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COPE AND KIRK GET HEARING FRIDAY

17 BURNED TO DEATH IN INSANE HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A formal inquiry into the fire which last night destroyed the "frame" house at the Dunning State Hospital for the Insane, was inaugurated today by Judge C. Jenkins of Springfield, director of the State Department of Public Welfare. Three other inquiries by the city and county officials are also scheduled to begin today. Hours of informal investigation last night failed to disclose the probable cause of the fire.

A re-check of the dead and missing today made little change in the figures. Seventeen are known to be dead. Thirteen of them have not been identified. Ten others are missing and unaccounted for.

NEW PEACE PLAN TALK IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—Reports are again in circulation here of a peace move on the part of the rebels.

Reports say that the author of the new effort toward peace is General Flores, governor of Sinaloa, presidential candidate. The details of the reported peace proposals have not been learned.

BROWN COUNTY MAN ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

D. C. Keeling, age 39, ended his life in a room at the Travelers Hotel in Brownwood Christmas morning by taking a draught of carbolic acid. Keeling had just returned to Brownwood from Ft. Worth, went to the hotel and spent Christmas eve night. He had asked his two sons, ages about 12 and 13 years, to spend the night in the room with him, but they were not present when he ended his life. The man was born in Brown county and leaves several brothers.

BIG INCREASE IN LOCAL MAIL

After one of the most strenuous holiday seasons in the history of the local postoffice, the postoffice crew are resting on their oars with a clean house. The rush was even greater than in the pre-Volstead days, according to the boys who handle Uncle Sam's Santa Claus, but the big volume of mail was kept moving and only for a few hours one or two days did it look anything like congestion.

"I believe the volume of Christmas mail was at least fifty per cent greater than ever handled through the local office before," said Postmaster J. A. Reese, "but we are right jam up," and the postmaster was taking Christmas eve after the outgoing mail had been tied out for the day.

The crew was cut down to a minimum on Christmas day, but practically all boxes were filled with mail, and the general delivery window kept open for an hour or two during the forenoon. In the afternoon only first-class mail was handled in the dispatching department, but all mail was cleaned out and delivered at an early hour Wednesday morning.

The big increase in business through the local office reflects the prosperous condition of Santa Claus this year, and the faithfulness of the employees in remaining on the job and working overtime made it possible to handle the big rush without delay.

BOOTLEG LIQUOR KILLS 7 IN N. Y.; 50 IN HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Holiday bootleg liquor claimed two more victims today bringing the list of dead since Christmas up to seven, when James Marahan and Edward Churchill, laborers, died in Belleville Hospital. Six more beds in the alcoholic ward were occupied where sufferers numbered more than fifty. Many of them were women.

WINTERS BANK CLAIMS RECORD MAKING DEPOSITS

Special to The Ledger:
WINTERS, Dec. 27.—The Winters State Bank is out with a voluntary statement which it is claimed sets a new record for bank deposits in Runnels county. The Winters State shows deposits amounting to \$1,502,000, on a capital and surplus of only \$100,000.

This is a wonderful showing for this institution, and reflects the prosperous condition of the Winters country, as well as the popularity of the bank. There is perhaps no bank in Texas with equal capital stock, and located in a town of equal size of Winters which can boast of as many accounts on its books and as much money no deposit.

John Q. McAdams, cashier of the thriving institution, has been on the job since the bank was organized in 1906, and has witnessed three changes in the building which houses the bank, bringing the bank's home up from what was a small building with little office room to one of the most modern bank buildings in West Texas, the bank having just spent about \$30,000 in improving its home.

The bank is a credit to Runnels county, and is enjoying a thriving business in one of the most prosperous agricultural counties in the state.

CRUDE MAKES GOOD ADVANCE

(By Associated Press)
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 27.—An advance ranging from fifteen to forty cents a barrel for Oklahoma and Kansas crude oil was posted here today by the Texas Company.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR MILES LAD

Special to The Ledger:
MILES, Dec. 26.—Wallace Bailey, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bailey, had a very narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon when he fell from the top of the Messenger office, the local newspaper plant.

The lad was hanging on the side of the building and the large rock that he was holding to, came loose, causing him to fall to the ground, a distance of about sixteen feet, breaking his left leg just above the ankle. Only the fact that the youth was quick to jump up prevented him from being hit on the head by the falling stone.



