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UNITED STATES BREAKS WITH GERMANY

Are Holding American Ambassador Gerard and Citizens

By Carl W. Ackerman
United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Germany has declined to issue passports to Ambassador Gerard and other American officials, newspaper correspondents and other American citizens, and they will not be permitted to leave Germany until the German government has received official information that Ambassador Bernstorff and his staff have been granted safe conduct from the United States.

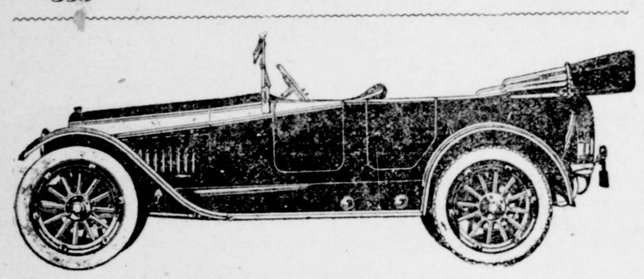
Passports to Americans will also be issued upon Berlin ascertaining from Washington the American government's attitude toward the old Prussian treaty which permits citizens of Germany now in the United States nine months' time to adjust their business after a break in diplomatic relations.

Mr. Gerard says he will not leave Germany unless all Americans who wish to return to the United States are permitted to go with him. So far there has been no anti-American demonstration and Berlin is quiet.

DEATH WIRE AROUND WIRELESS STATION

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Feb. 7.—A "death wire" carrying a high voltage has been stretched around the Great Lakes wireless station. A double guard has also been placed around the station to prevent any damage to the station or interferance with radio messages.

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U. S. HAS BEEN PREPARING FOR WAR FOR MANY WEEKS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A similar course will be taken by the United States against all remaining Teutonic powers, as well as Germany, should they determine to follow Germany's declaration of "relentless warfare."

President Wilson reached this decision Friday morning, but with held his announcement until details were completed on the new American policy.

Announcement was made here today that preparations for eventualities with Germany has been underway in this country for several weeks. A strict censorship has been maintained in all these operations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The state department made it known this morning that a reply to President Wilson's note notifying Germany of the break was expected within twenty-four hours. The reply may come in the form of a declaration of war. A majority of the administration officials believe that this is the final step and that it is inevitable and such a reply would cause no surprise, and it is believed that Germany will take this step now. .. .. . .

The receipt of Berlin dispatches quoting Foreign Secretary Zimmerman as saying, "There is no step backward for Germany," strengthened the belief that Germany will declare war. It is also recalled that last spring, when the Sussex was destroyed and a break with Germany threatened, Ambassador Bernstoff said that such a break would result in immediate declaration of war by Germany. The state department is hourly expecting this declaration and in the meantime preparations are being made to protect every American interest.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR SAYS U. S. NOT NEUTRAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. 4:02 p. m.—The Senate stands behind President Wilson's action in breaking with Germany by a vote of 78 to 5.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Declaring that the United States had never been neutral and that the President had shown favor to the allies, Senator Works, republican sprung the first opposition to be heard in congress against Mr. Wilson's break with Germany. Senator Works was severe in his criticism of the President's action in severing relation with Germany.

Senator Stone lead the fight in defending Mr. Wilson and hitting at those who hold that the president should have consutled congress before severing relations with Germany, said "the president acted wholly within his constitutional rights."

Senator Lodge, a republican, followed Senator Stone in defending Mr. ilson's action, and said, "President Wilson was demanded by honor, safety and securety of the United States to do what he did. Let us show the people of the United States and the world that we are without division. To show division shows weakness.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7.—The Bolivian minister at Rio de Janeiro, announced today that Bolivia would join the United States in its stand against Germany, and that a protest on the unrestricted submarine warfare had been issued to the German government.

CHILE WILL NOT SUPPORT UNITED STATES.

Santiago dispatches received at Buenos Aires say that in a ministerial council held at Santiago, it was determined that Chile would not support the United States against Germany.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A Rome wireless message, quoting the Ambassador from Spain to Italy at Rome, says Spain will follow the United States in breaking off all relations with Germany.

The Spanish ambassador is also credited with saying that Spain will declare war on Germany should the United States decide on a similar policy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Spain and Switzerland will probably not accede to President Wilson's suggestions regarding a general break of all neutral nations with Germany, according to reliable information received by the State Department this afternoon.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 6—Brazil entered a protest against Germany's unrestricted submarining this afternoon, and will follow the United States in severing diplomatic relations with the Kaiser's country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Austro-Hungary has sent the United States a note, practically amounting to the announcement made by Germany, declaring for "unrestricted undersea warfare."

Every effort is being put forth by the administration to avoid a break with the Central Powers.

Claud Wilmeth returned home Wednesday at noon from the East, where he had been on stock business.

By Robert J. Bender
(United Press Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson appeared before a joint session of the United States congress at two o'clock this afternoon, and formally announced the break with Germany. In his speech before the joint session Mr. Wilson called on all neutrals to follow America's course of action in severing diplomatic relations with the Impeiral German government.

"If Germany sinks any American ships or sacrifices any American lives I will come before congress again and ask permission to use military and naval arms to protect them," said the president.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—In case of war with the Central Powers, the General Staff plans to use regulars and state militia troops as a nucleus and main army.

A reserve army of two million men per year will be trained and no troops will be sent to Europe until the new army has been perfected.

The General Staff also will ask for universal military service, calling out all youths of the ages of 18, 19 and 20.

Establishment of training camps would be announced for every state in the Union.

Munition factories would be put at work immediately on war supplies for the fighting forces.

BERNSTORFF GETS PASSPORTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The State Department handed the German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff his passports at 1:20 today. The German Ambassador announced that Switzerland would take over Germany's interests in the United States, the Swiss ambassador having charge of the embassy.

TO GUARD AGAINST GERMAN BOMBS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The United States justice department is co-operating with the navy and army departments to guard against any possible German bombing of this country.

$500,000,000 FOR PREPAREDNESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Senator Thomas introduced a resolution in the senate this morning calling for the issuance of five hundred million dollars worth of bonds to put the country under state of military and naval preparedness.

GERMANS DESTROYING INTERNED SHIPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Austrian freighter Himalaya, which has been interned at Newark for some time, had its engines smashed by crowbars this morning.

HOBOKEN, Feb. 3.—The German steamer George Washington, is reported damaged beyond repairs. Supposedly it is work of German sympathizers to prevent U. S. from using the ship.

GUNS TRAINED ON GERMAN RAIDERS.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The big guns of the Dreadnaught North Dakota are trained on the interned German raiders Prinz Eithel, Kron Prinz and Wilhelm.

WAR AND NAVY BUILDING CLOSED TO VISITORS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Returning from the capitol where he addressed a joint session of congress, President Wilson called Secretary of War Baker into conference. The state, navy and war buildings have been closed to all visitors.

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Three years ago, we saw that a soap made for ordinary water wouldn't do in the Southwest, so we made a soap to fit the water. It is the one white laundry soap that will lather, cleanse and rinse perfectly in hard water, without injury to hands or clothes.

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SPANELL SET FREE ON $5,000 BOND

SAN ANGELO, Feb. 2.—Harry J. Spanell, acquitted for the charge of killing his wife, Crystal Holland Spanell at Alpine last July, was released from jail at two-thirty this afternoon. The man has been in jail here and at Alpine and at El Paso since the tragedy. The bond containing the signatures of L. J. Wardlaw and Lee Williams, two prominent ranchment, and Rev. Lyons, local Baptist minister, was approved and Spanell given his liberty.

Mr. Spanell declined to make a statement as to his future plans. He will probably remain here for some time, or until his father, Joseph Spanell returns to his home in Pennsylvania, and until the charge against him for killing Col. Butler has been disposed of.

SAN ANGELO, Feb. 2.—At four o'clock yesterday afternoon Judge C. E. Dubois granted Harry J. Spanell bond in the sum of $5000 on the murder charge held against him for the killing of Col. M. C. Butler at Alpine last July, and transfered the case to Coleman. Spanell will be released from jail today, or as soon as the bond is approved by the proper authority. Judge Dubois transfered the case to Coleman on his own motion.

The defendant was not present in the court room yesterday afternoon when the jury returned the verdict acquitting him of the charge of killing his wife, and when the district clerk, Miss Mary Conger, read the verdict. Neither were Mrs. Butler, the wife of Col. Butler, or Col. Holland the father of Mrs. Spanell present. The defense had waived the right of Spanell being present when the jury reported.

Many women who were in the court room and who had followed the case from its beginning, rushed to the jury to shake the hands of the twelve men who had freed Spanell of the murder charge. Later the women went to the jail to congratulate Spanell, but they were not admitted. For some time no one but Spanell's father was allowed to see him. The aged father was not in the court room when the verdict was returned, but he went immediately to the jail to see his son as soon as the verdict had been announced. He was delayed by dozens of men and women who stopped him to shake his hands.

When the news reached him that he had been acquitted Spanell almost completely collapsed, so great was his feeling. He was on his knees praying, and with tears streaming down his face, he said, "Thank God! Thank God!"

Coleman Court Meets In May

If the case against Spanell, charged with the killing of Butler, is tried at the next term of court it will be tried some time in May, when the spring term of the Coleman county district court convenes.

Spanell's Old Home Rejoices.

Hazelton, Pa., Feb. 2.—This town is rejoicing over receipt of the news from San Angelo, Tex., of the outcome of the Spanell trial. Hazelton is the boyhood home of panell, and he has many friends and relatives here. Hundreds of telegrams of congratulations were sent to him last night, and the church at which Spanell formerly sang in the choir held a special service, at which the members are praying for him to return here to live.

Paper Shell Pecans

We have this year a choice lot of Soft Shell Pecan trees grown on our own grounds, warranted true to name, thrifty. Now ready for delivery and transplanting. Address orders to Runnels County Pecan Nursery, S. B. Howard, 107 N. 12th St., Ballinger, Texas. 15-tfw.

J. P. Maddox of the Hatchel country, and Roy Bates, of the Moro mountain country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

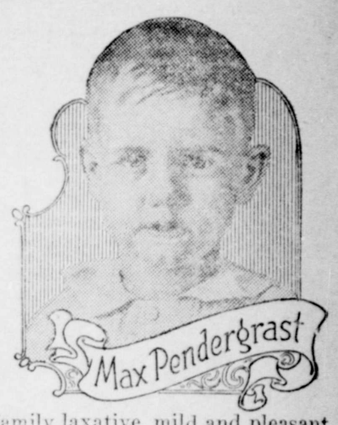
John Mansker left Friday for Moody in response to a message stating that his father died at his home in that city Friday morning.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents

Will Never Be Without This Simple Laxative

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin Relieved Her Bay When Nothing else Would.



Little Max Pendergast is now four years old, and a fine healthy boy. When but a tiny baby, in fact almost from birth, he suffered a great deal from constipation. His mother, Mrs. Carl W. Pendergrast, Red Key, Ind., heard of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, obtained a bottle of it from the drug store and with it was able to quickly correct this condition.

Mrs. Pendergast, says Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has saved them from calling the doctor many times, and that she will never be without a bottle of it in the house to use when needed. She found it equally effective as a laxative for herself and other members of the family.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, pleasant to the taste, mild in action and positive in effect. It does not gripe or strain, and contains no opiate or narcotic drug. It is the ideal family laxative, mild and pleasant for baby, yet acting quickly on the strongest constitution.

To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure to ask for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washnitgon St., Monticello, Illinois.

DOES BALLINGER WANT A. & M. COLLEGE

C. A. Doose received a telegram Wednesday afternoon from Representative Hawkins, stating that the A. & M. bill which provides for the establishment of an A. & M. College somewhere West of the 98th meridian, had passed. The bill passed the house by a vote of 111 to 13.

This is the West Texas A. & M. college move that has been before the people for more than a year, and the creating of the new school comes in response to a general demand from West Texas. It is not known yet how the site for the new college will be selected, but the matter will no doubt be handled along the same lines that other schools have been located in the past. The requirements will be made known within a short time, and in the meantime Ballinger people should get together and determine whether an effort shall be made to bring the school to this county.

It will be remembered that Ballinger came near landing the West Texas state normal, and stood second on the balloting of the locating board. Ballinger could offer an ideal location for a West Texas A. & M. college, and can no doubt meet every requirement the law will call for. What shall we do?

The Ideal Grocery Co., Jones & Stokes, proprietors; next to Wood & Son. Clean, fresh, and up-to-date stock, courteous treatment. Phone 34. 30-3td-1tw

A. A. Neely, of the Panhandle country, who had been here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. G. B. Nixon, left for his home Friday.

Sim Cotelle left Sunday to visit friends at Brownwood a few days.

HUNTERS REJOICE OVER BILLS DEFEAT

Local nimrods are feeling better since the defeat of House Bill No. 24. This bill was intended to stop the use of automatic pump guns by hunters. The bill came up several days ago and was defeated.

C. R. Crews is in receipt of a letter from the Remington Arms Co., thanking him for the interest he manifested in the defeat of the bill. Mr. Crews and several other local citizens addressed letters to Representative Hawkins requesting him to vote against the passage of the bill.

Local hunters are in favor of sane game laws, and most of them respect the game laws and will go as far as any towards protecting game during the game season, but a law prescribing what kind of gun a man must use was making things just a little too strong. In fact such a law would have made thousands of dollars worth of guns worthless.

Stop That Cough

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist. 50c.

Oyster shells and charcoal for poultry at Jeanes Produce Co. 30-5td-2tw.

Fred Salling, of the Miles country, was among the number attending county court in Ballinger Monday.

WOMEN RAISE MONEY FOR HARRY SPANELL

Harry J. Spanell passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon. He was en route to Waco where he will visit friends before going to his old home in Pennsylvania. In making mention of his departure from San Angelo, the Standard of that city says:

Accompanied by his father, Joseph Spanell of Hazelton, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. John Railey of Waco, Spanell left for Waco Saturday afternoon on the 2:35 o'clock Santa Fe. After spending some time in the McLennan county capital, the Alpine man will likely continue on to Hazelton in company with his parent.

Spanell is under a $5,000 bond, which provides for his return to Coleman in April to face trial for the alleged killing of Lieutenant Col. M. C. Butler in Alpine on July 20, 1916, on which date Mrs. Spanell also met death.

Before leaving yesterday, Spanell was presented with approximately $100, which was raised by a committee of local women, of which Mrs. S. S. Dumas was chairman. With the gift, Spanell purchased heavy clothing, including shoes, suit and overcoat. Throughout his seven months' confinement in jail at Alpine, El Paso and San Angelo and during his trial here, Spanell wore a light serge suit of dark material and low quarter shoes. He had no overcoat and this probably accounts for the severe cold with which he suffered much of the time. So great was the interest in the trial itself no one apparently noticed the man's scant attire until the case was over.

The raising of money to present to Spanell will continue. All those wishing to contribute are expected to leave their donations with Mrs. Dumas.

5,000,000 Corns Lifted Right Off!

Try 2 Drops of Magic "Gets-It."

There's a wonderful difference between getting rid of a corn now and the way they used to try to get rid of it only four or five years ago. "Gets-It" has revolutionized corn history. It's the only corn remedy



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today that acts on the new principle, not only of shriveling up the corn, but of loosening the corn off—so loose that you can lift it right off with your fingers. Put 2 drops of "Gets-It" on that corn or callus tonight. That's all. The corn is doomed sure as sunrise. No pain, or trouble, or soreness. You do away once and for all with toe-bundling bandages, toe-eating salves and irresponsible what-nots. Try it—get surprised and lose a corn.

"Gets-It" is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce, and The Walker Drug Co.

Fair Warning.

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A. J. VOELKEL.

25-2td2tw

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking the many friends and neighbors for their kind words of sympathy and assistance during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. The floral offering was beautiful and many other acts of kindness are duly appreciated and feeble words fail to convey our sincere appreciation in this sad hour of bereavement. May the goold Lord bless and protect you and your loved ones is our prayer.

G. W HULL,
Roy and Stanley Hull.
5-1td1tw

W. T. Garner, of Norton, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and says he has all the buildings he can handle in his town and nearby, and says four new residences just completed and several more being figured on to be built right soon.

WINTERS STATE BANK ELECTS NEW PRES.

WINTERS, Tex., Feb. 1.—At the last regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Winters State Bank, held on the 22nd day of January, W. D. Meadows was elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. L. Allred, and T. W. Murray was elected second Vice-president and Chairman of the Board.

The Directors are: T. W. Murray, D. B. Diggs, Wm. Stevens, S. H. Meek, W. D. Meadows, and Jno. Q. McAdams, and the officers, W. D Meadows, President; D. B. Diggs, Active Vice-president; T. W. Murray, second Vice-president; and Chairman of the Board, and Jno. Q. McAdams, Cashier.

Mr. Meadows is county commissioner from the Winters precinct. He recently sold his farm east of Winters and moved to this place and has constructed a home here.

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"Pape's Cold Compound" ends grippe misery—Don't stay stuffed-up!

You can end grippe and break up a severe cold either in head chest, body or limbs by taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

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It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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PHONE 66

EDUCATIONAL MOVE FOR WEST TEXAS

West Texas is again coming to the front by initating a movement that, according to the local educators, will spread throughout the state within a short time. This movement consists of the organization of the West Texas Mothers' Congress, an organization that will hold its first meeting in Brownwood on the 16-17 of March—the date set for the Mid-Teachers' Association. The Presidents' Council, the executive body of the Mothers' Congress and of which body Mrs. Scott H. Mack, of Civic League, is a member, will meet wtihin a few days and complete a program that will do much toward bringing parent and teacher closer together and that will aid in creating a splendid educational enthusiasm throughout this section.

State Superintendent W. F. Doughty, Mrs. W. F. Doughty, and Miss Annie W. Blanton, President of the State Teachers' Association, Dr. R. E. Vinson, President of the State University, and other prominent speakers will address the mothers during the meeting.

Mrs. R. B. Rogers of Brownwood, chairman of the Presidents' Council, is very enthusiastic over the outlook for a great meeting. The Executive Committee of the Mid-Teachers' association recently heartily endorsed the movement and pledged their aid toward making the first meeting a great one.

