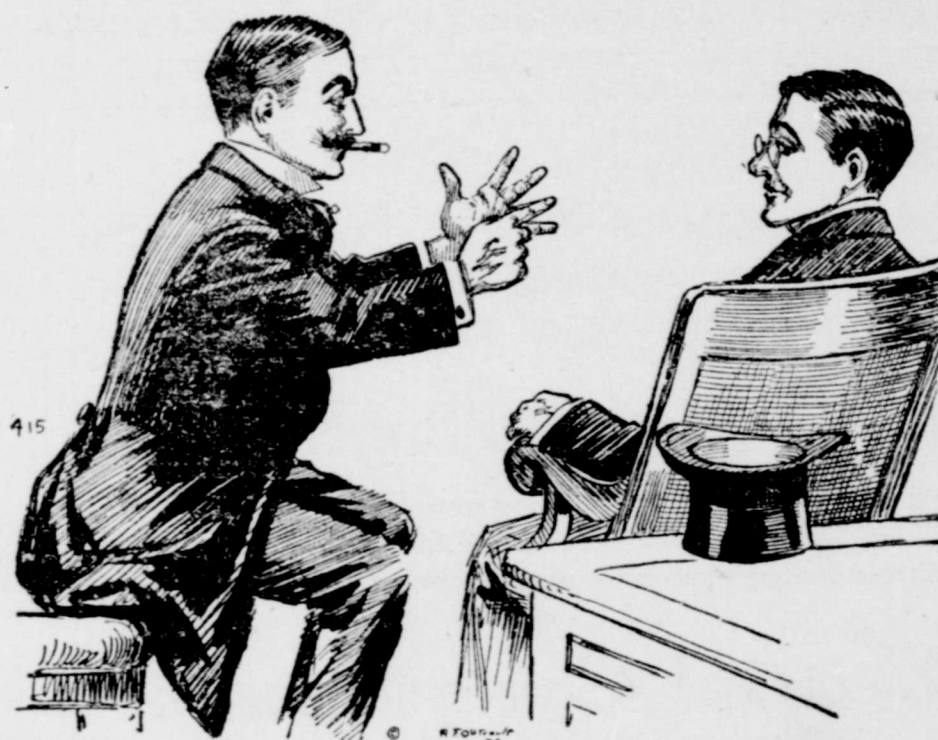
Groesbeck, Texas, Jan. 27.—

Mr. William S. Cates, one of Lime stone County's leading cotton planters and a prominent member of the Farmer's Union, who has for several years been studying marketing methods employed by Texas farmers, has unearthed some mammoth inequalities in our system of selling cotton, our leading farm commodity. Last July when Mr. Cates marketed his first bale of 1913 cotton, it brought 11 cents and he enclosed a note inside the bagging requesting that the spinner write him fully regarding the final disposition of the staple. Yesterday Mr. Cates received a letter from August Tetrue, owner of the largest cotton mill in Schweitzerth, Saxony, stating that the cotton was purchased by that concern at 19 1/2 cents per pound, that it would be

manufactured into yarn, weaved into hose and sold back to Texas and other American trade at a price to the ultimate consumer many times in excess of the original price of 11 cents. The letter also requests information regarding the number of cotton mills in Texas and asks for data pertaining to a location for a mill in this state.

John H. Webb, one of the progressive farmers 10 miles south was in Ballinger Tuesday to take out about 1000 fruit trees for his farm and one or two of his neighbors. Mr. Webb already has a fine orchard and was one of the few orchards in the county that had a pretty fair crop of fruit the past year.

Judge C. H. Willingham left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo to look after legal business a day or two.



FIRST YOU SAVE SOME MONEY THEN
YOU HIDE IT IN THE HOUSE THEN SOME
SMOOTH STRANGER COMES ALONG AND
YOU INVEST IN SOME SCHEME AND LOSE IT

Study this picture. This kind of a thing is happening all the time. If the smooth stranger had a really good thing he wouldn't be peddling it. He wouldn't HAVE TO peddle it. Investments that HAVE drummers NEED them. We can advise you but we can't afford to advise you wrong.

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The one true test as to your success in life is this:
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Answer it honestly with yourself. No matter how much you MAKE, unless you are also able to SAVE, you are a failure and you had just as well face it squarely. Come in and talk it over. We will show you the advantages of a bank account with our bank and how to become a successful saver. It means much to you.