ASKS PERMISSION SHOT GUN PLAY FOR STOCK ISSUE PROVES FATAL

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Texas & Pacific Railroad Company through its receivers, asked the Interstate Commerce Commission today to authorize issues of \$24,676.00 in preferred stock, and \$4,440,583.00 in six per cent notes. The stock will be exchanged for an issue of second mortgage bonds like the amount held by the Missouri Pacific, while the notes will be used to settle indebtedness between the railroad and the United States Railroad Administration.

(By Associated Press)
LONGVIEW, Tex., Dec. 27.—Sidney Bassett, age 16, and son of H. S. Bassett, a farmer, was shot and killed yesterday at his home near Henderson. A shot gun in the hands of a 12-year-old boy was responsible officers said.

THIEVES GET MAIL JITNEY WHEELS

Thieves lifted the right front and rear wheels from a Ford car belonging to Ross Smith, rural mail carrier, Wednesday night. The car had just undergone repairs and was left parked near the side entrance to the Harwell Motor Co. garage on Ninth Street. The hub caps, taps, etc., were removed and the wheels lifted off and the axles of the car left resting on the ground.

Santa Fe Detective Fatch was here Thursday conferring with the local officers, and assisting in running down criminals.

REDUCTION OF TAXATION IS NOT A MATTER OF PARTISAN POLITICS

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SOMEWHERE along the line in the current discussion of tax reduction there has been injected the solemn asseveration that Secretary Mellon's proposal is a Republican policy and as such ought to be opposed by the Democratic Party. It was apparently inevitable that an attempt would be made to bring this consideration before the people, and that not a few Senators and Representatives who had been paralyzed by the straightforwardness and persuasiveness of the letter to Mr. Green would regain their tongues at the mention of party policy, and this despite the fact that of all the things in the world that are ill-defined, obscure and debatable, the respective policies of the two great political parties in this country are the most poorly defined, the most obscure and the most debatable.

If tax reduction could be denominated as a Republican policy, then it would follow that tax reduction was not a Democratic policy. Tax reduction not being a Democratic policy we should naturally expect that any favorable mention of it would be rigorously excluded from Democratic platforms and that Democrats standing for election would boldly proclaim their opposition to it in asking for the suffrage of their constituents. An examination of party platforms during recent years and our best recollection as to the addresses of Democratic candidates for office discloses no such opposition to tax reduction. If opposition to tax reduction is a Democratic policy, Democrats have been supremely successful in keeping that fact to themselves.

The truth is, of course, that tax reduction has nothing whatever to do with partisan politics. Scientific tax reduction, such as that which is now proposed, is based upon the fact that prospective revenues exceed proposed expenditures. The essential factor is that not more should be taken from the people in taxes than is required for the efficient conduct of the Government. If the tax reduction program goes through during the present session of Congress, it will not be because the Republicans put it through. At the present moment its opponents number as many Republicans as they do Democrats. President Coolidge may urge the Mellon plan upon Congress, but his appeal must be to Congress as a whole and not to his Republican adherents. Those who support it will go into the next campaign on their personal record as conservers of the public welfare, as the supporters of a measure that has no more to do with the respective policies of the Republican and Democratic parties than has voting the salaries of ambassadors. Tax reduction is not a party matter and he who tries to make anyone believe it is, shows himself neither a good partisan nor a worthy public representative.



JOHN T. PRATT
Chairman
National Budget Committee

PROPOSES PLAN CLEAN UP KLAN

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in the councils of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote President Coolidge today offering to co-operate with the executive in ending the activities of "an element" which is converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that for which it was planned by its founders.

Clarke also announced his intention of issuing a proclamation to Klansmen "calling on the better element" either to take hold and "remedy the existing evils in the Klan" or to disband the organization.

The president was told by Clarke that there had been a steady withdrawal from the Klan itself or from participation in its active operating control, and that he had voluntarily severed his active official connection with the organization more than a year ago.

Various charges were made in a letter against the activities of the organization in its disregard of the high ideals, principles and purposes for which it was formed.

These actions, Clarke characterized as "a keen disappointment to me."

SCHOOL BOARD FILLS VACANCY

The school board of trustees has elected Miss Olga C. Lundelius, of Round Rock, to succeed Mrs. Henry Porter as English teacher in the Ballinger High School. Mrs. Porter was forced to resign on account of Mr. Porter being transferred to another part of the state and moving away. She was one of the best teachers the Ballinger schools have ever had, and it was with regret that the board and pupils lose her. Miss Lundelius comes to the local schools highly recommended.

