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March Prospects Never Better for Bumper Crop

Yes, it is going to rain some. Take a glance at these figures, Mr. Pessimistic Groucher, and forecaster of dire calamities, and quit predicting that the country is in for a drought and short crop year.

But before we give you the figures, let us tell you that the bumper cotton crops of Runnels county have always come following what we call a dry winter, with the exception of two years.

The writer of this "dope" has the government statistics, both on rainfall and cotton production, as a basis for his summarizing. The writer may overstep the bounds of strict veracity, unintentionally however, in his zeal and enthusiasm, in protecting his fair country.

Let us take you back to the good year 1906. The acreage in cultivation at that time was small in comparison with the present acreage, and the farmers depended more on revenue from livestock than on any other product from the farm. The county had not fully developed as a cotton producing region, but the yield of 33,808 bales set the West Texas world to thinking about cotton, and the record crop was made following a dry winter. Only four inches of rain fell during the months of November, December, January, February and March. It was the spring and summer rains which put over the big crop.

Two years later, 1908, another high mark in cotton was scored with a 52,700 bale crop on a dry winter. Less than three inches of rain fell during the winter, including March rainfall. Seven inches of water fell in April. This was followed by 5.26 inches in May, and the crops were given a start which called for cotton pickers' excursions in the fall of 1908. It was the April and May rains, with summer showers which did the work, for no rain fell in June, 1908.

The year 1914 was an exception to the rule only to a partial extent. Heavy rains fell in November, but January, February and March were dry months. April started the rainfall with three inches; May followed with 8.37; and summer showers rolled 58,184 bales of cotton through the gins of the county.

The winter of 1915 was dry, with heavy rains in April and May, and another big cotton crop was produced, the receipts for the year amounting to 40,157 bales.

Another exception to the rule was 1919. The most serious drought in the history of the county broke with a four inch rain in October, 1918. Good rains fell in November and December, the total precipitation for the three last months of 1918 amounting to 9.70 inches. January 1919 came with 2.45 inches of rain. Three-quarters fell in February, and March and April were accompanied by almost four inches of rain. May and June got ten inches and showers in the summer months rolled up a 47,245 bale cotton crop.

It quit raining in the fall of 1919 and less than three inches of rain fell during the first four months of 1920, but the second largest cotton crop in the history of the county was ginned in the fall of 1920. The farmers were wearing a grouse and barbers were threatening to go up on shaving on account of long faces until May. In May 3.40 inches of rain fell, following April without a drop, but the big crop was started, and summer showers did the work.

The winter of 1921-22 was an unusually dry season. No rain fell in November, only .20 in December, .45 in January, .20 in February, with an inch and a quarter encouragement in March. April showered down to the tune of 7.80 inches, followed by a precipitation of 6.55 in May, and the 40,887 bale crop was guaranteed on summer showers.

The 47,811 bale crop of 1923 received its start from a wet winter, which was the second excep-

tion to the rule, but the yield was cut by the grasshoppers. The winter of 22-23 received more moisture than any of the other big crop years, and if it had not been for the hopper pest some of our old cotton producing counties would have been crowded off the front pew.

Last year brought the third largest cotton crop in the history of the cotton industry of Runnels county. Despite the fact that only 1.10 inches of rain fell during the winter months of December, January and February, and despite the fact that farmers devoted more time to fighting grasshoppers than they did to plowing, the big crop was tied out.

Taking the eleven largest cotton crops produced in the county, with a total yield of nearly a half million bales, or an average of almost 50,000 bales per year, nine of the big crops were produced following dry winter months.

These conditions obtained in most cases where land breaking could not be carried on until the spring rains set in, while at this time the farmers are practically through breaking, and declare that the country was never in better shape.

MAN ARRESTED IN LIQUOR CASE

T. J. Bailey, a carpenter, was arrested shortly after noon Wednesday and placed in jail on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Officers went to the pipe line pumping station fifteen miles down the Colorado River and placed Bailey under arrest, after complaint against the man had been filed in the justice court here. He will be bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Bailey came to Ballinger about the first of the year. He has a family, wife and several children, and has been occupying a house known as the Conn place on Eighth Street opposite the Carnegie Library. Officers raided Bailey's home, but only found a small quantity of whisky. It was not disclosed upon what evidence the complaint against Bailey was based.

Bailey has been doing construction work in Ballinger, and recently began work for the Humble Pipe Line Company and was at work at the pump station plant when arrested. He is charged with selling intoxicating liquor.

Prisoners in the Ballinger jail were out from nine to five this week when Concho county released four Mexicans held here on charges of violating the dry laws. The Mexicans were released on bond.

The five prisoners held in jail are charged with crimes ranging from forgery to murder. The murder prisoner is John Smith, negro, charged with killing F. J. Kuhn near Rowena. He has been in jail eighteen months, having been convicted, given a thirty-seven year sentence, and granted a new hearing. The case comes up for trial again next month. The charges against the other prisoners will be disposed of by grand jury investigation and by trial at the coming term of district court. The prisoners have been unable to make bond following filing of charges in the justice court and pending grand jury investigation. Forgery, burglary and bootlegging constitute the charges.

Sim Cottelle is at home from Oklahoma and other places, where he had been spending the cotton season. He says he will spend the fishing season at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Garlington were here from San Angelo Sunday visiting Mr. Garlington's parents.

Wingate Farmer Arrested for Shooting His Brother-in-Law

Four Days Farmer Short Course For Runnels Co.

A four-day farmers' short course will be presented by representatives from the A. & M. College in this county beginning on March 16th. A program has been arranged and will be carried out at different points in the county. The first meeting will be held at Drasco, March 16th, and will continue at Bethel, March 17; Norton on March 18; and Crews, March 19.

Following is the program together with a statement from County Agent C. W. Lehmberg: 9:15-9:30 a. m.—Opening exercises.

9:30-10:00 — General session. Diversified Farming. A. K. Short, specialist in extension methods, A. & M. College.

10:00-10:30 — General session. Steam Pressure Cooker and Home Improvement. Miss Mildred Horton, State Home Demonstration Agent, A. & M.

12:00-1:15 p. m.—Noon hour. Basket dinner on grounds.

1:15-1:45—General session. Club Work—its Importance in an Extension Program and How to Make it Function. A. L. Smith, District Agent.

1:45-2:15—General session. Why Commercial and Farming Interests Should be Mutual. J. D. Mot-

ley, Secretary Ballinger Chamber of Commerce.

2:15-2:45 — General session. Home Demonstration Work. Miss Myrtle Murray, District Home Demonstration Agent.

2:45-4:15 — Sectional meeting. (women and girls) Dress Form. Miss Mildred Horton, State Home Demonstration Agent.

2:45-3:30 — Sectional meeting. (men and boys) Factors Influencing Plant Production. A. K. Short.

3:30-4:15—Question Box. Round table discussions.

In rendering the above program we feel that it contains subject matter in which not only every farmer and every farmer's wife should feel a deep interest but in which the business men should be equally interested and we hereby extend a hearty welcome to the town folk as well as the rural people. We want you to come out and enjoy this program with us. Since the program will be put on in four different parts of the county you should find it convenient to attend one of them, and we assure you that you will enjoy the day to its fullest extent.

C. W. LEHMBERG,
County Agent.

Demand for Ballinger Gravel Shows Increase

From fifty to one hundred loads of gravel and sand are being dipped from the beds of the Colorado River at Ballinger every day in the week. A good portion of this gravel comes from the water and is washed. This is in compliance with specifications of architects that washed gravel be used in the construction of concrete work in this city.

In addition to the material being hauled from the river for local construction work, car loads are going out daily to neighboring cities, San Angelo, Abilene, and Coleman, for concrete work in those cities. The industry employs quite a bunch of men and teams.

A mound of sand and gravel is being built up on the Northeast side of the court house square for use in the construction of the new jail. The West Texas Utilities Company is making all its buildings fireproof, constructing concrete roofs with stucco finish and with the building of concrete curbs, driveways and walks around the block to be occupied by the utilities company, this company is using a large amount of gravel and sand.

Concrete foundations for new homes, concrete for curbs and sidewalks, sand and gravel for cement floors, is drawing heavily on the Colorado River beds. The new school building will call for hundreds of loads of gravel and sand.

Ballinger is fortunately situated when it comes to carrying out building programs of the most permanent and substantial class. While other cities have to ship their gravel and sand, paying an extra price for loading and unloading, in addition to high freight rates, this city has an unlimited storehouse of the highest class gravel and sand within four blocks of the heart of the business district.

The supply is unlimited, for as fast as one gravel bed is scooped out, a rise in the Colorado River brings down a fresh supply thru the natural flow of the channel and the drift of the sand and gravel with the high tide.

Gravel and sand shipping furnishes an industry which gives em-

Cecil Hodges, age 28, a farmer of the Wingate community, was brought to Ballinger in custody of Deputy Sheriff C. L. Harter, of Wingate shortly after noon Tuesday, and Vem Jones, age 38, also of the Wingate country, was carried to a local hospital suffering with a gun-shot wound in the shoulder, alleged to have been inflicted by a shot fired from an automatic .25 calibre pistol in the hands of Hodges.

MAN RELEASED IN SHOOTING CASE

Cecil Hodges, who was brought here Tuesday from Wingate in custody of a deputy sheriff, following a shooting near Wingate, was released on \$300 bond after charges had been filed in the county court.

The circumstances did not warrant a charge of assault and attempt to murder, as was at first reported. The case was reduced to aggravated assault and the charges filed in the county court. It was alleged that Hodges shot his brother-in-law, Vem Jones, with an automatic .25 calibre pistol, one bullet entering Jones' shoulder. Jones was carried to Wingate for medical attention, and it was reported that the wound was not a serious one.

GOOD ROAD NOW TO SWEETWATER

"I have completed my section of the Sweetwater-Ballinger road through the Nolan county line," said Commissioner George Miller, who was in Ballinger this week attending district court. Mr. Miller stated that the road had been graded, concrete dips built, and proper dragging would now keep it in good shape. He expressed his appreciation for the financial aid given by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce in completing the road. Mr. Miller stated that he built eleven concrete dips in his precinct last month.

The Ballinger end of the highway to Wingate and Sweetwater passes through a portion of the Miles commissioners precinct, and Commissioner L. A. Curry has also put his part of the road in good shape, and Commissioner Deems some time ago brought his end of the line up to the standard of a good dirt road. The road leading Northwest from Ballinger passes through portions of three precincts—Ballinger, Miles and Wingate, and the commissioners of the three precincts have been co-operating in bringing this highway up to the standard of good dirt roads.

C. E. Nesbitt, superintendent of the schools at Mineola, Texas, is here visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Bridges, and also visiting other friends. He went to San Angelo to spend the day Saturday. Prof. Nesbitt is an uncle of R. G. Nesbitt, who formerly lived at Ballinger.

