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## 40 Suffis Arrested When Attempt Is Made to Harangue King

**LONDON, May 21.**—Forty suffragettes were today arrested for rioting as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Pankhurst and her army entering the Buckingham place to harangue King George. Emeline Pankhurst is reported as being one of the arrested. Violent disorder was occasioned when several hundred women attempted to rush the police and rescue prisoners here. One thousand uniformed police are on guard.

## OLDEST MASON LIVING HERE

**MILES, May 21.**—J. H. Meadows, of this place, celebrated his 97th anniversary today. Mr. Meadows is remarkably strong for one of his age, and is able to take care of himself around his home. He thinks he is the oldest Mason living, having joined the Masonic lodge when he was 21 years old, and has been a faithful member of that order for 76 years. He says he expects to live out his five score. Mr. Meadows came to this county from Bell county several years ago. He was born in Russell county, Kentucky.

Carlos Dunn, who attended the firemen's convention at Victoria and also visited with his family at Mildford the past week, returned home Thursday at noon.

Will Globber returned home Wednesday night from Coleman where he left his auto en route home from Fort Worth where he had been on cattle business the past week. On account of the heavy rains he was compelled to leave his car at Coleman and return home in the train.

G. M. Vaughn, of the Missouri Milling Co., left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth, where he goes to attend the annual meeting of the mill men of the state.

## Federals Evacuate Saltillo

**El Paso, May 21.**—According to advices received here today the Mexican Federals evacuated Saltillo early this morning after brief skirmishing.

**ESTACION AMARGOS, Mex., May 20.**—General Villa and his rebels have won their first great battle in the approach on Saltillo and San Luis Potosi. The engagement took place at Paredon, resulting in the complete route of the federal garrison of Monclova, the capture of valuable guns and ammunition by Villa, and clearing the way for an uninterrupted advance on Saltillo.

The federal troops were decisively beaten. Not only did General Villa administer a defeat, but he thus prevented the arrival of reinforcements at Saltillo which would have added materially to the defensive force of object points in the campaign. He also captured supplies which would have been of value to the garrison at Saltillo.

B. E. Averett came in from Abilene Wednesday afternoon and has accepted a position with the Creasy Rotary Filer Co., and will again make Ballinger his home. Mr. Averett was with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill the past several seasons.

Paschal Armstrong returned to Ballinger Thursday at noon from an extended business trip to California and New Mexico.

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## SHOT WHILE CALLING FOR HELP

**TAPPAN, N. Y., May 21.**—"Robbers trying to get into station, going to shoot. Help." This message clicked to the West Shore Railroad depot at Harvestraw. The message ended with this and Clyde Hottalling was shot while sitting at the key by the robbers. The robbers only secured eighteen dollars.

W. S. Davis, one of the substantial citizens of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger today.

## HUERTA DENIES STORY THAT HE WILL RESIGN

**Says Associated Press Story Is Untrue--Forces Service to Denie Former Report--Will Stay Until the Last.**

**MEXICO CITY, May 21.**—General Huerta is incensed by the publication of an Associated Press story, saying that he had authorized his delegates at the mediation conference to offer his resignation. He has forced the Associated

Press representative here to deny the story and state every word of it is untrue.

## Roosevelt Mixed in Haven Case

**WASHINGTON, May 21.**—That Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 personally interfered to prevent the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad from selling its steamship lines to Charles W. Morse, was Charles S. Mellen's testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission today. At Roosevelt's request, Mellen said he refused to sell the lines for \$20,000,000.

The commission today continued its efforts to find out why the Rhode Island and Connecticut trolleys which were being operated at loss, were gobbled up by the New Haven lines at inflated prices.

As far as the Rhode Island was concerned, Mellen admitted that United States Senator Allrich was behind the deal.

