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"BILL" PLANTERS

"WIGGETAIL" CULTIVATORS

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THEY'RE BEST--THERE'S A REASON

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

"Tell the TRUTH Advertisers"

KING COTTON CARNIVAL SALE

Starts Monday, Feb. 28th.

See Page Two for Further Particulars.

Make Your Preparations to Be Here

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

SHIPS \$2500 WORTH OF EGGS TO CUBA

The first car of eggs for the present season left Ballinger Wednesday. It was a big car and contained 460 cases. The average car contains about 420 cases. This car was consigned to Cuba, going by New Orleans.

E. A. Jeanes & Co., who shipped out the big car of eggs, stated that while this was the first car load shipment made, many eggs had been going forward all the year by express shipments. For the remainder of the season they expect to ship in car lots. Mr. Jeanes stated Tuesday that the prospects were promising for the largest egg crop in the history of the poultry industry of this county, but stated that he would have a market for every egg at some price, and he felt sure the price would hold up as well as usual.

The car shipped out Wednesday contained 13,800 dozen eggs, or when reduced to single eggs amounted to 165,600 eggs. Some cackling. The car of eggs was valued at about \$3000.

COUNTY PAYS OUT \$192.75 SCALP BOUNTY

During last week the commissioners' court paid out \$192.75 for bounty on scalps. Of this amount \$144.75 was for rabbit scalps and \$48 for wolf scalps.

The bounty on wolf scalps is \$2 and 24 scalps were presented to the court. At five cents per scalp the amount paid out for rabbit scalps covers 2895 scalps. Quite a number of scalps were brought in Monday of this week, but the court is taking a recess and will probably not pass on scalp bills again before its next regular term in March.

S. A. Hargraves, the Millersview merchant and T. A. Duke, of the Bethel neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday. While in the city Mr. Duke renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

LIGHTEST COURT DOCKET IN YEARS

The district court dockets show that only one criminal case and only twenty civil cases have been filed since the last term of court, six months ago. The district clerk, Miss Mary Phillips informs us that this quite a falling off in civil litigation in this county.

There are nine prisoners in jail being held on felony charges filed in the justice court, and it is expected that the grand jury will dispose of these as soon as possible after convening and most of the cases will probably be passed on at the coming term. Of the nine felony cases all except two are negroes, and most of them are for bootlegging.

The old docket shows four or five old criminal cases and about fifteen or twenty civil cases, some of long standing, and following are the new cases filed since the last term of court:

The State of Texas vs. Gus Moore, for disobeying subpoena before grand jury. Walter U. Early attorney for state.

R. D. Hall vs. R. D. Weaver, suit on promissory note and foreclosure vendor's lien. James J. J. Neil and J. T. Thomson of San Angelo attorneys for plaintiff.

Higginbotham Millinery Company vs. Mrs. Jim Sorrells et al suit on promissory note. Jno. I. Guion attorney for plaintiff.

Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., vs. W. E. Barbee and W. M. Holland suit on promissory note. Q. V. Miller attorney for plaintiff.

Willie Hamilton vs. Albert Hamilton divorcee. Doss & Baugh attorneys for plaintiff.

W. T. Nichols vs. W. L. Baker foreclosure vendor's lien. Doss & Baugh, attorneys for plaintiff.

Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Austin vs. M. E. Harrell et al foreclosure vendor's lien. Q. V. Miller attorney for plaintiff.

Higginbotham Millinery Co., vs. W. M. Poreh et al foreclosure vendor's lien. Jno. I. Guion attorney for plaintiff.

Street & Middleton vs. G. C. & S. F., Ry. Co., et al suit for damages. M. C. Smith attorney for plaintiff.

J. H. Brosig vs. Thos. C. Hoy et al foreclosure vendor's lien.

Jno. I. Guion, attorney for plaintiff.

Heineken & Voglesang vs. J. J. Yerby et al. Thompson, Knight, Baker & Harris of Dallas, attorneys for plaintiff. Doss & Baugh attorneys for defendants.

J. Gordon Brown vs. H. E. Jackson et al foreclosure vendor's lien. G. F. Zimmermann of Austin and Frank H. Sweet of Brownwood attorneys for plaintiff.

W. B. Sowell vs. Julia Myrtle Sowell, divorcee. M. C. Smith attorney for plaintiff. Doss & Baugh attorney for defendant.

Dave Jones vs. Lula Jones divorcee. M. C. Smith attorney for plaintiff.

Ella D. Garrett vs. A. S. Garrett divorcee. C. H. Willingham attorney for plaintiff.

C. H. Campbell & Sons et al vs. Alfred Wyatt et al partition suit. W. D. Jennings and H. W. Bigler attorneys for plaintiff.

John Black vs. Mrs. Mit Osgood, suit for damages. Doss & Baugh attorneys for plaintiff.

L. R. Damron vs. Maggie Damron divorcee. R. B. Truly attorney for plaintiff.

J. Y. Garrett vs. Rosa Garrett divorcee. R. B. Truly attorney for plaintiff.

Lucile Powell vs. G. P. Lester, foreclosure vendor's lien. J. W. Powell attorney for plaintiff.

R. T. Jones vs. A. R. Holman foreclosure vendor's lien. J. W. Powell attorney for plaintiff.

BALLINGER TO GET \$100,000 BUILDING?

The following news bulletin is responsible for much speculation and comment in local circles this morning. Some time ago Mr. Smith had let it be known that he was framing a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for a Federal building for Ballinger.

Three New \$100,000 Buildings For Texas.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Representative Smith today introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 each, for public buildings at Ballinger, Sweetwater, and Big Springs, Tex.

Postmaster J. J. Erwin stated Saturday morning that he hoped to see the appropriation realized, and said the present building was inadequate for a growing Ballinger. Mr. Erwin was instrumental in collecting data and forwarding information to the Postoffice Department in regard to Ballinger, telling the government that Ballinger was in the center of a large agricultural area, once the largest cotton market in the world, and other information that would show Ballinger in its best light. Photographs of streets, plot of the township, cost of lots whereon to place the building, amount of business done by the local postoffice, etc., were sent to Washington by Mr. Erwin.

Several sites were mentioned as being possible places for the building, and it seems the 3 lots owned by W. J. Miller and C. A. Dooze opposite the Santa Fe station, were considered favorably. This is now occupied by a warehouse on Mr. Miller's land, and the White City theatre on Mr. Dooze's lot.

C. S. Miller also suggested at the time, that the southeast corner of the court house square be utilized for the Federal building, and mentioned among the other desirable features of this site that its natural advantages were superior to others considered. The City of Ballinger is said to own this property, and it was once used as a public trading

grounds, but was later thrown into a park with the court house yard.

The government will pay for the site selected, but they will endeavor to purchase lots at a low figure. Mr. Erwin stated that he was not in favor of too large an appropriation for Ballinger, but that he believed the business transacted regularly through the local office demanded better quarters, and that provision would be made if the appropriation passes congress, to build for future growth of the city.

HAS RIGHT IDEA.

A. C. Homan of the F. and M. Bank, had business at Rowena a few hours Wednesday and says Mr. Schuhmann told him that his firm alone had handled last Saturday 1,000 dozen eggs and the week day from 150 to 200 dozen eggs. He also remarked that the creamery business was getting better all the time.

These are the things that make for the upbuilding of any country and is certainly the right idea the thrifty citizens of Rowena are showing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. H. Barnett of the Valley creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Barnett renewed with the Banner-Ledger, Dallas News and Hollands' Magazine.

MUST SWEAR YOU KILLED THE RABBIT

The law governing payment of bounty on rabbit scalps provide that parties presenting claims for bounty on scalps must make affidavit before the commissioners' court that the rabbits were killed by the party presenting the scalps.

This question came up in commissioners' court last week when G. A. Henniger declined to sign an affidavit that he killed the rabbits when he presented more than 500 scalps to the court. The court declined to honor the claim without Mr. Henniger's signature. Mr. Henniger said he did not kill the rabbits and he could not sign the affidavit. There was a difference of opinion between members of the court in construing the law, and at the request of the court a letter was addressed to the attorney general. The attorney general ruled that the party receiving the bounty money must swear that he in person killed the rabbits.

In the various rabbit drives that have been made during the present year, the scalps have been gathered up and the money derived from them used in paying for the expense of the drive—cost of ammunition, barbecue, etc., and heretofore the parties presenting the scalps have signed the affidavits without the question being raised. In the case that brought up this question Mr. Henniger and August Vogelsang arranged a drive for their neighborhood near Hatchel, furnished the ammunition and provided a barbecue. They expected to make the scalps bear part of the expense. If Mr. Henniger had signed the affidavit the money would have been paid and probably the matter closed with no questions asked, but as he did not kill the rabbits he stated that he could not sign the affidavit.

Wm. Hughes of the Eden country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

LOCAL BANKERS IN DISTRICT MEET

A. C. Homan, who attended the District Bankers meet at Coleman, left a copy of the Coleman Democrat, which came out in a special edition in complimenting the bankers who were present at the meeting. The Democrat gives a detailed account of the meeting which was one of the most successful ever held in the district since the organization of the Sixth District.

The business men and citizens of Coleman entertained the visiting bankers with a twelve o'clock luncheon and an outdoor supper. There were more than one hundred bankers present in addition to the "Flying Squadron," consisting of about seventy five bankers from other districts and from out of the state who are touring Texas and visiting the various district meetings. The "Flying Squadron" came from Coleman to Ballinger, spending the night here before they departed for Abilene to attend the meeting at that place.

Brownwood was selected at the 1917 place of meeting and the following officers were elected: L. E. Collins, chairman; J. T. Yantis, secretary.

WILL NOT CLOSE PASTURE.

Judge C. H. Willingham has withdrawn the notice stating that he would close his pasture to the travel from the South leading into Ballinger, and stated that he had always done everything in his power to get a road for these people so as to save them all distance possible in marketing their crops at Ballinger.

We are glad to state that the road through the Judge's pasture is again open for the travel. We feel sure the Judge will always do what he thinks best for these citizens South of Ballinger.

RURAL SCHOOLS GET ADDITIONAL FUNDS

County Superintendent Wooten received notice Monday of appropriations for seven additional rural schools in this county and also notice that appropriations for seven schools that had already received state aid had been materially increased, the appropriations coming after the visit of the inspector to this county.

The seven additional schools receiving aid from the million dollar school fund are as follows: Paramore \$250; Cochran \$200; Puckett \$375; Rowena \$500; Eagle Branch \$225; Midway \$300; Old Norton \$350; making a total of \$2200 appropriated, while previous appropriations runs the total up to several times this amount.

The schools which had previously received aid, or at least had been notified of appropriations, received notice that their appropriations had been increased as follows: Crews increased to \$400, Wingate to \$500, Mazeland to \$500, Kirby to \$300, Powe to \$400, New Norton to \$500, Maverick to \$450.

ANNUAL RABBIT HUNT

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, says the South Ballinger and Spring Hill annual rabbit hunt was a grand success, while the rabbits were rather scarce in that section, the number killed was very satisfactory and a most sumptuous dinner was served at the noon hour and says everything passed off pleasantly except for the fact that friend Parr drank so much coffee that he became a little wobbly in the afternoon.

We are requested to announce that another rabbit hunt will be pulled off in the Spring Hill neighborhood on Thursday, March 22nd, and every body is cordially invited to be present.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Statement of Condition

...The...

Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

At the Close of Business December 31st, 1915

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$169,059.80	Capital - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 53,297.27	Surplus and Profit net 19,486.97
Overdrafts - - - - NONE	Borrowed Money - - - - NONE
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Christmas Saving Club 31.55
Other Real Estate - 6,896.84	
Interest and Assment in Guaranty Fund - - 2,696.95	
CASH - - - - 187,775.14	DEPOSITS - - - 370,207.48
\$439,726.00	\$439,726.00

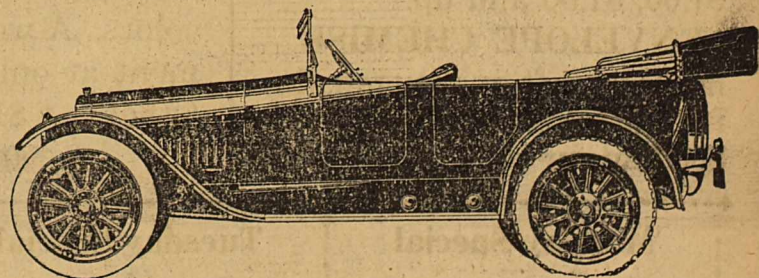
The above statement is correct.

JOHN Q. McADAMS, Cashier

Comparative Statement of Deposits

December 31, 1910	\$78,060.50
December 31, 1911	114,760.54
December 31, 1912	131,061.46
December 31, 1913	153,170.47
December 31, 1914	162,526.34
December 31, 1915	370,207.48

W. A. Nance Henry Jones



Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! in SECOND HAND CARS

1 Brush, will run, \$40.00 cash.

1 Overland, dandy good car, tires all good, cost \$1100 will sell for \$350; \$200 cash balance \$12.50 per month. This car is worth \$500.

1 Auburn, 5 passenger, electric starter and lights, spare rim and tire, cost \$1850; will sell at \$450; \$250 cash balance next fall. A snap for some one on an up-to-date car.

1 new Ford will sell for \$15.00 off list.

1 4 passenger Metz, cost \$650 good as new, will take \$250 \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

We Cut the Price on Everything for Autos Gasoline 19c. Spark Plugs Champion X 30c. Any Plug not over 50c. Dry Batteries 30c. See us—

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY

Opposite Court House Lawn.

Telephone Number 505

King Cotton Carnival Sale Starts Monday, February 28th. The Event of the Year.

SPECIAL
70 inch linen damask, beautiful designs, actually worth \$1.25. This sale special, the yard
89c

SPECIAL
Shadow Lace
3 to 4 inch shadow lace real value 15c to 20c. This sale, the yard
10c

SPECIAL
Linen Sheeting
90 inch Union linen sheeting, worth a plumb \$1 bill. This sale, yard
75c

SPECIAL
36 inch dimity checks, suitable for underwear, real value 15c, very special, the yard
10c

SPECIAL
75c Turkish towels, extra size and weight, real 75c values, a lucky purchase, special, pair
49c

SPECIAL
Cotton Crepe Dechine
36 inch cotton crepe de chine, very special at 35c. This sale, the yard only
25c

SPECIAL
Bleached Sheeting
10-4 bleached sheeting, worth on today's market 40s. This sale, the yard
29c

When This Supply Is Gone, Cost Goes Up. A Floor Full of Bargains In White Goods

King Cotton reigns supreme at HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.'S MONDAY, February 28th and through the entire week. Beginning Monday, February 28th and continuing through the entire week, we are going to give you a "King Cotton Carnival." Great will be its proportions; our entire show window front and interior will be donned in the purest of snow white. Thousands of yards of sheer white piece goods will make our store a beautiful snow bank; many specials in white goods and muslin underwear will be put out to make this a week of economy, as well as unprecedented selling in white goods. Far reaching in its enthusiasm will be the new event for the surrounding country; so come prepared to spend every day with us and buy while the many specials are so economical.