The state parent-teacher organtization holds its meeting at such a great distance from this section, the last meeting being at Beaumont, that our people are unable to attend and secure its benefits, so a lare delegation from our community should take advantage of the low railroad rates to Brownwood and attend this meeting of the West Texas Mothers' Congress.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remainin bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

RECEIVES NOTICE OF BROTHER'S DEATH

Dr. I. W. Powell, of Halcomb, Mo., died in St. Louis, Mo., Saturday, Feb. 3rd., at 9:25 p. m. He had suffered some time with stomach trouble, the cause of his death. Dr. Powell was a brother of J. W. Powell, of our city, and visited her several times. He was a prominent citizen of his home county, retired from the practice of medicine several years ago. He was president of a bank at Halcomb, also president of a bank at Kenneth, Mo., at time of his daeth. He was 65 years of age.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

FAMILY WHO LOST HOME APPRECIATES HELP

The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Pullin, of the Benoit country, in which these people express their appreciation for the liberal help given them when they had the misfortune recently to lose their home and contents by fire.

Neighbors and friends contributed cash to the amount of $132, while others gave furniture, clothing, dishes and groceries and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brookshire replaced the house.

The letter to the Ledger says, "We wish to express our thanks to all those who helped us in the loss of our house and contents. We are very thankful for so many kindness, and thank one and all.

"Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Pullin."

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly, if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

J. R. Harris of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon en route to Buckholts in response to a message stating that his mother-in-law was seriously ill.

SELLS 7357 ACRES FOR $205,233.00

Real estate deals aggregating in dollars and cents more than $200,000 have been closed by H. Giesecke since August 15th. The most of the sales made were to home people, and in many cases to farmers who have been renting land, or who came here and purchased their first land in this county on a credit, and after paying for their home are buying more land. No deal reported by Mr. Giesecke was for more than one section of land, and the great majority of them were for small tracts—farms, the acreage amounting from one hundred to two hundred acres.

This list of sales show and average monthly sale of small farms of $40,000, which is a record worthy of special mention. In addition to the $200,000 real estate deals this firm has handled many loans, and been instrumental in placing many farmers in a position to where they can become home owners, and in time pay for what they have purchased on time.

Following is a partial list of the sales made by Mr. Giesecke since the middle of August:

Wm. Schertz to Clements Hoelcher 453 acres, $23,143.00.

Wm Schertz to Chas. Ocker 200 acres, $10,200.00.

J. H. Parramore to T. S. Berry 425 acres, $10,625.00.

J. H. Parramore to E. C. Henniger 100 acres, $3,500.00.

J. H. Parramore to Chas. Adami 100 acres $3,500.00.

F. Werner to H. Lindmemann 200 acres, $4,000.00.

F. Werner to E. O. Lange 398 acres, $7,962.00.

M. Baggs to H. S. Morgan 240 acres, $3,600.00.

Ed J. L. Green to Claud Gooch 480 acres, $10,500.00.

Ebeling & Giesecke to C. A. Compton et al 30 acres $17,000.00.

Wm. Dobrowolski et al, Floyd Jones 330 acres, $5,940.00.

L. S. Metcalfe to G. W. Blackwell 189 acres $6,150.00.

J. W. Bartee to J. A. Broadstreet 99 acres, $3,129.00.

J. W. Bartee to W. D. Smith 102 acres, $3,754.00.

M. T. Hensley to Jno. J. Hood 117 acres, $4,318.00.

R. Ebeling to J. F. Ford 320 acres, $4,200.00.

S. P. Eoff to P. M. Davis 139 acres, $6,264.00.

Dan Moser to G. R. Forbus 170 acres, $5,541.00.

Wylie Estate to W. F. Garman 160 acres, $4,000.00.

John Morgan to H. Kay Berrey 80 acres, $2,300.00.

K. O. Berrey to D. A. Mitchell 140 acres $5,600.00.

W. J. Wilkinson to A. C. Willingham 141 acres, $5,000.00.

Chas. Ransbarger to M. H. Witt 320 acres, $3,000.00.

E. G. Drake to G. W. Lawrie 106 acres, $4,300.00.

H. Giesecke to Lynn Stokes 735 acres, $15,000.00.

H. Giesecke to C. R. Roesler 250 acres, $12,500.00.

F. & M. Bank to W. W. McElray 684 acres, $10,767.00.

F. & M. Bank to J. P. Greenwell 200 acres, $4,000.00.

Geo. C. Cauble to Wm. Schertz 141 acres, $5,440.00.

Dr. Mangum to Morgan Jones, house and lot, $1700.00.

J. B. Johnson Estate to J. L. Stroble house and lot $1,350.00.

R. C. Wallis to C. W. Northington house and lot, $1,750.00.

J. W. Norman to Leroy Nicholson house and lot $1,500.00.

Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain

Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective that mussy plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c.

Miss Irmogene Sharp left Friday for Austin to visit her friend Miss Zelma Miller and will attend the grand opera while in that city.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson left Sunday afternoon for Waco, to visit friends and will also visit her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Risser at Bonham.

UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

Just once. Try "Dodson's Liver Tone" when Bilious, Constipated, Headachy—Dont't lose a day's Work.

Liven up your sluggish liver. Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes nercrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel new. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

RECEIVES NEWS OF MOTHER'S DEATH

Mrs. R. F. Green received a telegram this afternoon from Mr. Green, stating that his mother died at eleven o'clock Friday. Mr. Green left here about one week ago for Madisonville, Texas, to be with his mother, and in response to a telegram stating that she w s seriously ill.

Patronize—

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others.

E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

THIEVES GET CLOTHES AND JEWELRY

The finding of match stubs and match boxes in the middle of the floor lead to the discovery of a burglary early Wednesday night when Mr. and Mrs. J. Whit Patterson returned from the picture show. When the light was turned on and the burned matches noticed scattered around the room Mr. and Mrs. Patterson became suspicious as they knew it was not their work, and an investigation lead to the discovery that they were short goods valued at something like $125. The thieves made their way into the house through a rear door which happened to be left unlocked. Among the articles missed are a number of Mrs. Patterson's dresses, and jewelry, two gold pieces and other articles she had received as Christmas gifts. The officers have been working on the case, but so far have no clue.

J. C. Bauman left Monday at noon for Miles on a short business trip.

FARMERS' MEET ONE OF BEST OF KIND EVER HELD

Colonel H. L. Bentley returned Thursday morning from Ballinger where he attended the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute which met there Tuesday and Wednesday.

"There was a large crowd at every session, and it was one of the finest meetings of the kind ever held in the state" declared Colonel Bentley. "The talks by the men from the department and by farmers were splendid."—Abilene Reporter.

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea, and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially bananas and apples, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are bodly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

IN BALLINGER FIRST MONDAY

Among the number in the city first Monday looking after business affairs and attending county court were: R. B. Ingle, of the Hill country, George Miller, of Wingate, Henry Bredemeyer, J. L. Miller, D. M. Hillyard, Ben Spill, of Winters, Aug Herring of Talpa, W. W. Allen of the Moro country, Will Hale of Talpa, Willis C. Barrett and Mack Watkins of the Norton country, C. P. Pruitt of Wingate, C. L. Harter of Wilmeth and R. D. Loika of the Pony creek country.

W. A. Gustavus, Sr., left Monday at noon for San Angelo to visit his son, M. N. Gustavus and family and to look after business affairs a week or so.



Texaco Axle Grease is Real Grease—pure lubricant throughout.

Get a trial can—say just a pound to begin with. Subject it to the test of heavy hauling in hot weather. Keep a careful check on the number of times you need to regrease the axles,

You will see that Texaco Axle Grease costs less because it lasts longer.

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Even the rumors of war is hell.

The measles have a grip on the school children.

We predict the unpleasantness will soon blow over.

Bryan is not with Wilson in the present unpleasantness, and Bryan is almost alone. The people stand behind the president.

Peace or war the farmer can safely bank on getting a good price for the fruits of his labor this year. The world must be fed.

Some people do not seem to understand that the greater the news the greater the expense of publishing a paper. Especially is this true with the small daily.

It cost the state over $5000 to try Harry J. Spanell, charged with killing his wife. Yet this cost is an insignificant sum when compared with the heartaches caused by that murder. Why should man kill?

A deal is pending that will pro bably give the school children additional play ground at the Central school building. Then it will be as is should be. The same amount of cash could not be invested in a way that will be of greater benefit to the development of the body as well as the mind of the school children.

Its an ill-wind that does not blow good to some one. Just think of the gasoline that was saved Sunday afternoon.

Failing to bring about peace Henry Ford is now offering his auto factory to the government for making ammunition with which to shoot 'em up.

It is claimed that seventy per cent of the men in General Pershing's army are of foreign birth, yet they are fighting for American rights. They are true Americans.

The rumor of war tests the patriotism of man, and the man who has the idea that American patriotism is on the wane has another guess coming. Telegrams are pouring into Washington from men in every walk of life offering their service to protect the honor of the nation of nations.

RECOGNIZING THE UNWRITTEN LAW.

A jury of his peers returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the State of Texas vs. Harry J. Spanell. Spanell was indicted for murder. A jury of his peers voted Spanell his liberty, gave him a clear bill of health and vindicated him of the crime for which he was indicted and sent to trial. Now it is up to the prosecuting attorney of Tom Green county to dismiss the indictment in the Butler case. Why squander the money of the people? Another jury of Spanell's peers would return a verdict of not guilty and the prosecuting attorney would have all his work for naught.—Fort Worth Record.

To do such a thing the court would have to recognize the unwritten law. The Record perhaps strikes a popular cord in advocating the release of Spanell without further prosecution, and no one will dare say that the unfortunate man hasn't the sympathy of the public in his trouble and public sentiment seems to be greatly in his favor. Regardless of whether Spanell is guilty of taking the life of his fellowman or not, he has no doubt suffered a remorse that is ten thousand times greater than any punishment the state can administer. Death is the proper medicine for any man who encroaches upon the sancty of a happy home, but for the court to recognize the unwritten law will lessen the value of human life, and the murderer with a petty grievence against his fellowman can go forth and kill and plead the safe way to freedom.

WAR AND THE FARMER.

The Germans have built monster submarines with a scope of operation as broad as the Atlantic; the Belgians have invented a powder that makes dynamite seem like a joss stick; the French have mounted a 52-centimeter gun that hurls a ton and a half of explosive twenty miles; the British have constructed that terrible land battleship, the "tank."

But American farmers have done their share to render these things possible. They have vied with munition makers—they have made the United States a stockyard and a granary for Europe. They have furnished cotton and wool for uniforms, leather for harness and saddlery, horse and mule power for artillery, beef and grain for the commissary. They have achieved scientific farming triumphs parallel to the creating of great guns and stable aeroplanes and war machinery. And more people are becoming farmers, or studying agriculture, or reading farm literature than ever before—well aware that the farmer represents one aof the biggest forces in American life today.

When the bowels become irregregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

PROMINENT MASONS WILL COME HERE

On February 20th, Ballinger Lodge A. F. and A. M. will have as guests a party of distinguished Masons from Dallas. The party will be composed of ten of the most prominent Masons of the state. Among them will be the honored and illustrious Mason, Sam P. Cochran thirty-three degree inspector general of the Scottish Rite bodies of Texas.

The object of the visit of these prominent Masons, is to create and promulgate a closer fraternal fellowship among the Masons of the Masonic District in which Ballinger is located.

In appreciation of its distinguished guests Ballinged lodge has perfected plans for their entertainment suitable for the occasion.

Every Mason in the district will receive a special invitation.

In the afternoon of the 20th., the Master's degree will be conferred by representatives of the several lodges of the district.

At seven thirty in the evening the Master's degree will be conferred by the distinguished visitors. All stations being filled by thirty-three degree Masons. After the exemplification of the work the lodge and its guests will repair to the Carnegie Library, where the ladies of the Eastern Star will act as hostesses. A pleasing program will be featured consisting of music and speechmaking. After which appetizing refreshments will be served.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

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I have leased the building next door to Schawe's grocery store on Hutchings Ave and have fitted up a waiting room for passengers and also a place to leave your packages. The Winters car will call at this station before leaving for Winters, and those desiring to make the trip or have packages to send can wait here for the car which comes at regular hours. We will also continue to call anywhere in town for passangers or packages. Leave your orders at the station or phone 63 or 135.

For local service we will keep a jitney at the passenger station. This jitney will make special trips or carry you anywhere in the city you wish to go. People coming to town to trade and wishing to go out on the car can leave their packages at the station. This station will be to our auto line what a passenger station and express office is to a railway line. We want you to use it.

BALLINGER & WINTERS AUTO LINE, W. E. Brooks.

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For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd are rejoicing over the arrival of a girl baby, born to them Friday, Feb. 2nd.

W. F. Buck, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Monday for a few hours in the interest of his automobile company.

The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing In Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.

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This Signature on Every Box

E. W. Grove

Used the World Over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Maker also of the Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

INSTALLATION OF W. O. W. AND W. C. OFFICERS

On Saturday evening, Jan. 27, at 7:30 o'clock, the W. O. W. Camp and the Woodmen Circle Grove of Norton, held a joint meeting in the W. O. W. Hall and installed the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. There were quite a large assemblage of Sovereigns in the hall at the opening hour.

Miss Corine Eskridge, one of the faculty of the public schools, was the installing officer for the W. C. Grove. Sov. Eskridge performed the duty placed upon her by the Grove with ease in every respect.

She delivered the charges with such earnestness that they were very impressive to all present.

Sov. T. J. McCaughon was installing officer for the W. O. W. Camp. Sov. McCaughan proved to be the right man, in the right place, on this occasion. The ceremonies were very impressive and instructive.

After the intsallation ceremonies were over the Consul Com. of the Camp took charge of the meeting. Speeches for the good of the orders were called for.

Sov. J. N. Key delivered a very fine address on Wooderaft and fraternity among the members.

Sov. W. T. Garner made a short talk on the history of the W. O. W. organization and the spirit of fraternity that should exist among the members of the different organizations.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, Guardian of the Grove, made an excellent talk in behalf of the Circle. Sov. Mitchell made a very earnest appeal to the members of both orders to help increase the membership of the Woodmen Circle.

Sov. Harl Osborn delivered a very comical and interesting recitation.

Sov. J. M. Jennings, Con. Com. of the Camp, made a short talk for the good of the order and announced that the committees appointed by the Circle and the Woodmen, had a fine supper prepared for all present on this occasion.

Sov. Jennings requested all present to remain and eat all they wanted.

The waiters should be complimented for they all discharged their duty to the fullest extent in supplying the guests with plenty to eat.

This was quite an enjoyable occasion that will be remembered by those present for time to come. Hoping to enjoy another occasion like this soon, I close.

ONE PRESENT.

Chamberlain's Tablets

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion, or constipation they will do you good.

Preparedness---

Is the livest national issue of the day. The meaning of the word "PREPAREDNESS" is the state of being ready for any emergency which may arise. Are you prepared for the fire demon or cyclone?

If not, call The Ballinger Insurance Agency for full information as to how to prepare against these evils

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Jim Kelley, of New Mexico, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. D. Jackson, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Brown near Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson and children of Winters, visited W. E. Branch and family Sunday.

John Hinde spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hinde.

Miss Nellie Stead, of Ft. Worth who had been staying with her grandmother, Mrs. L. S. Evans, returned to her home Friday. She will be greatly missed by her friends and associates.

Miss Emmie Pagles returned home Tuesday from Bronte, where she had been the past two weeks nursing a patient.

We are sorry to report Grandpa Eubank on the sick list with lagrippe.

W. E. Branch had business in Winters, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey, of Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Secrest, of Talpa, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Secrest Sunday.

Jim Collins returned home last week from Milam county, where he had been on a short business trip.

Miss Leska Hinde received a message from her trustees Sunday morning, stating that her school had been discontinued indefinitely on account of measles.

The participants in the play, "Tompkin's Hired Man," accompained by a few others, went to Bethel Saturday and gave the play there that night. A good crowd was present and the evening proved profitable as well as enjoyable. Those going from South Ballinger were: Mr. and Mrs. James, Gerald and Ross Black, Luther Watson, Charles Hinde, Earl Eubank, Misses Kathleen Hinde, Robbie Brown, Maydell Rushing and Leska and Trezzie Hinde, who assisted Mrs. Corum in furnishing music during the evening.

We are sorry to report the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dunn of the Spring Hill community, very ill with pneumonia.

ELBERTA.

A CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS IF LIVER OR BOWELS ARE ACTIVE

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, give fruit laxative at once.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playfulchild again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

H. W. Bigler and Judge W. D. Jennings of Miles, were looking after legal business in the county court in our city Tuesday.

Oscar Pearson, of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill, left Monday afternoon for Dallas on a short business trip in the interets of his company.

GUN SHOT KILLS MAN AT ANGELO

(San Angelo Standard)

Henry Short, 59, a local stockman, was shot and almost instantly killed Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock at his residence 1615 East Harris avenue. Whether the shooting was an accident or was with suicidal intent had not been established at 1 o'clock Monday morning. At that hour, W. T. George, justice of the peace, was conducting an inquest which, it was announced, would not likely be finished before Tuesday.

Surviving are the wife and four children, Misses Ruth and Addie and Messrs. Walter and Henry, all of San Angelo.

According to information received Monday morning, Short had gone into his back yard Sunday morning for the announced purpose of killing a beef. The deceased had been selling fresh meat on the streets of San Angelo for a number of months, slaughtering the animals at his home.

His son, Walter Short, heard a shot fired and rushing into the yard, found his father lying dead near a bench on which he had often butchered meat. There was a wound just over the heart, where a bullet had entered, and another beneath the right shoulder blade, where it had passed from the body A .41 calibre Colts revolver lay on the ground.

Short was born in Arkansas and came to Texas when 16 years old. He had resided in West Texas for more than 30 years and was well known.

Mrs. Scott Mack left Monday afternoon for Brownwood, where she goes to be present at the meeting of the Presidents' Council, the executive board of the Mothers' Congress, and with other members will arrange a program for the organization, which meets in Brownwood March 16-17.

