

BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Kill Americans

INVESTIGATION BRINGS OUT STARTLING CARRANZA ORDER

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 14.—George E. Blalock, of San Antonio, was the first witness to appear before the Fall sub-committee appointed to investigate American murders and destruction of their property in Mexico, when the committee began taking testimony here this morning for the United States senate.

Mr. Blalock gave a graphic account of the fleeing of a colony of Texans and Oklahomans from the American colony in Chemas, and Tamaulipas, Mexico. "The first flight was made in 1914, and was orderly," said Mr. Blalock.

"Why did you get out the second time," Senator Fall asked Mr. Blalock.

"Carrancista officers came with a hundred and fifty men and notified us that they had instructions to kill all men and take their property because we hadn't left the country," replied Mr. Blalock, "and the soldiers looted our homes and carried away everything of value, and we were given but a short time to leave."

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR IN SCHOOL

The number of pupils now attending the Winters Public School is 144, with ten teachers. Most of the lower grades are overcrowded, and the problem confronting Superintendent Watts and the trustees is how to supply a sufficient number of teachers. For awhile it looked as though some of the lower grades would be compelled to take half-day sessions, but that has been overcome. For one thing, more teachers are needed, and that requires more money. More money means more taxes, and it is up to the people to say. If the education of the coming generation is considered of supreme importance, then there should be no difficulty in raising the money to supply the teachers and pay them salaries, and not the pittance they now receive.—Winters Enterprise.

Stop that Cough
use--
Compound Syrup of White Pine with Tar
Prepared Especially for
Weeks Drug Store
Phones 12 and 13

BALLINGER STATE HAS STOCKHOLDER'S MEET

The regular annual stockholders' meeting of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. was held in the directors' room of the bank Tuesday morning, Jan. 13th, at 10 o'clock a. m., practically all of the stock being represented either in person or by proxy.

After going over the year's business the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: Feb. McWilliams, Chas. S. Miller, J. A. Reese, E. A. Werner, and C. P. Shepherd, thus making only one change in the board of directors, C. P. Shepherd succeeding C. O. Harris, who has been on the board since May 1906, succeeding R. A. Smith on that date.

Mr. Shepherd purchased the stock in the bank heretofore owned by Judge Harris, and succeeded him as director and was also elected the regular attorney for the bank, a position which has been held by Judge Harris since the organization of the institution, he having drafted the charter for the bank at the time of its inception.

In severing his connection with the bank, Judge Harris made the following statement concerning the same in a letter to Chas. S. Miller, the Cashier:

"I assure you that I regret very much to part with my stock and sever my connection with your bank. It is almost like selling some member of the family, for I have been with this institution from its organization down to the present time, and my relations with the other officers of the bank have been very pleasant, in-

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GETS \$60.00 CASH FOR \$3.75 LAND

C. A. Dooze & Co. sold for G. B. Nixon this week, Mr. Nixon's Coyote Creek home place, nine miles North of Ballinger, to J. L. Hendrick, of the Crews country, for a total consideration of \$18,000 cash.

The farm sold consists of 304 acres, and the price per acre was \$60, and the terms spot cash. That is the way most of the land in this county changing hands is being sold in these days of prosperity.

Mr. Hendrick has been living in the county for the last year or two and cultivating rented land. He owns land in the county where he came from, but has decided that this is the best place to live and settles down here with one of the best farms in the county.

The place just sold is on the right of the Winters-Ballinger road near Coyote Creek, and on which two silos are located.

Twenty-three years ago Mr. Dooze sold this same land to Mr. Nixon for about \$3.75 per acre. The deal at that time covered eleven hundred acres, and Mr. Nixon paid Mr. Dooze \$4,000 for the eleven hundred acres.

From \$3.75 to \$60.00 is a pretty good advance, but look what the land is producing today, and a little figuring will show you that that price just paid is mighty low, and Mr. Hendrick will turn it for a big profit within a few years, and after he has added greatly to his wealth by cultivating the land.

Mr. Hendrick will not get possession of the place until January first next year, as it has been rented for 1920 by Mr. Owen, who is already on the place.

Spring Time Is Coming

Ladies New Spring SUITS COATS DRESSES BLOUSES SKIRTS MILLINERY

are arriving almost every day now.

We Have Now On Display Some Very

Beautiful Models.

