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Ginners Host to Large Crowd at 4th July Picnic

Seven thousand pounds of fresh meats, barbecued to feed fifteen or twenty acres of people, will not do the job, unless the barbecue is cut with a view to equitable distribution, and is so distributed. This was thoroughly demonstrated at the ginners' barbecue held on Valley Creek seven miles West of Ballinger on July Fourth.

Fortunately the barbecue was supplemented with baskets, and everybody got something to eat, and fortunately also the Abilene auto races and Paint Rock barbecue drew good crowds and lightened the load on the ginners. The crowd was estimated at from 5,000 to 10,000, but the 5,000 estimate was perhaps more nearly correct. However, there were "acres of people," and they were "milling" from shade to shade, with autos parked from hill to hill in the valley of Valley Creek. It is estimated that there were at least 1500 autos parked on the grounds.

It was a good natured crowd and the day passed without an accident of any consequence. Such a crowd could hardly be handled with military discipline without military forces to do the handling, but the ginners deserve much credit for staging the Fourth of July celebration and making it a success.

Every section of the county was represented, and citizens from Coke, Taylor and other neighboring counties came in large numbers. While some did not get barbecue, it was due to the fact that others received more than their share through duplication of allowances to families, and thru the greed of some people who do not stop to consider the rights of others.

The crowd began to gather on the grounds before nine o'clock and by ten o'clock when the Ballinger Booster Band began to make music for the occasion, the beautiful pecan grove presented a bee-hive appearance, and by eleven o'clock the record for picnic crowds in Runnels county was smashed.

The dinner was served in family groups, one or more members of each family visiting the tables where the barbecue was served in plates and buckets, and we might say in armfuls, and spread with the baskets of food which the picnicers brought along to supplement the barbecue, bread and pickles, which were furnished by the ginners.

The program for the day consisted in an address by Wallace Hawkins, assistant attorney general, who spoke in the forenoon. Judge Hawkins delivered a patriotic address, and while the hum of conversation, the shrill of the whistles, and "speeling" of cold drink and popcorn vendors made it difficult to hear, a large crowd gathered in close around the speakers' stand and listened with interest to the speakers. President Orr, of the Texas Farm Bureau, spoke in the afternoon. Baseball and goat roping offered amusement for those whose tastes were not attracted by oratory.

While people began to leave for their respective homes by three o'clock in the afternoon, many lingered until the sun began to go down under the pecan trees, and it was a gala day and a glorious Fourth long to be remembered, and several thousand people enjoyed a day's outing at the expense and courtesy of the ginners of Runnels county.

Paint Rock Entertaining with Big 4th Celebration

The Paint Rock Band with Roy Hill as director, Sheriff Bob Miller and his forces, are responsible for the great success of the Fourth of July barbecue held in Simms' pasture, one mile from Paint Rock on the Concho River.

This celebration was one of the most successful ever held in Concho county. It is estimated that there were at least four thousand people present at the picnic, many coming from distant places. There were cars at the barbecue from several Northern states, which of course were those of tourists who happened to be passing through Paint Rock at the time of the barbecue.

The merry makers began to arrive early at the picnic grounds and by 10:00 o'clock there were at least two thousand at the scene of the picnic. The crowd continued to swell until about two o'clock in the afternoon. Barbecue was served beginning at 12:00 o'clock and at 2:30 the crowd was still going through the gate. The meat was very good as the band secured the best that could be found. There was plenty of everything for the crowd and but little was left over.

At about five o'clock part of the crowd began to leave for their homes, while others were arriving to attend the dance. The Paint Rock committee employed the "Moonlight Jazzers" of Brady, to furnish the music for the dancers. The Moonlight Jazzers is a five piece orchestra and the music rendered would make a hit anywhere. This same orchestra played for the dance at Paint Rock Tuesday night also. This picnic perhaps afforded more amusement than any barbecue that was ever held in Concho county. There were several carnival stands playing on the grounds, a rodeo which showed in the morning, afternoon and night, a calf with five legs in an exhibition tent, goat roping and baseball. At all times during the day the Paint Rock band was supplying the crowd with plenty of good music. In the afternoon the Rowena and Paint Rock bands

ball teams played baseball. At eight o'clock the dance commenced with many attending from Ballinger, San Angelo, Winters, Rowena, Miles, Eden, Brady and other nearby places.

The people of Ballinger and Runnels county wish to congratulate the band boys of Paint Rock on the wonderful success of their entertainment.

TO HOLD INQUIRY IN LANGE MURDER

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, July 5.—A court of inquiry into the killing of Otto Lange, Monday night, near Somerville, will be conducted by state investigators, Acting Governor Davidson announced today. Lange is reported to have been assaulted and killed by a group of masked men.