ROYAL HUSBAND FOR NEW YORK GIRL

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—King Christian today consented to the announcement of the engagement of his young kinsman, Prince Viggo, to Miss Eleanor Green, daughter of Dr. J. O. Green, of New York.

See Dr. Roy Nelms at Coy Drennan's Shoe Shop. 19-d&w-1f

CRAZED YOUTH FIRES ON PRINCE

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, Dec. 27.—A youth, dressed as a laborer, was arrested by the police today shortly after he had fired at Prince Regent Hirohito in an attempted assassination. The police believe that the youth is insane.

The shooting aroused intense excitement, and feeling is running high throughout the city. The assailant used a "cane gun" in firing at an automobile in which the prince was riding. The windows of the machine were smashed and a bullet narrowly missed the head of the heir apparent.

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Home Minister Goto has resigned, assuming responsibility as home minister for the attempted assassination today of Prince Regent Hirohito by a twenty year old youth who is now under arrest. Goto's home and all socialist centers are being closely guarded owing to the fear of anti-socialist outbreaks.

District Judge Woodward has granted a writ of habeas corpus fixing the hearing in the Cope-Kirk murder case for 11:00 o'clock Friday morning, at Ballinger, according to notice served by Sheriff J. P. Flynt, and according to notice to attorneys in the case.

A petition was presented to Judge Woodward asking for a hearing to fix bonds by counsel for defendants late Wednesday afternoon. Judge Woodward declined to fix a date for the hearing until he could get in touch with District Attorney Walter U. Early. After conferring with Mr. Early the hearing was set for the above date.

No new developments in the case had been disclosed up to a late hour Thursday. Statements from several witnesses were taken late Wednesday and Thursday, but nothing of importance was disclosed. Kirk and Cope, both charged with the murder of Crawford Tabor, and who were denied bond, are in the Ballinger jail, and the hearing set for Friday will determine the question of bond. In case Judge Woodward overrules the motion for bond it is expected that an appeal will be taken at once to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Quite a number of people from the community where the shooting took place, and in the Norton country, were in town Thursday, and it is expected that the hearing tomorrow will bring many witnesses and friends of the defendants and other parties to this city.

Notice to Modern Woodmen
All members of the M. W. A. are notified to call at The Alceve and pay their dues. Your receipt is there for you.
Jack Carroll, Clerk.

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

Last Day's Showing at Maeroy Theatre

Absolutely Different!

William Fox presents
Tom Mix
in
SOFT BOILED
with
TONY The Wonder Horse
Screened by EDWARD MORAN
J. G. BLYSTONE
Production

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The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also to local news published herein.

Ballinger received a full stocking and got by Christmas without a tragedy. Certainly cause for prolonging our rejoicing.

Texas is a wonder state in more ways than one. A forty-four year old orange tree in South Texas yields an average of 2300 oranges every year. California or Florida can't beat it.

The United States occupies the sixth place in ship-building among the nations of the world. But Uncle Sam can get in first place almost over night, if it should become necessary.

There are 28,200 boys and girls clubs in America with 600,957 members engaged in agricultural demonstration study and home economics. All of which means that the high standard of American homes is to be maintained.

Dr. Moody, professor of anatomy in the University of California, says our race is becoming more perfect physically. Why not? what have we been practicing compulsory physical education, maintaining baby clinics, welfare work and trained nurses for?

It is said that every nation in the world has caught the spirit of Christmas giving. Yet there are some people who can see only the dark side of things, and declare that the world is growing worse and going to the bow-wows at a rapid clip.

If the republican congress can put over the bonus bill and at the same time reduce taxes, we are ready to admit that we are still living in the day of miracles, and are ready to keep them on the job forever and eternally.

In his report to congress Attorney General Daugherty says that the United States courts have handled more than 90,000 cases of prohibition law violations since the Volstead Act went into effect on January 16, 1920, and 72,849 of the violators were convicted. Fines aggregating the neat little sum of \$12,367,660 have been collected. Not much consolation to the fellow who said the law wouldn't work.

RUB RHEUMATIC PAIN FROM ACHING JOINTS

Stop "dosing" rheumatism. It's pain only. St. Jacobs Oil will stop any pain, and not once rheumatism case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Oil right on the tender spot, and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. St. Jacobs Oil is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints, and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia.