You are very cordially invited to call and see them.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Ballinger's Shopping Center

Riots In Berlin

STREETS ARE DOTTED WITH DEAD AND WOUNDED MEN

FIRST NATIONAL BANK RE-ELECTS BOARD

The First National Bank rounded out one of the best year's work in its thirty-four years of usefulness in this city, and at a stockholders' meeting Tuesday afternoon, the entire old board of directors and officers were re-elected.

In keeping the old staff on the job the stockholders show their appreciation and approval of the administration of the First National's affairs, and the year 1920 begins with prospects as promising as a bunch of bankers could wish for.

As the line-up remains for the coming year, J. Y. Pearce will be president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; A. J. Thorp, asst. cashier; J. W. Patterson, asst. cashier; W. R. Bogle, asst. cashier. The directors for the year are: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, R. A. Hall, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin and E. L. Rasmussen.

Presbyterian Church, 8th Street. Praise service tonight at 7:30 p. m.

The 16th inst. the Prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States became a part of the Constitution. You are urged to come out and swell the number in special praise to God.

R. T. PHILLIPS, Minister.

BALLINGER HOMES CHANGING HANDS

E. Shepperd reported a number of deals in the city during the last few days in which Ballinger homes changed hands. Among the deals reported are the following:

S. D. Williams purchases the Edgar Ellis place.

Mrs. Oscar Holliday purchases the Joiner property on Tenth St., from Thorp and Shepperd.

Mrs. W. W. Wooten purchases the W. L. Ellis place on Tenth Street.

B. A. Philpot purchases the T. L. Aere place on Strong Avenue.

J. W. Block purchases the E. L. Harp place on Sixth Street.

W. A. Esmond purchases the V. Weinberg place.

Chas. E. Coons purchases the V. Minshew place on Eleventh St.

In most of the above deals Ballinger gets new families, parties moving from the country to town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle were here Wednesday closing up the deal in which they sell their home on Ninth Street to Mrs. Mattie Holliday. Mrs. Holliday will occupy the place and make her home in Ballinger.

Our Daily Booze Story

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Revolution is likely to follow in the wake of prohibition, according to Rev. J. Campbell Morgan, pastor of the Westminster Chapel, London, who is now visiting here. "Whenever a great country banishes strong drink it must prepare for revolution. When a man stops drinking he begins to think. All that happened in Russia occurred since vodka was abolished. Whenever London goes dry, her East End will arise," he said.

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—(By special cable, delayed)—A state of siege has been proclaimed throughout Germany, with the exception of Wurttemberg, Saxony, and Bavaria, as a result of wide-spread riots.

Scores of people have been killed in the riots which occurred in Berlin last night and late today, and more than one hundred men and women were wounded.

Fighting in the streets occurred when the police and soldiers attempted to disperse a great mob which formed in front of the Reichstag to protest against labor legislation which was pending. Radical speakers inflamed the people forming the mob and they attempted to rush the building and were fought back by the police and loyal soldiers.

Hand grenades and machine guns were brought into use, and after the fighting was over the dead and wounded littered the great square in front of the Reichstag building. The steps of the building and the side walks were smeared with blood.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The latest reports from Berlin this afternoon indicate that the situation growing out of labor troubles is serious, but that the trouble had not yet reached a stage of revolution, and efforts are being made to keep down a general revolution throughout the empire.

BARTLETT MOVES STUDIO

W. E. Bartlett has moved his photo studio from the Brewer building to the building over Reeder's store on Eighth Street. Mr. Bartlett has been in the Brewer building for three years.

R. J. Queen was here from the Wingate country, Tuesday and Wednesday.

1920

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NOTICE TO PEOPLE

WHO TAKE THE LEDGER

For some time our carrier system has not been as near perfect as we would like to have it. We have now adopted a merit system, and from this date carrier boys will receive proper reward for giving perfect service.

It is our desire that every subscriber get their paper and get it on time. In order that we may have a perfect delivery system, and keep check on the boys, and know when deliveries are not made, we request that the subscriber notify us promptly.

It has come to our notice that in some instances subscribers' papers are picked up by others and carried away, after the carrier boys have delivered them. To avoid this, and to also prevent the paper from being blown out of the yard, we urge that every subscriber arrange a box—coffee or baking powder can makes an ideal box—at a convenient place, preferably near the curb, and we will see to it that the paper is deposited in that box by the carrier boys.

It is necessary that we have the co-operation of the subscriber if we have a perfect delivery system. Help us to educate the boys to the importance of giving good service.

