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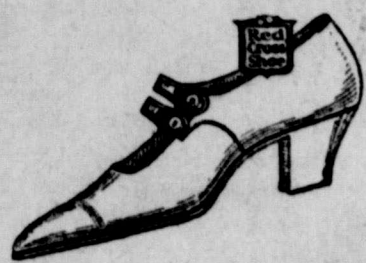
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and Hosiery

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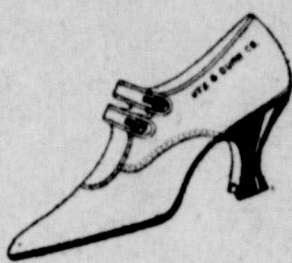


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Saturday Morning

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Ballinger, Texas

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RUSSELL WELL BLOWS 500 FEET PIPE IN AIR

Ballinger and surrounding towns were all put astir over the oil situation here Tuesday afternoon when the report came in from the Russell oil field stating that Russell No. 1, now owned by the Russell Production Co., had "sprung a leak" and was flowing fifteen barrels of oil per hour.

The report was later confirmed and considerable activity stimulated over the continued "cutting up" of this well.

A report direct to The Ledger over the phone from the well Wednesday noon stated that 500 feet of two inch pipe was blown from the hole and entangled in the derrick, the blow out taking place just a few minutes before noon.

A Ledger man called E. A.

Giesecke, who is at the well, over the phone at noon and asked him to "give us the latest and the straightest dope." Mr. Giesecke stated that the well had become clogged up and the drilling crew were attempting to locate the trouble Tuesday afternoon when the well began to flow and about thirty barrels of high grade oil flowed out within a couple of hours.

The Russell Production Company, which succeeded the Gulf Production Company in the Russell field, is drilling a new well near No. 1, and had been using gas from No. 1 for fuel and lighting, and a few days ago the two inch tubing which was furnishing the outlet for the gas from Russell No. 1 became stop-

ped up, and the workmen were busy Tuesday afternoon trying to clean out the tubing when the oil began to flow.

The work of cleaning out No. 1 was continued Wednesday morning, and while the drillers were trying to reach the packing the two inch tubing slipped and five hundred feet of the pipe shot up into the derrick, and the well sent out a terrific blast of gas, oil, rock and water, flowing for five minutes and sending the slush fifty feet above the top of the derrick.

Seventeen joints of the two-inch tubing were blown from the well, and the well settled down to a heavy rumbling, and at two o'clock a report from the field said that it was rumbling heavy, while the drillers were busy attempting to reach the packing and open it up.

The new well is down about 750 feet, and it is reported that Driller Sole has had his eye on No. 1 and has been anxious to get into it ever since he entered the field, and when the gas trouble set up a few days ago he promptly opened up No. 1 with the above results.

This well has been somewhat of an enigma ever since the drill reached the 2400 foot depth. The first showing came with a gush which shot oil twenty feet above the derrick, and since that time it has continued to furnish a strong gas supply with oil flowing by heads from time to time.

It is the opinion of geologists and drillers that the well is near a big paying field and will eventually blow itself in, and that further drilling in the proper direction from No. 1 will open a good field.

Considerable activity in lease trading and buying of stock in the new company is in progress here.

One Dead and Four Ill from Arsenic Poison

CONTRACT IS LET TO FINISH SAFETY FIRST

According to a contract entered into between O. Wilson, of Breckenridge, Texas, and F. W. Hunter, of this city, drilling will be resumed in the Safety First oil well three miles West of Ballinger within thirty days. The contract was signed here Wednesday, and Mr. Wilson returned to Breckenridge to begin moving a string of tools to Ballinger.

Under the terms of the contract, drilling will begin within thirty days from date of contract, and the well will be drilled to a depth of 3150 feet. If no oil is found at the 3150 foot depth, and the log of the well justifies it the hole of the Safety First well is in such shape that it can be drilled to a depth of 4,000 feet.

Those behind the development of this well are in no wise connected with the Safety First Oil Company of Douglass, Arizona, which company spudded in the well and drilled to its present depth—2665 feet. The old company exhausted its funds, threw up the sponge and quit the field, and went into bankruptcy, or in other words went "busted" and the present promoters of the completion of the well are said to have perfected plans for completing the well.

Mr. Hunter was formerly connected with the Safety First, but when the company suspended drilling, he set about to organize plans for finishing the well, and today he is the party to the contract with Mr. Wilson, who will come on the field and complete the hole.

Mr. Wilson is a large and successful contractor and driller, having at present five wells going down for the Texas Company in different fields. He owns and operates tools in practically every proven field in the country, and is doing considerable wild cat work.

The showing of the log of the Safety First or Los Arroyo well, is encouraging and further development will be watched with interest.

COUNTY CROWDS THE 25,000 BALE MARK

Up to Jan. 10th, 24,410 bales of cotton had been ginned in Runnels county from the 1921 crop. The total ginnings for the year falls only a few bales short of the 25,000 mark.

Runnels county continues to hold the front rank for cotton production in this territory, as is shown by the following figures, which also shows that Runnels county led the field in 1920.

	1920	1921
Runnels	24,410	47,531
Tom Green	2,193	3,613
Brown	5,027	19,950
Coleman	21,225	45,846
Concho	4,540	19,354
McCulloch	11,903	27,894
Nolan	13,227	17,466

In 1920 McLennan county ginned 122,309; Williamson, 134,355 and Ellis, 127,378; while no county in the state ginned as much as 100,000 bales in 1921. McLennan ginned only 56,831; Williamson, 66,129 and Ellis, 77,659 bales. Ellis received the largest yield for the season just closing. Hill ginned for the season just closing 56,122; Navarro 50,608, and Nueces 64,827. No other county in the state ginned more than 50,000 bales.

W. O. Shultz, of Millersview, and Harvey Ratchford, of Paint Rock, were here Tuesday to attend the stockholders' meeting of the Citizens Ice Company.

Charley Borders, a young married man and for many years a good citizen of the Maverick country, is dead, and four other members of the Borders family are recovering from poisoning used by mistake for baking powder in making bread.

Charley Borders died Tuesday afternoon, and was buried at Center Valley Wednesday afternoon. He was poisoned Saturday morning, and physicians called from Ballinger to assist the Norton physician in an attempt to save the man's life, but the arsenic poison had done its work, and death resulted after four days of suffering. The other members of the family, who also were seriously ill, and had a narrow escape, are believed to be out of danger.

Deceased and his family were visiting at the home of the father years old. He is survived by his wife and four orphan children, children of Mrs. Borders' sister, whom they had adopted to raise after the death of their mother.

Deceased was numbered among the best citizens of the Maverick country, and the tragedy cast a gloom over that section of the county and brings sorrow to the many friends of the family.

Mrs. Monroe Vogelsang and baby left for their home at San Antonio, Tuesday afternoon, after a month's visit to Mrs. Vogelsang's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis, and other relatives.

D. L. Tucker, of the Northern part of the county, was here Tuesday taking part in the hog shipment from this point to the Ft. Worth market.



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Would Stop Manufacture of Tequila

EL PASO, Jan. 23.—Owners of large maguay plantations are united in movement to block proposed legislation against the growing of the maguay plant. From the maguay plant is made tequila, sotol, and pulque, strong alcoholic beverages.

The planters claim that if prohibition is to go into effect, it should affect all manufacturers of liquor. Besides, they claim, maguay is used for a number of other things besides liquor. From the maguay plant can be manufactured fibre, rope, paper, sugar and other products of commercial value.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 23.—Americans who visit Mexico within the next several months may find that the cost of Mexican beer, which has become popular among residents along the international boundary, will have increased considerably, if plans now being considered by the Mexican government are carried out. Dispatches from Mexico City say that the government is contemplating a 100 percent increase in taxes on the manufacture of beer.

Owners of pulque haciendas in all Mexican states in which this drink is produced, as well as the manufacturers of all kinds of wines and alcohols, have started to organize a real campaign which is looked upon as very powerful and will attempt to

withstand a movement for a dry Mexico.

For sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy that men use. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the brain, sweetens the breath, restores energy and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

FOURTEEN RATTLES FOUND IN ONE HOLE

C. R. Roberson was in the city Monday from the Maverick country, and told the best snake story reported to The Ledger this year. Mr. Roberson stated that he saw fourteen rattlesnakes trapped in one hole on the McAuley ranch near Maverick. Mr. Dennis, according to Mr. Roberson, dug the snakes from the hole after the dogs had "freed" a rabbit in the hole. The snakes measured from three and a half to four feet long, and before they were exposed to the winter weather they made music with their rattlers.

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Mrs. J. R. Holloway returned home Sunday from Norton, where she has been helping to entertain a new grandson which arrived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Warren. The mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Advertise in The Ledger regularly and see your profits grow

COUNTY HERE FOR BASKET BALL

A large crowd gathered here from the various schools of the county last Saturday, despite the inclement weather, and the local baseball park was crowded with fans to witness the basketball tournament in which eight schools competed for county honors and for a place in the district meet.

The first events were preliminary games and the lowest teams dropped out. The teams competing were from Ballinger, Maverick, Miles, Winters, Drasco, Victory, Norton and Hagan schools. Following is the result of the preliminary games, together with the standing of the teams:

Victory vs. Ballinger, 26 to 19, favoring Victory.

Miles vs. Hagan, 49 to 16 favoring Miles.

Norton vs. Winters, 21 to 19, favoring Winters.

Drasco vs. Maverick, 21 to 19, favoring Drasco.

Two games were played in the semi-finals with the following results:

Victory vs. Miles, 23 to 22, favoring Victory.

Drasco vs. Winters, 44 to 23, favoring Drasco.

In the final play-off a bitter contest was staged between Victory and Drasco, the game continuing until almost dark, and Victory winning the county championship by a score of 28 to 22.

J. N. Key, superintendent of the Drasco school, and who was here with his team, filed a protest, and will contest the right of Duke, of the Victory school, to play in the game. The contest will be appealed to the state executive committee in charge of athletics, and should the committee rule out Duke, Miles will represent the county in the district meet, having made the next highest score.

The highest individual score was made by Duke, playing for Victory, making 66 points in three games.

Following is the standing of the eight teams which competed, according to the scores made in the various contests:

- First—Victory
- Second—Miles
- Third—Drasco
- Fourth—Maverick
- Fifth—Ballinger
- Sixth—Winters
- Seventh—Norton
- Eighth—Hagan

Shotwell, of Abilene; and Booth, of Ballinger, officiated at the tournament.