Limber up! Get a small trial bottle of old-time, honest St. Jacobs Oil from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

SEEKS SOUVENIR FOR BALLINGER PARK

Congressman Thos. L. Blanton has introduced a bill in congress authorizing the secretary of war to donate a German cannon or field piece to Runnels county. Following is the text of the bill as offered by Mr. Blanton:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

"That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate and deliver to the county of Runnels, in the State of Texas, one cannon or fieldpiece captured by the American Expeditionary Forces, or delivered to the United States by the terms of the armistice or treaty of peace."

The Pat Williams Post, American Legion, has been working on

the scheme to obtain a war souvenir for Ballinger for two years, and have agreed to see that it is properly mounted on a concrete base and cared for. The post received a copy of the bill this week, and considerable hope has been aroused over the prospects of securing the gun.

For Sale at a Bargain
1 Dayton Computing Scale
1 large Refrigerator
1 National Cash Register
1 65-gallon Oil Tank with Pump.
C. M. DOYLE.

*** MILES NEWS EVENTS ***

Special to The Ledger:
MILES, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Monroe Prinzing, of Burkburnett, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hester here.

Henry Sewell and family are visiting relatives in Abilene.

Miss Velma Parmér is here from Howard Payne College to visit her parents.

Bob Bailey has returned from Winchester, where he went on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler, of San Angelo, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tyler.

Mrs. Anna Pittman and children are visiting R. M. Miller and family at Paint Rock this week.

Baron Travis, of Abilene, was a guest of Miss Gladys Fowler Monday.

Miss Mabel Bryant left Monday for Dallas on business.

J. L. Fowler was in San Angelo Monday on business.

Misses Ruth and Gladys Fowler and Ethel Pittman were in San Angelo Monday afternoon.

Mrs. C. J. Weisner was over from Rowena to visit her parents Monday.

Miss Carrie Schovajsa is visiting friends in Rowena.

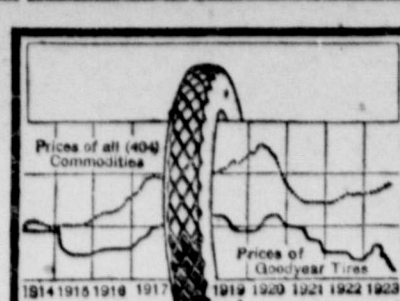
Mrs. Newt Rawls and son, Riley, of Wichita Falls, are guests of the former's brother, W. D. Jennings.

Martin Wilson and family are visiting relatives in Snyder.

Elmer Rumsey came in Tuesday from Brownwood to spend a few days with relatives.

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

Fifteen or twenty members of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Winters, were here Wednesday to attend the funeral of H. M. Harvey, who was laid to rest with ceremonies of that order.



THE extremely fair prices asked for Goodyear Tires year in and year out are shown in the chart above. Good-year Tires are selling today for 45% less than in 1920; 39% less than in 1924. Despite this, their quality was never so high as now. This is a good time to buy Goodyears.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cord with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service.

BALLINGER AUTO CO.

GOOD YEAR

Citation by Publication of Final Account

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting: J. H. Baugh, Administrator of the Estate of W. G. Green, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said W. G. Green, Deceased, numbered 646 on the Probate Docket of Runnels County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this Writ for twenty days in a newspaper printed in the County of Runnels, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the February Term, 1924, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the Town of Ballinger on the 4th day in February A. D. 1924, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in the town of Ballinger, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) W. A. FORGEY, Clerk, County Court, Runnels County.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff, Runnels County.

Citation on Appointment of Temporary Guardian THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable

of Runnels County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice:

To all persons interested in the Welfare of M. D. Barnett, Kathryn Barnett, Betty Sue, Barnett and Cap. Barnett, Minors, Mrs. Myrtle Barnett, was by the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1923, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the persons and estates of said Minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1924, the same being the 4th day of February, A. D. 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1923. (Seal) W. A. FORGEY, Clerk, County Court, Runnels County, Texas.

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Cheap Street Car Ride.
The longest ride for a nickel in the world is given by the transit facilities in New York city. It is possible for a passenger to ride from New Lots avenue in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, near the Queens county line, through Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx to Two Hundred and Forty-first street and White Plains road, five blocks from the Westchester county line at Mount Vernon, for one fare. The distance is 27.8 miles.

