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BERIBERI EPIDEMIC CLUTCHES ASYLUM

Fifty Cases of Dreaded Tropical Disease Have Developed in State Institution.

Austin, May 19.—Effectually concealed for several days, it leaked out today that the state lunatic asylum, north of the city is in the throes of an epidemic of beri-beri a tropical disease. Fifty cases, it is understood, have been reported and there have been several deaths thus far. The death rate at this time has been only 2 per cent, but with the conditions existing it is not at all unlikely more will result.

There are now 1,575 patients in the state asylum, many more than the institution can accommodate comfortably. The presence of the disease has been attributed to the overcrowded condition of the buildings by Dr. John Preston, superintendent.

"There are fully 33 per cent more patients in the asylum than can be accommodated hygienically. This overcrowded condition is responsible for the disease as far as can be traced and borne out by the fact that there has not been a single case among the employees or the patients in the tuberculosis cottages," was the statement of one of the officers of the asylum.

Beri-beri is a tropical disease of great antiquity. It was one of the first diseases known to the Chinese, and it is classed as one of the most remote infections known. For many years it died out, and then became noticeable through an epidemic in Brazil in 1863. Later it was found in Japan and Korea.

It has been found particularly in lower lying countries near bodies of water and moisture and high temperature have been found necessary to develop to its highest extent. Eminent authorities say that over-crowding, underfeeding and bad ventilation are most conducive to the retention of the disease.

"FROM DUST TO GLORY" AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH TONIGHT

Chalmers McPherson spoke to a good audience last night on the subject, "The Most Vital Thing in Christianity," and the song service led by Prof. F. C. Huston, of Indianapolis. The address was listened to with close attention from beginning to end and the solo by Prof. Huston was thoroughly enjoyed. Tonight Mr. Huston will sing "The Twin Ballots," which created so much interest when sung by him at the Christian convention last week at San Antonio, and Mr. McPherson will deliver his address, "From Dust to Glory." This has been heard in many of the cities and towns of Texas and of a number of other states, and has always been received with enthusiasm. Mr. McPherson requests that special invitations be given the young men and young ladies of the city to be present and hear this.

Mr. Huston will have charge of the music throughout and we shall be glad to have the assistance of the singers of Ballinger in the choir. This invitation is extended by the church and Mr. Huston. Miss Lucile Adkins presided at the piano last evening to the delight of all who were present and will occupy the same position this evening. Come and enjoy the evening with us.

FRED S. CARTER,
Minister.

Mr. Lehr, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains today.

ARE WE IN A DRY DISTRICT

Liquor Shipping Laws Leave Doubt as to Real Meaning Express Agent Notified Not to Deliver Booze.

The following is reproduced from The Daily Ledger of May 8:

When the last legislature passed the Allison bill which prohibits the shipping of liquor from a wet into a dry county in Texas, the bill was so framed as not to prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor. In other words it was the general opinion that man in Ballinger could order his booze from Kansas City, or any point outside of Texas, and he would receive it, but he could not order booze from San Angelo, or any other place in Texas.

The question has since been raised as to the real meaning of the Webb law, which was passed by the National congress and which prohibits the shipping of booze from a wet state into a dry state, territory or district. It is claimed that the term district applies to the District of Columbia, while others claim that the district as specified in the bill means a dry county, or subdivision of a county, or any dry district of any county. Leading attorneys all over the United States are debating this question, some taking one view and some another, and until the matter can be settled the express companies will take no chances and have notified all agents not to receive or deliver booze in dry towns, and they are instructed to return all booze shipped to the shipper, collect.

This will apply to Ballinger, and Express Agent Stokes will comply with the law as directed by his company and after July 1st no more booze will pass through the local office, until the question is thrashed out in the court and the intent of the law determined.

Following is the Law:
"The shipment or transportation, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of any spirituous, vinous, malted, or other intoxicating liquors of any kind, from one State, territory or District of the United States, or place non-contiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, into any other State, territory or district of the United States, or place non-contiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, or from any foreign country into any states, territory, or place non-contiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, which said spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor is intended, by any person interested therein, to be received, possessed, sold, or in any manner used, either in the original package or otherwise, in violation of any law of such State, territory, or district of the United States, or place non-contiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, is hereby prohibited."

