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## Producing Classes Take Steps Control Government

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, July 3.—Speakers before the convention of farm labor and labor unions here today urged the forming of one group out of all farmers' organizations, labor and industrial groups for the purpose of controlling the politics of the nation.

The possession of the national government, the adoption of the alleged practices of capital in obtaining control of the industry of the country, was urged as two of the means of emancipating what is described as oppression of the producing classes, in addresses delivered by different speakers at the opening of the convention.

The speakers declared that the foundation of these statements rested upon the solidification of all farm labor unions, industrial labor unions into one political party.

### TRIPS PLANNED FOR THE FOURTH

Neighboring cities will draw on Ballinger for support in their Fourth of July festivities today. While the big crowds will motor to Valley Creek to spend the day with the ginners, some will motor to Paint Rock for the barbecue at that place, some will go to Abilene to see the races, and others will witness the Ku Klux parade at Abilene and San Angelo. The Klan is staging a big celebration at the fair grounds in Abilene, Capt. Skipwith, of Mer Rouge fame being the speaker for the occasion, and at the same hour the Klan will put on a public initiation in the fair grounds at San Angelo, following a barbecue at five-thirty in the afternoon, according to notices in the San Angelo Standard and Abilene Reporter. The public will be admitted to the grand stand at both San Angelo and Abilene.

### FINDS BIG STILL OUT IN THE BRUSH

Sheriff Bob Miller, of Concho county, captured the booze making machinery, but failed to get the booze maker in a raid he made on the Kickapoo South of Paint Rock early this week. The officers found the equipment for running out the liquor and six barrels of mash, but the "proprietor" was away from home, according to the Concho county sheriff, who was in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. Miller stated that the still was located in a branch out in the middle of a big pasture, and seems to have been doing some business.

### ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR COUNTRY FARM HOME

The Creasy Rotary Filer Company of Ballinger is installing an Alamo lighting plant for August Herring. Mr. Herring will be able to generate electricity for lighting his home and barns, as well as for power in operating any machinery he wishes to operate about the place.

## BEAL SNEED'S ASSAILANT OUT UNDER BOND

(By Associated Press)  
FT. WORTH, July 3.—John Beal Sneed, who was wounded at Padueah yesterday, and who was brought to Quannah and placed in a hospital suffering with twelve buckshot wounds in his body, was able to speak to his attorneys here over long distance telephone this morning. He declared that he would recover despite the fact that he has twelve shot-gun wounds in his body.

C. B. Berry, accused of shooting Sneed, is at liberty under \$3,000 bond, awaiting the outcome of Sneed's condition.

Sneed was the central figure in the slaying of Capt. A. G. Boyce and son, Al, noted Panhandle ranchmen, in 1912, and following the elopement of Mrs. Sneed and Al Boyce into Canada, where Sneed followed them and prevailed upon his wife to return to Texas with him. Since then Sneed has been in much trouble. Last March he shot C. B. Berry, but did not kill him, and Berry, just out of the hospital, shot Sneed yesterday.

Here are the tragedies that have involved Sneed:

January 12, 1912—Sneed shot and killed Capt. A. G. Boyce in Ft. Worth.

September 14, 1912—Sneed shot and killed Al Boyce in Amarillo.

February 15, 1912—Edward Throckmorton, principal witness for the state in Sneed trial for killing elder Boyce, mysteriously poisoned. He died. Before dying he told his wife two strangers had doped him.

February 21, 1912—J. S. Snyder, Sneed's father-in-law, was shot and killed near Calvert by a farmer who sided with the Boyces.

October 7, 1922—Sneed convicted in federal court at Abilene and given 2 year term on a charge of attempt to bribe juror trying land case.

December 17, 1922—Wood Barton, Sneed's son-in-law, shot and killed by C. B. Berry at Padueah.

March 7, 1923—Sneed shot Berry at Padueah, wounding him in both legs.

July 2, 1923—C. B. Berry shot John Sneed at Padueah.

H. Giesecke and two daughters Misses Serena and Clara Marguerite, arrived about four o'clock yesterday afternoon from San Antonio. They drove thru from San Antonio in about ten hours. Mr. Giesecke says he came up to attend the picnic and see how things were moving along.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to their son, James Blair Harris, at Dallas, and a visit to friends and relatives in other parts of the state.

## Cotton Crop Shows Gain In Texas Last Two Weeks

147th Anniversary



## PLANS RENEWED JAPAN DECIDES FOR BIG FIGHT PROPOSE TREATY

(By Associated Press)  
GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 3.—The Dempsey-Gibbons heavy-weight championship fight, which was suddenly called off at midnight last night, was resumed today and will be decided tomorrow at Shelby, Montana, as was scheduled. Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager agreed to gamble for the final hundred thousand dollar installment due Jack Dempsey under the three hundred thousand dollar guarantee.

The promoters of the fight guaranteed the incidental expenses of the fight amounting to approximately thirty thousand dollars.

Kearns will have jurisdiction over the gate receipts until the champion's hundred thousand is assured. Receipts then will be reverted to the promoters.

Mrs. T. C. Sellers and daughter, Miss Vivian, of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. Floyd Carr.

## TAKES STEPS TO STOP OIL FIRES

(By Associated Press)  
CORSIKANA, July 3.—Because of the great fire hazard, the Texas Railroad Commission will not permit any more oil in the Powell area to be run into earthen storage tanks, according to orders issued today by Deputy Supervisor Hoover.

The orders followed the bursting into flames of the Seay-Cranfill-Mitchell-Jones-Christian well No. 1. The well is still blazing today.

The order said that all wells must be pinched or shut in until steel storage tanks could be erected or adequate pipeline facilities arranged.

(By Associated Press)  
TOKIO, July 3.—Japan has decided to approach the United States and Great Britain with the view of reaching a tri-party agreement to enforce the provisions of the Washington naval treaty, without awaiting the ratification by the French, was the assertion made in Japanese newspapers, which print statements believed reliable, today.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The reports that Japan is preparing to propose an agreement making the Washington naval treaty effective without further delay revives the discussion of the same project several months ago.

In view of recent advices from Paris as to the progress made toward the ratification, some doubt is being entertained here that Japan will make any new move toward the separation of the three power understanding.

## MAN AND WOMAN ESCAPE BANDITS

COFFEYVILLE, Kansas, July 3.—M. S. Northrup, age 28, and his wife, Minnie, age 23, escaped into Coffeyville today after a harrowing experience with three Oklahoma bandits, according to the story they told the police here.

The bandits held them up at the close of a dance in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, took their big car, twenty dollars in money, the couple said, and after bringing them to a point four miles South of this city, the bandits then tied them to benches of a negro church. Northrup is a salesman from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. A. Street is visiting her daughter at Snyder.

## BAR PRESIDENT URGES SWEEPING JUDICIAL REFORM

(By Associated Press)  
BEAUMONT, July 4.—Sweeping reforms in the judicial system of Texas were urged by Judge W. A. Wright, of San Angelo, president of the Texas Bar Association, before the association which convened here today for its annual session.

Judge Wright criticised the tendency of the courts to write volumes of opinions, which he said tended toward uncertainty rather than certainty. He recommended that only one appeal be allowed and he advocated one state supreme court similar to combination courts of civil appeal.

The convention convened today with many attorneys from different sections of the state in attendance.

### COUNTY JUDGES VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

The county judges of Texas in convention at Dallas last Saturday, adopted a resolution endorsing the proposed highway amendment which is to be voted on by the people of Texas on July 28th. There was some opposition to the amendment, but a majority of the judges present favored the state control, building and maintenance of a system of state highways, and a resolution to that effect was adopted.

In the present day most of the travel is by auto from county seat to county seat, and is state travel, and a state highway commission can connect up the roads with state and federal funds, relieving the commissioners' courts of the burden. If the amendment is defeated Texas gets no more federal aid, and that within itself is sufficient reason for adopting the amendment.

## BANKS NOTIFIED SHOW CONDITION

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, July 3.—The Comptroller of Currency issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business, Saturday, June 30.

AUSTIN, July 3.—State banks have been notified to make statements showing condition of business at the close of business on June 30th. The call comes simultaneously with the call from the national comptroller for national banks to issue statements.

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, July 4.—Cotton has made steady improvement in growth under the generally dry, hot weather which has prevailed during the last two weeks according to the bi-weekly summary of crop reports and weather observations of the U. S. Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, issued today.

The summary covers conditions up to July 1st.

Scattered showers during the two weeks have been beneficial to most crops but not sufficient to meet all needs and rainfall is needed in almost every section, the summary stated. Grasshoppers are still very active in the western portion of the state.

"The cotton plant usually is small, by reason of lateness but with little exception it is healthy and growing vigorously," the report stated. "Rain is needed on late-planted cotton to continue improvement. Weevil presence is noted in most of the areas affected last year, but as yet little injury has resulted. Grasshoppers are doing damage in the west and some web worms have been reported. Conditions of growth are spotted with some fields in bloom while others are just up."

Review of other crops follows: Wheat and Oats—Practically all harvested.

Corn—Condition varies. Some burned badly. Practically made in South Texas.

Kaffirs—Condition favorable; practically made in South Texas.

Rice—All planted but some not up. Crop looks good but some fields off color. Some root maggot reported.

Pecans—Prospects good for a bumper crop. Case bearers have been reported in some instances but have done little damage so far.

Sweet Potatoes—Acreage small; condition fair to good.

Livestock and Range—Range conditions fair to good, getting dry; grasshoppers doing some damage in West Texas. Cattle fattening fast, losses light; calves in fine condition. Lamb crop is good.

Tax Collector Brown packed his auto, and motored out early this morning for a trip to San Antonio, Galveston and other South Texas points.

Sheriff Bob Miller was over from Paint Rock Tuesday. Mr. Miller said that the stage was all set and everything in ship shape for the big barbecue on the Concho river near Paint Rock today.

## Program for Paint Rock Barbecue July 4th

ONE MILE EAST OF PAINT ROCK, ON SIMS PLACE

10:00 a. m.—Band Concert. The Paint Rock Band will continue to play at intervals throughout the day.

DANCING—At the big platform beginning Tuesday night, July 3rd, and continuing all day the 4th and the night of the 4th. Music by Brady orchestra.

BASEBALL—Two games; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

DINNER—Served at 12:00 m., consisting of barbecue, bread, onions, pickles and coffee.

GOAT ROPING—For prizes. Nobody barred.

RODEO—Big show carrying their own horses will be on the job all day.

SWIMMING—One of the best holes on the Concho. Plenty of other entertainment. Free ice water. Stands with your favorite drinks and ice cream. Shade enough for many thousands.

## To the Ginners of West Texas

We ask you now for the privilege of furnishing you with estimates on your supply of printed gin tickets, stationery, carbon paper and other supplies that we can furnish. During the summer we have bought special papers for this class of work and have bought it in large quantities so we can give you a strictly first-class job and at very low cost.

We have added a new press that is especially good for this work, have bought new numbering machines, installed one of the largest perforators in West Texas and have an excellent binding department fully equipped. We have everything that is needed in giving good work and we know what "hurry" means. See us in regard to your wants. If you do not have just the kind of a ticket you want, see our line of sample tickets and maybe you can improve the one you are using. We will guarantee every job we do and will stand behind our guarantee.

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## Program for Ginners Picnic and Barbecue July 4th

AT VALLEY CREEK PECAN GROVE, ON W. T. PADGETT PLACE

10:00 a. m.—Band concert by Ballinger Booster Band.

10:30 a. m.—Address, Hon. Jno. T. Orr.

12:00 m.—Dinner. Barbecue, bread and pickles will be served cafeteria style. Form in line and pass by the serving table then join your family and friends wherever you care to eat. If you want coffee bring your cup.

1:00 p. m.—Band concert by Ballinger Booster Band.

2:00 p. m.—Patriotic address by Hon. Wallace Hawkins.

3:00 p. m.—Goat Roping.

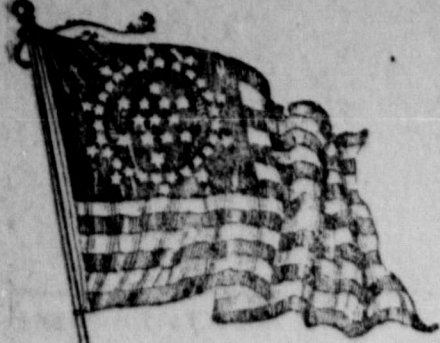
4:00 p. m.—Baseball.

Master of Ceremonies, Judge O. L. Parish.

Swimming at any time during the day.

Cold drinks, cigars, candy, pop corn and many other articles sold at stands by the Winters American Legion.

"Flag of the Future"



Significance of the arrangement of "the Flag of the Future": The thirteen stars in the central star stand for the thirteen original states—this design is from the seal of the United States, adopted in 1782; the twenty-five stars in circle, enlarged from Washington's design in 1776, represent the states added during the first century; while the ten stars in the loose outer circle represent states admitted since 1876. New stars to be inserted in this circle at equal intervals.