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

SEEKING FUNDS FOR COLORED ORPHANAGE

Rev. M. P. Graham, of Austin, is in Ballinger raising funds for the St. Johns Colored Orphanage. The colored people of Ballinger are assisting in the work and Ballinger has been allotted a quota of \$250 which will be raised during the remainder of the week, the drive closing Sunday night. The Rev. Graham will speak at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Thursday and Friday nights and the drive will close with a meeting Sunday night.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock a special service will be held at the Mt. Moriah church at which time a chorus of 50 voices of negroes will sing old plantation melodies. To this service

the general public is invited and seats will be reserved for the white people who care to come.

The St. Johns orphanage has 65 inmates and much is being done through it to eliminate criminals from the race. Committees will canvass the memberships of the different churches in an effort to raise the required amount for the institution.

W. D. Scales and family returned home Wednesday from Abilene, where they spent Christmas day with Mrs. Scales' parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Superintendent: ROBERT L. WHITE



At Breakfast---

you want something that appeals to your appetite Let us tell you about our flour and pan cake flour. Our pancake flour is compounded after a famous recipe and all ingredients are carefully selected and thoroughly mixed.

E. A. JEANES & CO.

Telephones 318 and 357

Car Owners Take Notice

Beginning on January 1st, 1924, we will do strictly a 30-day credit business. Your account will be presented on the 1st of each month and if settlement is not made by the following 10th of the month, your credit will cease and we ask that you spare us the embarrassment by not asking for additional credit until your account is paid. We feel that this will not inconvenience anyone but will be a help to you and will place us in a position to render better service and sell merchandise only where we know we will receive our pay. We want your business, but we want pay for our merchandise and we feel that this method will enable us to find out who intends to pay and who does not.

This Takes Effect Tuesday, January 1st, 1924

- Ballinger Auto Company
- Harwell Motor Company
- Cameron's Garage
- Dean Bros. Garage
- M. G. Justice Motor Company
- W. A. Tally Motor Company
- Higginbotham Bros. & Company
- W. A. Nance.

All Successful Business Operations

—are based upon a knowledge of the business. Yet, this alone is incomplete. The firm belief of The First National Bank of Ballinger is that its courtesy and its friendly interest in the welfare of its patrons are equally as important as any other factor in making a complete service. This Bank has satisfactorily served the people of this territory for thirty-eight years.

The First National Bank

Of Ballinger
The Old Reliable
Since 1886

THE SONG

By MOLLIE MATHER

(By 1222, Western Newspaper Union.)

ALAN drove slowly, his thoughtful gaze bent as though in admiration upon the passing scene. But it was an absent gaze, for Alan was troubled about Barry—Barry now successful beyond belief in his chosen profession, as an actor. Yet far from happy in his heralded fame, Alan was sure. There was trouble, undoubtedly, in the handsome harrassed features Barry had not given his confidence; Alan would have to think out the problem. Across his thought came memories of unfailing kindly deeds during those college days.

The vine-covered pillars of a broken gateway attracted Alan's attention. It was a picturesque path that led—all crimson and golden bordered trees—down a long lane. No house was visible, but at the end of that glorified path must be an abode, perhaps in keeping with the neglected pillars of the gates. As Alan drove, a singing voice came to him, faint, then clearer and sweeter, as the singer made her way toward the gates. It was a marvelous voice; Alan drew up astonished, to listen. An old-fashioned song the singer chose—"Douglas, Douglas, tender and true." He fancied a soul in the quivering notes, born, no doubt, of mere sympathetic skill—

Wad ye come back to me, Douglas,
Douglas, tender and true?

Alan leaped from the car in eager curiosity to see a wonder singer in this isolated country. What could have brought one of great gift to the lonely house of the deserted lane? He intended to make pretense of seeking aid; his car, he would say, was stalled on the wayside—not necessary to say that he himself had stalled that car, with a purpose.

He found her just inside the gate—a small creature, with wistful eyes and a lovely face—a saddened face which made Alan long instinctively to tempt into the brightness of a smile. He had intended to make his request for assistance; instead Alan heard himself saying truly, "I stopped because I heard you sing."

"I love to sing," she answered simply, and waited.

"To hear such a voice in such an unaccustomed spot is surprising," Alan returned. Then suddenly he leaned forward staring. "It does not seem at all possible that I should find the incomparable Natalie here," he said, "yet one who has heard Natalie sing in public—who has seen her—could be mistaken in no other."