A personal report of the affair was given Mr. Davidson this morning by the sheriff of Burleson county.

SEVEN MORE INDICTMENTS IN GOOSE CREEK ASSAULTS

(By Associated Press)
HOUSTON, July 5.—Seven more indictments charging assault with pistols were returned today by the Harris county grand jury, which is investigating whippings at Goose Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy were hosts to a number of friends at the ranch on the Concho on the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Crager, Mrs. Claud Wilmet and daughter, Miss Fannie, made up the party who left town about six o'clock and motored to the river for breakfast and spent the day fishing and picnicing. They report a nice catch of fish and a pleasant day's outing.

Read Ledger "wants" column.

Many Killed In 4th July Accidents While Hundreds are In Hospitals

(By Associated Press)

JACKSONVILLE, Texas, July 5.—W. R. Allen, age 69, was instantly killed yesterday when he was struck by a bullet from a pistol with which several boys were practicing in a baseball park several hundred yards away.

Mrs. F. M. Inge, age 39, was drowned yesterday afternoon in the Nueces River. Mrs. Inge was attending a Fourth of July picnic West of Alto, Texas.

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT BY AUTO

It is probable that serious charges will be filed against the driver of an auto who side-swiped another car on the Ballinger-Paint Rock road and seriously injured the thirteen year old son of John Simmons Wednesday afternoon, if such persons can be apprehended. The officers are seeking them.

The Simmons boy was knocked from the running board of a car and run over. He sustained cuts which required an operation of almost an hour to patch up. Fortunately the lad escaped instant death and sustained no broken limbs, but he was severely cut, the flesh being torn to the bone from one leg. He was brought to the Halley & Love sanitarium and placed under the influence of anesthetics.

The accident took place as a bunch of boys were returning to their home in the Pony Creek community from the Paint Rock barbecue. The Simmons boy was riding on the running board, and in passing, another car in which a bunch of boys and girls were riding, he was knocked from the running board.

The boys claim that they pulled into the ditch and gave more than half the road when the other car speeded by and sideswiped the car in which the boys were riding. The auto which hit the boy did not stop to offer assistance, but instead the driver "stepped on the gas" when he realized what he had done and made his get-away.

The latest report from the lad who was injured says that he is doing as well as could be expected, and will recover, unless complications develop.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETING

Members of the Wesley Bible class of the Methodist church, were the guests of Mrs. J. A. Reese and Mrs. Mary B. Sharp, Wednesday afternoon, June 27th, at the home of the latter on 5th Street. About twenty-five of the members were present and after a short business meeting they enjoyed a social hour during which a delicious salad course was served.

"Reporter."

CHICAGO, July 5.—Ten or more of the thirty-two deaths reported shortly before noon today, were caused by fireworks and explosives. The others resulted from firearms, automobile accidents, and drowning. Similar accidents are traceable on every Fourth of July celebration.

On the accident side St. Louis reported sixty-one hurt, which is the highest number injured; Illinois comes second with twenty-eight injuries.

The state of Ohio reports ten deaths and Michigan four casualties.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Reports from Fourth of July accidents began to come in before the day was half gone yesterday, and by this morning a score of deaths and more than one hundred injuries, resulting from fire works, explosions, automobile accidents and other accidents incidental to the nation's observance of Independence Day, had been reported. Most of those killed, according to reports from various sections of the country, were children.

Six deaths are reported from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, two resulting from fire-crackers, four from automobile accidents, while two score or more were injured by explosions in that city.

The fatalities by states as reported up to noon today, were:

New York, 2
Pennsylvania, 6
Illinois, 5
Minnesota, 1
Ohio, 3
Alabama, 1
Louisiana, 3

HARDING SAILS FOR ALASKA

(By Associated Press)
TACOMA, Wash., July 5.—President and Mrs. Harding arrived here this morning about ten o'clock. After an address here the president and his party will board the United States naval transport, "Henderson," which was to have sailed this afternoon at two o'clock for Alaska.

Don't ride the "bumpers" or "blinds"—"The Fast Mail" is coming soon. 5-tfd



GARAGE MAN IS SHOT 9 TIMES 4 BURN TO DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE

(By Associated Press)
GALVESTON, July 5.—J. R. Salmon, a League City garage

proprietor, was shot nine times and probably fatally wounded, near his garage early this morning.

Salmon was taken to a hospital at Houston.

So far no arrests have been reported.

Mr. Jack, and son, Ross Black, wife, and Mrs. Gerald Black left Thursday for Belton, where they will visit relatives for a few days.