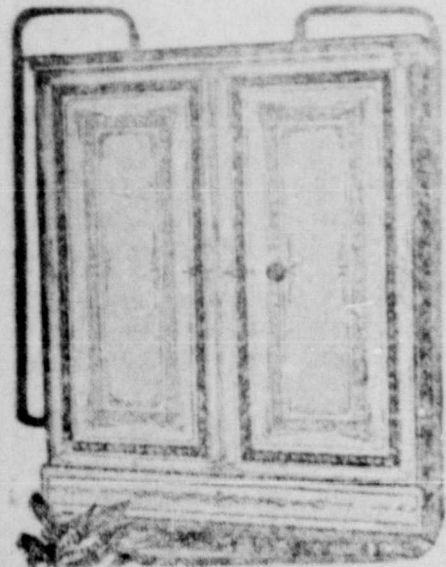
NOT THE FIRST FEDERATION

Organization of the Thirteen Colonies Had Been Preceded by an Organization in 1643.

Many persons have the notion that the first federation of the early American colonies was that of the 13 colonies, but the first real federation was effected May 19, 1643, when the colonies of Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, Connecticut and New Haven entered into a compact for common defense. At this time there were 20,000 English settlers in the country, divided into six colonies. As the settlements spread along the coast toward the interior, contact with one another and began to extend back into the interior, it was seen that some common organization was needed to meet questions which were bound to arise from these extensions.

The movement for a federation began in Hartford and New Haven. The Massachusetts colonies were indifferent at first. Rhode Island and the Providence plantations held aloof, as did those settlers which were in what is now the territory of the state of Maine. These last-mentioned settlements were composed largely of people who had left the original colonies because of religious disputes, to seek larger religious liberty. It was through this federation of Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New Haven colonies that the New Englanders were able to reduce the Narragansett Indians to terms of peace, to check the aggressiveness of the Dutch in the neighborhood of Wethersfield and Hartford, and effectually to renege with the Swedish colonies along the Delaware. Twenty years later a new federation was formed on a more liberal basis.

Declaration Endangered.



The originals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are deposited in this ordinary safe of this steel, proof neither against fire nor axes, which stands in the library of the State department, Washington, surrounded with bullet-proof material. A request for \$29,000 to provide a fireproof vault has been omitted from the appropriation bill. This request is made and figured every year. It is stated that this safe would not stand a severe fire over 20 minutes.

Patriotic Sons of Liberty.

The Sons of Liberty, which is said to have been organized on October 31, 1765, in a small room in a distillery in Harvard square, Boston, was the most famous of the patriotic secret societies named in American history. The Sons of Liberty had a prime purpose, which was to oppose in every possible way the obnoxious Stamp act. The organizers were mostly young men, fiery and adventurous. Paul Revere was one of them, and later, when the Revolution began, was chosen their leader. It is believed that the pretended Indian who threw the tea into Boston harbor were picked members of the society.

March of Democracy.

When Jefferson wrote "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," he flung the challenge of new-born democracy into a world of oligarchy and despotism. If one wants the measure of Jefferson's vision, he needs only consider the political changes that have taken place in the last 146 years.

HOME WRECKED ON VALLEY CREEK

The home on the farm of Mrs. Cap Barnett, occupied by Mr. Ward and family on Valley Creek, was completely demolished by the storm last Saturday evening. The house was scattered and the furniture broken up and damaged.

The Ward family escaped by going into the storm cellar. They are now living in a tent on the Barnett farm.

Outhouses were wrecked and considerable damage done in a small area in the vicinity of the Barnett house.

The wind in some localities appeared to strike in the form of small tornadoes, and while it came from the North and was not considered a storm cloud, many people throughout the country sought refuge in storm cellars.

can have it moved any time they get busy and provide means for a modern High school building, according to W. C. Penn, chairman of the local school board.

Mr. Penn stated that somebody had "dubbed" the building "Penn Hall," and he did not know whether they intended it as a compliment to him or whether they were making fun. "At any rate I will accept it," said Mr. Penn, "and I want to say that no one regretted to see the school have to resort to such measures for meeting the requirements more than I do."

The building will be utilized as a recitation room, and when the citizens see fit to build another school building, the building about completed can be skidded up and moved to a lot and used for the colored people. Mr. Penn stated that some provisions were going to have to be made for housing the negro pupils at an early date.

It was absolutely necessary for the school board to provide additional room and they decided to build the two recitation rooms to relieve the crowded condition of the high school, meet the requirements of the state department of education and maintain our affiliation with the universities and colleges. "Penn Hall" will fill the bill for the time being; and Mr. Penn says one good thing about it, it will be paid for when completed, and the school board does not have to go in debt to build it.

Read Ledger "wants" column

MOSQUITOES Good for the bites—good to keep the insects off too— VICKS VAPORUB Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

"PENN HALL" ONLY FOR TEMPORARY USE

The building between the Central school and the High school building which is nearing completion, is not a permanent fixture, and patrons of the school

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over thirty years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher, just to protect the coming generations. Do not be deceived. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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FLEECE OF ONE ANGORA BRINGS OVER \$300 CASH

R. E. Taylor, who ranches at the old Geyser Springs ranch Southwest of Carlsbad, was in the city the latter part of last week, arranging the shipment of mohair to L. Levoussoli, of New York city, thru Joyce-Pruitt company. The express shipment consisted of the fleece from one Angora goat, and the clip was in five bundles, as follows:

One bundle measuring twenty-eight inches, weighed three pounds and six ounces, sold for \$20 a pound.

Another bundle measured 26 to 28 inches, weighing eight pounds eight ounces, bringing Mr. Taylor \$18 a pound.

The bundle measuring from 24 to 26 inches weighed three pounds and seven ounces, and brought \$14 a pound.

One 23 to 24 inches weighing a pound and two ounces brought \$12 a pound.

A bundle 20 to 22 inches weighing two pounds and five ounces sold for \$10 a pound.

Two pounds and three ounces of the mohair 16 to 18 inches long sold for \$8 a pound, the total

for the clip netting the grower \$320.89.

Besides the mohair mentioned above Mr. Taylor had eight or nine pounds of short length, which was not included in the shipment. This fine mohair is used for making wigs and the buyer in New York city writes that he has a market for as much as he can buy. The one goat producing this remarkable revenue was handled specially for Mr. Taylor for a period of 26 months and the care of the mohair while still on the animal makes one think of that bestowed by a woman upon her capillary adornment, the caretaker keeping the mohair plaited and out of the dirt during the period of growth. However, it pays, as the amount of money realized by Mr. Taylor testifies.—Carlsbad (N. M.) Argus.

Notice to Oil Lease Holders

All parties holding leases on acreage on the Russell, Golden, Currie, Ladwig, Reeder, Jones and Oliver land near the Hunter oil well are hereby notified that if they will take their lease contracts to O. E. Parish, same will be renewed by parties paying for drawing assignments and paying notary fees.

O. WILSON, By W. A. Tally.

WEAR YOUR FAIR BADGE AT PICNIC

Badges and banners have been printed advertising the Runnels County Fair to be held three days in November, and those attending the picnics today are urged to wear the badges and help advertise the fair. The badges can be had at the Y. M. B. L. offices.



The most Up-to-Date Store in Ballinger

Your Patronage Appreciated Whether Large or Small.

A trial purchase here will convince you.

L. B. Stubbs GROCERIES



Comfort

Nothing adds more to a man's comfort than a clean, cool, easy shave and a haircut administered by artists. The "Tech" Shop does this and more. Give us a trial.

Old Hats Made New

We have accepted agency for Dallas Hat Works, and will send off that Hat and have it worked over—make it like new at less than 1-4 the cost of a new one. This house does first-class work—and you will be pleased.

The Tech Shop J. A. Freeman, Proprietor

McCormick-Deering Row Binders The feed crop is now almost ready to cut. You will perhaps need a ROW BINDER. McCORMICK Many Valuable Features They bind the maize in an upright position. They have three sets of conveyor chains. Have two stationary and one reciprocating knife. Can be easily adjusted for different heights. All oil holes are easy to get at. DEERING No matter if the maize is short or tall, leaning or down, the Deering Row Binder can be adjusted to harvest it all in good condition. The gatherer boards can be lowered so that they will raise the leaning maize to a vertical position. It can also be adjusted to cut short maize or extra long maize. You buy the binder, we will bring it out to your place and set it up in good shape: that is our "RED BABY" service and it costs you nothing extra. Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack BALLINGER, TEXAS.

### FEW MARRIAGES IN RUNNELS CO.

June came in behind May in registering up marriages in Runnels county. In May there were issued twenty-four marriage licenses and the June permits only totalled twenty-two. For the first six months of the year 1923 there were issued only ninety-three marriage licenses, divided up by months as follows: January, 21; February, 5; March, 9; April, 12; May, 24; and June, 22. Until 9:00 o'clock Monday morning no marriage licenses had been issued for July.

Those who secured marriage licenses in June were as follows: Thos. James and Verna Elsworth

J. R. Parrish and Ola Brown Howard Worthington and Birdie Agnes Wood Ray Rone and Ruth Hammon J. A. Huffhines and Erna Voelker

L. O. Seale and Ora May Cooke O. R. Jones and Eva May Ingie O. W. Winans and Lansoyne Strom

Charles James and Ella Jones Aug. Poehls and Martha Kahlfeld

W. C. Smith and Lillie Weaver F. A. Davidson and Mrs. Hattie Childress

E. Calvert and Nellie Foster Nick Ward and Reese Elkins H. L. Toliver and Faye Carter S. G. Freiman and Daisy Lillian Harris

C. M. Hubbard and Mrs. Allie Stepp

L. B. Elliott and Mrs. Druella Massingill

H. Phillip and Ione Godraime J. Lancaster and Gertrude Hoeker

E. H. Forgy and Sibyl Parker W. A. Tindle and Mrs. Johnnie Milles.

### CATARRH

Catarrh is a local disease greatly influenced by Constitutional conditions. HALZ CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives Quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

### Bathers, Take Notice

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

J. F. DEAN

2-3td

W. H. Wilson and family, of Norton, passed thru the city Monday en route to Rising Star, where they will visit for a few days.

Summer stamps.—The Ballinger

### Daily Ledger Want Ads

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

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE—Up-to-date household outfit, five book cases, \$400 worth books. Encyclopedia Britannica, Harvard Classics and some law books, three electric fans, typewriter, full breed White Wyandotte chickens, Ford delivery. Apply 701 Seventh Street. 1d

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

LOST—Three months old dark brown Shepherd puppy, white markings. Finder please phone 253. 2-2td

FOR EXCHANGE—Good flour, made by Winters mill to exchange for wheat. Branham Grain Co. 29-4fd

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

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

### ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD BIG PICNIC

A basket picnic and barbecue is scheduled under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Wingate on Thursday, July 12th, according to a message sent to The Ledger by Sam Eason of Wingate today.

The picnic will be held on the creek in a beautiful grove, and all are invited to come and bring baskets of eats. The picnic baskets will be supplemented with barbecue, and a good program will be arranged for the day.

Grand Master J. L. Slatton, of Hillsboro, will attend the picnic and be the principal speaker of the day. Everyone is invited to come and spend the day with the Wingate folks.

### ORDER OF DE MOLAY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Robert McGregor Chapter, Order of DeMolay met Monday night and installed the officers that were elected at the last meeting. Many new boys are applying for membership in the local DeMolay.

Those who will receive the DeMolay degrees next Friday night at 6:00 o'clock are: H. E. Jones, C. C. Reese, H. P. Brown, W. G. Lankford, J. L. McWhirter, C. V. Thorp, O. H. Layton, W. L. Bennett.

### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

J. M. Jennings and L. C. Underwood, of Norton, were among the visitors to Ballinger yesterday afternoon.

### WEDDING BELLS

Forgy-Parker

Sunday morning Rev. Alvin Swindell performed a wedding ceremony which made two hearts beat as one. They were those of Miss Sibyl Parker and E. H. Forgy. The young couple were married at the home of the bride's father at eight o'clock Sunday morning.

The bride is the daughter of W. D. Parker, and sister of Clifford Parker, who died several months ago. She is a graduate of the Ballinger schools and has many friends who will extend best wishes for her happiness in married life with Mr. Forgy.

Mr. Forgy is in the civil service and has been in charge of one of the rural mail routes out of Ballinger for some time, and he too has many friends who extend congratulations and best wishes.

The newlyweds left in their car for San Antonio, San Marcos and other places to spend their honeymoon.

### NO RED BUGS ON BARBECUE GROUNDS

D. F. Eaton declares that all the chiggers have been destroyed on the barbecue grounds, and those remaining away from the Valley Creek gathering today for fear that they will get a few red bug bites are only drawing on their imagination. Mr. Eaton has spent a good part of his time during the last few days on the ground superintending the work of preparing for the feast, and he says that he thinks every red bug on the picnic grounds or in the surrounding country, attacked him and made a good job of the attack.

AMARILLO—Police officials and county juvenile officers here have evolved a novel method for handling unruly boys of Amarillo. Following a series of thefts by youngsters, it has been arranged that when a boy is caught stealing, he will be taken in charge by one of the local men's clubs for training.

MARFA, Tex.—Arrangements for bringing the entire First Cavalry Division to Marfa for encampment have been made by local committees. The encampment, it is said, will be the largest of its kind ever held. It will include approximately 6,000 mounted men.

LITTLEFIELD, Tex.—What is claimed to be the highest windmill in the state is located on a ranch near here owned by J. P. White. The mill is built on a wooden tower 118 feet high. Water is lifted from a thirty-foot well. The mill is located in a canyon to which is attributed the reason for the extreme height of the tower.