"I came," she said presently, "to stop for a time in the old home that I knew in childhood, where lives now my childhood nurse. It was necessary that I should have rest complete, seclusion absolute. Natalie relies upon the honor of a gentleman to keep her secret. My impulsive song betrayed my hiding place."

Alan gave promise of secrecy in his clasp of the small hand outstretched to him and throughout the homeward drive, throughout his solitary dinner afterward, the silvery tones of the famed Natalie's voice echoed:

Wad ye come back to me, Douglas,
Douglas, tender and true?

The tremulous break at the end of the song still caught at his heart strings. When he called that evening for a farewell word with Barry, the actor met him excitedly. "Read this," he cried, and thrust a paper into Alan's hand.

Alan read, at first perplexedly, then in understanding:

"Recent public discussion of possible engagement between prominent actor and 'movie' star reveals secret marriage of same actor and well-known singer. This marriage, it is said, took place last spring and was to have been made public when Barry Blain had completed the summer engagement with his company. Marriage now threatened to end in separation, while the actor's bride remains hidden in her unknown retreat."

"Beastly papers," Douglas was saying heatedly. "They write up a lot of stuff without foundation; Natalie saw it, ran away and hid some place where neither I nor my agents can find her. It was her wish that the marriage be kept secret until fall, when we might both retire from public life to live in domestic happiness. I've been about crazy over the affair. If I could see her for but a moment I'm sure I could make her understand. She loves me—and she is the one woman in my life—now or ever."

Barry's voice broke; the break recalled to Alan the tremulous ending of a song.

"Barry," Alan said, "I want you to get into my car. I am going to drive you to an old house in the country. I am breaking a promise of honor in this, but a young woman walks about the grounds of her old nurse's home, and she sings, 'Oh, would you come back to me, Douglas,' as if she meant it down to the ground."

And when later Alan had waited at the broken pillars until the moon was high in the sky, a young woman came to him there. The young woman laughed softly.

"Dear friend of my Douglas," Natalie said, "come in to wish us joy."

Pretty Bad.

Mrs. Benham—Have you any bad debts?

Benham—Well, I forgot to pay the minister when we were married.

THEATRES MOVIES

Viola Dana Film Is Full of Action



VIOLA DANA

All the beauty, youth and freshness that is Viola Dana has been captured anew for the screen in her latest starring play, "A Noise in Newboro," which comes to the Fo-to-sho Theatre tomorrow (Friday) only.

According to advance reports, this latest Metro vehicle for the winsome little star is filled with verve and action, qualities which stress her abilities. And her abilities are many and varied, as this picture will show. She is sad, she is frolicsome; she is depressed and lighthearted but chiefly she is lighthearted and all of these emotions she interprets with an incomparable naturalness. This new play is easily the best Miss Dana has ever had to exhibit her skill and versatility.

Likewise, she has surpassed herself in meeting its diversified situations.

She has full opportunity in this rapidly moving story to display that particular brand of comedy which is associated with this elfin comedienne par excellence.

Miss Dana plays the role of a small town girl who is snubbed because she has no money. Newboro is the kind of town that does not provide an echo of approval for anything that can't make a noise like the old metallic eagle. But Martha, in her resentment, vows that she'll make a noise in Newboro, alright, alright.

"A Noise in Newboro" is a Harry Beaumont production. The screen version was prepared by Rex Taylor from the story by Edgar Franklin.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

TOM MIX FUN DEMON IN LATE OFFERING

There would be nothing startling in a Tom Mix picture which showed the popular film star breaking wild horses, or shooting wilder outlaws, but when he appears as a shoe clerk, it's different. In "Soft Boiled," his latest production, released by Wm. Fox, which came to the Macroy Theatre yesterday for a two day engagement, Mix attempts to fit slippers on a girl much as he

would shoe a horse. If they don't fit, drive 'em on, seems to have been his motto.

He doffs his familiar sombrero for a delicious little creation that was marked down from \$3.48. And he wears spats. Incidentally, he also wears horn rimmed spectacles and a gray checkered suit, with bell bottom trousers. Get a laugh out of that!

"Soft Boiled" is the first Mix picture in which the clever star ever was cast in a straight comedy role and it gives him a new opportunity of which he takes full advantage.

Billie Dove plays the girl part and a capable cast assists.

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Simple glycerine, buckthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, helps any case gas on the stomach in TEN minutes. Most medicines act only on lower bowel but Adlerika acts on BOTH the upper and lower bowel and removes all gasses and poisons. Brings out matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for obstinate constipation. Guards against appendicitis. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.