The shooting took place at the farm of Stanley Harter near Wingate, where a number of men were at work threshing maize, and while details of the trouble were not available Tuesday afternoon, it was reported to have resulted from family trouble. The two men involved in the difficulty are brothers-in-law, Jones having married Hodges' sister. Hodges is also married.

According to parties who came here shortly after Hodges was brought to Ballinger, and who were at the scene of the shooting, it was ascertained that the shooting took place after Hodges and Jones had quarreled at the maize thresher about 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. Jones was shot in the shoulder, one bullet from the .25 automatic pistol taking effect.

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd began an investigation shortly after Hodges was brought here, taking the statements of a number of witnesses, preparatory to filing charges of assault and attempt to murder against Hodges, if the facts justified such charges. At 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Hodges was still in the custody of the sheriff.

SELL 250 ACRES AT \$50.00 PER

C. C. Carter was in the city from the Norton country Monday, and while here he entered into a deal for the purchase of the J. Sam Hall land two miles from Norton and adjoining Mr. Carter's 350-acre farm. The land was purchased through E. D. Walker, who is in charge of closing up the Hall estate. The consideration was \$50 per acre, which is not bad for land almost twenty miles from Ballinger, and about that distance from a railroad.

About 235 acres of the Hall place is in cultivation, and is all good land. The land is rented for this year, but Mr. Carter will receive the rent from the place. This gives Mr. Carter more than 600 acres of land near Norton.

YOUNG MAN MAKES BOND

Herschel Roberts, who was held in jail here on a charge of forgery and passing a forged instrument, was released on a \$500 bond Thursday to await action of the next grand jury. Parties from the Wingate country came here and signed the young man's bond.

E. N. Dean was in the city from the Wingate country Wednesday. Mr. Dean says the farmers are through plowing in his section of the county, and that while rain would be very acceptable, everything is all right.

"You of 1935"

Youth seems boundless when you're young—Old Age something far away. Your money may skip off and leave you, but you're earning more, you say!

10 years from now—what of then? Are you looking out for the safety and happiness of the person you'll be then.

Now is the time—a Bank Account is the way—to make sure you'll be happy in Middle and Old Age.

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas.
"Save and Thrive in '25."

C. W. Towler and wife were in the city Monday from the Wingate country, shopping and looking after business.

The Woman Who Knows

Houston, Texas—"Because of my mother-in-law having been benefited by taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery while living with us, I knew about Dr. Pierce's remedies. I knew about his poor health and how he gained strength, could rest and sleep better and was more active and cheerful. Later on it became necessary for me to take a woman's tonic, and I chose Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. After the first few doses I felt better, and now recommend it very highly for women during middle age."—Mrs. Fannie Dishner, 2211 Center St. All dealers. Liquid or tablet form.

25 YEARS FOR MOON.

SHINER-MURDERERS

Ed Walker and Gib Howard were sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary for the murder of Jack McCurdy in Comanche county. The two men were tried at Brownwood last week on a change of venue. They were convicted for killing McCurdy in Comanche on May 12, 1921. It was alleged that the three men were engaged in making liquor together prior to the killing.

Disc Rolling by one who knows how. Plow work that will please you. General Blacksmithing. Clark's Blacksmith Shop, opposite court house lawn. 20-4w.*

CHIROPRACTIC BILL IS DEFEATED

Messages received here by local chiropractors Friday stated that the bill offered in the Texas legislature to license chiropractors and create a board of chiropractic examiners had been defeated in the legislature. The chiropractor receiving the message stated that the chiropractors would back up and come again and continue to fight until they were recognized.

Habitual Constipation Cured

in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. •Very Pleasant to Take. •60¢ per bottle.

NEW TIRE AND TUBE STATION FOR CITY

Oran Dean has leased the space next door to Weinberg's tailor shop and will open a tire and tube station. He will put in a stock of casings and tubes, dealing exclusively in this line.

Walter Pape, who was seriously ill at his home in the Crews community for several weeks, is able to be in Ballinger. He came to town Thursday and is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. E. Pape, and family.

COKE COUNTY HERMIT DEAD

ROBERT LEE, Mar. 4.—Mark Key, a recluse in the Edith neighborhood, was found dead in his hut at noon Tuesday by Wade Ackleson, a neighbor. Mr. Key had been dead for several days. The coroner, A. J. Taylor, pronounced the death due to natural causes. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

The coroner said that he judged Key had been dead since Saturday. Three fresh eggs were found on his bed when Mr. Ackleson found him, and a hen was on the bed apparently contemplating laying another. Mice had eaten the flesh from a part of the fingers on one hand.

Key was a hermit who was known of by many people in Coke county, but seen only by a very few. At Robert Lee it is said he has been to town but twice in the thirty-odd years he has lived in this county.

He is thought to be about 65 years old. He has a brother at Lampasas and is thought to leave an estate of about \$2,500.

Mark Key has carried an account in the San Angelo National Bank for thirty years, it was said at the bank here today. None of the officers ever remember seeing the man. He made his deposits by mail and so far as is known has never been to San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard.

"Stop That Itching"

No matter how hopeless your case may seem, nor how long you have suffered from Eczema, Ringworm, Cracked Hands, Itch, Poison Oak, Old Sores and Sores on children, or any other skin disease, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy, on a guarantee. This is different from the ordinary skin treatment, it penetrates the skin, going direct to the seat of trouble and immediately relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Weeks Drug Store

FORGETS TO PAY FOR SUIT OF CLOTHES

A young man failed to get away with a "bargain" at the store of G. A. Ladwig Saturday. He purchased a suit of clothes from one of the clerks, and after the clerk rolled up the package the customer picked it up and remarked that he would pay Mr. Ladwig, as he wanted to see him. Instead of settling for the clothes the customer walked out with them, but was overtaken as he was making his way down the alley. The suit of clothes was returned to the rack.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, of Winters, spent Sunday in Ballinger with relatives.

NOON TRAIN TO CHANGE TIME

Oscar Nelson, traveling passenger agent for the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Nelson was here boosting for business for his road, and advertising the changes in the new schedule which will go into effect on March 15th.

The Ledger recently stated that no train except the morning East-bound train would be affected by the new schedule. In this we were slightly in error, as the new schedule will bring the West bound train now due here at 12:21 in an hour earlier or thereabouts. The exact time is to be made known within a few days.

The morning train is also due a much more important change than was at first stated, and a change on the California line makes this train connect with the California, or cut-off train, at Coleman about 9:00 o'clock in the morning instead of at night as is the case at present. Passengers going West on the train to California, or points on the Plains and in New Mexico and Arizona, will leave Ballinger about 8:00 a. m. instead of 4:30 p. m., as is the case at present.

Another change in the new schedule will be the operation of Pullman service from San Angelo to Dallas instead of only to Fort Worth. This sleeper will be operated through as at present except that it will go on to Dallas. Changes on the main line will also give passengers from this part of the state through sleepers going and coming to San Antonio, Austin, Galveston and Houston.

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You need penetrating heat. The modern way is Red Pepper Rub. It so excels old ways that there is no comparison. Nothing creates such concentrated, such penetrating heat as red pepper. And heat that doesn't hurt.

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The quick results seem magical. Relief is usually a matter of minutes. Red Pepper Rub is now saving people millions of painful hours.

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Go get this new-day method now. Pains you can stop are folly.

for pains of Rheumatism Backaches Lumbago Sprains Soreness Neuritis Congestion Chest Colds

BIG CATTLE DEAL PUT OVER

Col. Morgan Jones, of Abilene, owner of the A. & S. Railroad, is said to have figured in the largest cattle deal made in the United States in five years, when he and Frank Corn, of Crosbyton, closed a deal Monday at Amarillo for 7,000 head of yearlings, two and three year old steers. The cattle were purchased from E. K. Warren & Son, of Oklahoma. The purchasers also leased the Warren ranch near Muleshoe, 70,000 acres being included in the lease. The deal totaled more than \$400,000.

WINGATE GIRL IS MARRIED HERE

Fred Green, of Rockdale, and Miss Effie Pruitt, of Wingate, were married in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Bridges, at 2:30 o'clock. The Rockdale man gets one of Runnels county's best young ladies. The newlyweds will make their home in Rockdale.

Ben Curry was in the city from Norton Monday, and arranged with the court to release one of his negro farm hands. Mr. Curry put up bond for the negro who was charged with cutting another negro.

MILES NEWS EVENTS

MILES, March 8.—Mrs. Frank Eekert and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eekert left Sunday for Fort Worth to visit relatives.

S. E. Willis transacted business in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bingham spent the week-end with Mr. Bingham's brother at Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallraven were Ballinger visitors Friday.

Dewey Wheeler and Julius Helweg were in Ballinger Friday.

Mrs. Fred Wood attended to business in Ballinger Saturday.

Ernest Leerstang of Sweetwater, visited friends in Miles Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willis of Cisco, are guests of their son, U. L. Willis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Kubela and little daughter, Beatrice, of Rowena, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kasper on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Owen Little returned Saturday from San Angelo, where she attended the funeral of her uncle, J. W. Roberts, who died Thursday.

Mrs. E. H. Kent of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McDermitt, of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Owen Little Sunday.

Gray Little of Lockhart, and W. E. Little of Asherton, visited their brother, Owen Little, last week.

Ralph, age 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Glaze, was brought home from the Halley & Love Sanitarium, Ballinger, where he had been for a few days undergoing medical treatment.

Misses Addie and Ethel, Cotter were in Ballinger Saturday.

Miss Norene Beaver, of San Angelo, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beaver.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, of San Angelo, were guests of Mrs. Anna Pittman on Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by Miss Ruby Ward, who visited friends here.

A. H. Bounds, age 32, a farmer residing one mile Southeast of Miles, died at 10:10 Sunday night, from pneumonia and meningitis. Deceased had resided here for four or five years. A widow and three children, two boys and a girl, survive. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Verner E. Stokes, Baptist minister, at 3:00 p. m. Monday. The remains were interred in the Miles cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Parmer and son were visitors to San Angelo Sunday.

Uncle Sam Farmer was brought home from Ballinger Monday where he had been in a sanitarium undergoing medical treatment.

Miss Velma Parmer, a student of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Parmer.

Will Johnson and son, Marshall, of Edna, Texas, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Thomas.

Royal Ray Holmes returned to Brownwood Sunday after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Holmes. He is a student in Howard Payne College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Johnston and children visited relatives in San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Barrell and children visited relatives in San Angelo Sunday.

Dr. W. B. Halley, of Ballinger, attended to business here Saturday afternoon.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60¢.

LEASES PICTURE STUDIO

W. P. Martin, who came here several months ago and who has been working in the Bartlett Studio, has leased the studio from Mrs. W. E. Bartlett for a term of one year. Mrs. Bartlett retires from the studio and Mr. Martin takes charge and will continue to operate the picture gallery in its present location.

Roy Mack came down from Winters Sunday and spent the day with his parents.