Judge Snodgrass, of Coleman, is looking after legal business in our city.

DECATUR HAS BIG $100,000 FIRE

DECATUR, Texas, Feb. 6.—The entire west side of the business section of this city was destroyed by fire last night. Fifteen business houses and other smaller buildings were burned, causing a loss of more than one hundred thousand dollars.

Jno. A. Weeks, left Monday afternoon for Houston and other points in that section on a business trip.

FOURTEEN SPEECHES ON WOMAN SUFFERAGE

AUSTIN, Feb. 6.—The house is discussing the woman suffrage amendment today. There will be fourteen speeches before a vote is taken on the amendment.

"Let Us Have Faith that Right Makes Might"

"And in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it"—Wisewords from our martyred president whose blessed memory can never die.

Money makes might. It is a potent power for right. Without it faith falters and the spirit weakens. Are you going to heed the wisdom of Llncoln and disposit that first dollar here today?

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Ask Grandfather— He'll Tell You—

Stop Rheumatism Before It Takes Hold

You can do it by keeping your blood clean. The kidneys filter about 500 grains of uric acid and other salts from the blood every 24 hours. When there is more than the kidneys can remove, it is deposited in muscles and joints, and painful rheumatism follows. S. S. S., for 50 years the most efficient of all blood tonics, will keep the blood pure and prevent disease. At your druggists.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

S.S.S. Will Stop Disease

ALLIES TO FIGHT FOR REPARATION

LONDON, Feb. 7.—"There is no possible basis for peace contained in Germany's recent offer," King George declared in a speech in the House of Lords, in opening Parliament this morning. "My people throughout the empire and all our allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to secure just reparation and restitution for Germany's brutality in the past, and a guarantee for future peace, which we regard as essential to the progress of civilization," the British monarch continued.

While King George was speaking a band outside of the parliament was playing "The Star Spangled Banner."

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

BADLY HURT.

Roy Clayton, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and was suffering from a severe cut on his head, caused by a large rock falling off a barn on his head, last Sunday.

Mrs. Thornton of Talpa, came in Monday afternoon and will be the guest of Rev. J. W. Bost and family a few days.

R. T. Williams, of Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., left Monday afternoon for Dallas on a short buisness trip.

MANY SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Two were killed and the remainder of the crew saved when the British steamer Saxon, was submarined yesterday. The vessel was a thirteen ton capacity.

Twelve survivors of the British steamer Azul have been landed, and report that their ship was submarined. This was' a three thousand ton ship.

Official report has just been made of the submarining of the British steamer Vestra, a thousand ton ship, and Crown Point, a five thousand ton ship. Both ships fell victims to German undersea craft.

Frank Wooden and little son of Salpupa, Okla., came in a day or two ago to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wooden and Ballinger friends a week or two. Mrs. Wooden accompanied him to Fort Worth to visit her relatives while he is here.

Mrs. Horace Reasonover and little daughter, of Miles, came in a day or two ago to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke and family and Ballinger friends a few days.

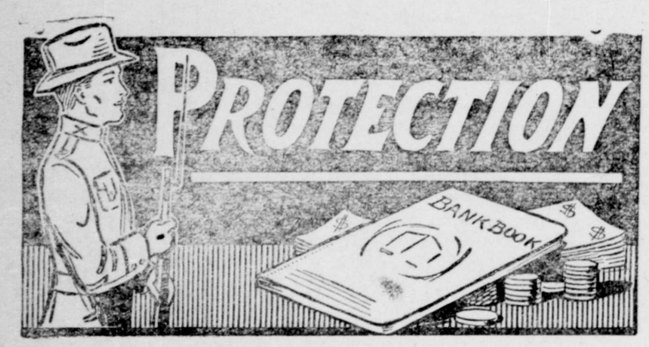
Arch Brookshire of the Benoit country, Dock Harter of the Wilmeth country, and N. W. McShann of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

FREE! $5 in GOLD FREE!

Be sure that you know what is advertised under each date in the full page CALENDER published in the Banner-Ledger last week. $5 given away each month by The

Walker Drug Co.

Phones 12 and 13



Nothing else so thoroughly insures happiness in the home as the knowledge that you have, laid aside in the bank, a fund for the future, to care for any emergency that may arise.

For the Protection of Your Home

start such a fund at this bank TODAY.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

STRENGTH SERVICE

May Try to Block Colon and Manila

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Because the United States discovered evidence that the crews of German vessels in both Manilla Bay and at Colon, Panama, were laying plans to sink their vessels and obstruct the ports, the government is taking precautionary measures to prevent such action, and German vessels entering these ports will be closely guarded. No German vessels in these ports, however, have been seized.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN FOR INDIGESTION OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

In five minutes! No dyspepsia, heartburn or any stomach misery.

Sour, gassy, upset stomach, indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia; when the food you eat ferments into gases and stubborn lumps; your head aches and you feel sick and miserable, that's when you realize the magic in Pape's Diapepsin. It makes all stomach misery vanish in five minutes.

If your stomach is in a continuous revolt—if you can't get it regulated, please, for your sake, try Pape's Diapepsin. It's so needless to have a bad stomach—make your next meal a favorite food meal, then take a little Diapepsin. There will not be any distress—eat without fear. It's because Pape's Diapepsin "really does" regulate weak, out-of-order stomachs that gives it its millions of sales annually.

Get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. It is the quickest, surest stomach relief and cure known. It acts almost like magic—it is a scientific, harmless and pleasant stomach preparation which truly belongs in every home.

200 WOMEN KILLED IN MUNITION BLOW UP

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 7.—It is reported here that an explosion in the Noble munitions factory at Selhaus last Saturday, killed two hundred people. The report says that most of the dead are women.

John Richards of the Winters country, P. M. Caudle of the Pony creek country, and W. B. Kelsey, of the Norton country, were among visitors here on business matters Monday.

Mrs. Ruth Scott of Buckholts, who had been in our city on a visit to her father, J. R. Luce and other friends the past week, returned home Monday afternoon.

GO TO THE RESCUE

Don't Wait 'till It's Too Late—Follow the Example of a Ballinger Citizen.

Rescue the aching back.

If it keeps on aching, trouble may come.

Often it indicates kidney weakness.

If you neglect the kidneys' warning,

Look out for urinary disorders.

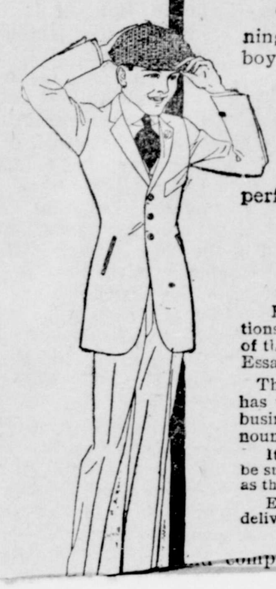
This Ballinger citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

Mrs. R. A. Williamson, 205 N. Sixth St., Ballinger, says: "My back ached and pained across my kidneys. I felt dull and languid, especially in the morning and could hardly keep going. Dizzy headaches annoyed me and the kidney secreations passed irregularly. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from J. Y. Pearce's drug Store and they relieved all these symptoms of kidney complaint and strengthened my back."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Williamson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Somebody's 100 Words Are Going to Win the Writer of Them a Dandy Suit of

LANGHAM-HIGH CLOTHES



The hundred words *you* write have just as good a chance of winning you the prize of a suit of Langham-High, as those of any other boy in our High School.

Langham-High Clothes represent such a new idea in clothes—they are specially designed for you fellows between 15 and 20—that we want to get every High School boy in town acquainted with them. For the first time you younger young men, who have always wanted truly Young Men's Style, will find clothes that satisfy you perfectly. Write an essay ot one hundred words or less on this subject:

"How Much Does Good Taste in Dress Influence Success?"

Handle the subject any way you want to—there are no conditions—no restrictions, except that each essay submitted should be neatly written in ink on one side of the paper, be one hundred words or less, and that it must be brought into our Essay Department by the writer, in person, on or before February 28.

The judges, who will decide which boy in our High School has written the best essay, will be men prominent in the business and professional life of this city. We hope to announce their names in the near future.

It should take only a little while to write such an essay. But to be sure, you'd better start on it today—you have as good a chance as the next fellow of winning the prize.

Essays received by mail will not be considered. Be sure to deliver your essay to us in person.



...complete the...

...THAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO. GREATEST STORE

One-Eighth of Vote by Women

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—No one can prove that the women re-elected President Wilson, but a sane estimate of the women's share of the Wilson vote leaves little room for doubt that the women's part was of enormous significance.

In all probability the women cast one-eighth of the total Wilson vote of the country. Wilson's plurality was 568,822. The women cast about 1,109,899 Wilson votes.

This estimate is based on the proportion of adult males and females in the Suffrage States in relation to the total Wilson vote, with an allowance for the assumption that women do not vote as generally as do men.

In all of the twelve Suffrage States there are more men than women. The highest excess of men is in Nevada where there are 179.2 men to every 100 womn. Illinois has the nearest to a normal balance between the sexes, with 106.8 men to every 100 women. Taking all the Suffrage States together, the average excess is 134.3 men to every 100 women. So of course there was an actual preponderance of men's votes over women's votes for both Wilson and Hughes. The question is how great was the preponderance and if the relation of the Wilson vote to Hughes vote would have been changed if only the men had been voting.

Will Publish Notice and Make Law Valid.

Attorneys for the state held a conference after the cases had been dismissed, and took steps to comply with all details of the law making the tick eradication law in this county valid, and the commissioners' court will publish the proper notice.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c

Miss Blanche Yeager was operated upon Tuesday for acute appendicitis at the Halley & Love sanitarium and we are glad to learn Wednesday that she was getting along very nicely.

Your poultry need oyster shells and medicated charcoal. Jeanes Produce Co. 30-5d-2w

...I have also fed my yo... stock on the mash and believe I have the largest fowls for t... age that I have ever raised.

With best wishes, I am,

Very respectfull

W. C. HOWE

Ask your dealer for "A Patsy."—Walker Smith Co.

Gas in the stomach or bowe... a disagreeable symptom of a ...pid liver. To get rid of it q... ly take Herbine. It is a ma... ous liver stimulant and bowel ...ifier. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

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Have you money in the Bank?

If you spend as much as you earn, you are not only losing money, but you are discounting your future.

Think! Then start!

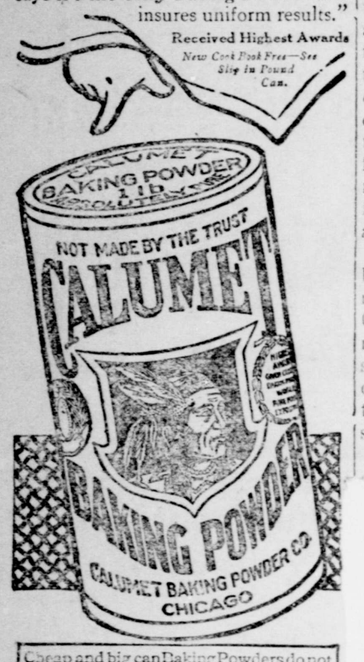
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"The Kind Mother Uses"

"Every time mother gets out Calumet I know there's going to be good things to eat at our house. Delicious, tender, tempting doughnuts, biscuits, cakes and pies! I've never seen a bake-day failure with Calumet. Mother says it's the *only* Baking Powder that insures uniform results."



Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

RUNNELS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Thirteen local attorneys met i the office of Judges Doss Baugh Saturday morning for th purpose of organizing a bar asso ciation. After discussing the ad vantages to be gained, socially and otherwise from such an organiza tion, the Runnels County Bar As sociation was organized with a membership of seventeen members Of this number two will be enroll ed from Miles and two from Win ters.

Judge Jno. I. Guion was elected permanent chairman of the asso ciation, and Judge J. H. Baugh was elected permanent secretary.

A committee composed of Judg es M. C. Smith, R. B. Truly and A. K. Doss were appointed to draft by-laws and report same to a meeting to be held on Feb. 22.

As a result of the perfecting of such an organization a minimum schedule of fees will be fixed, and ethics of the profession main tained.

Such a step has long been neg lected and Ballinger is behind her neighboring county seats in per feeting such an association and its organization, no doubt, will prove of great benefit to counsel, the courts, and the people.

Do Yau Want Winter Layers?

My Barred Plymouth Rocks are bred to lay. They are the result of careful breeding and selecting for meat, eggs, and beauty. My male birds are from the best breeders in the State, and are carefully selected and mated. First grade egg, $1.50 per 15; Second, $1.00. Incubator lots, $4.00 per 100.

R. P. CROUCH,
2-6tw-pd. Ballinger, Tex.

TO STAGE FIGHT AT SAN ANGELO

Reports from San Angelo say that the prohis of that county are ready to launch a campaign to make San Angelo dry as soon as the legislature takes final action on the submission question. In case submission is not submitted, the report coming to this city from the Tom Green county metropolis, says the pros will go before the commissioners' court and ask for a local option election.

This report has been verified by the fact that parties who have moved from this county to Tom Green during the months have returne sent orders for their cepits, and have themselves for the seems to be certain.

Another indication with a prohibition campaign, and was not planned with that objec particularly in view, but pas events speak for themselves, and it is a well known fact that pros are made during a revival, and a a result of agitation and the ex posure of immorality the pros find it an opportune time to strike while the iron is hot.

WHAT IS
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LAX-FOS is an improved Cascara (a tonic-laxative) pleasant to take

In LAX-FOS the Cascara is improved b the addition of certain harmless chem icals which increase the efficiency of th Cascara, making it better than ordinar Cascara. LAX-FOS is pleasant to tak and does not gripe nor disturb stomach Adapted to children as well as adults Just try one bottle for constipation. 50c



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"Trouble? We'll send a man over immediately."

Keep our telephone number handy so you may call us in any emergency. Our repair department is at your service at an instant's notice.

The fire-department idea is carried out in our repair service. We always have men with "know how" efficiency waiting your call.

Our prices are reasonable and all repairing is done according to our standard of neatness and workmanship. We are at your service.

E. G. Allison & Son
Phone 136

R. F. Green returned home Mon day at noon from Madisonville, where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother, who died in that city last week.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head

Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Te the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded to Summon Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased, J. H. Quinn, and the Unknown Heirs of J. H. Quinn, deceased, E. E. McClain and the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper publish ed in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of January A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1840, wherein J. H. Ingram is Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. San- [illegible] and able sixty days after date, being date Oct. 28th, A. D., 1908. That there are no instruments of record to give notice that this note has been extended and that plaintiff became the owner and is now the owner in fee simple and that there has never been any extension brought to his notice, and that he pleads to this lien the Statute of Limitation of four years, according to the laws of limitations to promissory notes secured by Deed of Trusts.

WHEREFORE plaintiff prays judgment of the court and that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition and that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described land and premises and that he be quieted in his title and possession of said land, and that all claims and incumbrances on said title be cleared away and for such other and further relief, special and general in, law and in equity, that he may be justly entitled to, etc.

J. H. INGRAM,
Q. V. MILLER,
This action is brought as well to try title as for damages.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and Official Seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 10th day of January, A. D., 1917.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS,
Clerk District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

You are Hereby Commanded To Summon James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1834, wherein Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, are Plaintiffs and James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown Heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown Heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased, are Defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

The State of Texas,
County of Runnels,

In District Court, March Term, A. D. 1917.

To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:

Now comes Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, who reside in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiffs, complaining of James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown Heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown, heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased whose place of residence is to plaintiff unknown, hereinafter styled defendants: and for cause of action plaintiff represents to the court that on or about December first, 1916, they were lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts of land situated in Runnles County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to wit: The plaintiff Jacob Stubblefield, being the owner of two hundred acres, a part of James Seymour survey No. 463, abstract No. 423, certificate No. 3047-3184, beginning at the north west corner of the J. F. Wren survey No. 275; Thence S. 30 E. with east boundary line of said James Seymour survey, 1344 varas to the southeast corner of said Seymour survey; Thence west with south boundary line of said Seymour survey 1548 varas; Thence north to the south moundary line of 200 acres conveyed to M. N. Osgood by W. H. Wheat and wife, Nov. 12th, 1879; Thence in an easterly direction with south boundary line of said M. N. Osgood, 200 acre tract to place of begginning, being same land conveyed by S. J. Wheat and wife to W. L. Lollar, and Frank Osgood, October 12th, 1903, deed recorded in Vol. 34, page 107, deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

The plaintiff Will Ash, being the owner of a part of said James Seymour survey No. 463, being three hundred and ninety seven acres, beginning at the southwest corner of J. F. Wren survey No. 276 for most southeasterly corner of this tract; Thence N. 30 W. 1375 varas; Then S. 60 W. 1360 varas stake for corner, same being N. W. corner of said Seymour survey; thence south with west line of said Seymour survey 1861 varas to its S. W. corner; Thence east with said south boundary line of said survey, 805 varas, the most southerly S. E. corner of this tract; Thence north with west line of the S. J. Wheat tract 1268 varas to a point due west of the beginning of this tract; Thence east along the north line of said S. J. Wheat tract 836 varas to place of beginning; both of said tracts of land under one fence or enclosure; that on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and jointly ejected the plaintiffs therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from them and each of them the possession thereof to the damage of each of them the sum of two thousand dollars.

Plaintiffs further say that they are the owners of the said tracts of land, respectively herein above described, by virtue of the five years statute of limitation, in this, that he Jacob Stubblefield, plaintiff, and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly recorded and registered, has had peaceable, quiet, continuous and adverse possession of the two hundred acres of said land first hereinbefore described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next before the institution of this suit, and before the entry of defendants thereon and after the defendants claim, if any, to said land.

And said Jacob Stubblefield, plaintiff, further says that he is the owner of said two hundred acres of land by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he claiming to have a good and perfect title to said two hundred acres of land, hereinafter described by metes and bounds has now and has had peaceful, contin- said land, cultivating, using and uous and adverse possession of the enjoying the same for the period of more than ten years next before the first day of December, 1916, and before the commencement of this suit; taken and held under written memorandum of title duly recorded in Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

Plaintiff William Ash says that he and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered in Runnels County, Texas, has had peaceable continuous and adverse possession of said 397 acres a part of said James Seymour Survey No. 463, hereinbefore described by meter and bounds, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next before the institution of this suit and before the entry of defendants thereon, and after the claim, if any, of defendants accrued thereto.