Mellen said he wanted to get rid of the steamship lines because he was always afraid "a terrible disaster on one of those floating tinder boxes and I was convinced time was near when the railroads owning competing steamship lines were booked for trouble. The Morse figure was a fair one and I wanted to sell. If we held on I knew we might have to sell at a loss but I also knew if the deal had gone through, it would cement the Morse control of coastwise transportation and I felt it my duty to consult Roosevelt who was my friend. He was very anxious that Morse's scheme should fail. He said, 'I assure you that if you will reject this offer and keep the lines out of the hands of the crew had mutined or whether Enbma Goldman was a visitor trouble from me, so long as I am president and so long as law remains as it is now.'"

Mellen boldly declared that government ownership of railroads of this country was certain to come.

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## JURY GETS BECKER CASE TOMORROW

**NEW YORK, May 21.**—The Becker case will go to the jury at noon tomorrow. Both counsel for defense and state rested today. Neither Becker nor his wife were put on the stand. Attorney Manton reviewed the testimony for Becker this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom came in from their Coke county ranch Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Odom reports big rains in his section, in fact good rains all along the route to Ballinger.

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# MEXICO: THE RECORD OF A CONVERSATION WITH WILSON

## Divorce Evil Before Assembly

**CHICAGO, May 21.**—Social questions have been brought to the attention of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church by reports of various committees handling this phase of the work. Effective action has been urged by the committees on Christian life against the alarming growth of divorce.

"The sanctity of marriage is rapidly being undermined," the report said. "Marriages are entered into with levity and haste and the whole structure of home is shaken. One out of every eleven marriages ends in divorce. The United States is next to Japan in the highest divorce rate."

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"My ideal is an orderly and righteous government in Mexico; but my passion is for the submerged eighty-five per cent of the people of that Republic, who are now struggling toward liberty."

The President closed his fingers into a sinewy fist. He leaned forward in his chair—leaned forward as a man leans forward who is about to start on a race, his body taut, his muscles tense. I could see the cords stand out on the back of his neck. His eyes were narrowed, his lips slightly parted, his lips vigor and earnestness impressive.

"I challenge you," he said, "to cite me an instance in all the history of the world where liberty was handed down from above! Liberty always is attained by the forces working below, underneath, by the great movement of the people. That, leavened by the sense of wrong and oppression and injustice, by the ferment of human rights to be attained, brings freedom." The President relaxed from his tense attitude and smiled.

"It is a curious thing," he continued, "that every demand for the establishment of order in Mexico, the great mass of the population, but order for the benefit of the old-time regime, for the aristocrats, for the vested interests, for men who are responsible for this very condition of disorder. No one asks for order because order will help the masses of the people to get a portion of their rights and their land; but all demand it so that the great owners of property, the overlords, the hidalgos, the men who have exploited that rich country for their own selfish purposes, shall be able to continue their processes undisturbed by the protests of the people from whom their wealth and power have been obtained.

"The dangers that beset the Republic are held to be the individual and corporate troubles of these men, not the aggregated injustices that have been heaped on this vastly greater section of the population that is now struggling by force what has always been theirs by right.

"They want order—the old order; but I say to you that the old order is dead. It is my part, as I see it, to aid in composing those differences so far as I may be able, that the new order, which will have its foundation on human liberty and human rights, shall prevail."

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"Heavy rains do great damage to crops" is a familiar expression published in East Texas papers.

The splendid rain comes as a death blow to politics. Farmers are going to be too busy to think.

A boy has been discovered in New York with two appendices. The breed should be stopped at once, one should satisfy any one.

Jones county, with a record of twenty-five dry years, is to have a prohibition election on June 6. It is claimed by the pros that there are grown men in that county who never saw a saloon.

The Dallas News says, "there are accumulating signs that Gen. Huerta will spend the summer away from home." If the rebels get hold of him they will no doubt give the old man a pass port to...

In a speech at San Angelo, a representative of a packing house, stated that Texas farmers were paying over fifty million dollars annually to the Northern farmers for meat, and Texas is one of the best hog states in the Union. What's the matter with Texas farmers?

The special committee appointed on White Slave Traffic at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Chicago, in its report say there are 100,000 prostitutes in the United States, and that a far greater number are unchaste. The committee say that the contributing factors to this condition are the fashions of today, the dances, the theatre, literature and ignorance. The remedy suggested is the enlightened training of the young.