A game was matched between Victory and Jim Flynt's local basketball five, and the game is to be played here next Friday in the indoor court.

SOMETHING NEW

Gray Goose Shock Absorbers makes a feather bed for all Fords. They are guaranteed against loss of life and only cost \$12.50. After you use them ten days and are not satisfied we take them off and refund your money. See H. E. Deane for Gray Goose Shock Absorbers and other auto spring work.

BULLISH REPORT MARKET DROPS

The ginners report made public by the census bureau Monday morning showing the amount of cotton ginned up to Jan. 14th, failed to bring relief to the man with cotton on hand.

Cotton ginned up to the above date for the present season amounted to 7,913,971 bales as compared to 12,014,740 for the same date last year.

This should be a bullish report, but immediately following the publishing of the report the market dropped from 13 to 15 points, and showed a sharp decline for the day's trading.

W. E. Harter was in town Monday from the Winkate country, and asked to be added to our weekly Banner-Ledger list. Mr. Harter also subscribed for C. L. Harter, of Tahoka, Texas. He reported it too dry to bring up wheat in his section of the county but said he was not suffering for water for domestic purposes.

C. S. Guin and S. L. Williams are in Abilene today attending the meeting of West Texas Fair Secretaries.

CONFIRMS NEWS OF POPE'S DEATH

ROME, Jan. 23.—A meeting in the sacred college in conclave to elect a successor to the late Pope Benedict, will open on February first or second, it was stated today.

ROME, Jan. 23.—In Basilica, St. Peter's, the body of Pope Benedict lay in state today while vast crowds passed reverently before the catafalque.

Pope Benedict XV is dead, and the official announcement made, after two or three days of conflicting reports. Press reports sent out by the Associated Press Saturday, and published in The Ledger stated that the Pope was dead. Later reports Saturday night denied the death announcement, and Sunday's papers carried conflicting reports.

The Ledger received a message from Rome at two minutes after nine o'clock Sunday morning, saying: "Pope Benedict died at six o'clock this morning."

The message was dated at Dallas, where it was delayed to The Ledger at 1:58 a. m., Sunday, which, according to reckoning of time, was a few minutes after the Pope passed away. If Ballinger had been a city large enough to maintain a night Western Union service, we would have received the news of the Pope's death a few minutes after he died in Rome, and Ballinger could have read the news before breakfast.

However, the custom which keeps the world from knowing anything about the Pope's death until he has been dead for a certain length of time, seems to have been violated this time, and The Ledger announced the death about eighteen hours before the Pope "officially" breathed his last.

COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound" is Quickest Relief Known

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffling! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks any cold right up.

The very first dose opens clogged nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dizziness, feverishness.

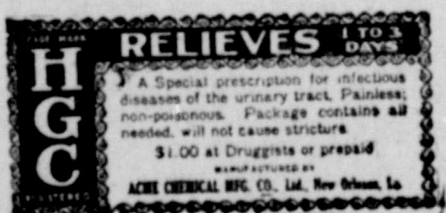
"Pape's Cold Compound" costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, contains no quinine—Insist upon Pape's!

EL PASO WOULD PUT THE "JELLYBEANS" IN BED

EL PASO, Jan. 19.—Too many boys and girls in their teens have been out late at night and it must stop, says a decree from the city officials and the police department.

The League of Women Voters started the movement and the churches joined in, which calls for re-umption of the curfew. El Paso rasd a curfew law, but for many years it has not been enforced. Now, however, curfew will ring again—or rather, blow, for the curfew is the biggest whistle in town and can be heard for miles.

Boys and girls under 16 must be home by 9 o'clock, or policemen will hold them for their parents.



COLEMAN BANK MAY OPEN SOON

The scheduled meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Coleman, to be held last Tuesday, was deferred another week on account of absentee stockholders, who, it was stated, made request that the reorganization meeting be postponed one week.

It is confidently expected that arrangements will be completed for re-opening the institution following the meeting of the stockholders to be held next Tuesday.—Coleman Democrat Voice

CASCARETS 10¢

For Constipated Bowels, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Bilious Liver

The nicest cathartic, laxative in the world to physic your liver and bowels when you have Dizzy Headache, Colds, Biliousness, Indigestion, or Upset, Acid Stomach is candy-like "Cascarets." One or two tonight will empty

your bowels completely by morning, and you will feel splendid. "They work while you sleep." Cascarets never stir you up or gripe like Salts, Pills, Calomel, or Oil and they cost only ten cents a box. Children love Cascarets too.

NEW HEAD FOR HIGHWAY BOARD

AUSTIN, Jan. 23.—A successor to Rollin J. Windrow, state highway engineer, who recently resigned, will probably be selected by the State Highway Commission at a meeting this afternoon, according to advices from the regular monthly meeting of the commission, which held a brief session this morning.

The commission also has under consideration a large number of applications for state and federal aid on highway work in different sections of the state. A reduction of salaries for the highway engineers is also under consideration. The total salary at present is \$9,000.

Mrs. T. E. Butler of Aberdeen, Mississippi, came in at noon Friday, and will visit Mrs. E. L. Rashby and other friends in Ballinger.

POSTAL MONEY ORDER THEFT IS CHARGED

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—John Cook, age 32, of San Antonio, was arrested here today by postoffice inspectors charged with stealing a pad of money order blanks. The inspectors claim Cook stole ninety-seven blank postoffice money order blanks, and had realized more than \$5,000 from filling in the blanks and cashing them.

It is alleged Cook operated in Fort Worth, Kansas City, and Chicago, passing all the orders which he had cashed at jewelry stores in the above cities. His method was to purchase watches and other articles of jewelry and present a money order filled in for more than the purchase price of the watch and get cash change. Later it is presumed he sold the watches and jewelry.



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White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. P. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine.

At all druggists.

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250 Pimples, 736 Blackheads and 3 Boils!

No reward is offered, because they are lost forever! No question will be asked, except one question, "How did you lose them?" There is but one answer—"I cut out new fad treatments and guesswork; I used one of the most powerful blood-purifiers, blood-purifiers and flesh-builders known, and that is S. S. S. Now my face is pinkish, my skin clear as a rose, my cheeks are filled out and my rheumatism, too, is gone!" This will be your experience, too, if you try S. S. S. It is guaranteed to be purely vegetable in all its remarkably effective medicinal ingredients. S. S. S. means a new history for you from now on! S. S. S. is sold at all drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is the more economical.

Found,—that glorious feeling that comes with a clear, pure, ruddy complexion.

SAYS LEDGER AD IS ONE OF BEST

"Ledger, Ballinger, Texas, 'Gentlemen: 'We have been clipping the ads which we ran in quite a number of papers all over the State of Texas, and have picked out the three which appeared to us to be the most attractive and best arranged. 'The one you ran in your paper was one of the three best and we want to assure you that we appreciate your trouble in setting up an attractive ad, and arranging it in an attractive manner. 'Yours very truly, 'F. T. RAMSEY & SON, 'The Austin Nursery, 'Austin, Texas.'"

IF STOMACH IS BAD LET DIAPEPSIN END GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" has proven itself the surest relief for Indigestion, Gases, Flatulence, Heartburn, Sourness, Fermentation, or Stomach Distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief and shortly the stomach is corrected so you can eat favorite foods without fear. Large case costs only few cents at drug store. Millions helped annually.

MAN WAS NOT PLACED IN JAIL

"Editor Ledger: 'Please publish the following: It is a sad mistake about Robert Barnett being placed in the Ballinger jail, as he is not in jail and never has been. (Signed): 'His Brother, J. W. Barnett, 'His Mother, Mrs. L. C. Barnett.'"

The Ledger, in giving an account of the arrest of Robert Barnett, erred in stating that he was placed in jail in Ballinger. The facts: A complaint filed against Barnett in the Court at Ballinger charging with assaulting a woman named assault. Barnett arrested at Brownwood and for the Ballinger officer. Flynn went to Brownwood and accepted bond for the man. He was released. Later he was guilty to the charge, paid the fine assessed against him, and relatives here paid the balance of the fine, and the matter settled as far as the law is concerned.—Editor.

SANTA FE PAINTING ELM CREEK BRIDGE

A crew of Santa Fe painters has been here for the past few days painting the Elm Creek railroad bridge. The job was practically finished when the cold weather delayed them a little but the work will continue now until complete.

Use Ledger Classifieds

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Will Pecans Take the Place of Steak for Our Children?

It would no doubt be interesting history, if it were known how the first pecan tree sprang up on the banks of the Colorado river, the Concho, and other tributary streams in this section of West Texas.

About the only information available is that the pecan is a native of this country, and thrives here, often making valuable crops of nuts when other crops fail.

In recent years home owners have become interested in the development of the pecan industry, and the imported trees are now yielding a revenue, in addition to furnishing a better class of home grown nuts, the trees are serving as ornamental, shade trees.

It has been thoroughly demonstrated that the soil here is particularly adapted to growing pecans, and with a reasonable amount of irrigation during the life of the young trees, the imported pecan soon puts on a growth which will carry it thru the summer without irrigation.

In addition to the grafted pecans which have been imported and are being grown here successfully, considerable budding has been carried on, and owners of native pecan timber have budded the imported branches onto the native trunks, and this is proving successful in developing the better grade of pecan.

This is transplanting season, and the experience of those who put out pecans several years ago, and who are now reaping a harvest of rich nuts, should prompt others to not only beautify their premises, but plant for a money crop by setting out a well selected grade of thin shell pecan.

Should the big irrigation project be developed, the pecan industry will become an important one. Trees planted along the ditches and canals will add value to the land, and serve in making shade, as well as bringing in a revenue to the land owner.

If properly handled the pecan could be made one of the best by-products of the irrigation system and open a nut marketing center at Ballinger, even greater than at present.

AUSTIN, Jan. 23.—When round steaks become scarce and costly, will Texas, which has furnished much of the nation's meat supply, furnish a substitute in pecans? Such a question can be answered only by future generations, but it is not improbable, according to J. H. Burkett, pecan specialist of the State Department of Agriculture and secretary of the Texas Pecan Growers Exchange.

"Pecans have been found to contain the proteins and vitamins that exist in meat," Mr. Burkett said. "One pound of nuts has the food value of one and one-half pounds of round steak and one-half pound of butter. Pecans, therefore, are a valuable substitute for these foods."

Pecan growing will outstrip the other agricultural products of Texas when properly developed, Mr. Burkett predicted. Probably not more than 25 per cent of the people of the United States are acquainted with the pecan in the shell, he said. Texas produces 75 to 80 per cent of the entire commercial crop of the world.