And plaintiff Will Ash, says, that he is the owner of said 397 acres of land a part of said James Seymour Survey No. 463, hereinbefore described by metes and bounds by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he claiming to have good and perfect right and title to said land, has now and has had, peceable, continuous adverse possession of the said land, using, cultivating and enjoying same for the period of more than ten years next before the first day of December, 1916, and before the commencement of this suit, taken under written memorandum of title specifying the boundaries thereof, and duly recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs each pray judgment of the Court that the deefndants be cited according to law to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiffs have judgment for the title and possession of their respective tracts of land above described, and that writ of possession issue in favor each of them, and for their damage as alleged, for cost of suit and such other and further relief special and general, in law and in equity, that they may be entitled to.

JNO. I. GUION,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Herein Fail Not, But have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness My Hand and Official Seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1917.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS,
Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 12-19-26-2-9-16-23-2

of "California Syrup of Fig which has directions for bal children of all ages and gro ups printed on the bottle. ware of counterfeits sold her don't be fooled. Get the gen made by "California Fig Sy Company."

H. W. Bigler and Judge Wi Jennings of Miles, were look after legal business in the cou court in our city Tuesday.

Oscar Pearson, of the Ballin Cotton Oil Mill, left Monday ternoon for Dallas on a short iness trip in the interets of company.

the sum of $3163.87 due and pay-

A TEXAS WONDER

THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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Plenty Money to put out on long time and easy terms.
Call me at
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Sore shoulders, lame back, stiff neck, all pains and aches yield to Sloan's Liniment.

Do not rub it. Simply apply to the sore spot, it quickly penetrates and relieves. Cleaner than mussy plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin.

Keep a bottle handy for rheumatism, sprains, bruises, toothache, neuralgia, gout, lumbago and sore stiff muscles.

At all druggists, 25c. 50c. and $1.00.

Sloan's Liniment
KILLS PAIN

RUNNELS BIG WEST TEXAS COTTON CO.

Cotton ginnings up to January 16th, which is practically the final report from last year's crop, as the cotton has all been ginned, shows that Runnels county maintains the lead for cotton production for Central West Texas counties, leading any other neighbor county by several thousand bales. The figures for 1915 crop also gave Runnels county the big end of the cotton production. Following are the figures for Runnels and adjoining counties:

County	1916	1915
Brown	7,926	9,148
Coke	4,896	10,156
Coleman	26,936	28,541
Concho	8,720	11,985
Comanche	5,023	6,208
McCulloch	15,433	17,148
Nolan	10,722	16,975
RUNNELS	30,478	39,341
Taylor	28,775	32,585
Tom Green	3,760	7,098

Ellis county lead the state with the largest ginning producing 116,770 bales as compared with 100,630 for 1915. Williamson county comes second with 115,979 as compared with 76,990 for 1915. McLennan county comes third with 107,644 as compared with only 71,452 for 1915. Jim Wells shows the smallest ginning of any county reporting, with 162 bales of cotton. Live Oak comes next to Jim Wells with 345.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schwartz, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Oyster shells for your chickens, at Jeanes Produce Co. 30-5d-2w

WALKER-SMITH CO. INCREASES CAPITAL

(Brownwood Herald)

Starting with a comparatively small capitalization in 1895, the Walker-Smith Company of this city has enjoyed such a steady prosperous growing career that yesterday the company was recognized by the State of Texas as a one million dollar capital stock fully paid up incorporated company. This gives to Brownwood one of the two or three largest wholesale grocery concerns of the state and is the one largest incorporated company of the city.

In increasing the capital stock of the company there was no change in the ownership of any of the stock of the company. J. A. Walker was re-elected president; J. Blackwell, vice-president; and J. L. Smith, secretary ond treasurer. The capital stock was exactly doubled as it was $500,000 before being increased to one million dollars. The officers together with C. Y. Early and Miss Mary Walker for the company's list of directors.

This company with headquarters in Brownwood has substantial branches at Houston, Galveston, Brady, Abilene, Ballinger, Sweetwater, Stamford, Midland, and covers the western half of the state from the Rio Grande to Oklahoma.

Organized first at Temple with a capital stock of $150,000 in 1895, as the Temple Grocery Company, the concern was soon moved to Brownwood and succeeded the old Ramey-Garrett Co., since which time it has had a steady growth.

You Should Feel 100 Percent Today.

You cannot meet the day's work cheerfully feeling bilious. Dull headache, coated tongue, bad breath are signs that indicate your liver is overworked or loafing. In either case you need Po-Do-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po-D-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all druggists, 50c.

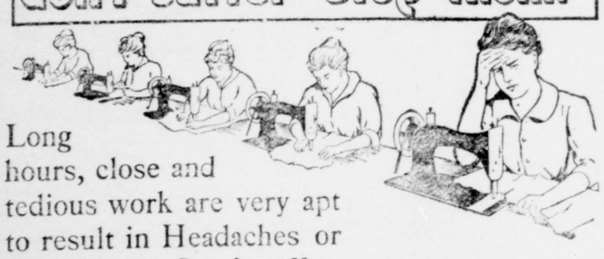
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seipp, of the Maverick country, were visiting and shopping in Ballinger Friday.

T. J. Moore, of Tulsa, Okla., was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward motored over to San Angelo Sunday, on a short visit to friend and on account of the high winds Mrs. Ward remained over and returned home on the train Monday.

"Torturing Headaches—don't suffer—Stop them!"



Long hours, close and tedious work are very apt to result in Headaches or other Pains. Don't suffer.

DR. MILES'
ANTI-PAIN PILLS
will quickly drive your Pain away, and
Dr. Miles' Nervine
will assist you by relieving the Nerve Strain.

IF FIRST BOX, OR BOTTLE, FAILS TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

DIZZY SPELLS.

"My nerves became all worn out. I had bad headaches and severe dizzy spells. I could not sleep and my appetite was poor. I began using Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills and they always gave me instant relief no matter what the pain. Then I used Dr. Miles' Nervine regularly and was soon in perfect health again."

MRS. S. L. YOUNG,
324 Pittsburg St.,
Newcastle, Penn.

DYSPEPSIA OVERCOME

Tone Up the Stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

When you have dyspepsia your life is miserable. You have a bad taste in your mouth, a tenderness at the pit of your stomach, a feeling of puffy fulness, headache, heartburn, and sometimes nausea.

Dyspepsia is difficult digestion—that is what the word means—and the only way to get rid of it is to give vigor and tone to the stomach and the whole digestive system. Hood's Sarsaparilla, sold by all druggists, is the one medicine which acts on the stomach through the blood and also directly. Its beneficial effects are felt at once. Improvement begins immediately.

Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, makes the rich red blood that is needed for perfect digestion, and builds up the whole system. Be sure to get Hood's, for no other medicine can take its place.

C. C. THOMAS KILLED BY KICK FROM HORSE

C. C. Thomas is dead. This announcement brought sorrow to many people in Ballinger and surrounding country Monday morning. Mr. Thomas died at five o'clock Monday morning as the result of a kick from a young horse. He was conscious up to a few minutes before he passed from this life, and realized that he had lived out the time alloted to him by He who doeth all things for the best.

Mr. Thomas went out to the barn to look after the usual morning feeding. As he passed behind a two-year old horse he laid his hands on the animal's hips, and as he did not speak to the horse, it is presumed that the horse did not see him and kicking with both feet struck Mr. Thomas in the lower part of the right side and on the left shoulder. The man was assisted in returning to the house by his son Jack, and a physician called as soon as it was realized that the injury was serious. Mr. Thomas suffered from the time the horse kicked him at eight o'clock Sunday morning until death relieved him, and all that the physicians could do was done to save the man's life.

Deceased was well known in Ballinger and had many friends who will grieve with his family. He came to Runnels county in the fall of 1907, and since locating here has made one of the best citizens ever to locate in this county. He came to Runnels county from Limstone county, having made his home for many year near Mexia, Texas, and the announcement of his death in that county will be sad news to his old neighbors and friends.

Mr. Thomas is survived by a wife and seven children, all of whom were at his bedside when death came, except one son, Roy, who lives at Hubbard City, and who is expected here to attend the funeral. The children who were at home at the time are Mrs. Lynn Stokes, Mrs. Austin Williams, Miss Nora, Rufus, Joe and Jack.

The funeral arrangements were perfected Monday and at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, Rev. J. B. Curry, pastor of the Methodist church at Ballinger, will conduct the services, the funeral services being held at the residence, seven miles west of Ballinger, and interment made in the Ballinger cemetery.

BARNES-SMITH.

Mr. Frank L. Barnes and Miss Minnie C. Smith were united in holy bonds of matrimony Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock at Evangelist Bedichecks home, 402 Tenth street. Several of the new married couple's friends were present.

Mr. Barnes, formerly of Ballinger, now of Abilene, opening up the Barnes Motor Co. He is a very progressive young business man and has a very bright future. He has manifested his splendid ability in the selection of a helpmate in life.

There is no doubt but what he has one of Ballinger's best and finest girls well adopted to all that is necessary to make life successful, prosperous and happy.

Here is wishing them a long successful, happy life with Heavens richest blessings to ever be showered upon them.

E. A. Bedicheck.

Where is the weather prognosticator who said it would be a mild winter.

REV. JESTER WILL LEAVE BALLINGER

At the close of the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning Rev. T. C. Jester read to the congregation of the First Baptist church, his resignation as pastor of that church. The announcement, while not coming as a surprise, as it had been rumored during the past week that he was contemplating resigning, brought regret to the members of that church, and will bring regret to those who read this, as well as the people in general of this city and surrounding country.

Rev. Jester has tendered his resignation to take effect March first, which will close the third year's work for him as pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. In the mean time Rev. Jester will make his arrangements to leave Ballinger during the early days of March and will go to Fort Worth where he will complete his D. D. degree in the Fort Worth Seminary.

Feeling keenly the need of preparing himself for more efficient work in the ministry, Rev. Jester says he came to this conclusion. He stated that he felt that the earlier he completed his work in school the greater benefit he would be to his church, and he left that now was the time to return to school and complete the degree.

Rev. Jester came to Ballinger when the minutes of this Baptist association showed that the local church had a membership of 175 He is leaving the church with a membership of 329, and one of the largest Sunday Schools in this part of the country. Since coming here he has not only built up the church spiritually, but as a result of the splendid ministry and as a result of the growth of the church, a modern Sunday school building has been built to the church at an expenditure of something like $4000. He leaves the church with the best of feeling and love of his large congregation as well as the love and best wishes of the other churches and citizens of the city.

"I love the people of Balliner, my church and the others, and I have many friends in surrounding country," said Rev. Jester in expressing his regrets of having to leave Balligner at this time. The congregation of the First Baptist church will meet in regular conference next Wednesday night when it is expected that Rev. Jester's resination will be accepted and the congregation will begin to seek a new pastor to take his place on March first.

Suffolk, Va., June 10, 1915.
Mr. J. P. Gentry, Memphis, Tenn.
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 7th inst. to hand, and in reply wish to say, that the "Aunt Patsy Poultry Feed" has given me entire satisfaction since I have been using it. My hens begun shedding early last summer, and in previous seasons I have not been able to get a good egg yield, so I decided that I would give "Aunt Patsy" a thorough trial.

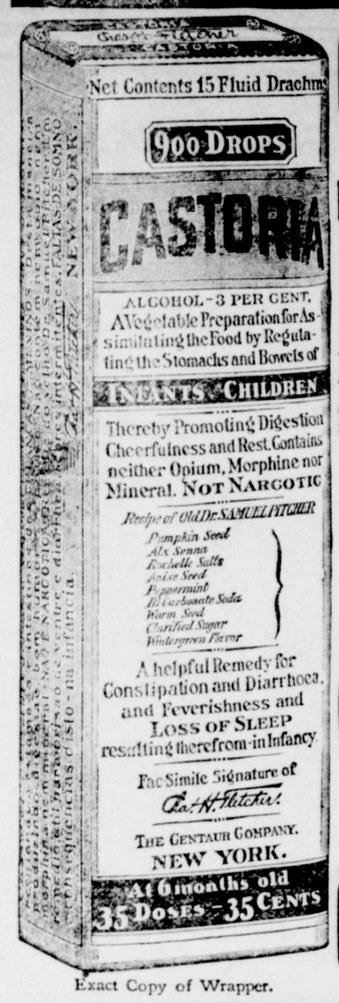
I commenced about the middle of the summer to feed your mash to all of my laying hens; they were in the midst of the shedding period and I used about 150 pounds before I noticed any results. I continued using same, and about the first of September my hens were in perfect condition and all through the Fall and Winter months, and up to the present time I am sure the egg production was from 70 to 80 per cent. Several days they gave me from 90 to 100 per cent. I keep your feed before them all the while and recommend it to my friends, and being in the feed business for a number of years, I come in touch with the trade that I have been selling it to and in almost every instance, I find that the egg production has increased largely.

I have also fed my young stock on the mash and believe that I have the largest fowls for their age that I have ever raised.

With best wishes, I am,
Very respectfully,
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PERSHING EXPEDITION CROSSED LINE TODAY

COLUMBUS, N. M., Feb. 5.—Gen. Pershing's punitive expedition which was sent into Mexico to catch Villa, began crossing the boundary line at eight-thirty this morning. A column of soldiers nearly fifteen miles long formed in a hollow square at Palomas while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" before starting on the final hike to American soil.

STOMACH AILMENTS THE NATION'S CURSE



There is no ailment causing more woe and misery than Stomach Trouble. Often Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Constipation, Yellow Indigestion, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other serious and fatal ailments result from it. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is unlike any other remedy. It sweeps the poisonous bile and catarrhal accretions from the system. Soothes and allays Chronic Inflammation. Many declare it has saved their lives, and prevented serious surgical operations. Try one dose today. Watch its marvelous results. Contains no alcohol—no habit-forming drugs. Book on Stomach Ailments FREE. Address Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago. Better yet—obtain a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy from Walker Drug Co., or any reliable druggist, who will refund your money if it fails.

Miss Ida Ketler, of Rosenberg, who had been visiting her cousins, Mesdames Rankin Jones and J. C. Bauman the past few weeks, returned home Friday.

John Thurman, of Santa Anna, after a pleasant visit to Ballinger friends over Sunday, returned home Monday.

Can't be Soldier; Afraid of Cat

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The presence of a pet puss in the Twenty-third street recruiting station of the United States Marine Corps today caused William James, an accepted recruit from Fremont, Ohio, to rush out into the street screaming with terror just as he was about to take the oath that would make him a "soldier of the sea" ready to meet the enemy on the field of battle.

"I know I'm a'fraidy cat," James told Surgeon Weston of the Marine Corps after he had recovered from the attack of his strange malady, "but I simply can't be in the room where there is a cat. I don't have to see the cat either. I can feel its presence and it nearly drives me crazy."

James' case is recognized in medical science as aelurophobia.

He was rejected.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ENDORSES ADAMSON BILL

Washington, Feb. 5.—The house Interstate Commerce committee is agreed on reporting favorably the Adamson eight-hour law.

How to Check That Cold

When it is painful to breathe and fever sends shills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c.

Tom Atwell and J. A. Tyler, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

ILL HEALTH IS EXPENSIVE

and many doctor bills are unnecessary. If your liver is active and your system free of waste matter you need rarely be sick. For constipation, heaviness, bad breath and digestive disturbances, use a good laxative.

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Here is a chance to get that Furniture you want at a price you can afford to pay

Every now and then we hear women say: "Oh, dear, if I could only refurnish my house. But it costs so much."

It really doesn't cost so much, as a matter of fact, good furniture in good taste, is one of the most inexpensive necessities you can buy.

Today there are manufacturers whose volume is so great that they can make wonderful furniture to sell at amazingly low prices.

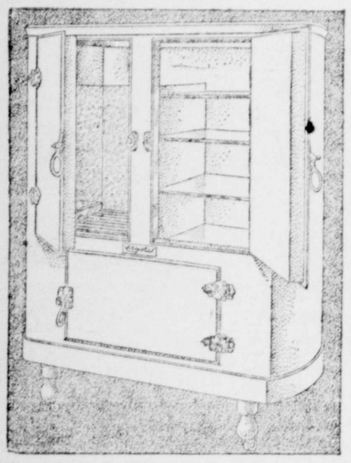
Please don't take our word for it. Come in and see what we have on the floors of this store. Look at our dining room sets and library and bedroom furniture in exquisite designs.

Won't you stop in for a few minutes this week and understand why we say so emphatically that good furniture in good taste, can be had inexpensively.

Our special terms are so very reasonable and easy to meet. Pay part down and a small payment a week. Pay next Fall if you prefer.

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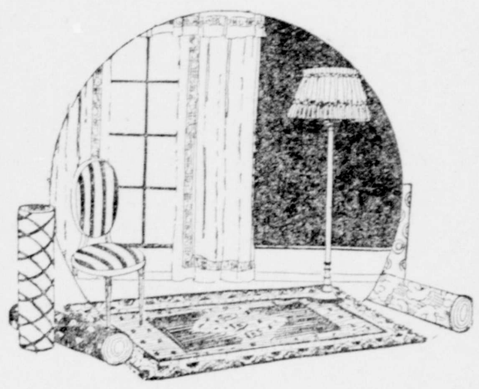
Picture Framing

Nothing will add more to your home than beautiful pictures, if properly framed. Our business is to frame pictures properly. Have a uniform frame for all of your pictures. Come in and select a beautiful pattern from our large and complete stock. It costs no more than the other kind.

Wall Paper

With the coming of Spring you should plan to repaper and brighten up your home. We are now better prepared than ever to furnish the right kind of wall paper at a price you can afford to pay. Come in and inspect our complete line.

Exquisite Rugs



We are especially well prepared to take care of your rug wants. By our policy of early buying we can sell you rugs in many instances less than actual wholesale prices. Complete line Wilton and Axminster rugs; also Congoleum, Crex, Deltox, and other grass floor coverings.