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THE TRAFFIC

This remarkable play by Rachael Marshall is so truthfully astonishing as to have evoked both the wonder and the approval of those who think that the naked truth is what the people want from the theatre as well as from the newspapers and the churches. "The Traffic" is such a play and it is presented with every attention to the fine and perfect setting, costuming and acting. It is the most daring arraignment of social and industrial conditions ever acted, and it is at the same time a play of intense and compelling human interest. This play demonstrates that justice and not charity is what women want if they are to be saved from the lust and traffic of the underworld. Stripped of any pretense and innocent of any snivel or salacity—"The Traffic" shows where and

how the man higher up, the politicians, the police official and the grafter work their share in the causes and influences that make the immoral commerce a fact in the life of every city. The red tape of organized charity, the familiar yet forbidden secrets of passion lured on and made marketable, the sordid "glories" which are supposed to be the rewards of sin, are all disclosed in naked and amazing truth. "The Traffic" as a play has the exalted dignity of sincerity and the advantage of absolute completeness as to acting and stage-craft. It will make millions think. It will be shown at the Ballinger Opera House on Monday, February 2nd.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.
Some People We Know, and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event. It took place in Ballinger. Not in some faraway place. You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word. To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home is more worthy of confidence. Than one you know nothing about. Endorsed by unknown people. R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas, says: "My kid neys were out of order and I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions, had a dull pain in my back, over my left kidney, and a cold or stooping made it worse. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., rid me of the annoyance." Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Rutherford had Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

J. C. Davis of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Brownwood on a short business trip.

EFFORT MADE FOR WEST TEXAS LEAGUE

An effort is being made here by some of the local baseball enthusiasts to start a move for a West Texas baseball league. The plan is to get six or eight towns in this section of the state interested in a movement for a league and to call a meeting, when the matter will be thrashed out.

The boys here who are interested in the move would play only local talent in the league. No salaries would be allowed the players at the start. After each game, expenses of the visiting club would be paid and the remainder of the receipts allotted to the players. In this manner, it has been pointed out, the gate receipts would be larger than otherwise, because it would be a matter of money to the players. This would be the only salary the men would get, outside of their expenses in traveling from one town to another.

It is believed by the local men who are after the league that one of the best clubs of this state, could be secured from local talent. There are such men as Clinton Penn, Luther Mangum, Russel Mangum, Willard Wooden, Roscoe Steeks, who would in all probability join in the movement for a West Texas League. There are a number of good high school men who would also likely enter into the move. With all this material, one of the best clubs of the league could be secured from pure local talent.

The league would include, according to the local boosters, Ballinger, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Coleman, Brownwood, and Abilene. In the event an eight club circuit is desired Winters could be gotten team as Santa Anna. The only ten into the league with some othtrouble with the last two towns, it is said, the attendance would be rather small. Winters might put up a fairly good crowd at every game but some of the smaller towns within the radius would hardly be a paying proposition.

How's This

We offer one hundred dollar Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Cure.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

F. Moelner, who lives Southwest of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says his public sale last Monday, which he advertised in the Banner-Ledger, was a decided success and he sold out about all he had for sale except a part of his horses.

Rheumatic Pains.

Every last one of them leaves. The hurting is gone almost the instant Hunt's Lightning Oil is used. The aching stops so quickly is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, burns and bruises it acts as a healing oil, soothing the burning parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Frank Drews is the happiest man in Ballinger as he now has his wife and baby at home from the Sanitarium and both doing nicely and Mr. Drews says he will now go back on the road and push his job for all that it is worth.

Just Arrived!

I have just received my complete sample equipment of Spring and Summer samples from **ED. V. PRICE & CO.** The line contains: Venetians, Varicolored and Silk Mixed, Fancy and Finished and Unfinished Worsteds, Cassimeres, Pantings, Cheviots, Imported Goods and Broadcloths, Novelty Suitings Homespun, Mohairs, Corduroys, Khaki Cloth, Linens, Palm Beach Cloth, Mollskins, Pongee and Shantung Silks, Outing and all kinds and grades of Serges.

Come in and look them over and get in your order early while you can get what you like. I want to get your order for future delivery, and get your name on my time file, and then you can get your suit any time you desire to do so. Let me book your order now. Do not forget that I turn out first class cleaning and pressing promptly.