If you miss the Daily Ledger any afternoon, do not telephone any member of the firm at their home then, but wait till the next day and phone the office after 9 o'clock so the bookkeeper may keep a registry of the kids and at the end of the week pay each boy in accordance with the service rendered.

Please do not try to buy a paper from a carrier boy, as they take out none for sale and to offer to buy one only offers temptation for them to be dishonest. If you have been doing this please desist in the future.

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WOMEN GIVE OUT

Housework is hard enough when healthy. Every Ballinger woman who is having backache, blue and nervous spells, dizzy headaches, and kidney or bladder troubles, should be glad to heed this Ballinger woman's experience:

Mrs. J. A. DeMerville, Cor. Cedar and Broadway, says: "About a year ago there was soreness and lameness in my back and when I did a little hard housework would tire out quickly and would have to lie down and rest. I suffered from pains of a drawing kind and had attacks of nervousness. My kidneys were irregular in action, too. I used Doan's Kidney Pills which I bought at the Pearce Drug Co., and I can gladly say that Doan's gave me fine results. I think this medicine should be used by other kidney sufferers."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. DeMerville had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, New York.

Excavations near Cairo have brought to light leather balls, at least 4,000 years old, not unlike modern baseballs.

The first ice cream establishment in America was opened in New York City in 1851 by Jacob Fussell.

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Your interest and ours are mutual. We depend upon you for business and you depend upon us for lumber to satisfy your requirements.

Our customers are our best friends—some of you have been customers and friends for years. You know we have always given you our best in properly graded and assorted yellow pine lumber.

We have all grades and sizes to meet your requirements.

Ballinger Lumber Comp'y

THEIR LAST DANCE TOGETHER

Mrs. Castle Tells a Pretty Story of Her Final Performance With Her Husband.

Irene Castle's memories of her late husband, Capt. Vernon Castle, conclude in Everybody's with the following account of their last public appearance:

"Our last dance together was while he was instructing up at Camp Mohawk, Canada. He had been given permission to come to New York especially to dance with me at a British recruiting benefit which was held at the New York hippodrome. Because of the nature of the occasion, he had been given permission to dance in uniform. It had been long since we had danced our old dances together, and it had been necessary the day before to work quite hard in brushing up. I had expected that Vernon would have forgotten altogether a lot of the steps or that he would be a little stiff from lack of practice, but on the night of the benefit he danced divinely. At the close of the performance many beautiful flowers were handed to us over the footlights. We bowed and bowed again our thanks. In the wings Vernon nervously kissed my hand and there were tears in his eyes. I wonder if he guessed we had danced our last dance, and the last ring of applause for us was still."

"The world had been very good to us. We had lived well and lavishly because of that same applause. Together we tasted success, fame and money. Thank God that at no time during that night did I dream it was the end."

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It is the remedy that men use for purifying the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special Agent.

The first mint was established in England in the 10th Century.

President Wm. H. Harrison was the father of ten children, six being boys.

Any little wound or abrasion of the flesh occurring in cold weather that is not promptly treated becomes a bad sore and is difficult to heal. Apply Ballard's Snow Lintment at once when such accidents happen. The wound heals promptly and soon does away with the annoyance of a bandage. Sold by Jno. A. Weeks.

A dispatch from Ballinger says that the fifty odd rural schools of Rumsels County will issue a rural school annual to be known as the "Ruralview." If in the compilation is included data concerning the various schools, the plan has much merit. Tom Green County rural schools kindly take notice—San Angelo Standard.

Don't You Forget it. Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets, not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They contain no poison or other digestive ferment but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally.

The farmers of this county will not make a big bet if they fail to get in on that ear of brood hogs.

This county is now getting the full benefit of bad roads, and we trust good road boosters will increase.

Dating from the beginning of the Christian era was proposed and introduced by Dionysius, a monk in 526.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Hebine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Sold by Jno. A. Weeks.

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CAPSULES

The world's standard remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and uric acid troubles, the enemies of life and looks. In use since 1895. All druggists, three sizes. Look for the name Gold Medal on every box and accept no imitation.

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deed, but Mr. Shepherd is very anxious to own this property, to the end that he can become a director and the attorney for the institution, and I have, at last, consented, though reluctantly to gratify his ambition. He is a good man for the place, and I would not part with this at all but for the fact that I am living in San Angelo, and it is a good deal of trouble to quit my business and go back and forth to attend the meetings of the directors. I am sure the bank will continue to prosper under your management with the assistance of the Board as it will be constituted after the 13th."