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DR. BOAZ AT THE LIBRARY TONIGHT

"Fools in Eden," that is the subject of the lecture to be delivered by Dr. Boaz at the Library tonight. This is a lecture that has created a great deal of interest wherever it has been delivered, and those who fail to hear it tonight will miss a treat. It is an opportunity you can't afford to miss.

Weather Report.

Unsettled; showers tonight or Wednesday, cooler Wednesday.

NO MORE EXPRESS LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

Dry Territory to be Cut Off From Booze After July 31st.

The following is reproduced from the Daily Ledger of April 19: Following is the text of the Allison liquor shipping bill passed by the last legislature and which becomes a law on July 31:

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in this act. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee thereof to deliver to any other person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee thereof any intoxicating liquor for shipment transportation, carriage or delivery from any point within this state to any other point within this state.

Section 2. Except as otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee thereof to receive from any other person, firm or corporation, or any agent or employee thereof, any intoxicating liquor for shipment, transportation to any other point within this state.

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee thereof, to ship, transport, carry or deliver any intoxicating liquor from any point within this state to any other person, firm or corporation thereof, within this state.

Section 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as relating to interstate shipment and transportation of intoxicating liquors, or to the delivery of same to any person firm or corporation within this state on such interstate shipment or transportation.

Section 5. Nothing in this act shall make it unlawful for any person licensed under the laws of this state to sell spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, to ship, transport, carry or deliver intoxicating liquors to any person within the limits of the county or subdivision thereof within which such dealer is licensed or authorized to pursue such business.

Section 6. Nothing in this act shall make it unlawful for any person to the use of himself or the members of his family residing with him to personally carry intoxicating liquors from any point within this state to any other point within this state.

Section 7. Nothing in this act shall make it unlawful for any person authorized or licensed under the laws of this state to sell spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, from shipping or delivering intoxicating liquors to any other person within this state licensed under the laws of this state to sell spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.

Section 10. Any corporation, which shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall for each such violation forfeit and pay the sum of \$500 which may be recovered by any individual in the name of the state of Texas, in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state, but no compensation shall be allowed such citizen, and he may be required to give security for costs and it shall be the duty of the county attorney or district attorney to prosecute for the recovery of the same.

Section 11. All laws and part of laws in conflict with this act are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 12. If for any reason any section or part of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, then that fact shall

not invalidate any other part of this act, but the same shall be enforced without reference to the parts, if any, so held to be invalid unless the entire act shall be held invalid.

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CRAZY MAN DRIVES NAIL IN TEMPLE

Last week a young man by the name of H. C. Sliger, was found near Brownwood in a critical condition. He had been beating him self in the head with a rock in an attempt to kill himself. He was placed in jail and later adjudged insane, and while arrangements were being made to get him in the asylum he in some way got hold of a ten penny nail, and was found in his cell in the jail Friday morning with the nail driven in his right temple. Saturday afternoon the unfortunate man made the third attempt to end his life. He used a piece of tin in trying to cut his throat.

After whetting the edge of the tin until it was very sharp, Sliger made deep gashes on his throat, and, according to other prisoners who saw him do the deed, he tried to tear open the wound with his fingers after cutting the gashes. The cries of the frightened witnesses soon brought the jailor and a doctor to Sliger's rescue, and the wound was dressed and the cuts sewed up. A remarkable feature of the case is that while the physicians were dressing the wound Sliger gave absolutely no indication of pain.

The case of H. C. Sliger is a sad one. He is unmarried and for the past fifteen years he has remained at his home in Hylton, Texas, and taken care of his aged father and mother. He owns 400 acres of fine land near Hylton, and has always been a highly respected citizen of that community. Until he left home about ten days ago his parents and brothers had never noticed any peculiarity in his conduct, but he had evidently brooded over a slight mental aberration, which occasionally affected him, until he was seized with the desire to take his life. He may die within a few days as a result of his repeated attempts at suicide.

OLD LEDGER PRINTING PLANT IS SOLD.

A deal has been closed in which Paul Trimmer sells the plant formerly used in printing the Ledger at Ballinger, to L. B. Russel, of Comanche, and same is being packed for shipment. Mr. Russel will launch a new paper at Comanche. Since the consolidation of the two papers here the plant has been standing idle in the Opera house building.

PARTIAL SHOWER BLESS MANY

Rain Falls at Many Places Early This Week and Insure Better Oat Yield.