Mexico is Texas' greatest competitor. The Mexican pecan crop appears on the Northern market two or three weeks ahead of the Texas crop, according to Mr. Burkett, and altho the product is not of very good quality, it commands a price of about 13 cents a pound. The market price of Texas pecans, in carlots, ranges from 14 to 17 cents a pound, depending upon the grade of the product, altho 25 cents and 30 cents a pound are frequently paid for fancy and choice pecans.

While pecan growing has been regarded heretofore as a "pick-up" or "side" industry, Mr. Burkett said, it has been worth from one to three million dollars to Texas. Rapid strides in the growth of the industry, placing it on a basis of other crops, are contemplated by the state department of agriculture.

The department of agriculture has assisted in budding, grafting and propagating pecans and has fostered development of the industry through teaching the growers how to care for the trees, both native and planted. There

are approximately 5,000,000 pecan trees of bearing age in Texas, Mr. Burkett estimated, and most of these are native, altho some planted trees are just beginning to bear. Growers in Texas have planted about 200,000 pecan trees, in nursery groves, according to Mr. Burkett's figures.

Development of the pecan industry, Mr. Burkett said, has been handicapped by a lack of knowledge of the crop's requirements. Growers know that the trees are moisture loving, he said, but they have not been able to determine a balanced ration for the trees. It is along this line that information is being sought.

Meanwhile, much is being done for the industry in the way of budding and grafting. Mr. Burkett and his assistant, O. L. Wallace, go among the growers each year and explain the processes. In the winter they show the growers how to set out the trees. E. E. Riesen, of San Saba, Texas, is "father" of the budding process, Mr. Burkett said. Mr. Riesen, an English horticulturist, has been active in experimenting with pecan growing.

There are a number of large pecan groves in Texas, according to Mr. Burkett. One of these is the grove of E. C. Butterfield, near Winona, Smith county, who has 1,000 acres, containing 32,000 pecan trees. Mr. Butterfield, said Mr. Burkett, grew peaches profitably while his pecan trees were starting.

Possibilities for profit from pecan growing are large, Mr. Burkett said. A profit of ten per cent can be realized on an investment of \$1,000 an acre in 20 years and on an investment of \$5,000 an acre in 40 years, when the trees become full bearing, he said. Offers of \$5,000 an acre for pecan groves have been refused in some East Southern states, according to reports received here. Other large pecan growing states are Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. Headquarters of the National Pecan Growers' Exchange is in Georgia.

EL PASO, Jan. 23.—A campaign has been started by the El Paso county Farm Bureau to encourage the planting of pecan trees in the Rio Grande Valley. Orchardists from the State Department of Agriculture and local planters, after many experiments here, have found a variety of pecan that grows well here.

The small grove of trees, still producing, is in the town of San Elizario, 20 miles from here in the valley. The trees, orchardists estimate, are 200 years old. A small grove planted 12 years ago is near Ysleta, 12 miles from El Paso. Three other trees are scattered up and down the valley for a distance of 30 miles and are said to be the only trees in this part of the state.

CALOMEL USERS TAKE AWFUL RISK

Very Next Dose of Treacherous Drug may Start Terrible Salivation

The next dose of calomel you take may salivate you. It may shock your liver or start bone necrosis. Calomel is dangerous. It is mercury, quicksilver. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

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J. W. Hall and wife, of Denton, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Wm. Hall. Mr. Hall is a blackland farmer but has been making frequent visits to this section for several years, and is now greatly interested in the irrigation project here.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over thirty years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment. Never attempt to relieve your baby with a remedy that you would use for yourself.

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BROTHER KILLED IN HOUSTON

Dr. J. W. Blasdel left Saturday morning for Houston in response to a message stating that his brother had been seriously hurt. Dr. Blasdel received a message Saturday morning stating that his brother died at 12 o'clock Friday night, dying before Dr. Blasdel reached his bedside. The messages received here did not state how the man was hurt nor give any of the details.

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THREAT LETTER LEADS TO ARREST

COLEMAN, Jan. 20.—Officers arrested a young man at the postoffice yesterday at noon when he called for mail. Several days ago Mrs. M. Tye Overall received a threatening letter demanding \$800 or take the consequences. It was signed "Ku Klux Klan." Mrs. Overall was advised by officers to drop a letter in the office with paper in the envelope, addressed to the name in the threatening letter.

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200 acres, 3 miles West of Ballinger, 75 acres in cultivation, dandy set of improvements, \$25.00 per acre. Will give any kind of terms.

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Pay your poll tax.

Plant a pecan tree.

Are you ready for the rain?

Runnels county seems to be
candidateless.A woman has filed suit against
the Ku Klux Klan. More free
publicity for the Ku Kluxers.Why not plan a pecan palace
as a part of our fall fair? We
should not leave the nuts out of
our candy.Most of the delinquent children
are the offspring of delinquent
parents. It is at exceptional boy
who makes a good man despite
the failure of his parents to help
him.Even the grouch must admire
the courage of the fellow who is
busy planning for a spring garden.The plumber is getting his
while the getting is good, and it
is an ill wind which fails to blow
joy to some soul.Who will be the next post-
master general does not interest
some folks near as much as who
will be the next postmaster here.Income tax notices which are
flickering through the mails are
of little consequence to Runnels
county citizens. Most of us have
managed to hold our earnings
down within the limit.The Coleman Democrat-Voice
says, "Jim Ned well on top of
sand showing lots of oil." That's
what we want; oil, oil, oil, lots
of oil. We have learned to do
without water.Editor's little daughter: "Dad-
dy, where do all the fishes go
when it doesn't rain?"Editor: "Get your lesson,
daughter, don't bother daddy
when he is reading."There are at least two classes
of people in Baller. One is
seated on the stool of do-nothing
waiting for an oil well to blow
in, and another is leaving nothing
undone to develop the big
irrigation project. Let us hope
that reward will come to both.The Galveston police chief, who
says he will not permit a K. K.
parade in that city, might
learn a lesson from Sheriff Buch-
anan, of McLennan county. A
blind man can tell why Galveston's
chief is anti-Ku Klux.Uncle Sam's peace dollar will
not bring perfect peace unless a
sufficient number is coined to
pay delinquent taxes and have a
few left to buy gasoline. What
the country really needs is a
few distress dollars.

WAVING THE RED FLAG

The winter hot-stove league is
mapping out the year's campaign
in baseball. The West Texas
League this year should be a
great success. Abilene, with two
penants to her credit, will go
after a third pennant this year
—and expects to cop the little
old rag. Abilene fans should
loyally support the home team,
as in the past.—Abilene Report-
er.Abilene fans seem to have over-
looked the fact that Sweetwater
is out for the same rag. Accord-
ing to local predictions the only
opportunity that Abilene will
have to see the 1922 pennant is
to come over to Sweetwater at
the close of the season.—Sweet-
water Reporter.Abilene fans will never forget
the close race Ballinger put up
for the second half, and the
Bears go out after the rag
again this year, the Swatters
and Eagles may swat and claw,
but Ballinger will be busy
scratching. But what seems to
be the perplexing problem at
this stage of the game, is not so
much who will win the rag, but
who is going to furnish the fin-
ances to keep the pennant wav-
ing. We understand that it re-
quires cash to buy baseballs and
pay war taxes.

Use Ledger Classifieds.

THE NATION'S PAPERS

There are 22,353 newspapers in
the United States, a decrease of
2,515 since 1916. The falling off
is due to the cost of paper and
labor, forcing many small town
papers to suspend publication.The tendency during the last
five years has been for better
newspapers, conducted on a
higher plane of business ethics,
and the elimination in competi-
tion has made it possible for the
publishers to give better papers
and better service.There is no city of less than
28,000 population in Texas with
more than one daily paper. At
the close of 1921 there were 14-
633 weekly publications in the
United States which is 2,535 less
than in 1916. There are 149
fewer daily papers than in 1916.Sworn circulation statements
show that daily papers have made
a wonderful gain in circulation
during the past few years. This
is accounted for by the extension
of daily mail service, and the in-
crease in interest of the reading
public in current events.The newspaper has gained
standing with the manufacturers,
wholesalers, jobbers and retail-
ers as an advertising medium,
and a class of advertising never
before seen in daily newspapers
is appearing today.

ILLITERACY

The Ledger carries an extract
today from the composite of
population of Runnels county
which shows that 3.1 per cent of
the total population of the county
is classified as illiterate.This means that 3.1 per cent of
the population of Runnels county
who are ten years of age or over
can neither read nor write.A further study of the census
report will reveal the deplorable
fact that more than fifteen per
cent of the children of the county
over seven years of age are not
in school, and that 21.9 per cent
of the children between the ages
of 14 and 15 are out of school.
The report further shows that
only 45.3 per cent of the children
between 16 and 17 are in school,
and that only 13.4 per cent of the
children between the ages of 18
and 20 are in school.In this day of free schools and
free text books, the fathers and
mothers of the children between
the ages of 14 and 15 are doing
such children a gross injustice
by not compelling them to attend
school. There are 21.9 per cent,
or one out of every five children
of this age in the county who are
being neglected.Many pupils are completing
their high school work under the
advanced method of school work
today at sixteen and seventeen
years of age, and very few who
apply themselves are required to
remain in school far beyond their
eighteenth birthday before re-
ceiving their diplomas. This to
some extent accounts for the low
percentage of school attendance
between these ages.Neglect, indifference and lack
of parental authority can only
account for the low percentage
of school attendance between the
ages of 7 and 15 years.Under the present free school
and free text book system, the
poorest father in Runnels county
can send his boy or girl to school
at least a part of the term, and
there is a law to make him do it,
and it should be enforced for the
benefit of future society.

THE FUNERAL OF A CITY

A city that had once been
lively, progressive and prosper-
ous, suffered an attack of civic
anemia and declined until it
reached that condition where it
was generally referred to as "a
dead one."It was on its way to the ceme-
tery.Hiram Hogital, whose motto
"Get It While the Gettin' is
Good," is sufficient introduction
during the city's grave.The firm of Pinhead, Pessimist
& Crepe Hanger embalmed the
remains.The firm of Selfishness &
Swinesnout, who had always been
so busy feathering their own nest
that they never had any time for
the city's affairs, donated the
city's shroud.Pinchem & Pennysqueez, who
never believed in advertising,
furnished the coffin.Old Pompous Proudpuze, who
never gave a penny to a public
enterprise, drove the hearse.A select quartette from the
Clique Club sang the Doxology.
The Rev. Mr. Mossback preach-
ed the funeral sermon.Mr. Home Town Knecker don-
ated the tombstone and old Billy
Bollweaver carved the epitaph.
Messrs. Deolittle, Croaker,
Dutthead, Barback, Wathlan,
ket and Whats-the-Use acted as

pallbearers.