In appreciation of the faithful and efficient service and the pleasant and genial association by and with Judge Harris, the new Board passed the following resolutions in his behalf:

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. of Ballinger, that:

In the long and efficient service of Judge C. O. Harris with this bank, we fully appreciate his merits and his splendid and faithful service with this institution, his untiring efforts, his wise counsel, his genial disposition, and optimistic viewpoint under all conditions have been an inspiration to his fellow workers and that we will miss him in our future meetings and in the handling of the bank's business affairs, and we wish for him and his all the prosperity and happiness that is allotted to man and trust that he will round out many more years of useful service to his country and his fellow man.

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In making the change from Judge Harris to Mr. Shepherd, we feel that a good man has become associated with us in the management of the Bank's affairs, and we are glad to welcome him on our Board.

Feb. McWilliams, Pres.
Chas. S. Miller, Cashier and V. Pres.

J. A. Reese, Secretary.
E. A. Werner.

After the stockholders' meeting of the regular monthly meeting of the newly elected board proceeded with their regular business, by electing Feb. McWilliams, President; Chas. S. Miller, Cashier and Vice-President; J. A. Reese, Secretary and Assistant Cashier; Sam Baker, Assistant Cashier, and R. J. Wheeler, Assistant Cashier, for the ensuing year.

The new board was well pleased with the able and efficient management of the bank for the year 1919, and are grateful for the faithful service rendered by the employees in their various capacities and expressed their appreciation for same.

This institution enters the year 1920 with bright prospects and we feel that a successful year is in prospect.

No Great Act of Heroism Required.

If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring, but when it is necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indication of croup appears, there are many who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within the reach of all and is prompt and effective.

S. H. Wilkerson was here from Winters, Wednesday, en route to San Angelo. He dropped in to see The Ledger.

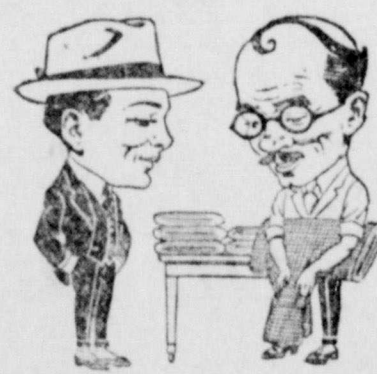
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There is no "cure" but relief is often brought by—
VICK'S VAPORUB
"YOUR BODYGUARD"—30¢, 60¢, \$1.20

Ledger classifieds bring results.

THEY ALL COME FROM
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As far as appearance and comfort, all you need do is to slip into one of our garments. You will be convinced.

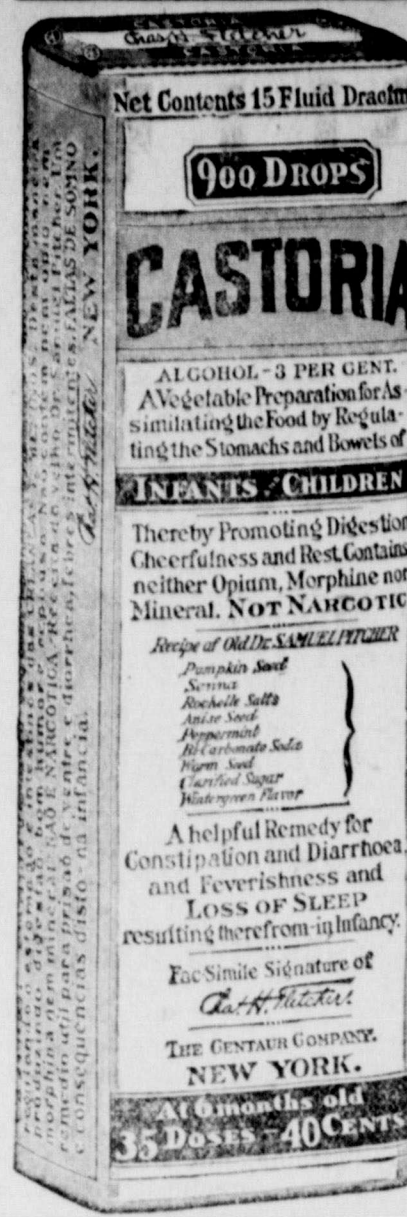
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are the bathrooms installed by us. We have every plumbing convenience and accessory that goes to make life more livable. We shall be pleased to submit an estimate for materials and work. You will be agreeably surprised to learn how little it will cost to transform your bathroom.