### WOMAN SO ILL COULD NOT STAND

Says Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Made Her Well and Strong

Glens Falls, N. Y.—"For over two months I was so sick I was not able to stand on my feet, and my husband did my housework. The doctor said an operation might be necessary. I read testimonials about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and began to take it. Before I had finished taking the first bottle I saw what good it was doing me. I am now well and strong, doing all my work for a family of four, all my washing and my sewing, which I think is remarkable, as I had not dared to run my sewing machine, but had done all my sewing by hand. I truly feel that were it not for your medicine I would not be here today as my case seemed very serious."—Mrs. GEORGE W. BURCHELL, Glens Falls, N. Y.



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### STORM DESTROYS MUCH PROPERTY

The storm which swept this section of the state last Saturday evening was light at Ballinger compared to the loss in Brown and McCulloch counties. The reports received at Ballinger Monday were verified by the Brownwood Bulletin which gives the following account of the storm:

"Belated reports of the terrific wind and hail storm that swept over the Bangs-Brooksmith-Winchell and other sections contiguous to the localities mentioned coming in Sunday and Monday place the damage anywhere from \$250,000 to \$300,000. The damage consists of practically total loss to crops in most of the Bangs area, total loss to the fruit crop, heavy damage to all kinds of crops in Brooksmith and Winchell localities and general destruction and demolition, that may in fact run into much higher figures than those indicated. Two deaths so far have been reported, one that of an electrical employ at Brady, who lost his life while making an examination of damage to a wire or post, and a Me-

lean whose name could not be learned, in the Concord locality.

"The telephone company experienced considerable trouble with wires being put out of commission, several places, being still out today, notably at Winchell, Brooksmith, Mercury, Mason, Menard, Rochelle and Zephyr, making communication with these points impossible.

"The area affected by the wind and hail according to several reports, all of which are corroborative, seems to have been about 10 to 14 miles in width and about 60 to 70 miles in length, the storm gradually blowing itself out in the territory South and Southeast of Brady."

### One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved. That being the case he cannot be too careful about unnecessary expenses.



This statue of Alexander Hamilton is located at the southern entrance to the Treasury building in the national capital.

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Hugh Campbell is driving new Dodge.

Mrs. Wm. Glenn returned home at Bronte Monday, spending several days with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Lusk.

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NOT THE FIRST FEDERATION

Organization of the Thirteen Colonies Had Been Preceded by an Organization in 1643.

Many persons have the notion that the first federation of the early American colonies was that of the 13 colonies, but the first real federation was effected May 19, 1643, when the colonies of Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, Connecticut and New Haven entered into a compact for common defense.

The movement for a federation began in Hartford and New Haven. The Massachusetts colonies were indifferent at first. Rhode Island and the Providence plantations held aloof, as did those settlers which were in what is now the territory of the state of Maine.

dozen papers coming to its exchange table, including practically all the larger daily papers of the state, and so far we have not been able to find one that is opposing the highway amendment.

There was a time when it was often said that strong drink was the curse of society, and it has been proven true, but there is another curse which retards many good moves.

To be or not to be. July will determine much for Ballinger.

This is the month when the "Tech" committee pays us a visit.

The size of our cotton crop depends on what the weather man does for us this month.

This is the month when the people will adopt or reject the proposed highway amendment.

The petition asking for a hearing on the irrigation project will be presented to the state board of water engineers this month.

The program for future wildcat work in this county will be pretty well mapped out or wiped out during the present month, for the time being at least.

The iron is hot. The citizens of Ballinger hold the hammer, and it is up to them to strike, and when rejoice over the results, or quibble over petty differences and suffer the consequences.

UNCLE SAM COLLECTS HIS INTEREST

Great Britain has just paid into the United States treasury the sum of \$69,000,000. This little sum represents the first semi-

Greetings



THE LEDGER commends the winners of Runnels county for this splendid Fourth of July program and congratulates the citizens of Runnels county for having in their midst such a class of progressive men.

The barbecue table set here today was no small undertaking. The cost was no little item, and the responsibility for the success of the affair a big one.

The Ledger rejoices with the patriotic citizens of today in this gala occasion and successful celebration. Only one other day in our calendar stands out more prominently in the history of America. Next to Christmas comes the Independence Day, a date most

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All Counterfeits, Imitations Experiments that trifle with Infants and Children—EXPERIENCE HELD SATURDAY

Never attempt to relieve remedy that you want

What is C. Casteria is a harmless substitute the same time an examination will be held in Ballinger. For the purpose of filling vacancies in the carrier and clerk service.

On account of the two examinations the local office will have its force for the day down to only two men, but Postmaster Reese says that the best service possible under the circumstances will be given. The new postmaster is to be commended for the rapid way in which the mail is distributed after its arrival here.

Biliousness and Constipation "For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, helping the system to do its work naturally," writes Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala.

L. Dietz, of the Crews country, was trading in Ballinger Tuesday.

Judge W. D. Jennings, of Miles, was attending a sale of land in Ballinger Tuesday, in which the sheriff sold a number of tracts under the hammer.

Mrs. H. A. Sparkman left for Waco Sunday afternoon where she will visit for a few weeks.

Mrs. A. Schawe left Saturday afternoon for Dallas, where she goes to spend a few days visiting her daughters.

AMARILLO—Wichita Falls was selected for the 1924 convention of the Texas Trapshooters' Association in convention here, recently.

BROWNWOOD — President Harding has been invited to attend the 1924 annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held here.

J. M. Mackey and family, of the Marie country, were in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Mackey reported about an inch of rain for his country, but said the grasshoppers were doing considerable damage in places.

Charles Taylor, of the Valley Creek country, was in the city Tuesday and dropped in to keep the newspaper man encouraged.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

Use Ledger Classifieds



SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN

Services Rendered by Haym Salomon Were Invaluable to the Revolutionary Cause.

It is unlikely that one person in a thousand has ever heard the name of Haym Salomon, a figure of importance in Revolutionary times, yet one who has been strangely neglected in our annals. Haym Salomon was a Polish Jew banker of New York and Philadelphia who financed and backed the new United States in their fight for self-government. His services have been ignored for nearly 150 years, his name, although appearing in the encyclopedias and in President Madison's correspondence to Randolph and in congressional records, also being mentioned in a few histories, is practically unknown. Haym Salomon was born in Lissa, Poland, in 1740. He came to America in 1772 and was identified with the cause of American independence. In 1776 he was imprisoned by the British on a charge of espionage, and although a prisoner, succeeded in stirring up sedition among Hessian officers. Two years later he escaped to Philadelphia, where he became an agent of Robert Morris and succeeded in obtaining large sums from Holland and France for the conduct of the American war. Salomon loaned Morris about \$900,000 of his own money for the patriot cause, and at his death in 1785 \$400,000 of this had not been returned. In addition he supplied funds to Jefferson, Madison, Randolph, and other patriot leaders. Haym Salomon died at the age of forty-five in Philadelphia, leaving a widow and two small children. All his papers and the documents showing the government's obligation were lost in the confusion following the occupation of Washington by the British in 1814.

Continental Congress. Philadelphia September 5, 1777. I voted not to obey the recent act of parliament; protested against standing armies being kept in the colonies without consent of the people; sustained Massachusetts in her resistance, and agreed to hold no intercourse with Great Britain.

Battle of Bennington Near the town of Bennington, Vt., the Americans under Stark defeated the British under Baum and Breyman, on August 16, 1777.

Oh! Never may the purple stain. Of combat blot these fields again. Nor this fair valley ever cease To wear the placid smile of peace.

And men shall hold the memory dear Of those who fought for freedom here. And guard the heritage they won While these green hillsides feel the sun. —William Cullen Bryant.



True Americanism.

Two men were sitting in Lafayette square the other day, discussing the Stars and Stripes, when one of them pulled from his pocket a card on which was printed the following tribute to the flag by Marx E. Kahn. After he had read it aloud to his companion the other suggested that it was something that should be in the home of every real American. The tribute reads as follows: "Behold the Emblem of Our Country—the Greatest Flag of the Greatest Nation in the World! May it ever wave over a free and liberty-loving people! May it ever represent the highest ideals of American manhood, the loftiest standards of exalted womanhood, the purest principles of social democracy! May its generous folds, blessed by Almighty God and glorified by the blood of our forefathers, ever succor and support, at home and abroad, on land and on sea, suffering mankind, struggling for human rights, human freedom and human advancement!"—Washington Star.

Marka Historic Spot.



Monument at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware, where Cornwallis once had headquarters.

The Same Everywhere

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

Undertaker C. R. Crews was called to Winters Sunday to embalm the remains of Grandpa Stark, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Cook. About three years ago Mr. Crews was called to Winters to embalm the remains of Mr. Cook's father, who died in the same house.

T. J. McCaughn, cashier of the First National Bank of Norton, had business in Ballinger Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass returned home Monday afternoon from Cleburne, where they visited relatives. While gone Dr. and

Mrs. Douglass also visited Galveston, spending several days in that city. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Douglass' niece, Mary Copeland, of Cleburne.

J. Stubblefield was in the city Tuesday from Norton, and reported the grasshoppers still hopping pretty fast in some places.

A Splendid Medicine for the Stomach and Liver.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton left Monday for their home in Tennessee, after a three weeks' visit here with C. J. Lynn and family. They are making the trip in their car.

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Quality and Service is Our Slogan.

Following prices effective June 18th.

- 2000lb books, 40 cents per 100 pounds. 1000lb books, 40 cents per 100 pounds. 500lb books, 45 cents per 100 pounds. Cash Ice from wagons, 50 cents per 100 pounds. Cash Ice at platform, 30 cents per 100 pounds.

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The MOTOR hums with a beautiful rhythm. It is always under a maximum of generating power. Always ready to start by merely pressing a button—always under automatic control. See the SILENT ALAMO—the quietest running plant—the only plant that will operate under full load mounted on three inverted water glasses.

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# FIRST GIN BUILT HERE IN 1887

From 88 bales of cotton in 1887 to an average crop of from 40,000 to 60,000 bales per year is the record in figures on the cotton industry of Runnels county. Ballinger was more than one year old when the first bale of cotton was seen on the streets, and the man with the hoe did not come to this country with a rush. It was a stockman's paradise and all land in this county was considered for its value only as a stock raising country and the man who stooped so low as to tear up the sod in this country and plant the land in cotton was looked upon with more or less suspicion as being an intruder and a disgrace to the citizenship of the county. In fact the bringing to market of a bale of cotton by a "cow-puncher" was an occasion of much comment and the boys poked fun at the "hay-seed."

In 1887 a sufficient acreage was planted in cotton to induce W. J. Miller to construct a gin and install machinery to handle the crop and prepare it for the market.

Mr. Miller built his gin near the Elm Creek bridge adjacent to the old flour mill, some remnants of the original gin still standing today as a landmark for the work of the pioneers of the cotton industry in this county.

For the season of 1887-88 Mr. Miller tied out 88 bales of cotton. There were years following in which he did very little better and the cotton industry in this county did not spring up within one year or two years, but it was by a gradual increase in population and the coming of the man with the hoe that pushed the stockman further West and the rich lands of this part of the state began to yield up thousands of dollars annually in agricultural products.

The success of one farmer from the East attracted the attention of his neighbors left behind, and they followed. The grass land began to climb in value. Experiments proved its worth as farming land and the man who came and bought a section for \$5 per acre soon found a ready sale for one-half of his holdings for \$10 per acre or a sufficient amount to pay him for what he gave for the entire section. Such dickering in dirt attracted others, and the real estate business soon became the big business of the county, although full of vicissitudes owing to the reluctance of the cattleman to part with his holdings, and home seekers made up the heavy travel to this country.

With the success of the cotton industry well established, the farmers of the county caught the cotton craze and the one-crop idea soon became a curse to the country, and with thousands of acres planted in cotton and a crop failure the loss fell heavy on many heads. Too much cotton for the acreage then in cultivation caused the farmer to turn his attention to other crops, and through the aid of the United States Department of Agriculture, diversified

farming began to take hold in Runnels county and today the county leads the state in diversification.

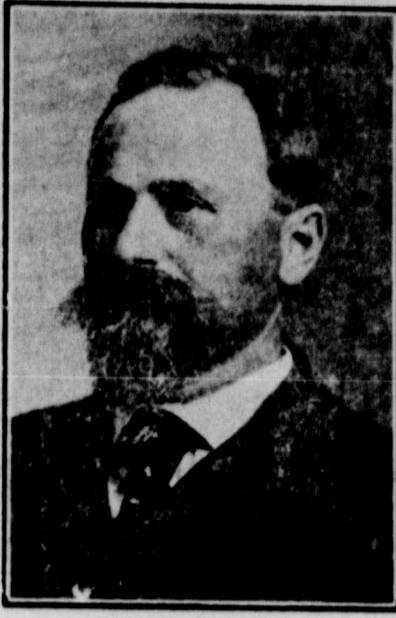
Mr. Miller had associated with him in the early days of the first cotton gin and the establishment of his flour mill, Daniel Ahrenbach, deceased. Mr. Ahrenbach was one of the pioneers of Texas as well as of Runnels county. He was a pioneer in the cotton and cotton seed industry of the state. He established the first cotton seed oil mill in Texas, same being located at Hempstead, Texas. The Ahrenbachs were industrial pioneers of Texas and Daniel Ahrenbach did a great part in developing Runnels county.