The only person who had no
official part in the obsequies was
Mr. Live Wire, who got off the
train by mistake and attended
the funeral because there was
nothing else to do between trains.
—Corpus Christi Evening Times.THE THRICE-A-WEEK
EDITION OF THE NEW
YORK WORLD CHEAPClubbing Rate With Daily and
Banner-Ledger is Lowest
for any High Class
Newspaper.The whole world is being made
over and the United States is
taking the lead in the work. This
year, particularly, history will be
made, and every American citi-
zen will be deeply interested.
No other newspaper is better
equipped to give the news of the
world at the time it is news than
The New York World. And all
the local city and county news is
being carried in The Daily Led-
ger and The Banner-Ledger.The "thrice-a-week" edition
of The New York World is
the greatest example of compre-
hensive journalism in America.
It will keep you as thoroughly
informed as a daily which would
cost five or six times as much.
It is a unique newspaper, pub-
lished three times a week, for
\$1.00 (One Dollar) a year. This
is the regular subscription price
and it pays for 156 newspapers.
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of The Daily Ledger for one
year is \$4.50; for the weekly
Banner-Ledger, \$1.50.We offer this unequalled New
York World and The Daily Led-
ger, one year, for \$5.25. With
the weekly Banner-Ledger and
The World, the annual subscrip-
tion is \$2.00.This rate is in effect until
March 1st, 1922. Act now.
25-d&w-tf.SOLDIER BONUS
IN PROSPECTWASHINGTON, Jan. 25. —
Assurance that a permanent tar-
iff bill would be reported to the
Senate early in February and
passed before the close of the
present session of congress was
given to the Republican leaders
in the house today by the Senate
Republican leaders at a confer-
ence held by the two during the
early part of the day.An agreement has been reach-
ed by the conference that the pro-
posed soldier relief compensa-
tion bill should originate in the
House, and the bill will be intro-
duced in that branch first. House
leaders said today that the mea-
sure would be drafted immedi-
ately by the ways and means
committee and probably reported
to the House within the next
two weeks.WILLIAMS GUEST AT
DIRECTORS' BANQUETOn the eve of his departure for
Pasadena, California, where he
will become a benedict, Stuart L.
Williams, Secretary of the Young
Men's Business League, was
honor guest at an informal din-
ner given by the directors of the
league at the Central Hotel Tues-
day night.Covers were laid for about
twenty, and the spread came as
somewhat of a surprise to Sec.
Williams as he was not ap-
prised of the occasion until a
short time before the hour set
for the directors to gather at
the hotel.Not only was the occasion one
of surprise to begin with, but
other surprises were sprung as
the hour passed around the ban-
quet board, and the prominent
commercial secretary was intro-
duced into some of the mysteries
of married life which will make
it easier for him to undergo the
program laid out for him the
next week.The banquet was only a mild
appreciation expressed by the
directors of the Y. M. B. L. for
the splendid services of Secre-
tary Williams, and quite a num-
ber of impromptu speeches were
made in which he was warned
and advised of the responsibili-
ties he is about to assume.Mr. Williams left Wednesday
afternoon for Pasadena, where
he is to wed on February first,
Miss Eley Cole, a prominent
young woman of Greenwich,
Conn., the wedding to take place
at the Cole winter home in Pa-
sadena. After a two weeks honey-
moon the happy couple will re-
turn to Baller and be at home
at the Mrs. Tom Ward house on
Eighth Street.LOCAL FANS
IN SUSPENSELocal fans are being held in
suspense as to the final perfect-
ing of plans for their popular
sport and amusement thru the
coming summer. The Ballinger
Baseball Club, an incorporated
organization, with a franchise to
play professional baseball, and
with a team of professional base-
ball players on their hands, are
still "up in the air," holding a
membership in the West Texas
League."The meeting at Stamford was
well attended," said Leroy Nich-
olson, who with Carl Guin, rep-
resented Ballinger at the meet-
ing, "but no schedule was ar-
ranged, nor was the circuit com-
pleted." Mr. Guin also stated
that the league organization had
not been perfected for the com-
ing season, as it was not definite-
ly known what towns would com-
pose the circuit.Amarillo was the only town,
outside of Stamford and the
old members, which was ready to
play ball. Amarillo will be ad-
mitted to the league, and negoti-
ations are on with Lubbock and
Plainview.Following the meeting of local
business men and fans here last
Friday, Messrs. Guin and Nichol-
son were instructed to attend the
Stamford meeting, and dispose of
the franchise and team and
withdraw from the league, no
plan having been devised for fin-
ancing the club thru the season.
The Ballinger representatives re-
turned home without disposing of
the team and Ballinger is still
in the league.Three propositions are still up
to the local fans: Dispose of the
team, and withdraw from the league;
put up the necessary support
to play ball; or simply
"blow up" and quit.Another league meeting will be
called in the near future, and
in the meantime local fans will
continue to figure out some plan
for playing ball.LEGION 44;
ROWENA 26The American Legion basket-
ball team here swamped the
team from Rowena last night to
the tune of 44 to 26. The Leg-
ion boys showed better team
work at every stage of the game
and easily outplayed the Rowena
team from the first whistle to
the last. All substitutes were
used and the small crowd that
witnessed the game saw some
fast work by both teams.Rowena has only had a quin-
tet organized for a short time
but had some good material on
their team and with more team-
work and some hard practice it
will be a very good team in a
short while. The Legion showed
the effects of the games with
Howard Payne and while they
lost three games to the collegians
they have profited by the defeats
and learned more in a short time
than they could have any other
way and will be able now to
give any team in this part of
the country a hard tussle.Other games will be announced
in the near future and the fans
are urged to come out and see
these games. If you never at-
tended a basketball game don't
say you do not like it until you
see one.According to statistics com-
piled by federal prohibition en-
forcement agents there are 2-
500,000 drinkers in the United
States, 17,500,000 having gone
on the water wagon, or drunk
themselves to death since the
stuff was outlawed. With many
wine bibbers hiding behind the
garage door, in the coal bins and
closets, and drinking all kinds
of extracts, we fear that the
statistics are not correct. But
at any rate it cannot be denied
that the breed is rapidly becom-
ing extinct.We have often heard that it
is darkest just before dawn. We
do not insinuate that we are
passing through the darkest part
of the night, but for the benefit
of the discouraged, why not look
at the threatened oil boom and
the big irrigation project which
is gaining favor every day?Scott H. Mack is in Dallas at-
tending the hardware men's
convention, and will visit his
home who are in school at T. C.
U.NEW LAW FIRM TO
OPEN AT WINTERSThis will announce the opening
of the new law firm at Winters
composed of A. O. Strother and
Wallace Hawkins. Judge Strother
is a new man in Winters, having
moved here about the first of
September to engage in the prac-
tice of the law. Judge Hawkins
is well known in this section of
West Texas, having served the
district in the Legislature at the
time of the opening of the war
at which time he resigned to go
to the training camp and serve
his country. He is now one of
the assistants in the Attorney
General's Department and resid-
ing in Austin. Both these men
are graduates of the University
of Texas and are well prepared
in their work.This firm was established at
the beginning of the new year
and was a consummation of a
long friendship between the
two, and a desire on the part of
Judge Hawkins to have an office
in Runnels county that he may
keep in touch with his home peo-
ple and thus have an established
place of business while serving
his state as Assistant Attorney
General. He will continue his
duties in Austin for the time be-
ing and will act as a counsellor
in the firm and will take an ac-
tive part in important cases that
need the attention of both men.
Judge Strother will have his of-
fice and residence in Winters.
Numerous inquiries come to
Judge Hawkins from his home
counties and under the new ar-
rangement it will be possible for
much better service to be ren-
dered as he will have some one
on the home ground to look af-
ter the interest of the client and
help complete transactions that
are taken up through the associ-
ate partner. The firm will build
a partnership library and estab-
lish a two day communication by
mail. Through the local office
matters of state importance that
need attention to the capital may
be easily transacted.This firm should be a valuable
asset to Winters and the sur-
rounding country since the town
has been without a law firm for
so long a period. At the same
time with these men knowing
each other as they do they
should be able to be of much
service to each other.
adv. 19-1td-1twIRRIGATION ASS'N
SENDS OUT DATAThe Colorado Valley Irrigation
Association is sending out de-
scriptive data on the irrigation
project to engineering, construc-
tion, manufacturing and agri-
cultural newspapers and maga-
zines throughout the United
States. Many of these papers
have already made requests for
this information in order to pre-
sent it thru their columns to
readers who are interested in
the various phases of develop-
ment projects of this character.The association has already
given this section favorable pub-
licity in many parts of the coun-
try, and will continue to adver-
tise this country and the possi-
bilities of the big irrigation pro-
ject, until the tide of investors
and purchasers is definitely
turned in this direction.Naturally, one of the principal
reasons for putting over a
scheme of this character is to
bring in new capital and the
development of an irrigation sys-
tem will not fully benefit the
land owners unless they have
some outlet for their surplus
land.The present advertising cam-
paign is only a beginning of a
larger and better organization
publicity drive which will be put
on foot when the work is once
under way. It will then be nec-
essary to resort to the advertis-
ing columns of newspapers which
will reach the ultimate purchas-
er.Every indication points to a
favorable report on the project
from the engineers interested,
and the creation of a district
and the issuance of bonds before
the close of the current year.When Senator Penrose was
laid to rest recently, the family
employed guards to keep people
out of the cemetery in order that
the funeral might be a private
affair. The rule is the reverse of
the average death. Often there
are not a sufficient number of
men present to act as pall bear-
ers. It is not pleasant to attend
funerals, but the man who at-
tends the most funerals is serv-
ing well for humanity.CITY PROPERTY
CHANGES HANDS.A deal was closed by E. Shep-
perd & Co. this week whereby
M. S. Karmory buys one lot on
7th Street. Mr. Karmory stated
that some time in the near fu-
ture he will build a home on this
property, but that he is in no
hurry about building before the
oil and irrigation booms com-
mence, when he wants to be sure
of a home to live in. He says he
went through the oil boom at
Wichita Falls and when one
comes this way he doesn't want
to try to rent a house.C. R. Stone has purchased the
two lots between Mrs. Pape and
Leroy Nicholson on Broadway.
Claude feels as does Mr. Kar-
mory and he firmly believes that
the boom is not far off and is
getting ready so he will have a
place to build a home when it
hits. He does not contemplate
building immediately however.W. B. Wood, now in Granger,
owns a lot on Broadway, and on
a visit here Christmas he said
that some day he intended to re-
turn to Ballinger and that his
holding was not for sale. He
further asserted that when the
boom that was coming to Ball-
inger arrived he would not be able
to rent a house and that he wanted
to have a site on which to
erect one.Local real estate men report
daily inquiries on Ballinger and
Runnels county property and
non-resident property owners are
advancing their prices on real es-
tate here.For the common everyday ills
of mankind there is nothing to
equal Tanlac. John A. Weeks.Those who have been tempor-
arily let out of employment, or
until business conditions im-
prove, find it a bad time to take
a vacation. This would be a
nice old time to spend a lifetime,
if we could have things made to
fit our wishes.This is the wettest country on
earth, considering that it won't
rain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Rep. 11th District:
CLAUDE E. CARTERBanner-Ledger
Want AdsWANTED—Furs, they are im-
proving in quality and price. I.
O. Wooden. 3-44-4wWANTED—Fur. Beware of
the traveling buyer. His ex-
pense is greater than mine—his
outlet no better. Bring your
Fur to Ballinger and get its
value. I. O. Wooden.
10-4td-4twFOR SALE—Good milch cow,
fresh. Phone 5603.
20-4tw.*FOR SALE—Four White Leg-
horn Cocks; two years old; prize
winners. Happy Hollow Farm,
Phone 7004. 20-tfwFOR SALE—One Universal
Moline Tractor together with
triple disc Plow, one double rom
lister Planter and one double
row disc Harrow. Price will be
right. See or write, P. J. Baron,
Rowena, Texas. 20-tfdFOR SALE—160 acre farm,
130 acres in cultivation, now
broke with tractor ready for
planting. For price and terms,
see P. J. Baron, Rowena, Texas.
20-tfwFARM WANTED—Wanted to
hear from owner of a farm for
sale, give lowest price and full
particulars. L. Jones, Box 625,
Olney, Ill. 27-1tw.*FOR SALE—I have 800 bushels
of good Rowden cotton seed
\$1.10 per bushel gin run, or
\$1.50 machine culled. Raised in
1920. Free of weevils. W. S.
Jackson, Robert Lee, Texas, Coke
County. 27-1tw.*FOR SALE—or trade. 1918
model Ford touring car, fine
shape. Would take livestock. C.
W. Evans, Phone 7611.
25-1td-1twWANTED—To rent a small
farm on the halves. J. M. Avery.
Phone 630. 24-7td-3w.*