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It Cost More, But Worth It.

L. B. Stubbs

Phones 93 and 94



Imitation "Ford" parts are being sold by many mail-order houses and garages to unsuspecting Ford owners as "Ford" parts. But they are not Genuine Ford parts, made by the Ford Motor Company. They are made by concern who have no connection whatsoever with the Ford Motor Company. These imitation parts are not even made from the same grade of steel, or under the same formulas used by the Ford Company. They are counterfeit parts. Tests have shown them to break when the genuine Ford parts didn't even bend and they generally are from thirty-five to one hundred per cent lower in quality.

The Authorized Ford Dealer is your protection. As such, we handle nothing but the Genuine Ford parts. They are made from the famous Ford Vanadium Steel on each part—according to its use—is heat-treated in the way that will give it the longest wearing qualities.

Harwell Motor Company



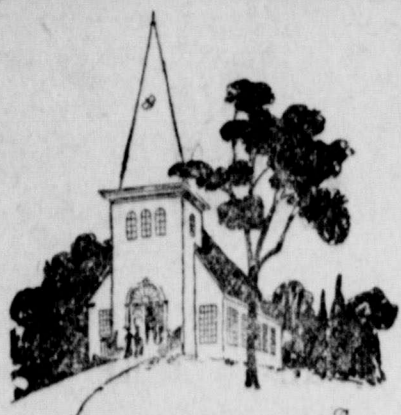
Make your
Home Attractive
by its Lights
It Won't Cost much
and helps the looks
of any home.

Now that the school year is open and your children are studying at night, don't let them ruin their eyes studying by a poor light. A MADZA lamp gives you more and is smoother and restful to the eyes.

Ballinger Electric Light,
Power & Ice Company

Studio Moved.

I have moved my Photo Studio over Reeder's store on 8th Street. W. E. BARTLETT. 14-4td-1tw.



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Monday's, and Saturdays
Sunday's by Appointment
Winters every Tuesday at Dr.
Tinkle's office.

New Year
Greeting

to everyone in Ballinger and Runnels County. We sincerely thank you for your patronage and will strive to make our bakery goods merit your patronage during 1920.

W. V. Connelly

Second Hand
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Guns Cleaned, Oiled
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MISS MAGGIE SHARP

Your business solicited.

Upstairs in old Fidelity

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215. See Me.

Nothing New for 5 Months.

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 14.—"We refuse to be robbed," is the slogan of the Rock Island Old Clothes Club, just organized. The object is to deal a solar plexus blow to the high cost of living as far as clothing is concerned. Buttons are worn bearing the magic letters "O. C." and the members pledged themselves not to buy new clothes for six months.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Sold by John A. Weeks.

City Marshal Wimberly went to Ovalo this week and arrested R. O. Beauchamp on a charge of swindling, later placing the young man in jail at Abilene. It is alleged that Beauchamp, had, by the use of very crude methods, made a one dollar bill appear to be a "ten spot," passing one of the bills thus raised on W. H. Avery at Winters. If it is found that Beauchamp had been thus tampering with Uncle Sam's money it is likely he will have to answer a far more serious charge.—Winters Enterprise.

The Best Cough Remedy

When a druggist finds that his customers all speak well of a certain preparation, he forms a good opinion of it and when in need of such a medicine is almost certain to use it himself and in his family. This is why so many druggists use and recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. J. B. Jones, a well known druggist of Auburn, Ky., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for the past seven years, and I have found it to be the best cough medicine I have ever known."

Belgium, Holland and Switzerland prohibit the manufacture, importation or sale of absinthe.

Wormwood from which absinthe is obtained has been described as the quinine of the poor.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears
the
Signature of

Mrs. Chas. Tibbs came in from Itasca Tuesday, and is here to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Surgeons agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds, the First Treatment is most important. When an Efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Ceylonese tradition places the height of the tower of Babel to that of 20,000 elephants.

A TEXAS WONDER

for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 small bottle, often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

The Imperial canal in China, 1,000 miles long, is the longest artificial waterway in the world.

The gypsies were expelled from France in 1560 and from Spain in 1591.

To the Dyspeptic.