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NORTON NEWS

We are having plenty of wind and "dry rain" in this part of the "Moral Vinyard."

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McCamy took dinner with Uncle Jimmy Mackey last Saturday. This was Uncle Jimmy's birthday.

Several of the young people attended the basket ball game at Maverick last Saturday evening.

The Woodmen Circle Grove received 5 new applications for membership on last Saturday.

Bob Conder's daughter, of Greenville, who had been visiting her parents here, returned home last week.

Mr. Witt's residence in the Southern part of town is nearing completion.

Carl Rayburn of Ballinger, visited home folks here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Forbis of Sweetwater, is spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

The young people enjoyed a sociable party at Uncle Allen Taylor's on last Saturday night.

T. J. Tubbs, who had the misfortune of getting one of his knees dislocated some time ago, is improving slowly.

There is a great deal of improvement going on in our little village. The fourth new residence is now about finished and W. L. Lollar has erected a good barn.

And in a few days there will be two or three more new residences erected in town and also a large auditorium or tabernacle will soon be built. There is also a good deal of picket yard fences being built, and house painting in our town.

There have been quite a number of new residences erected in the country in the last few months

Mrs. Allen Taylor is visiting in Coleman county.

Robert Durham and sister, Miss Bessie, visited at C. C. Carter's last Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Garner visited at Jake Stubblefield's, Sunday.

Mr. Forbis, C .C. Carter and W. T. Garner made a business trip to Ballinger Monday.

"UNO."

"Uno" that we are always glad to get such newsy letters. We would be pleased to have such letters from every community in Runnels county.—EDITOR.

$100 Reward $100

The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucuos Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

BARBER SHOP CHANGES HANDS

A deal was closed this week in which Griffin & Bauman sell the Ballinger Barber Shop to Mike Boyd. The deal was closed Monday and Mr. Boyd took charge immediately. The barbers who have been in charge of this shop have not made plans for the future, but some of them will probably remain with the shop and work for Mr. Boyd. Mr. Boyd retired from the tax assessor's office a few months ago, and since that time has been buying cotton. He is not a new man in the barber business.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

Full line of poultry remedies and supplies at Jeanes Produce Co. 30-5td-2tw.



Romping and playing in the snow is every healthy boys birthright, but he's apt to neglect precautions against dampness.

A cold results—then Dr. King's New Discovery proves its worth. A few doses loosen the phlegm, relieve the tight chest, the healing balsams soothe the throat raw from coughing, and the mildly laxative qualities expel the cold germs and the child is healthy and happy again.

All druggists. Try it.

SELLS LAND.

J. A. Talley, a prominent real estate man of Temple, who had been here to close up a land deal with T. J. Irvin, of Bartlett, in which Mr. Talley sells Mr. Irvin 440 acres of improved land in the north part of our county, and Mr. Irvin will move here soon to make his future home. Mr. Talley left for his home Monday afternoon.

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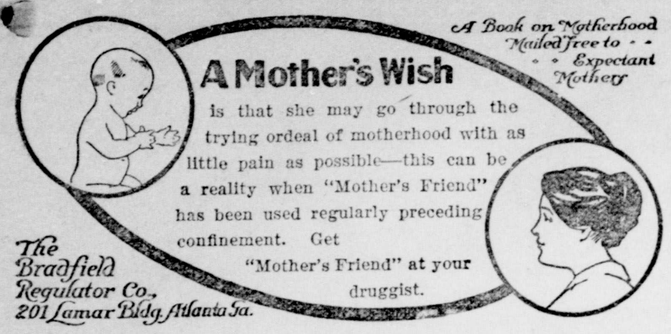


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is that she may go through the trying ordeal of motherhood with as little pain as possible—this can be a reality when "Mother's Friend" has been used regularly preceding confinement. Get "Mother's Friend" at your druggist.

The Bradfield Regulator Co., 201 Lamar Bldg. Atlanta Ga.

ROCKEFELLER'S BONDS NOT GOOD FOR TAX

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 6.—The United States circuit court of appeals handed down a decision today in which it holds that the treasurer of Cuyhoga county can not collect taxes on three hundred and eleven million dollar's worth of bonds and other property of John D. Rockefeller, which were assessed for taxes in this county, and which Mr. Rockefeller's attorney contested the payment on.

Your Five Hundred Muscles

The five hundred muscles in the human body depend on pure and rich blood for their health and contractile energy which is the ability to labor. If they are given impure blood they become enfeebled, the step loses its elasticity, the arm its efficiency, and there is incapacity to perform the usual amount of labor.

What a great blessing Hood's Sarsaparilla has been to the many toiling thousands whose blood it has made and kept pure and rich! The medicine cleanses the blood of all humors, inherited or acquired, and strengthens and tones the whole system. It is important to be sure that you get Hood's Sarsaparilla when you ask for it. No substitute for it is like it.

MAPS FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

During the first weeks of January our solicitors were offering a map as a premium with subscriptions. We ran out of maps and had to put a number of subscribers off. We have just received a few more maps, and those who were promised maps can get same by calling at The Ledger office, or sending ten cents postage to cover cost of mailing.

The supply of maps is limited and we can only supply those who are entitled to them under agreement made by the solicitors.

The Ballinger Printing Co.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE STOP SUBMARINES"

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A British wireless station reports that it picked up a message apparently coming from New York to Berlin, which said: "For God's sake rescind submarine order. State terms instead." The message was signed "Louis P. Lochner." Lochner is Henry Ford's secretary.

D. Johnson the Crews constable, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Unique in many respects, The New Universities Dictionary surpasses all works of ready reference in the substantial qualities of its contents. The book was compiled by expert American lexicographers.

This dictionary is to be secured by our readers at the mere cost of handling. Knowing the necessity of a new dictionary at the present time, this paper arranged for exclusive control of the first edition of The New Universities Dictionary for a limited time, and it is especially urgent that every reader secure a copy upon the first day of distribution.

Every protection is furnished so that readers will get the books if they cut the coupons as directed in the advertising. There will be no other outlet for the volumes. They can only be secured with the coupons. Only three coupons will be required in this campaign, and they will be readily found in the paper daily.

A brisk demand is anticipated, for this book contains hundreds of words brought into general and proper use by advances in music, art, science, war, religeon, etc., that are found in no other dictionary.

Accurate and authoritative, The New Universities Dictionary, nevertheless, is made simple, direct and plain. It shows for every-day home-folks, the history, growth and today's uses of English. It is a book designed for daily and constant use with great convenience in office and home. Business men will find it a fine help if every stenographer is provided with one, and stenographers who wish to keep up the new words being added by their employers to business correspondence will find it a valuable guide.

TRY "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS IF SICK OR BILIOUS

Tonight! Clean your bowels and stop headache, colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box now.

Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick, sour stomach and bad colds—turn them out tonight and keep them out with Cascarets.

Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never know the misery caused by a lazy liver, clogged bowels, or an upset stomach.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets cleanse your stomach; remove the sour, fermenting food; take the excess bile from your liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. Then you will feel great.

A Cascaret tonight straightens you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never gripe or sicken.

W. T. Baker, of the Maverick country, W. H. Rogers and H. L. Chapman, of Winters; Stanley Harter, of the Wilmeth country; and Howard Baldwin, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

HEAVY TONNAGE TO EUROPE WITHDRAWN

GALVESTON, Feb. 7.—Practically all Scandinavian tonnage was withdrawn from the charter market for trade between the United States and Europe owing to the break between America and Germany. Prominent ship charterers say that the same tonnage now offered at a much lower profit to South American trade has also been withdrawn, and the shipping interest and commercial interest here feels the result keenly.

WONDERFUL STUFF! LIFT OUT YOUR CORNS

Apply a few drops then life corns or calluses off with fingers —no pain

No humbug! Any corn, whether hard, soft or between the toes, will loosen right up and lift out, without a particle of pain or soreness.

This drug is called freezone and is a compound of ether discovered by a Cincinatti man.

Ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freezone, which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callus.

Put a few drops directly upon any tender, aching corn or callus. Instantly the soreness disappears and shortly the corn or callus will loosen and can be lifted off with the fingers.

This drug freezone doesn't eat out the corns or calluses but shrivels them without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Just think! No pain at all; no soreness or smarting when applying it or afterwards. If your druggist don't have freezone have him order it for you.

SPRING HILL HAPPENINGS

Health in our community is bad, although we are glad to report Harold Dunn fast improving after a serious case of pneumonia.

Mrs. John Dean is slowly recovering.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis is very sick.

Misses Stella and Edna Hix visited our Sunday school last Sunday. They also called on Mrs. John Dean after Sunday school.

Mrs. Duncan and daughter, Miss Eva, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Claud Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reese and children visited her parents, R. B. Ingle and family, Saturday and Sunday.

We are glad to report our school improving under the able management of Miss Alma Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wheelis and family.

Cecil and Willie Dee Hightower spent Sunday with Edward Allison.

Miss Alma Duncan spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Winters.

Misses Stella and Edna Hix of Rowena, dined with Kathleen Wheelis Sunday.

We failed to have singing at the school house last Sunday night on account of sickness and bad weather. Trust we will have a large attendance next Sunday evening.

Morris Wheelis and sister Kathleen and Misses Eva and Ellen Ingle and Collier Flowers attended Sunday school at Rowena Sunday.

The farmers of our community are getting along nicely with their work and are almost ready to plant.

We are sorry to report the little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Block has scarlet fever.

If this escapes the waste basket will write again.

APPLE BLOSSOM.

Read and Heed

Early to bed and early to rise;
Mind your own business and tell no lies,
Don't get drunk and spoil your eyes,
Pay your honest debts and economize.
Boots and shoes of any size,
Repaired and mended otherwise.

THE BUSY SHOE SHOP.
tfdw H. L. Wendorf.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. King, of the Crews country, motored over to Ballinger, Tuesday to do some shopping and to look after business affairs a few hours.

SENTENCE REDUCED FOR LIEUTENANT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—President Wilson today commuted the court martial sentence of Lieutenant McLeod Stinnett, of the Fourth Texas Infantry, from a sentence of dismissal to reprimand.

Mr. Wilson ordered Secretary Baker to reprimand the lieutenant for firing a pistol towards a detachment of men at drill. Stinnett had been given a court martial trial and sentence of dismissal.

Just received a large car of marble: if in need of work call and see us. Ballinger Marble Works. 9-4tw

D. J. Johnson and S. A. McKie, of Brownwood, representatives of the West Texas Telephone Co., passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Winters in the interest of their company.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. W. Alexander by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 6th day of February A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1845, wherein Alma Crews Alexander is plaintiff, and H. W. Alexander is defendant; that nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS:
County of Runnels:

In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas.

To the Honorable J. O. Woodward, District Judge:

Now comes Alma Crews Alexander, hereinafter styled plaintiff, and complaining of H. W. Alexander, hereinafter styled defendant, and would respectfully represent and show to the court:

That plaintiff is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in said State for more than one year and in Runnels county for more than six months next preceding the filing of this suit, and that defendant's residence is unknown to this plaintiff.

Plaintiff would further represent that heretofore, to-wit, on the 10th day of October, 1907, she and defendant were lawfully married in Runnels County, Texas, and that they lived together as husband and wife until about the 27th day of December 1912, when the defendant without cause and without provocation on the part of plaintiff willfully abandoned this plaintiff, and for more than three years has lived apart from this plaintiff, and during which time has in no way contributed to the support of plaintiff or her two minor children hereinafter mentioned.

That there was born to plaintiff and defendant during their married life two children, as follows: Charles Crews Alexander, a boy, now 8 years of age; and Lois Viola Alexander, a girl, now 5 years of age; which said children now and at all times since the plaintiff was so abandoned by her said husband, lived with plaintiff.

Wherefore premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited in terms of law and that on final hearing hereof she be granted a divorce and that the custody of the said children be awarded to her.

WRIGHT & HARRIS,
Attorneys for plaintiff.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 6th day of February A. D. 1917.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS,
Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

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Saxon Six is Put to Extraordinary Test.



Guy neel, manager of the wholesale auto department of the Ray-Rose company, Dallas, Texas, who has been assisting Ward & Phillips, Central Texas distributors of the Saxon and Marion Handley automobiles, during the Cotton Palace, says that in all of his experience he never has known of any automobiles being put to a more severe test, than was the Saxon "Six," taken from the Ward & Phillips display rooms in the Cotton Palace parade on "Waco Day."

The Ward & Phillips Motor company had one of the most striking exhibits seen in the parade. The Saxon Six carried five passengers in the tonneau, with a 600-pound bale of cotton on the running board on each side, and a man sitting on top of each bale. Hooked to the rear axle was a heavy wagon, loaded with six bales of cotton, carrying ten men, and tied on to the rear of the wagon was another wagon containing "the Saxon" cow and calf.

In explaining what this test really meant, Mr. Ward stated that it was not only the weight carried and pulled which made the strain severe on the car, but the continual stopping and starting. About twenty stops and starts were made during the parade, and most of the time the car ran on "high," although often throttled down to a snail's pace. Mr. Ward stated that the test was especially severe on the engine, the clutch and the rear axle. He said, "The idea we had was to prove to the public that the real strength and power of the Saxon Six, the only car selling for less than $1,000 with a six-cylinder Continental motor and Timken bearings. After the parade one man came in and said that he had been told that the Saxon rear axle would not stand the strain, if given any heavy load to pull. This test proved to him that this statement was erroneous. He bought a car before he left.

This Saxon Six automobile pulled 15,000 pounds in the Waco Day parade Tuesday, November 7th. The car contains a bale of cotton on each side, making two bales. There were five men in the car, two Boy Scouts on each bale; followed by a trailer pulling 8 bales of cotton and five men, this followed by an other trailer with three men and the Saxon cow an calf, making the 15,000 pounds. This load started from Seventh and Austin streets, going down to 11th and Austin streets, then to 11th and Franklin, then from 11th and Franklin to 3rd and Franklin, then from 3rd and Franklin to 11th and Austin, stopping 22 times, up hills and down hills. This demonstration demonstrates strength, power, durability and efficiency. This has never been attempted for public inspection by any other car in the state before. —Waco Tribune.

Annual White Goods and Muslin Sale

Continues One More Week
Ends Saturday, Feb., 17th

OWING TO THE EXTREME COLD WEATHER LAST WEEK we have decided to extend the White Sale one more week in order that all might take advantage of the wonderful bargains offered in white goods, muslin underwear, laces and embroidery. ¶Come and profit.

Waists

25 dozen lingerie waists, newest styles, values $1.50; this sale

$1.10

White Goods

20 pieces white crepe and plasse, effects, values to 25c, this sale, a yard only

19c

Bleached Domestic

36 inch Hope and A. A. domestic, worth 15c, this sale only, a yard

10c

Union Sheeting

90 inch Union linen sheeting, cannot be purchased on today's market for less than 85c, early purchase enables us to offer it at, the yard .79c

79c

White Goods

50 pieces assorted white goods, including organdies, linens, poplins, gaberdines, etc., values 35c and 40c, extra special only, the yard

25c

Lace Specials

2500 yards thread and Valenciennes laces, 1-2 to 3 inches wide, unusual values at 8 1-3c to 10c, choice of the lot, only, the yard

5c

Damask

72 inch linen finish damask, worth easily $1.00 to $1.25 the yard, a real bargain, the yard, only ..79c

Embroidery Special

Over 3000 yards at 10c a Yard.
This is unquestionably a wonderful bargain, consisting of edges and insertions in Hamburg and Swiss. 2 to 10 inches wide, values 15c to 25c, choice, only

10c

German Val & Vandyke Point Lace

Unusual values in this lot, in widths from 6 to 15 inches, actual worth 25c to 35c, sale price .

15c

Gowns

Slip-over muslin gowns, good quality and worth 75c, this sale only

50c

Bath Towels

46x22 size bleached bath towels, a bargain at 75c, this sale extra special the pair

49c

Flouncing Special

27 inch Swiss flouncing, dainty embroidery edge and very sheer material, a bargain at $1.00 to $1.25, unusual purchase enables us to offer choice 25 pieces, a yard 49c

49c

February Sale of Corsets

$1.00 corsets, this sale 80c	$3.00 corsets, sale ..$2.39
$1.50 corsets, sale ..$1.20	$3.50 corsets, sale ..$2.80
$2.50 corsets, sale ..$1.95	$4.00 corsets, sale ..$3.20

$5.00 corsets, this sale - - - **$3.95**

Melton Dry Goods Co
INCORPORATED
EVERYBODY'S STORE

Ushering In the New Things For Spring

Charming New Suits and Dresses

¶Exceedingly smart suits, with jaunty tailored and semi-Norfolk coats, and pleated skirts are shown. In serges, broadcloths, twills, velours and Jersey cloth. In stunning new shades of apple green, rose, taupe, rookie, gold and putty.

¶They are made with large striking collars and clever pockets, which feature many of the new models. Unusual values at $16.50, $18.50, $22.50 and $25.00.

New Sport Coats at $10.00, $12.50 and $15.00.

Pretty New Silk Dresses---Late Arrivals

¶They are distinctive and unique, especially created for sport or dress wear. They are smart ineed in style, wonderfully made and extremely low in prices, considering the quality. The colors are rose, taupe, bottle green, apple green, navy, copenhagen, purple and sand. In taffetas and Georgette crepe combinations.

¶See these n,e w dresses. Prices range $12.50, $14.50 and $18.50. Worth $2.00 to $5.00 more than the price asked.

The New Skirts are Here

We are receiving new skirts daily, and it will prove of interest to you to see them. Priced from $3.50 to $18.50.

MORTUARY.