Morris Nicholson returned to his school at Fort Worth Sunday after a day or two visit with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

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YOUNG LADY HURT IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

REPORT MANY BANKS SEEK NEW CHARTERS

According to news from Austin quite a number of state banks are seeking permission to change to national banks. The following story was sent out from Austin this week:

The steady stream of applications from Texas state banks seeking national bank charters continued Saturday. Comptroller of Currency McIntosh granted a charter to the First National Bank of Rowlett with a capital of \$25,000. It succeeds the Guaranty State Bank of Rowlett. The Security State Bank of Alvord asked for permission to convert itself into the First National Bank of Alvord with a capital of \$25,000. The First State Bank of Hamlin applied for permission to convert itself into the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Hamlin, with a capital of \$40,000. The First State Bank of Sylvester sought permission to convert itself into the First National Bank of Sylvester with a capital of \$35,000.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Bridges left for Temple Monday morning where Mrs. Bridges goes for an examination in a hospital at that place. It is probable that she will undergo an operation before returning home. Rev. Bridges will return the last of the week, if Mrs. Bridges gets along all right.

Three automobiles figured in a smash-up on the new bridge over Coyote Creek on the Ballinger-Winters highway about 11:00 o'clock Thursday night, and as a result of the wreck Miss Rhody Bryant is in the sanitarium at Winters in an unconscious condition and is not expected to live, other occupants of the cars are suffering slight injuries and three automobiles are badly damaged.

According to a report of the accident as furnished The Ledger by J. C. Watts, who was here from Winters Friday, two autos loaded with Winters people came to Ballinger to attend the skating rink. They were returning home when the wreck took place. Lawrence Lankford attempted to pass a car which was traveling without lights about midway on the bridge. Charles Caylor, of Winters, driving another car behind the first two cars, attempted pass between the two cars, crowding the "blind" car into the rails of the bridge on the right and Lankford's car into the rails on the left of the bridge, wrecking Caylor's car and the other two cars were wrecked when they struck the rails.

There were eight or ten people in the cars at the time of the wreck and all were more or less injured, and it was feared that Miss Bryant would not recover.

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Money talks, but the things it
is forced to say by some people is
enough to cause it to blush.

Prospects were never better for
a fruit crop in this country—pro-
vided it doesn't freeze.

riders are still managing to buy
gasoline and pay registration
fees.

Plans are being drawn for sev-
eral new homes in Ballinger. A
good rain would help to complete
the plans.

Just as we were about to figure
out how the radio works, some
fellow has muddled our mind
with pictures by wire.

The federal prohibition law has
just passed its fifth birthday, and
those who flirt with it declare it
has just begun to cut its teeth.

The best way for the railroads
to compete with the jitney lines is
to give service. The Santa Fe is
improving its service.

Why not take a census of Ballin-
ger? It would be an easy job
and worth the cost as our old
rating is a discredit to the city
at this time.

The next armament conference
should include the individual gun
men in the treaty against gun
elevation. What is good for the
government should be good for its
subjects.

Some legislator has introduced
a bill to divide the Texas legis-
lature into two sessions. Maybe
some wise lawmaker will now
offer a bill to abolish one of the
sessions.

A few years ago when 500 autos
were registered in the county, the
calamity howler predicted that
the country was going to the
dogs. Registrations are now
crowding the 4,000 mark, and joy

Coolidge is still president, but
after nineteen months without a
vice-president, he now has some-
one to look down to. It is a good
team, notwithstanding they are
not of our political faith.

Comanche is planning big im-
provements in its water system.
Coleman and Abilene have al-
ready solved their water prob-
lems. Ballinger will keep pace
with the best of them.

There is a stirring around in
Ballinger which resembles some-
what of a boom, but it is not a
boom. It is just that gradual,
steady growth which has made
Ballinger one of the best towns in
West Texas. Booms blow up,
while steady growth sticks.

The lawmakers took a trip
through the Rio Grande valley at
the expense of Cameron county
citizens, returned home and re-
leased Cameron county from taxes
for quite a period. The way to
get anything you want is to go
after it.

A law has been passed and the
governor has signed it, making it
a felony to float "cold" checks.
In other words the person who
gives a check without having the
money in the bank to cover it can
be punished with a felony pen-
alty. That should stop some of
the crooked work.

Two district judges at Wichita
Falls attempted to muzzle the
press in the hearing of Mayor Col-
lier, by issuing an order that the
testimony in the case should not
be published. The papers ignored
the order because the courts had
no authority to make such an
order. We have a law governing
free speech and freedom of the
press, and it is the duty of the
newspapers to give the news.

Perhaps few citizens in this city
realize it, but Ballinger is facing
a water situation that threatens
to become serious. Our water
supply has never been what it
should be, and while at this time
the system is in better shape than
it has ever been, the quality is
charged with being unwholesome.
This is due to the fact that Win-
ters has installed a sewerage sys-

tem, and the overflow is fed to the
source of our water supply. When
the creek is not running a light
rise might give us a fresh water
supply that would be not alto-
gether fresh. This is a new con-
dition in our water question, and
it is one which muddles the
waters. While we were discussing
the light plant question we were
overlooking the most important
question confronting this city, for
no city can be any better than its
water supply.

PURE SEED

Efforts to produce more cotton,
or more of any other crop, on
fewer acres, must begin with the
selection of pure seed. Pure seed
as a basis for better crops is just
as important as pure bred stock
is for breeding purposes. It re-
quires just as much work to cul-
tivate a crop germinated from
inferior seed as it does to cul-
tivate a crop planted from better
seed.

Farmers throughout the country
are realizing this more and more
each year, and it is the wisest far-
mer who selects his seed at har-
vest time, and stores them away
for planting. The farmer who
plants seed taken from the feed
bin without testing them, and
without culling, not only gets a
poor stand, but will harvest a
short yield.

Seed growers' organizations are
being formed in many counties.
The purpose of the organizations
is to secure better seed for in-
dividual use, and through a method
of co-operation they can dispose
of their surplus selected seed at a
much higher price than the com-
mon varieties of seed will bring.

Runnels county is in the heart
of the cotton region of West
Texas. Cotton produced in dry
land here is equal to the best dry
land cotton to be found any-
where. This being true the farm-
ers of this county should breed
out seed which will be in demand,
and which will bring a high price
in other West Texas counties.

LEAVE THE PEOPLE FREE

It is the business of government
to provide an open road for the
exercise of individual initiative
of its citizens and not to operate
in competition to its citizens,
according to Herbert Hoover,
secretary of commerce.

Mr. Hoover declares that the
government, neither national,
state, county nor municipal,
should substitute its own activi-
ties for that initiative the private
citizens are entitled to, and in-
stead it is the duty of government
to see that free opportunity is
given for economic production of
wealth, and no government should
undertake to produce wealth for
itself.

Mr. Hoover says that govern-
ment is wisest which does not at-
tempt to perform those functions
which more localized agencies can
perform for themselves. It is the
business of government to regu-
late and control, not to manage
or operate.

The secretary of commerce is an
authority on such matters, and he
argues well when he says, "in the
stress of international competi-
tion, in the endeavor to produce
the goods and create the means by
which to improve living condi-
tions, to raise social standards,
and to increase the intellectual
capacity of its citizenship, that
nation will progress fastest fur-
thest which leaves its people
freest from hampering restric-
tions. No government should try
to take the place of the private
individual or private corporation
in the world of commerce. It is
the duty of the government only
to control and regulate in such
matters."

MOTORIST BREAKS FUNERAL PROCESSION

"Hereafter parties who have
no respect for the dead and the
aggrieved will be made to respect
the law," said C. R. Crews, under-
taker, and he had the number of
a car in which the driver dashed
into a funeral procession last Sat-
urday and caused the procession
to be halted. Mr. Crews got out
of his seat on the hearse and took
the number of the car for the pur-
pose of turning the matter over to
the officers, but he decided to
give one more notice and fair
warning, thinking perhaps the
motorist was thoughtless, or ig-
norant and did not know any
better.

However, the law does not ex-
cuse either thoughtlessness or ig-
norance, and Mr. Crews stated
that he was going to report all

parties who speed into funeral
processions hereafter. This is the
second occurrence of the kind re-
cently. It not only endangers
lives of the mourners, but it
shows a brazen disrespect for the
dead.

The man who cannot halt a few
minutes for a funeral procession
to pass, and who deliberately
speeds between the autos forming
the cortege, should be taught that
only the severest emergency will
let him get by in his haste. If
there is no law to regulate speed-
ers who dash by a funeral pro-
cession and kick up a cloud of
smoke, the present legislature
should not adjourn until it passes
one. Where there is a lack of
common courtesy and respect law
must be substituted if society is
to be what it should be, and life
and limb given the protection it
is entitled to.

DIRTY MAGAZINES

Congress could do a signal ser-
vice to the cause of Americanism
by appropriating a special and
sufficient sum of money for the
prosecution of publishers who
offend common decency by send-
ing erotic or revolting literature
through the mails.

We have a free press, but decent
society should not tolerate litera-
ture which is now finding its
way into the homes of the Amer-
ican people. The number of
magazines which so offend is con-
stantly increasing and the cir-
culation of these magazines has be-
come enormous.

On the other hand, public senti-
ment is almost unanimous in
condemnation of it. Not only the
members of the Christian
churches have been grossly of-
fended by the growth of the
traffic, but public spirited men of
no church have spoken indignantly
of this assault upon the
fundamentals of Americanism.

In a recent letter to a New
York paper, a well-known writer,
in speaking of the class of litera-
ture which threatens to under-
mine the American home, says:
"It is not only un-American in
tone and method, but equally
cynical and subversive. It is born
of lugubrious Russian philosophy
and certain decadent French
masters of hopeless and debasing
fiction. England, France and
America are in the process of ex-
changing road house obscenity,
rather than the vital, character-
istic and helpful literature which
represents busy people every-
where."

SHIPPING GRAVEL TO OIL FIELD

A large order for Colorado
River sand and gravel is being
filled for oil companies operating
in the Big Lake field. Car loads
of both sand and gravel are be-
ing shipped out daily to the oil
field. The Humble Pipe Line Co.
is also using considerable sand
and gravel which is being con-
signed from Ballinger. A 10,000
cubic yard order also is being
filled for Abilene contractors.

LIGHT BLAZE IN DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

The fire company was called out
shortly after noon Wednesday to
put out a fire in a small ware-
house on the alley back of the L.
B. Stubbs grocery store. The
house used by the Stubbs com-
pany for storing oil. The fire
made quite a smoke and attracted
a crowd, but was soon extin-
guished by the volunteer fire de-
partment.

WHEAT BREAKS 6C PER BUSHEL

CHICAGO, March 11.—An ex-
treme break of six cents per
bushel in the wheat market took
place today during the first half
of the board of trade session.
Heavy selling forced May deliv-
ery down to \$1.81 against \$1.87
at yesterday's finish. High ar-
rivals of wheat at Liverpool in
excess of immediate demand was
the chief depressing factor for the
big break in the market today.