Would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles are over, that you can eat any kind of food that you crave? Consider then the fact that Chamberlain's Tablets have cured others—why not you. There are many who have been restored to health by taking these tablets and can now eat any kind of food that they crave.

Theodore Roosevelt, at 42 years of age, was the youngest President.

Yezd, a city of 60,000 on a salt desert in Central Persia, is 200 miles from the nearest neighboring town.

Use Ledger Classifieds.

MUSCLE SHOALS
NATION'S BULWARK

Big \$60,000,000 Nitrate Plant
a Defense for Future
Generations.

INSURES NATIONAL DEFENSE

Assurance of Abundant American Explosives a Reason
Why Germany Quit.

By GARRET SMITH.

One of the chief fortresses of America's new military defense system which developed out of the World War is the Ammonium Nitrate Plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, on the Tennessee River, over three hundred miles from the seacoast, capable of turning out 300 tons of high explosives a day. It assures to the United States for all time an abundance of ammunition without which an army is a helpless encumbrance and it has made this unlimited supply of explosives available without resort to raw material from outside of the country.

The essential ingredient of all modern military explosives is nitric acid. Before the World War, America was entirely dependent upon Chile for the supply of nitrate of soda, the only chemical from which nitric acid can be made. In case this country became involved in war with any nation that could control the sea our foe would have us at her mercy, for she could cut off our essential means of striking back.

Other nations, however, were equally dependent upon the Chilean nitrate supply. Germany was purchasing one-third of it. She had expected to hold the sea with her submarines but failed. But a process for extracting nitrogen from the air had been obtained by Germany some years before from Italian chemists. This process had been successful in producing a high grade nitrogenous fertilizer from which in turn could be extracted ammonium nitrate. Germany, therefore, fell to manufacturing ammonium nitrate from the air on a large scale.

Americans Buy German Secret.

In 1907 an American company, headed by Frank S. Washburn, had secured the American rights to this process from Germany and had gone into manufacturing the fertilizer on the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls. When America found herself in the World War the Ordnance Department turned to Mr. Washburn's company for help. The Air Nitrates Corporation was formed, with Mr. Washburn at its head, to build the Muscle Shoals plant. It was assisted by several other well known corporations, such as the Westinghouse Electric Company, which put up the plant buildings, the permanent city and utilities; the J. G. White Corporation, which designed and constructed the power plant; the Chemical Construction Company, which designed and built the nitric acid plant, and the M. W. Kellogg Company, which furnished the piping and built the chimneys.

Beginning work in November, 1917, the big plant and new city at Muscle Shoals was completed within one year's time. Had the expected spring drive of 1919 materialized this one plant alone would have been able to supply 13 per cent. of all the high explosives used by all the Allied armies on all fronts during that drive, and the United States was secure for all time to come against an ammunition shortage.