The cotton industry has grown steadily in Runnels county until for a quarter of a century it has been what is known as the "money crop" and at times in the past few years it has occupied so much of the acreage of the county that the diversification of farming was forgotten. Today, however, the farmers of the West realize the benefits to be derived from diversified farming and practically everything that grows is raised in this county, with cotton the big crop. At the beginning of the 20th Century the crop came into its own and during this period more than a half million bales has been raised and ginned in Runnels county—or to be exact, 597,952 bales.

More than half a million dollars is invested in gin plants in Runnels county, the plants representing from \$15,000 to \$25,000 each, and all are modernly equipped.

Service given by the ginners in this county is said to be equal to the best to be found in the state anywhere. The older counties in the black land cotton belt of Texas have no better gin plants, and cotton buyers accept samples from the Runnels county gins as being as good as can be turned out by any gin.

There are twenty-eight gins in the county, running 62 stands of 70 and 80 saws each, located as



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- Holmes Bros., Miles
- Farmer Brothers, Miles
- Ben Wilde, Rowena (two units)
- W. H. Eggemeyer, Rowena (two units)
- Runnels County Gin Co., Rowena
- Aug. Halfmann, Rowena
- Ira L. Sims, Pony
- W. P. Vaughn, Crews
- Runnels County Gin Co., Hatchel
- C. Kornegay, Winters (two units)
- Farmers Gin Co., Winters (two units)
- Miller Gin Co., Winters
- Runnels County Gin Co., Winters (two units)
- Runnels County Gin Co., Ballinger (two units)
- Edwin Day, Ballinger
- W. E. Harvey, Ballinger
- Another industry that has developed in this county is the Rotary Filer Company which

veloped in Runnels county with the cotton industry is the Creasy manufactures its product in Ballinger and sells a machine for the sharpening of saws to all parts of the United States and other civilized nations of the world. Practically every gin in Runnels county has one or more of these machines in operation. The invention is one of Mr. R. B. Creasy's own patents and is something which has been a wonderful help to the ginner, being automatically operated and a machine that does in a short while what formerly took days and was a constant source of worry to the gin operator.

At Ballinger also is one of the largest and best equipped compresses in the state. This plant was burned several years ago and a more modern plant was immediately installed on the same site. The machinery is housed in fire-proof buildings and this year has witnessed the addition of more shed-room and warehouse facilities. The sheds are being constructed of reinforced cement and protects all cotton from the weather. The compress, owned by the Texas Compress Company, under the local management of H. A. Sparkman, employs a large force of men and through the cotton season is one of the busiest places found in West Texas.

Two cotton seed oil mills are operated in the county; one at Ballinger and one at Winters. Both these plants are large and modern and handle a large volume of business. There are also four cotton yards in the county and one warehouse.

The co-operative marketing plan has been pushed in the county and the Runnels County Farm Bureau has about 900 contracts for the season of 1923 out of the 2,000 farms in the county.

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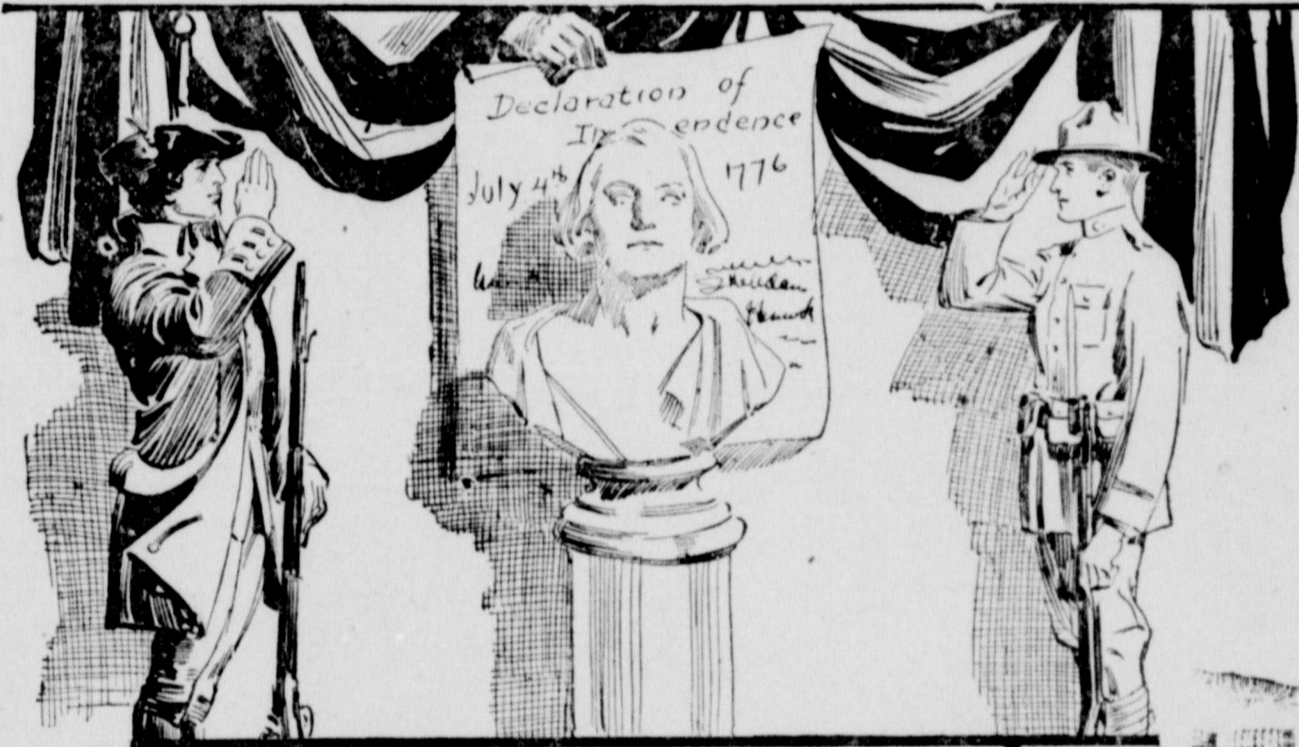


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All we ask is a trial—and you will want a complete set of Goodrich, Ajax or Badger Tires.

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# FAIR DATES SET FOR NOV. 14-15-16



Just four months hence the citizens of Runnels county will be gathering together with exhibits and wending their way to Runnels county's third annual County Fair. The dates for this year's exposition have been set for November 14th, 15th and 16th, and plans are being made for a bigger and better County Fair than any in the past.

Last year 20,000 people visited at Ballinger and the various departments of the Fair during the three days it was held. The business at Ballinger distributed nearly \$2,000.00 in prizes to Runnels county farmers for the best poultry, live stock, home economics exhibits, agricultural exhibits, etc. shown. Several hundred dollars was expended in free acts, fireworks, and other forms of amusement. It was the consensus of opinion of all who participated in the Fair that it should be made an annual institution, as there was plenty of room in Runnels county for such an exposition.

The Fair Association has begun to broadcast advertising to all parts of Runnels, Coke, Tom Green, Concho and Coleman counties. Automobile banners will carry the message to the far corners of the state. Advertising fans will appear at all picnics and gatherings. Window cards and posters will be displayed in every community. All the county papers have indicated that they will cooperate in carrying weekly news stories on the progress which is being made with the Fair, and the new features which are to be

added, in order that Runnels county may have the most representative county fair in all of West Texas.

Farmers throughout the territory are urged to save exhibits of grain, milo maize, cotton, etc., and to set aside the best products of the home, and to get their poultry, turkeys and live stock into the best possible condition for the Fair. Representatives of all the daily papers of the state will be present, and will assist in carrying the word to the outside world of the excellence of the products raised and prepared in Runnels county.

The Fair this year will seek to introduce as many new features as possible, at the same time adhering closely to established precedents and popular diversions that have made county fairs great drawing cards throughout the United States.

LAREDO—Under order of the federal government, Mexican officials have ordered the international bridge here closed on the Mexican side each night at 8:00 o'clock. The order was issued as a means of decreasing gambling, it is said.

GALVESTON—Imports thru the Galveston customs district for April were valued at \$147,000, according to reports from federal authorities. This amount is a decline compared with March shipments but nearly double the shipments of last April.



## Hurrah for the 4th

We wish you all a big time on this celebration and invite you to Ballinger and our up-to-date grocery store-

We will be glad to have you visit us anytime.

**CURRIE MERCANTILE CO.**

### Philip Freneau Author of the First American Poem of Independence

Now the two great English-speaking nations, the United States and Great Britain, happily are on terms of amity, but in the days of the "differences" there was a feeling against the mother country intensely violent, as is shown by the appended verses. Philip Freneau, author of the poem, was the first American poet of any note. He was born in 1752 in New York, was graduated from Princeton in 1771, and in 1775, at the age of twenty-three, he wrote this bitterly satirical poem, entitled "Emancipation From British Dependence." The next year independence was declared by the Continental congress. Freneau lived to the age of eighty, dying near Freehold, N. J., late in 1832.

From a Junta that labor for absolute power,  
Whose schemes, disappointed, have made them look sour;  
From the lords of the council, who fight against freedom,  
Who still follow on where delusion shall lead 'em;  
From groups at St. James' who slight our petitions  
And fools that are waiting for further submissions;  
From a nation whose manners are rough and abrupt,  
From scoundrels and rascals whom gold can corrupt;  
From pirates sent out by command of the king  
To murder and plunder, but never to swing;  
From Wallace and Graves and vipers and roses  
Whom, if heaven please, we'll give bloody noses;  
From the valiant Dummore, with his crew of banditti,  
Who plunder Virginians at Williamsburg city;  
From hot-headed Montague, mighty to swear,  
The little fat man with his pretty white hair;  
From bishops in Britain, who butchers are grown;  
From slaves that would die for a smile from the throne,  
From assemblies that vote against congress proceedings,  
Who now see the fruit of their stupid misleadings;  
From Tron, the mighty, who flies from our city  
And, swelled with importance, disdains the committee  
(But since he is pleased to proclaim us his foe,  
What the devil care we where the devil he goes!);  
From the catfish Lord North, who would bind us in chains;  
From our noble King Lex, with his toothful of brains,  
Who dreams and is certain when taking a nap  
He has conquered our lands as they lay on his lap;  
From a kingdom that bullies and hectors and swears,  
I send up to heaven my wishes and prayers  
That we, disunited, may freemen be still,  
And Britain go on to be d—d if she will.

ALPINE—The county commissioners' court of Brewster county has gone on record favoring the proposed constitutional amendment placing control of the state highways under the state highway department.

### MILITANT MEXICAN BEAUTY DIES OF HER WOUNDS

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, July 4.—The Joan d'Arc of the Mexican revolution, Ramona Flores, is dead from the effect of a wound she received during one of the battles in which she was engaged against

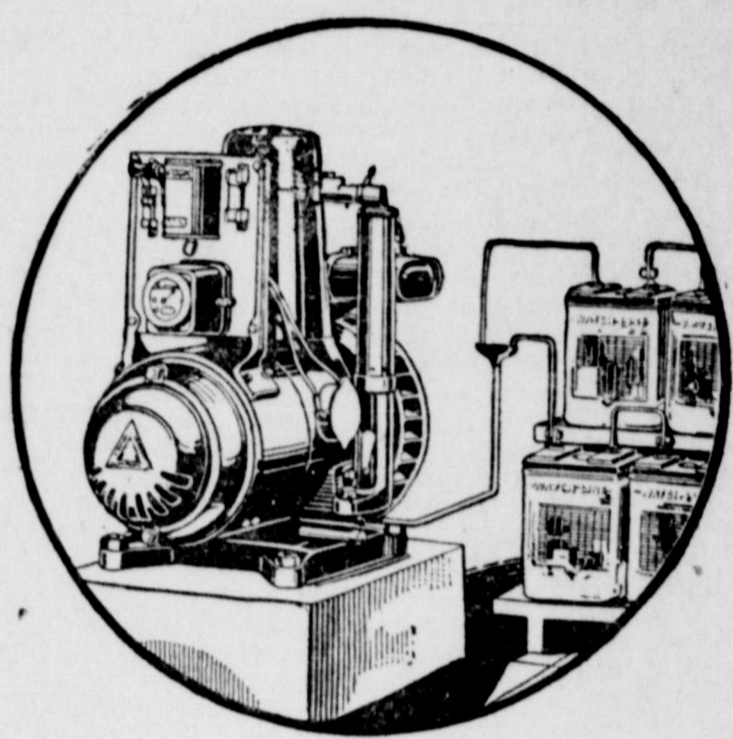
the troops of Victoriano Huerta in 1913.

Known popularly as "La Coronella," Ramona first saw active service in the ranks of General Juan Carrasco. She was born in Sinaloa about 40 years ago, and was a striking example of Mexican Indian beauty. During the last three years she was a patient

in a local sanitarium, the federal government meeting the cost of her medical treatment.

AUSTIN—A. M. Blackman of Farmersville, has been appointed assistant state superintendent of public instruction under Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs. He assumed his duties on June 15.

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"Ballinger, Texas  
"Dear Sir:

"I am submitting herewith my comment on your speech describing the Ballinger and Bronte irrigation project as broadcast over radio station WBAP last Monday night, and for the best story a prize of a set of head phones is offered.