Farmers Should Keep Eye On Europe's Crop Movement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Recommendations for the repeal of what is commonly known as the guaranty clause in the transportation act, and a return to the state railroad commissions control over state rates, was voted today by the sub-committee on railway transportation at the National Agricultural Conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The farmers attending the National Agricultural Conference here today went on record as endorsing Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer. The offer made for the proposition by Ford was also endorsed by a group of editors of agricultural papers who are here attending the farmers' conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The European situation and its relation to American agriculture, was discussed in the national agricultural conference here today by C. F. Warren, of Ithaca, New York. Mr. Warren said that agriculture in Europe was getting back to the normal stage more rapidly than other industries.

Mr. Warren said that England in prohibiting the importation of livestock for fattening purposes was putting land back into grass, and giving the farmers a monopoly in supplying the best meat.

Mr. Warren emphasized the great needs of accurate information for American farmers regarding European production and demand. "For years," said Mr. Warren, "conditions in Europe will be subject to erratic changes in both supply and demand, and we need to know all the currents of agricultural movement as far in advance as possible."

The speaker stated that because deflation did not begin in Europe last year prices there were still much above the pre-war level and stimulated production to meet the demand.

Eugene Meyer, director of the War Finance Corporation, de-

clared that a collapse in the cotton market did more than anything else to bring on a break in other markets, as cotton, he declared, was the key product.

Mr. Meyer praised the co-operative farmers' associations and advocated sufficient warehouse facilities and financial means to enable producers to market their products in an orderly manner.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Delegates from all sections of the country, representing agricultural industries and dependent agriculture, assembled here today for the opening of the national conference, which was called for the purpose of considering the present situation confronting the farmer, and for the laying down of a permanent agricultural policy.

The conference was called to order by Secretary Wallace, and immediately the delegates heard from President Harding a declaration of interest and sympathy from the administration in the present plight of the nation's farmers, together with a series of suggestions for remedying the conditions.

The delegates frequently applauded the president's remarks. Especially strong applause greeted the declaration of Mr. Harding for a more adequate credit system and facilities and for the assertion that the present conditions in the agricultural industry "is truly of national interest and is not entitled to be regarded primarily of concern to either a class or section, or bloc."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The delegation from Texas to the farm conference is headed by Mayor Huleomb and Thomas H. Ball, of Houston. Mr. Ball is a former member of congress, and appeared today before the House rivers and harbors committee and urged the increased appropriation for dredging the Houston ship channel. Mr. Ball told the committee that the federal allotment of \$200,000 should be doubled.

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COLEMAN WILL EXHIBIT AT FT. WORTH SHOW

Coleman county is to enter its agricultural products in the agricultural exhibit at the Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show March 11 to 18 according to information received by the Star-Telegram from its Coleman correspondent.

Plans for the Coleman exhibit were discussed at a recent meeting held at Coleman by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Many West Texas and Panhandle counties as well as counties in other sections of the state are planning to enter the exposition competition.—Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

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IGNORANCE ON INCREASE HERE

The 1920 census shows that illiteracy increased in Runnels county during the period from 1910 to 1920. The 1920 census gives the county a total population of ten years of age and over of 12,721. Of this number there are 400 who can not read or write and therefore are classed as illiterate.

The percentage of illiteracy in Runnels county for 1920 is given by the 1920 census at 3.1 per cent as compared with 2.8 per cent in 1910.

There are 543 foreign born white people in the county over ten years of age, and of this number 96 are classed as illiterate, or 17.7 per cent of the foreign born white people are illiterates.

There are 418 colored people in the county, which includes negroes and Mexicans, over ten years of age, and of this number 65 are classed as illiterate, or 15.6 per cent of the colored population is reported illiterate.

There are more illiterate men in the county than women. According to the 1920 census there are 158 men 21 years of age and older who are illiterate, or 3.5 per cent, while there are only 124 illiterate women 21 years of age and over, or 3.1 per cent.

Following are the percentages of school ages and attendance, as shown by the 1920 census for Runnels county:

Total number children under 7 years of age, 2,986.

Number of above age attending school, 2,484.

Per cent under above age attending school, 84.2.

Total 14 and 15 years age, 842.

Number in school, 658.

Per cent in school 78.1.

Total 16 and 17 years age, 755.

Number in school, 343.

Per cent in school, 45.3.

Total 18 to 20 years age, 1,923.

Number in school, 137.

Per cent in school, 13.4.

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SUCCESSFUL FARMERS' MEETING AT NORTON

S. J. Enoch, one of the state representatives of the Federal Farm Bureau Federation, was here Monday, and accompanied by Farm Agent Eaton, and other Farm Bureau men, visited Norton, where a successful local meeting was held, and the interest of the association pushed forward. Despite the rain and cold weather, the farmers were in attendance at the meeting, and interest in the activities of the Farm Bureau seems to be growing in this county.

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COLEMAN TO BUILD A BIGGER CITY LAKE

Little time will be lost in starting construction on the Coleman city lake. Mayor Scarborough stated Wednesday. Negotiations for the transfer of the land are now under way and the approval of the bond issue is now with the attorney general's office.

It was stated Wednesday that a local bank had offered to finance the project pending sale of the bonds and that no time would be lost on that account. The city commission has in hand a favorable proposition for clearing the land, it was stated.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

W. S. Allcorn, of the Talpa country, was in Ballinger Saturday. He reported that it was not very pleasant work hauling water with the mercury playing around below freezing.

CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE MOURNING

Father Gollbach announces that St. Mary's Church of this city will be in mourning until the funeral of Pope Benedict has been held and the body laid away. The requiem will not be held until further notice.

FATHER MAY LOCATE LOST SON THRU LETTER

A letter from a man to the county attorney, published in The Ledger last Saturday, may find for the man his long lost son, about whom he was writing the local officer.

The father, J. W. Bradford, in seeking his son, addressed a letter to the local county attorney asking him if his son had been tried in court here during 1920 or 1921. The letter gave a description of the lost boy, and was published in this paper, and it developed that a young man by the name of Bradford was arrested at Coleman last week for blackmail.

C. S. Guin was in Coleman at the time the man was arrested, and he called the writer over the phone Sunday night and stated that the young man suited the description given in the letter from the distressed father, and Mr. Guin said he was satisfied that the young man arrested at Coleman was the lost son.

Young Bradford was arrested at Coleman after he had called for mail addressed to him. The officers had been on the lookout for Bradford since a wealthy woman in Coleman received a letter signed "Ku Klux Klan" and threatening her if she did not mail \$800 to Bradford, who was described in the communication as being a poor boy in distress and badly in need of help. Acting on the advice of the officers the woman mailed a "dummy" letter to Bradford, and when he called for it he was placed under arrest and a federal charge filed against him.

Bradford was carried to Abilene and turned over to the federal authorities. Mr. Guin was in Abilene Sunday and stated that he saw the man again, and he was confident that it was the man about whom the father was writing.

The father has been given this information, all of which goes to show what publicity will sometimes do for a fellow.

Constipation

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed.

NEW BUILDINGS TO GO UP AT PAINT ROCK

Three new rock buildings will go up right away in Paint Rock. They will each be 25x90 feet and will be on three lots immediately South of the row of rock buildings on the block on the West side of the court house square. The first will be built by John West and will join to the building now occupied by Bradshaw & Taylor. This building is owned by Mr. West. The second building will be put up by J. A. Waide and will be used by him in his market and ice plant. He will likely put a small ice factory as well as storage room for ice. The third building is being put up by J. H. Houston. It will be used by the Paint Rock Produce Company. It may be that Mr. Cutsinger will also build and thus finish out the whole block in solid rock buildings.—Concho Herald.

Will Gross, of Mineral Wells, who had been here for the past few days looking after his ranch interests North of town, returned home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Gross is extremely interested in the irrigation project as a large part of the Gross land will be in the irrigated belt, and incidentally while here he was getting all the data possible on the work. Mr. Gross stated that they were in better shape than most ranchers but that grass is getting short and they are badly in need of rain.