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So while I'm at leisure I'll tell you of a few things which I've been studying and thinking about mighty hard of late, and I hope you will pardon me for saying I hope you will begin to do likewise at once, if you haven't already begun.

You, perhaps, have heard that whiskey, murder, etc., are very serious evils among us today. Well, its true in a way, but ignorance and superstition combined is the greatest evil which now, ever has, or ever will best the human race. All other evils are the result of this same cause. Nearly every one is dissatisfied with our present nation and government. That is as it should be. If we should all sit contentedly down and wait for somebody else to do things worth while, we would go backward instead of forward.

When we become educated enough to know what we want and how to get it, we will get it, let it be better government, better times, or anything else.

What are we doing to banish ignorance in the "Lone Star" State?

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sources and yet in the percentage of pupils enrolled in the public schools Texas ranks 46th (48 states in the Union).

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Texas ranks 36th, in value of school property, 39th in annual expenditure per child, 42 in number of school days per child, 39th in length of school year, 33rd in percentage of attendance, 18th in expenditure as per wealth, 39th in daily cost per child, 32nd in high school attendance, 30th in the average of teacher's salaries, and as a general average Texas ranks 38th, leading only ten states behind, and 37 which march ahead in the attempt to abolish ignorance forever.

Behind this dark cloud of ignorance, superstition and sluggishness we begin to see little bright patches of silver lining here and there. The sun of education and enlightenment is gradually, but surely peeping over the Eastern horizon of human effort. Let's all turn our faces toward

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The Standard Oil tank Winifred strayed into the harbor and the flagship immediately ordered her alongside to supply gasoline for the numerous small boats constantly plying between the flagship and the shore.

The vast array of ships in the harbor have been busy every moment since they dropped anchor. First they coaled and then took on provisions from the Celtic and now they are taking on oil and miscellaneous supplies. A dreadnought of the type of the Arkansas burns up 25 tons of coal a day while at anchor. This is necessary to operate the water service machinery for hoisting, etc. Since the cuney was lifted there has been a fleet of small boats going ashore at six o'clock each morning from the warships, carrying

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## War or Peace to Be Determined Within 10 Days

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The question of either war or peace with Mexico will be settled within ten days is the belief of officials of the United States government here.

The United States envoys at the Niagara Falls mediation meeting stand for unconditional retirement of General Huerta from the

office of president of the republic. If an agreement is not reached whereby the United States representatives get satisfaction, mediation is at an end. President Wilson will then determine the next aggressive step, according to those who are in close touch with the administration.

The army and navy await the word for immediate action.

ally supposed to do, are actually operating at a loss.

In his discussion of the subject, president Scott said in part: "The fiscal year ending June 30th, 1913, showed that the thirty-three Texas railroads earning a gross total of \$118,617,454. The operating expenses were \$92,609,612, the net income being \$26,007,842 with other income given as \$1,907,227 or a gross corporate income of \$27,915,070.

"To measure against this income, items including taxes, rentals, leases, hire of equipment, interest on bonds, debts, etc., aggregating a total of \$30,050,656, were properly charged, the result being that instead of the thirty-three roads mentioned really earning any money, they actually sustained a deficit of \$2,135,586. This does not mean that all of the lines failed to earn net revenue for some of them did, but it does mean that the burdens or operation set seriously upon a majority of the Texas lines, and that of the total number of roads twenty of them sustained deficits which in one instance ran as high as \$1,227,000.

"Railroads like other commercial institutions, have certain commodities for sale, viz: transportation of persons, transportation of goods. Out of the sale of this transportation must they find their revenue. If the price of the sale is too low, then the establishment cannot make a profit and if it cannot provide the necessary funds for operation must cease to be a going concern.

There must be a limit to the present loss or the roads will be faced with either a decided decrease of high price service or placed at the tender mercies of a receiver and in either instance the public must suffer accordingly.

"The remedy, when it is acknowledged that the roads are intelligently and economically administered, is indicated in an increase in freight rates sufficient to overcome the loss and to meet the increase of expense in operations due to causes already set forth.