"Incidentally my wife and I wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the program offered that night by the Saxophone Octette and the Texas Syncopaters orchestra. All of the numbers were good and thoroughly enjoyed by us. Let us hear them again in the near future.

"The Ballinger and Bronte irrigation project appeals to us as a most worthy undertaking. Inasmuch as we have been in the farming business for over 25 years the possibilities of this undertaking are very apparent to us. May the results be even greater than you anticipate is our sincere wish.

"Yours very truly,  
"L. L. WILKES."

## Ballinger and Bronte Irrigation Project

(By L. L. Wilkes, Hubbard, Tex.)  
Some one has said, "the better the day, the better the deed." To someone there is also attributed this remark, "the end justifies the means." One or both of these truisms must have been in the minds of those who started the giant irrigation project that is now being rushed to completion near Bronte in Coke county, Texas.

Both precedent and practice support the wisdom of this enterprise. Actuated by the necessity of fostering the greatest and most vital industry in the world—agriculture—it is indeed a most worthy undertaking. The idea of increasing the productivity of a large body of land which is of a slightly arid nature had its beginning in the Orient thousands of years ago. Irrigation was first tried by the Babylonians. It was later tried by the Egyptians who made use of the surplus waters of the Nile. Coming to our own country we find that it has been tried with great success in the Imperial Valley in California, and in many other places. That these undertakings were not without wisdom is attested by the fact the most ancient of them are in operation today.

Turning to the project in Runnels and Coke counties one is amazed at the startling figures revealed by it, both as to its size and its possibilities. The reinforced concrete dam, which will stretch across the Colorado river near Bronte in the Southeastern part of Coke county, will be a half-mile long and 150 feet high. It is estimated that the reservoir thus created will impound a body of water 4 miles wide and 35 miles

long and containing 200,000,000 gallons, the largest body of water of its kind in the entire Southwest. The dual canal irrigation system that will be used in connection with it will accommodate about 200,000 acres along the Colorado river.

The effect of this improvement will be to very materially increase the productivity of the soil in this area. Likewise land that now sells for \$25.00 to \$40.00 per acre will command a much higher price. It will to a very large degree revolutionize the farming industry in this section of the country. Diversified farming on small tracts will take the place of the limited crop system on larger tracts.

The lake and its environs is certain to become one of the most popular playgrounds of West Texas. With a shore line of 100 miles a beautiful meandering drive will circumscribe the lake and the slopes will be dotted with camping cottages. Inasmuch as the lake will be stocked with fine fish, the disciples of Isaac Walton will be attracted to it. The added attractions of boating, hunting, and bathing should make of this beauty spot a mecca for tourists and campers who seek the wholesome out of door life.

This undertaking had its inception in the minds of some of the more progressive citizens of Ballinger and their co-workers in Coke county. And their labors will not be in vain. Already a progressive city, located 1700 feet above the sea level and with an ideal climate and low wind velocity and peopled with a pure Anglo-Saxon population, Ballinger is sure to profit much from this gigantic project, which she is sponsoring in conjunction with her neighbors. An arid region turned into a fertile and productive area is sure to enrich the coffers of those who come within the sphere of usefulness of this irrigation plant, and Runnels county, now 13th in cotton production in Texas, will enjoy a much higher rating. To the citizens who showed such rare judgment and business acumen much credit and success is due.

## Italians Going to Mexico

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, July 4.—Italian emigrants are expected in large numbers in Mexico, and probably will settle in the states of Tamaulipas, Jalisco, Tabasco and Nuevo Leon. Arrangements for their colonization have been made by agents of the Italian emigration service at Washington. The first batch of arrivals probably will number 600.

ABILENE—Abilene policemen are to be given a rest this summer. Officials have voted a 15-day vacation for each member of the force. The force will be kept in full strength during absence of regular members.

Read the ads and profits.

## THE GOBLINS' CIRCLE

ONCE in a far-off land there lived a band of Goblins, and once every year on a night when the moon was full these Goblins held a dance in the Goblin Circle.

The Goblin Circle was a round, bare spot in the middle of the woods and on a particular night, called Goblins' Night by the magic people, at the full of the moon, any one who entered this circle other than the Goblins was instantly changed from his own shape to that of a little Goblin.

All the Fairies and the Elves and the Pixies and Gnomes and other magic folk on Goblins' Night kept far away from Goblin Circle, for none of them wished to become a Goblin.

Now not far away from Goblin Circle lived a lazy fellow named Tim. He did not help his mother, who was a widow, as he should, but instead lay under a tree in the shade all day

creatures I have heard of called Goblins, but I never believed there were any.

Nearer and nearer crept Tim until he was close to the Goblin Circle hidden behind a bush on top of a rock.

The Goblins' antics were so funny that Tim forgot he was hiding, and when one little Goblin stood on the head of another and jumped with a funny twist of his queer little body, Tim laughed out loud and tumbled off the rock right into the Goblin Circle.

The dance stopped and all the Goblins fell upon poor Tim and before he knew what was happening; he was no longer a big lazy Tim; he was a little Goblin just like the others.

As there were no lazy Goblins Tim had to work. They made him jump and dance, they made him roll big rocks and open the doors to their rock houses, and finally when the dance was over they carried him off to their underground homes and set him to work.

Of course, they all worked, too, but to Tim, who had never worked, it seemed there was no time to rest.

How long he stayed with the Goblins he could never tell, but one night when they all came out of the rocks for a dance in the Circle, Tim waited until they were busy hopping and jumping and he took to his heels and off he ran.

He was almost home before he noticed that he was again the big Tim he had been before he fell into the Goblin Circle, but he was no longer lazy Tim, for, now he was home once more, he felt sure that his lazy habit had something to do with having to work so hard for the Goblins.

He stayed away from the Goblins' Circle, too, for now he believed in the Goblins and he did not wish to be in their power again, but he did not know that it was a year from the time they caught him that the Goblins let him go.

It is only on the full of the moon on Goblins' Night, when the Goblins dance in the magic circle, that any one can escape if he has been unfortunate enough to be caught in the circle and changed into a Goblin.

So if any one is lazy and will not help his mother he better be careful not to wander near the Goblin Circle or he will have to work a whole year as hard as Tim did.

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All the Goblins Fell Upon Him.

while his mother worked in the fields or tended the sheep.

But as soon as it was meal time Tim was nimble enough, for he was always hungry, but if he was asked to bring in some wood or draw a pail of water Tim was so slow that his mother often did it herself rather than wait for the slow Tim to bring it.

On one bright moonlight night Tim was coming along the road by the woods when he saw through the trees hundreds of little dancing figures. These were Goblins dancing in the Circle and their red caps could be plainly seen as they bobbed about in the moonlight.

"Now, what is that?" thought Tim, as he stopped whistling and looked closer. "It looks like those funny



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## FEAR FRENCH MAY CHECK WORK ON U. S. ZEPPELIN

(By Associated Press)

CONSTANCE, Germany, July 4.—Uneasiness exists all around Lake Constance lest the French extend their occupation in Germany East to Lake Constance, and interfere with the Zeppelin which is under construction here for the United States government.

Little has been said about the machine which is to attempt flight to America. It is taking form in the great sheds of the Zeppelin company, at Friedrichshafen, and no definite predictions have been made by the builders as to when it will be ready to make a trial flight to Berlin preparatory to starting across the Atlantic.

Under the Versailles Treaty Germany is prevented from mak-

ing Zeppelins for her own use, but this prohibition naturally did not extend to the manufacture of giant aircraft for France's allies and associates in the war. However, the Germans fear France will find some pretext to interfere with the building of the great ship, or to prevent the delivery of materials necessary in the work.

Lake Constance has been so closely identified with the building of Zeppelins that the citizens of all the towns around the picturesque little inland body of water have a keen interest in the mammoth craft which is being fashioned for the United States navy.

Indications now are that the Zeppelin will not be ready for its trans-Atlantic flight before the late autumn, and possibly not until next spring.

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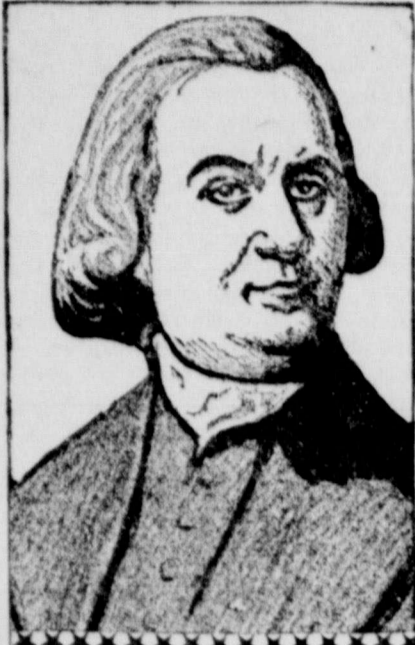
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## IN FRONT RANK OF PATRIOTS

Samuel Adams One of the Most Effective Instruments in Achieving American Independence.

If a popular vote were taken today among the casual readers of American history to determine who, in their opinion, among the fathers of the republic contributed the most effective influences toward the declaration and development of American Independence, the chances are that many names would be found upon the list above that of Samuel Adams, John Hancock,



Samuel Adams, Organizer of the American Revolution. (From the Coppley Portrait in Faneuil Hall, Boston.)

the fiery aristocrat and spectacular orator; Patrick Henry, the perfervid orator; Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration, and Washington, the organizer of victory, would probably win exceptional favor, while Sam Adams would likely be found among the "also ran." Yet the historians who have delved into the undercurrents of Colonial history tell us that, beyond all question, his name, like Abou Ben Adhem's, is entitled to lead all the rest—that he was the real "father of American Independence," the one uncompromising rebel who when he had conceived the idea that the "American colonies are and of a right ought to be free and independent states" hammered on it, drove it into the minds of the colonists, in season and out of season, pulled the political strings toward its consummation and never let up until he saw it crystallized in the Declaration of Independence, baptized in blood, and achieved in the Continental congress.

## SOUGHT FREEDOM FOR ALL

Lafayette's Aim Was Establishment of Government by the People Throughout the World.

3. Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis De Lafayette, was a man who did good things in the world. In France he worked for human justice and democracy, and was one of the leaders in the overthrow of the wicked monarchic system of privilege and in the establishment of a government by the people. In America he fought for the freedom of the colonists, and in the end he persuaded France to send the men and the ships that made possible the final victory at Yorktown.

France reveres the memory of Lafayette. Born a nobleman, he was ever a noble man, a man whose motives were unselfish and whose life was devoted to the betterment of the lives of others. America reveres the memory of Lafayette because in America his unselfishness was most nobly exemplified. Not for the freedom of France alone but for the freedom of all the enslaved peoples of the world was Lafayette ever ready to fight or to die.

Watch your love letter in June. The female of the species is more readily with the mail.

# West Texas Again Threatened With Higher Freight Rates

The citizens of West Texas are threatened to experience an increase in the cost of living by an attack being made on Texas common point freight rates which are now in effect. It is not the first time West Texas has had to rise up and combat an effort to eliminate this country from the common points in preventing elimination which will effect every one, as it is "Jones who pays the freight."

The Board of City Development of San Angelo, in a letter to Stuart L. Williams, secretary of the Young Men's Business League of this city, urges co-operation on the part of all West Texas common points in preventing the elimination of West Texas towns from the common point territory. The letter is self-explanatory, and says in part:

"The attack on the Texas Common Point rate has been strengthened recently by a joint complaint of Dallas and Ft. Worth which has just been consolidated with the Oklahoma case.

"Ft. Worth and Dallas complain that the maintenance of the Texas Common Point rate creates discrimination against them and in favor of the more Western Texas towns in the Common Point territory. Since there is no possibility of a reduction in rates to Dallas and Ft. Worth, the only way this alleged discrimination can be overcome is by raising the rates to West Texas cities including San Antonio. This is the effect desired by Ft. Worth, Dallas and Oklahoma complainants.

"There are several proposed methods of increasing the West Texas rates, probably the most popular is the application of a straight-mileage scale from middle west points. Another way would be a re-grouping which would place towns like San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Ballinger, etc., in a higher rate group than Dallas, Ft. Worth and Eastern Texas points. Either method would effect a horizontal increase of West Texas rates of 25 per cent, and of some commodities 100 per cent. A few concrete results would be as follows:

"1st: The cost of living in a town the size of San Angelo will be automatically increased from \$40,000 to \$90,000 a year.

"2nd: West Texas jobbing concerns and dealers in heavy commodities, unless they enjoy some extraordinary advantage, will be totally unable to compete with concerns in Dallas and Ft. Worth.

"3rd: An eminent traffic expert recently stated to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce that the abolition of Texas Common Point rates in West Texas would cost West Texas a sum equivalent to a 6 per cent dividend on the aggregate capital invested in West Texas.

"San Antonio's interests are almost identical with those of West Texas in this matter as San Antonio would lose her common point rates along with San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Brownwood, Ballinger, etc. However, San Antonio would have an advantage over the rest of West Texas by virtue of her greater proximity to Gulf ports.