We are glad to note that Dr.
Alvin Swindell is improving after
an illness of a couple of weeks.
He is able to sit up a little.

Sheriff Bob Miller, of Paint
Rock, was here Tuesday en route
to Fort Worth to attend the Fat
Stock Show, and expected to visit
another point and get a prisoner
wanted in Concho county for
some offense, before he returns
home.

MEADOR GETS 10 YEARS IN PEN

SAN ANGELO, March 11.—The
jury in the Andy Meador murder
case brought in a verdict of
guilty at 10:00 o'clock this morn-
ing after deliberating several
hours, and fixed the punishment
for Meador at ten years in the
penitentiary. Meador was charged
with killing Asa Rawls in An-
drews county in May, 1922.

It was the second trial for
Meador for killing Rawls, the
first trial resulting in a verdict of
guilty and a twenty year sen-
tence, but he higher court re-
versed the case for a new trial.

INQUIRY INTO TAX QUESTION

WASHINGTON, March 10.—
A resumption next Monday of
its inquiry into tax settlements
was determined upon today by
the Senate special investigating
committee.

Chairman Couzens said the com-
mittee's decision was made with-
out any reference to his charge
yesterday in the Senate in which
he alleged that the treasury de-
partment was seeking to disci-
pline him by re-opening his 1919
return.

Since the Senate will not be in
session during the remainder of
the hearings, the testimony will be
given in secret and will not be-
come available to the public until
the new congress assembles.

INSURGENTS GET ON COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON, March 10.—
President Coolidge fully supports
the action of the Senate republi-
cans in replacing the insurgents
in important committee places
with the regulars, and considers
the question at issue as one
making it possible for his party
to govern the country.

GAINS CONTROL OF RAIL SYSTEM

NEW YORK, March 11.—Control
of the St. Louis & South-
western Railroad Company has
been acquired by the Chicago,
Rock Island & Pacific Railroad
Company, Charles Hayden, chair-
man of the board of directors of
the Rock Island system an-
nounced today.

Acquisition of the Cotton Belt
system, Hayden said, had been
accepted by the Rock Island in-
terests friendly to the road ob-
taining a dominant interest in
the stock of the St. Louis &
Southwestern.

Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Hartman
visited relatives and friends in
Comanche Tuesday and returned
home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson D.
Smith returned to their home at
Austin first of the week, after a
visit to Mrs. Smith's father, W.
S. Bridwell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tegal, of the
Rowena country, were shopping
in Ballinger Thursday.

New Schedule For Santa Fe



Effective
March 15th

South Bound Train No. 77 arrives 11:31 A. M.
South Bound Train No. 75 arrives 11:55 P. M.
North Bound Train No. 70 arrives 7:51 A. M.
North Bound Train No. 78 arrives 4:30 P. M.

For further information concerning connection with
our main line trains call on our local agent, J. J. Beck.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

SATURDAY SPECIALS

See our Easter Candy on display—
nice assortment for the kiddies.

We have a few buckets of Pure Honey
left at 10-lbs. for\$1.48

48 lb. sack Smiths Best Flour \$2.35

At Our Market Special For Saturday

Good young fat beef, all fore quarter cuts the lb.
12½c and 15c

PIGGLY WIGGLY

REFUSES RIGHT TO BUILD ROAD

WASHINGTON, March 11.—
The Interstate Commerce Com-
mission today refused permission
to the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity
& Sabine Railway to construct
approximately 150 miles of new
line from Beaumont to West Port
Arthur, Texas, with a branch for
mine service between Port Neches
and Port Arthur.

Permission was given, however,
for a line to extend from its pres-
ent terminus at Livingston, Texas,
to Beaumont, using traffic rights
over existing rail lines, if it de-
sires, in order to reduce the in-
vestment.

JIM FERGUSON'S SISTER IS DEAD

ABILENE, March 11.—Mrs.
Marion Morten, the eldest sister
of former Governor James E. Fer-
guson, died this morning. Her
home was in Haskell. Mr. Fer-
guson reached her bedside two
hours before she died, having
rushed to Haskell from Austin.
Mrs. Morten was the widow of
Marion Morten, a wealthy citi-
zen of Haskell. She had been a
resident of Haskell for forty
years. She was a prominent
member of the Methodist church.
The funeral will be held this
afternoon.

In Mississippi a lazy man is one
who hasn't energy enough to
make his boys go to work.

Sometimes a reckless spender
starts out and ends on the rocks
and sometimes he ends on the
rock pile.

PLEADS GUILTY ROBBING BANK

WICHITA FALLS, March 10.—
Lewis Tilghman, of Wichita Falls,
entered a plea of guilty to a
charge of robbery with firearms
at Jacksboro yesterday and was
given a term of seven years in the
penitentiary. The case grows out
of the robbery of the Loving
State Bank on November 24th.

AUSTIN, Mar. 11.—The House
today adopted a concurrent resolu-
tion calling for sine die ad-
journment of the 39th legislature
on March 19th.

An Alabama dude is a man who
cuts a chew of tobacco with his
knife instead of biting it off.

Coming to BROWNWOOD AND SAN ANGELO Dr. Mellenthin

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He has to his credit wonderful re-
sults in diseases of the stomach,
liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves,
heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting,
catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism,
sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ail-
ments.

Below are the names of a few of
his many satisfied patients in Texas.

Mrs. T. P. Gunnel, Cameron, Texas,
gall stones.

J. M. Oldham, Montalba, Texas,
stomach and heart trouble.

Doc Greer, Stamps, Arkansas, tuber-
cular glands in neck.

Mrs. J. D. Edgar, Texas City, neu-
ritis.

C. E. Reuderick, Marion, Texas,
rheumatism.

H. L. Otto, Reisel, Texas, appendi-
citis.

August Hendricks, Roscoe, Texas,
stomach trouble.

Remember above dates, that con-
sultation on this trip will be free and
that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accom-
panied by their husbands.

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COUNTY AGENT'S JANUARY REPORT

The following report covers the County Agent's activities in Randall county for the months of January and February:

Phone calls requesting information or service, 84; days in field, 44; days in office, 11; calls on agent at headquarters, 73; letters written, 47; farms and homes visited, 53; meetings held, project work, 11; attendance, 130; miscellaneous and club meetings held, 22; attendance, 1808; miles traveled, 1728.

Farm Engineering Work

The demand for farm engineering work is increasing so rapidly that it is impossible for the agent to fill all of them in the season allotted to this kind of work.

During the months of January and February work of this nature was carried on on 44 individual farms comprising an area of approximately 3,000 acres.

This work is distributed fairly well in the four commissioner's precincts of the county.

A good deal of interest is taken in irrigation this year. Seven irrigation projects (individual), were surveyed comprising an area of approximately 300 acres.

At this writing there are on file in the agent's office 23 applications for terracing and 3 for irrigation.

Club Work

The interest in Boys' and Girls' club work this year is very gratifying. During the past two months twenty-two schools were visited and club work explained to approximately 1,600 school children.

In bringing this work to the attention of the boys and girls of the county the County Agent enjoys the full and wholehearted cooperation of the county school superintendent and the majority of the teachers of the county because they realize the value of this work to the county along agricultural lines.

Five other clubs have been organized, officers and local club leaders elected and four more are ready to be organized in the next few weeks. The rivalry among club members promises to be keen this year and the prospects for good work in Randall county are fine.

Poultry Improvement Work

Work in poultry improvement was carried on during January and February on twelve farms. Eight flocks were culled; plans for the construction of sanitary poultry houses were furnished 15 farmers; assistance in selecting breeding pens was given to 14 farmers and approximately 100 bulletins and circulars on proper feeding and care of poultry were sent out of this office in the last 60 days. A good many applications for culling for the market had to be turned down due to lack of time to attend to this work at this time.

A good deal of miscellaneous work along the lines of orchard pruning and spraying as well as furnishing information relative to fertilizers for the various orchard and field crops was done. The work in the county is getting so heavy that very often it is impossible to meet the requests for service that are made on the County Agent.

In the last 60 days work along the various lines of County Agent's activities was carried on in the following communities:

Valley Creek, Norton, New Home, Token, Lone Star, Miles, Olfen, Crews, Rowena, Winters, Ballinger, Dry Ridge, Spring Hill, Hatcher, Sweet Home, Tenneyson, Kristoff, Wingate, Pumphrey, Drasco, Bethel, Pony, Grone-wald, Benoit, Oxteen, Parramore Ranch. It will be seen from the above that the work was distributed fairly well over the entire county.

C. W. LEHMBERG,
County Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blackwell, of Talpa, were here shopping Monday and reported Talpa ready to be lighted with electric lights. The West Texas Utilities Company will begin supplying that town with current this week. Mr. Blackwell carried out electric light fixtures to be installed in the Baptist church. Fixtures which were formerly used in the Ballinger Baptist church were sold to the Talpa church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeanes drove over from Coleman Sunday and spent the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garlington.

PHONES INDEX TO POPULATION

Taking the number of telephones as a basis for estimating the population of Ballinger, the city at this time has more than 4,000 people.

In 1920 the government count on people gave this city 2,767 population. The count was made under the most unfavorable time to give the city proper credit in the census report. The enumeration by the census department came right at the time when the county had been robbed of all surplus citizens by the drouth. Many had been attracted to the oil fields during the height of the boom in the Ranger and other oil fields. There were more vacant houses at that time than for any time prior or since. Hence we were left with small population when Uncle Sam came along to take a count.

But back to the estimate based on the number of telephones: When the government census was taken in 1920 the city had about four people for every telephone, according to the record. Taking the same rule as a basis for calculating today Ballinger has a population of 4,113. There are 1029 telephones in use at this time.

Some are inclined to believe that the ratio of four persons to the phone is too low today, as there has been a general doubling up within the last few months, and two or more families are occupying the same house. People with spare bed rooms have rented them, and there are many more persons living in boarding and apartment houses than were occupying such places in 1920.

All this being true, there is still an influx of people who must be given shelter, if the city is to continue to grow. The tourist camps are filled with people, and tents have been stretched to care for those who have been unable to get shelter elsewhere.

The increased commercial activities here can be attributed to several causes, the most plausible of which is the coming of new "blood"—capital. The oil interests and electric light and power interests are turning loose considerable money, and this added to our local building activities is creating a condition which in some respects resembles the pre-Volstead days.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 20c.

Rev. B. W. Bingham is at home from a ten days trip to Abilene, Haskell and other places. He attended Bible lectures at the Abilene Christian College.

TRAFFIC COP NOW ON JOB

Watch your speedometer. A traffic officer mounted on a motorcycle is now on duty on the roads leading out of this city.

The speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour. If you go faster don't cry when the cop calls you down and directs you to the place of settlement.

The Commissioners Court in session this week employed C. F. Kelly as traffic officer. Kelly immediately made bond and went on the job Wednesday morning. It goes without saying that some speeders will pay for exceeding the limit.