BALLINGER HIT BY COLD SPELL

Ballinger awoke to the coldest morning of the year Thursday with the thermometer registering around 18 degrees above zero. The early morning expressions led one to believe that it was the coldest day in the history of Ballinger, but glancing back over the records and files of The Ledger we find that it was only an expression on the way the early risers felt today. On Jan. 21st, 1918, the government record shows that it dropped to 2 below zero and old timers in the country said it was the coldest day ever felt in these parts.

Practically everyone was prepared for this cold spell as the weather forecast Wednesday predicted that the temperature by morning would be from 12 to 20 above, and citizens cut off their water and laid in a supply of coal.

Quite a number were attracted to the standpipe early this morning and some were tempted

to try ice skating. The pipe overflowed during the night and trees and the ground near the big tank were covered with ice today.

TRAINMEN KILLED BY FALL ON ICE

FORT WORTH, Jan. 25.—R. J. Henry, a brakeman, who fell under a freight train at Handley last night, died here today. Henry fell from a moving freight car when his hands slipped on the ice covered hand-holds on the car.

WACO, Jan. 25.—J. F. Jenkins, age 40 years, a brakeman on the Cotton Belt railroad, slipped from the top of an ice coated water tank on a flat car, near Edison, in Hamilton county, last night, and died here this morning from injuries sustained in the fall to the car.

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Real Estate and B. H. Fixtures	30,001.00
Depositors' Guaranty Fund	9,059.20
Bills of Exchange	36,318.67
Cash and Exchange	104,214.10
Total	\$528,927.63

Liabilities:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	51,314.33
Bills Payable	NONE
Due to Banks	NONE
Deposits	377,583.30
Total	\$528,927.63

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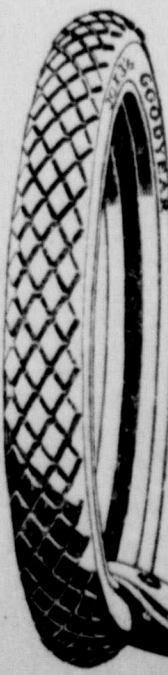
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ODE TO PUNCHERS

Dedicated by Bessie Carder Hunt, of Ballinger, Texas, to the members of the Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers' Association of Runnels and adjoining counties, and recited by her for their benefit at their annual reunion held in the pasture of L. P. Woods, near Old Runnels, on Wednesday, August 9th, 1916:

Beneath the vast blue of the Western sky
They've met today, brave knights of old
With many a hearty handclasp,
And many a tale of deeds so bold.
They've come from the sides of Mt. Margaret
Way down on the line of old Coke,
From the prairies and hills of Runnels,
To the banks of the famous Coyote.

And the hearts of those "Knights of Runnels"
Are bound by a tie that will last.
They have borne together their sorrow and joys
In the pioneer days of the past.
Those old days of hospitality
When each gave to his brother the best
And there were no strangers here
In this sun-kist land of the West.

But from dugout and tent and wagon,
On the saddle behind herds of steers,
On the long trail way up to Cheyenne,
Came a song to gladden the ears
"Tis sung today from the old mess wagon
And wherever the cowboys roam
Tis echoed from over the prairies
The song of "Home Sweet Home."

"Do you remember boys," asked an old timer of '79
How Guest and McAuley with courage bold
Drove the redmen back over the line?
There were other brave battles to be fought

In those early days of the West,
When Cameron, Jones and Allen
And Wilmett each did their best
With rattlesnakes, stampeding mavericks,
Coyotes, Mustangs, and wildcats too
And the blazing sand of the prairies grand
Saw deeds that were staunch and true.

And who can forget the days
Back in Old Runnels at the Odd Fellows Hall,
When the cowboys spurred and legged,
Leaped against the wall,
While by their side in simple pride
Their sweethearts blushing stood,
Just waiting to trip to the music
Of Miller and Underwood.

How those old walls did ring
With music and dancing feet,
And the fiddlers' bows they fairly flew
Ringing out the old tunes so sweet.
Down the line came Paramore's boys
Such dancing you never saw!
With Millie and Gilliam a following
To "The Turkey in the Straw."

But the best was yet to come
And I'm sure you'll agree with me
We all sat round the fire
To eat the barbecue
And that good dish with pepper's red
And frioles crisp and brown,
And black coffee just to the taste
Was plentifully passed around.
'Twas a feast for all the Gods
Prepared by the finest cook in the West
Mentioned in ancient myth.
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But while we're together today, boys
With hearts so young and gay
Let's not forget to honor the boys
Who have passed away.
Let's bow our heads reverently, sadly,
For Miller and Johnson, too,
For braver hearts and truer souls
Ne'er lived 'neath heaven's blue.
They were friends of their fellowman
Always giving to others their best
Their going is felt at each hearthstone
Throughout the land of the West.

So we've met today in Wood's pasture
Of the famous old mesquite
The Cow Punchers' Association
To hold its yearly meet.
Its President and Treasurer are here
Extending a friendly hand
To the bravest men and women
That are gathered in the land.
Then three cheers for the Association
Sing its praises high.
Let the echo ring from hill to hill,
Beneath old Texas sky.

CEMETERY BOARD HAS DIFFICULT PROBLEM

The cemetery board finds itself between a rock and a hard place when it comes to financing the proposition. Last spring and summer an improvement program was launched and an invitation was given the lot owners to contribute for the improvements. There were about 140 people who contributed \$5.00 each and then some ten or twelve gave less and a few gave more. The building program was too large or the contributors were too small. In justice to some of the lot owners some water mains must be laid, some of the driveways must be repaved and extended, some more evergreens must be planted and other things done too numerous to mention.

The board sat in a business session a few days ago to outline a program for the year but nothing has been given out as to the solution.

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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO GET MORE TRUCKS

AUSTIN, Jan. 19.—Application has been made by the Texas Highway Department for 148 trucks located at Little Rock, Ark., for use in this state. The department has asked counties and municipalities desiring to lease one or more of the trucks to make application for them at once.

The department has leased to the several counties of Texas over \$4,500,000 worth of surplus war material allotted this state by the federal government to date, it was said by J. W. Francis, superintendent of the federal equipment appropriation division. This does not include equipment leased to municipalities, state institutions and stored in the division's warehouse at Camp Mabry, Texas, which is valued at between four and five million dollars, making a total of approximately nine million dollars worth of equipment secured by the department for the benefit of Texas, more than has been allotted to any other state.

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BALLINGER COUPLE WED IN SAN ANGELO

Miss Carrie Robbins and Columbus Webster were married at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning by the Rev. E. F. Lyon, at his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Webster plan to reside in San Angelo.

The groom is a son of Mrs. L. C. Webster, of Ballinger, and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robbins of the same city. Mr. Webster is an automobile mechanic and is employed at a local garage—San Angelo Standard.

Rufus Wheeler returned Friday from Corpus Christi, and other places, where he had been for several days on business.

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FROZEN PIPES CAUSE DAMAGE

The present cold spell has taught several people in Ballinger a lesson they will not forget soon about cutting off their water when the weather predictions call for greatly lowered temperatures.

What came near being a disastrous loss occurred to N. Passur Thursday night. The water pipes feeding the second floor over his dry goods store located in the Zappe building sprang a leak during the night and when Mr. Passur arrived on the scene Friday morning his store was flooded with water and the ceiling was beginning to leak at many places. At first the damage looked big but when Mr. Passur started an inspection it was found that only a small amount of his stock was damaged and the water was only beginning to reach the goods which would be really damaged by moisture.

There was no one to blame for this occurrence. The pipes did not burst but only slipped apart at a connection in the office of Drs. Marshall & Wright and all this water filtered down the walls and thru the ceiling to the store below.

Thursday afternoon pipes on the third floor of the F. & M. Bank building burst, but fortunately the leak was discovered almost as soon as it was sprung, the water cut off and repairs made before damage was done.

Numerous reports of minor trouble with frozen water pipes in the resident section have come in, and the last few days have been busy ones for the plumbers.

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MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ON NOYES MONUMENT

A crew of men has been working for several days improving the grounds around the statue of Charles Noyes on the court house lawn. All the dirt for several feet around the statue is being removed and a concrete curb put in. This will remove the unsightly mound of earth that has been around the base of the monument and with good rich soil filled inside the curb and the surface levelled the general appearance will be greatly enhanced. In the spring flowers will be planted inside the curb and further beautification done. There is never a day passes but that someone is sightseeing at this statue and it should be made as attractive as possible.

L. Cohen returned on the noon Santa Fe from Philadelphia, where he had been to attend his brother's wedding. Mr. Cohen also visited in New York and other Eastern cities while away.

RUNNELS IS BEHIND IN GOOD ROADS

One of the reasons for the present condition of Runnels county's highways is reflected in the recent issue of the Texas Highway Bulletin, which is published by the State Highway Department. This bulletin shows Runnels county way down the list among Texas counties that have voted bonds for highway improvement. In fact, only about 20 Texas counties have spent less on their roads in the past four years than Runnels county, and of these, all but three are smaller counties, and thinly settled.

The report also shows that during the past year Runnels county paid to the state in automobile fees \$15,715.80, and has been allotted aid in the sum of \$127,214.46, of which \$92,214.44 has been actually paid in. \$19,730.00 worth of war material has been loaned to the county. The state of Texas has been loaned over four and a half million dollars worth of war materials for road building purposes.

Motor vehicles registered in Runnels county for 1921 showed a 25 per cent increase over the registrations for 1920.

Worth Considering

The question is not so much how you contract a cold, but how to get rid of it with the least loss of time and inconvenience. If you will consider the experience of others under similar circumstances, who have been most successful in checking their colds, at their beginning, you will secure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without delay, and use it faithfully. There are many families who have used this preparation successfully for years and hold it in high esteem. It is excellent.

COUNTY BASKETBALL TEAMS HERE TODAY

Rural basketball teams from all schools in the county are in Ballinger today and will play for the championship of Runnels county. About ten teams will be represented here and will play in Nicholas Park beginning at ten o'clock this morning.

The Victory team comes undefeated and many of their supporters are with them here today and odds are slightly in their favor. However the other teams represented here are strong in their determination and the battle will be hard to arrive at a championship.

Games will continue all day the teams drawing numbers for positions. The first game was called at ten o'clock this morning between Victory and Ballinger. It resulted in a victory for Victory of 26 to 16. There was a great deal of interest in the game and at times came near being trouble on account of roughing and some of the decisions. Singleton of Abilene officiated as referee.