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H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas.

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CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

- For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, JO HARDIN, J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. C. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON.
- 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, GEO. M. STOKES.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD

GOOD ROADS ADVOCATES WIN DECIDED VICTORY

Pecos, Tex., Jan. 27.—Better highway advocates in road district No. 1 gained a conspicuous victory yesterday when they carried a \$100,000 good road bond issue in that precinct by an overwhelming majority. A road board was also elected to act with the commissioners court in the expenditure of the funds. The bonds will be sold as soon as the stamp of approval is placed on them at Austin and work will begin on a complete system of highways through Road District No. 1.

For Cold on Lungs.

Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold in lungs is dangerous often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggists everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles.

Mrs. Hardy Parrott and daughter, Miss Maggie, of Valera, were among the visitors in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

FOR SALE—My home on 5th street. Must be sold at once, for particulars write E. C. Moor, Phone R 676, 1108 Mellwood Ave. Brownwood, Texas. 28-4td2w

Wm. Halfman, of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon a few hours.

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 druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

R. C. Tillery of Concho county, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar k'ndling, Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312.

Judge J. W. Powell returned home Tuesday morning from San Angelo where he had been on legal business the past day or two.

For Skin Diseases.

Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run no risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist.

R. L. Sides, the Hatchel merchant, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

Deputy U. S. Marshall Hodge of San Angelo, had official business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. R. L. Bates and Mrs. Gray, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

A. M. Nicholson, of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

FOR SALE—Furniture cheap! Must be sold at once. Apply to Ledger office. 28-3td

A. J. Lee, of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and paid up for the Banner-Ledger and our \$2.25 clubbing list for another year.

John Englert and sons, of the Miles country, were in the city Wednesday and we are sorry to learn that Mr. Englert had the misfortune to get all of their last weeks washing burned while Mrs. Englert was doing the washing.

Broadway Jones
From the Play of George M. Cohan
By EDWARD MARSHALL

With Photographs from Scenes in the Play
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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Jackson Jones, nicknamed "Broadway," because of his continual glorification of New York's great thoroughfare, is anxious to get away from his home town of Jonesville. Almer 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 throws Broadway that \$250,000 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.

CHAPTER IV—Broadway gives what is intended to be a farewell supper to his New York friends, and before it is over becomes engaged to Mrs. Gerard, an ancient widow, wealthy and very giddy.

Continued from Yesterday.

"Just what I say," he answered firmly. "That it's all wrong. It's impossible. The idea of a woman of your age imagining for a moment that this boy is fool enough to think of such a thing! Do you stop to think what people will say? Don't you realize that it can't be? That it's simply preposterous? Why—"

"Are you trying to insult me, sir?" "No," he answered earnestly. "I'm trying to save you from being humiliated and laughed at. Deny the story at once. Say it was all a joke. Say anything, but for heaven's sake don't let it go any further!"

She gazed at him in speechless wrath while he nervously paced the room.

"Surely," he said whirling, "you don't think he seriously considers marrying you?"

"And why not?" Her icy tone was full of outraged dignity.

"Because it would be a ridiculous match. Give it serious thought. You're a sensible woman, figure it out for yourself. Why, you're more than twice his age!"

"Sir!"

"Why, he's only twenty-five—not that, yet."

She gazed at him in speechless rage for twenty seconds, then said, explosively: "You—brute!"

"I'm your friend," he urged. "I'm trying to help you. I'm trying to save you from being made the laughing stock of the town."

"Do you mean to insinuate that Jackson doesn't love me?"

"Jackson doesn't love anyone except a good time. Why, he doesn't take anything seriously, especially women. To my knowledge he's been engaged to thirty since he's been here in New York."

"I—don't—believe you!"

He shrugged his shoulders. "Very well; go ahead; it's no affair of mine."

She agreed with this. "You'll do well to remember that. Attend to your own business, Mr. Wallace."

"Excuse me," he said apologetically. "I'm sorry I spoke."

As he thus apologized, disgusted, worried, even frightened by the middle in which his friend had so involved himself, entirely ignorant of the sorry cause which had led Broadway to the fatal step, that young man entered

from the hall, having effaced as many traces as he could of the wild night, and rightly clothed himself for morning callers. As he advanced he hummed a stanza from some cabaret favorite which ran, monotonously: "I love you; oh, I love you!"