Staple White Goods and Linens

We doubt seriously whether it be possible for the trade to duplicate the prices quoted here in any city in Texas. We bought our merchandise at 20 to 25 per cent under market values. Hence a big saving to you:

36 inch bleached Friendship domestic, no starch, worth on today's market 10c, the yard only **7½c**
36 inch Hope and Wearwell bleached domestic, worth today 12½c, the yard, only **10c**
36 inch Diamond Hill fine cambric, special, the yard **10c**
32 inch very fine soft nainsook, the yard **12½c**

Beautiful White Quilts

Quite an assortment of white quilts, cut corner and plain effects. These are exceeding low in price at from \$1.00 to \$5

Table Damask and Napkins

You will find a full assortment here of linen damask. In fact all the new designs, considering the high prices in all classes of linen, you will find our prices extremely low. See table display.

Sheeting, Casings and Towels

You will find big stocks as well as big values in sheeting, Cases, and Towels. These goods will be sold under market values.

EMBROIDERIES

Broken sets of embroidery and insertions will be sacrificed during this sale:

Table 1
100 pieces that sold at 12 1-2c, 15c, 18c, and 20c, including edge and insertion, select your pattern
Yard
9c

75 pieces of embroidery and insertion that sold at 25c, 35c and 50c
Choice
15c

Come—Look—
Save

Everything that's new in white goods and muslin underwear will be found here. Welcome.

Lovely White Goods, Wonderful Showing

If there ever was a time when the trading public should buy liberally, its now. For never before has there been such a scarcity of merchandise in all lines. The prices quoted should appeal to every economical housewife:

36 inch Irish linen, very special, this sale **25c**
10 inch lineweave, very sheer quality, the yard **25c**

Plain Dress Linens

You will find a wonderful assortment of plain Irish and soft handkerchief linens here and the prices are in reach of all at from 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 yard.

Linenweave Very Popular Cloth

This cloth is sold only by us and we have a very large assortment of plain and fancy weaves. Its very sheer material and especially good for waists, dresses, etc. Price, the yard from 15c to 75c.

Magnificent Showing White Goods in

Seed voils, airline cloth, organdies, batiste, marquesette and all that's new. Tables and counters full. See this beautiful line and the prices are in reach of all. Big range at 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00 yard.

The Time to Buy is Now. MUSLIN UNDERWEAR for WOMEN and CHILDREN. Up Goes the Price Later.

Wonder Working Machines Never Produced Lovelier White Goods and Underwear than You'll Find Here

Tables Full of Lovely Muslin**Underwear**

Come down to Higdon-Melton Jackson Co.'s Monday to the great King Cotton Carnival sale and see what beautiful goods we have to offer. Then you will visit this store every day during the sale

SKIRTS

White skirts made of good quality muslin, embroidery trimmed, only **75c**

Skirts made of snow white material, neatly trimmed in laces and embroidery, many styles at 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and up.

ENVELOPE CHEMISE
made of soft quality muslin, neatly trimmed in laces at 85c and up

GOWNS

Slip over and open neck muslin gowns, big values. See special table display **79c**

GOWNS

Beautiful muslin and crepe gowns, lace and embroidery trimmed, also colors. A wonderful assortment at only **\$1.00**
Others at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up.

LACE SPECIAL

2500 yards Valenciennes and German Val Laces, 1-2 to 1 1-2 inches wide. Not a piece in the lot worth less than 10c and up to 15c

During the sale extra special, the yard
5c

WAIST SPECIAL

3 dozen beautiful silk crepe, Georgette crepe, and pussy willow taffeta waists, in white, cream, flesh and yellow. Values that sold at \$3.50 and \$4.00

Special
\$2.95

Miles of Lace and Embroidery

Beautiful laces at a lower price considering the scarcity of all kinds of laces and especially the high prices asked by manufacturers. You will indeed wonder how we manage to offer such rare bargains. In valenciennes, German vals, Orientals, therad laces, torchorns, all overs, nets and etc.

New Corsets On Sale

Every corset from \$1.50 to \$5.00 Reduced.
\$1.50 corsets sale price **\$1.29** | \$3.50 corsets sale price **\$2.95**
\$2.00 corsets sale price **\$1.59** | \$5.00 corsets sale price **\$3.99**
\$3.00 corsets sale price **\$2.69**

Children's Muslin Underwear

Children's gowns, slips and drawers, are to be found here in all ages. The best of quality and extremely well made. It's worth your while to visit us during this sale and see what we have to offer.

Monday Special

150 pieces Red Seal Gingham spring patterns, actually worth on today's market 15c. King Cotton price, Monday, all day, the yard

10c
Come—Look—Save

Tuesday Special

Lord & Taylor's silk lisle hose, lavender top. Tuesday, February 29, 20 dozen will be sold, extra special, pair

39c

Come—Look—Save

Wednesday Special

50 full pieces fancy Egyptian tissues, 32 inches wide, real values 20c to 25c the yard. Many beautiful patterns, Wednesday, special, yard

12½c

Come—Look—Save

Thursday Special

25 dozen ladies' tape neck summer vests. Very special at 10c. Thursday, pick all you wish, each

7c

Come—Look—Save

Friday Special

36 inch white Habiti wash silk, worth 85c the yard, very special. Friday, the yard, special

69c

Come—Look—Save

Saturday Special

Choice of any ladies' spring slippers in the house that sold at \$3.50 and you will find 20 styles, Saturday only, pair

\$2.95

Come—Look—Save

The shopping public will make headquarters at Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.'s during our great King Cotton Carnival Sale, opens Monday, February 28th. Closes March 4th.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

"The Store Ahead"

Ballinger, Texas

The King Cotton Carnival will stir all Ballinger to action Date of opening Monday, February 28th. Closes Saturday, March 4th. One week of value giving. We welcome you.

THE GIRL AND THE GAME

A Story of Mountain Railroad Life

by FRANK H. SPEARMAN

Copyright 1915 by FRANK H. SPEARMAN
Novelized From the Moving Picture Play of the Same Name Produced by the Signal Film Corporation.

SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad by George Storm, a newsboy. Grown to young womanhood, Helen saves Storm, now a fireman, her father, and his friends Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagru, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safebreakers employed by Seagru steal General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater, fatally wound the general and escape. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Seagru uses Spike to set fire to a powder train hauled by Storm's engine. Helen saves Storm from a horrible death. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagru, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm, employed by Rhinelander, wins a fight with Seagru's men for possession of a consignment of railroad ties. Spike and his confederate safe-breakers steal Rhinelander's pay-roll money. Helen pursues and, with a policeman's aid, captures two of them and recovers the money.

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

"SPIKE'S AWAKENING"

Resolved to get completely away from the constant interruptions in his work, Amos Rhinelander replaced his burned camp with outfit cars and moved at once to the end of his construction work, now well advanced on the desert.

The new equipment was as complete as money and energy could suggest. And no sooner were the cars out on a spur at Baird—near the end of the new line—than linemen were busy making telegraphic connections for them with the Tidewater system. The moment the wiring was done Storm suggested the first message over the new line ought to go to Helen, who had now been transferred from Signal to Las Vegas, a division station below Baird. Rhinelander was pleased with the suggestion and Storm wrote out a telegram. The operator sounded Helen's call, and after a moment announced she was on the wire taking Storm's message. It read:

Rhinelander says contracts on Number Nineteen. Bring them up Sunday. Storm will meet train here and drive you over to camp.

Seagru, during this time, had already made counter-dispositions to meet Rhinelander's arrangements and had established a secondary headquarters at Las Vegas, where he controlled an icing concession.

Spike had been laggard in following Seagru up the line as directed, and the latter sent as many unpleasant messages as he could to Oceanside, where Spike was in retreat. But as Seagru's continuing summons grew more and more peremptory Spike was obliged to take notice and get under way for the desert himself.

Leaving Oceanside the night after a carouse, he woke next morning as the train was pulling into a desert town strange to his eyes. Somewhat muddled, anyway, and being unable to recognize his surroundings, he asked a fellow passenger the name of the place; but he forgot it the moment he



Helen Was Overpowered.

heard it. However, on scanning closely the appearance of the block of crude buildings facing the station, he reached the conclusion it would be a good place to supply at least one of his needs, and forthwith hastened from the coach to the nearest corner grocery. Once inside the place, his attention was held for a moment by a rambling discussion carried on by a group of early morning loafers. Spike, never happy outside a wrangle, struck unhesitatingly into the talk, which was concerning how loud Caruso could sing, and disputed practically every statement advanced by anybody. After prolonged loss of sleep in the city and with nerves none too amiable at best, now shattered by drink, he was in an exceptionally surly state, and before he knew it had a fist fight on his hands. The brawl was short. The three or four whom he had angered set on him together and, making a job of it, threw him bodily out on the sidewalk. One of the party proved Samaritan enough to follow him out and hand him his cap and a letter he had stuck inside it before leaving Oceanside to read at his leisure. After putting the note away he had forgotten all about it,

and opening it now, found another savage summons from Seagru bidding him come to 116 Sloan alley, Las Vegas, at once.

Spike tried to pull together his disordered wits. He felt in his pockets for his money and his ticket. Every pocket was empty. He then walked back to the station to go to Vegas anyway. The train, after changing engines, was ready to pull out. A passenger brakeman, spying Spike as he ambled up, asked his destination.

"I'm going west," declared Spike confusedly.

"Turn around," suggested the brakeman unsympathetically.

"Don't get fresh," growled Spike.

"Where's your ticket?" demanded the trainman roughly.

"Lost it," returned Spike, laconically.

The conductor, accompanied by a special agent, came along. Hearing the talk, he asked the trouble. The special agent, listening one moment and sizing up Spike's appearance, pulled him forward by the collar and declared if he ever caught him on the right of way again he would stick him on a rock pile for thirty days. Spike was incontinently hustled off the platform and the company detective got aboard satisfied. A moment later the train drew out. But Spike, watching his chance and making a run, had boarded the end of a car and hidden under the vestibule trap, which was down.

Awaiting further opportunity, he watched until the conductor passed through the corridor into the next coach. Then, opening the door, Spike climbed inside and seated himself without explanation or apology very comfortably in the observation coach. His daring move did not, however, escape the conductor's vigilance, and coming back presently to demand a ticket, the train guardian was disagreeably surprised to find that he again had the impudent tramp on his hands. He once more summoned the special agent and a wrangle ensued. Spike declared the brakeman must have robbed him during the night of his ticket and what money he had. This assertion naturally failed of a sympathetic reception, and as the train slowed on the desert for Helen's station, Spike was firmly escorted by three men through the door of the coach. Helen, when the train stopped, was at the express car signing for the registered package containing Rhinelander's right-of-way contracts. She took also the Christmas mail addressed to the camp.

Returning to the office, she saw the disturbance at the steps of the observation car, where Spike, vehemently protesting, was again about to be hustled off the right of way. Helen reached the group at the very crisis, for Spike's surliness, enhanced by his condition, had made him an ugly customer to handle. The special agent, in point of fact, was about to knock him down and drag him out when Helen intervened to ask mercy for the wretched tramp.

"Where does he want to go?" asked Helen quickly of the conductor.

When he answered, "Up the road," and the circumstances were explained to her, she made a plea: "Let him stay on," she urged. "I will pay his fare to Baird."

Spike stared at the turn affairs had taken. Things were getting too complicated when Helen Holmes could come to his rescue. He thought he was dreaming until the special agent jerked him away from Helen and told Spike in vigorous English some of the things he thought of him and his kind. Spike could in conscience do no other than grin. But he realized who had interposed to save him from a beating and he continued to feel mixed sensations of surprise and confusion in perceiving that his rescuer should be Helen Holmes.

The conductor signaled the cab. The special agent climbed aboard and the train pulled out. When Helen turned to go back into the station, Spike, who had declined to board the train, stood near the door. He intercepted and tried to speak to Helen. But Helen was almost as much afraid of his gratitude as she was of his enmity, and tried to make light of her action and pass on.

But Spike was serious and not to be shaken off. For the first time, as far as he could recall, in his life someone persistently injured by him had offered, with none but a kindly motive, to do him a good turn. "If I ever get a chance, miss, I'll pay you back. Stop a minute, won't you? Just a minute." Helen reluctantly paused. "You don't think I mean it," muttered Spike. "I do. Thank you for your kindness." He shamefacedly held out his grimy hand. "Will you shake?"

Helen shrank back out as he stepped respectfully toward her she hated to hurt his feelings. She gave him her hand for an instant and hurried, laughing, into the office.

Rounding the corner of the station, Spike ran into the station baggage-man. "What town is this, mister?" he demanded.

"Vegas," answered the railroad man

shortly. A feeble grin overspread Spike's battered features.

Seagru had brought to the desert with him from his camp two rogues whose names had gradually been reduced by bad spelling and hard knocks to "Bill" and "Lug." The pair were in his rooms with him when he asked whether Spike had come on the passenger train.

Bill was looking from the window at the moment and answered, "That looks like Spike down street, now."

In a few moments more Spike had found his way to the rendezvous. Seagru, impatient as always, demanded to know as soon as he entered the room what had kept him. Spike told his story, or at least such part of it as he deemed it wise to tell, and, turning the tables on Seagru, asked what was up. Seagru told him of the right-of-way contracts expected the following day by Rhinelander.

"What of it?" demanded Spike.

"We must get them," announced Seagru, bluntly.

"Who's we?" inquired Spike, impudently.

"You!" returned Seagru with as much insolence as he could throw into one word. Spike's sullenness angered him and he continued to explain, but in no very amiable tones: "It means the big end of the job for Rhinelander. If those contracts reach him; whereas, if I get hold of them, we can tangle him up worse than ever."

Spike spoke up with a new and sudden energy: "You can't get those contracts. The girl is taking them to Rhinelander tomorrow."

"How do you know that?"

"I saw the package in her hands, not ten minutes ago."

Seagru knit his brows for a moment. "I guess there's one way to get them," he said, looking hard at Spike and from him to the two lesser lights. "We'll have to get Helen."

"Then I can tell you," blazed Spike, "you don't get them." Seagru looked at his tool in amazement. The convict's face darkened. "The man that harms that girl!"—he raised his voice ominously—"reckons with me." He registered an oath with his threat. "I'll tear his head from his shoulders!"

"You fool," stammered Seagru. "Nobody means to hurt her. We'll carry her off and take the contracts from



"I'll Brain the One That Lays a Hand on Me!"

her. When the thing blows over we'll let her go."

"Leave me out of the job," growled Spike bluntly.

Seagru sprang to his feet—he was a powerful man—and grappled with the convict. The two struggled. Not a word was spoken. Only the grunting and gasping of a life-and-death grapple, the slipping, gripping and scuffling of two enraged men, with Lug and Bill looking on, broke the silence of the room. Spike gradually bore his enemy backward and downward. Lug and Bill jumped in to help Seagru. Spike, shaking himself free from the three, whirled into a corner and caught up a chair. Lug jumped for a gun. Spike, with the strength of a giant, smashed the heavy chair across the table, shivering it to splinters and, raising a piece of it as a club, sprang for the door. "I'll brain the one that lays a hand on me," he cried. "Stand back!"