4 PLEAD GUILTY TO OIL FRAUDS DEMPSEY LEAVES ON VACATION

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, July 5.—B. M. Hatfield, Charles D. Spann, Benjamin C. Hatcher, and Edwin H. Smith, who were connected with oil promotion propositions and who were indicted by federal complaints last April, this morning entered pleas of guilty to charges of using the mails to defraud.

Sentence on these four men will be passed later, it was announced at the federal district court.

W. D. Scales and family are preparing to leave for Oklahoma, where they will visit relatives. They will be gone a couple of weeks, visiting different points.

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WILL CHANGE PARTY'S NAME

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, July 5.—Organization committees representing various groups of labor, farmers, industrialists and other organizations, which are attending the Farmer-Labor convention, decided to recommend to the party to adopt the name, "Federated Farmer-Labor Party," according to C. E. Ruthenberg, a member of the committee.

It is said that they also approved the tentative platform policies, but the final form for recommendation had not been worked out.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The organization committee recommended the national convention of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party be held in December or January to nominate a presidential candidate and other candidates for the 1924 election.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:
J. L. Chastain, Administrator, of the Estate of Geo. P. Estell, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the estate of said Geo. P. Estell, deceased, numbered 579 on the Probate Docket of Runnels County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administrator.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper printed in the County of Runnels, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper to do so, on or before the August term, 1923, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden, at the Court House of said county, in the Town of Ballinger, on the 6th day of August A. D. 1923, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the Town of Ballinger, this 3rd day of July A. D. 1923.
(Seal) W. A. FORGEY,
Clerk, County Court, Runnels County, Texas.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.
J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
d-5-12

One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved. That being the case he cannot be too careful about unnecessary expenses. Very often a few cents properly invested, like buying seeds for his garden, will save several dollars outlay later on. It is the same in buying Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. It costs but a few cents, and a bottle of it in the house often saves a doctor's bill of several dollars.

Notice of Constable's Sale

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of July A. D. 1923, between the hours prescribed by law, to-wit, 10:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m., by virtue of authority vested in me by Art. 7253 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and by virtue of a certain affidavit filed before the Justice of the Peace in and for Precinct No. 1, of Runnels County, Texas, I will sell to the highest bidder at public vendue

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for cash one certain animal found roaming on and along the public highway about 19 miles Northwest of Ballinger, to-wit the Maverick-Miles Public Road near the farm of Leslie Carlton, near Maverick in Runnels County, Texas, which said animal was impounded by him, the said Leslie Carlton, and is described as follows, to-wit:

"One grey mare about 16 hands high about eight or nine years old, no brand, wire cut in left flank, collar mark, slightly string halted in one hind leg."

The proceeds of which sale will be applied as the law directs.

C. B. ARMSTRONG,
Constable, Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas.
23-july 5

FAMOUS PLAY MAKES SPECTACULAR FILM

"The Heart of Maryland," an elaborate film version of the famous stage success of the same name by David Belasco, will be shown at the Fo-to-sho Theatre in Ballinger Saturday.

The screen version, on account of the greater scope of the film field, will surpass the stage version in many respects and equal it in all others. Catherine Calvert, the Vitagraph star, heads an all-star cast in the role of Maryland Calvert. In her notable company are Crane Wilbur as leading man, Felix Krembs, William Collier Jr., Ben Lyon, Bernard Siegel, Henry Hallam, Warner Richmond and Marguerite Sanchez.

The picture has been nearly six months in the making. It has the advantage over the stage production of showing thrilling scenes in the great struggle between the North and South that only could be reproduced on the screen. The entire company went South in order to get the proper scenery and "atmosphere" for backgrounds and was fortunate enough to enlist the sympathy and therefore the help of real Southerners.

The picture has been made on a tremendous scale, and no expense or time was spared to make the locale and costumes exactly as they were during the Civil War, even to the extent of restoring dilapidated buildings and getting old Confederate uniforms and costumes out of cedar chests.

MORE MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE APPENDICITIS

Medical reports show men are more subject to appendicitis although many sudden cases occur among women. It can be guarded against by preventing intestinal infection. The intestinal antiseptic, Adler-i-ka, acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel, removing all foul, decaying matter which might cause infection. It brings out matter you never thought was in your system and which may have been poisoning you for months. Adler-i-ka is EXCELLENT for gas on the stomach. J. Y. Pearce Drug Company.