At sight of Mrs. Gerard he brightened and sprang toward her eagerly. He was not the one to go back on a bargain, or to make a wry face over necessary medicine.

"Beatrice; My Beatrice!" he cried. Wallace eyed them with disgust as they flew into each other's arms.

Having released his "Beatrice, my Beatrice," he turned to Wallace with a calm which Wallace could not but admire. The youngster certainly was game! "Good morning, Bob."

Wallace scorned him.

Broadway did not even wince, but turned back to his Beatrice. "And how is my little banquet queen this morning?"

"I came here happy as a lark," she said complacently, "but now I'm terribly upset."

"Why, what has happened to my little round of pleasure?" He smiled serenely, worshipfully into her scarcely hidden wrinkles.

"This man has been saying terrible things to me."

Jackson whirled reproachfully upon his friend. "Why, Bob! What have you been saying to my little Beatrice?"

"Oh, don't!" implored the utterly disgusted Wallace.

"Tell me," Jackson begged in comforting tones of the excited widow; "what has he been saying to you?"

"Calling it a ridiculous match, saying that I shouldn't take you seriously, intimating that you didn't really love me, and—"

She was very close to tears, but fought them back for the sake of a complexion which she feared might not be waterproof.

Broadway went with an accusing mien to Wallace. "You said these things?"

"Yes," said that young person, unashamed, "those and a great many more."

"Bob Wallace! I'm surprised! Shame on you!"

Wallace scarcely was prepared for this. "Now see here, Jackson, I—"

He did not complete the sentence, but seized his old friend by the lapels of his coat as if to bear him from the room to some spot where, unworried by the lady's presence, he could talk or hammer sense into his head.

But Broadway would not have this. He pulled away with emphasis. "Don't do that! Don't do that!" he cried. "You're—you've insulted my future wife and I demand apologies!"

Were all his plans for paying up his debts to be thus put at naught? Was his first venture as a financier to be thus nullified? He thought not!

"You mean to say you're going to be married?"

"Of course we're going to be married," Mrs. Gerard said very snappily.

"Of course we're going to be married," Broadway echoed with a quick glance at her which Wallace thought

held something indicating apprehension.

He stood aside with face all woe-begone, worried and amazed. If this thing—this unthinkable, unbelievable insanity—was seriously planned by his young friend, if he had actually passed his word, why then, of course, nothing more was to be said upon the subject.

"Very well then; I apologize," he said dejectedly.

"Not to me," said Jackson grandly, "to the lady."

Wallace went to her in humility of attitude, but in revolt of soul. "Mrs. Gerard" (he never before had found it difficult to avoid profanity in a lady's presence), "I offer a thousand apologies."

She was not convinced of his sincerity, which was not in the least surprising. "After such impertinence, I don't know that I ought to accept your apology."

"But, don't you see? I thought it was all a joke."

This was a new offense. "But why should you think such a thing? Is it at all unusual that people in love should marry?"

He thought her positively aged as he looked at her. Every wrinkle in her countenance took on new length, new depth as he observed her. From her he looked to Jackson. How very young he seemed! A mere child, in fact.

"Why, no," he granted, knowing that he lied. "Of course not. But I—I didn't understand. I—"

Broadway, himself with nerves unstrung almost to hysteria, began to hum a tune and walk about, endeavoring to look unconscious. Wallace eyed him with new hope kindling in his eyes. Was it, after all, a jest?

"Now see here, Jackson; if you're trying to fool me I want to know! I—"

Mrs. Gerard, who had been upon the point of granting him forgiveness, stiffened in new wrath. "There you go again!" she screamed hysterically. "Another insult!"

"Really, Mrs. Gerard, I didn't mean it."

"Then what did you mean?" The lady fixed him with a baleful glance.

He was entirely undone. "Why, I—God knows! I don't!"

"Well," said Jackson, "I think I do. You're still in doubt as to whether or not we are really going to be married. Isn't that it?"