Helen, next morning in her office, was getting ready to take the train.

Seagru overnight had outlined his scheme to his two men, and, directing them how to work, told them that after they had secured Helen he would pick them up with his automobile at Mile Post 149. With this understanding, he drove away in his car. The two men went to the train.

Had they been more alert as they walked down the street, they might have seen Spike lounging on a corner. Reaching the station, where the train had already arrived, they decided to make the hind end of the observation car. But as the train started a party of people came out on the observation platform, and the two men slunk around to the other side of the train.

As soon as they had got their bearings, Lug, taking a coil of rope that Bill had brought, threw it over the top of the car, where it caught and hung on one of the gas cocks. Testing the rope carefully, the two became satisfied it would hold and, one following the other, they climbed from below to the top of the train. When the train reached Arden station they were relieved to see the people at the end of the car leave, and when the train was once more under way and the station disappeared from view, Seagru's roadster appeared on the desert.

Lug lowered himself down the side

of the car. Inside, Helen was reading quietly when Lug's hand, holding a handkerchief saturated with chloroform, was thrust through the window and despite her struggles Helen soon was overpowered.

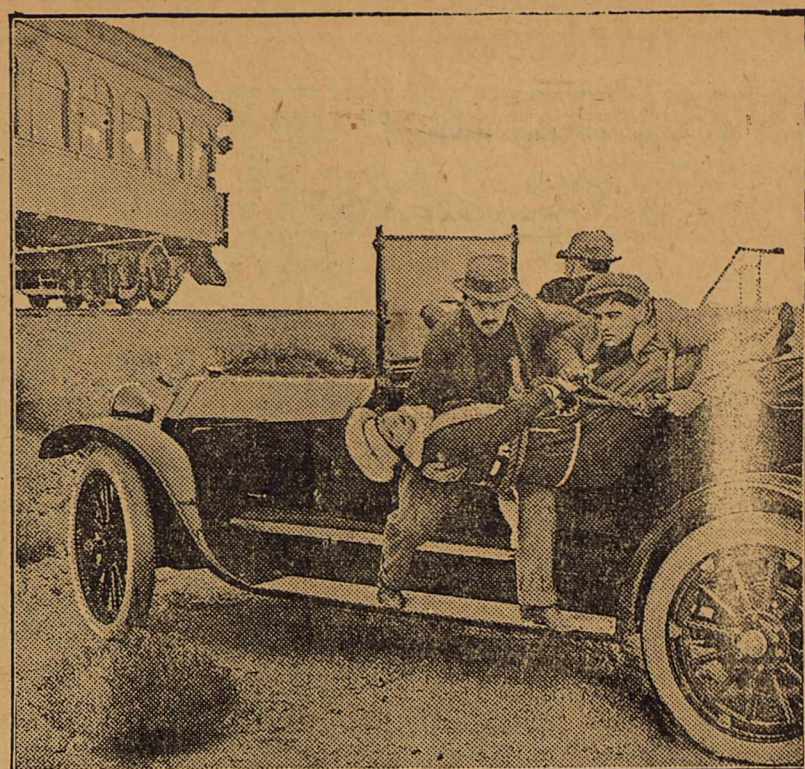
With a quick word to Bill, above, Lug scrambled into the car. He placed Helen, now unconscious, in a sitting position and ran to the hind end to look for the machine. It had overhauled the train and was speeding beside it along the highway. Lug waved to the driver to come on. Returning to the car, he motioned to Bill to help him carry Helen out. The two men picked her up and took her to the platform. How to transfer her to the motorcar was a problem that might have given pause to more clever men. Lug intended at first to throw the helpless girl from the platform into the machine, but this he discovered would never do—the distance was too great. Bill, an old sailor, came to the rescue with another arrangement. In a jiffy he had lashed Helen into a kind of cradle in the middle of the long rope, and, throwing one end to the driver, shouted to him to make it fast. The latter, when he caught the line, hitched it to the side of his car, and with the motor and the train still at high speed, Lug, on the rope, went hand over hand down to the motorcar. Loosening the hitch, he then drew in the rope, while Bill, on the platform, carefully paid out and Helen was transferred, uninjured, from the train to the machine.

Once within the motorcar, Helen was unceremoniously dropped to the bottom and left there, while the machine was turned around and her captors whisked back for Las Vegas with her.

Storm, by this time, had left the construction camp and was waiting at Baird for the train bearing Helen. The train drew in and stopped. To Storm's surprise and disappointment, not a solitary passenger got off. He accosted the conductor: "Helen Holmes was coming up today. Where is she?"

The conductor looked down the platform. "She certainly was on the train," he declared, puzzled. "I saw her just before we got to Arden."

Storm, the trainman following, walked hastily through the coaches. Helen was not to be found. A freight



Helen Was Transferred to the Machine.

he been able to discover a trace of Helen. Seagru and his men were carrying her upstairs. They left the driver as a guard at the lower door, and Spike, running hard, had neared the building. When the engine stopped, Storm, with a look of worry, got hurriedly down. The first man his eyes chanced to fall on was Spike.

The sight of him to Storm was like red to a bull. Gaining Spike's vicinity stealthily, Storm made at him. "What are you fellows up to now?" he cried angrily, throttling Spike with the words against the building.

"Where's Helen Holmes, you blamed crook?"

"Upstairs, I tell you. Listen! She's upstairs. Instead of choking me, get busy to get her out of Seagru's clutches—that's what I'm here for."

In the fewest possible words he told Storm of how Helen had shamed him with kindness, and how he had sworn to her he would make good. Storm experienced an acute revulsion of feeling. "Then we're friends!" he exclaimed.

"I didn't say that," returned Spike, feeling his crumpled windpipe. "I'm Helen Holmes' friend."

Storm eyed him keenly. "If you mean it, I'll forgive what's gone before. Spike. If you don't, I'll choke you next time for keeps."

"I mean it," snapped Spike. "Stow the gab." He pointed to the door behind him. "Seagru's kidnapped her. They carried her up those stairs not two minutes ago."

Storm's eyes burned black. Seagru at that moment could have seen murder in them. Storm compressed his lips. "How many are there, Spike?" was all he muttered.

"Three."

Storm pointed. "Watch that door," he directed. "I'll go to the roof."

In the room to which they had carried her, on the second floor, Helen, partly recovered, resolutely faced Seagru and her captors. Lug handed Seagru the stolen letters. He examined them impatiently and tossed one after another contemptuously aside. "Is this all you've got?" he demanded in disgust. The contracts were not there.

Seagru glared at Helen. Alive to her serious danger, her quick perceptions took in every feature of her surroundings and almost the first thing his glance fell on was a stack of iron cylinders in a corner of the room labeled "High Explosives." From outside the room she heard, without knowing what they signified, sounds of a fierce altercation. Spike, at the door below, with a gentle knock, had attracted the attention of the machine driver, stationed as watchman. The scout opened cautiously to see who knocked. But cautious though he was, he was no match in trickery for the adept Spike, whose arm shot like a flash through the opening as he threw himself against the door. In a fraction of a second—before the chauffeur actually knew what had happened—Spike had the astonished sentry by the neck, jerked him outside, flung him into the gutter and dashed up the stairs.

Seagru, unmoved by the fighting outside, turned threateningly on Helen. "You've got those contracts. I want them. Will you hand them over without force?" Helen stood mute. "Shall I take them from you?" Neither warnings nor threats moved her to a single word.

"Won't talk, eh?" snapped Seagru. "No matter—I'll do the talking. Stand her out here, boys, and I'll search her."

He started forward. She backed away with a cry. "Don't come near me," she exclaimed. "You shan't search me! I'll kill you first!"

A knock at the door interrupted Seagru's threatening advance; his confederates looked alarmed. "That's only the watchman, boys," cried Seagru. "Pay no attention. Catch her and hold her."

The words were not out of his mouth when the door of the room was flung violently open behind them. "Hands off, there!" shouted a heavy voice. The three men whirled on the intruder. Seagru, in his amazement, found himself confronted by Spike. The convict raised a threatening hand. "Don't touch that girl," he said hoarsely. "The man that does—he'll answer to me with his life!"

Lug and Bill shrank back. They knew Spike's blood-stained hands too well to want to rouse his wrath. But

Seagru was not for an instant to be swerved from his purpose. "Get that whelp," he shouted, pointing at Spike. "I'll look out for the girl!"

Albeit with the poor stomach, Lug and Bill attacked the powerful outlaw.

Helen, looking distractedly for a weapon of defense, saw the explosive cylinders. A blow struck by Lug from behind had stunned Spike. He lay helpless and the three men turned to secure Helen. Stooping swiftly, she picked up a cylinder and stood at bay. "Come another foot and I'll smash it if it kills every one of us," she cried, reckless of consequence.

Lug and Bill halted in terror—they knew if she carried out her threat it meant death to them all. Seagru's was the harder nature. "Throw it if you dare," he cried, tauntingly. He knew she would not commit suicide. "Together, boys," he shouted; "rush her!"

"Seagru," cried a voice from the window behind Helen, "get back!" Storm had gained a hip of the roof commanding the room and thrusting his hand through the window covered the men inside with a revolver.

Helen laid her dangerous cylinder down. Storm handed her the pistol. "Keep them covered till I get in, Helen!"

The window proved difficult to negotiate. Storm tried to drop inside from it, and Helen turned to help him. In doing so, she left the three an instant uncovered. They sprang through the door and down the stairs. Lug and Bill made for the car. "No," shouted Seagru, "hide."

Helen and Storm bent over Spike. He lay dazed. When he was able to help himself a little and with their aid could rise to his feet, they supported him downstairs.

Their enemies were nowhere to be seen. But in the roadway stood Seagru's machine. No member of the party had scruple about confiscating it. Spike and Storm, together, soon had the engine turning and they put Helen in on the seat where she had so lately lain helpless, and drove back with her to Rhinelander's camp, where they found him anxiously awaiting news of his endangered protégée.

He greeted the sight of Helen with rejoicing, but his features darkened when his eyes fell on the redoubtable Spike. Helen and Storm, enjoying the mystery of the situation, allowed the amazement on Rhinelander's face to grow, as he looked from them to Spike, and from Spike to Helen and Storm for an explanation.

"Yes," cried Helen, laughing at her foster uncle, "I know it looks strange, to see us three in friendly company, doesn't it? But we're friends—aren't we, Spike?"

Spike looked at her. "You're my friend, sure," he muttered.

Rhinelander, incredulous, pointed at Spike. "Have you brought him here to hang him?" he exclaimed. "If that fellow had anything to do with stealing you from the train, I'll help pull the rope myself."

"No," cried Helen, whose eyes sparkled with the fun of the puzzle. "We didn't bring him here to hang him. We brought him here to eat the best Sunday dinner you ever served in a construction camp."

"You're to carve the roast for him yourself," interposed Storm.

"You've both gone crazy," declared Rhinelander, weakening.

"No," persisted Helen. "Instead of Spike's being to blame for my disappearance, I'm afraid I should never have lived to see you again, Uncle Amos, if he hadn't been my friend in need today." And she and Storm, each constantly breaking in on the other, told the day's story.

"By George!" cried Rhinelander, holding his hand ungrudgingly to Spike, "I believe there's something decent in your worthless carcass after all, Spike. You are entitled to a good dinner. And you shall eat it with me, you blamed rascal. Go clean yourself up and report at my car within an hour," he said roughly. "By the way, Helen," he turned suddenly on his foster niece: "Those right-of-way contracts?"

"Here, Uncle Amos," she exclaimed. She drew from her blouse the registered package. "But the Christmas mail for the camp was stolen by those brutes! It's lost."

"Not quite," interposed Storm, pulling bunches of letters from each of his pockets. "I picked 'em up before we left the room."

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President Wilson is coming to Texas to talk preparedness. Texas people are almost unanimous for preparedness, and no doubt Mr. Wilson could spend the time more profitably in some other states. Texas has endorsed Wilson all along the line.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, of Waco, one of the first men to get in the race for the United States senate, made a speech in Ballinger last fall in which he was out spoken against preparedness. He has changed his opinion and is now for Wilson's policies. It is easy for some men to read the hand writing on the wall.

* Letters from the People *

The County Free Library.

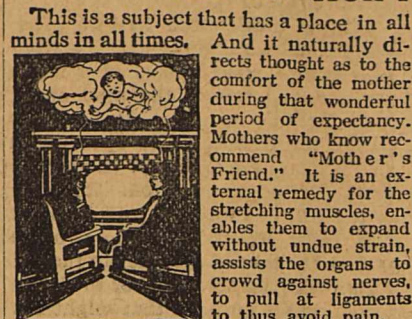
Chapter 117 of the Session Laws of the last Legislature makes it possible for the county commissioners' court to establish a county free library at the county seat and circulating libraries for the parts of the county lying outside the incorporated cities and towns maintaining public free libraries. If two-thirds of the voters of a county favor the establishment of a county free library and circulating library the commissioners' court shall proceed to establish and provide for the operation and maintenance of same.

Much has been done in library activities during the past ten

ple. It is to be doubted if ten per cent of our total population ever read books or magazines. In our cities the percentage of readers have been greatly increased by the establishments of public libraries but in the country the average percentage is often much lower. Dr. P. P. Clattoon, United States Commissioner of Education, says, "Probably seventy per cent of the entire population of the country have no access to any adequate collection of books or to a public reading room. In only about one-third of the counties of the United States is there a library of 5000 volumes or more. In only about 100 of these do the country people have free use of the libraries. In this as so many other things, the people who need help most and who would be most benefited by it have been neglected." He further says, "The only help for all is in the county library having branches in all the towns and public schools of the county."

The county free library acts as a store house and center of distribution for the whole county and also as the connecting link between the State Library and the people of the county. All unnecessary duplication is avoided and by every one sharing slightly in the building, we have a service which is more free and more complete even than our public schools, for it furnishes everything needed alike to young and old and rich poor.

The county free library makes every county a more attractive place for home builders. It is always an influence for good. It supplements the work of the schools every day in the year. It furnishes books for civic clubs, study classes and debating societies. It offers the best possible opportunity for self education. The future of the movement is as-

What is Home
Without an Heir?

This is a subject that has a place in all minds in all times. And it naturally directs thought as to the comfort of the mother during that wonderful period of expectancy. Mothers who know recommend "Mother's Friend." It is an external remedy for the stretching muscles, enables them to expand without undue strain, assists the organs to crowd against nerves, to pull at ligaments to thus avoid pain.

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about \$15,000 annually will be realized from this tax, and the court, or the people have the right to stop the tax levy when the roads are put in good condition, or at any time they see fit. Each precinct will get its proportionate part of the tax money, and the levying of the tax will give the court authority to get busy and push the road work at once, as they can issue script, or borrow the money and when the tax is collected take up the indebtedness.

The two commissioners from the northern part of the county expressed the opinion that their precincts would give the tax issue a good majority, and if the people will go to the polls and vote this perplexing question will be settled for the time at least.