"San Antonio is going to fight this case to a finish. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has thrown its moral influence against the Dallas, Ft. Worth and Oklahoma complaint and Messrs. Spencer and Whaley have made an unsuccessful effort to dissuade Fort Worth and Dallas from participating in the complaint. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce cannot do a great deal more than exert its moral influence, because its appropriation to all traffic purposes for the current year was only \$2,000, an amount inadequate to fight this one case. San Antonio has and will continue to expend money and effort freely to protect her own interests. San Angelo has already spent upward of \$1,000 in the fight for the maintenance of Texas Common Point rates. The rest of West Texas has done nothing."

The Texas Common Point territory has been attacked for three or four years by different interests, and hitherto the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has been successful in resisting these attempts to break up the common point territory. They have spent thousands of dollars in efforts to prevent West Texas points from being placed on a mileage basis. Every Ballinger citizen who is a shipper or consignee of freight should write to Ft. Worth and Dallas interests with whom they transact business urging them to protect West Texas in this matter.

Business is getting better everywhere. A New York cafe was robbed three times last month. Our idea of looking out for posterity is taking care of the part which already has arrived.



## Build Your Home

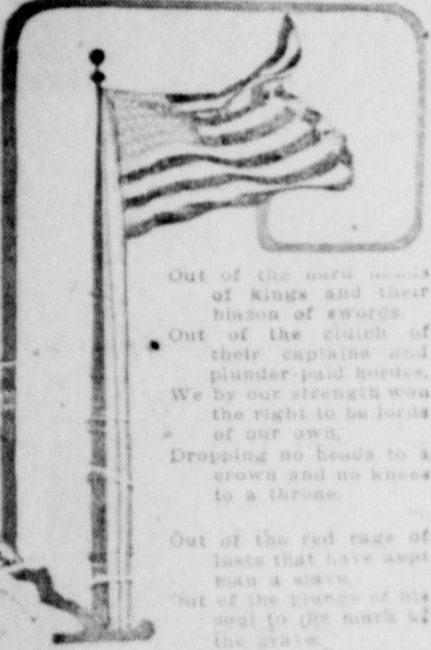
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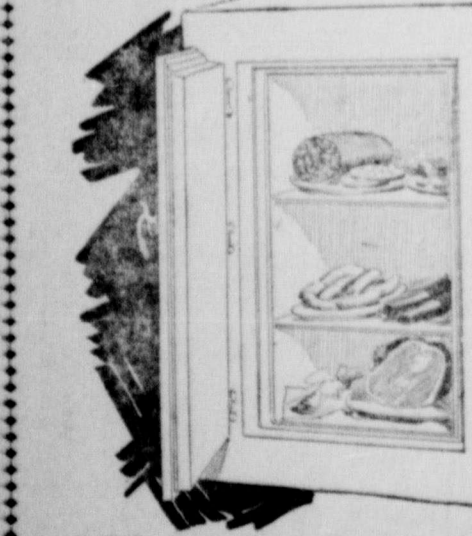
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## Declaration Day



Out of the war of kings and their hordes of swords,  
Out of the clutch of their captains and plunder-paid hordes,  
We by our strength won the right to be lords of our own.  
Dropping no heads to a crown and no knees to a throne.  
Out of the red rage of lusts that have kept man a slave,  
Out of the chains of his soul to the north of the grave,  
Ours is the picture of breaking new roads to the sea,  
Watching new suns in the world's outer rim running free.  
Freedom is something each age must struggle anew,  
Each must make new Declarations and freshly construe,  
All of the articles faiths it has kept from the past,  
Finding new wrongs to be figured, new hopes to hand feat.  
Not for today need we ask Independence of Kings,  
We have drawn down on ourselves the hard burden of things—  
Objects of barter and trade, while undisciplined race  
Makes us the slaves of spirit with that no freedom can please.  
Once, once again in the face of the world we must be  
Lords of ourselves, soul-triumphant, sense-conquering, free.  
Once, once again we must throttle the arrogant beast,  
Once, as before when the Hesperian came out of the East.

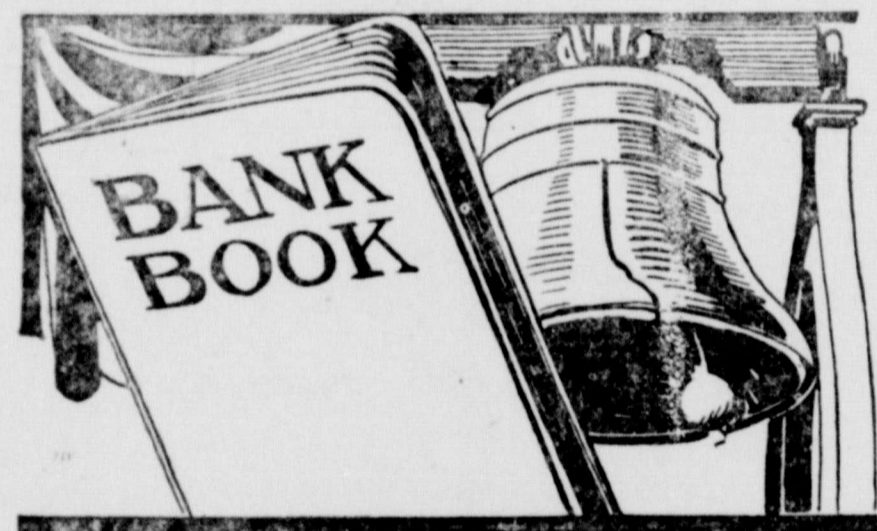


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**DECLARATIONS OF SAME DATE**

**On July 4, 1776, Another Patriotic Body Resolved They Should Be Free and Independent.**

In histories of the United States which are particularly exact one finds, after the story of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, mention of another "Declaration," made that same day and year by a body of frontiersmen in the central part of Pennsylvania.

A single paragraph disposes of this most interesting and remarkable of historic coincidences. One reads of a "persistent legend" that a group of hardy pioneers, known as "Fair Play Men," gathered on July 4, 1776, near Pine creek on the West branch of Susquehanna river, and declared themselves free thereafter from British rule.

That is all that the most diligent search in histories brings out, for the proofs of the story, as well as its details, were believed until recently to have been lost in the mists of the past.

Henry W. Shoemaker, a newspaper man of Altoona, a descendant of some of the signers of this Pine creek "Declaration," spent ten years in collecting the legends and stories of early life in Pennsylvania.

He was particularly interested in the story of the "Declaration" and interviewed many old people in the central part of the state whose ancestors were among the early settlers.

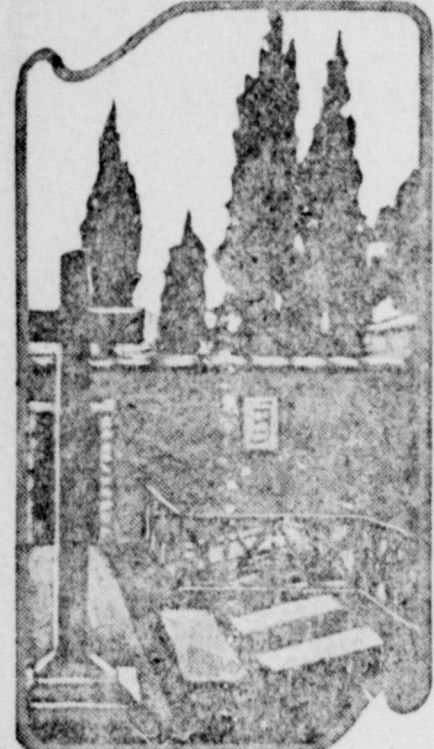
With the help of some of the old pioneers he brought the legend, with its many variations, to a point where he believes that its authenticity, and many if not all of its details, are well established.

The scene of the Pine Creek "Declaration" is, according to Mr. Shoemaker's researches, near Pine station, Clinton county, about 19 miles above the flourishing city of Williamsport.

**Knights to Knight**

(The Knights of Columbus have recently presented a statue of Lafayette to Metz.)

Out from Metz on a bright June day Came the Marquis de Lafayette.



Tomb of Lafayette in the Cemetery at Picpus.

The chimes rang out and the town was gay,  
Bold in his youth he rode away,  
Away to the West, and there he met—  
Soldiers of France, brave Jouquert,  
Pelletier and his gallant crew,  
Every one a fighting man—  
Every one a man who knew  
That life is brief and love is long  
And liberty's all of a freeman's song.

Out to the struggling West he came,  
Noble Marquis of Lafayette!  
Out to the West he brought the flame,  
The flame of France. His magic name  
Caught men's hearts in its magic net  
The flame of France to a darkened land.

On and on in the struggle it went;  
The flame of France to a stumbling hand,  
Ragged and worn and all but spent,  
It gave new zeal to the freeman's fight  
Till the whole world shone in its glorious light.

Back to Metz from the wondrous West,  
Hail to the Marquis of Lafayette!  
Back with bays from a chivalrous quest—  
Write his name with the nation's best,  
The names Columbia can't forget,  
In the heart of Metz, there let him stand—  
In America's heart his niche is made—  
Facing the West, his sword in hand—  
Glorious, young and unafraid!  
Knight of France in a hundred fights,  
Take this tribute from New World Knights.  
—John B. Kennedy, In New York Times

When Washington Prayed,  
New Jersey was a camp and a battlefield during the greater part of the Revolutionary war, and the inhabitants learned to know Washington and his men.

Traditions of Washington are treasured and handed down in many families, whose ancestors had homes about Morristown when Washington was encamped there and living in the Ford mansion, now "Washington's headquarters." Washington's prayer in the woods of the Short hills at a dark and fitful period of American history is one of those local traditions, says the Detroit News.

Lafayette Writing Intact.  
The original manuscript of the response of the Marquis de Lafayette to the reception accorded him by the national house of representatives December 10, 1824, has been presented to Lafayette college by Morris L. Clothier of Philadelphia. The manuscript is written in Lafayette's own hand.

**Interesting Bits of History of 25 and 30 Years Ago**

Looking back through the files of this paper, the following items call to memory the days of thirty years ago and twenty-five years ago. We reproduce a few items from The Banner-Ledger of its issue of June 29, 1893, thirty years ago; and also from the issue of June 27, 1898, twenty-five years ago.

**30 Years Ago**

George Vaughn is now taking in the World's Fair. He carried up a train of cattle and will remain for the fair a few days.

W. E. Allen, of the Valley Creek county, paid his respects to Ballinger last Saturday.

B. W. Pileher, the Bible man, returned first of the week from Brown county, where he had been canvassing in the interest of his books. B. W. is doing a good business notwithstanding the dull times in some sections of the country.

John F. Currie, head clerk of the Western Mercantile Co.'s San Angelo house, spent Saturday in Ballinger looking after business.

We are informed that J. Keidell, of near Runnels, threshed his wheat last week and got an average of 33 bushels per acre.

Sunday, M. D. Chastain, J. R. Donnell and B. S. Taylor were ordained deacons of the Baptist church of Ballinger.

**25 Years Ago**

M. G. Caperton carried out the last load of machinery for his gin at Maverick Wednesday, and will soon have the gin up and in shape for the fall business.

Luce Wood bought from W. E. Odom and H. H. Luskett a bunch of mixed steers at \$14 per head.

W. F. McKown, who recently came here from Williamson county, and purchased 1,000 acres of land on Oak Creek from Doose & Phillips, has let the contract for a five-room residence thereon.

Deputy Sheriff Padgett and his wife left for Coleman Wednesday to attend the Methodist district conference.

L. C. Procter and T. L. Patterson, of the Burnett county school land district, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

C. A. Doose and A. A. McGill made a flying business trip to San Angelo Tuesday afternoon.

Ballinger was well represented at San Angelo's Fourth of July celebration, about 45 people going over to see the ball game. We are sorry to state that Ballinger was defeated by San Angelo by a score of 16 to 28.

Gerard Houston, county clerk of Concho county, spent Sunday in Ballinger.

Jack McGregor and J. R. McDonald, of Coke county, traded horses this week. It has not been determined who got the best of the trade, but some say the traders are horse and horse on the deal.

The Santa Fe is offering a rate of \$5 for the round trip for the Populist state convention at Austin on July 27th.

A. H. VanPelt received a carload of buggies direct from the factory this week.

Chas. Gallagher left Monday for Live Oak county on cattle business.

Frank Miles went to the Northern markets with a shipment of fat cows this week.

Oscar Pearson is expected at home from Florida, where he has been visiting his old home for a few days.

The Ballinger Ice Company has received the new machinery for its cotton gin and it will be placed in order at once and made ready for the fall business.

A very lively and interesting baseball game was played on the Ballinger diamond last Wednesday between Ballinger's first nine and the Winters club, which resulted in a score of 38 to 9 in favor of the Ballinger team, at the end of the sixth inning which closed the game. The boys who played on the Ballinger team were Tom Massey, Lit Chastain, Walter Robertson, Bob Lusk, Dutch Chastain, Farrar Gressett, R. A. Hall, Whit Patterson and Tom Patterson. The Winters players were Jim Flynt, Will Meeks, Tom Brown, Frank Flynt, Wylie Hunter, Joe Mullins, Ed Kellam, Bob Newman and Tom Rape.

**DRINKS OWN MEDICINE AND DIES A MARTYR TO SCIENCE**

(By Associated Press)  
TOKIO, July 4.—Taking a dose of his recently discovered medicinal preparation which he believed to be a cure for hookworm, Tachu Okumura, attached to the Epidemic Laboratory, sacrificed himself to science.