TEXAS SYCOPATERS PLAY TWO DANCES AT COLEMAN

The Texas Syncopaters, with headquarters in Ballinger, went to Coleman Tuesday night where they played for a dance. Wednesday morning they returned to Ballinger and with the rest of the Ballinger Booster Band went to Valley Creek where they played throughout the day. Wednesday afternoon the orchestra returned to Coleman where they furnished music for another dance. This orchestra is one of the best dance orchestras in Texas and it is praised wherever engaged.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IN MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary met with its president, Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

After the usual business had been transacted, a social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess served delicious punch and Angel food cake. The Auxiliary had as its guest, Mrs. Gardner, of San Antonio, the house guest of Mrs. Pearce.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Claude Stone on Broadway, August 7th.

ABILENE—A new summer resort, Lake Lytle, covering over 100 acres of land, has just been opened here. The lake formerly was used for the city's water supply but was abandoned for this purpose on completion of Lake Abilene reservoir at Buffalo Gap.

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BALLINGER PAYS BAND \$150 FOR PICNIC MUSIC

The Ballinger Booster Band was on the job all day at the big ginners barbecue July 4th, furnishing music for the occasion. The band played four concerts during the day and many people heard them each time. About 25 musicians made up the band for the day and the music put out by the boys was right up to the minute and the big crowd seemed eager for the music and crowded around the band stand for each concert.

The band filled up all the gaps on the program throughout the day until the baseball games started in the afternoon and the crowd was leaving for the ball grounds and for their homes.

The Ballinger band is as good as any in West Texas, and under the direction of H. H. Carsey is showing marked improvement from week to week. The Junior band which now has a membership of about 25 boys will begin work soon and in a short time will be able to fill up the ranks in the senior band. Several out-of-town musicians played with the band at the picnic and the band was a big feature of the program.

Practically every firm in Ballinger donated to a fund and paid the band \$150.00 for the day's work. The money was raised in a few minutes and will be used in purchasing instruments, etc., for the organization.

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THE GLOBE

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BAPTISING AT REVIVAL TONIGHT

Nine members, and probably more, will be baptised at the revival services at the First Christian Church tonight. The baptismal services will be held following the sermon, and Evangelist Wallace will preach on "Baptism" tonight.

The theme of the evangelist last night was "Repentance," and while the Fourth of July celebrations throughout the country distracted from attendance last night, a representative congregation was present, and the services inspiring for those present. The message was said to be one of the strongest, if not the best, so far delivered by Evangelist Wallace, and the singing by the choir and special songs were good.

The revival is rapidly drawing to a close, it being announced that the meeting would close with the Sunday night's services. The evangelistic party and revival workers will wage an aggressive campaign during the remaining four days, and the services will be made worth while for those who attend and take an interest. You have been missing some of the best revival services ever held in Ballinger, if you have not been attending the revival.

Sunday afternoon at three-thirty Evangelist Wallace will speak to men and boys on the theme "The Destiny of America." Secret and patriotic orders are urged to be well represented.

NORMA TALMADGE AT MAEROY TOMORROW

Once more Norma Talmadge has turned to a famous stage success for a motion picture production, for her latest picture, distributed

by First National Pictures Inc., and the attraction at the Maeroy Theatre, Ballinger, for one day only, tomorrow (Friday), is "The Wonderful Thing," which was a most successful starring vehicle for Miss Jane Eagles on the stage. Miss Talmadge portrays the role of Jacqueline Boggs, the part played in the stage version by Miss Eagles.

Jacqueline Boggs is the motherless daughter of "the American Hog King." She has been reared and educated in a French convent, and on a visit to England she meets Donald Mannerby, the eldest son of an impoverished English aristocratic family. Donald flirts with her, and "the wonderful thing" happens. She falls in love with him. A vital need for money makes Donald stifle his better feelings and take advantage of her love by marrying her. Only after several months, during which time Donald learns to love her sincerely, she learns of his motive and leaves him. The story comes to a happy ending, very cleverly worked out.

Mrs. Lydig Hoyt, one of the younger society matrons of New York and New York, who recently turned to picture acting as a relief from the ennui of society, has the leading feminine role in support of Miss Talmadge.

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Harrison Ford plays Donald Mannerby, and others in the cast are Howard Truesdale, Robert Agnew, Ethel Fleming, Mabel Bert, Fanny Burke, Walter McEwen and Charles Craig.

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Sam's Day of Independence

Mary Graham Bonner

They seldom spoke of him without mentioning his wooden leg. It seemed a part, not merely of his appearance, but of his personality. Sam Evans and his wooden leg—they were spoken of as two companions, as, in a way, they were.

Sam was not a hero. No one knew of anything especially brave Sam had ever done. No one knew of any harm through which had been caused in any way because of him. No one knew of any home he had ever had, any relatives still existing.