ODE TO BALLINGER
AND RUNNELS COUNTY

Mr. Editor—Having noticed the photo of Ballinger made in 1886, in the show window at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. store and having attended the recent celebration, is responsible for the following jingle and if you think it worthy you can publish same.

—D. C. Underwood.
All hail the twenty ninth of June
Our city's natal day,
We welcome it's return
With glad and joyful lay.

Fling open wide the city's gates
And bid the people come,
And help to celebrate
The birth of this good town.

From Moro's fertile plain
To Concho's classic banks,
Let everybody come
And swell the proud phalanx.

Lay business cares aside
Bring the children and the wife,
Where peace and plenty abide
Devoid of hate and strife.

Come join the happy throng,
And spend the livelong day,
Where life is one sweet song
Let care be thrust away.

And to martial music we will tread
The dearest spot on earth,
And spend the day in merriment
In cheerfulness and in mirth.

Oh, Colorado's rarest gem
The brightest on this earth,
We glorify the day
That gave to you your birth.

We saw thee wheef in swaddling dress
In the long long ago,
And have watched with eagerness
As day by day you grow.

The Experience of Others
With Peruna Is A Safe
Guide to Follow

Peruna has been the household remedy of hosts of people for the last fifty years. The testimony of those who have used Peruna proves it to be

A Standard Family Remedy

For Ordinary Grip;
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What Family Medicine Do You Use?

Does the family medicine you now use keep the bowels regular?	Peruna keeps the bowels regular without producing a physic action.
Does your family medicine cure colds?	Peruna is one of the best cold remedies on the market.
Does your family medicine stop a winter or summer cough?	Peruna can be relied upon to stop cough in old or young.
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THE PERUNA COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

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500 POUND RUNNELS
COUNTY HOG BRINGS
OWNER MORE THAN \$40

O. R. Routh, a hog shipper at Ballinger, Runnels county, has the record for having shipped the heaviest hog ever marketed in Fort Worth, and also of having received the largest sum of mon-

T. J. Wilson, who with his family, moved to Ballinger from Limestone county, has accepted a position with the Jeanes Produce Company and will begin upon his duties Wednesday.

Editor Cooper, of Miles, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday between trains.

Holding Cotton Is Risky

Be on the SAFE SIDE—let us PROTECT you from loss on grain and cotton. Drop in and talk it over with us. Unless you cover it with a good fire insurance policy. Why take the risk?

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years. All the states of the Union have state libraries; forty of the states have library commissions, and because of liberal appropriations and the power granted them through progressive legislation, some are doing wonderful work, but as yet little has been done along the line of rural extension and placing of books in the homes of those living on the farms. Without doubt every state should have a library and a library commission. Likewise, it would seem desirable that all the states should have county library laws adapted to their respective needs, as no two are alike. Therefore it is necessary to emphasize the county as a unite.

Experiments in library laws thus far enacted point to the fact that the county library law provides best for the extension of library privileges to all the peo-

sured because it is in harmony with the national spirit of the times. It is in unity with social service in which the world is interested.

The one obstacle in the way of the more rapid growth of the county library idea is selfishness, selfishness which takes the form of a refusal to help a mite for the benefit of all the people. The purpose of a man's life determines the value of the man to society. If the purpose is selfish the life is useless. Real happiness never came and never can come to the man with a selfish life purpose. It comes only to him who contributes something to the world that is of benefit to humanity.

JOHN JAY BUGG.

ROAD TAX ELECTION
SET FOR APRIL 8

The commissioners' court, it will be remembered, ordered an election last week, in which the voters of this county shall say whether they want to pay a special road tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars for the purpose of building roads in this county, and improving the roads that we now have. The court adjourned without fixing the date of the election but authorized County Judge Kleberg to select a date.

Judge Kleberg announced Wednesday morning that he had set Saturday, April 8th, as date of this election, which gives the required thirty days time in which to give notice of same, and allow the people to become familiar with the purpose of such election and cast an intelligent vote.

From time to time efforts have been made to raise money with which to improve the roads of this county, and every proposition that has been put up to the people has met with a flat turn-down. About one year ago the people voted on the special tax proposition and a very light vote was polled, and the question was defeated through a lack of interest.

It is estimated that a fund of

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GAS OR INDIGESTION

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You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eruptions of undigested food, your head clears and you feel fine.

Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or any stomach disorder.

MELON SEED HAVE COME.
The melon seed ordered by the Melon Growers Association have come and are now ready for distribution by the secretary.

Watch the Fords Go By.

W. C. Wright of the Wood & Wright ranch near Crews, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed with the Ledger.

And with prophetic eye
And with a face sublime
We view you would be
The fairest in this cline.

We love the dear old town
And the good old Santa Fe
That's working day and night,
For you and for me.

We love old Runnels County
With a heart so fond and true
There isn't a fairer land
Twixt here and Kalamazoo.

Search from Texline to Browns-
ville
From Sabine to Rio Grande
There isn't a better country
In all this glorious land.

We love her fertile valleys,
We love her rippling rills
We love her lofty plains
And her eternal hills.

We love her noble people
The young, the old, the great,
The small.
But the girls, God bless them
We love them best of all.
Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 11.

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Hutchings Ave.

H. O. Rhodes received a message Monday from G. M. Rhodes of McDale, stating that he was bringing their mother to Temple for an operation, but did not give any particulars of the nature of the operation.

Severe Cold Quickly Cured
"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Wea therby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Watch the Fords Go By.

ey for a porker.

Routh had in a load of choice swine, thirty head, that averaged 223 pounds, and sold at \$8.10 a hundred pounds. In the shipment was a mastodon hog that weighed originally 580 pounds, which was docked eighty pounds by the buyers. This 500-pound hog sold at \$8.10 a hundred pounds, and brought the owner \$40.50, less the expense of selling, which will not amount to more than 50 cents. The shipment was handled by the Cassidy-Southwestern Commission company.—Fort Worth Record.

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eat off the toes, tapes that stick to the stocking, bandages and plasters that make a package of the toes, trying blood-bringing razors and scissors. Then I tried "Gets-It" just once and you ought to have seen that corn come off—just like a banana peel." It's simple, wonderful. It's the new way, painless, applied in two seconds, never hurts healthy flesh or irritates. Nothing to press on the corn. Never fails. Quit the old ways for once anyway and try "Gets-It" tonight. For corns, calluses, warts and bunions. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

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FIFTH EPISODE

Grinding Life Down

By WALLACE IRWIN
 Author of "Hashimura Togo" and
 "Teddysee"

SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, attacks the liquor and vice trusts. He is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. His son, Bruce Larnigan, is elected district attorney and takes up the fight. Bruce is in love with Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust.

Bruce Larnigan is decoyed to an evil resort in an effort to frame him up. He has the police commissioner present. A fire starts in a tenement. Larnigan saves the children of Dow, one of the conspirators. This man agrees to expose the trust. He is murdered by the gang.

Stanford Stone, head of the graft syndicate, insists Larnigan must be killed. Gunmen are posted in the park to kill Larnigan in his automobile. Dorothy Maxwell, over the telephone, hears the plot. Two more conspirators are killed, and Larnigan again escapes.

Bruce Larnigan goes to Chicago to fight the graft trust. He is followed by a desperado, is assaulted and thrown overboard. He is rescued by his long lost brother Tom, who returns to New York and takes up the fight. Dodson, the head of the graft trust, fearing exposure, kills himself.

BRUCE LARNIGAN, lying helpless on his cot in a Chicago hospital as the result of the attack that had so nearly cost him his life, was still full, despite his pain, of his desire to crush the graft syndicate and avenge his father's fate as well as his own injuries. Unable to move himself, he accepted with delight the offer of his brother Tom to enlist in his place until he recovered.

"Our next blow should be at the textile trust, Tom," he said. "Ayers—C. Wood Ayers, its head—is as mean a scoundrel as any I have fought yet. He crushes out the lives of his workers and grafts by getting congress to add to the tariff on his products on the plea that he has to pay higher wages than European mills and so should have protection."

"He does, doesn't he?" asked Tom. "No; he pays the lowest possible wages to a lot of poor foreign laborers he is exploiting. Even now they are on the verge of striking, and I happen to know that he is planning to teach them a terrible lesson if they do. Go there, Tom, and see if you can save those poor people."

Tom, to avert suspicion, went to Lyndham, Mass., the site of the great Ayers mills, and obtained work as a laborer. Outwardly he was just like all the other workers; actually, he was able to learn many things.

Meanwhile Dorothy Maxwell, hearing of Bruce's almost fatal injuries, had been deeply shocked. She felt, though she knew that she could not prove this, that Stanford Stone was in some way responsible for what had happened to Bruce, and, in spite of



When Stone Called That Night She Gave Him Back His Ring.

her father's pleas, she determined to break her reluctantly given promise to marry Stone.

"I'd do anything else for you, father," she cried, "but I can't do that. I'm afraid of him!"

When Stone called that night she gave him back his ring. Stone did not at once show his power, however.

"It's girlish nonsense, that's all," he told Maxwell. "I shan't hold you responsible yet, man; don't be frightened. But, of course, if the worst comes to the worst, I shall expect you to use your authority over her as her father. But it won't come to that. I'm sure she'll come to her senses in time."

Tom Larnigan, deeply distrustful of Dorothy, would have been vastly cheered had he known her decision.

As yet he had not dared to tell Bruce of her treachery, fearing the effect the news would have upon his brother in his weakened condition.

In Lyndham the threatened strike had been called. I. W. W. organizers, preaching the industrial revolution and the right of workers who were overpaid to make actual war, by destroying the property of their employers, were stirring up all sorts of trouble. Tom, while holding the deepest sympathy for the workers, advised them against the destruction of property.

But the I. W. W. men had more influence with the ignorant workers than Tom. Moreover, Ayers, with a refinement of meanness, was doing his utmost to provoke an outbreak. At his instance strangers appeared in town—thugs from Boston—who mingled with the workers and pretended to be among them. Acting under his orders, these men set fire to one or two buildings, and the strikers, of course, were



Tom Then Read a List of Grievances of the Textile Workers.

blamed. As a result state troops were sent.

"Be careful," Tom pleaded. "They've got the soldiers now. What they want is a good excuse to fire into a crowd of strikers. They think that will create a reign of terror and that the strikers will all go back to work—with public sympathy on the other side."

Gradually Tom's counsel bore fruit. He was able to make the soberer spirits among the strikers listen to him and so prevent the I. W. W. men, whom he suspected of being secretly in the pay of Ayers, from inciting them to acts of violence.

Tom decided, too, to adopt an old trick of Bruce's. Trusting to his being unknown to Ayers, he slipped a note into his pocket one day.

"Bruce Larnigan is out of the way for the time, but his brother is not," ran the note. "I know your scheme here, and I shall block your plans. Be careful or you will be the first to suffer for the crimes of you and your associates. Tom Larnigan."

He was not, however, as unknown as he fondly imagined himself to be. The spies of Stone and Ayers were all around, and some hint of Tom's activities had already come to the graft syndicate. Even before he slipped the warning note into Ayers' pocket there had been discussions among the chief grafters as to the best means of securing his elimination from the fight.

Tom felt that he was terribly helpless. Above all he needed money, and he was almost penniless. And then one day chance brought help to his very door. An automobile had broken down outside of his cottage, and he went out to offer aid. To his amazement, he discovered that its only occupant was Ben Travers, with whom he had unsuccessfully prospected for gold in the west.

"Tom," cried Ben. "I've looked everywhere for you! I struck it rich last year. Tom, I'm a millionaire! Honest I am! What are you doing here?" "It's a long story, Ben," said Tom. "Come in, and I'll tell you."

Ben accepted the invitation and listened, wide eyed with wonder, to Tom's tale. Tom then read a list of grievances of the textile workers. "I want to buy a stack of chips and sit in that game!" Ben announced when Tom had finished. "By sorry, that's the sort of action I'm looking for! I guess my money will help, too—eh? You come to New York with me and I'll back your game to the last cent!"

So Tom was able, sure of all the financial backing he needed, to go to New York. And, arriving, Ben found an invitation to a reception in the home of Ayers himself.

"I'll take you with me—introduce you as my old partner," said Ben. "My partner you are, too, Tom—that goes!"

Ayers, at a meeting of the graft syndicate, produced his note of warning from Tom to the consternation of all and especially of Stone, who had believed Tom well out of the way.

"You're a joke, Stone!" said Ayers

meeringly. "Leave this man to me. I'll get rid of him!"

There was no opposition. Everyone was glad to have some one else undertake the task of removing one of the hated and feared name of Larnigan.

At the reception, which was held that night, Ben and Tom were late in arriving. But Tom, making good use of his eyes and his ears alike, managed to pick up some information that seemed likely to be of value later. While he was so engaged Travers made a point of talking to Ayers and expressed great sympathy with the textile magnate in connection with the labor troubles at his mills.

"The better you treat 'em the more they want," said Ben in pursuance of his plan to catch Ayers off his guard. "I believe in sweating them! Working people are meant to work, not to strike for more money."

"You're a man after my own heart!" laughed Ayers, entirely without suspicion that Ben was only leading him on. "Why, they've even begun to threaten me personally. Look here! Here's a letter I got the other day."

From his pocket he pulled the note that Tom had sent him and smoothed it out for Ben to read.

"I'd like to meet the man who wrote that!" he snarled. "I'd show him whether or not it was safe to threaten me, the hound! But he'll keep out of my way, you'll see!"

"Tom Larnigan!" said Ben, seeming to be vastly surprised. "Why, my old partner here is always talking about a man of that name. Maybe he can find him for you. Shall I ask him?"

Ayers nodded. And Tom, coming up, grinned sourly at the sight of the note.

"Know him? I should say so, the skunk!" he said. "Saw him tonight." "But he's no friend of yours, eh?" chuckled Ayers.

"Friend?" snapped Tom. "No, sir!" "If you'll excuse your friend I've got a proposition to make to him," said Ayers slyly. He led the way to his library. "Look here," he said. "If you'll bring that man Larnigan here to me I'll pay you \$1,000, cash down—tonight! That's all I want. You need not do anything more."

"Easy money!" said Tom, grinning. "I'll go out now and see if I can find him."

"Go, and good luck to you!" said Ayers, greatly excited. Tom, as he reached the street, was amused.

"But I guess I'd do well to have some one with me if I go back," he reflected. "I mightn't get in otherwise, and I want to talk with Mr. C. Wood Ayers when he's alone."

He hung about for a time, wishing he knew some one who would be willing to impersonate him for a few moments. He dared not trust a stranger. He was afraid that he might encounter some spy. And, while he waited, by the strangest of coincidences he saw an automobile pass, in the back seat of which sat Dorothy Maxwell. Had he only known the truth he would have stopped that car at the risk of his own life.

For in it Dorothy was going to save him, as she believed. Deeply suspicious of Stone, she had been watching him, and she had learned that Stone, afraid that Ayers would fail, had sent Dunn, the successor of the dead bully, Black, to attack Tom at Lyndham. One of his women spies had spotted Tom, and had reported after Ayers had promised to take care of Tom. She was to go with two thugs and point Tom out to them.