The Commissioners Court is acting within its authority, and employed the officer in an effort to break up speeding, and thereby save life, limb and property. For some time there has been a general complaint by the more careful drivers on account of speeding and reckless driving.

Several wrecks recently have been attributed to speeding. If the danger in fast driving could be confined to the fast driver, the public could hardly complain, but it is the innocent people, women and children whose lives are endangered by the speed fiend.

The announcement that an officer has been put on the highways should be warning sufficient to check the evil.

DROUTH IS HURTING PLAINS COUNTRY

Parties here from Lamesa and other towns in that section which put on somewhat of a boom last year, state that the drouth has begun to hurt in that country, and building activities have let up. The new country has not established a credit rating to keep things going in the face of adverse prospects, practically all lines of credit having been withdrawn for the present.

Mrs. Max Russell and daughters, Misses Nell and Maxine, and Misses Eugenia Baskin and Verda Nell Trail spent Sunday in Menard with relatives and friends.

Willard McMillan left for Lamesa early Monday morning, where he went on business, making the trip in his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Shepperd, of Winters, were here Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd.

C. J. Parker, Western Union representative, is here to hold down the local telegraph office while Manager Henry takes a two weeks vacation.



Fight The Germs To End Colds

A cold in the head means a local germ attack. Fight it locally—in the membranes of the air passages.

Apply Ely's Cream Balm in the nostrils and breathe it. That forces antiseptic fumes wherever those germs exist. Relief is instant. The air passages are cleared, the inflammation is subdued, the whole trouble is checked.

Don't suffer from a stuffed-up head or catarrh. Ask your druggist for a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Get instant relief, fight the trouble at its source. Then never again let a head cold get started.

J. K. Hutton is here from San Antonio, looking after business. Mr. Hutton stated that he had his home here on the market and had two or three offers on it and would probably close a deal before returning to San Antonio.

J. M. Jennings was in the city Thursday from Norton on business.

Mrs. D. P. Moser is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Price Maddox at Maryneal. She left for Maryneal first of the week. Mrs. Moser's friends will be glad to learn that she has recovered from an attack of the flu and is able to go visiting.

H. F. Demmer went to Abilene Tuesday morning to meet Mrs. Demmer's sister, Mrs. H. C. Clark, of Wichita Falls who came in to stay with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Demmer while they go to Temple where Mrs. Demmer will consult a specialist.

W. G. Allen was here from Wingate Wednesday to see his niece, Miss King, who is ill in the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

W. G. Kinsolving, of Abilene, was here Monday en route to San Angelo. He was accompanied by A. B. Wood, safety inspector for insurance, who was inspecting the properties of the West Texas Utilities Company.

Wm. Havenhill, of Winters, was here first of the week looking after business.

J. M. Watkins, of the Winters ger Friday.

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Ballinger, Texas

Fred Keichle and Will Hala R. A. Hall, of San Angelo, was meek were here from Rowena here on business Tuesday.

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Robert F. Lane

Office Over City Cafe.

Ballinger, Texas

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Ar Austin - - - - - 5:55 A. M. - I. G. N.
Ar San Antonio - - - 8:30 A. M. - I. G. N.

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Two Days in Abilene.

No Charge for Consultation

Dr. Henthin is a regular graduate
in medicine and surgery and is
licensed by the state of Texas. He
does not operate for chronic appendi-
citis, gall stones, ulcers of the stom-
ach, tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful re-
sults in diseases of the stomach,
liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves,
heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting,
catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism,
sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ail-
ments.

Below are the names of a few of
his many satisfied patients in Texas.

Mrs. H. Lerner, Henrietta, Tex.,
gall stones.

Mrs. J. B. Treas, Cooper, Texas,
pelagra.

Mrs. Joseph Clough, Laporte, rheu-
matism and goitre.

L. A. Fenske, Reisel, Texas, heart
trouble.

J. C. Stone, daughter, Douglasville,
Texas, appendicitis.

John Hairston, Cameron, Texas,
ulcer of the stomach.

Mrs. M. Hantsche, Roscoe, Texas,
anemia and nerve trouble.

Remember above dates, that con-
sultation on this trip will be free and
that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accom-
panied by their husbands.

Address: 211 Broadway Bldg., Los
Angeles, California.
27-3tw 4-12-14-17.

BABIES CRYING FOR HOMES

Rev. W. A. Nicholas, superin-
tendent of the Children's Aid and
Welfare Society of West Texas, is
in a nearby town this afternoon
and expects to return tonight
with an infant which he wishes
to place in a good home. Rev.
Nicholas returned Tuesday morn-
ing from Clovis, New Mexico,
with a fourteen year old girl, who
was placed in a Texas home two
years ago and has recently moved
there with a family. Not being
able to receive the advantages
there which she deserved he hopes
to be able to place her in an Abi-
lene home, where she may have
the advantages of the schools
here, he stated.

While on this trip Rev. Nicholas
placed two babies, one six days of
age, and one two months of age,
in homes in Dimmitt and Here-
ford. He also visited two babies
placed in Lamesa homes, and
brought from a nearby town a 6-
weeks-old baby.

Homes are wanted for four
babies, two boys and two girls,
who are at present in the nursery
here.—Abilene Reporter.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails
to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding
Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you
can get restful sleep after first application. 50c.

S. B. Dietz, of the Crews coun-
try, was in the city Thursday. He
reports farm work well up, but
says that the remnant of grain
which has stood the winter is in
danger of giving up the ghost if it
does not rain soon.

CORNS

Lift Off—No Pain!



Doesn't hurt one bit! Drop a little
"Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly
that corn stops hurting, then shortly
you lift it right off with fingers.
Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of
"Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to
remove every hard corn, soft corn, or
corn between the toes, and the foot
calluses, without soreness or irritation.

NEGRO PREACHER IS KNIFE VICTIM

S. H. Winston, pastor of the
negro First Baptist Church, of
this city, was seriously slashed in
the neck by Zeke Dickinson, an-
other negro, late Saturday after-
noon, as the result of a difficulty
growing out of a religious dis-
pute. Winston was slashed across
the side of the neck with a pocket
knife, and a stiff collar worn by
the colored parson is all that
saved his life, it is said, the knife
narrowly missing his jugular vein.

The difficulty took place near
the corner of the Ballinger State
Bank, and the bleeding negro
running down the street, and an-
other negro calling for an officer,
created considerable excitement.
Zeke was placed in jail, and Win-
ston was patched up by the doc-
tors. The officers filed charges
against the negro using the knife,
after taking the statements of
several witnesses.

It was alleged by those fam-
iliar with the circumstances lead-
ing up to the cutting that the
trouble resulted from the
preacher calling the sister of
Dickinson a liar. A revival has
been in progress at the colored
Baptist church, and the negro
woman claimed she was holy, or
"sanctified." The evangelist in
charge of the revival made the
statement that anyone who said
he was holy, was a liar. The
pastor said that he endorsed the
stand the evangelist took in the
matter, and the negro woman's
brother called on the pastor to re-
tract the statement. The fight
resulted.

And yet BOTH
are the SAME AGE



Gray Hair
is it a glory? If not
apply sage tea

This is to women and men not
content to grow gray. Who rebel
at looking years older than they
should.

It is unnecessary. A simple,
easy means brings back the dark
glossy hair of a girl.

No need to dye hair. That often
spoils it. The old way is best—
the way of sage tea and sulphur.
Millions have used it for many
years. But the way was messy
and hard to prepare.

Now science presents a refined
form, ready to apply. It com-
bines new factors of importance
to quick permanent results. Your
druggist supplies this ready-made
formula under the name of
Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Com-
pound.

Apply it tonight. In the morn-
ing the gray hair is gone. Apply
it once or twice more, and you
return to the dark, glossy hair of
youth. And nobody knows of the
change—it is so even, so natural.

Don't dye hair. All of us scien-
tists, in all these decades, have
found nothing to compare.

Try this way tonight. Watch
the results tomorrow. Then see
how those results improve with
one or two more applications. You
will be delighted. You will start
a new era of youth.

Just ask your druggist for

WYETH'S
Sage and Sulphur

RECEIVE SHIPMENTS
OF BOB WHITE HERE

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack and Hall
Hardware Company each received
a shipment of Bob White quail
Monday. Each firm received
twenty-five quail, with instruc-
tions to place them on range
where they would receive the best
protection while breeding.

The quail came from Snakeville,
and are being supplied to this
county by the game department
of the state as a part of the pro-
gram for restocking the state with
wild game. The citizens should
co-operate with the game wardens
in the enforcement of the laws
and assist in restocking this sec-
tion with quail. There are several
deputy game wardens in this
county, and an eye will be kept on
the quail.

Be wise and advertise.

SCHOOLS MUST KLAN ENEMIES HAVE MORE CASH BLOW UP HOUSE

AUSTIN, March 9.—A supple-
mental appropriation will be
necessary to insure a fifteen
dollar school apportionment for
next year, according to a state-
ment issued today by Superin-
tendent Marrs.

Mr. Marrs made the statement
in taking exception to an an-
nouncement on the subject by
Tax Commissioner Willacy.

AUSTIN, March 9.—The first
changes in seventeen of the
twenty-two items in the House
educational appropriations bill
were registered today when the
House voted a sub-appropriation
for the Texas agricultural experi-
ment system of A. & M. College.

The House also voted to
add \$150,000 for the biennium.
Representative Barron, of Bryan,
led the fight for the increase in
this appropriation.

SELLS BOTTLING WORKS WILL TAKE A REST

J. E. Davis has sold the Coca
Cola Bottling Works to W. E.
Howard, and in a few days Mr.
Davis will leave for Fort Stock-
ton, and other points on the first
lap of a year's rest and trip
through the country. Mr. Davis
has not sold all his property in
Ballinger and expects to continue
to call this home and will return
here after taking a year's rest. He
suffered a severe attack of flu
some time ago, and is taking a
rest to regain his good health.

MOTHERS

Watch for symptoms of worms
in your children. These parasites
are the great destroyers of child
life. If you have reason to think
your child has worms, act quickly.
Give the little one a dose or two of
White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms
cannot exist where this time-tried
and successful remedy is used. It
drives out the worms and restores
the rosy hue of health to baby
cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by
John A. Weeks

THREE CHARGED WITH MURDER

LAKE CHARLES, La., March
9.—Affidavits charging murder
against Byron Eustice, Robert
Dunn, and Winfred Barge, the
latter a nephew of the first, two
men named, were filed here today
in connection with the deaths of
Williams Collins, federal prohibi-
tion agent, and Samuel Duhon,
deputy sheriff of Calcasieu par-
ish.

The bodies of the two officers
were found last Saturday. They
had been missing almost twenty-
four hours, following their start
on a search of Dunn's brother's
home for liquor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Massey re-
turned to their home at Dallas
Monday, after spending a few
days with Mr. Massey's mother,
and other relatives here.