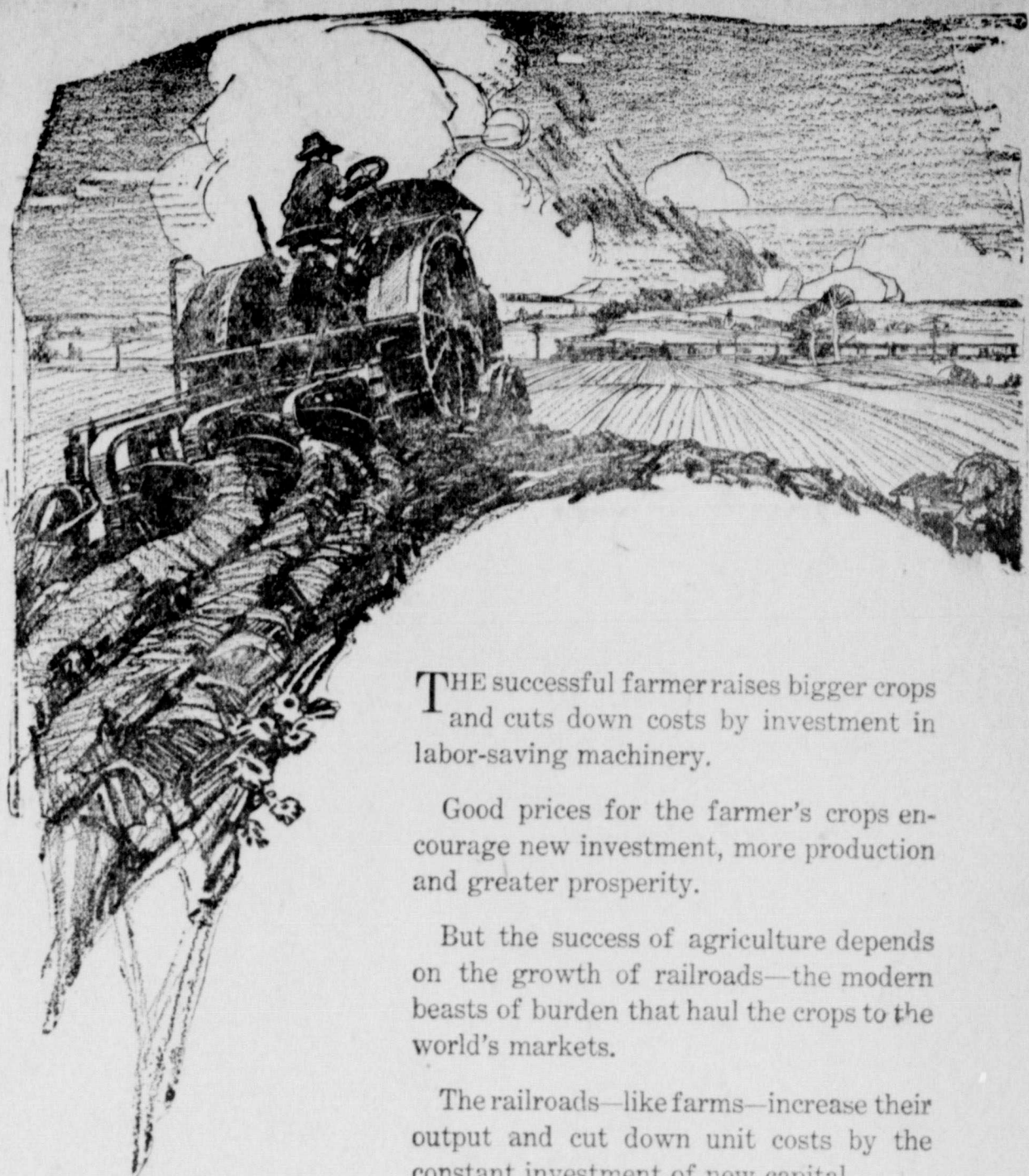
When the arrangement was finally made for building the big air nitrate plant, work was begun on a power dam at the same point. This work is being conducted directly by the United States Engineering Corps. It will not be completed, however, for two or three more years. It was necessary, therefore, in order to insure immediate operation when the nitrate plant was completed to construct a \$10,000,000 steam power plant, one of the largest steam plants for the production of continuous electric power in the world. It is pointed out that even had the water-power plant been completed during the war it would have been necessary also to have constructed a steam plant to insure the nitrate plant working at full capacity at all times during the year.

Plant Worth All It Cost.

Now, this entire job cost the Government \$60,000,000. It was put through at a time when the prices of materials and labor were at their summit. It was built at record speed, and speed costs money. The question naturally arises, then, as to whether Uncle Sam got his money's worth.

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THREAD-RUBBER

Spanell Tells Own Story of Double Killing at Alpine

Brownwood, Tex., Jan. 14.—Harry J. Spanell occupied the witness chair during the entire morning, relating in detail the incidents which led to the killing of Mrs. Spanell and Col. M. C. Butler. His testimony followed closely that in former trials.

After relating incidents which led to the belief that Butler was trying to force attentions on Mrs. Spanell, defendant gave the following story of the actual killing.

"After we had driven a short distance I asked Butler what he had done. He said 'nothing.' Mrs. Spanell was just excited. I could hear Mrs. Spanell crying and sobbing, and I told him, 'If Mrs. Spanell wasn't here you would deny being up there at all.' Defendant had reference to finding Col. Butler in the vicinity of Mrs. Spanell's room in the hotel. He said 'Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Spanell went up to wash their hands, and I went up there. I then heard Crystal say, 'He was following us,' and I turned around and was still driving and I turned to Crystal and said, 'He knows he had no business following you, any other time he would have washed his hands down stairs,' and I said, 'My God Butler you know better than to do that after you promised me you would not persist in it, and you are nothing but a d— b—.' He then said that if it wasn't for Mrs. Spanell he would wash those words down my d— throat, and I told him to come on.