Put thus lucidly and simply, Wallace could not definitely deny that that explained his mental state. He had opened his distressed lips to admit this when Mrs. Gerard prevented the expression of his worries with:

"But why should he imagine such a thing? I—"

Broadway rose to the occasion, nearly making Wallace faint with the glib ease with which he used endearing words when talking to the ancient dame. "Just a moment, sweetheart—dearie—please!" Then he turned to Wallace. "Come on, now; tell me the truth!"

"Well, I will admit," said his miserably heartsick friend, "that at first I did think it was a joke. But—"

"And you're not quite satisfied yet that it is not?"

"Why, of course, if you say—why—"

"I'll put you right. It'll all true. We're engaged. We're going to be married and we expect to be very happy. Do you believe it, now?"

"Why, certainly, if you say so." His next question was of Mrs. Gerard. "May I ask how long you've been engaged?"

"We became engaged last night at dinner."

"That's right. It was last night at dinner," her fiance corroborated. "It was during the ice-cream."

"It all happened in a moment," said the bride-elect.

"Just like this," said Jackson. "See!"



"Do You Realize What People Are Going to Say?"

Only one question asked: "Will you marry me? And I said 'Yes.'"

"What?" cried his horrified inamorata.

"I mean she said 'yes.' Beatrice said 'yes,'" corrected Jackson.

"We're going to spend our honeymoon in Spain," she gushed, restored to a good temper by Broadway's explanation.

"Spain!" It was Wallace who exclaimed.

"Yes, Spain," said Broadway, too elated at the thought of finding cash to pay bills to be worried about anything. "I'm going out this afternoon to buy a sombrero and a tambourine. Won't you congratulate us, Wallace?"

But Wallace simply could not trust his ears. "Jackson, if you're trying to fool me—"

"There he goes again!" cried the now thoroughly infuriated bride-elect. "Jackson, I'm not going to stay here and be insulted in such a manner!"

"There! There!" Jackson soothed, following her as she essayed to leave the room. "Don't be worried. Mr. Wallace only thinks we're fooling him."

"But why should he think such a thing?"

Wallace, again contrite, approached and started to apologize. She waved him back with a wild hand.

"Leave him to me, dear," Jackson urged her. "In five minutes I'll convince him that it all is absolutely true."

She was comforted a little by his tone. "Then you won't come for a drive?"

"Stop for me in, say, half an hour."

"Well, I'll run along, then. I must get the air. All this has given me a dreadful headache."

Jackson turned reproachfully to Wallace. "See what you've done? I—"

"Bye bye, dearie!" cried his fiancee. "Bye bye, sweetheart!"

"In half an hour?"

"About that."

"Don't you listen to that man! This is a warning tone."

"No; I'm going to make him listen to me."

"Oh, you dear boy! Bye bye, dearie!" She waved a plumply wrinkled hand at him, and left the two young men alone together.

"Say, are you going crazy?" were Wallace's first words, spoken as soon as he was sure that she was gone.

"Nothing of the kind. I'm perfectly all right."

"You mean to tell me that—"

"I've got a whole lot to tell you. Sit down."

As Wallace found a chair and, as if exhausted, sank into it, Broadway paced the room uneasily.

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FOR DISTRICT CLERK.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for district clerk of Runnels County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July. I feel that I am not unknown to most of the citizens of the county, having been in different public capacities in the county for the past ten years, and until a few months ago was with the Ballinger postoffice for about six years.

I feel that I am in every way qualified to fill the office to which I aspire and ask an investigation of my record which is open for your judgment and should you see fit to elect me to this place of trust I shall endeavor to serve you faithfully to the very best of my ability at all times.

I will appreciate your support and influence in the coming election.

Yours very truly,
GEO. M. STOKES.

Candidate for district Clerk

C. C. Hallmann, one of the pioneer citizens of the Marie country was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

FOR SALE—Three Rhode Island Red Roosters; 2 of them 1 year old and 1 of them 2 years old. Apply to T. J. Starkey. 28-2d

Henry Kasburg, of the Spruill Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed his allegiance with the Banner-Ledger for another year. Mr. Kasburg is looking for his daughter to return home from a visit of a year and a half up North, and points in Texas as the past few weeks.

J. O. Roots, one of the Winters bankers, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Robert Spreen, of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

R. P. Kirk, manager of the Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., returned home Wednesday from a short business trip to Abilene and point in that section.

W. O. Woods, one of the successful young farmers of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. W. Rodgers, one of the prominent citizens of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Rowena on a short business trip.