Only they knew that for seventy years Sam had been a village figure. Sam, with a withered leg supported by the wooden one, hobbling through the village, taking off his torn straw hat in the summer or the fur one (which he had shared with moths) in the winter time to every one on the village street; such was one of his pleasures. Sometimes those who had returned from a long city visit did not answer his salutation—but Sam never complained. Sometimes those who had never been out of the village but who were entertaining visitors from the city did not notice Sam's low bow. But Sam never said anything. Only a pained expression came in place of the eager look at the prospect of a greeting. And when he was greeted in return his plain, unpicturesque, dull face lighted up.

Sam loved people. If they regarded him a character, laughed at him and not with him, he neither minded nor wholly understood. Strange verses of poetry he wrote from time to time, he sang at village minstrel shows, even though he shifted the key with his cracked voice as often as he shifted the position of his wooden leg. He mended chairs, he blackened shoes, odd bits of jobs kept his poor, old body alive, and he—with a love of life which seems to exist in some of the strangest of us—did anything he could think of to live.

Every one in the village knew him. He felt himself to be a part of it and



Sam Was Not a Hero.

that his shoe polishing and chair mending and singing made him have a place in the village life.

And then they came to him, they, the tax-supported officials, with their charity and with their good sense, with their practical mentalities and their smug content at their elevated positions of county officers.

They wanted to take him to the county house. Sam could hardly believe them at first.

"But you will be warm there and comfortable." What a stupid word that was. Even a stupid old man knew that! They told him how happy he would be—at Christmas, for example. He knew what that would be like. The old men would be given tobacco and the old women candles that were soft, and they would all have woolen mittens and mufflers and a special dinner. It would be considered a wonderful Christmas by the county and it would be written up in the paper.

But it would not be a warmth that really warmed. The bleak and dismal little woodshed room at the back of the small store which he called his home was his own, and his stomach was used to little food. No, he would not be an inmate. How the word chilled him! He had seen those great yellow buildings, a number of them together. Surely the village wouldn't let him be taken there!

And then pneumonia, at that time out of a job and looking for a victim, seized him. He was taken to the County house. About him were other inmates, those whose families had felt they would be better off in a "Home" rather than in the way at home. There were some who were half-witted. They were the happiest. The men sat about, their bodies weak and trembling but physically looked after, talking incessantly, their toothless jaws and wrinkled chins and necks which reached out from too large and make-shift collars, making them resemble the necks of turkeys; and the women—they walked about the balcony of one of the opposite houses, or sat and dreamed of better days.

They tried to make it better, perhaps. The place was certainly clean. The inspectors were always delighted. Always was that smell of thick yellow soap.

Perhaps you cannot understand it. Perhaps you cannot see why a person would rather be cold and half clad than warm and sufficiently covered, why a person would rather not be well fed than half-starved, why a person

would not rather have the companionship of other inmates than live alone in a wretched little excuse for a room. Why a person would not rather want to be secure than terrifyingly insecure, and why a person would not prefer being treated kindly in a comfortable institution than to merely have the pleasure of taking off an old hat and bowing to men and women and children along a village street. Perhaps you cannot understand that dread of a "poorhouse," no matter how well run. Perhaps you cannot understand that fear of being an inmate of a "county farm." No doubt you are practical and sensible and sane. But perhaps you have never lived under the shadow of a "poorhouse" nor been taken there by



Everyone Knew Him.

those who in some way could control you. The "poorhouse" to Sam was the last thing before death. No, it was worse than death. It meant one was of no account before one's time. It meant one must be put away before one stopped breathing.

Several times he escaped, only to be taken back again. But he still hoped to get away. Perhaps he could make wash rags for a living. They had taught him to do that in the yellow buildings. He had been told that he was good at that.

Yes, this coming time he would make his escape. He would gain his freedom. He would go from the yellow buildings, down the long roadway which led to the highway. From there he would start out. He would make his plans carefully this time. The highway—how wonderful it was! The highway which led the way to the right and to the left and stretching out in front of it was freedom.

The Fourth of July was approaching—Independence day, the great day of Freedom. And they were going to have "appropriate exercises" at the "county farm." They would be busy with other things. On that day he would make his escape.

This time he would go on a real journey, a real journey.

He started forth early that morning when he was not being noticed. Down the long road toward the highway he hobbled. He never turned back. If he were being followed he would be taken back. But they weren't following him. They were busily occupied.

Then he heard a running back of him. Some one was chasing him. He hadn't been successful, after all. Well, he'd succeed sooner or later. He mustn't allow himself to become discouraged. He had been taken back before but he would get the better of them yet.