MAE MURRAY

Who has finished her latest Metro starring picture, "Fashion Row," and takes time to advise girls how to dress beautifully.

One reason for the density of populations in Europe is the fact that nations don't race trains to a crossing.

The use of the colony brooder method of rearing chicks insures the raising of healthy chicks with the least work necessary.

Goose eggs may be lacking in fertility because of an unsatisfactory gander. In such cases a new gander may be the remedy. It pays to mate geese in the fall, as later matings may not produce fertile eggs the first year.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Boggs, of Fort Worth, and Mrs. F. E. Banning, of Houston, are here spending the holiday week at the home of their brother, C. A. Boggs.

Stuart L. Williams returned home Thursday from Cisco, where he spent Christmas day with his parents.

How fortunate that the age of the corduroy road and the era of the motorcar did not coincide.

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

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Ballinger Overland Company

THE DAY OF THE KNIGHT IS HERE

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation and to thank everyone who assisted us in the recent trouble brought upon us by the tragic death of Mr. Tabor. We appreciate the words of sympathy and deeds of kindness, and shall always remember the good people who came to us in time of need, and assisted us in laying away our beloved one who met his death at the hands of assassins.

J. N. Wells and Family.
Mrs. Lula Tabor.

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When You are Constipated

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Jones and daughter, Mildred, returned to their home at Rule, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin and other relatives.

New Doctor from Dallas in town. See him with your sick shoes at Coy Drennan's Shoe Shop.

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Paul Harvey, and sister, Mrs. E. A. Kelly, of Odessa; and Miss Fannie Harvey, of Temple; came in Wednesday to attend the funeral of their father, H. M. Harvey.

I have with me now an expert Shoe Man. Coy Drennan.

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ALICE TERRY

Although she is with Rex Ingram, her husband, in Africa, she is quite the rage here because of her wonderful playing in "Scaramouche," Metro's monumental picture.

DEATHS

D. P. Moser Sr.

Death removed from the walks of life another one of this city's pioneers, and a man who had rounded out a long life, Wednesday night, when D. P. Moser Sr., passed away at his home on 8th Street.

Death came at 8:20, ending an affliction of several years standing, and as had been expected for some time, due to the ripe old age of Mr. Moser. He had passed his eighty-fourth mile-post in life.

Mr. Moser had held up remarkably well for one of his age, and after years of suffering, being able to be down town and among his friends until about ten days ago, when he grew too weak to walk to town, and he gradually gave way until death relieved him at the above hour. Some of his children who came to spend Christmas with their parents, realized that the end was near, and remained over with their father during his last hours in this world. Other children could not be here for Christmas and could not arrive in time for the funeral.

Deceased came to this county more than thirty years ago, locating on a ranch between Ballinger and Miles, where he lived for a number of years. Retiring from the ranch and livestock business, Mr. Moser moved to Ballinger and resided here for many years.

Mr. Moser took a keen interest in public matters, having a strong conviction on principles which he considered right, and never shirked a duty in standing up for the things he conceived to be right and for the best interests of his fellowman. He had many friends among the older citizens with whom he was daily associated, and he will be missed by them.

Surviving is the widow, five sons and one daughter. The sons are Dan, of this city; Ward and Wallace, of Hillsboro; Percy, of Waco; and Willard, of Sheffield; and the daughter is Mrs. Price Maddox, of Maryneal. Mrs. Maddox, Percy and Willard were here with their brother Dan to attend the funeral.

The funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased

on Eighth Street at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. Alfred Crager conducting the funeral services, assisted by Rev. E. W. Bridges, and interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

A Good Thing—DON'T MISS IT.

Send your name and address plainly written together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial "flu" and whooping coughs, and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

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FOR RENT—Two rooms. Apply at 200 Thirteenth Street. 27-3td.*