"An increase of ten per cent in all rates would of course apply on the rate for 100 pounds by class and commodity. If the railroads were permitted to increase their rates they would be enabled to successfully meet the present cost of operation without facing the serious deficits and difficulties which now confront them, and which seriously threaten a curtailment of service and efficiency and a decrease in the work of railroad development in all sections of the State."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RAILROADS.  
Railroad Presidents Discuss Transportation Problems and Their Relation to the Public.

There are always two sides to a question. The public long accustomed to listening to arguments against an increase in railroad rates, is now given an opportunity by W. B. Scott, president of the Sunset-Central lines to hear the railroad's side of the question. His recent interview to the Texas press is an out-pouring of the railroad heart and shows that the railroads of Texas instead of piling up high hills of money as they are gener-

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Kasota, Minn.—"I am glad to say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done more for me than anything else, and I had the best physician here. I was so weak and nervous that I could not do my work and suffered with pains low down in my right side for a year or more. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and now I feel like a different person. I believe there is nothing like Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for weak women and young girls, and I would be glad if I could influence anyone to try the medicine, for I know it will do all and much more than it is claimed to do."—Mrs. CLARA FRANKS, R. F. D. No. 1, Maplecrest Farm, Kasota, Minn.

Women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should be convinced of the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health by the many genuine and truthful testimonials we are constantly publishing in the newspapers.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

## LAD LOSES HAND WHILE ROPING STEER

SAN ANGELO, May 21.—To have his right hand almost completely twisted from his arm by a rope, with which he had lassooed a steer, was the terrible experience of a young boy, the son of J. F. Reynolds, at the ranch of his father below the Door Key ranch, southwest of the city Sunday evening. Young Reynolds, it is said, roped the animal and had coiled the rope several times about his wrist in order to hold it when the steer wheeled and dashed off. The full particulars could not be ascertained, but the boy's hand in some manner was so terribly torn from the leaders that it had to be amputated.

Dr. A. J. Marberry of this city performed the operation and returned home Monday afternoon. It is thought the injured lad will recover.

Eyes Sunken With Pain  
Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended, and after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey, 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

CONDA WYLIE UNDER GOES OPERATION  
A telegram received by relatives of Conda Wylie, today from Temple, stated that Mr. Wylie was operated on this morning, and that he was getting along as well as could be expected.

## Paint as an Investment

PAINT adds value as well as beauty to anything to which it is applied. Paint is the Farmer's best friend. A leading scientific editor says: "Thirty-five million dollars a year can be saved in the United States by the use of paint." The paint can is the farmer's savings bank. Keep one on your farm ready for use at any time. When you remember that farm buildings put up only five years ago could not be duplicated today for almost twice the money it shows that it pays to paint your house, barn, implements, and everything that needs a finishing coat of paint. When you use paint use "The Best Paints Made,"

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We make "A Special Paint for Every Paintable Surface". The cost per can has nothing to do with the cost of paint. Figure how much surface a gallon will cover and protect satisfactorily. Minnesota Paints on this basis, are the cheapest paints on the market.

Wm. Cameron Lumber Co.






A REMARKABLE SALE OF

# Women's Dresses At Less Than Wholesale Cost

The Greatest Reduction Ever Made at this Season will Prevail in this Sale Until Saturday Night

 We are free to confess that any such sweeping reductions as these on our regular stock would be out of the question. A revision to wholesale prices is something justifiable and expedient at the end of a season, but even then the economies do not begin to compare with those in this offerings in the middle of the season. The feature of this sale is that we are actually giving you prices lower than the cost to the manufacturer. Whether wash day or club day. It matters not. Come.