Dorothy, determined to save Bruce's brother, disguised herself as this woman and succeeded in being taken along in the car in her place. It was as she set out upon this errand that Tom saw her, and sneered at the sight of her, since he had recognized her at once.

However, he dismissed Dorothy from his mind. And at last he decided to risk returning alone to Ayers' house. Until, as he heard it, he came upon a young man reeling, plainly helpless from drink.

"The very man!" thought Tom. "Here, bucko," he said, taking the young fellow's arm. "I'll look after you."

"Mush, blished," said the young fellow. He went along as meekly as if Tom had been his oldest friend.

Tom's plan worked to perfection. "Ah, you got him! Good!" cried Ayers. "Here, take him in and pitch him on to that sofa. I'll settle with you before I talk to you."

Tom obeyed. Then he followed Ayers into the library.

"Keep your money," he said. "I've tricked you, Mr. Ayres. It's I that am Tom Larnigan."

Ayers staggered to his feet. "You?" he cried. "My God, who is the other man?"

He leaped for the door. And Tom, following, saw that the couch had mysteriously closed. Suddenly he understood. The sofa was a "murder couch," destined to close and kill its occupant. It was murder Ayers had planned—the murder of an innocent man that Tom had, unwittingly, helped him to do.

Ayers struggled desperately with the couch. At last he got it open. The young man was there—dead, and Ayers cried out in agony at the sight of his face.

"I've killed my son!" he groaned. "My only son!"

Slowly Tom passed out. He met a policeman.

"Here's my name and address, officer," he said. "You'd better go to the Ayers house. A case of something like murder."

And meanwhile Dorothy had aroused the suspicions of Stanford Stone's thugs. They had gazed and binned her and thrust her down in the car, while they went into a roadhouse to celebrate their success in advance.

[Episode No. 6 next week.]

YOUNG FARMER IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

George Holliday, a prominent young farmer of the Hatchel country, is in the local sanitarium suffering with injuries that were sustained in a runaway on his farm about four o'clock Thursday afternoon, and that came near costing his life.

Mr. Holliday was driving a team of mules to a stalk cutter, and was busy cutting stalks, when the breast yoke broke dropping the tongue to the ground. The team became frightened and ran away. In attempting to hold the team Mr. Holliday was thrown from his seat and becoming entangled in the machinery and was badly wounded before the team of its own accord stopped running.

Without help Mr. Holliday extricated himself and made his way to the house which was some distance from where the accident occurred. A physician was called and the wounds temporarily dressed and he was brought to the sanitarium.

The unfortunate man suffered a broken arm, a broken rib, a sprained ankle, and his limbs and body were badly bruised. At a late hour today (Friday) he was getting along as well as could be expected, and it is believed that he will be able to return to his home in a few days.

ALVARADO MAN RESTORED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY

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T. A. Hensley of Alvarado, Texas, suffered for a long time from derangements of the digestive tract. He had colic attacks and indigestion. His liver was inactive and he was in pain after eating.

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DO COMMERCIAL CLUBS PAY?

(A. E. Burges.)

Only about forty per cent of the businesses in Ballinger support the Business League. Every person not supporting it can assign a reason for not doing so which he thinks is sufficient. But let us apply a little reasoning, based on cold dollars and cents, and see whether a commercial club should be and is profitable to Ballinger.

Let us assume that the Business League succeeds during the year in attracting to Ballinger six workmen, carpenters, brickmasons, painters etc., one retail store employing two persons other than the manager, and a small factory employing five persons other than the manager. Suppose the secretary aided by his members does absolutely none of the other things which a commercial club is supposed to do for its town, but that it does the three things mentioned, and no more. That would be a mighty poor showing for a commercial club, you say. Yes, mighty poor, but let us see if the organization would still be profitable to the town.

Suppose each of the workmen which the league has brought to Ballinger earns \$3.50 per day for 25 days in each month, or \$1,050 per year. Of course, the real good the carpenter or the brick mason does the town is in the buildings he helps construct, but his work is worth at least as much as his wages and it is much simpler to calculate it on that basis. The six workmen would then earn in one year a total of

Says Woman's Beauty Depends Upon Healthy

Health and Vigor Necessitate Regulation of Organs of Elimination.

Skin foods and face creams and powders cannot make a woman beautiful, because beauty lies deeper than that—it depends on health. In most cases the basis of health and the cause of sickness can be traced to the action of bowels.

The headache, the lassitude, the hollow skin, and the lusterless eyes are usually caused by constipation. An ideal remedy for women, and one that is especially suited to their delicate organisms, is found in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a mild laxative compound, pleasant to the taste and free from opiates and narcotic drugs of every description. Mrs. Gertrude Jordan, 522 North Liberty St., Indianapolis, Ind., says, "It is simply fine; I have never been able to find any other to compare with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. I started



Mrs. Gertrude Jordan

using it for the baby and now it is my family standby in all cases where a laxative is needed."

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold in drug stores for fifty cents a bottle; a trial bottle can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

OFFICIAL POLL TAX COUNT SHOWS 3089

An official count of the poll tax receipts issued for the just closed year shows 2976 polls and 113 exemption certificates issued, giving a total of 3089, not counting

overs, voters who have passed into the sixties and are not required either to pay poll taxes or secure exemption certificates to entitle them to vote. Neither does this count include the number of polls issued to parties from other counties who have become citizens of this county and are entitled to vote on the receipts issued from their old home.

It is reasonable estimate to say that the voting strength of this county will exceed 3500.

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WINTERS MAN FOR SHERIFF

To Voters of Runnels County:

After careful consideration I have decided to announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Runnels County. I believe that men who offer themselves for public service should at least vouchsafe to their constituency the essential facts concerning themselves and their object in view.

I have lived in Runnels County for eleven years and I can therefore assure the voters that my interest in the office for the interest of the public is more than passing. I have on several occasions been honored with public trust and I feel that I have never betrayed the confidence placed in me. And in this connection I invite investigation. I have served as a peace officer at Winters for several years, and in that

capacity, as is always the case, I have doubtless encouraged the dislikes and displeasure of some people, but my actions in official life have been based on an ideal of equal and exact justice to all.

If elected sheriff I shall do all in my power to render to the people good and official service. I hope to be able to see personally every voter in Runnels County in a more direct way and present my claims, and until that opportunity appears I ask you to kindly consider my candidacy.

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Suicide Victim Buried Here

The remains of J. C. Croughen that had been in the morgue here since the tragedy that ended his life more than a week ago, were buried in the City Cemetery Monday morning, members of the family and a number of their friends accompanying the remains to the burying grounds.

It was first announced that the remains of Croughen would be shipped to Fort Worth, and as the death of Mrs. Croughen was expected daily it was the purpose of the family to carry her remains to Fort Worth also. Improvement in the condition of Mrs. Croughen caused a change in the funeral plans and as the family did not want to leave Mrs. Croughen and go to Fort Worth with the remains of Mr. Croughen it was decided to bury him here.

Mrs. Croughen is reported to be gaining in her fight for life and during the last few days shows considerable improvement and will probably be able to join her family again.

Just received a complete line of Ladies silk white mercerized waists. New styles and patterns, New Idea Patterns only 10 cents at A. J. Zappe's. 24-1td-1tw.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Leota Scott is visiting friends at Eagle Branch.

E. E. Dillingham left Wednesday for Ft. Worth on a short business trip.

Mrs. J. W. Black returned home Sunday from a few days visit at Miles.

W. N. Hawkins of Coleman, has returned home after spending a few days with W. E. Branch.

Quite a crowd attended the rabbit hunt Wednesday. Dinner was spread near W. R. White's home. All enjoyed the day.

The Literary Society will meet Saturday night at the school house. Every body invited to come.

ELBERTA PEACH

PROVEN SWAMP-ROOT AIDS WEAK KIDNEYS

The symptoms of kidney and bladder troubles are often very distressing and leave the system in a run-down condition. The kidneys seem to suffer most, as almost every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to dangerous kidney troubles.

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However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger.

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DON'T INCREASE COTTON ACREAGE.

A. E. Burges, Sec'y. Ballinger Business League.

Now that the fall oat crop has been so badly damaged many farmers will be tempted to plant heavily in cotton this year. This is a dangerous step under present conditions. A number of agricultural editors and others who make a study of marketing problems have for some time been pleading with farmers not to increase their cotton acreage in 1916, but now comes Col. Clarence Ousley, head of the Extension Department at A. and M. College, and plasters the state with warnings against an increase. If anyone ought to know what is best in this matter, he ought.

Col. Ousley states that there will be a surplus of 2,500,000 bales carried over from 1915 until the time when the new crop is thrown on the market, and even if no greater acreage is planted this year than last, the American crop will create an additional surplus. To this will be added a 2,000,000 increase grown by foreign countries as a result of the good prices in 1915. It does not take much arithmetic to figure out what an increase will do to this year's price.

There is but one remedy—diversification. Raise your living at home and then you can hold the cotton you do produce until you can get just what you want for it.

It is not too late yet to plant oats and make a good crop, provided it rains within the next two or three weeks. But you must plant spring varieties of oats, of course.

Peanuts are becoming a very profitable crop, especially now that so many new peanut products are being made. Plant peanuts where you meant to put a

part of your cotton. If you plant enough of them to thresh, you can easily sell the nuts to the oil mills for 60¢ per bushel of 30 pounds; and sandy land here should produce 50 bushels per acre. The hay, too, is almost as valuable as alfalfa. That beats cotton, don't you think? If you don't care to trouble yourself to harvest the peanuts, your hogs will do it for you, and get fat while they are doing it.

Most of the farms need more hogs, anyhow. Get a few more this year by way of diversification. It is a whole lot cheaper to raise hogs than to buy hog meat out of stores and meat you must have.

Runnels County is celebrated for its production of poultry. If you are not already doing so, raise a few hens and turkeys this year and get your part of the profit.

Melons always have a fair sale. There is a co-operative association now among the melon growers for the marketing of their melons. This association should bring them a better price than ever. Try a few melons.

And don't overlook the broom corn. It would be very profitable if a little more attention were paid to it and it could be manufactured into brooms right here.

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MORTUARY.

Uncle Jim Gill

Mrs. W. F. Sharp and son Roy, left Friday morning for Santa Anna to attend the funeral of her uncle, Jim Gill, who died very suddenly Thursday night, while setting in his chair at home. He was hale and hearty at about 80 years of age when he died and no apparent cause for his sudden death. The sad relatives have many friends in Ballinger, who join The Ledger in sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

W. B. Whitworth and W. J. Davis, of the Bethel neighborhood and C. R. Smith of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and Messrs. Whitworth and Smith renew with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

We are glad to report A. B. Lankford, who was dangerously hurt last Saturday, resting very nicely Monday, though he is suffering from the bruises about the head right smart yet.

Watch the Fords Go By.

J. W. JONES FOR COMMISSIONER NO. 4

To Voters Precinct No. 4:

I am a candidate for the office of commissioner precinct No. 4, and with this announcement I solicit the vote of all those who wish to see a change in the office. I have been in Runnels County for quite a number of years and for eight years have been a citizen of Miles. I have never asked for a public office before, and I am asking for this one believing that I can make you a good commissioner and if elected I will give you the best that is in me.

I feel that I know what the duties of the office are and I promise to look well after such duties and fill the office to the best interest of all concerned and to the special interest of no individual.

During the campaign I will make an effort to see as many of the voters as possible, and in the mean time I will appreciate it if you will reserve your vote and influence for me. I am a life long Democrat and of course my candidacy is subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. W. JONES,
25-w1t Miles, Tex.

Frank Stencecum, of San Angelo, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.



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LOSS OF APPETITE

Most Successfully Treated by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Loss of appetite is accompanied by loss of vitality, which is serious. It is common in the spring because at this time the blood is impure and impoverished and fails to give the digestive organs what is absolutely necessary for the proper performance of their functions.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old reliable all-the-year-round medicine, is especially useful in the spring. Get it from your druggist. By purifying and enriching the blood and giving vitality, vigor and tone, it is wonderfully successful in the treatment of loss of appetite and the other ailments that are so prevalent at this time. It is not simply a spring medicine—it is much more than that—but it is the best spring medicine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the rich red blood that the stomach and other digestive organs need. Get it today.

Among the number who renewed their subscriptions to the Banner-Ledger this week were: R. B. Hambricht of the Norton country; Pryor Mapes, of the Pony creek country; J. W. Cathey of Wingate; J. M. Valentine of Talpa; and W. M. Tipton of the Spring Hill neighborhood subscribed for the paper to go to W. Lanson of Clarksville.

A. J. Byers of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and says keep the Banner-Ledger coming another year as they can't afford to do without the reliable county news.

MAMMA! DON'T YOU SEE YOUR CHILD IS SICK, CONSTIPATED

Look at tongue! Move poisons from liver and bowels at once.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile, and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the California Fig Syrup Co."

G. A. Henniger, of the Hatchel country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year and also ordered on Galveston News to his address.

It does not matter whether you plant a garden or field on rich or poor land, it pays to use Farmogerm with or without fertilizer. Try it and see for yourself. Particulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

Clarence Harter of Wilmeth and Walter Pape, of the Crews country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Pape bought a span of fine young mules from Street & Middleton, which he took out to his farm in the afternoon.

HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS?

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles?

Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

Scott's Emulsion contains pure cod liver oil which peculiarly strengthens the respiratory tract and improves the quality of the blood; the glycerine in it soothes and heals the tender membranes of the throat. Scott's is prescribed by the best specialists. You can get it at any drug store. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

CARRIED 1804 MEN

TO PEN IN 1915

J. V. Cunningham, general state transfer agent for the penitentiary, passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon with 5 negroes chained together. Mr. Cunningham picked up this bunch of convicts at San Angelo, where they were recently sentenced to the pen. The prisoners were:

Ed Hill, convicted on a charge of assault with intent to murder—two years; Tom Trueheart, burglary—two years; A. T. Thompson, forgery—two years; E. L. Sedbury, burglary—three years.

Otto Seitz, white man, is in the Tom Green County jail, sentenced to two years imprisonment for forgery. His case, however, has been appealed and no decision has been rendered.

Transfer Agent Cunningham is a brother of George W. Cunningham, deputy city marshal of San Angelo. He visits every county in Texas, and in 1915 assisted in escorting 1,804 prisoners to prison cells. There is only one other transfer agent in the state besides Mr. Cunningham.

On the present trip, in addition to the five negroes from San Angelo, Mr. Cunningham will receive into custody four men at Brownwood and one at Belton. This is not an unusually large number, he states; he has taken as many as twenty men at one time.

Jeanes Produce Company will soon receive a car of improved Maben Triumph cotton seed from Lockhart, Texas. They are high grade culled seed. wlt

RATES FOR Classified Ads

IN THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER

One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.

Black face type double regular rate.

Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.

Call Telephone No. 27.