Mr. Okumura, with others, had been working for some years in an effort to find a cure for the disease. It is believed he was making a test on himself when the fatal dose was taken.

FT. WORTH — Arrangements have been made for an enormous Fourth of July celebration here.

A bathing revue at Lake Worth will be one of the features. Plans have also been perfected for an extensive fireworks display.

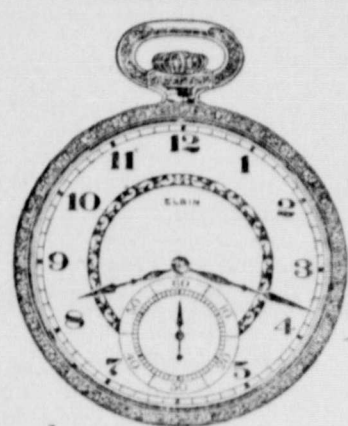
**FRUIT RIPENING IN ALPINE DISTRICT**

(By Associated Press)  
ALPINE, Texas, July 4. — Cherries, blackberries and apples are ripening in the irrigated orchards around Alpine. The first cherries have already come on the market, and the canning season has commenced, it is stated. All crops are reported in good condition. There will not be many peaches or plums, but it is thought there will be an abundant crop of late apples and pears.

ABILENE—Sixty-three were hailed into corporation during May. M. W. court record totalled \$90.

McKINNEY—Collin county livestock men have just made inspection tour of the county guests of the Collin county livestock association. Problems livestock raising were considered.

COSBYTON—The concrete and steel dam across the canyon above Silver Falls has been completed. The dam is twenty feet high and 120 feet long. A large lake has been created and a bath house is now under construction.



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**BUNKER HILL**  
 MONUMENT ON REVOLUTIONARY BATTLEFIELD.

dedicated on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Combat, With General Lafayette Present.

The Bunker Hill monument, of all the monuments in America, commands our greatest reverence. It stands upon what is properly called Breed's hill, in the Charleston section of Boston. Its sides are absolutely parallel with those of the redoubt that had been erected there on the night before the battle, and behind which the patriots took refuge from the British advance. Almost 50 years had elapsed from the time of the battle before a movement was made to erect a commemorative monument on Breed's hill. An association for the purpose was formed in 1824, and to give eclat to the transaction, and to excite enthusiasm in favor of the work, General Lafayette was invited to lay the cornerstone, being at the time the nation's guest.

Accordingly, on the 17th of June, 1825, the fiftieth anniversary of the battle, that revered patriot performed the interesting ceremony, and Hon. Daniel Webster pronounced the oration on the occasion in the midst of a vast concourse of people. Forty survivors of the battle were present, and



Bunker Hill Monument.

on no occasion did Lafayette meet so many of his fellow soldiers in our Revolution, as at that time.

The plan of the monument was not then decided upon, but one design by Solomon Willard of Boston, having been approved, the present structure was commenced in 1827 by James Savage of the same city. The last stone of the apex of the Bunker Hill monument was raised about six o'clock on the morning of the 23d of July, 1842. Edward Carnes, Jr., of Charleston, accompanied its ascent, waving the American flag as he went up, while the interesting event was announced to the surrounding country by the roar of cannon.

Benjamin Franklin



(Born Jan. 17, 1706; died April 17, 1790.)  
 Thus some tall tree that long hath stood  
 The glory of its native wood,  
 By storms destroyed, or length of years,  
 Demands the tribute of our tears.

The pile, that took long time to raise,  
 To dust returns by slow decay;  
 But, when its destined years are o'er,  
 We must regret the loss the more.

So long accustomed to your aid,  
 The world laments your exit made;  
 So long befriended by your art,  
 Philosopher, 'tis hard to part!

When monarchs tumble to the ground  
 Successors easily are found;  
 But, matchless Franklin, what a few  
 Can hope to rival such as you,  
 Who seized from kings their accepted  
 And turned the lightning's dart aside.  
 —Philip Freneau

**PEOPLE NOT ASKED TO VOTE ON BONDS**

For many years the people of Coke and Runnels county, living in the valley of the Colorado River, have discussed pro and con the possibilities of gravity irrigation from a reservoir em-pounding the flood waters of the Colorado River. After three years of ceaseless effort on the part of the two or three hundred members of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, the project has been gotten in such shape that by the creation of an irrigation district, and the election of district directors, the people may determine accurately the economic feasibility of the proposition.

Petitions circulated in the Ballinger, Bronte, Miles, Tennyson and Maverick territory have been signed by over three hundred property owners, asking the State Board of Water Engineers to call a district election.

All preliminary surveys of the project have been completed. Maps have been prepared showing the contours of a territory embracing 240,000 acres. 200,000 acres of this territory are to be embraced in a district of which 125,000 acres could be irrigated by gravity flow. After the district is organized, land which is too high to be irrigated, or too rough, or too porous, would be excluded from the district. Other lands could be included in the district.

The directors of the district, elected by the people and representing the people, would secure from competent engineers an estimate of the cost in detail. All necessary facts and figures could then be presented to the voters, who would determine for themselves whether or not they wished to go further with the project.

It is the belief of many people of this section that the irrigation proposition is the most momentous question ever presented to the people of Coke and Runnels counties. The only drawback to this country is the lack of sufficient water at the proper time. Each year, millions of gallons of water flow down the Colorado to the Gulf. If this water could be impounded in a huge reservoir and delivered to the lands during the hot, dry months of July and August, the average annual yields would be increased several hundred per cent. Old settlers say that in the past forty years, there have been only one or two years when growers did not need one or more waterings, and that there have been many years when water

was needed every day.

The election which is to be held in August has nothing whatever to do with a bond issue, or the financing of the project. It is merely a preliminary step which must be taken before any voter in the district can determine whether or not the project is a good thing for this section. A vote for the creation of the district does not necessarily mean that the voter will ever vote for a bond issue, or that a bond issue will ever be ordered.

The important thing at this time is to organize an irrigation district, in order that a basis may be had from which to work out the more intricate details of the entire proposition.

**SWEDEN HELPS AMERICA CELEBRATE THE FOURTH**

(By Associated Press)

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, July 4.—Commemoration of the fact that Sweden was the first country to sign a commercial treaty with the United States after their independence had been won, will take place in Gothenburg this year at the first Swedish celebration of the Fourth of July, the festivities marking the culmination of "Sweden-America Week," which is a feature of the Tercentennial Jubilee Exposition now being given here.

About 5,000 visitors from America are expected to participate in the festivities. This festival will be honored by the presence of the King and Crown Prince of Sweden.

A historical fact of significance to Americans will be recalled at the unveiling of a statue of Gustav III, one of Sweden's most famous kings. He showed great sympathy for the cause of the American colonies during the Revolutionary War, and after the war was over, it was he who authorized the signing of the new republic's first treaty of commerce and amity with any nation, even antedating England in recognition. The new statue is a gift from American citizens to Sweden.

FT. WORTH—Sunday, June 24, was observed by Ft. Worth churches as "Field of Honor Sunday." Contributions were made to a fund for giving veterans of the world war who are strangers in Ft. Worth as well as those who live here an honorable burial.

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**WILL ENTERTAIN 25,000 VISITORS**

(By Associated Press)

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 4.—Des Moines has completed preparations for the entertainment of more than 25,000 visitors during the 29th international Christian Endeavor convention, to be held here July 4th to 9th. The convention, it is said, will be one of the largest religious gatherings of the year. The delegations alone will number nearly 15,000.

William J. Bryan, William G. McAfee, James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor; Sherwood Eddy, Gipsy Smith, Dr. Francis E. Clark and Sir Lionel Fletcher are among the widely known speakers slated to address various sessions. Mr. Bryan's address is to be given at the state fair grounds, Sunday, July 8th.

A great parade of delegates on Saturday evening, July 7th, will be the spectacle of the convention. Accompanied by bands and guards, state delegations will march in costume and representatives of foreign countries in native dress.

Fifteen platforms will be erected in downtown streets to accommodate huge street meetings which

are to be features of the convention program.

A Temple of Fine Arts, temporarily erected in a downtown church by Professor H. Augustine Smith, of Boston University, will have on display during the convention session 500 famous old prints.

Professor Smith will inaugurate at the convention a crusade against slang and jazz.

"Some church music is worse than jazz," Professor Smith said here today. "The child who sings 'I want to be an Angel' needs a doctor."

**MEAT EATING INCREASES IN FAR EAST COUNTRIES**

(By Associated Press)

MANILA, P. I., July 4.—The Far East, especially Japan, is eating more meat than in former years, according to D. A. Cameron and H. E. Powell, represent-

atives of the Australian Meat Council at Sydney, who have come to the Philippines to make an investigation with a view to increasing meat shipments to the archipelago.

"There is a growing demand for meat in the Far East," said Mr. Cameron. The Far East countries cannot supply this demand and we believe Australia is the logical source of supply. We can furnish approximately 50,000 tons of meat yearly.

"Lean meats are sent from Australia to the warmer countries, the fatter meats going to the colder ones. Not all countries want to buy the frozen meats. Java, for instance, likes to do her own killing, and Western Australia does a small trade with that country in live bullocks."

Mr. Poulin of South Bend, Ind., is satisfied with his lot. Man built a house on it by mistake.



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General Knox chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, announce that it is well under way in its campaign to procure the necessary funds with which to reconstruct as a national shrine, Montpelier, the old home of Gen. Henry Knox.

Although the buildings comprising Montpelier were razed in 1871, the chapter is in possession of complete plans, printings, and drawings of both the interior and exterior, from which



Home of General Henry Knox, as it appeared before it was demolished.

It will be possible to exactly reproduce the buildings as they appeared when General Knox entertained Louis Philip, afterward king of France, and General Lafayette, his personal friend.

General Knox was born in Boston and as a young man was employed by Wharton & Barnes, booksellers, on Cornhill. Recognizing the inevitable conflict he studied the art of fortifying and defending besieged towns and in November, 1775, was appointed by the Continental congress as a colonel of artillery. One of the important feats of the war was his transportation of 60 fieldpieces from the shores of Lake Champlain to Boston during the middle of a severe winter. For this work he was placed in charge of the fortifications in Boston and later in New York and the South.

Throughout the war General Knox was a prominent figure, and history records that when it was decided to operate against Lord Cornwallis in Virginia it was his skill and energy in



General Henry Knox, Hero of '76, From a Painting.

providing and forwarding heavy cannon for the siege of Yorktown that caused General Washington to report to the president of congress that "the resources of his genius supplied the deficit of means."

When the project of General Knox chapter is finally completed Maine will have one of the greatest shrines of the country, dedicated to one of its greatest patriots.

**British Evacuation of New York.** November 25, 1783, the British troops evacuated New York city. Evacuation day was at one time celebrated with much enthusiasm, but of late has been almost entirely neglected.

The rear guard of the British army embarked at the Battery, and the advance guard of the American forces marched down the Bowery and Wall through Chatham, Queen and Wall streets to Broadway and Rector street. They were followed by Washington and his generals, the city council, and other functionaries. A few weeks later Washington bade farewell to his officers at France's tavern at Broad and Pearl streets.

**Lafayette.** Gilbert Du Motier de Lafayette was born in the castle of Chavagnac, Auvergne, France, and was left an orphan when thirteen years old, having large estates. He revisited America after the war in 1784 and in 1824-25, and both times was received with enthusiasm and affection. The latter visit was, in fact, in the nature of a triumphal progress, for Lafayette's first support of democratic principle in France had increased the esteem in which he was held in America. Congress voted him a grant of \$200,000 and a township of land in Florida. He died in Paris, May 20, 1834.

THEATRES MOVIES

NORMA TALMADGE IN THREE VEINS IN "THE WONDERFUL THING"

"The Wonderful Thing" is the title of the latest production starring Norma Talmadge, distributed by Associated First National Pictures, Inc. It is announced as the attraction at the Maeroy Theatre, Ballinger, on Friday (July 6th), Herbert Brenon and Clara Beranger adapted the story from the stage play of the same name, written by Lillian Trimble Bradley and Forrest Halsey.

The production is in a considerably lighter vein than anything which Miss Talmadge has done recently, but it has an underlying strain of a love-drama which gives Miss Talmadge opportunity for some bits of the superb emotional acting that has made her so popular as a screen star. As Jacqueline Boggs, the only daughter of the American Hog King, a finished product of a French convent, she is irresistibly droll. As Mrs. Donald Mannerly she becomes a dramatic figure, and once again her father's daughter, she is tragic. One advantage, however, which a drama of love has over a drama of life is that a happy ending is possible, and one comes in a very satisfying manner in "The Wonderful Thing."

Herbert Brenon, who has directed two of the later of Miss Talmadge's productions, acted in the same capacity with "The Wonderful Thing" in addition to collaborating in the adaptation of the screen version. Chief among the supporting cast is Mrs. Lydig Hoyt, a young matron of high social standing in New York and Newport, who has secured a position in the Norma Talmadge company to round out her training in amateur theatricals before organizing a picture producing company of her own.

Harrison Ford plays opposite Miss Talmadge, and others in the cast of this remarkable film include Howard Truesdale, Robert Agnew, Ethel Fleming, Mabel Burt, Fanny Burke, Walter McEwen and Charles Craig.