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WHEAT CROP MAY COME TO FRONT

W. S. Stegall was here from the Winters country Friday, coming to look after a little business. He stated that the Northern part of the county received more rain than fell at Ballinger last week, and that in some fields small grain was showing up nicely. Mr. Stegall stated that wheat he planted in October had come up to a good stand and promised to hold on until rain sufficient to make a crop. The wheat was planted deep and the recent freeze did not damage it.

ATTENTION HOG RAISERS

There will be a shipment of hogs made by the Farm Bureau on Tuesday, January 24th, and if you have any surplus hogs on hand notify County Agent Eaton at once, and have yours in Ballinger by 10:00 o'clock a. m. Tuesday. 1d-1w

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kunze returned home Friday night from Eastland, where they had been a few days to visit friends.



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Such a spread for big and little boys and girls—the sweetheart of fine white southern corn kernels deliciously flavored and deliciously toasted in Kellogg's own way! You can't imagine anything more joyous to eat, or more ideal for fussy appetites at any hour!

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PEACE OFFICER HAD A CAREER

DENISON, Tex., Jan. 20.—The death of Henry Hackney, former chief of police of Denison, deputy sheriff of Grayson county and deputy United States Marshal, which occurred in Petaluma, Calif., a few days ago, ended the career of one of the most spectacular figures of the early days of North Texas.

Hackney, a veteran of the Civil War, was a peace officer in and around Denison when the Gate City was considered by many the hub of the crime world of North Texas and the old Indian Territory. Denison a quarter of a century ago was the clearing house for the criminals who, after staging a holdup or highway robbery would escape into the Indian Territory until the event "blew over" when they would come down to Denison to spend a part of their loot. The Gate City was a "live town" and all that term is generally accepted to mean and the tenderloin was anxious to entertain the bandit seeking amusement or anyone out on a spree. Homicides were not uncommon and a drunken cowboy shooting up the town caused little comment. In this atmosphere of frontierism and crime Henry Hackney lived and worked for twenty years. He was known as a fearless man and the bandit world shied away from the little peace officer who was more than ordinarily quick on the draw. Hackney "shot it out" with more than one desperado.

To his friends and enemies he was known as "Old Tige" and once on the trail he stayed until he secured his man or lost all evidence of his whereabouts. As deputy United States Marshal he tracked many bandits and murderers thru the wilds of Southern Oklahoma, often in the stillness of the sparsely settled country coming across his man, battling it out with him and bringing him back to justice in handcuffs. A small man, with long flowing black whiskers and soft blue eyes in composure, he

looked anything but the fearless enforcer of the law. But when the glint of cold steel appeared in the blue eyes, "Old Tige" meant business.

Mr. Hackney, after serving fourteen years as chief of police of Denison, went to California in 1905.

He had an interesting career during the civil war. He enlisted in the Union army in 1863. At Bulls Gap, Tennessee, in 1864, he was severely wounded and left on the battlefields for dead. The Confederate troops captured him, restored him to health and sent him to Libby prison in Richmond, Va. He was released when Union troops captured Richmond in 1865.

Mr. Hackney was at one time lieutenant in the Texas Rangers.

Seeds and Plants

MILLIONS—White and yellow Bermuda onion plants. 500, \$1.25; 1,000, \$2.00. Genuine pure open field grown frostproof cabbage plants, leading varieties, 500, \$1.25; 1,000, \$2.00. Home Garden Plant Co., Ballinger, Texas; H. P. Pittman. 10-3w

BARN BURNS ON M. E. WELLS RANCH

M. E. Wells was in Ballinger from his ranch near the Moro mountains Friday, and while here received a phone call that one of his barns had burned on his place. The barn was on the place of one of his tenants, Sam Mathis; and was reported a complete loss. Mr. Mathis losing all his feed, harness, and meat.



ASPIRIN

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for twenty-one years and proved safe by millions. Take Aspirin only as told in the Bayer package for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve Bayer Tablets of Aspirin cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacturing of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.

SNAKE RIVER PROJECT TO WIPE OUT A TOWN

Just how deeply the Reclamation Service has gone into the problem of supplying water in and out of season to the farmers of the Upper Snake River districts is shown by Mr. Walter V. Woehlke in the February issue of "Sunset" Magazine.

Pointing out how everything is subordinated to the vital and necessary accomplishment Mr. Woehlke cites an instance of an entire town which will be trased from the map to attain the end toward which the engineers are working. He says in part:

"The town of American Falls is doomed. It will be drowned out when the reservoir fills up. But a new town is in the making. On a higher, better site the United States Reclamation Service is laying out a new and model community, giving the residents of the old town the choice of selling their property outright or of exchanging their holdings for new lots and having the buildings moved to the higher ground. Many lot owners have already obtained ready cash by selling out at bargain prices, but all the business men prefer to stay and move, seeing profit when the dam site begins to swarm with thousands of men.

"Upon the completion of the dam there will be a general pooling and redistribution of water-rights. The needs of the farmers in the upper valley will be supplied from Jackson lake; the newer and larger projects farther down will depend upon the American Falls reservoir for their water. That reservoir will hold the entire run-off of the upper Snake; no water will pass the dam except thru the gates. They will be closed late in the fall, holding back the winter flow and the spring floods that a million acres may be irrigated in summer."

EGGS EGGS

Start your hens laying now—use

Martin's Egg Producer

Keep them free of bugs—Put

Martin's Blue Bug Remedy

in their feed — Disinfect your

hen house with MARTIN'S DIP

To cure and prevent roup and sore

head put MARTIN'S ROUP REMEDY

in their drinking water.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Get it at your Druggist or

Dealer.

COUNTY COURT WILL HOLD NEXT MONTH

The February term of county court convenes Feb. 6th. The first week is non-jury week. The second week is county commissioners week. The third week will be jury docket week.

A petit jury has been called for the third week, and notified to appear Feb. 20th. The following named men constitute the jury for the week: J. M. Jennings, F. D. Bedford, C. G. Allison, Hugh Campbell, Jas. Barron, T. Earl Chapman, James Clayton, Joe Bragg, E. B. Huntsman, L. Baldwin, J. B. Bass, R. H. Herring, I. G. David, Clyde Dunn, F. E. Ballew, Wm. Dooze, Chester Cherry, F. E. Berryman.

H. G. Seerest, who has been here for several days from Eastland, is seeking a location for a jewelry store. He states that he will locate in Ballinger if he can lease a suitable building. Mr. Seerest and F. Wesley Gray, the latter formerly of Winters, are engaged in the jewelry business at Eastland.

WILLIAMS HEADS W. T. FAIR ASS'N.

ABILENE, Jan. 24.—Organization of a permanent West Texas Fair Secretaries Association was perfected at a meeting of the West Texas Fair Secretaries held here yesterday. Stuart L. Williams of the Runnels County Fair Association, was elected president and W. G. Kinsolving, Secretary of the West Texas Fair, secretary.

The meeting had been called by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to arrange dates for the various fairs of West Texas and to eliminate insofar as possible conflict of dates. A schedule committee, which was appointed by President Williams, is composed of the following: Grady Kinsolving, Abilene; Curtis Keen, Lubbock; J. E. Bell, San Saba; George S. Plants, Seymour; and the secretary of the board of city development of San Angelo yet to be named. This committee will arrange the fair dates for 1923.

The following schedule of fair dates was adopted by the secretaries for this year: Sept. 12-16, Seymour and Childress; Sept. 14-16, Ballinger and Cisco; Sept. 21-22, Brownwood and Spur; Sept. 22-23, Colorado; Sept. 25-30, Abilene; Sept. 25-27, Floydada; Sept. 28-30, Plainview; Sept. 29-30, Brownfield; Oct. 5-7, Post; Oct. 17-21, Lubbock; Oct. 24-28, San Angelo.

Mayor George Sheppard announced that Sweetwater would not hold a fall fair but substitute a spring fat stock show, to be held March 1, livestock exhibits moving later to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, March 11th to 18.

Sixteen towns were represented and it was a very enthusiastic session. Among those present were: J. F. Hartford and G. M. Liggott, Post; I. D. Gambrell, Floydada; Curtis Keen and E. L. Kleet, Lubbock; Sam Clements, Spur; Stuart L. Williams and C. S. Guin, Ballinger; G. C. Richardson, Cisco; Ray B. Leach, Breckenridge; Early Looney and E. G. Albright, Brownwood; W. S. Cooper, J. H. Green, H. L. Hutchison and W. S. Morgan, Colorado; George H. Sheppard, Sweetwater; W. G. Kinsolving, Abilene; Morgan Copeland, Brownfield; H. L. Moseley, Weatherford; E. E. Lowrie, San Angelo; G. C. McGowan and Lem Bellows, Seymour; Hamilton Wright and H. H. Ellzey, Stamford.

A TONIC

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

CAR LOAD OF HOGS GOES TO MARKET

After laying in a supply of home grown meat for the year, quite a number of farmers concentrated a car load of hogs here Tuesday and shipped them to the Fort Worth market. The hogs varied in size, but were all fat and some heavy porkers were in the consignment. Farm Agent Eaton looked after booking the shipment and handled the matter for the farmers.

Other shipments of this character have been made successfully from here this winter, and it should be the beginning of a profitable side line for the farmer. While the hog market is not what it should be, quotations today being from 7.50 to 7.75, there is a little ready cash in raising hogs on Runnels county maize, and more profit than raising all cotton. The real profit, it is said, however, to the farmer in hog growing comes in supplying his own larder with home grown ham, bacon, etc.

Bilious Headache

When you have a severe headache, a disordered stomach and constipation, take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will correct the disorders of the liver and bowels, effectually curing the headache.

Tom Collins underwent an operation at the home of his father, J. S. Collins, Monday, and is seriously ill. Mr. Collins has been ill for several weeks.

BRONTE PEOPLE BECOME MEMBERS

Despite the inclement conditions which prevailed last night, a large crowd of irrigation enthusiasts at Bronte braved the weather and turned out to the membership campaign meeting held in the school building there.

The meeting was also attended by C. S. Guin, Stuart Williams and Joe Spoons, who also attended the meeting of West Texas Fair Secretaries Monday, in Abilene.

Talks on the progress of the work were made by Bob Knierim, C. C. Holder, chief of the survey, Mr. Guin and Mr. Williams.

Cold cash has been rather scarce in Bronte since the closing of the bank there, but about 35 Bronte citizens signed up for memberships in the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association, and stated that they were behind the project strong.