WANTED

WANTED—German girl, for house work, small family. N. PASSUR, "Watch Me Grow." tfd

WHEN IN BALLINGER stop at the Truly House, 1101 Hutchins Ave. Comfortable rooms and good meals. 25wtf

Money to loan on Real Estate. Farm loans preferred. Ft. Worth Life Insurance Co., Fort Worth, Texas. 14-Stw

WAR HORSES WANTED—5 to 9 years old, 15 to 16 hands high. Also we have bargains in buggies and wagons. Call at Street & Middleton's Barn, 10th Street, Ballinger. 3-4td-4tw

FOR SALE

SEED POTATOES—Yancy's Golden Bunch Yam \$1.50 per bushel. Select seed June corn \$1.25 per bushel. Cantaloup seed \$1 per pound. W. E. Blair, South Ballinger. 11-4tw

PARTRIDGE ROCK EGGS FOR SETTING—If you are going to raise chickens get good ones. Partridge Rocks have all the best qualities. Eggs per setting of 15 \$1.50. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger.

FOR SALE—950 head of bred Ewes, all in fine shape, located on my ranch at Millersview, Texas, apply to Will C. Bryson. 11-3 twpd.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—67 1-2 acre farm, sandy land near May, Brown county, Texas, will sell for half its value, if sold at once automobile considered in sale or trade. Apply Ballinger Pgt. Co. 22-3td 1tw

FOR SALE—My home and store building. Store 30x140, ceiled and weather boarded. Home and store close in, modern conveniences. Bargain if sold at once. Cash and good terms. See C. A. Freeze, Singer man. 1-dwmo

FOR SALE—One fine mare with foal. Inquire at Cunningham's Second Hand Store. Would consider part cash. 27-d&w-tf.

LOST

LOST—Medium weight black overcoat between Ballinger and W. F. Gorman's. Return to Ledger office and get reward. Fred Montgomery. d&wlt-pd.

Reliable Incubators

The 100 egg size, hot air incubation, which gives complete satisfaction, and are as near a perfect hatcher as possible to produce by artificial means, automatic regulation of heat, complete in every detail, priced **\$11.50** at

Poultry Netting

The best heavy steel wire, which is galvanized before weaving, double twisted stringer at top and bottom 2 inch mesh, just the right size, full 5 foot width roll of 150 feet for **\$4.50**

Why Not Live Better at Home

Plant a Garden

It's Worth While

PLEASURE—

See the back yard or the garden plot, turned into a place of beauty, with its beds and growing rows of fresh vegetables which is made possible in your spare moments—better get some seed and experiment.

PASTIME—

A few minutes spent at noon and evening will give the results, the labor required is not of a manual sort, and will make you enjoy life, and make you glad that you are living,

PROFIT—

"Diversification"—a word that has been used very much and been the means of adding thousands of dollars to our great commonwealth—diversify and get your share of this extra profit—start today by buying seed and planting a garden.

Water Your Garden

Cotton Hose

An extra heavy woven cotton tube, which is lined with pure rubber, size 3-4 inch, ideal for lawn and garden use priced at the foot **10c**

Black Rubber Hose

The 1-2 inch size, real heavy grade, made of 4-ply duck and pure rubber, which will stand the strain, extra light and durable, price per foot **10c**

Red Rubber Hose

A standard grade, a seamless tube, that will stand the wear and tear of constant use, the 5 ply kind, 1-2 inch size, priced **12½c** at per foot

Corrugated Hose

A specially constructed hose, with extra heavy covering of pure rubber, over a foundation of 4-ply duck, designed to stand rough and hard usage, per foot **12½c**

Spray nozzles

Made of heavy brass, adjustable for spray or solid stream, polished cast brass, with complete cut off, the price each **50c**

Selected Seeds

1915 Crop

To get the right results you must have the right kind of seed to select from—the seeds offered are fresh, and the greatest care used in the selection.

READ A PARTIAL LIST—

Radish (White)
Radish (Red)
Lettuce (5 Kinds)
Cabbage (4 Kinds)
Beets (6 Kinds)
Cucumbers (4 Kinds)
Carrots (3 Kinds)
Cauliflower (2 Kinds)
Onions (3 kinds)
Turnip (7 Kinds)
Tomato (5 Kinds)
Mustard
Spinach
Squash
Collards
Okra
Parsnip
Parsley
Celery

THE PACKAGE

5c

Pleasure Tools

Spading Forks

Four prongs of high-grade steel, set in a steel ferule, extra stout, second growth ash handle, just right for garden use priced at **75c**

Rakes

Forged steel, 14 cut teeth, with reinforced back, 6 foot selected ash handles, polished, extra stout for garden and home use, priced at **50c**

Garden Hoe

A hoe especially adapted to garden use, made from the best steel, 4-inch blade with pointed back, best selected ash handles, priced at **35c**

Shovels

Best cast steel, seamless blade with just the right dip to the blade; long selected polished ash handles, priced **75c** at

Lawn Mowers

An extra value 16 inch ball-bearing, light running machine, which is made extra strong and durable, best steel, tempered knife, the price **\$6.50**

"BILL" PLANTERS

Why not buy the best? They cost no more and there is more satisfaction. The "Bill" is the recognized perfection in planters that plant one seed at a time—on the firm ground by means of the sub opener—making a stand of even age, every part is builded with an eye to strength, with the least weight. The price of the one row kind **\$32.50**

(Less 5 per cent for Cash)

Let Us Show You—You Won't Be Urged To Buy.

"AERMOTOR" WINDMILLS

The perfection of air motion—the kind that always give entire satisfaction—has features which places it far above all competition. The Oiling device is worth your special investigation—the kind that you oil once a year. The gears are double—making a center pull with no lost motion—better look after this good kind—the price, 8 foot size **\$35.00**

Let Us Show You—You Won't Be Urged TO BUY.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

"Tell the Truth Advertisers"

WILSON ASKS CONGRESS TO BREAK WITH THE GERMANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The appearance of President Wilson in person before congress within

the next few days to announce his desire to break off diplomatic relations with Germany was forecasted in a statement made by high administration officials to day. One official occupying a high administration official position stated such action was certain if the report proved true that the German foreign office was sending Ambassador Bernstorff instruction to "play for further delay" in bringing to a close the Lusitania dispute.

If you can not get what seeds you wish, write us and we may be able to supply you at reasonable rates. Tell us your seed wants as well as Farmogerm. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

within the REACH of every woman—health and strength. They're brought to you by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Take this medicine, and there's a safe and certain cure for all the chronic weaknesses, derangements, and diseases peculiar to the sex. It will build up, strengthen, and invigorate every "run-down" or delicate woman. It regulates and assists all the natural functions. At some period in her life, a woman requires a special tonic and nerve.

If you're a tired or afflicted woman turn to "Favorite Prescription," you will find it never fails to benefit. Sold in tablet or liquid form. Mrs. Lucy E. Yoxum, of 2223 Clinton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, says:

"I was in such bad health and so despondent at times that I couldn't do my work. I tried everything I could hear of. Doctors treated me but I only got relief for a short time until I tried Dr. Pierce's wonderful medicine. Have been in much better health since using 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I weighed 107 at that time now I am well and hearty and weigh 130 pounds."

Mrs. Brooks, of Miles, who had been at the bedside of her brother, Jarvis Jones, the past week, left for home Monday and reports Mr. Jones some better at present.

A. B. Keith, of the Valley creek country, came in Monday and meet his niece, Miss Josie Stark of Goldthwaite, who came in at noon to visit with her uncle and family.

The European war is causing a fertilizer famine in America on account of the shortage of potash. "The fertilizer manufacturers are up in the air; the farmer is in the hole." Better use Farmogerm and save money and make more. Circulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

N. P. Pyron, of Talpa, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Crockett and family, of the

Bethel neighborhood, left for home Monday.

A. B. Hoelscher, of the Miles-Rewena country and Aug. Vogel-sang, of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Vogel-sang ordered The Daily Ledger to keep coming to his address.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reed and three children, who had been living on the Dr. Fowler farm in the Bethel neighborhood, left Saturday for Buffalo Gap, where they will make home for the present.

Give your Child

Dr. King's New Discovery

for Coughs and Colds.



Dr. King's New Discovery is a Doctor's Prescription used for over 45 years. It is pleasant and children like it.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Dis-

covery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for the past three years and use it continually in my family. My children are very fond of it for it keeps them free from cold. I can't say too much for it, and take pleasure in recommending it to my friends." Mrs. A. E. Haines, Franconia, N. H. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and colds often lead to a chronic cough, pneumonia and other serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle to-day. All druggists.

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

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

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

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

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my per-

sonal money-back guarantee that guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

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

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

HALL HARDWARE PUTS ON NEW FRONT

The work of making the business district of Ballinger more in keeping with the modern age, continues and the latest to fall in line and add valuable improvements to their place of business is the Hall Hardware Co. This popular and exclusive hardware store is replacing the old iron awning with a new modern drop awning. The work is well underway, and with other improvements called for in the contract with the workmen, this business house will present a brand new appearance within a few days.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.

For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Honey soothes the irritation, Pine-Tar cuts the phlegm, thus relieving congestion. Pine Tar also acts as an antiseptic, as a result general relief follows. Breathing becomes easier and further inflammation is arrested. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is an ideal treatment. Price 25c.

PLACES AGENCY.

Sam Hamilton of Sweetwater and W. C. Homan of Fort Worth state agent for the Jeffery Sales Co., were in Ballinger this week and left overland in their auto for Fort Worth Friday morning, while here they placed the agency for the Jeffery autos in the hands of T. S. Lankford as local representative and he will have three cars on hand in a few days and will also have a demonstrator to assist in showing the merits of the cars.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Foster's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at once. Price, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Strictly Cash

I am here to stay and to build up a clean, up-to-date grocery trade. I pay strictly cash for my groceries and sell the same way, dealing on the smallest margin of profit possible. Everything in my store is a leader, nothing at cost to make up for it on some thing else, everything must bear its own profit.

Will sell you good Pea Berry 20c 25 pounds \$1.65
Coffee the pound Sugar
All my stock Flour that cannot be beat \$1.75 My motto:
is strictly the sack Small Profits
fresh. and Quick
Sales.

Prompt and Courteous Treatment to One and All.

H. G. ROTEN PHONE 101
Hutchins Avenue, Next to Hall Hardware Co.



FOR STUCCO WORK

only the very best cement should be employed. To make sure of getting it you had best come here for our extra high grade. Portland Cement made expressly for stucco work. We sell it in any quantity and shall be glad to have your order. The price is as right as the cement.

Wm. Cameron Lumber Co

PROMISING PROSPECT PEANUT INDUSTRY

That the peanut industry will become one of the big money producers of this country is the opinion of J. H. Taylor who has just returned from Fort Worth, where he had occasion to learn something of the peanut industry and the rapid development being made in the manufacture of by-products.

Mr. Taylor brought a sample of the oil, meal and cake made from peanuts home with him, and is busy exhibiting these samples and boosting the peanuts planting. He stated that the people were very enthusiastic over the peanut industry, where a test had been made of the products manufactured from peanuts, and the oil had been pronounced the purest and best for cooking and other purposes so far made.

According to a test made in the manufacture of peanut oil from peanuts it has developed that an acre of peanuts will produce more than any other crop. A ton of peanuts will make from 73 to 80 gallons of peanut oil, and the oil is worth 70 cents per gallon. The meal is said to have more value as food for stock than cotton seed meal, and it is believed that many articles of food for man will be manufactured from the meal.

In addition to the oil and meal, it is a well known fact that peanut hay is classed as the best hay grown. The peanut has been given a good tryout here and under average conditions produces a good crop.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

SATURDAY RUNAWAY HURTS TWO BOYS

A. B. Lankford and Johnnie Futch were badly bruised, but it is not thought seriously, when the horse driven by the two boys became frightened Saturday afternoon and ran away.

A. B. was thrown out in the down town district and suffered painful bruises, but a doctor arrived on the scene in short order and the boy was carried home in an auto.

THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE AT BALLINGER

The Ballinger Printing Co. has arrangements perfected with The Worth Daily Star-Telegram whereby we can send you the daily and Sunday Star-Telegram, seven days in the week—every day from now until Dec. 1st, and The Banner-Ledger for the same time for \$3. This gives you a daily paper and your home paper practically a year for \$3. This is campaign year and from all indications there is going to be something doing in the old state and county and you will want to keep up with the procession. This combination is the best offer we ever made.

Send your check to this office and get both papers for the full ten months.
BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

A card from J. Y. Pearce announces the arrival of himself and wife at Jacksonville, Florida, where they spend a few days. Overcoats were in demand, so says Mr. Pearce.

J. H. Taylor returned home Friday at noon from Fort Worth, where he had been to sell a carload or two of hogs and reports a very satisfactory price.

NEGRO ARRESTED ON 6-GUN CHARGE

Sheriff Perkins last week arrested a negro by the name of Lee Turner, on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Turner it seems had a six-gun on his person, and was taken in on the charge.

Later it was developed that the negro suited the description of a negro wanted for murder at Lufkin, Texas. The murder had been committed, but no trace of the murderer had been unearthed until this clue came in. A photograph of the prisoner in the Ballinger jail has been taken.

Another identifying clue to the Lufkin offender was that the escaped murderer would become badly frightened when a bright light was flashed in his direction. This stunt has not been tried out on the negro yet, but the sheriff will use all means of discovering the man's identity.

Something Good.

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. Obtainable everywhere.

Citation By Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. C. Williams and wife, Nora Williams by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a news paper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March, A. D. 1916, the same being the 13th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1912 in a suit numbered on docket of said court, N. 1466, wherein J. R. Beverley is plaintiff, and T. C. Williams, Mrs. Nora Williams and A. Schawe are defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows: Plaintiff sues up on six (6) certain vendor's lien notes executed by T. C. Williams and Mrs. Nora Williams, payable to order of A. Schawe, of date August 22, 1908; five of said notes being in the sum of two hundred and No-100 (\$200.00) dollars each and one in the sum of one hundred seven and 50-100 (\$107.50) dollars; that said notes were given in part payment of land situated in Crane County, Texas, and known as 200 acres out of a 570 acre tract and being survey number (1) made by virtue of script number 501. That the defendant A. Schawe before the maturity of said notes acting by and through his authorized agents sold and transferred, for a valuable consideration, said notes to the plaintiff herein. That said notes bear interest from date at the rate of eight per cent (8 per cent) per annum and provide for ten per cent (10 per cent.) attorney's fees.

Plaintiff prays for judgment of the amount due upon said notes including principal, interest and attorney's fees, foreclosure of his lien and costs of suit.

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

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.
4-11-18w

Misses Sammie and Hester Uadgett left Friday afternoon for Lubbock in response from a telegram from their sister Mrs. Frank Maddox, stating that Mr. Maddox had just been operated upon and was in a serious condition. They did not get the particulars of the operation.

A. L. Kerley of the Hatchel neighborhood was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and was among the large crowd of hunters near the Jones place last Wednesday and was one of the number who killed 33 to 40 rabbits during the drive.