HERRIN, Ill., March 10.—In
what is apparently a renewal of
the Klan and anti-Klan warfare
in this county, Mr. and Mrs. H. O.
Fowler were seriously injured
and fifteen other occupants of
the Fowler apartments were
badly shaken up early today by a
dynamite explosion which
wrecked the front portion of the
building.

Officers express the opinion
that the explosion was set by
enemies of Glenn Fowler, a son
of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and a
strong supporter of the late S.
Glenn Young, Ku Klux Klan
liquor raider. Glenn Fowler,
however, was not in the building
at the time of the blast.

It will be recalled that S. Glenn
Young was killed a short time ago
in a street fight between Klan
and anti-Klan factions.

CROUP
Spasmodic Croup is frequently
relieved by one application of—
VICKS
VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

FERGUSON WINS AMNESTY MOVE

AUSTIN, March 10.—The op-
ponents of the amnesty law pro-
posed for the purpose of giving
James E. Ferguson his political
freedom, and removing the im-
peachment stain from his name,
lost in the preliminary skirmish
in the House today when a motion
by Representative McFarland to
suspend the rules and call up the
Yeates joint resolution, proposing
a constitutional amendment, was
defeated. The vote was 54 to 64,
while it requires a two-thirds
majority to submit an amend-
ment.

This is considered to be a test
vote on the question, and it is be-
lieved that Ferguson will be
given his amnesty and the ques-
tion will not be submitted to a
vote of the people.

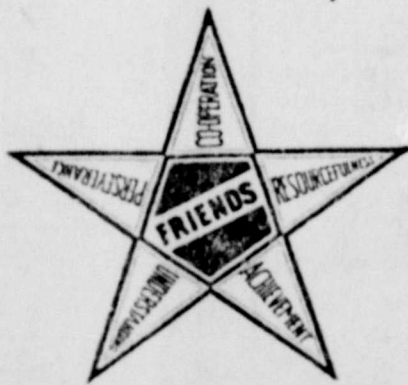
ASTHMA

All forms quickly and perman-
ently relieved. Many cases doc-
tors pronounced hopeless and
change of climate failed to help
are now entirely free from that
dreaded disease since using
HOOPER'S IMPROVED
ASTHMA REMEDY.

Ask your druggist for a \$1.00
bottle, if not absolutely satisfied
with results after taking half the
contents return the balance for
the full purchase price.

Sold in Ballinger, Texas, by J.
Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20-6w

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harwell are
visiting in Cuba before they re-
turn home, according to a letter
received by the boys at the Har-
well Motor Company. Mr. Harwell
wrote from a Florida beach, and
stated that after a trip to Habana
they expected to start home and
would probably reach home about
April 1st.



Upholding the Hands of the Farmers

is the earnest aim and desire of this bank and its officers.

We have always worked steadily and earnestly with the
farmers of this section, extending such constructive service
and assistance as, in our best judgement, would help them to
build more successfully.

Talk over your farm plans with us.

Ballinger State Bank

"Guaranty Fund Bank."

Read our message in this week's Farm and Ranch

WINTERS ITEMS

WINTERS, March 9.—Yester-
day seemed to be a special church
day. The Methodists led off with
a collection of over \$8,000, which
cleared their new \$50,000 meeting
house of all incumbrances. This
is worthy of special note as the
congregation raised the entire
sum within a period of one year.

The Baptists began a drive to
clear their church of debt. More
land new sewer connections for
both church and parsonage, and a
balcony and Sunday school rooms
were to be paid for, amounting to
\$4,300.

Miss Rhoda Bryant, who was
caught in an automobile wreck
Friday night, is still unconscious.

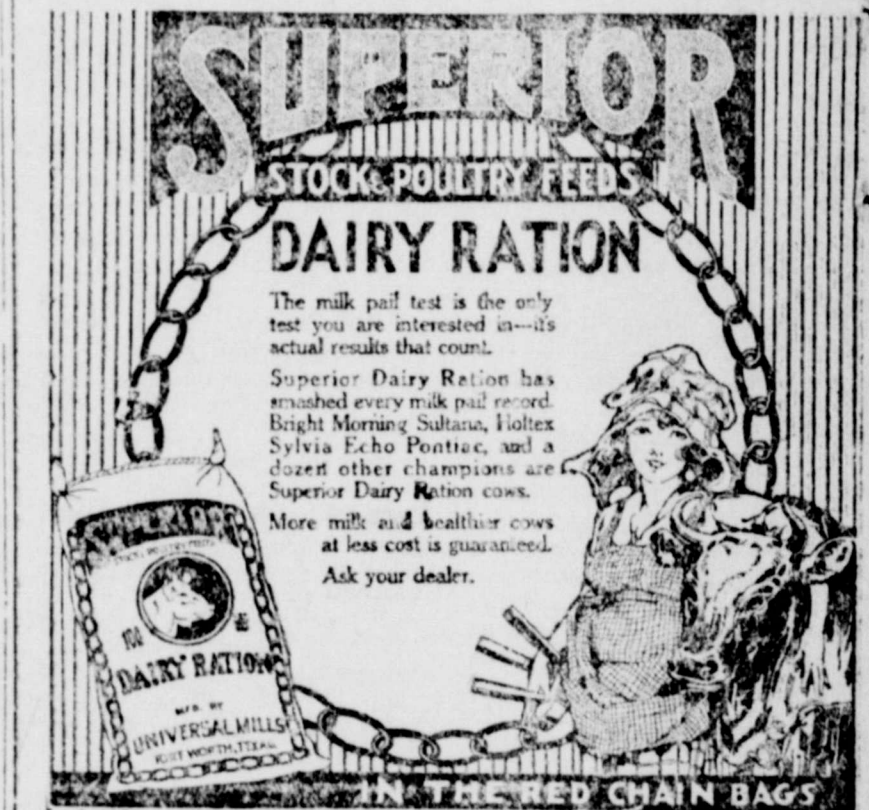
Farmers have about stopped
studying the clouds and are ob-
serving the clouds. Land is in
fine shape, all ready to receive a
copious downpour of rain.

Much new building is in prog-
ress.

Rev. H. H. Stephens made a
flying trip to Dallas Monday
night.

Preparations are being made for
a revival at the Baptist church
beginning March 15th. Winsett
and Hyatt will conduct it.

MAYR'S REMEDY
for STOMACH TROUBLE
ONE DOSE WILL CONVINCE
AT ALL DRUGGISTS



Superior Chick Starter

should be fed to your young Chickens and Turkeys, they de-
velop with a wonderful regular growth and are not troubled
with baby chick ailments.

A full line of all Superior Feeds now in stock. Call on
us for your needs.

JEANES CO.

Ballinger,

Texas

"Exide" THE LONG LIFE BATTERY

You know a battery by its past performance.

EXIDE BATTERIES give more days service for the
dollar than any battery in the world.

Our battery shop is one of the most complete in the
county.

We know batteries and believe in a fair deal to all. Come
in and see.

CAMERON'S GARAGE

Harris Building on Eighth Street

Chills, & Stomach Trouble

MR. N. A. SMITH, of Shaw, Miss., says he can't remember being without Theodor's Black-Draught liver medicine since he and Mrs. Smith began keeping house, many years ago. "When we have chills," says Mr. Smith, "Black-Draught is what we use and we find it just splendid. I had a bad case of stomach trouble. I couldn't eat enough and was very weak. Everything I ate hurt me, formed gas and I spit up my food. I would feel stupid or staggered. I didn't feel like doing any work. I knew what Black-Draught had done in colds and I began taking small

dosages. I certainly got relief. It did me lots of good. "When I go to town, I look first to see how near out of Black-Draught we are, and then get more. We are a good way from the doctor and keep our home remedies and the main one is Black-Draught."

In hundreds of thousands of homes, housekeepers keep Black-Draught on the shelf, handy for use when needed, as a household remedy to relieve constipation, biliousness, indigestion, and many other simple ailments. "A dose in time saves nine." A dose of Black-Draught costs only one cent. It may save you a big bill for medicine later on. Keep it on your shelf. Buy it at your store. Get a package today.

BLACK-DRAUGHT

A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine

7 CASES FILED; 2 FOR FELONY

Seven cases, five misdemeanors and two felonies, were filed in a justice court here Saturday. The misdemeanor cases will go in the justice court at Winters for final settlement and the felony cases will be passed up to the grand jury when that body convenes here on the 30th of this month.

Charges of transporting and possession of intoxicating liquors were filed against C. Darnell and L. Davis. According to a written confession made by the two young men, they went to Buffalo Gap last Friday night to attend a dance. Before leaving Ballinger they went to a certain house in this city and got seven quarts of red corn whiskey and carried it to the dance for the alleged purpose of selling the booze.

The men said that they did not find the way open for bootleg business at the dance as there were officers on the job. They were returning to Ballinger with the liquor when caught with the goods at Winters by J. F. Crockett, night watchman of that city. They stopped at a filling station in Winters and the night watchman noticed a box in the car and asked the boys what the box contained. "See for yourself," was the reply and the officer searched the car, took charge of the men, and accompanied by Deputy Sam Kirby, they were brought to Ballinger and turned over to Sheriff McWilliams.

Bond in the sum of \$1,000 in

Beauty

A Gleamy Mass of Hair

35c "Danderine" does wonders for Any Girl's Hair



Girls! Try this! When combing and dressing your hair, just moisten your hairbrush with a little "Danderine" and brush it through your hair. The effect is startling! You can do your hair up immediately and it will appear twice as thick and heavy—a mass of gleamy hair, sparkling with life and possessing that incomparable softness, freshness and luxuriance.

While beautifying the hair "Danderine" is also toning and stimulating each single hair to grow thick, long and strong. Hair stops falling out and dandruff disappears. Get a bottle of "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter and just see how healthy and youthful your hair appears after this delightful, refreshing dressing.

each case was fixed for Darnell and Davis, and it was said that they would be able to make bond. Complaints charging Doe Chapman with affray, speeding and drunkenness, were filed in the justice court, and charges of speeding and drunkenness were filed against Taylor Frick. These cases will be handled thru the justice court at Winters.



Kidneys
need flushing, just
as the bowels do.

Don't think that back pains mean serious kidney trouble. Or scant, highly-colored urine. Or frequent urination.

Try flushing the kidneys. Do what you would do if the bowels were clogged. Relieve them.

The city is that people don't realize that the kidneys and bowels both eliminate wastes and poisons. And both become clogged. They relieve the bowels, but they let the kidneys go.

Flush the kidneys—relieve them. Do this by drinking plenty of water.

Drink the first glass before breakfast. Add a little Jad Salts. That makes a tart, pleasant, effervescent drink.

Watch the quick results. In one hour poisons are eliminated. The clogging is relieved. Conditions are entirely changed.

Jad Salts is made from the acids of lemon and grape juice combined with lithia. They are made to relieve the kidneys in a quick, efficient way.