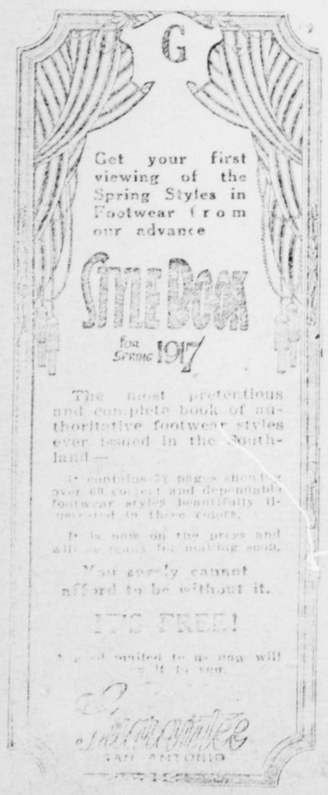
Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Hull

Mrs. Sarah Opelia Hull, age 55 years, one month and eighteen days, wife of George W. Hull, died at her home 500 Fourth Street Friday evening, February 2, at seven o'clock.

Mrs. Hull came to Ballinger with her husband in the early days of Ballinger. The family is one of the pioneer families of this city. For several years she had been in poor health, and for several months had been an invalid, but held up cheerful to the last and met death with a christian faith, and passed into the beyond as though one going to sleep.

Deceased is survived by a husband and two son, Roy and Stanley, and other relatives formerly lived here. She was a member of the Methodist church, and had been for many years. At four o'clock Saturday afternoon the funeral was conducted at the residence, Revs. J. B. Curry and T. C. Jester conducting the services and interment was made in the City Cemetery.

The many friends of this family sympathize with them in the loss of their wife and mother.



Mention this paper in answering.

GERMANY PREDICTS WAR WITH THE U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Conclusive proof that Germany intends to wage a war of ruthlessness on the seas is evidenced by the Evestone case, and which has increased tension at the state department.

Consul Frost at Queenstown cabled the state department this morning saying that Richard Wallace, an American negro seaman, was lost when a German submarineine shelled the life boats while they were leaving the British provisional collier. This act is contrary to all international law, regardless of whether the life boats are sailing from naval vessels or from merchant ships.

State department officials say they must have all facts before any action is taken in the case. The department officials also hinted that if declaration of war comes, Germany must make it.

By Carl Ackerman

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—Ambassador Gerard is awaiting word from Washington regarding the details of the American government's arrangements for the departure of Ambassador Bernstorff before completing plans for leaving Germany. Mr. Gerard had another long conference with Foreign Secretary Zimmerman this morning at which time he formally requested his passports.

Berlin public continues calm, despite the fact that the American ambassador is making preparations to leave Germany. Extra guards have been placed about the American embassy to protect the ambassador and his consuls from any harm that might come from unresponsible sympathizers.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Consul General Frost at Queenstown, in his official report to the American embassy at London on the sinking of the Evestone, makes no mention of a warning having been given the Evestone before it was attacked by the submarine. Neither does Consul Frost say anything about the Evestone making any resistance or attempt to escape from the submarine.

The American negro sailor, Richard Wallace, who was among those killed on the Evestone, was killed by a shrapnel which the Germans fired at the life boats after they had left the sinking Evestone. After shelling the survivors in the life boats the German U-boat disappeared without offering aid, said the consul in his report to Ambassador Page.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The United States government enters the real danger period in its position towards Germany as the time of grace for the neutral shipping in new war era expires today. The decison in the relations with Austria remains unchanged. Officials feel that a break with the Austrians will not come unless that nation percipitates it.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Because of the possibilities of the danger of international situation. the army officials are taking extra precautions in grarding the Panama canal. A strong army of guards have been placed at the locks, and special care has been put on foot throughout the country to guard against Germans plotting to get information concerning the movement of warships. The navy department taboos the locating of warships which have heretofore, been made public and published in daily newspapers.

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (Delayed)—"We regret that President Wilson has taken this measure, all the more since it is against all tradition and international law that we be cut off from all direct communication and regular intercourse with the Trans-Atlantic world," declared Foreign Secretary Zimmerman today.

Continuing Mr. Zimmerman said: "Having ourselves no real cause for hostility against the United States, we naturally appreciate the words rather of an unhostile character. Included among other words of different character, Mr. Wilson assures us he wishes no hostile conflict with Germany, and I can add that we appreciate this."

By Carl Ackerman
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, Feb. —(Delayed)—Every American in Berlin looks for immediate war between the United States and Germany. The Berliner Zeitung issued an extra this afternoon printing the first news of the break. Americans telephoned the grave news to each other and then called up the American embassy for further information. Ambassador Gerard had not received the official notification of the break, up to late this afternoon, and went into a conference with Foreign Secretary Zimmerman. After the conference Mr. Gerard said the situation was grave.

Any drawing back by Germany from its announcement of unlimited submarinings would be one of the greatest surprises of the war here. Observers believe that Germany intends to carry out their submarine blockade to a bitter end. Every ounce of German energy for an expected decisive campaign is mobilizing, and the feeling here is that Germany will attempt to win the war against the allies by maintaining a complete blockade. The feeling here is that Germany's gigantic magazine is preparing for an explosion, in military sense, which will shake the world.

With all European steamers stopped everybody is wondering how American officials who have been called home, newspaper correspondents, red cross nurses and doctors, and citizens, who are eager to return to America, can reach their home. Present indications are that hundreds of Americans will be stranded. Berlin is at present in the grip of the worst blizzard in years and suffering is intense.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—American Ambasasdor James W. Gerard received cablegram from the United States at ten o'clock last night calling him home. Mr. Gerard also received note from his government notifying Germany of the break, and delivered the statement to the foreign secretary Mr. Zimmerman at eleven o'clock this morning.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The British steamer Floridian, capacity forty-seven hundred tons and the Warley Piekering, forty-one hundred tons, were submarined late yesterday. Sixteen of the crew of the Floridian were saved.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The British Admiralty announced late yesterday afternoon that Richard Wallace, an American from Baltimore was killed when a submarine shelled the boats of the steamer Evestone.. The Evestone was a British ship and was submarined before Wallace was killed by the torpedoes shelling the Evestone's boats. Other lives were lost.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR GETS REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The American consul at the port where the survivors of the British steamer Evestone landed, telegraphed Ambassador Page at London, a full report of the submarining of the Evestone. Mr. Page declined to make the report public, and instructed the consul making the report to investigate further and report from survivors when the Evestone was warned whether the steamer offered resistance or not, or whether it attempted to escape.

GALVESTON, Feb. 6.—The cutter Comanche rescued the crew of sailors from the waterlogged British schooner Irma Bentley, seventy miles off Galveston late yesterday. All the crew are safe but exhausted and some of them in serious condition from exposure.

NORFOLK, Feb. 6.—It became publicly known here this morning that large quantities of ammunition are being moved from Norfolk navy yards to northern ports. The ammunition movement was well underway before it became known.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 5.—The state senate this morning adopted resolutions commending President Wilson for severing relations with the German empire.

DALLAS, Feb. 5.—Texas Uniform Rank Woodmen of the World wired Secretary Baker of the war department this morning, offering the service of from three to five thousands members in case of war and a demand for more troops.

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 7.—Eight Felicistas were killed and twenty-five captured in a fight between these new bandits and the Carrancistas near Rodriguez Monday night. In anticipation of further trouble a train load of troops has been sent to Rodriguez.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Henkhaus of the Spring Hill neighborhood, motored over to the city Tuesday to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lollar of the Marie country, were shopping and supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. S. Maddox, D. W. and Ira Turner of the Norton country, and L. W. Compton of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF

Try this! Your hair gets wavy, glossy and abundant at once.

To be possessed of a head of heavy beautiful hair; soft lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine.

It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance, freshness, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will you can not find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine is, we believe, the only sure hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beauttiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

OUTLAWING LIQUOR ADS

AUSTIN, Feb. 7.—Following in the steps of the Federal government in outlawing liquor advertisements, Senator Robbins and other senate members introduced a bill this afternoon prohibiting the publication of liquor advertisements in newspapers and the posting of liquor advertisements in public places.

G. G. Odom and W. B. Ray left Tuesday afternoon for Tulsa, Okla., on a business trip for a few days.

SPECIAL PRICES ON "QUALITY" MERCHANDISE---COME

E-N-D O' S-E-A-S-O-N S-A-L-E

A FOREWORD

The name of this sale does not signify that this is an extra effort to rid the stock of undesirable or unsalable merchandise, but is an effort to convert hundreds of items into available "cash." Many of the items listed are staple (which sell the entire year), others are real Spring and Summer salable merchandise, which are in evidence in every one of our many departments, and will act as a stimulant to many other sales.

Some sage has said, "The American public likes to be humbugged," but that has long since passed out of existence and into its place has come the word "truth," which stands back of every reputable firm that intends to stay in the merchandise game.

AN EVENT OF MORE THAN PASSING IMPORTANCE

Every energy, every force, every factor, points to a reason why you should save, why you should turn your dollars into a channel where they will bring a greater result and will buy a full 100 cents worth, and in many instances more for every one invested.

The merchandise is up to the same standard of "Quality" which is always maintained, even with the lowness of many of the prices, and we invite you to come and take advantage of this saving these radical prices denote.

Includes This Entire Stock

But each of the manv departments have put forth a liberal quantity, many of which are included in this advertisement, while there are quantities of others that are equally as good which are not mentioned.

With the changing markets and the liberal supply which we own and contracted for, makes practically all your buying under present day values.

The man, woman or child who reads this advertisement and who will not investigate—Misses many bargains in real economy—Come let us show you.

FOLLOW THE CROWDS---Drop your work; your pocketbook, your feet, your mind, your eyes, your economy senses, should lead you direct to this annual

END O' SEASON SALE, where big values and little prices meet

Dry Goods

Much of the new Spring goods is now in stock waiting your coming—nowhere will you find a stock that will come nearer meeting the demands of the people and filling the individual needs. Come let us show you why you should make this your shopping place.

Hardware

After years of uninterrupted dealing with the people of this vicinity, this department has won the reputation of selling merchandise of quality, with prices that are always absolutely right. Plenty of merchandise from which to make selections makes a safe place to supply your wants.

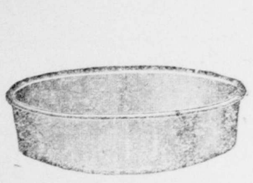
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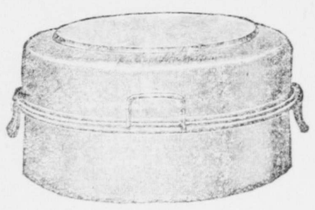
On the inside pages you'll find definite information about this line of vehicles that are being sold at a liberal discount. The same quality is maintained in these low prices, the same service that have made "Moon Bros." famous in every section of the country.

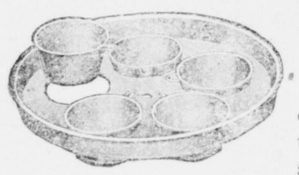
Groceries

There's a lot of good news from this department that should not go unheeded if you want to save and cut your living expenses, read page four of this advertisement. It will give you an idea of the saving power of your dollar. A trip will convince you that this is the place to trade.

Given Away—Absolutely—Free







Aluminum Ware

In the past few weeks we have given away absolutely free, to our cash customers dozens of articles of this beautiful and handsome ware, and hundreds more will take advantage of this opportunity before the year is gone and fill their kitchen without one cent of cost. If you are not saving coupons—commence today.

Get Your Coupons---Given With Every Cash Purchase

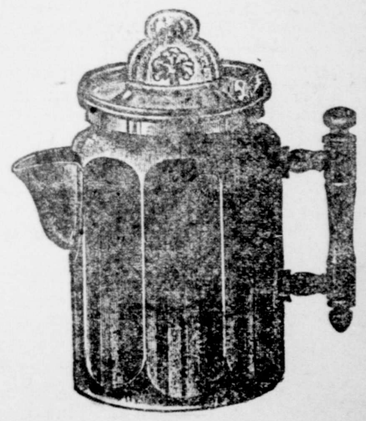
No lottery—no chance—no blanks—every purchase represents a partial payment on this aluminum ware. You receive a coupon without one extra cent of cost—when you have accumulated enough the article is yours. Get a book giving entire list at this store—commence today saving coupons.

Coffee Extractor
Drinking Cups
Cake Cutters
Strainers
Sugar Shaker
Pancake Turners
Skimming Ladle
Roasters
Carving Knives
Paring Knives
Cake Pans
Sauce Pans

Jelly Moulds
Berlin Kettles
Coffee Pots
Tea Pots
Round Roasters
Condiment Sets
Soup Strainers
Syrup Pitchers
Turkey Roasters
Doughnut Cutters
Rice Boilers
Cook Forks

Pudding Pans
Pie Pans
Table Knives
Table Forks
Bread Pans
Tube Cake Pans
Water Buckets
Mixing Bowls
Skillets
Fry Pans
Dippers
Square Cake Pans

Omelet Pans
Steamer Pans
Milk Pails
Waffle Irons
Crumb Trays
Preserving Kettles
Percolators
Combination Sets
Tea Kettles
Cereal Cooker
Dinner Pails
Casseroles



Sale Starts Sat. Feb. 10

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

"Tell the Truth Advertisers"

Sale Starts Sat. Feb. 10

BARGAINS

Peroxide

Large 4 oz. bottle—should be in every home—for it's medical properties, worth 15¢ special ..... 9¢

Mennen's Talcum

Made especially for tender skins—assorted kinds, highly perfumed, special ..... 17¢

Ladies' Unions

Summer weight, bleached white, tapped neck—close fitting knees, extra 35¢ grade, special 23¢

Ribbed Hose

A fast black, all sizes up to 9½, smooth weaves, worth 25¢, special ..... 19¢

Pearl Buttons

Are excellent quality, for all kinds of use, one dozen on card for ..... 4¢

White Handkerchiefs.

A ladies' size, plain hemmed edges, ideal for school use, each ..... 2½¢

Huck Towels

Bleached pure white, fast colored turkey red borders, a good size and weight, special east 11¢

Men's Shirts

Dress shirts, standard make, desirable patterns, all sizes, worth $1 and $1.25, special ..... 85¢

Ladies' Vests

A full tape neck and arms, bleached white, summer weight, a 12½¢ grade for ..... 10¢

A Wonderful Saving---A Bargain at Every Turn

END O' SEASON SALE

In presenting this page of dry goods bargains, these are facts to be considered: Many of the items herein listed are below real market value today, and the entire stock which is in our possession can not be replaced at many instances at an advance of 25 to 50 percent.

The reductions are on such merchandise which you need for immediate and future use. Item after item represents staple everyday needs, and there's a substantial saving.

The stock is heavy, consequently it is not possible to display every item on which there is a saving—if you don't see it—ask to be shown—the price will be right and the quality of the right sort.

Extra Values——Right Prices——Don't Let Anything Keep You Away

Unbleached Domestics

12½¢ Grade for 8⅓¢.

An extra smooth, close weave, Sea Island, that is 36 inches wide, will soon bleach a white, wears longer than the bleached. A real 12½¢ grade, extra special

12 Yards for $1.00.

Limit 24 Yards

White Waistings

35¢ and 40¢ Grades for 23¢.

Beautiful stripes, voiles and Jacquard effects, in Spring and Summer waistings, 36 and 30 inch widths, buy your Summer waists now, there's a saving at

Extra special 23¢.

Ready-to-Wear Section

If you want to save; feel like you have really made money and interest—come to this department—the values are exceptional, the prices are low.

Many desirable garments at a radical saving, styles are positively new, new shipments for the Spring of 1917 being shown—come and see the new suits, waists, and house dresses.

LADIES' SUITS

Light weight fabrics, that are suitable for Spring wear; styles good, fabrics are serges, poplins and reps; these prices do not include the new spring suits.

$12.50 suits for $8.69
$13.50 suits for $9.23
$16.50 suits for $12.82
$22.50 suits for $15.89
$25.00 suits for $18.68

LADIES' SKIRTS

Staple styles, fancy styles, skirts that are good for all kinds of wear, at a radical saving on the original price.

$4.50 grades for $2.85
$5.00 grades for $3.65
$6.50 grades for $4.65
$7.50 grades for $5.50
$8.00 grades for $6.15
$8.50 grades for $6.25
$10.50 grades for $8.23
$12.50 grades for $9.10

OTHER ITEMS

A partial list of some of the many bargains. Come see yourself.

$1.50 misses gingham dresses $1.19
$1.50 boys' wash suits now $1.29
65¢ white middies ..... 59¢
$5.00 sport coats $3.45
75¢ boys' romper suits 68¢
$1.25 outing kimonos ..... 98¢
$1.00 muslin gowns ..... 89¢

Extra Special

Women's House Dresses

Made of extra good quality ginghams, plaids, and staple checks, also solid color, well made, full cut, real $1.50 grades

Extra special $1.19.

Extra Special

Ladies' Georgette Waists

A special lot of waists, whites, creams fleshes, every one brand new, heavy weight materials, hand embroidered, $6.50 grades

Extra special $4.95.

A Few Random Shots---They're Bargains

These bargains are worth your consideration. Every one bears the earmarks of a money saving opportunity, but the reading don't convey the real values. You should see the merchandise.

BLUE OVERALLS
The grade that is worth $1.25, cut full and roomy, all sizes, jumpers to match, priced at the garment 93c

COTTON SUITINGS
A special lot, grades that sold at 20c and 25c, some dark, some light, sateens pongee, reps, and plaids, extra special 11c

GINGHAMS
Light colors in stripes only, an extra smooth fabric for house dresses, fast colors, worth 12 1-2c, special a yard 9 1-2c

FLANNELETTE
A 12 1-2c grade, dark patterns, a twilled, smooth, figured material, for making house dresses, extra special, 7 yards 59c
(Limit 2 pieces.)

LACE SPECIAL
A big lot of Torcheon and Val. lace insertions, a very limited quantity of edges, worth up to 10c a yard, extra special at the yard 1 1-2c

FIGURED LAWNS
Neat small figures, staple dots, a fast color material for making house dresses, special 7 yards for 29c
(Limit 2 pieces)

BARRED DIMITY
A sheer material that is the ideal fabric for children's dresses and baby clothes, the 12 1-2c and 15c grade 11c

GALATEA
The ideal fabric for boys wash suits, children's blouses, etc., fast colors, worth 10c a yard wholesale, extra special 15c

WHITE LAWN
A smooth weave, 28 inches wide, sheer and extra stout, a grade that is worth 8 1-3c per yard, special 5c

HEAVY GRADE CHECKS
A stout material, stripes and checks, extra good for making everyday dresses and shirts, the real 10c grade, at 8c

MEN'S SUITS

Now's the time to get a suit for Spring wear; blue serge, fancy worsted garments, that are well made, and fit right, look right, and will wear right; every one properly tailored. The $18.50 grades, extra special $13.85

MEN'S WORK PANTS

Extra heavy stripe, color dark tan, hard finish, a $2.50 grade, special $2.15

BOYS' SUITS

The entire stock is included at the list below. They're good quality; worth more.