"Mrs. Spanell jumped up and said, 'no he won't do any such thing,' and they were both talking and Mrs. Spanell said that right after she started out of the room after Mrs. Butler that Butler grabbed her and kept saying 'let me explain,' and tried to keep Mrs. Spanell from doing anything, and the clouds were coming over me and I was heated. Something flashed and I didn't know where I was.

"I heard Crystal say that he grabbed her and that she wouldn't repeat his filthy words and in the same breath I heard her say, 'don't touch me.' I tried to stop the car and reached around and said, 'go away from her, you dirty handed son of a b—,' and he shoved me against the wheel of the car and had his hand on the back of my neck and rammed me down. I thought he would kill us and I thought of the pistol in the car and I had my hand on it and he had his hand on it and we wrestled and I heard one shot and it must have passed so close to me that it deafened me. I had never fired a pistol before. I was trying to turn the pistol and fire it. I felt that he had more chance to get the pistol than I had. I remembered the little pistol in my pocket. I thought the thing he had in mind was to kill Crystal and me both. I know Crystal must have been fighting for me. I could not free myself. I was thrown from the car or fell. I could then see Crystal right in front of him. I could see flashes of that gun and I couldn't fight from where I was.

"I went around the back of the car and could see Butler and I fired two or three times. I saw him fall. I went to the car and grabbed Crystal and told her to speak to me. I thought she had fainted. I never heard any voice. I tried to pull her out of the car and told her 'for God's sake speak to me.' That she was all right. I tried to pull her out and couldn't and I thought, O, God, he has killed her. I couldn't think what under the sun to do. My mind was a blank. I didn't want to leave. I took the little pistol and put it up to my head. I couldn't fire it. A vision right up before me, 'Don't, daddy, we are waiting for you, and I was confused again and I couldn't think of what happened. I started to go home. I started down the street. I don't know where I met somebody and remember asking them to call a doctor. I remember becoming entangled in the barbed wire somewhere and the only thing I remember was that I was in jail, somewhere, and I don't know where."

Cross-Examination of Defendant

"I never did drink beer but very little. Once in awhile I took a little whiskey for a cold, but it had been several months before this trouble since I took any and I hate it and always have.

"Mrs. Spanell was unsuspecting of every mortal in the world. Everybody was her friend. The State has accused me of killing my wife. I do not know who did it. I accused Butler of it. I tried to break up my home and is responsible for my wife's death. I don't know whether Butler had a 32 calibre pistol. He got my big gun from me, and I supposed he had a gun, as he generally carried one. He got the gun from me some time during the scuffle. I saw him shoot it when I was against the fence, and maybe while I was in the car and saw many flashes while I was on the ground, next to the fence, Mrs. Spanell was in front of Butler when I saw the flashes, and he was holding her as a barrier for his own protection. I did not fire from the right hand side of the car and I do not remember having the little pistol until I had gone to the left side of the car. Those clouds and veils began to come over me when Crystal began to tell this and Butler jumped up and grabbed her. I did not go by Judge Ragin's home on the afternoon of this trouble my mind left me and I do not remember telling Lee Hancock to go to them, that I had killed Major Butler and my wife, nor that Major Butler and my wife made me do it. I don't remember telephoning the sheriff, nor what I said to him if I phoned. I weighed two hundred pounds at the time of the trouble. Butler was back of me and jamming me down on the steering wheel. I wasn't thinking about Butler's gun that night. I was thinking of Crystal and the condition she was in, and I wanted him to explain. I did not believe Mrs. Spanell and Butler had ever been together alone. I never knew of their being together alone. I don't know whether I fired any shots from this little pistol before I got out of the car."

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The State of Texas:

To all Persons interested in the estate of Fred Gerhart and Louise Gerhart, Deceased, notice is hereby given that J. J. Gerhart, by his attorney, Q. V. Miller, has filed an application in the County Court of Runnels County, on the 3rd day of January, 1920 for probate of the Last Will and Testament of said Fred Gerhart and Louise Gerhart, deceased, which said application will be heard by said court on the 2nd day of February, 1920 at the Court House of said county in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Witness my hand and official seal, at Ballinger, Texas this 6th day of January, 1920.

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Banking House, F. and F.	23,900.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptance (cotton)	242,715.16
Cash and Exchange	427,492.82
	\$1,237,539.20

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	58,636.00
Reserved for Taxes	2,311.53
Circulation	25,000.00
Dividends, Unpaid	3,600.00
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