Wm. Havenhill, one of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Buckwheat Cakes

Raised without Yeast
When they are just right, the old-fashioned yeast-raised buckwheat cakes are just fine. But it takes a skillful hand to get them "just right" and many housewives do not want to be bothered with a bowl of batter standing around all the time. Made after this recipe, buckwheat cakes are as good as any you ever ate and much superior to those made with self-raising flour.

Made with K C double raise baking powder, the last of the batter will make just as light cakes as the first.

K C Buckwheat Cakes

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine.

1 cup buckwheat flour; 1 table-spoonful sugar; 3 level tea-spoonfuls K C Baking Powder; 1 1/2 cups cold water; 1 tea-spoonful salt.



Sift together, three times, the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder; stir the water in all at once and bake on a hot, well oiled griddle. Buckwheat flour calls for a generous measure of baking powder. Part milk may be used to mix the cakes but water gives quite as good results.

A delicious "spread" for griddle cakes is made by creaming together about twice as much honey (either comb or strained) as butter. Work it up with a fork to about the consistency of hard sauce.

Readers of this paper may obtain "The Cook's Book" containing this and 89 other delicious recipes free by sending the colored certificate packed in every 25-cent can of K C Baking Powder to the Jaques Mfg. Co., Chicago. Send for "The Cook's Book" today.

J. A. DeMerville left Tuesday morning for Wingate on official business.

S. B. Caperton, the Maverick stockman, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Dr. J. H. Cleland, the optician, had professional business at Hatchel between trains Tuesday afternoon.

Ballinger Housewives, Attention!

I will be in your city several weeks and desire to call at every home in Ballinger and show twenty-five samples of something new in the line of Sanitary Brushes. "A brush for every purpose." No wooden backs, cleanly, made of best bristol, wool and fibre, necessities in the household; also used in churches, schools, hospitals, court houses, banks, halls, etc. A special, fine, durable brush for the bath. The brushes are made and guaranteed by one of the largest factories in the East. Your time will not be lost and you will be convinced of the honesty of these goods if you will only spare a few minutes when I introduce myself at your door, payment down, deliveries made in a few days after order is taken.

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T. Puckett of the Wineth country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. L. B. Harris and babe left Tuesday at noon to visit relatives at San Angelo a few days.

E. Graves, of Hatchel, came in Tuesday and left in the afternoon for Franklin, to look after business interests a week or two.

RURAL IMPROVEMENTS AND GOOD ROADS

(By Uncle Johnnie.)

Ten years ago when there was nothing in sight but a barb wire fence and the North star the pioneer settlers of the Mazeland neighborhood built the old Mazeland school house. After a short lapse of time they decided that the old building was not big enough, an broad enough and high enough for the Mazeland people. So they got their heads and hearts together and built a bigger and better and broader and higher one. Now the two story big white building stands as a monument to the enterprise and ambition of the progressive citizens. Not yet being satisfied they have built a nice house of worship and all denominations can use it. This shows the broad spirit of the people. Now then what we need most is good roads and more attractive school grounds. Since the recent torrential rains the roads have been practically impassable. Some parents had to keep an extra horse and buggy for pupils to drive to school. If our roads were ridged up high and broad enough not to wear down so quick and then graveled, much good would be done. Pupils could walk to school dry shod and study on the way and thus the mind and muscle could both be developed at the same time.

Then our school grounds should be graveled and beautified with grass and shrubbery.

Thirdly, a spot of land should be leased or rented on which to give ocular demonstration in agriculture.

Mazeland has made progress. So has Rannels County. Our county has made progress morally, educationally and religiously. But we are just beginning. We are just getting our feet under us. The foundation is being laid for greater things. Rannels County will go forward as she never went forward before. Men with a holy purpose will take leadership.

Officers with character, morals and backbone will be elected. Let every loyal citizen be very certain to get his poll tax receipt before February 1st. There is going to be something doing.

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O. J. Hinds, of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Gus Hargroves, the Eden stock man, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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Jim Howaze, of Paint Rock passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from Brownwood where he had been as a witness in the District court.