But perhaps he still had a chance—now. He was so near, so near the highway and he might be able to get away. He could run with a wooden leg as fast as some could with two good legs. Then he would hide in the woods and freedom would be ahead. There was still a chance! Only a little distance more, only a little distance—he would outrun that person from be-



The Men Eat About.

hind—he would reach the highway and freedom.

Was he free at last? His mind was working very strangely now. He put his hands about him. He seemed unable to see. He was on the ground, he discovered. Yes, he had escaped from those yellow buildings. He couldn't think very clearly, but he could feel the cool, damp, free earth. No more soap-smelling hard floors. He would travel—travel far—he would journey. He was safe. He hadn't been caught. He would rest for a moment, and then he would go forward. If only things didn't look so dark before him. But probably it was night and he was dead with sleep. He had traveled much

but he had realized! "They'll never get me again," he whispered exultantly, "they'll never get me again."

An attendant from the "county house" had been joined by a physician. "How did he happen to get down here?" the doctor asked.

"He was running toward the highway," the attendant answered. "He was never happy here. Some of them don't know what's good for 'em you know."

The doctor nodded vaguely. "I suppose not," he said.

"And in the records," the attendant asked, "his death was from—?"

"Heart failure," the doctor answered. And as he let go of the numbed, wrin-



"You've Got the Best of 'em This Time, Sam!"

kled, coarse, cold old hand of Sam Evans something curiously moist came to the doctor's eyes.

"Never mind, Sam," he whispered, "the 'poorhouse' can't bring you back from this journey. You've got the best of 'em this time. Sam! You've won your freedom on—Independence day!"

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WHAT CANALS DID IN COLORADO

The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from Stuart L. Williams, who accompanied Mrs. Williams to Colorado, where she will spend the summer, in which the Y. M. B. L. secretary comments on Ballinger's opportunity to become a city of 25,000 people.

"Arrived in Denver this morning, and went up to Boulder to spend the day," says the letter.

"Being more or less enthusiastic about irrigation it was interesting to me to note that the country between Denver and Boulder, a distance of thirty miles, is a net work of irrigation canals. We must have seen over a hundred along the way, varying in size from one to ten feet wide. They have an average rainfall in this country of a little less than 20 inches, but have been supplementing this with 'artificial rainfall' for many years. Crop failures are absolutely unknown. They raise hay, fruits and vegetables on the irrigated farms.

"Boulder is the home of the state university and has a population of 15,000. It is an odd fact, but true, that the irrigation ditches run all through the town, and the trees and grass on the university campus are watered from the ditches.

"If irrigation and the Colorado State University made Boulder a town of 15,000 people; irrigation, oil and the Texas Tech will make Ballinger a city of 25,000 people."

FIRE DEPT RECEIVES PRIZE NOZZLE IT WON

The gold nozzle won by the Ballinger Fire Department at the West Texas Chamber of Com-

merce convention held in San Angelo May 21, 22, 23, was received here Thursday morning by the local company. The hose cart team, with Rufus Thomas as captain, made a record that will be hard to break. The entire team was made up of local boys and they deserve credit for winning the nozzle. The prize is on exhibition at Weeks' drug store.

A Splendid Medicine for the Stomach and Liver.

"Chamberlain's Tablets for the stomach and liver are splendid. I never tire of telling my friends and neighbors of their qualities," writes Mrs. William Vollmer, Eastwood, N. Y. When bilious, constipated or troubled with indigestion, give them a trial. They will do you good.

Your Bank

Think of this as your bank. Come in and tell us how we can help you.

We know that our success is dependent upon the prosperity of our customers—upon you. We are here to serve, to boost and to grow with this city.

Make use of our facilities and service. We sincerely offer you our earnest cooperation.

BALLINGER STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.

We will cash your Victory Bonds without discount.



The Clothing of Your Business is Printed Stationery

—it reflects the good and bad taste of the sender in just the same way your clothing does when you are making business calls!

Hence we moralize: Select your type, paper and ink colors as carefully as you select your wearing apparel.

The Ballinger Printing Co.

Telephone 27

Full of Nutrition



Karo
on
Sliced Bread
for
Children

MOB VIOLENCE IS DECREASING

The Tuskegee Institute, of Tuskegee, Alabama, an authority on mob violence in the United States, reports that the first six months of 1923 shows a decrease of fifty per cent in lynchings over the first six months of 1922.

There were only fifteen lynchings for the first six months of this year as compared with fifteen for the first six months of 1922, and 21 less than for the first six months of 1921.

Of those lynched, two were whites and thirteen were negroes. One of the latter was a woman. One of those put to death was charged with the crime of rape. The other offenses charged were: murder, 2; killing officer of the law, 2; wounding officer of the law, 2; no charge reported, 2; assisting man charged with rape to escape, 1; trying to pass for white, 1; resisting posse searching for man charged with rape, 1; participating in depredations connected with railroad strike, 1; cattle stealing, 1; trying to act like white man and not knowing his place, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Arkansas, 1; Florida, 7; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 2; Missouri, 1; and Texas, 1.