Hall Hardware Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Headquarters For

STANDARD IMPLEMENTS

Just received another car load of the famous "crop-makers," Standard Disc Plows, Standard Disc Harrows, with seeders. A complete tin shop in connection, send us your orders for cisterns, tanks, troughs, gutter work and everything in this line. Prompt attention to orders, quick service and full values. We solicit your orders, and will appreciate your business

Hall Hardware Co.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

New Cornice Brake Installed. CONTRACTORS

Get your cornice, gutters, ridgeroll, or any kind of special tinwork from us. Save trouble and time and get it at home.

We Repair Windmills

Repairing pumps, windmills, tanks, troughs, etc., is done by men who know. Call us for your trouble.

Dunn and Glenn
Telephone No. 22 Ballinger, Texas

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"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

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708 Hutchings Avenue

Ballinger Texas.

PHONE 66

RUNNELS CO., PECAN NURSERY

S. B. Howard, Mgr.

107 N. 12th Street

OUR TREES ARE NOW READY FOR DELIVERY. THEY SHOULD BE SET OUT DURING PRESENT MONTH. WE HAVE A FINE LOT OF BUDDED AND GRAFTED TREES ON THREE YEAR OLD ROOTS.

S. B. HOWARD, Ballinger, Tex.

"Let Well Enough Alone"

Mr. Voter, reflect back five years and you will recall that the liquor hirelings in their efforts to keep saloons in this county, told you of the awful calamities that would be visited upon the county if saloons were voted out. We challenge them today to come to the front and show where the county has suffered by removing the liquor houses from our fair county. We point to the great improvements and fling back to them their campaign slogan, "Let Well Enough Alone."

Prohibition and Prosperity

The loss of business, the empty houses, the bankrupt county, the decrease in population you heard so much about five years ago failed to materialize. Instead we have a live little city without an empty house. We have an era of prosperity never before dreamed of—bank deposits greater than ever before in the history of the county. And, as told you in this paper last week the court docket is the lightest for many years.

No Insults for Our Wives and Daughters

Five years ago our main streets were disgraced with open saloons. Today our wives and daughters can go shopping without having to pass in front of these open dens of vice and evil. The booze fighter must go without or order his booze, and sneak off where he can not be seen and disgrace himself. Why not keep this insult from our wives and daughters.

Here's Some Facts in Figures---Deny Them

During the last two years of saloons in Ballinger the records of the railroad and express companies show that 91 carloads of beer, amounting to 13,650 kegs, 2,300 barrels whiskey amounting to 119,600 gallons were received at Ballinger. During the last two years with prohibition, the same records show that no cars of beer were received and only 150 kegs—75 kegs per year, or a little better than six kegs per month, only 30 casks of beer, no barrels of whiskey and only 3,528 gallons received in small shipments by express.

Will You Let Negroes Rule in a White Man's County?

The only hope of the antis in this campaign is to use the increased negro population to bring saloons back into this county. They know that a majority of the white people of this county are in favor of prohibition. They know that they cannot win without the negro vote. Are you going to remain at home on March 4th and let the negro vote for opening saloons at Ballinger, Rowena, and Miles? It is up to the good citizens of this county to resent this insult with their vote.

Who Pays the Negro Poll Taxes?

On the 8th of February, the breweries of Texas paid into the state treasury at Austin in cash \$267,500 fines assessed against them for violating the anti-trust laws and contributing to campaign funds and corrupting politics. The breweries plead guilty to the charges, but they have not stopped paying poll taxes. There are negroes in Ballinger who were furnished money with which to pay their poll taxes. Who did it? We know, and at the proper time will produce the proof.

"Let Well Enough Alone" And Vote to Keep Runnels County DRY On March 4th.

PROHIBITION COMMITTEE.

(Advertisement)

TRAPPER ARRESTED ON OKLAHOMA CHARGE

For some time Sheriff Perkins has been on the lookout for a man wanted for seduction in Oklahoma. He succeeded in locating the man Sunday, and Monday morning about four o'clock in company with City Marshal Pilcher, Mr. Perkins arrested the man and placed him in jail and later notified the officers in Oklahoma, where the man was indicted, and it is expected that he will be transferred to Oklahoma in a few days.

Tom Odom is charged with seduction at Norman, Oklahoma. He is a young man about 27 years old. He came here a few weeks ago and has been living in a tent with his brother, the two men trapping for a living. Mr. Perkins located Odom's tent near the mouth of Valley creek and caught the man before he left camp Monday morning.

BREAKS A COLD IN FEW HOURS--TRY IT!

First dose of Pape's Cold Compound relieves all gripe misery.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs.

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

"Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only 25 cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute.

WOODS-BROOKSHIRE

At the residence of Rev. G. W. Newman Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Newman officiating, the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony was performed that united for life the happy hearts of Mr. Fred Woods and Miss Dewey Brookshire. The young couple are two of Runnels county's favorites, the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Woods and the bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brookshire of the Benoit country. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for the happy young couple.

Kemp-Parks.

On Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Reed's on Hutchins Avenue the marriage of Mr. George Kemp of Ballinger and Miss Pattie Parks of Pumphrey was solemnized by Rev. T. C. Jester of the First Baptist church.

The relatives and a number of friends were present to witness the ceremony including the student body of the Metropolitan Business College located at this place of which Mr. Kemp was assistant teacher. The ceremony taking place at eleven o'clock a. m.

Miss Parks was a student of Immediaely after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kemp with a few close friends went out to the pretty country home of the groom's father and enjoyed a sumptuous wedding dinner.

They were the recipients of a number of beautiful and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp will make their home in Stamford where Mr. Kemp will be connected with the Metropolitan Business School.

PROMINENT MILES COUPLE WED.

Licenses to wed were issued by County Clerk Parish Monday morning to M. E. Prinzing and Miss Hester, of Miles. The contracting parties are among the most popular young people of Miles.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

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Rheumatism!

How is rheumatism recognized? Some have said—

Rheumatism is a dull pain.
Rheumatism is a sharp pain.
Rheumatism is sore muscles.
Rheumatism is stiff joints.
Rheumatism is a shifting pain.

All have declared—*Rheumatism is Pain.*

Sloan's Liniment applied:—

The blood begins to flow freely—the body's warmth is renewed—the congestion disappears—the pain is gone.

Sloan's Liniment

KILLS PAIN (GUARANTEED)

Rheumatism and allied pains yield to the penetrating qualities of this warming liniment.

WILL FURNISH LIGHT FOR SMALL TOWNS

(San Angelo Standard)

In connection with development of the electric properties in San Angelo and vicinity, the San Angelo Water, Light and Power Company, and the Ballinger Electric Light and Power Co., have, within the past week, secured from the county commissioners' courts the right to use the county highways for the erection of transmission lines to distribute electric current for lighting. This action is the first step in the development of electric net work which is expected ultimately to take in every town or village within a radius of 50 to 60 miles of San Angelo and Ballinger.

The above companies expect to begin active work on above development within the very near future, and have already arranged to take on some very heavy power consumers, using motors for irrigating, cotton ginning, etc. By having abundance of electricity available for use anywhere, even in the rural districts, will be of great assistance in the future development of surrounding country.

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

NOT VIOLATION LAW TO HUNT RABBITS WITH LIGHT

G. W. Dunlap is in receipt of a letter from Will W. Wood, game fish and oyster commissioner, saying that it is not a violation of the law to use a hunting lamp in rabbit hunts. Following is the letter:

"It is not a violation of the law to hunt rabbits with a hunting lamp, but you might be called on to prove you were trying to kill rabbits and not deer; so I would not care to encourage this kind of hunting, even though you are not violating the law."

As there are no deer in this country one can construe that he would not be liable to prosecution for using a lamp in hunting rabbits.

CUSTOM FLOUR MILL ASSURED FOR CITY

Major J. C. Brazelton informed The Ledger Monday that a deal had been perfected and the order placed for the machinery for a custom flour mill for this city. Maj. Brazelton and P. E. Truly, who are the local representatives for the Anglo-American Milling Co., have been trying for some time to get some one to install a custom mill here and they succeeded last week when a representative of the company came here and took the matter up with local parties and arranged for installing a mill, according to Major Brazelton.

The mill to be installed here is one of the standard makes put out by this company, which is the largest size. The company have a number of the Midget mills in operation in Texas, and several of the larger mills. The mills are operated on a basis that allows a man to bring his wheat to mill and have it made into flour, paying toll from the grain or paying cash toll.

We are informed that the mill will be installed at an early date and we trust to be able to give further particulars within a few days.

A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their livers' active and healthy by using Po-Do-Lax. Fine for the stomach too. Stops the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion. Clears the blood. Only 50c. at your Druggist.

R. F. Smith of the Bethel neighborhood and W. H. Cane, of the Benoit country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Smith renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs of Winters, who had been to the eastern markets, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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W. T. Crockett, of the Norton country and S. A. Gaston and son Ed Gaston of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Gaston Jr., ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

T. G. Conway, of the Coyote creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger and Dallas News.

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c at all druggists.

BAD BOYS PETTY PILFERING

There is considerable complaint about boys stealing around town,

taking little articles that are of some value. Locks, garden hose, garden tools, etc., come up missing from time to time, and it has developed that boys have been stealing such articles. The boys guilty of stealing should be in school, but they spend most of their time loafing around town and sneaking through the back alleys and around the homes of others in the residence district. It is only a question of time until such boys will grow up to be big criminals and then the court is called upon to send them to the pen.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

Antone J. Loika, J. H. Booth, W. F. McShann, Pat Fox and Charlie Ransbarger, of the Pony creek country were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus and little son returned home Tuesday at noon from Dallas, where they had been to consult a specialist for the benefit of Mrs. Gustavus' health.

RAILROAD SOUTH VIA BALLINGER

ROBERT LEE, Feb. 22.—Mr. J. L. Hihrod, representing railroad capitalists, in company with Messrs. B. L. Wolfgen, Ben Tyre and J. A. Buchanan, three leading citizens of Colorado City, were here Tuesday to invite the Coke county citizens to be present at a meeting to be held at Colorado on the 19th inst., in the interest of a proposed railroad to be built from the coal fields of New Mexico via Colorado, Robert Lee, to San Antonio. It is expected that a large crowd of boosters will attend from here.

GIRLS! DRAW A MOIST CLOTH THROUGH HAIR DOUBLE ITS BEAUTY

Try this! Hair gets thick, glossy,
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once.

Immediate!—Yes! Certain!—that's the joy of it. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a Danderine hair cleanse. Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or is scraggy, faded, dry brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be after a few week's use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair, and lots of it surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and just try it.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, accompanied by Dr. James, of Talpa came in Thursday and Mr. Allen was taken to the Halley & Love Sanitarium, where a successful operation was performed for appendicitis and when Dr. James left for home in the afternoon said Mr. Allen was resting very nicely.

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When you've decided you've thrown enough \$10 bills away on clothes—let me make your Spring suit for \$15. Why should you pay \$25 or \$30 for a made-to-measure suit? What is there about a suit that should cost that much? Three or four yards of cloth—the cutting, trimming, sewing? No Sir! It's the process by which it's made.

The man who buys his cloth by the single piece, like the small custom tailor, pays a big price for it. The bigger man who buys by the bolt, pays a big price. These men pay the manufacturer a profit, the jobber, the wholesaler, and then they add on their own—and you pay \$25 or \$30 for a \$15 suit.

That's the whole scheme, fellows. But listen. I am a branch of the Scotch Woolen Mills. Our woollens are figured in carloads. They come direct from the looms to our big floors, where they are inspected, shrunk and re-rolled. Think of what we save. Think of how little the goods for a suit cost us. Next to nothing. Then we sell direct to you. We cut out jobbers, sub-jobbers, wholesalers, and all their profits, and result is, fellows, that I can make you the swellest little Spring suit that ever graced your back for \$15. Paul C. Sulak, Scotch Woolen Mills, Euthins Ave., Ballinger, Texas. The Red Front, next to The Hub. 23-24dtw

BUYS SPLENDID FARM.

The Berry brother, K. O. and H. Kay of the Norton country, who sold their home place last fall, were in Ballinger Tuesday to meet S. S. Grantham of Sinton and the deal was closed in which they buy the Grantham farm near Norton, consisting of 320 acres of well improved land. This is one of the best small farms in that section and we are glad to learn that the Berry boys have again anchored in old Runnels, the best county in the state and feel sure they have made no mistake in this recent purchase.

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to
Every Ballinger Citizen

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ills of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary disorders, or any form of kidney trouble, the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a Ballinger citizen who used them and who publicly tells of the benefit derived?

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. Another of my family had used Doan's Kidney Pills with such good results, that I decided to try them. I got some from the Walker Drug Co. and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape."

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

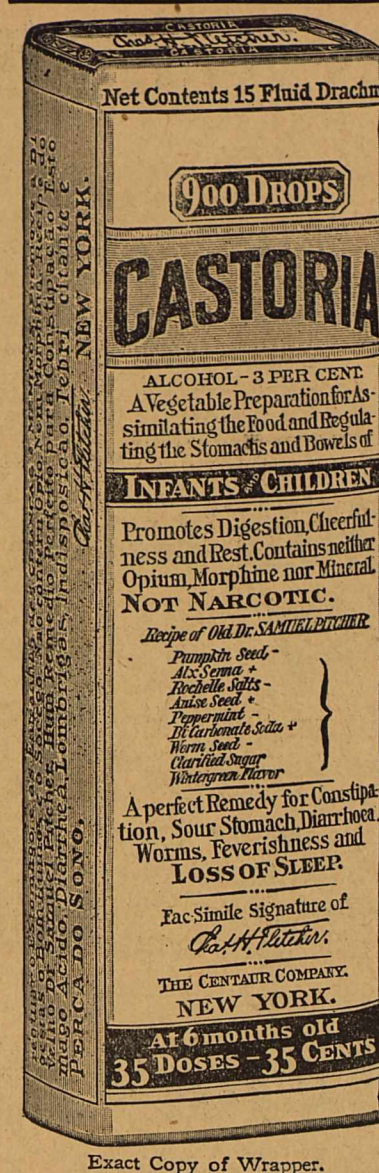
Mrs. Ratliff and little daughter of Temple, who had been visiting her sister, Miss Wood, who teaches at Bradshaw, passed thru Ballinger Saturday en route home. Miss Wood accompanied her sister this far on her way home.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Gland, Bleeding or Prolapsing Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application cures Itching and Redness. 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kre and little daughter of the Pony creek neighborhood, passed through Ballinger Saturday at noon en route home from South Texas, where he had been for the benefit of his health the past few months and we are glad to note him much improved.

Charlie Worsham, and M. Setser of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.



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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

J. J. Hubbard came over from Sheriff L. P. Barker, of Oklahoma, his ranch in Glascock county home, who came after a prisoner Monday night to visit friends and arrested in our county, wanted in to look after business interests in his section, left with his prisoner Ballinger for home Tuesday afternoon.

Pros Issue Challenge to Antis

In our efforts to keep Runnels County free from the Saloons we have arranged for public speaking in every voting precinct in the county, and we hereby challenge the Antis to meet us in joint debate.

We are conducting the campaign open and above board and have nothing to cover up or keep secret from the voters. If the Antis have any argument to offer to show that saloons will help to build up this county, make better citizens and happier homes we are anxious to hear it and will gladly divide time with them at any and all our speaking dates.