MASS MEETING RURAL CITIZENES

A mass meeting of the citizens of three school districts will be held tonight (Wednesday) at the Bethel church for the purpose of determining whether or not the citizens of the three school precincts will organize an independent school district and build a high school. The proposition confronting the citizens is to form a district to include Pogy, Union and Walthall schools, abolish those schools and build a central building and establish a rural high school.

The question has been under discussion by the citizens of that part of the county for some time, and a meeting was held last week where the matter was thoroughly discussed and a committee consisting of two men from each of the three schools appointed to canvass the three districts and get an expression from the patrons of the three schools, and the committee will make report at the mass meeting tonight.

H. G. Hayes, who lives in the proposed independent district was in Ballinger Wednesday morning, and in conversation with the writer, Mr. Hayes endorsed the plan. He said under the present system the children in the country could not get the benefit of the high school education unless they came to Ballinger, or went to some other town where the grades higher than the eighth grade were taught. He says this works a hardship on the farmers as many of them are not able to board their children in town, while if they could keep them at home they could give them a high school education. At present a six month school is the best they can get, while under the new plan they could be given eight months school.

When asked if building the high school would not be placing some of the patrons are at an inconvenient distance from the school Mr. Hayes stated that the greatest distance for any in the district would be five miles. "And," said Mr. Hayes, "Some of our citizens are now sending to Ballinger, having transferred their children to the Ballinger school, but where a transfer is made from a six month school the child only gets six months free schooling the school to which it is transferred."

If the plan is perfected a bond issue will be made and a substantial high school building erected and all grades that are taught in Ballinger will be taught in the new school. The school will employ four teachers. At present only four teachers are employed at the schools in the proposed district, but this is working a hardship, as there are too many pupils to do good work with the schools scattered and as could be done to bring them close together—in one building. The proposition is meeting with some opposition, but the great majority of the citizens are in favor of it, and it promises to be the first rural high school to be established in Central West Texas.

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Wiley Barbee, the insurance man, returned home Tuesday afternoon from the West where he had been on business for his company the past few weeks.

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DR. TODD FOR COLLECTOR.

Maverick, Rannels County, Jan 26.—To the voters of Rannels county:

I hereby announce for the office of tax collector of your county, subject to the Democratic primary in July next. I am aware of the fact that personally I am a stranger to many of you, but announcing this early you will have ample time to know me by reputation before the primary. I am from Brazos County, this state, have been in the county since the fall of 1902. I have tried to live a law abiding citizen, have never had a charge against me in any court, have never had a difficulty with a neighbor in my life, never was in jail or the penitentiary, but I deserve no credit for this, as this is as it should be and hundreds of our people can say as much.

The people of Rannels County are due me no more than any other law-abiding citizen. I am asking for the office because of the finances of same and would consider an election quite an honor also.

Should you find I am worthy of your vote I will appreciate same very much. I have never asked for office before in my life and do so on the two term principle. Should I be elected I will likely ask for the second term and no more.

It will be late before I shall be able to canvas the county.

Respectfully,

T. L. TODD, M. D.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

For months I have been seriously considering solicitations to enter the race for Tax Assessor of Rannels County and I hereby offer myself for your consideration.

In making this, my formal announcement, for this office, I appreciate the fact that I am asking for one of the greatest favors at the hands of the voters of this county, and should I be fortunate enough to be your choice at the July primary, and be finally elected, I shall do my duty and endeavor to give you no cause to ever regret having voted for me.

In entering this contest I do so of my own volition, but I shall be submissive to the choice of the Democrats of Rannels county.

I was reared on a stock farm in Hamilton county, obtaining my education in the common schools of that county, finishing same with a B S. course at the State University of Arkansas.

I have been dealing with the public the greater portion of the past fifteen years in Hamilton, Comanche and Rannels Counties. I have had business dealings with most of the voters of this county. I am therefore no stranger. However I ask one and all to further investigate me as to principles and other qualifications that must be possessed by one worthy of such trust.

Sincerely,

SAM H. McPHERSON.

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Fletcher Roper, one of the prominent citizens of the Oak creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

A. J. Byers, who lives a few miles east of the city, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Bacon's place for rent, sale or trade. Apply 400 Broadway or phone 394. Intend to close deal at once. 15-tfr

Mr. and Mrs. Pickens Butler, of Temple, who had been here to attend the funeral of his father, Dr. T. E. Butler, left Tuesday afternoon for their home.

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