GAMBLER SAVES TRAIN IN HART'S PARAMOUNT PICTURE, "WHITE OAK"

One of the most unusual, original and thrilling incidents in "White Oak," William S. Hart's new Paramount photoplay, which will be shown at the Fo-to-sho Theatre, Ballinger, today and tomorrow, (July 4th and 5th), is that in which Mr. Hart in the character of Oak Miller, a gambler, saves a wagon train from Indians single handed, by changing his base of operations from point to point and shooting first with a pistol and then with a rifle.

Attacked from the rear, the savages suppose that this is the fire of a considerable body of attackers, and also the deadly aim of the marksman disconcerts them

and they draw off, thus giving the emigrants a chance to rally and turn defeat into victory.

The date of the play is in the fighting fifties. It is a graphic story of the hardships of the pioneers and the dastardly work of a smooth villain. It tells a charming love story as well, Vola Vale and Mr. Hart being the principals. The story as an original by Wm. S. Hart and Bennet Musson did the continuity.

All who have read the early history of the emigrant trains of prairie schooners, or who have marveled at the bravery of the men and women of those days, will appreciate this screen romance, and the thrills with which it was possible to invest it. The material was at hand and Mr. Hart made excellent use of it.

Ice Cream Social

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

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Ballinger, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn and little son, Horace, left Tuesday afternoon for Tennessee, where they will visit relatives. They are making the trip by rail, going by the way of Houston and New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob She Luther Osteen, of Abilene down Sunday and spent with relatives. They were accompanied home by Miss Straley, who will visit in and other places a few weeks.

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# CONCHO COUNTY COMING TO FRONT

registered by the Paint Rock Band the citizens that section are today staging one of the best barbecues in the history of the county, visitors from all over West Texas will be on hand today as Paint Rock is known far and wide for her hospitality, and a place where all can go and have a good time. Having all the advantages in the way of shade and good food the musical organization boosters were led to put over a celebration that might stagger a less favored section.

Along a resort for tourists, Paint Rock is known all over Texas. Its location and the famous painted bluffs one mile from the city have given it national advertising and practically every person living in this section of the state has seen these scenes and viewed the painted rocks along the bluffs, a history that has never been precisely known to this day, but was only a few years ago the party of scientists came to Daniel W. Rock from Washington, to study the hieroglyphics painted on the face of the bluffs. After some time in the study signs quite a historic age was given of this meeting of the different Indian tribes in the 18th Century, and later meetings of the and priests. According to accounts all the meetings were peaceful nature with the exception of one which represented from the tribes on the face of this point.

Along these bluffs is the Concho River, the rendezvous of many people who come year to study the paintings and the time camping under the shade made by pecan where fishing is said to be good as in any stream in the west. The water supply for the city of Rock is created by a dam on the Concho within a half mile town. When water is pumped to town by a wheel, possibly the only power machine of its kind in West Texas. When this come and water is low a pump is used. The town is blessed with an abundance of water and if the time ever when more is needed the can be made inexhaustible. Concho at this point having a range are of 14,000 square and a system can be installed at small cost. The water of Concho is fine for all uses.

The three sites along the Concho then Kickapoo Creek have been situated in Paint Rock's brief was the Texas Technological College of locating board. All these of the are approximately three or four miles from the city and all the meet to irrigation. The company is now working on plans of a road when they reach Paint Rock their inspection tour. After suffering a fire which destroyed almost one entire block business houses the gap has been rebuilt with better and more substantial buildings. The new buildings are all constructed of brick and are the same general design. Four live, wide-awake firms occupy the new buildings. The citizenship is indeed proud of its school system. Having a building that is a credit to the town and country, a six teacher school is maintained in Paint Rock for full 9 months terms, an enrollment of about 150 students

taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered. Supt. G. W. Webb who is at the head of the school, is a man who is there for the interest of education and who prepares himself to better advance the cause. Mr. Webb is finishing work at the Howard Payne College summer school this year to secure his A. B. degree. The school, which is a two-story stone building, consisting of 7 large rooms and an auditorium with stage. The auditorium is used for all public gatherings and serves the town in a very useful way, and will seat approximately three hundred persons. Other school improvements in progress in Concho county include a new building being constructed at Dry Hollow.

Other public buildings in Paint Rock include a court house, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. These churches have a large membership and have much to do with the moral condition of the town which is as good as can be found.

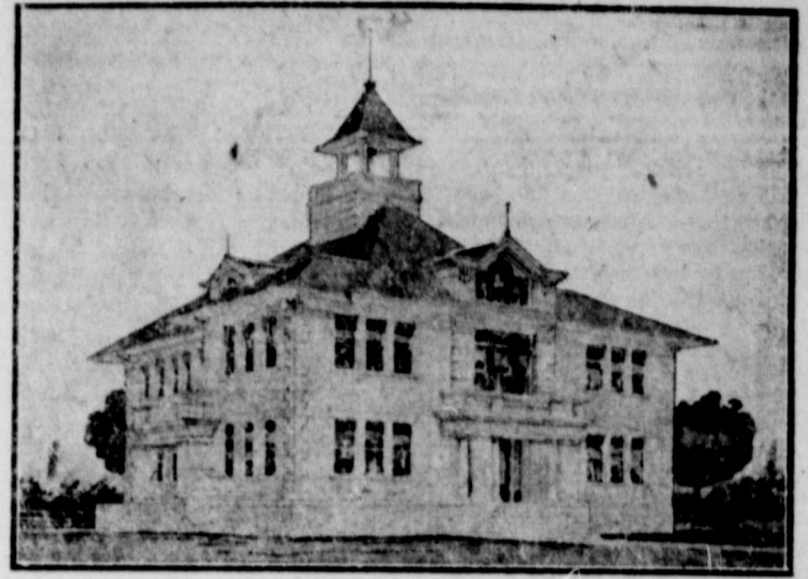
Paint Rock citizens are full of enthusiasm in regard to lodges and clubs there being a large membership in the Masonic and Eastern Star orders, as well as full representation in other lodges. A Gun Club that is willing to meet any in West Texas is a permanent organization. Mrs. D. E. Sims, who has made Paint Rock her home for the past 45 years is president of the Civic League, and this body is constantly at work helping the business interests in the matter of civic enterprises. This organization is the incentive in maintaining the cleanliness of the town and lends much to the high standards of morality. Through the school term there is an active Parent-Teachers Association that affords invaluable aid to the teachers in school affairs. No commercial organization is maintained, however affiliation with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is held by individuals.

Paint Rock has a bank that is a source of pride to the citizens. It has a capital stock of \$25,000, with a surplus of \$21,000; all stock being owned by home people, and managed by home people. A weekly newspaper is published and supported by local citizens which is on the job the year around boosting the country. A branch of the Santa Fe railroad operate one train a day each way from Paint Rock to Sterling City via Miles and San Angelo, with Paint Rock its terminus. This line is a big asset to the stock raisers and farmers in shipping their products to the market.

A good showing of oil has been made in each well that has been drilled in Concho county and at the present work on two tests is under way. The Shultz well near Paint Rock is down about 2800 feet and 5 1-2 inch casing is to be set before going on to a depth of about 3500 feet. A showing of oil in this hole appeared at



Street Scene in Paint Rock



High School Building at Paint Rock

the 1700 foot mark. Another well near Eden is at the 1200 foot mark and drilling is being pushed in the test. Showings of oil have been found in other wells in the county around 3000 feet.

Concho county has 576,000 acres of land within its boundaries with approximately 20 per cent in cultivation. For many years the chief industry has been the raising of cattle and sheep. At the recent wool sale last month more than a half million pounds of wool was sold from this year's clip, bringing into the county more than a quarter of a million dollars. In the last five weeks over 200 cars of fat stock have been shipped from Paint Rock to the markets and there still remains in the county for sale about 30,000 head of half fattened stock that will be shipped as soon as the rains make enough grass to finish them on. The Shultz ranches will thresh out 35,000 bushels of oats, and A. M. King and M. B. Wardlaw will ship about six car loads of wheat. At this time it is impossible to estimate what the grain crop of the county will yield. The poultry industry is a flourishing one, and Concho county is an ideal section for raising of chickens, turkeys, etc. While this year does not bid fair for the cotton crop still there is a good acreage and the county has marketed as high as 25,000 bales in one year, and may repeat this season.

TYLER—More than 25 carloads of strawberries rolled to market from Smith county during the past week, according to reports. These shipments practically complete the crop for this season, most of which has been shipped to northern and eastern markets.

BROWNWOOD — Plans are under way by the Brownwood Country Club for the erection of a new club house to cost \$30,000. The organization now has property valued at \$45,000 including a lake covering 45 acres.



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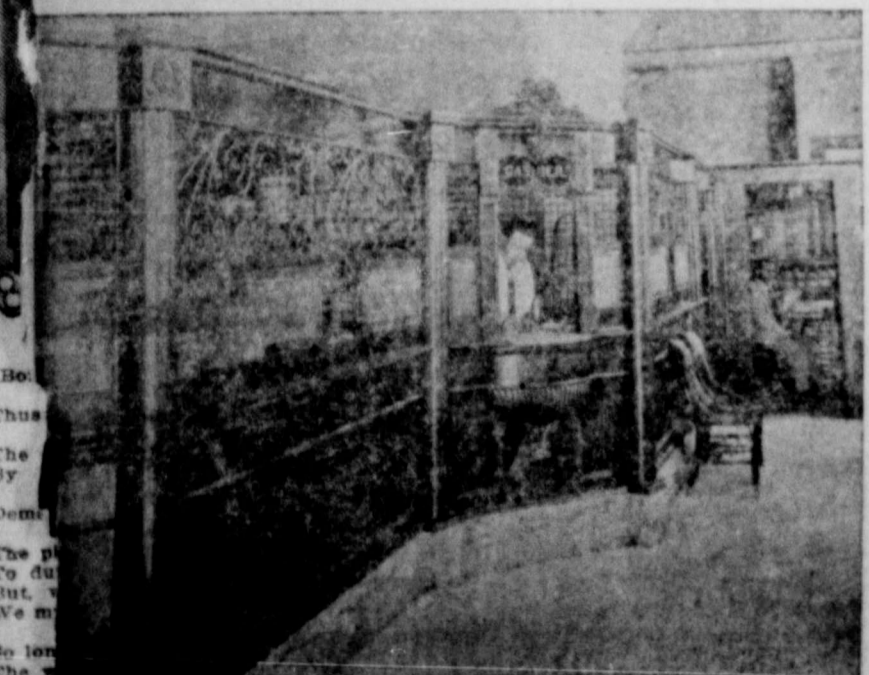
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TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

We are very much pleased to advise you, at a recent meeting of stockholders of this bank it was concluded to convert this institution into a National Bank under the name of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROWENA. All of the present officers and directors continue in their respective capacities and the policies of the bank are in no wise changed.

Our business has grown rapidly in the past two years, and our directors feel that in view of the high regard and familiarity with which the National Banking System is known throughout the United States, that our depositors can be well served by operating as a National Bank under UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION.

We will also become a member of the Federal Reserve System, and we offer our depositors the utmost in Safety, Soundness and Constructive Banking.

In view of the foregoing we will surrender our State Charter, and no longer operate under the State Banking Laws, or the State Bank Guaranty Fund, on or about July 5th, 1923.

We greatly appreciate your business, and we want you to feel that this is your bank and if at any time we can be of any service to you, do not fail to call on us.

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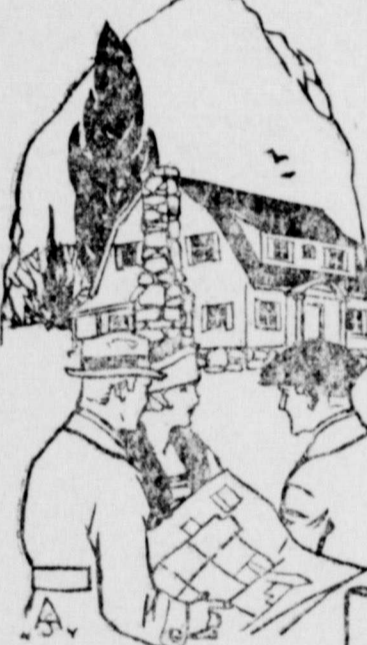


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# Fourth of July

## 147 Years Ago

the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America was signed in the city of Philadelphia. This was one of, if not the greatest event in the history of our nation. And for this reason we are today recognizing it as a national holiday.

It is good for us to stop and think sometimes of those great Heroes of the Revolutionary War who made this a Free Country.

But, we must not always live thinking of the past, but at times we must turn our heart, mind and thoughts to the Present and the Future.

We would like to have you think with us—for a little while—about an enterprise, a business, here in Runnels County that is doing its part for the Present and Future to make Ballinger and Runnels County a better place to live in. Not only do we try at all times to keep the merchandise that a happy and prosperous people must have, but we offer it at prices that makes your buying a real pleasure. "Live and let Live" has the right-of-way in all departments of our big store.

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It might be sometimes you will need to make a charge account and while we do not do an extensive credit business, as in former years, we can very often be of real service along this line.

We are not going to try to tell you about the many different departments of this store. If you are trading here, you know pretty well about it—if you are not doing your business with us, we will just say—come to Higginbotham Bros. & Co.'s at Ballinger and see for yourself that it is the best place to trade. Good, honest, dependable merchandise, and low prices have made this great business enterprise a success.

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