Try them once. Then whenever you feel that the kidneys need flushing, you will know the way to quick relief. And a better way has never yet been found.

SPLITS REWARD WITH HIS WIFE

R. A. Hall has found his silver Mexican dollar, which he has carried as a pocket piece for over 30 years, and for which he has advertised a \$10 reward.

Mrs. Hall lost a crochet needle the other day in the side of a porch chair. In her efforts to get the needle out she turned the chair over and gave it a good shaking. The shiny worn dollar beat the needle out.

Mr. Hall took advantage of the community property law and instead of turning over the \$10 to his wife, gave her \$5 and took "his" five and purchased a box of cigars which he is passing out at his office in the San Angelo National Bank—San Angelo Standard.

160 ACRES HIGHLY IMPROVED to exchange for Coleman or Runnels county, 160 acres. This has a five room new modern house and good outbuildings, located 8 miles of Kress, Swisher county, just north of Plainview, Texas. Write JIM LASH, Plainview, Texas; R. H. LASH, Dimmitt, Texas. 17-51d 4tw*

Sale of City Power Plant Up to Vote of the People

The question of whether the city shall sell its light plant to the West Texas Utilities Company for a consideration of \$85,000, and leave it up to the city commission and an advisory committee to handle the details of the deal in making a satisfactory contract, will be passed up to the voters.

This plan of procedure was approved unanimously, or at least without a dissenting vote, at a mass meeting of the citizens held at the Maeroy Theatre Friday afternoon. Before the meeting adjourned practically everyone present signed a petition asking for an election on the question.

The mass meeting was held as the result of a proclamation issued by Mayor S. B. Raby calling such a meeting. The meeting was called to order by the mayor, and Judge Paul Trimmer was elected chairman, and A. W. Sledge, secretary.

The chairman called on the mayor to state the object of the meeting and Mayor Raby briefly stated that he had called the meeting at the request of a number of citizens in order that the citizens might hear a representative of the West Texas Utilities Company present a proposition to buy the city light plant. The mayor also stated that he desired that an advisory committee be appointed to consult with the city commission and assist the commission in handling the matter.

Following the mayor's statement, and request, R. G. Erwin made a motion that the chair appoint a committee of three to nominate an advisory committee to act with the city commission. W. C. Penn seconded Mr. Erwin's motion, but before it was put to a vote, Judge J. W. Powell stated that some kind of a proposition should be submitted to the mass meeting before naming an advisory committee, and the chairman called on W. G. Kinsolving, traffic manager of the utilities company to make a statement.

Mr. Kinsolving briefly outlined the proposal of his company to buy the municipal plant, as is set out in the petition asking for an election, and as had previously been published in The Ledger. He stated that his organization was a company of business men, and that they did not come to Ballinger with a lot of promises, but were here to serve the public as any other business organization and to do their part towards the development of the town and country. He did not go into detail as to just how the deal could be handled, saying that such matters would be left up to the city commission and advisory board, but stated that he felt sure that a satisfactory contract in every particular could be made.

After Mr. Kinsolving had presented his proposition, several questions were asked him. He stated that he would be glad to answer all questions concerning their rates, policy of doing business, etc., that he could answer. J. McGregor raised the question of rates. Mr. Kinsolving had with him a schedule of the Standard rates, a city served by the W. T. U. Co. He quoted these rates, which he stated would apply at Ballinger, and which are about the same as the present Ballinger rates, being 15 cents per kilowatt as a maximum rate for domestic current, and scaling down as low as 8 cents per kilowatt, according to the quantity of current used. The power rates were quoted at three and a half cents for domestic use.

Mr. Kinsolving was kept on the floor for some time answering other questions shot to him by those present. Someone raised the question of the permanency of the present rates. Mr. Kinsolving stated that this was a matter controlled by the law governing body, and that there was just as much reason to speculate on the rates going down as there was not to believe that they would go up, and more reasons why they might be decreased. He pointed to the fact that practically every other commodity had advanced except electric current.

Following Mr. Kinsolving's talk Mr. Erwin's motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously. The chairman named F. M. Pearce, Dr. E. C. Baskin and John A. Weeks as a committee to place in nomination seven men to serve as an advisory board. After brief deliberation the committee placed in nomination Judge Paul Trimmer, John F. Currie, Scott H. Mack, J. McGregor, N. K. Freeman, R. G. Erwin and E. D. Wal-

NEW RINK IN OLD BUILDING

After being used for several years for other lines of business, the old skating rink building opposite the Santa Fe freight depot has been opened for roller skating again. W. L. McMillan and W. P. Nash have leased the building and equipped it for fun making and pleasure skating.

The building was constructed for a skating rink, and hardwood floor put in. The floor is still in good shape, with the exception of two or three places and these have been repaired. New skates have been provided for those who wish to skate, and the rink will open at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning with a surprise party for the boys.

The schedule provides for skating morning, afternoon and night. A lady instructor will be on duty to assist the ladies and teach them how to skate. Special "stunts" will be arranged for the amusement of the skaters from time to time, and Halls' Harmony Hounds will furnish the music.

ONE IN TEN

Neglecting a little wound, cut or abrasion of the flesh may in nine cases out of ten cause no great suffering or inconvenience, but it is the one case in ten that causes blood poisoning, lockjaw or a chronic festering sore. The cheapest, safest and best course is to disinfect the wound with liquid Borozone and apply the Borozone Powder to complete the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

John A. Weeks

SEEKS PLACE HERE AS TRAFFIC COP

A party was here this week conferring with the commissioners court and city administration concerning the employment of a traffic cop. It was claimed that placing an officer on the highways leading in and out of Ballinger would serve to check reckless driving and that at the same time the county would be out no expense, as the position would be self sustaining and then some through penalties assessed for traffic violations. The speed limit on highways is 35 miles per hour, but it is claimed that this law is violated every hour in the day on the highways leading into this city.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On account of hard sickness I would ask one and all to mail me checks or come to see me. I need the money bad.

O. S. JOHNSON
Crews Telephone.
6-2tw*

Good Farm for Sale

470 acres in Howard county, 160 in cultivation, 120 fresh; P. O., store, gin and blacksmith on tract, three public roads, one a post road. Good land, good grass, plenty good water, good school near. Good title, good terms, own the mineral rights; object in selling, old age. Here's a bargain. Apply to

J. W. NEILL,
901 W. 11th Street,
Austin, Texas
or to W. E. Smith, Big Spring, Texas. 5-2w*

PUT STOMACH IN ORDER AT ONCE

"Pape's Diapepsin" for
Gas, Indigestion or
Sour Stomach

Instantly! Stomach corrected! You never feel the slightest distress from indigestion or a sour, acid, gassy stomach, after you eat a tablet of "Pape's Diapepsin." The moment it reaches the stomach all sourness, flatulence, heartburn, gases, palpitation and pain disappear. Druggists guarantee each package to correct digestion at once. End your stomach trouble for few cents.

OFFICER GETS STOLEN AUTOMOBILE HERE

Chief of Police B. W. Pilcher is holding a stolen car which he picked up on the streets a few days ago. He found the car standing on the streets, and being suspicious that it was a stolen vehicle he notified the authorities in the county where the car was registered. Saturday he received a telegram from officers at Corsicana to hold the car and arrest the drivers. A reward of \$25 was offered for the five passenger Ford.

The drivers of the car are missing.

Notice

Farmers Gin Company will hold their annual stockholders' meeting on March 6th, 1925, at 2:30 p. m. All stockholders are requested to be present.

FARMERS GIN CO.
Norton, Texas
D. W. TURNER, Pres.
J. D. GOOD, Secretary

27-3tw

WINTERS STAGES A SCHOOL PARADE

WINTERS, March 6.—Today was "Better English Day" in our schools. The exercises consisted of exemplary English work in the school throughout, and was followed by a school parade on the streets. The Scout Band of 24 pieces under their instruction, Joe Ward, led them and furnished some music after the parade. The entire school was in line, and decorated with comic, patriotic and sentimental equipment, they made an imposing spectacle. Miss Baker, head of the English department, had the exercises in hand.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens left Thursday afternoon for Coleman, where she went to spend the night with a friend and to join other parties en route to San Saba to attend the Women's Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church.

DR. TABLER'S FAMOUS

Stomach Remedy

For the relief and cure of all forms of

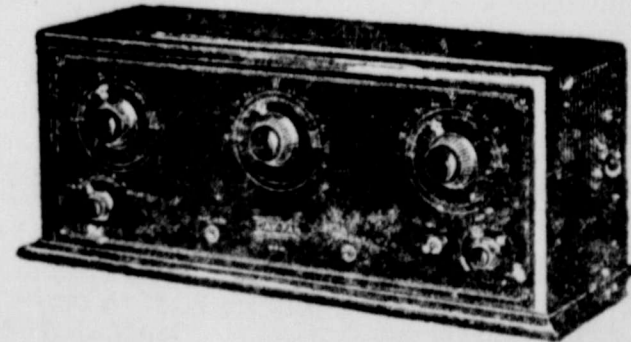
Stomach Trouble

Gives instant relief and a permanent cure in most cases.

Try it at our risk—sold on a money back guarantee. Local testimonials furnished on request.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle
6 Bottles for \$5.00

MAYES DRUG STORE
Coleman, Texas



RADIO SALE

To raise some money we are going to sell what radio stock we have on hand at greatly reduced prices. If you contemplate the purchase of a radio receiving set within the year it will pay you handsomely to make your purchase now.

Hear President Coolidge in his inaugural address March 4th, and thousands of other equally interesting programs. These radio sets will go in many instances at less than our cost. Come in while the stocks are complete.

There is no junk, every set guaranteed to give you perfect satisfaction. Real radio sets as low as \$32.50. Nothing else to buy.

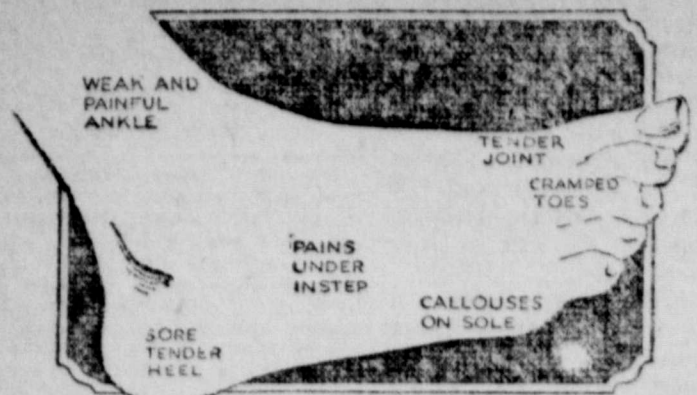
We know what it takes to make a real radio set and we have it.

Ballinger Electric Co.

G. P. Teague, Prop

Telephone No. 7

Foot Troubles?