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Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANT ADS 25c up to 12 words, over that 2c per word first insertion. 1c per word each additional insertion. All want ads are cash.

LOST—Somewhere between Sanitarium and Elm Creek bridge, Tire and Kim. Finder return to Dr. W. B. Halley. 5-2td

FOR RENT—One four room house on Seventh Street. See W. B. Dunlap. 5-2d.*

WANTED—Second hand Iron Bed and Springs. Also want infant bed or Kiddy-Koop. Phone Troy Simpson. 5-tfd.*

LOST—One light to Anderson car, reward. A. B. Stobaugh. 5-2td

FOUND—Lost and found articles recovered thru The Ledger "wants" column. The Ledger goes into nearly every Ballinger home. 29-dtf.*

FOR EXCHANGE—Good flour, made by Winters mill to exchange for wheat. Branham Grain Co. 29-tfd

FOR SALE—Bee Hives; general wood work. Anything of wood. New or repaired. S. B. Howard, 109 North 12th Street. 2-6td-1tw.*

HELP WANTED—If you need skilled or unskilled labor, use a Ledger want ad. They bring the buyer and seller together. 29-tfd

CONFLICT IN SCRIVENER CASE

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, July 5.—W. S. Scrivener, confessed participant in the two million dollar robbery of Jackson Street sub-postoffice here in January 1921, who was released Tuesday under a five thousand dollar bond by District Judge C. A. Pippen, was today re-arrested by the Dallas county sheriff.

It is understood that Scrivener was arrested today on the demand of federal Judge Wilson. Scrivener is under indictment in both state and federal courts.

The sheriff said he would be held until the conflicts between the courts had been settled.

The Same Everywhere

The editor of Paisa Akhbar, a native newspaper of Lahore, India, says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy many times among my children and servants, for colic and diarrhoea and always found it effective."

We regret to note that Col. D. P. Moser is seriously ill at his home on Eighth Street, and those watching over him fear that the end may be near. Mr. Moser has been in bad health for several years, but has been able to be among friends on the street most of the time. He was stricken down for the worse Monday.

CATARRH

Catarrh is a local disease greatly influenced by Constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives Quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh.

Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

WEDDING BELLS

Morris Arrant
Lawrence Morris, of Temple, and Miss Anna Arrant, of Ballinger, were married Wednesday morning at eight o'clock, and left immediately for Abilene and other points on an auto honeymoon.

The groom is a brother of the Rev. J. L. Morris, of Temple, who performed the marriage ceremony here, and is a prominent young business man of that city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Arrant of this city, and a graduate of the Ballinger high school. The Temple man has robbed Ballinger of one of its best young ladies.

Bathers, Take Notice

It is agreed that this shall be an ad in the Ballinger Daily Ledger; that everyone agrees to shut the gates at all times, be orderly and respectful, and it is further agreed that any time the gates are found open all bathing ceases at my place and furthermore that everyone have some place to dress and undress.

J. F. DEAN

2-3td

Dr. E. C. Baskin and family returned home Wednesday evening from an auto trip to San Antonio, and a week's camping at places of interest along the route.

Judge A. K. Doss returned Wednesday at noon from San Antonio, where he had been on business.

Ice Cream Social

The Epworth Leaguers of the Bethel community will have an ice cream social Friday night, July 6th. Proceeds for the payment of the piano. 4-2d-1w

White Turner, of Norton, was in Ballinger Thursday afternoon attending to business.

DO YOU LOVE SPORT?

Come to the Alcove at 5:30, get the Baseball results free. Then eat a Sandwich with a half-pint of Milk—or a bottle of cold Pop or Beer, have one of our Cigars, take a bag of Popcorn and Peanuts for a chaser—then go to the River and have a Swim—that's Sport; don't you love it?

The Alcove

"MAKE THAT OLD HAT DO"

Yes, we are still in the Hat Cleaning business in the same old place. You don't have to wait a week or 10 days for your hat. Why? Because, we render one-day service.

We clean any kind of a Hat or Cap that can be cleaned. For Prompt, Efficient Hat Service, see—

"SOL" The Hatter
Phone 134 at Ideal Barber Shop.