$5.00 grades $3.98
$6.50 grades $4.15
$8.00 grades $5.25
$8.50 grades $5.75

MEN'S SUITS

All in one lot, suits that sold at $20.00 to $25.00. They're properly tailored and made of good materials, two and three piece styles, specially made and tailored for high class trade, extra special $14.85

CORDUROY PANTS

Dark colors, cut full and roomy, extra weight, real $3.00 grade for $2.48

STAPLE MERCHANDISE

At no time within the memory of some of the old timers, has the prices on staple merchandise soared so, and is hard to get even at the advance—now's the time to buy.

Percales

A good grade smoothe weave, fast color, light and dark colors, for making house dresses, a real 10¢ grade, special ..... 8½¢

Ginghams

The old reliable Toile du Nord, every piece fast color, fancy dress styles, staple checks, also solid color, the real 15¢ grade, special 12½¢

Cotton Plaids

A fabric for quilt linings, that is standard widths, good weight, fast colors, a grade that is worth 8⅓¢, special **15 yards for $1.00**

Notions

Little things on which there is a saving—that is worth while:

Good pencils ..... 4¢
Large tablet ..... 4¢
Package envelopes ..... 4¢
Box face powder ..... 9¢
Good grade talcum ..... 9¢
Bottle toilet water ..... 9¢
Shoe polish ..... 9¢
Colgate tooth paste ..... 9¢
35¢ face powder ..... 29¢
25¢ tooth powder ..... 20¢

A special lot of insertions only, swiss and nainsook, grades that sold at 10¢ to 15¢ special ..... 5¢

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Stocks are Full---Quality Merchandise---For the

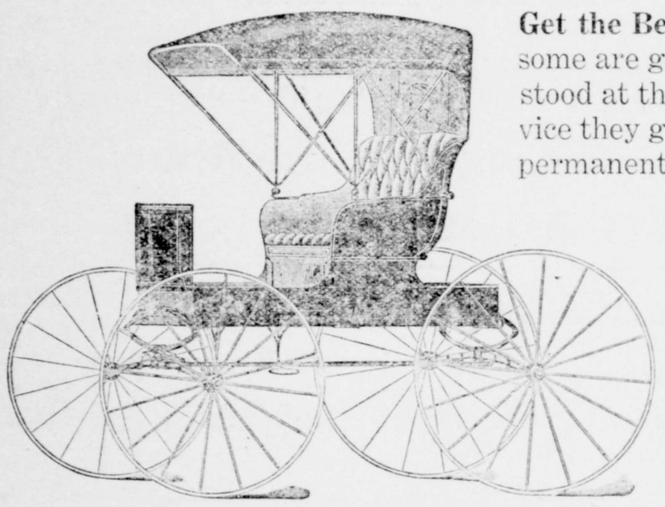
END O' SEASON SALE

It is not the lowness of the prices that should impress you most favorably, it is the "quality" of the merchandise handled by the store these days. A poorly made, under quality, shoddy article is high at any price.

Any one can sell trash at a low price, but we are guaranteeing every article sold with the money back if not satisfied, regardless of the low price at which it may be sold. Attend this sale and you will get "quality," besides the money you save.

Get Your Dollars Into Action--They'll buy 100 Cents and More

If it's a "MOON Bros.," you buy---your buggy troubles are gone



Get the Best—"There's no end" to makes and brands of buggies—some are good, others medium, some without class. "Moon Bros." have stood at the top of the list for years, by actual experience with the service they give, the neat, trim look the individual style, the lasting and permanent finish.

For years this house has been the distributor of this high class vehicle—having hundreds of customers who have bought in the past.

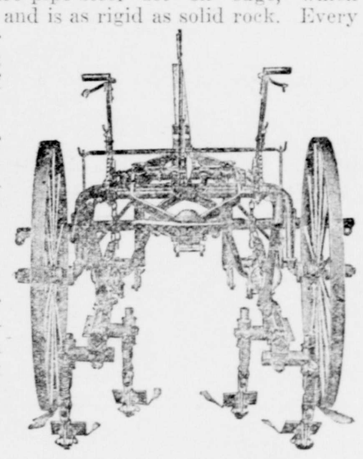
Just unloaded a fresh car—come have a look.

$90.00 Runabout, a big value at $76.75
$100.00 top buggy, a dandy for $84.75
$115.00 2-in-1 top, auto seat, for $99.50
$135.00 extension top farm hack at $122.75

AVERY "JOY RIDER"

A practical farm implement that is gaining in favor wherever used. Built with the idea of giving the most strength with the least weight—a team and man preserver— that will do the right kind of work.

The "Beams" are made of square pipe steel set on edge, which catches the strain from every angle, and is as rigid as solid rock. Every part is adjustable; you can give your shovels and sweeps just the right pitch to meet every requirement of your growing crop.



It's a "wiggletail," the cultivator that has revolutionized the cultivator business—giving absolute satisfaction wherever use.

Better Crops

With this improved cultivator your land will produce more—made possible by better cultivation of your land—doing better work with less worry.

Let us show you—we're ready.

AVERY "MR. BILL"

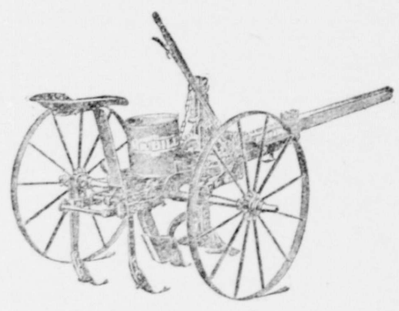
Our implement man will be glad to show you this good planter—both in single or double row.

"Did you" ever investigate the "one seed" drop of the "Mr. Bill" planter—see the perfect working of it? Your crop can be planted and not sown by this method. Maize, cotton or corn, every seed placed to itself, at any distance you want them without a single kernel cracked. This planter was only produced after years of experience by practical and actual experience and today is in the hands of hundreds of practical farmers who can attest to its many advantages.

Better Stand

This means more production to the acre—can be cleaned with less expense—all of a uniform age—and is far superior to the old fashioned kind.

Let us show you—we're ready.



Extra! Extra Special
Cultivators

Lone Star a combination riding or walking cultivator, strong and rigidly builded, will stand heavy work. Four shovel style, these will be snapped up at the low price of

$38.75

Perfection Oil Stoves

Thousands of families in this broad land of ours today are using this good stove—a stove that is economical to operate—no worry, no trouble, from the time it is bought.

THE STOVE OF TODAY

It's different from the ones that used to be sold. Many new improvements are being added which add to the convenience. Come have a look.

Let us show you—we're ready.

Extra! Extra Special
Cultivators

A limited number of cultivators, "Bully Boy" a splendid 6 shovel kind, plows that were carried over from last year, and are to be sold under value today.

As Long As They Last Only

$37.45

Among the best are MITCHELL WAGONS stood the test of years

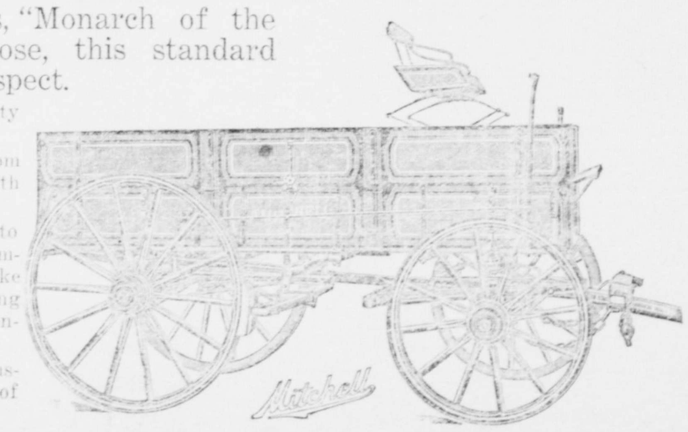
Among the Best—Mitchell wagons stood the test of years, "Monarch of the Road." For the farm, for the freighter, for every purpose, this standard wagon has proved its self to be tried and true in every respect.

It is built with an eye to service, and the recollection of its sterling quality brings back customers to buy it again.

GEAR—Made from the best quality white oak, every iron and brace made from real malleable iron, axles made from select No. 1 air dried hickory, made with under truss of heavy iron and special design skeins.

WHEELS—One of the vital points to be considered for a wagon that is intended to give service. "The Monarch of the Road" has given special attention to this important part, in as much as the design, material and construction combine to make it strong and durable. Every wheel is soaked in pure linseed oil at the boiling point, closing every pore in the wood, all tires are hand set and after years of constant use remain tight and fast.

MATERIALS—Bought years in advance, placed in sheds, where the natural seasoning and repairing takes place, and are only used after the experienced eyes of an expert have carefully reexamined them.



Extra! Specials That are Worth While

LARD CANS

Now's the time to buy your next season's supply. Think what the saving will be—they will be higher then.

40¢ grade, 5 gallon size, now ..... 25¢
50¢ grade, 8 gallon size, now ..... 35¢
65¢ grade, 10 gallon size, now ..... 40¢

COVERED BAKERS

Made to withstand heat an ideal dish to use for the serving of puddings and various baked receipts.

50¢ grade for ..... 37¢

LANTERNS

Extra large bowl, No. 2 size, heavy retrimmed frame, especially adapted to home and farm use, the real $1.00 grade, for ..... 74¢

COOK STOVES

A splendid wood cooker, Woodland No. 8—4 eye top, large roomy oven, wide back shelf, the real $17.00 grade for $12.45

RAZORS

The celebrated "Clauss"—every one warranted to give satisfaction or your money back, the real $2.00 grade, special $1.39

BACHELOR HEATER

A practical coal stove for home use, large fire bowl, made of heavy materials. The grade that sells for $7.50, now $5.95

EARTHENWARE BOWLS

Use them to bake, use them to serve, will withstand the heat, color—dark brown with white lining:

25¢ grades for ..... 18¢
35¢ grades for ..... 23¢

BUGGY

"Moon Bros.," the best made, runabout style, a beauty, trim and will give service, the $90.00 kind for $76.75

$15.00 STOVE $11.25

"New Woodland," an ideal cook stove, extra large square oven, 4 eye top, shelf at back, a bargain at $11.25

WASH BOARDS

A stout board that will stand the heavy use corrugated nickle plated rub; the grade that sells for 40¢, special 31¢

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EVERY EATER---WHO SEES THIS "AD" SHOULD ATTEND THIS

END O' SEASON SALE

SAVING 25 to 50 PER CENT

ON The ITEMS LISTED On This PAGE----INVESTIGATE

COME, YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND FAMILY to save every dollar you can—come see these bargains that are extraordinary money saving opportunities. It is a positive fact that the prices listed on this page are far below their real value and will be snapped up—when you consider the extreme advance on eatables.

This sale does not include the entire stock, but a big saving on hundreds of articles that are sold far below their real market value—for every item that is eatable has been seeking higher levels not only of a local nature, but foreign as well.

In bringing you face to face with these bargains that we are offering for a limited time you can effect a substantial saving.

In practically all the items that are listed on this page, we have a supply that will meet a reasonable demand, but don't wait until this supply is exhausted then come in—get your supply while the getting's good.

Have You Visited Our Grocery Department? If not, pay us a visit during this sale—don't take our word that it's "sanitary," but come see where your groceries come from. The ways and means that are exerted, which coupled with the "quality" makes it an ideal place to trade.

These are Value Giving Days═══Read the Saving═══Come Let Us Show You

Not Every Price Cut---But Plenty---To Get Acquainted

A Real Syrup Bargain

A bargain that you should not pass up; good high grade sorghum for cooking or table syrup, both included in this special, worth 60¢ everywhere, extra special **47c** GALLON

Canned Logan Berries

Did you ever try pies made fromthis berry? It's superior to all others, large 2 pound cans of selected fruit, worth 15¢, special **7c** CAN

STOP---THINK---ACT---PRICES THAT SAVE MONEY

He who hesitates has lost money— you know that you want to cut your expenses—start now by attending this money saving event. These bargains will be snapped up so you had better be here early—you owe it to yourself to investigate.

This sale does not include the entire stock, but there's bargains aplenty.

Read This Page Carefully---Read It Again---Act Accordinging to Your Judgement

TOMATO CATSUP
Made from choice ripe tomatoes, bottle contains 8 ozs., net weight, a regular 15¢ grade, special **7c** BOTTLE

STRING BEANS
Fresh selected beans, carefully packed, have the real spring taste, large size can, worth 12 1-2¢, special **8c** CAN

CAN CORN
White sweet corn, carefully selected and thoroughly cleaned, packed under sanitary conditions, large 2 pound can **10c** CAN

PURE FRUIT JELLY
A large quart size, paraffine sealed, many assorted flavors, absolutely pure, at a price that is cheaper than syrup, worth 35¢ everywhere.
Think of the Price—Order a Dozen Now
16c a jar
Dozen for $1.80.

SWEET PICKLES
This bargain should appeal to every user of relish, a large jar, made by a standard pickle maker, a 25¢ seller, special **11c** JAR

PRESERVES
A large glass, sells for 35¢ regular, preserved strawberries "Del Monte" brand, famed for their products, special **19c** JAR

CAN PUMPKIN
Firm pack, from choice fruit, extra large 3lb. cans, makes splendid pies, worth 15¢, special **8c** CAN

If you don't believe in sales—come—if you do—better investigate.

Extra! Extra! Extra!
Laundry Soap
The 5¢ kind, a house hold necessity on which there is a big saving—worth more than this price wholesale today—get yours now at the low price **25c** 8 Bars

Extra! Extra! Extra!
Laundry Starch
Full one pound packages, the 10¢ kind, contains no injurious ingredients to the fabrics, a high grade lump starch of standard grade, special **5c** BOX

OAT MEAL
The regular 10¢ size, net weight 1¼ pounds, uniform quality, extra selected, a bargain, special at ..... 7¢

CAN PEAS
Extra selected, small, packed green English peas, very desirable for table use, worth 20¢, a big value at ..... 16¢

COFFEE
Fresh roasted, high grade, carefully selected Rio coffee evenly parched, worth 25¢ a pound, priced, 6 pounds for $1.00

Green Olives
Fine selected olives, Queen brand. To the lovers of this table delicacy, here's an opportunity for a bargain, 50¢ size for **23c** Jar

Tumbler Glass Jellies
A pure fruit production, assorted flavors fine quality, worth 10¢, extra epecial **5c** Glass

BUCKET COFFEE
A perfect Rio and Java blend, just the right proportion to make a perfect cup. The regular $1.00 seller, special, a bucket ..... 84¢

BREAKFAST FOOD
A cereal "Mother's" sweethearts—the inside kernel of the wheat— try this, it's good, special price for the package ..... 12¢

BANNER OATS
The large 25¢ size, full weight, splended quality, worth the original price, extra value during sale at ..... 19¢

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Just a Gentle Rub Shines
E-Z STOVE POLISH
The Everlasting Shine
Big Can 10¢

3 MILLION GERMANS TO BACK U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—Three million members of the German-American Alliance have pledged themselves to unqualified loyalty to the United States, should the American government be forced to war with Germany.

In an unheralded mass meeting lasting until midnight last night, the National Committee of the Alliance adopted a resolution to this effect and have asked all members to stand behind the President.

MRS. YEAGER DEAD

H. S. Yeager of our city, received the sad message Thursday, stating that his mother, Mrs. H. A. Yeager, died Wednesday night at the home in Grimes county, at the ripe old age of 85 years. She had been suffering with la grippe the immediate cause of her death.

Mr. Yeager left Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral. The Ledger extends condolences to the bereaved relatives.

I have bought the H. C. Wilke stock of merchandise, and am now located in the old opera house building where the Cash Grocery was formerly located. Come in and let's get acquainted, and we will show you where a dollar will buy more goods and better qualities. Yours for service. M. C. LaGRONE.

BUYS FARM NEAR TOWN.

R. B. Welch is a new citizen of this county. Mr. Welch recently purchased from D. Reeder a 160 acre farm on the Colorado river a few miles above Ballinger, and has moved onto same.

Mr. Welch will live at home and board in the kitchen by raising good things to eat. He will help to supply the local market with poultry and farm products, and we perdict that his bank account will grow as a result of his work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bauman and baby, left Thursday at noon for Miles, where they will make their home again. Mr. Bauman came from Miles to our city and was one of the partners in the Ballinger Barber shop, and made many friends in Ballinger who will wish himself and family success in their new home.

TWO DIE WHEN SUB GETS THREE SHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 8.—British steamers Torino, Hollingside, and Dauntless were submarined late yesterday afternoon. Three sailors of the Dauntless perished as the steamer went down.

Negro Causing Us More Trouble.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—George Washington, an American negro fireman, was killed when the British steamer Torino was submarined.

There are thousands of children who are bright but frail—not sick but underdeveloped—they play with their food—they catch colds easily and do not thrive—they only need the pure, rich liquid-food in

SCOTT'S EMULSION

to start them growing and keep them going. Children relish SCOTT'S and it carries rare nutritive qualities to their blood streams and gives them flesh-food, bone-food and strength-food.

Nothing harmful in SCOTT'S.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 16-1

TO MAKE MEXICO CAT'S PAW

EL PASO, Feb. 8—Attention of American authorities at El Paso has been called to the activities of German agents at Juarez and interior Mexican towns.

It is feared the German agents are planning to foment and finance raids of unorganized bandits into American territory in case of war with Germany. This will necessitate the retention of a large number of troops on the border and seriously embarass relations between the United States and Mexico.