The country for many miles around Ballinger was blessed with showers Monday night, and in some section of the Ballinger trade territory good showers fell Sunday night. These following so quickly the rain of last week keeps every thin g' humping' in a hurry, and the oat crop is going to pan out much better than any one expected. In fact everything on the farm is coming in a hurry and the range is getting in good shape, and judging from the looks of the clouds while this is being written more rain is coming our way, and it has been many years since the people were facing better prospects.

The West Texas Telephone Co., reports the following on the rain for Monday night: Abilene, Blackwell, Bronte, Bradshaw, Coleman, Millersview, Pumphrey, Stacy, Talpa, Valera, Wilmett all report good rains. Crews and Truitt report none. One-half inch at Brownwood, Maverick, Mazeland, Miles, Norton, Rowena, Eola, Paint Rock and Cedar. Hatchel, and Wingate received no rain. San Angelo and Menard received one inch.

The hail did some damage in some section of the county. A few fields in the Nichols neighborhood down the river were almost completely destroyed. Fortunately the hail did not cover a very large territory.

AT THE WHITE CITY.

The vaudeville at the White City last night by Huntington and company was simply splendid. They presented "A Timely Awakening," a clean, high class and Mr. Wilke is certainly carrying out this promise to give his patrons the best that research and money can obtain.

You are missing a rare treat, seldom ever seen in small cities, and you should by all means see them tonight.

In the pictures shown tonight will be "The Star of Bethlehem," a wonderful devotional subject showing the birth of Christ, a masterpiece in theme, acting and photography.

Prof. J. C. Taylor, returned home Tuesday at noon from a short visit to Brownwood.

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Saloons Or No Saloons?

Edited by Prohibition Committee, T. S. Lankford, Chairman.

Question. Why should saloons be allowed to come back to Ballinger? Will the antis please answer. Saloons or no saloons.

We regret to note that our anti friends will not practice what they preach. They have been crying for peace, and the last two years have been very peaceful ones; yet they are not satisfied and are responsible for the present campaign.

What's the matter with the court records? In the last campaign, two years ago, our anti friends published court records of other counties that were dry, and also

used the grand jury reports to show that Ballinger and Runnels county were composed of citizens more law-abiding than prohibition counties. Why not make that comparison again, and show what a great improvement the moral conditions have made since the saloon were voted out of Ballinger. Why not publish the last two grand jury reports and show that without saloons the county is a better county morally. No, no, the antis will not give you any court records to try to make you believe that prohibition is a bad thing and that saloons are a good thing. Saloons or no saloons?

The antis are like the Irishman's flea: Heretofore they told you that prohibition would not prohibit, and that if the saloons were voted out the money for liquor would go to another town, and that they were opposed to prohibition because the drinking people would order their booze. Now they are appealing to the people to vote against prohibition because it will be impossible to ship booze into a dry county, and the man that loves liquor will be cut off. In other words they are opposed to prohibition now because it does prohibit. When you meet his argument, and think you have got him, he hops.

Some of our anti friends say they want to see the saloons opened in Ballinger because they think it will help business. There is not a fifteen year old boy in Runnels county but what knows that business conditions here for the past three years or four years have been brought about by light rainfall, and not by a light "booze fall."

There are people in Ballinger today who are now enjoying the comforts of home who, when saloons were open, were being cared for by the charity committee. It looks strange that a sane man, be he anti or pro, would in this day and time argue that prohibition would kill a town. The best little towns in Texas today are dry and have been for many years, and we can point to some wet towns not over a thousand miles from Ballinger that are not working overtime to handle the business. We claim that with two or three good crops years Ballinger will be a better town without saloons than it was when we had saloons. Saloons or no saloons, that's the issue.

Saloons or no saloons—remember that is what you are asked to vote on.

The antis are crying peace, peace, and hope to put the pros to sleep, and let the antis go to the polls and vote saloons back to Runnels county, but they will find that the pros are wide awake and are armed with a poll tax and on May 28th, will roll up a majority that will protect the boys and girls of Runnels county for a long time to come. No, the pros don't want the kind of peace the antis are pleading for.

Watch this space tomorrow for some interesting court statistics. We will show you whether there is more drunkenness with saloons than without them.

A Whiff From Hell!

At a meeting of the State Liquor Dealers of Ohio at Columbus, Ohio, one of the delegates, in the course of a speech on "How to Build Up the Saloon Business," gave the following suggestions:

HE SAID:

"The success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created our counters will be empty as will our coffers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to that of some other more remunerative.