Bronte recently carried a bond election by a 3 to 1 majority for both schools and water supply, showing the progressive spirit of the people who live in our neighboring county.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Mrs. Percy Willis is here from Waco visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Westbrook and sisters, Mesdames D. M. Baker and C. W. Northington.

Robt. Stephenson came in from Lubbock Monday, where he had been lately on cotton business. "Bob" is anxious to see Ballinger remain in the West Texas Baseball League.

MOTHER! OPEN CHILD'S BOWELS WITH CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

Your little one will love the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup" even if constipated, bilious, irritable, feverish, or full of cold. A teaspoonful never fails to cleanse the liver and bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the sour bile, and undigested food out of the bowels and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

MEXICAN HIJACKED AT SAN ANGELO

A Mexican, name unknown, was slugged and robbed of \$100 Saturday night near the Mexican Restaurant, South of the Chadbourne street viaduct, according to James L. Panchman, constable who made an investigation. Another Mexican committed the theft. The victim suffered a severe cut on the side of the head when hit with a heavy instrument by his assailant. He said he knew his assailant and that he could identify him for the officers. No trace of the yegman could be found Monday.—San Angelo Standard.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

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

Mrs. J. A. Weeks and daughter, Mrs. Robert Louis Williams, returned from Coleman, Tuesday, where they had been to attend the funeral of Coulson Allen, the little child who died last week.

THE OLD RELIABLE

By this unique descriptive name The First National Bank of Ballinger has become known among its host of patrons.

Nearly thirty-six years of dependable service to the community has justified its use. It has proved itself in all things to be reliable—worthy of public trust and patronage—

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

...FOR...

ABSTRACTS of Title to Lots in Any Town or City or Land in Runnels County, Apply to Security Title Co.

Chas. S. Miller, Pres. Roy H. Hightower, Sec'y. & Abstractor

For Land Loans or Purchase of Realty Apply to CHAS. S. MILLER, Ballinger, Texas.



WE HOLD UP OUR SHOE REPAIRING

as a model for all to follow. It gives perfect satisfaction to all men and women, young and old. Our soles and heels last as long, if not longer than the original. Our moderate prices enable you to save money.

Strictly cash.

COV DRENNAN

Buffalos Again Roam Prairies of Western Texas

AMARILLO, Jan. 23.—Nine buffalo escaped from a local stockyard early today and headed South, traveling at a rapid rate with the wind which is sweeping the Plains country out of the North. The buffalo are part of a shipment of twenty-five brought here for shipment from a ranch where the buffalo are raised. Cowboys have been sent in search of the animals.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements; it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for putting the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Capt. J. D. Dickson, the Book of Knowledge man, left for Dallas, Saturday afternoon, after spending several weeks in Ballinger. He stated that he had completed his work here.

Be Wise and Advertise—

TAX MONEY SOON BE PENALIZED

One more week and a penalty of ten per cent will be added to your taxes.

One more week and your poll tax will continue to be an obligation, if not paid, and will not be worth a vote if it is paid after Jan. 31st.

Out of a total tax of \$195,000 for the county and state at this place \$69,550 remains unpaid.

Out of an assessment of 5607 polls, with possibly 200 supplemental polls, only 3225 have been paid.

The tax collector and his assistants will have to move regular and on full time if they issue the full quota of tax receipts before the penalty goes on.

1977 auto seals have been issued for 1922 against 2334 for last year. There are quite a number of autos which are remaining off the highway and out of public sight until their owners can get the necessary license.

Mrs. J. W. Powell, Mrs. James Wear and son, are visiting this week in Lampasas.



It is the one simple rule necessary to success, for the man who saves becomes industrious, more intelligent and alert to the future possibilities life's opportunity has in store for him.



When you have money is the time to save—when you want money we will have it for you.

Today's the day.

Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

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The Modern Dealer Sells More Than Automobiles

If nothing except the delivery of the car was involved in the sale of an automobile, the public would buy all cars direct from the manufacturer.

But both public and manufacturer depend upon the dealer to see that the maker's ideals serve the owner's expectations.

Buicks are made to give satisfaction. We see that they do it locally.

Make the Whole Family Happy Start the New Year With a New Buick

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"FOOT-FITTERS"**"FOOT-FITTER" SPECIFICATIONS**

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| A—Full Grain Calfskin Rich Mahogany Shade. | L—Nineteen Gauge Steel Shank. |
| B—First Quality Ten Iron Oak Outsole. | M—Calfskin Heel Pad. |
| C—Seven or Eight Iron Oak (Shoulder Channel) insole. | N—6 oz. Duck Lining. |
| D—Full Length Vamp. | O—Four Rows Tip Stitching. |
| E—Sole Leather Box. | P—Calfskin Eyelet Stay. |
| F—Calfskin Inside Vamp Reinforcement. | Q—Best Quality Braid Lock Stitch Sole Thread. |
| G—Calfskin Inside Counter Pocket. | R—Silk Blucher Bar. |
| H—Sole Leather Counter. | S—Calfskin Top Facing. |
| I—Extra Long Rubber Heels, 1.4 inch longer than standard. | T—Felt Bottom Filler. |
| J—Nine-Cord Linen Inseam Thread. | U—Fast Color Hooks and Eyelets. |
| K—Lapped Quarters, No Back Stay. | V—Felt Lined Tongue. |
| | W—Two Rows Single Needle Vamping. |
| | X—Full Grain Sole Leather Whole Lift Heel Base. |
| | Y—Eight Nail Heel. |
| | Z—7% More Live Rubber Than Average Rubber Heel. |

"Foot-Fitters" are the only shoes in the world which have all the above specifications

We make this statement without contradiction. **Positively no leather substitution in the construction of "Foot-Fitters."**

We Guarantee "Foot-Fitters" to be Made of Solid Leather all through. No paper fibre or substitutions used in "Foot-Fitters."

We have just been appointed Exclusive agents for these wonderful shoes. Come to our store and be fitted with a pair of "Foot-Fitters." Nothing like it in this city. "Foot-Fitters" are the best shoe construction ever attempted. All shapes, sizes and widths—

\$7.50

Per Pair

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

LONG ILLNESS CLAIMS MRS. J. A. SHOFFIETT

Mrs. J. A. Shoffiett, age 32 years, died at the family home North of the city on the road to the upper dam, Wednesday morning, after an illness of more than two years from tuberculosis.

Mrs. Shoffiett had been confined to her bed for several months, and it had been known for some time that she could not live long. The husband and friends have been watching over her and assisted by the physicians had done all that they could do to relieve her suffering.

Deceased is survived by a husband and little daughter, twelve years old, and other relatives, a sister living at Valera, to which place the remains were shipped for burial.

ACT QUICKLY

Do the right thing at the right time.

Act quickly in time of danger. In time of kidney danger, Doan's Kidney Pills are most effective.

Plenty of Ballinger evidence of their worth. Ask your neighbor.

John Pechacek, prop. blacksmith shop, Ballinger, says: "I had to bend a lot at my work which weakened my kidneys and at times I was in misery. On straightening after bending, it felt as if a knife was being thrust into my back. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills the trouble has been greatly lessened as my back has felt lots stronger. Occasionally I take a few Doan's to straighten my kidneys."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Pechacek had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. d&w

Dobbs, Stamp—The Ballinger Co.

SIXTY-SIX PORKERS MAKE UP SHIPMENT

Nine farmers contributed hogs to the carload shipped from here by the Farm Bureau Tuesday, sixty-six big porkers filling the car. The hogs were all fat and averaged considerably over 200 pounds. M. B. Wardlaw went with the shipment, and prospects are good for the shippers to get in on a good market, as Tuesday's quotations were higher than they have been for some time, hogs being quoted above eight cents.

Banish that awful insomnia that worries you every night. Let your sleep be restful and refreshing. Tanlac does it. John A. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline and baby returned home Tuesday from San Angelo, where they had been for several days visiting Mr. Cline's sister, Mrs. Joe Hadden.

NOTICE—All parties who owe me for the upkeep of their cemetery lot will please make settlement as I need my money. This means you, if you have not paid. I. F. Watson, Ballinger, Texas, Box No. 363. 25-2d-1w.*

County Superintendent Bugg will be living at home by the first of February, his new home on Fourth Street being nearly completed. N. K. Freeman will move to the home vacated by Mr. Bugg, which he recently purchased.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blood, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. 60c.

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1922

Our Aims and Aspirations for the New Year

You Will Find It At

Higginbotham Brothers & Co. During the Year 1922.

For 15 years in Ballinger we have succeeded in supplying your wants regardless of conditions. It is a daily task of the management and heads of all departments to keep our stocks complete. We not only keep, at all seasons, complete stocks, but it is our desire to supply our customers with the best merchandise at the lowest possible prices.

High Quality and Low Prices Our Constant Aim for These Years.

We are redoubling our efforts to serve you even better in 1922. The last days of 1921 found our stock of Winter goods very low. We prepared to clear out and sell the remainder of this Winter merchandise during the next few weeks. To that end we are offering these goods at prices that will really drive away the frown and make you smile; make you feel and know that you are really getting more for your money than you had expected.

Our Furniture Department

You'll find complete; and prices very attractive. Glad to furnish your home, on the easy payment plan. Let us furnish your home and save you money. We'll do it.

Our Low Priced Grocery Department

has been and is now, more than ever, not only our pride, but it is the delight of hundreds of people who want to buy Groceries at lowest possible prices. "High Grade—Low Prices" the motto here too.

Our Hardware and Implement Department

is ready to serve your wants with the best that's made in these lines. It is a good habit and a money saving one—to get your Hardware here.

Our Automobile Department

is ready to supply you with the best mechanical and battery service. Gas, Tires, and Auto Equipment at the lowest prices. Dodge Bros. cars, the best value in the automobile world today—new prices will be announced February 1st, but are in effect today. Dodge Bros. automobiles have a high re-sale value. Every one knows that a Dodge Bros. auto gives the maximum service at a minimum cost.

Finally

Remember that while others may throw out enticing bait; make extravagant promises, etc., that when the whole matter is summed up you'll find that you could have done better to have confined your business to this house. The facts are well known that we pay cash; we buy in large quantities; which gives us a big advantage.

We buy for less—we sell for less. On this basis we solicit your trade for 1922.

We are going to do our dead level best to make this year 1922 the very best for you, and the biggest of all our 15 years in Ballinger. Help us to do this and you'll help yourself. All must be mutually helpful, pleasant and profitable.

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