Oil fields at Tampico, which are supplying the British fleet with fuel, are being strongly guarded.

MAN LOSES EYE WITH DYNAMITE

Henry Fuller was brought to Ballinger Thursday morning and underwent an operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium in which one of his eyes was removed, and it is feared he will lose the other eye as the result of a dynamite explosion.

Fuller was digging a cistern for J. W. Woods, near Crews, and was blasting when the accident occurred. He had placed a charge of dynamite in the excavation he was making for the cistern, and after waiting for some time for the explosion decided the fuse had failed to burn and just as he approached the hole in the ground the explosion occurred.

The man is a nephew of J. J. Fuller, and the family is well known in the northern part of the county. The unfortunate man has a wife and four children.

WITHDRAWING GERMAN MONEY FROM BANKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—German funds in large amoutns are being withdrawn from this country. New York banks report that heavy German depositors are withdrawing their accounts.

DISTRICT BANKERS TO MEET FEB. 14

Jno. T. Yantis, of Brownwood, secretary of the Sixth District Bankers Association, has announced the program for the meeting to be held at Brownwood next Wednesday. The program has been arranged with a view of discussing those things that are of general interest to the farmer and business man as well as the banker, and plans are being made for a largely attended meeting at Brownwood.

One of the principal subjects to be discussed will be the Farm Loan Banks. W. W. Woodson, of Waco, is on the program to handle this subject. There are eighty banks in the district, and it is expected that most of these will be represented at the meeting. "The Flying Squadron," a party of bankers from the east and north, will attend the meeting.

The entertainment committee has announced a dinner immediately following the meeting, and an auto ride over the Brownwood country.

Following is the program:

Address of welcome—Ward McConnell, Brooke Smith & Co., Brownwood.

Farm Loan Banks—W. W. Woodson, vice-president, First National Bank, Waco.

Work of the T. B. A. Agricultural Committee—W. G. Breg, president U. S. Bond and Mortgage Co., Dallas, Texas.

National Legislation Affecting Banks and Bankers—Nathan Adams, vice-president American Exchange National Bank, Dallas.

Legislation Affecting State Banks and Bankers—Wilmot T. Smith, cashier Continental State Bank, Blanket.

Needed Amendments to the Federal Reserve Act—George E. Webb, president First National Bank, San Angelo.

BACKACHE, SWELLING OF HANDS AND FEET.

Dear Editor:

"I appeal to those of your readers who are bothered with backache and a constant tired feeling to give 'Anuric' a trial. It has been recently discovered by Dr. Pierce of the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. I suffered from backache, swelling of hands and feet, too frequent excretion from the kidneys and many other symptoms. Was unable to work, but after taking just one box of 'Anuric' according to directions I am again able to perform my daily duties." (Signed) W. R. Bray.

Note.—If you've never used the "Anuric," cut this out and send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for a large sample package. This will prove to you that "Anuric" is 37 times more active than lithia in eliminating uric acid—and the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector, as well as relieving pains of rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia. If you are a sufferer, go to your best druggist and ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric."

FERGUSON WITHDRAWS BIG LIBEL SUIT

BRENHAM, Tex., Feb. 8.—Gov. Ferguson's attorneys withdrew the fifty thousand dollar damage suit here against certain Temple parties, which were filed for libel. The attorneys announced today that the defendants in the suit had issued sworn statements retracting the alleged libelous statements circulated in print and from the stump against the governor in the last campaign.

DISCHARGING GERMAN BORN EMPLOYEES

GALVESTON, Feb. 8.—All the sailors of German birth without full naturalization papers have been discharged from the crew of the cutter Comanche.

It is understood here that the same steps have been ordered for all vessels in the American navy and other relative army services.

The men discharged from the Comanche are held here with the intention of securing papers.

FRANCE GRANTS BERNSTORFF PASSAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The state department announced today that France has granted Ambassador Bernstorff safe conduct to Germany. The message to the state department did not specify what route the Ambassador will be directed to travel.

MINES FOR PROTECTION

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 8.—As a precautionary measure to keep enemy ships from entering unprotected American ports, the United States began laying mines to the entrance of the Mobile harbor this morning.

All alien light house keepers have been dismissed and the light houses placed in charge of American born citizens.

We handle the famous Diamond brand Peters shoes, guaranteed leather throughout. Try a pair and be convinced. M. C. Lagrone. 8-6td-1tw.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. H. Vorbeck, was quite ill at her home in West End a day or two ago, but is much better today, and their little 13-year-old daughter, who had a severe case of measles is now able to be about in the home.

H. W. Lynn, manager of the Winters Cotton Oil Co., was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday afternoon.

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and
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Phone 60

MAY INVESTIGATE FERGUSON CHARGES

AUSTIN, Feb. 8.—The senate this afternoon adopted the motion of Senator Page on the University investigation resolution introduced this morning by Senator Lattimore be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by Lieut. Governor Hobby, and the committee instructed to investigate the situation and determine whether or not an investigation shouud be ordered.

Senator Lattimore introduced the resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five senators to investigate the State University, the investigation to include the charges made by Gov. Ferguson against the faculty, the action of the board of regents in expenditure of money and all other matters. The resolution as introduced gives the committee great powers, authorizing them to summon witnesses and call in all books and records.

RELIEF SHIP TORPEDOED

COPENHAGEN, Den., Feb. 8.—Seventeen sailors perished when the Danish steamer Larukakruse was submarined on Feb. 6th. The captain of the ship entered the barred zone ignorant of Germany's new submarine barrier decree and was not given any chance to save his ship and men.

The vessel was a Belgian relief ship and was carrying a cargo of grain to that country for war sufferers.

STEAMER EAVESTONE HAD NO WARNING

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Consul Frost of Queenstown, officially reports to Ambassador Page that the British steamer Evestone, which was submarined on Feb. 6th had no warning, and was shelled by the German submarine after the crew had taken to their life boats in an attempt to save their lives.

The American sailor, Richard Wallace, was killed in a life boat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The second message for today was received from Consul Frost at Queenstown, and announced the sinking of the California, an Anchor Line steamer, carrying passengers.

The vessel was submarined late yesterday without warning. Consul Frost says 162 survivors have been accounted for and that 41 are missing.

Among the missing are six women and five children, including three babies.

STEAMER IS FIRED UPON

RIO De JANEIRO, Feb. 8.—A Brazilian battleship, the Minesgeraes, fired on an American steamer, the Evelyn, late yesterday because of a misunderstanding regarding signals.

The Evelyn was not damaged, but returned to harbor to clear the misunderstanding that seems to be responsible for the attack by the Brazilian warship.

It is believed that the trouble will be adjusted without delay.

AMERICAN LINERS WANT EX-GUNNERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—While the American government maintains that no decision has been reached regarding the arming of liners for defense, officials of American steamship lines announce that they are anxious to get in touch with ex-gunners of the American navy.

J. A. Williams of the Magnolia Oil Co., had been at Rowena between trains Thursday in the interest of his company.

THIS OLD SOLDIER IS STILL IN LINE

Goes to Memphis Reunion and Marches Three Miles in Big Parade—Gains 13 Pounds.

"If it had not been for that Tanlac, I couldn't have gone to the Confederate Reunion at Memphis on the 8th of October and marched afoot for nearly three miles in the big parade," said Frank B. Kendrick, who lives at 4800 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Kendrick is one of Nashville's oldest and best known citizens.

As a member of Company I, second Kentucky Cavalry, Basil Duke's Regiment, General John B Gordon's command, Mr. Kendrick saw service throughout the Civil War, and was wounded four different times.

"During the winter," said Mr. Kendrick, "I suffered intensely with rheumatism, and when springtime came I went all to pieces. I had just about made up my mind that my end was not very far off. I looked like I was on the verge of a general physical decline, and I had despaired of ever walking again. I am seventy years of age, have fought a good fight and have proven my record, and was ready to go. But since I got hold of Tanlac I have set my head to round out ninety years, and from the way I feel now I believe I will do it. Before I began taking this medicine I was rapidly losing what little strength and flesh I had, and was so weak and debilitated it was all I could do to walk from the bed to the chair, and even that required great exertion. I had no appetite at all, couldn't sleep to do any good and was awfully nervous. My flesh seemed to dry and I suffered a great deal with headache.

"I doctored and doctored, but did not show any sign of improvement. I attributed my failure to get relief to my old age and declining physical powers. But I made a bad guess, because after taking Tanlac two weeks I felt better and younger than I had felt in years. I am now on my ninth bottle, and am actually thirteen pounds heavier than I was before I began taking Tanlac. My clothes were too large—now they are too small, and I guess I will have to buy clothes that will fit me comfortably. To make a long story short—the medicine just seemed to fill me with new life and energy and put me right on my feet. I have a fine appetite now.

"As I told you before, I can now walk anywhere, and have thrown my cane aside, because I don't need it any more, except for bad eyesight. I spent four days in Memphis at the Reunion, and just tramped around all over town with the boys. All around were men who gave out during the parade, but at the end I was right there, and didn't feel the least bit tired. I just got back a few days ago, and am awfully glad to tell you what Tanlac has done for me. If I had the money I would buy every old soldier a bottle of Tanlac, because I believe it would add years to their lives."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.; in Winters by Owens Drug Store; and in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford.

SHIPS SAIL FOR ENGLAND

NORFOLK, Feb. 8.—Twenty-five British, French and Italian steamers loaded with munitions, cotton and other contraband of war, are leaving Virginia Points.

Warships will meet them twenty-five miles off the American shore and convoy them to their destination. Several Dutch, Danish and Swedish ships will keep close behind the convoy and expect protection from submarines by the battleships.

WILL LEAVE FOR MEXICO

Eugene Kipp came in Thursday at noon from Austin where he had been attending the State University and informed us that after a short visit with his mother, would leave for Mexico to join his father J. H. Kipp.

R. L. Menchew of the Norton country, and Peter Ewald of Rowena, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

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One cent per word first insertion.
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Call Telephone No. 37.

WANTED

WANTED—Furs, hides and junk. I buy everything that is loose. I. O. Wooden. 12-15-w12t

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Bargains in residence. Terms to suit. C. W. Northington. 7-4td1tw

FOR SALE—A good sandy land farm, well improved, plenty wood and water, good orchard, 65 acres in cultivation. Will sell or trade. $300 cash and $300 per year till paid. C. A. Freeze, the Singer agent. Ballinger, Texas. 2-6td1twpd.

FOR SALE—240 acres of land in east part of McCulloch county. 110 acres in cultivation; two sets of houses; plenty of wood and water, five miles of station on Frisco and seven miles from Santa Fe. Fronts on deep creek with quite a few pecan trees. Price $25 per acre, or will divide and sell in two tracts, 40 acres or more. Address Box 87, Ballinger, Texas. d7w1t-pd

Take Notice—I am in the market, as a conservative buyer, for all kinds of cattle. Phone 192. Abe Mulkey. 2-2td2tw

FOR SALE—One Indian motorcycle, two 1916 model Fords, and one five-passenger Buick, almost as good as new. Bargains. Central Garage. 19-tfw

FOR SALE—Twin Indian motorcycle, in first class condition. Cheap for cash. Will consider trade. See Briggs at Photo Studio. 15-tfw

FOR SALE—Willis' Prolific big boll cotton seed, $1.50 per bushel. Apply to Henry Seipp, "the one-horse farmer," Maverick, Texas. 9-3tw-pd.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Cottage, $5 per month. See C. W. Northington. 7-4td1tw.

LOST.

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All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, or otherwise trespass upon my Pecan Mott farm, or upon any and all other proprietors owned or controlled by me in this (Runnels County.)

dwtf C. A. DOOSE

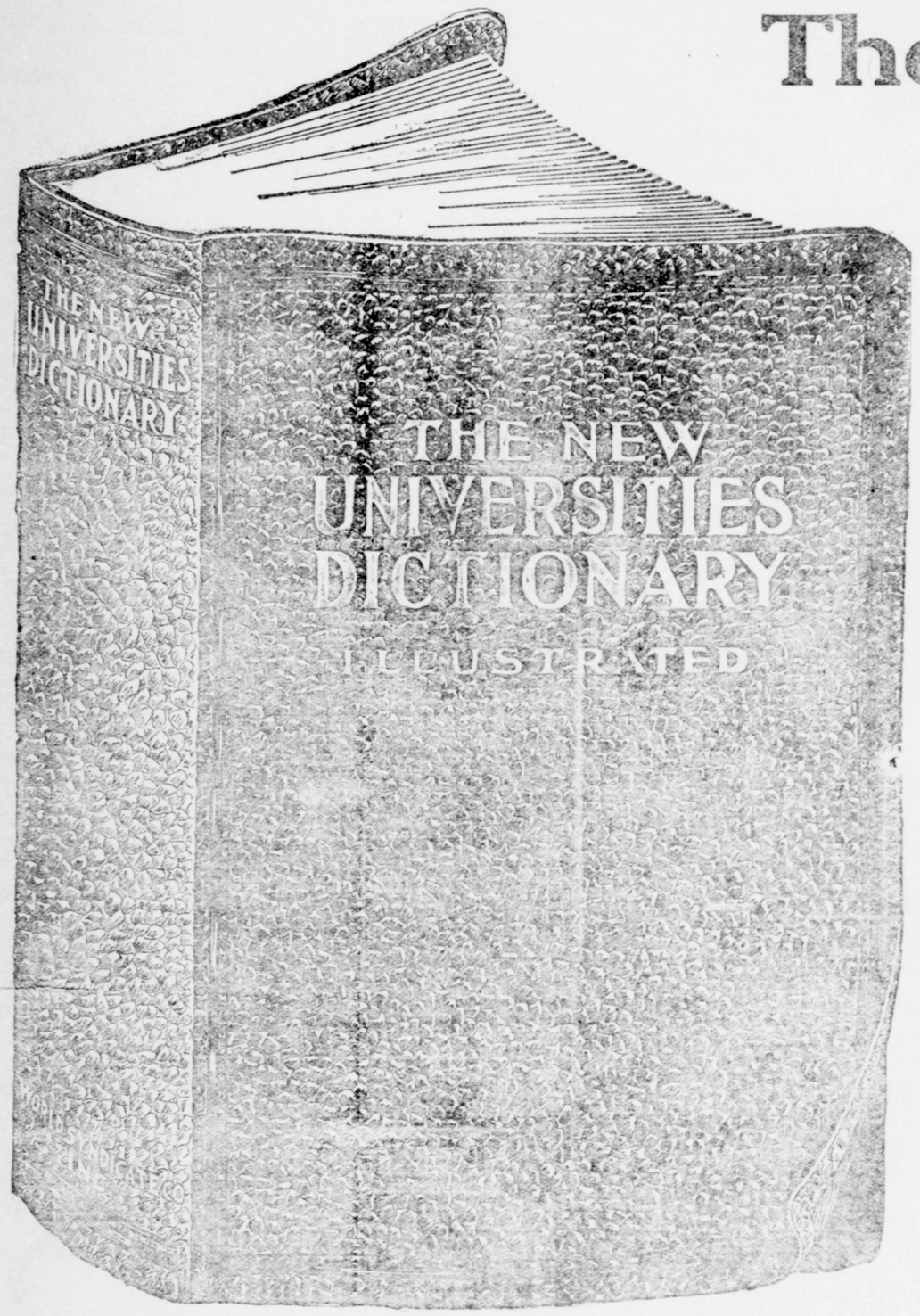
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POSTED—my pasture is posted, and the law governing same will be enforced. No hunting, day or night will be tolerated. It is my purpose to protect all game on my place, and the trespassers will take notice and avoid prosecution. J. W. RABY. 5-d tf-- w tf.

F. E. Clayton of the Benoit section, and Harl Orborn of Norton, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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AMMUNITION FACTORIES DOUBLE OUTPUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Bleached cotton fibre consumed in the United States in the manufacture of explosives during the three months ending Dec. 31, amounted to 81,700,539 pounds. Including linters and hull fibre 583,710 bales consumed for this purpose. For the year this will more than double the preceeding year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Following the escape last night of four sailors from the interned German steamer Serapis, all the crew of that vessel and also the crews of the Neptune, Ottawa, and Atlas were taken to the immigration station and are being held under guard.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The German government announced last night that the Americans taken from a submarined steamer and brought to a German port under guard, had been released.

Housatonic Had Warning.

Washington, Feb. 5—According to report received by the state department late yesterday, the Housatonic was not destroyed until proper warning had been given and the safety of the crew provided for. This report and the report that Americans held prisoners in Germany had been released, removed two of the problems that were confronting the American government.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Tenseness about the New York customs house was increased this morning when the destruction of part of the building was narrowly averted by the discovery of a lighted bomb directly under the private office of Collector Malone. Two employees of the custom house found the bomb in time to prevent the explosion Saturday afternoon, but the discovery was kept a secret until this morning.

A blinding snow storm adds to the difficulty of guarding bridges and public buildings and increases the apprehension of naval and military officials. Guards around public buildings and water front have been increased and every precaution is being used to prevent outbreak of bombing.

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 5.—The Ageoin, a Norwegian steamer, arrived at this port this morning from Gibraltar. On board the Ageoin was the Captain with forty of the crew of a Japanese steamer, the Chinto Maru.

A German submarine torpedoed the Jap ship on January 4th, and the crew was picked up in open boats two hundred miles from land by the Ageoin.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A wireless message received here from Berlin this morning says, "Negotiations are proceeding as to further concessions in submarine warfare without prejudicing its purposes." This is evidently based on wireless exchanges picked by British stations. The wireless announcement did not state between which points or between what nations negotiations were being carried on.

Washington Knows Nothing of Report.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The state department when called on for confirmation of above report stated that the United States did not know anything about negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, today offered the use of his car factory to the United States government in case of war with the Central Powers. Ford announced that he would convert his plant into a munitions factory and agreed to operate it for the government without a cent of profit to himself.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—American steamship line announces that the liner Philadelphia reached Liverpool at eleven o'clock last night. The Finland reached there at eight o'clock this morning. The liner New York, with two hundred and thirty-two passengers aboard, left Liverpool for New York at five o'clock yesterday morning.

Mrs. J. L. Miller, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home