"The open field for the creation is among the boys. After men are grown and their habits are formed, they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetite has been formed. Above all things create appetite."

The above was given the Anti-Saloon League by a gentleman who was present at the meeting and made exact notes at the time of what was said. The delegate who made the speech supposed that none but liquor dealers were present.

(Advertisement)

Your Appearance.

will be improved by calling at The Bank Barber Shop and getting a good shave and hair cut. If

Will Hale, manager of the Grape Creek ranch, near Talpa, was here on a business Monday.

Just Received

A nice line of candy.

Bring the children and let me supply them.

Ice cold cider always on tap.

Everything in the Confectionery line.

M. ROSENWASSER.

WHITE CITY TONIGHT

"The Star of Bethlehem"

3000 feet of Pictures showing the
Birth of Christ

A picture all should see, produced in accordance with the Biblical Story.

Admission Ten Cents to all
parts of the house.

WILL LECTURE AT MILES TONIGHT

Rev. W. Bion Adkins went to Miles Tuesday afternoon, where he is billed to deliver a prohibition lecture tonight. The pros have not given out any speaking dates but it is reported that all places in the county will be covered by speakers during the coming week. The antis are not arranging any speaking dates.

YOUNG LADY MIS- SIONERY HERE

Miss Lula Williams a returned missionary from Japan, is a visitor in Ballinger, and will deliver a lecture at the Nazarene church tonight and tomorrow night. She is an interesting talker, and those who hear her will not only be highly entertained but will learn something of the customs and conditions in Japan. Everybody is invited.

Notice.

I have made my rounds assessing and if I have missed any one, will ask that you drop me a card letting me know or come to my office before June 10th, otherwise I will copy your 1912 rendition.

Respectfully,

MIKE C. BOYD,

County and School Assessor.
20-3rd 2tw.

SARAH BERNHART FILM MISSED CONNECTION

Manager Reeder of the Princess Summer Garden received a telegram this afternoon stating that the La Tosea film which he had billed for his show tonight, missed connection and that this play would not be given until tomorrow (Wednesday) night. Remember the great Sarah Bernhart film at the Princess Wednesday night.

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The announcement was received in our city Monday stating that Mr. Maleomb McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor, of our city, was married in San Antonio last Saturday.

The announcement came as a surprise to Macombs many friends in Ballinger but a host of friends join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for Maleomb is one of Ballinger's favorite sons, held in high esteem for his many traits of noble, young manhood, and we feel sure with his usual good judgement he has selected for his life companion a character fully up to his ideal.

Auction Sale May 30 and 31.

If you want to buy or sell horses or mules come to Brownwood for Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 31st, as we are to have several ears of good young mares that will be here for sale, and if you have one for sale bring him along with you. We are expecting everybody with us on these dates.

A. F. McALISTER.

20-1td 1tw Brownwood, Tex.

The engine on the A. & S. train

broke down beyond Winters at the water tank and put the train three hours late into Ballinger Tuesday.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County, ss:

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY,

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON,

Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

R. B. Creasy left Monday afternoon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

Editor Broyles and J. W. Norman, of Paint Rock, came over in Mr. Norman's auto to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours, but on account of a breakdown remained over Monday night.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. HERBINE purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Company.

E. Allison went West Tuesday at noon on a short business trip.

O. B. Corbett left Tuesday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

MRS. LARAMORE TELLS TROUBLES

Lady in Goodwater Describes Her Distressing Experience and Tells How She Was Finally Relieved.

Goodwater, Mo.—"Ever since I was a little girl," says Mrs. Riley Laramore, "I was a great sufferer from dyspepsia. I suffered misery after eating, and had terrible heartburn."

I thought I had to suffer this way as long as I lived, but when I began to take Thedford's Black-Draught, in small doses, every night, the heartburn was all gone in a few days, and I could eat without distress."

I took two small packages in all, and although that was some time ago, the dyspepsia has not returned.

I speak a good word for Thedford's Black-Draught whenever I have the opportunity."

If eating causes distress, we urge you to try Thedford's Black-Draught. It cleanses the system, helps the stomach to digest its food, regulates the bowels, and stimulates the liver.

It acts gently and is without bad after effects. Try it. Price 25c.

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That Big Real Funny Show
UNDER CANVAS



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Largest and Best of All Negro Minstrels
Just the Kind of a Show All Like

SINGING DANCING
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Be Sure to Go to This Good One.

Parade at 1 P. M.,

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