NERVOUS WOMAN COMPLETE WRECK

Tells How She Was Made Well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Indianapolis, Indiana.—"Now I want to tell you just what induced me to take your medicine. It seemed that I had some kind of weakness so that I could not carry a child its full time. The last time I was troubled this way I had a nervous breakdown and was a complete wreck. The doctor thought I would not live, and I did that I would never be well and strong again. But I told them I was going to get well, that I was not going to die just then. My husband got me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took six bottles of it. I soon got strong again and had three more children. I have recommended the Vegetable Compound ever since, and if you could see me now you would think I had always been well."—Mrs. MARY F. HERRICK, 234 Detroit St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is an excellent medicine for expectant mothers and should be taken during the entire period. It has a general effect to strengthen and tone up the entire reproductive system, so that it may work in every respect effectually as nature intends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Northington and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook are at home from a trip through the country to San Antonio and other places. They report seeing some country where the grasshoppers had completely destroyed the crops, and declare that they saw no place where crops look better than around Ballinger.

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Ledger want ads work for you

Everything being closed out Following are prices on a few articles:

1 case 6-10 Blue Label Karo Syrup\$3.10
1 case 12-5 Blue Label Karo Syrup\$3.30
1 case 6-10 White Karo Syrup\$2.50
1 case 12-5 White Karo Syrup\$2.70
1 gallon Lasses syrup55c
12 gallon Lasses syrup 29c
1 gallon pie Apples50c
1 bucket Good Luck Baking Powder25c
No. 2 sliced Pineapple25c
Vinegar, per gallon (bulk) at25c
50c bottle Fly-Flu, (equal to 4 25c size fly powder) 35c
1 gallon Bulk Pickles75c
4 35c bottles Extracts \$1.00
3 15c bottles machine oil 25c
12 boxes Matches53c
3 3lb pails Axle Grease 80c
12 cans Corn\$1.25
\$1.60 Overalls\$1.25
Lots of other bargains as long as they last or until July 10th.
L. E. BAIR L. E. BAIR

MAEROY THEATRE

TODAY

William Fox Presents
Tom Mix

in

"Just Tony"

A romantic and thrilling photo play written around Mix's famous pony "Tony." Plenty of action, absorbing interest and the usual Mix way of putting things over.

Pathe Comedy

Harold Lloyd, America's foremost comedian, supported by Bebe Daniels in

"Off the Trolley"

Admission 10c and 25c

I. O. O. F. MEETING TONIGHT

All I. O. O. F. members are urged to be present tonight at 8:00. Election of officers and other important business matters to be taken up. All visitors are welcome.

W. R. KIRKLAND, N. G.
JACK WHITAKER, Sec.

Biliousness and Constipation

"For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin

preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, helping the system to do its work naturally." writes Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala.

W. C. Penn, son Clint, and Will Stuart left early Thursday morning for Corpus Christi and other South Texas towns, where they will attend to business.

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF BALLINGER

June 30th, 1923

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$442,575.72
Overdrafts	260.02
U. S. Bonds	31,000.00
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.	6,525.00
Banking House, F. and F.	26,995.00
Real Estate	17,500.00
Cash and Exchange	217,771.91
	\$ 742,626.75

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	62,039.58
Circulation	24,300.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	550,287.17
	\$ 742,626.75

We Carry No State, County or Municipal Interest-bearing Deposits.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.

FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

"Where the Best Pictures are Shown."

TODAY

WILLIAM S. HART

in

"White Oak"

When hostile Indians stalked the wagon trains, and none but the quickest-trigger man was safe—when the roaring gambling hall was the only "Club" that the life of the frontier knew—came "White Oak" Miller riding over the Plains. Riding on a quest your heart will thrill to see! A story that sums up the whole Wild West and pictures its best and its worst.

A Paramount Picture

DOROTHY DEVORE

in

"Nothing Like It"

An Educational Christie Comedy

Admission 10c and 25c

If it's a Paramount Picture it's the best Show in Town.

Pure Distilled Water Ice

Quality and Service is Our Slogan.

Following prices effective June 18th.

2000lb books, 40 cents per 100 pounds.

1000lb books, 40 cents per 100 pounds.

500lb books, 45 cents per 100 pounds.

Cash Ice from wagons, 50 cents per 100 pounds.

Cash Ice at platform, 30 cents per 100 pounds.

Your patronage solicited and appreciated.

BALLINGER LIGHT, POWER & ICE CO.

Telephone 312

Beauty Demonstration

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

In the Toilet Goods Section

Mrs Lulu Peek

of the Elmo Laboratories will demonstrate and

lecture on the famous

"ELMO" Beauty Preparations

Mrs. Peek is an authority on the treatment of the face—a beauty specialist who will advise you on the best treatment to bring out every woman's latent beauty. You should take advantage of her highly specialized training in this work. Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Lectures Daily.

THE HUB