**Silk and Messaline Dresses**  
30 beautiful messaline and silk dresses. Striped and figured effects. Values \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00. Thursday till Saturday or while they last **\$6.35** choice

**EVENING DRESSES**  
50c On The Dollar  
Think Of It!

\$10.00 Evening Dresses only	\$ 5.00
12.50 Evening Dresses only	6.25
15.00 Evening Dresses only	7.50
18.50 Evening Dresses only	9.25
20.00 Evening Dresses only	10.00
25.00 Evening Dresses only	12.50
30.00 Evening Dresses only	15.00

**Lingerie, Silk and Ratines**  
Included In This Remarkable Sale

\$ 5.00 Dresses three days only	\$ 3.75
6.50 Dresses three days only	4.88
7.50 Dresses three days only	5.60
8.50 Dresses three days only	6.38
10.00 Dresses three days only	7.50
12.50 Dresses three days only	9.38
15.00 Dresses three days only	11.25
18.50 Dresses three days only	13.88
25.00 Dresses three days only	18.65

We Urge You To Be Here Opening Day. Come

Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Come.

These Dresses will positively be on sale only on the dates mentioned or while they last. Monday what is not sold goes back to the original price-- If interested come Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

THE MILLINERY SALE CONTINUES

All Kimonos Greatly Reduced During This Great Three Days Sale

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## HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

"The Store Ahead"

**ONE ONLY**  
New blue silk crepe hand painted, actual value \$35 size 36, only \$24.95

**MEXICO! THE RECORD OF A CONVERSATION WITH WILSON**

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seventh, only a few hours after word had come that Huerta would accept the offer of mediation made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile. I can state these conclusions, which will endure regardless of the outcome of mediation negotiations. The settled policy of the President, in regard to Mexico, will be as follows:

First—The United States, so long as Mr. Wilson is President, will not seek to gain a foot of Mexican territory in any way or under any pretext. When we have finished with Mexico, Mexico will be territorially intact.

Second—No personal aggrandizement by American investors or adventurers or capitalists, for

exploitation of that country, will be permitted. Legitimate business interests that seek to develop rather than exploit will be encouraged.

Third—A settlement of the agrarian land question by constitutional means—such as that followed in New Zealand, for example—will be insisted on.

**HEAVY DULL FEELING--SWOLN HANDS AND FEET---DUE TO KIDNEY TROUBLE-**

Your kidneys need help when your hands and feet thicken, swell up, and you feel dull and sluggish. Swollen joints, rheumatic twinges, puffy eye lids and ankles are just so many calls for help from over-worked and sluggish kidneys. It does beat all the way kidney troubles makes you feel mean and sick all over your body. No energy, no ambition, just tired out, dull and weary. The tonic strengthening effect of Foley Kidney Pills, and their restorative upbuilding qualities supply just what nature needs to make your kidneys sound and well; to restore the perfect normal action that keeps uric acid and other irritating poisons out of your blood. Once these poisons are out of your system, swelling, and puffiness, rheumatic aches and swollen joints all disappear and energy activity and good health return to you. No matter what your age, what caused your kidney trouble, how long you have suffered, or what other medicines have failed in your case, be sure, you have not tried the best until you have taken Foley Pills. In 50c and \$1 sizes everywhere. Do not accept any substitutes offered, for no other can help you as Foley Kidney Pills. For sale by all dealers everywhere.

J. H. Mills, one of the successful stock farmers of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Thursday at noon en route home from near Temple where he had been visiting relatives the past week.

**It Makes a Difference Who Does Your Work.**

A good shave, a neat hair cut, adds a great deal to a man's feeling and appearance. We give you satisfaction along this line.

**The City Barber Shop**  
H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

F. Carlitz and F. Bloominritt, of the Miles country, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

After the Rain Everybody will Go to

**"The End of the Rainbow"**

Senior Class Play  
At The  
**PRINCESS THEATRE**  
Monday, 25th

Adults 35c  
Children 25c

**HEAD COMING TO LEAD BAND**

The band boys closed a deal with Prof. J. H. Head to lead the band through the coming summer, and Prof. Head will be here to begin the work on June 1st.

It will be remembered that the Business League met a few days ago, and authorized the boys to employ a leader, guaranteeing to foot the bill for the months of June, July and August. At that time it was thought that Prof. Martin, who had charge of the band last summer would be here and accept the place, but a telegram from Mr. Martin stated that he had made other arrangements for the summer and could not come. Diaz Wood, acting for the band, took the matter up with the directors of the Business League, and they authorized him to employ any other good man they could get, and all the boys and the Business League have agreed upon Prof. Head, and Mr. Head has accepted the leadership of the band.