FOR SALE—Cord Wood. See Clarence Routh, or phone 3304. 27-4td-1tw

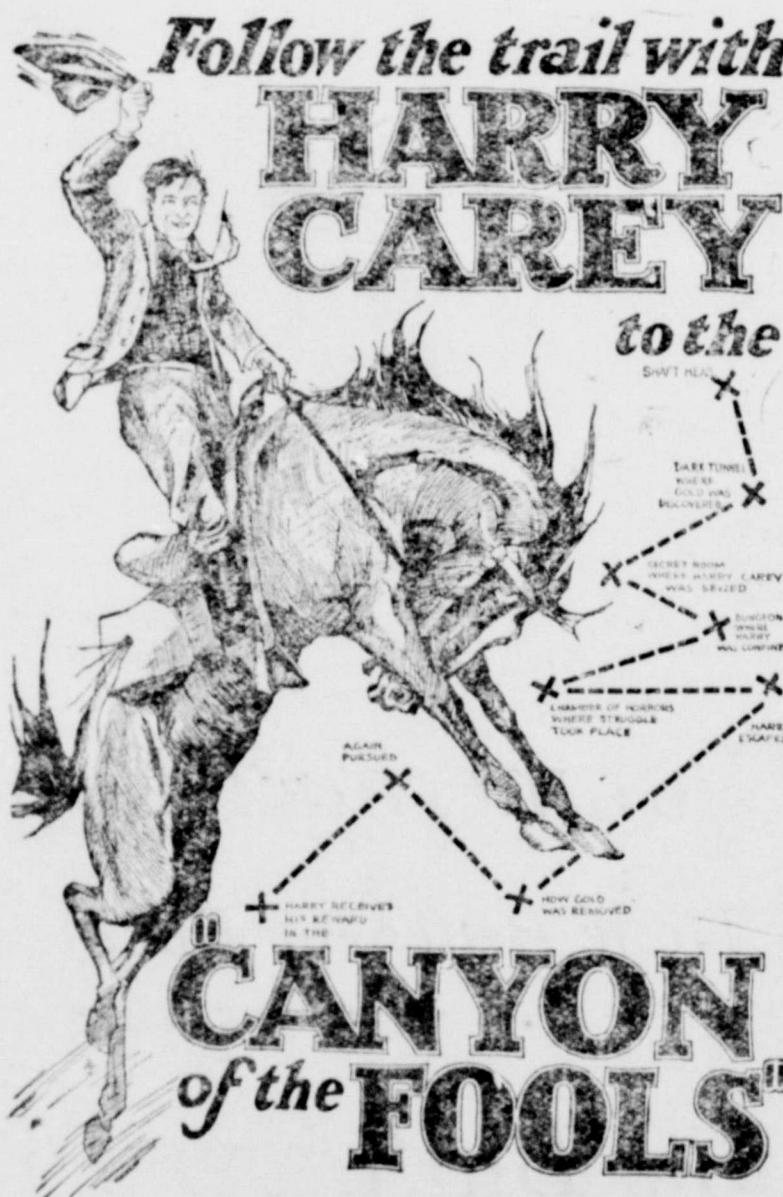
FOR SALE—Mesquite Cord Wood, \$6.00 a cord or 2 cords \$11.00, delivered in Ballinger, Phone 94 or 385 or see L. B. Stubbs. 26-4td

TREES—I am now ready to take your order for all kinds of Trees and Shrubs. Roses and Pecans a specialty. Mike C. Boyd, Phone 237. 26-2td

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RICHARD MATTHEW HALLET'S

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Across the plains and over the foothills to the very threshold of "The Ghost City" this daring, dashing youth rushed. Gun in hand, stealthily and with every nerve quiver, he advanced into its depths! Unknown dangers, thrills and struggles awaited him! What was the power of "The Ghost City?" Follow Pete Morrison thru this great picture—thrills that you've never seen before—on the plains, in the sky and in the depths of the earth. Don't miss it!

TENT THEATRE COMPANY HERE NEXT MONDAY

What promises to be a dramatic treat for Ballinger is the announcement that the American Legion of this city has arranged to bring Hefner's Comedians, Harry Sadler's big tent theatre company, here, for a week's engagement starting Monday, December 31st.

The company is a large one numbering 30 people all told, each selected for his or her ability along certain lines. It is hardly necessary to call the attention of the amusement loving populace of our community to the merits of this attraction as Mr. Sadler and Mr. Hefner are well known here. Mr. Hefner will be remembered as the leading man with Mr. Sadler's company for the past several years.

"The Call of the Woods" has been selected as the opening play

here. It is a story of the North woods and is considered one of the greatest plays of its character ever written. There is a "Toby" comedy character running thru-out the play that is a scream from start to finish. A number of high class vaudeville specialties will be introduced between the acts of the regular play.

The big tent theatre is so constructed that it can be heated to a comfortable degree in the very coldest weather.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets

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