FREE DEMONSTRATION THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Seven persons out of every ten have some form of foot trouble. It may be weak or broken-down arches, weak ankles, corns, calluses or bunions or probably a case of tired, aching, painful feet. Regardless of what may be the nature of your suffering, you will find quick and permanent relief, this week, at our Foot Comfort Department.

Foot Comfort Expert to Serve You

For the benefit of all foot sufferers this store has arranged, with The Scholl Mfg. Co., for the services of one of Dr. Scholl's now called demonstrators, who will be at our store to give free foot comfort demonstrations on the above date. Every foot sufferer should take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

Free Pedo-graph Picture Made of Your Feet
In a few seconds time, without removing the shoe, he can make a photographic print of your foot that positively shows if you have foot troubles and to what stage the trouble has progressed. This service is absolutely free and places you under no obligation whatever.

FREE SAMPLES

Do you want to know how to stop your aching instantly? Come in and get a sample of Dr. Scholl's Lin-o-pads. They remove the cause of corns, blisters and pressure. Pain, antiseptic, healing. Bring your foot troubles to this store during this demonstration and learn the true meaning of foot comfort.

**HIGGINBOTHAM BROS.
& COMPANY.**

MORE CALLS HERE FOR LIVING QUARTERS

At least one dozen people called at The Ledger office Thursday.



FOR SALE—100 Delaine ewe lambs delivered after shearing. Also will contract 200 ewes for fall delivery. B. J. Clayton & Son, Talpa. 13-6tw.*

EGGS—Full blood Rhode Island Reds and White Orpingtons, \$1.50 per setting from pen. E. N. Phipps, Route 2, Talpa. 13-4tw.*

FOR SALE—Two residences in Rowena. Will sell at bargain, cash or terms. For particulars see G. J. Walter, Rowena. 13-4tw.*

Land for Rent—see R. T. Williams at Higginbotham Bros. & Co. 19-2d-2w

FOR SALE—Seven (7) Work Horses; Two Jersey Cows; Cultivator; Planter; Disc Plow; Liberal terms. 200 acres land for rent; will sell all or part of stock. See us at once. Higginbotham Bros. & Co. 19-2d-2w

FOR SALE—150 bushels Cash cleaned Cotton Seed, \$1.50 per bushel at my barn three miles Northeast of Crews. J. T. Brandon. 9-3td-3tw.*

FOR SALE—Purebred English White Leghorn Chickens and Eggs from good producers. Sixteen eggs \$1.50; 100 for \$7.00. J. C. Reese, Ballinger, Texas. 6-3w

OUR SEED ARE the best this year we have ever put out; bright, well matured, high germination, tested Sudan \$5.50; B. G. and White Wonder Millet, \$5.00; Darso, Hegari, Feterita \$4.00; Redtop, Amber, Orange, Seeded Ribbon Cane, \$3.00; Yellow and White Milo, Red and White Kaffir \$3.25 per hundred, freight paid Texas points. Satisfaction guaranteed. Panhandle Seed Co., Amarillo, Texas. 27-4w.*

FOR SALE—Pure half and half Cotton Seed at my farm six miles East of San Angelo, \$2.00 per bushel. J. L. Reed, P. O. Box 324, Feb6-3mos w.*

FOR SALE—Good quality of Pigs and Shoats at Day Ranch Company, Leaday, Texas. Come quick and get the tops. 6-1fw

LOST—One brindled Greyhound, two weeks ago. Notify Tom Duke, Miles, Texas. 6-2td-2tw.*

day seeking information as to where they could find rent houses or rooms in which to live. There were several calls for rooms Wednesday, and it is indeed a dull day that someone does not come in to see if we have any "house to rent" in the classified columns of the paper.

A new crew arrived here Thursday to go on the pipe line work, and others are due in a few days to help in building the new jail and the school building. We are not running a clearing house for such business, and those who have rooms or houses they wish to rent are assured results thru a classified ad.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or finding in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

FOUR ARRESTS MADE ON SPEEDING CHARGE

In keeping with the warning recently sounded against fast driving in Ballinger four complaints were filed in the city court Wednesday charging speeding, according to traffic officer B. W. Picher. The officer had collected one of the fines, and stated that the other cases would have to be settled for.

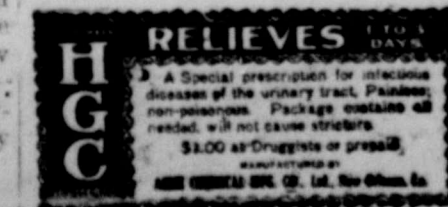
People get careless and reckless and from time to time forget that there is a traffic law governing speeding. Speeding is one of the most dangerous violations of traffic laws, and the authorities should be supported in their efforts to teach the public that this part of the law must be respected.

MOLINE WAGONS SELLING AT COST

We have traded for a stock of Moline Wagons at Winters, and are bringing the wagons to Ballinger and will dispose of them at actual invoice cost. We do not handle this line and will sell them out at cost, as we got them in trade. Come early if you want a new wagon at a bargain. BRANHAM GRAIN CO. 7-4td-3tw

COME HERE TO GET MAN OUT OF JAIL

Friends were here from the Wingate country Thursday to confer with attorneys and make bond for Herschel Roberts, who was in the Ballinger jail on a charge of passing a check which did not belong to him. It was charged that the young man cashed the wrong check and appropriated the funds to his own use.



LOCAL LAWYER DEFENDS DOCTOR

Dr. J. H. Rogers, of Bronte, was acquitted of the charge of practicing medicine without a license after a trial in the county court of Coke county at Robert Lee this week. The case was tried before Judge W. H. Bell, and after hearing the testimony the judge held that Rogers had committed no fraud as the patients upon whom he practiced knew of the doctor's qualifications, and were taking their own chances.

Dr. Rogers lives in the Bronte community and it had been charged against him that he was practicing medicine without proper license under the laws governing such matters in this state.

Judge T. T. Crosson, of Ballinger, and Judge M. E. Sedberry, of San Angelo, defended the doctor. The attorneys waived the right of trial before a jury and passed the case up to the judge. It was the first case tried before the new county judge of Coke county and a large crowd attended the trial.

Judge J. A. Thomas, of San Angelo, and Judge D. I. Durham, of Robert Lee, prosecuted the case.

Scalps

That itch—that scale

You know it is germ trouble. Then destroy the germs.

Sulphur does that. We scientists never hope to find a method better. But we have found ways to give that sulphur multiplied effects.

The new-day method is Mentho-Sulphur. Rub it into the scalp where scale occurs or itching. Note how quickly all the trouble disappears.

Dandruff and scale destroy the hair. Keep the scalp clean and the hair will be healthy. End at once, in the best way known, the parasites and scale.

Ask your druggist for a jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur. The first time you apply it you will know it is doing all that must be done. You do yourself injustice if you don't.

For Free Sample Address
WHITEHALL PHARMACAL CO., Inc.
596 Madison Ave. New York, N. Y.

TOURISTS COMING THIS WAY EARLY

The coming summer promises to be a good one for tourist travel this way. This section has received considerable advertising since last year. Highway maps and log books have listed the two highways passing thru Ballinger as ideal routes for North and South and East and West travel.

A New York car and an Oklahoma car were seen on Ballinger streets Thursday, and autos heavily laden with luggage come this way daily. By the middle of May from 100 to 200 tourist cars daily will be coming this way.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILD TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

QUICK PAYMENT ON DEATH CLAIM

D. F. Rudder was here from Eden Friday, and while he was in the city R. F. Lane, secretary of the Home Mutual Insurance Society, paid Mr. Rudder the death claim on his brother who died at Eden a few days ago. Marshall Rudder recently died at Eden, and he was a member of the local insurance order and his beneficiary received a check for \$823.

MANY RABBITS ARE CAUGHT IN DRIVE

Those who motored out to the Pony Creek community Thursday and took part in the rabbit drive, report that it was a successful day for the farmers, but a very disastrous day for Mr. Rabbit. Notwithstanding that the rabbits are not as numerous as in seasons past, many rabbits were killed. The picnic and barbecue dinner served to the hunters on the Lon Mapes place was a big feature of the day's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sykes returned home from Dallas Wednesday. They came home in a new Willys Knight coupe which will be delivered to a customer in a few days.

Gay Shepherd, of Coleman, visited his uncle, C. P. Shepherd, Sunday.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Hood, of near San Angelo, came down Wednesday to visit her son, Jack Carroll, and family.

Miss Essie Jones returned home Thursday from Mason after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. E. R. Hill. Mrs. Hill returned home with Miss Essie to spend several weeks with her daughter and family, Mrs. Floyd Jones.

Horace Murphy returned home Monday night from Ft. Worth, where he had been on business.

Mrs. W. O. Brown and children of near Marie, spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and attended the Literary Society meeting. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Jack Cook and baby, of Abilene, came in Friday evening to visit her parents, and attended the Literary Society. They returned to Abilene Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. May, of Glen Cove, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sam Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. McMillan and children returned home Saturday with Mrs. McMillan's sister, Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Marie.

Miss Essie Jones and Ernest and Leonard Jones were among those to visit San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. R. E. Brown and children and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Creel, of Dallas, spent Sunday with Mesdames Brown's and Creel's sister, Mrs. W. O. Brown, and family, of Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Creel will stay a few days with W. O. Brown and family.

Clynton Reese and Lennis Brown motored to Coleman Sunday.

Fannie White has been on sick list for several days.

Little Warren Murphy has been quite sick but is now better.

Quite a bunch of young folks enjoyed a kodaking party Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greer entertained their friends with a party Saturday night. All enjoyed a good time.

Singing was enjoyed Sunday night at the home of Lon Muncy.

Literary Society was well attended and a splendid program was enjoyed by everyone.

"BLUE BONNET"

SLIGHT ERROR IN DATE FOR DISTRICT COURT

In publishing the list of veniremen for the coming term of district court Wednesday, The Ledger stated that court would convene March 7th, when it should have said that court would convene Monday, March 30th. Merely a typographical error of twenty-three days.

AUGUST HERRING HURT BY AUTO AT TALPA

August Herring, prominent citizen of the Talpa section, was hurt in a rather peculiar accident Thursday of last week, and as a result is laid up for repairs. At the time of the accident Mr. Herring was out on one of the highways attending to his usual affairs. He stopped his car and had just alighted when a passing automobile, driven by a lady struck his lower extremities. His leg was broken and minor bruises inflicted. At this writing Mr. Herring is doing nicely, but will be slightly incapacitated for several weeks.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Miss Stella Miller, of Paint Rock, daughter of Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho county, is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for a minor operation. Sheriff Miller came here with her.

Secretary J. C. Watts, of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, was in Ballinger on business connected with the Runnels County Fair Friday.

C. W. Martin, president of the chamber of commerce; Garland Woodward, Cecil Gray, and Col. Short, all of Coleman, were business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

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Also **WILLIAM DESMOND** and **EILEEN SEDGWICK** in the 3rd episode of that thrilling chapter play—

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