Prof. Head had charge of the band during the time he was principle of the Ballinger schools, and in fact is the man that organized the band. He was successful with the work when he had charge of the band, and the boys are fortunate in getting him to return here for the summer.

It is the purpose of the Business League to furnish music free to all the picnics held in this county during the summer, and as the boys are already in good shape, they will be ready for engagements as soon as their leader arrives, and those wanting the

**SPECIAL**

In honor of the senior class of the Ballinger High School, we will issue The Daily Ledger as a Commencement Number next Tuesday. The paper will be handsomely illustrated and carry matter that will be of particular interest to the faculty, the pupils and the patrons of the school, and a sufficient number of extra copies will be printed to supply all those who wish to mail them out to friends, or keep them. For this issue we will carry a limited amount of advertising, and those desiring an ad in this issue, must turn in their copy not later than Monday noon, and earlier the better.

band should communicate with them at once.

**LOCAL DRUGGIST SAYS "TAKE ONLY ONE DOSE"**

We want to tell those in Ballinger suffering from stomach or bowel trouble that we are agents for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This is the most thorough bowel cleanser known and just one dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost immediately. You will be surprised at the quick action of Adler-i-ka. For sale by the Walker Drug Co.

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For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*

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I will sell only the best kinds of Packing House Beef, Pork, Cured Hams, Bacon, Etc., Butternut Bread Cakes and Pies.

**Prompt and Courteous Service**  
Phone 126  
Ike Honig, Proprietor. Ballinger, Texas.

**Willard Wooden In Professional Circles**

Willard Wooden, the Ballinger boy who has set several records in college baseball, while playing at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, is no longer in amateur circles. He left Tuesday night for Fort Smith (Ark.) where he will play ball during the summer months.

Moseley, who is another Rannels County boy, living at Winters formerly, is managing the Fort Smith delegation and through him Wooden secured a contract. Moseley knew Wooden and worked with him in Ballinger on several occasions. He began getting a line-up on the big boy while the two were in college circles, Moseley being with Trinity and Wooden with Howard Payne.

Wooden wound up his college career by defeating Oklahoma University Tuesday afternoon, allowing only three hits during the course of the fray. The game would have been a clean shut out had not teammates gathered a series of errors that allowed the visitors at Brownwood to score two runs.

Wooden expects to visit Ballinger at the close of the season next September. It is very likely that he will locate here during the winter months.

In all probability he will go to a higher league next season, since it is known positively that several of the big boys have their eyes on the lengthy Ballinger boy. Fort Smith is playing class C ball.

**Most Prompt and Effectual Cure for Bad Colds.**

When you have a bad cold you want a remedy that will not only give relief, but effect a prompt and permanent cure, a remedy that is pleasant to take, a remedy that contains nothing injurious. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all these requirements. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has a world wide sale and use, and can always be depended on. Sold by all dealers.

**DIVORCE EVIL BEFORE ASSEMBLY**  
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in the world. Such a situation is a disgrace to the American nation."

To correct the divorce evil, a campaign of country-wide education is on.

"The sacredness of marriage and evils of divorce," is recommended.

**Skin Diseases Cured**  
Hunt's Cure is the name of the remedy which is absolutely guaranteed to cure all forms of skin disease or the purchase price promptly refunded. Wonderful results are obtained by its use, curing cases that would not yield to other treatment. Ask your druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

**Casserole Cooking**

The growing vogue for cooking and serving in the same dish reaches perfection in Guernsey Earthenware. Guernsey is really inexpensive. The smaller dishes cost but a few cents—the large casseroles cost no more than a good granite saucepan. Come in and see our complete line. Let us show you this beautiful ware—and tell you more about the new way to cook and serve in the same dish.

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**Princess Theatre Tonight**

The Narcotic Spectre—Kay-bee, 2 reel feature.

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Coming Friday, May 22nd. **QUO VADIS**, in 8 Parts. Will Show at White City.