We challenge the Antis to show the people wherein this county would be made better by the open saloon. We challenge them to deny that conditions in every respect are not better now than when there were more than a dozen saloons in the county.

We charge that THE LIQUOR INTEREST and a few men who wish to engage in the business, backed up by those who are habitual liquor drinkers, are responsible for this election, and have brought about the election with the hopes that the INCREASED NEGRO VOTE in this county will OVERRIDE THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS WHO STAND FOR GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS, GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD GOVERNMENT, TO ALL OF WHICH THE SALOON IS A BITTER ENEMY.

We make these charges publicly and challenge the Antis to deny them. If they are not true, why not come before the people and refute them? Our speakers will meet any speaker you put up at any time and at any place. We are willing to take the advice given us by the Antis five years ago and

"Let Well Enough Alone"

and we appeal to every white man in Runnels County to rebuke the effort of the Liquor Interest to use the Negro to burden this county with saloons. Let's keep Runnels County a white man's county and a DRY County, "SALOONS OR NO SALOONS"—That's the issue.

PROHIBITION COMMITTEE

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put their money
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Husband and wife should both save money. What's the good for one to save and the other to spend? Just ask yourself today: "Who gets the money I earn?" Do I get it or does somebody else get it? You earned your money; it belongs to you. Keep it. Be a careful man and bank your money.

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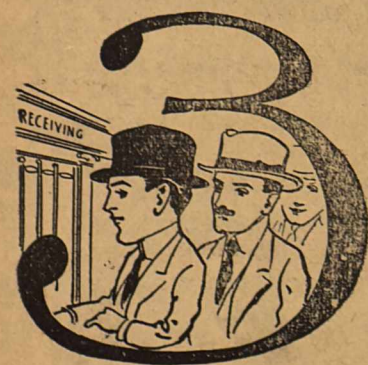
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BUSINESS LEAGUE COMMITTEES NAMED

At the last meeting of the directors of the Business League it was decided to divide out the work of the present year among ten committees, each being headed by a director, so that more persons would be enlisted in the work of community development and more minds would be employed in working out the various things which should be done for the good of Ballinger and its trade territory. Each committee is expected to meet at an early date, decide what things are most needed in the field it has been assigned, and to plan such things as seem possible this year. The committees are to advise with the secretary, who will endeavor in each case to carry out with their aid the work they plan. Each committee is to have all necessary power.

The following members have been appointed on each of the standing committees:

Membership: Oscar Pearson, E. D. Walker, A. W. Sledge. The work of this committee for the immediate present is to finish the canvass of the town for members. Thereafter, it will perform such occasional duties as fall to it.

Publicity: A. W. Sledge, C. A. Dooze, H. Giesecke. The function of this committee is to secure local publicity and to advise with the secretary in advertising matters.

Agricultural: J. H. Taylor, W. A. Taylor, and F. T. Rushing. For the improvement of local agriculture, emphasizing one feature strongly each year.

Industrial: E. D. Walker, R. G. Erwin, C. S. Miller. To keep on the outlook for new enterprises and to advise with the secretary

RABBIT RECORD MADE BY HUNGRY HUNTERS

The most successful rabbit drive for the present season was made east of Ballinger Thursday in what is known as the Jim Osborn neighborhood. Quite a number went out from Ballinger and joined in the hunt, and there was a total of about 135 guns in the drive and more than 1000 rabbits were slaughtered. Boys followed the hunters and scalped the rabbits, but the meat was not saved.

At twelve o'clock the hunters halted for dinner and enjoyed a barbecue spread with all the extras in the way of cakes, etc., which were provided by the ladies in the neighborhood. The barbecue was given near J. D. Moreland's and about 200 were present to enjoy this dinner.

Will Dunlap, as usual, carried off the high score of the day with about 100 rabbits to his credit. Others making a score of from 40 to 50 rabbits were E. P. Scarborough, Bill McGregor, Edwin Schuchard, H. O. Rhodes.

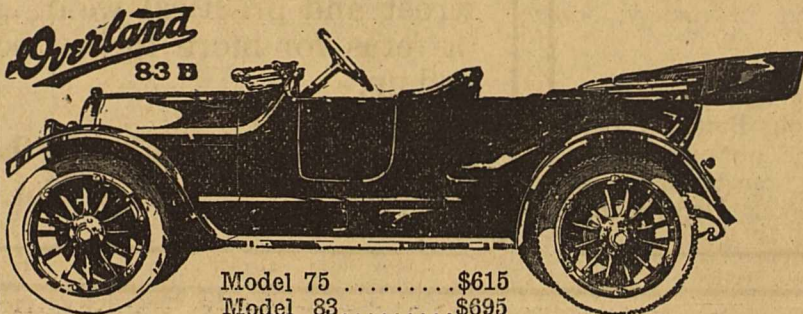
Big Drive Staged for Next Week.

Tuesday will be George Washington's birthday and the occasion will be observed in Ballinger by the closing of the banks and post office, and quite a number are planning to spend the day out of the city and will join in a big rabbit drive that is being arranged to take place in the Pony creek neighborhood.

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in dealing with the proposals which arise.

County Fair: August Vogel-sang, W. R. Gilliam, J. H. Webb. To plan and arrange for a county fair.

Good Roads: L. B. James, H. M. Leach, W. A. Nance, R. L. Harwell. To promote sentiment and advise action toward the building of good roads out of Ballinger.

Social: W. E. Branch, H. G. Roten, James Skinner. To arrange for social meetings of the Y. M. B. L. and to promote co-operation between town and country by the social route.

Trade Extension: R. T. Williams, W. A. Francis and Holt Smith. To arrange trade excursions and, in general, to endeavor to enlarge the Ballinger trade territory.

Educational: Scott Mack, W. W. Wooten and W. S. Fleming. To promote consolidation and general welfare of country and town schools.

City Beautification: members yet to be appointed and work planned.

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S
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Walter Parker left Sunday for
Dallas on a short business trip.

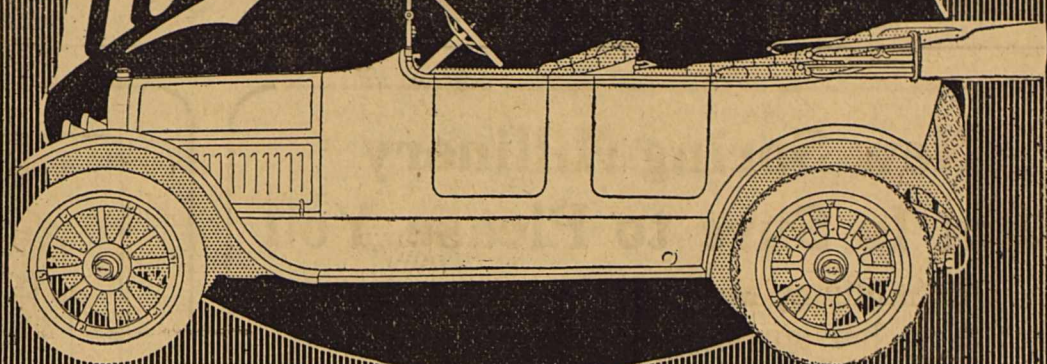
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Furred Tongue, Bad Colds, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret tonight will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then to keep their stomach, liver and bowels regulated and never know a miserable moment. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

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SAM HOUSTON NORMAL NOTES.

Huntsville, Tex., Feb. 14.—It has long been a custom for the senior class to hold appropriate exercises at the grave of Gen. Sam Houston on Independence Day, March 2, which is also Gen. Houston's birthday. The seniors are making preparations for this annual celebration this year. The student body will gather at the Normal, March 2nd, and after devotional exercises, march in a double column headed by bearers of the Texas and United States flags to General Houston's grave, which is in the Huntsville cemetery, for the exercises.

The boys basketball team recently played two games with the team representing the Palestine Y. M. C. A. both of which were won by the normal. Both the boys and girls teams played the A. C. I boys and girls last week. Both normal teams won.

Who does not bow to "degnified Senior?" In a recent election held at the normal, it was stated, that every member of the senior class received votes for the most "intellectual senior," and who does not look down on the "poor little freshman"? (which is wrong in those who do it). In this same election it was said that so great was the material to be drawn upon, and so close was the contest of the many worthy rivals that the counters were tempted to declare no election for the "freshest freshman."

The freshmen are beginning work on their edition of the Houstonian, the school paper, which they are to put out the second week of the spring term. Last year the publishers thought they would be nice to the "Fish" and printed their edition in green, which of course, made them angry. This year the paper will not be green unless the class so decrees. The freshmen are going to put out a paper that will make the haughty seniors take off their hats to them.

The Glee Club of A. & M. College is to be here February 22nd. There are some thirty-six members of the club, making a full orchestra, a large mandolin and guitar club and sixteen of the best singers of the college. There are three specialists in the club, but the others are A. & M. boys. This college bunch will render a program that will be a fitting close to the festivities of that glorious holiday.

I dare say that many fathers who read the Banner-Ledger have heard something similar to this "Some Old Story" which appeared in the last issue of our paper: "Dear old Dad,

I take my pen
To let you know
I need a ten.
I really hate
To bother you;
If lacking ten
A five will do.
If short of fives
Just send a one;
Must study now,
Your loving son."

—Susie Reams.

Mrs. O. H. Cooper and baby returned home Monday afternoon from a visit to relatives at Miles.

BUYS BEAUTIFUL HOME

R. W. Bruce, of the Bethel neighborhood was in the city Tuesday to make the deed to his home place on Broadway to Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Hartman, who will at once move into the same for their future home. This is a modern, up-to-date 7-room residence with all the latest conveniences and is one of the most substantial and commodious homes in the city.

Jim Baron the Wingate merchant was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

More than ONE MILLION now in use—500,000 more are to be sold this year. No other motor car in the entire world has such a wonderful record for service. This year's lowered prices mean the same Ford car of quality and reliability for less money—that's all. Touring Car \$440; Runabout \$390; Coupelet \$590; Town Car \$640; Sedan \$740 f. o. b. Detroit. On display and sale at

Harwell Motor Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Effective January 10th, 1916

To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of workmen and by so doing, conduct a Quality Service Station only. Can take care of any high-class technical job requiring skill and painstaking care.

Owing to the shop requiring all of my time and the extra cost of collections, I am discontinuing the monthly account system. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours Truly

H. M. LEACH

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HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co.
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

Trade at Ballinger's
Greatest Store

New Spring Millinery That Is Sure to Please You

Our milliner, Mrs. Landers has just return from her spring buying trip. Each day's express brings us many new and attractive street, dress and pattern hats, such really clever models will afford a wonderful opportunity for the exercising of individuality.

**New Spring Hats \$2.25, \$5.00,
\$7.50 and up to \$18.50**

The moderate prices of these truly beautiful hats will surely appeal to the thrifty buyers. The new satin and straw combinations, Italian Hemp and Milan Braids, daintily trimmed with pretty flowers and fruits. Pineapple straw and lemonade braid in the new Geranium and other leading shades. Small shapes seem to have the favor with early shoppers.

New Blouses

Each day we add to our large and well selected stock of women's blouses. The blouse is going to play an important part in Milady's wardrobe this spring. Remarkable care has been exercised in the selection of our line and the clever combinations are sure to please all. Pussy willow taffeta, georgette crepe, voile and lingerie in combinations of stripes.

**ALL THE NEW AND WANTED SHADES
ARE HERE.**



Dainty Novelties For Dainty Maids

The debutante will feel herself charmingly gowned for dinners and dances in this evening frock, or it can be adapted to the younger girl who goes to "small and early" evening parties.

The wide girdle, pointed overskirt, and half-sleeve are novel and becoming.

The younger girl's gown with tucked bolero and tucked skirt can be made up in lingerie materials with hand embroidery, or in crepe or silks.

Dozens of advance Paris and New York styles have just reached our Butterick Pattern Department, and the appropriate materials for making them up can be found in profusion in our Dress Goods Department.

Wonderful Spring Suits for Women, Misses, Children

A most attractive and diversified collection of Spring suits. The styles this spring season are so exceptionally clever and the style range so extensive that you may give your individuality a choice. Many beautiful innovations added each day.

New Tailored Suits In Great Variety

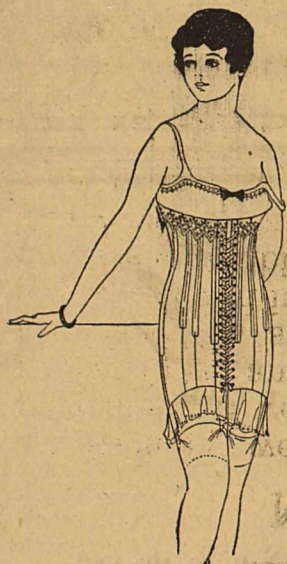
Very attractive suits in the new serge and silk combinations, plain serges and gaberdines are shown in this season's newest shades. The styles are authentic. Prices \$15 to \$50.

SILK SUITS—An advanced showing of these new creations and combinations. A practical suit for this climate \$22.50 and up to \$35.

SPORT COATS—Your individual taste can be shown here. Sport coats are in great demand and are shown here in all their splendor. Red and white overplaids, large and small checks, rose and many other striking colors and combinations. Prices \$6.00 up to \$25.

NEWEST SKIRTS—An especially large showing of all that is new in skirts. Skirts for street and practical wear, sport models and taffetas for more formal occasions. Priced \$5 and up.

**SEE THIS DISPLAY whether you care to buy
or Not.**



A CHARMING FIGURE

What Woman Does Not Admire (and possibly Envy) a Charming Figure?

What woman does not desire for herself a charming figure? If you have been wondering and worrying over the fact that your figure is not all it should be, you have doubtless overlooked the wonderful transforming power of this the greatest corsets manufactured. There is a model to suit you.

**G-D
Justrite
CORSETS**

Many feminine figures have been practically re-made by Justrite Corsets. After you have tried on a pair of these your mirror will tell you more than we could if we should take a full page. Is it asking too much to ask that you call and let us demonstrate the many advantages?



Handsome New Dress and Shirting Silks

Now is the proper time to make your selections, never have our shelves been so full of new and desirable silks for spring wear. Right now you will find the colorings and patterns that are going to be scarce later on. The mills will not promise us fast colors for later shipment but the colors now are positively guaranteed. This should mean a great deal to you.

Shirting Silks

Such beautiful patterns in shirting silks we have never shown. This is going to be the greatest silk shirt season ever. Better make your selection early. Patterns are simply beautiful. Prices, yard, 85¢ to \$1.00.

Shirting Crepes

Crepe de chine is going to be a great favorite. It is cool, serviceable, and makes such charming shirts. Some exceptional patterns for your selection. A yard, \$1.50 up to \$2.50.

THE MEN HAVE NOT BEEN OVER-LOOKED

The men have certainly been looked after at our store. Every line in our furnishing goods department is simply full to overflowing with the new and attractive styles for spring. Here you may be outfitted in seasonable and serviceable wearing apparel of the better quality and at a price that will surprise you. Nothing but standard brands can have a place in our shelves. Each and every article absolutely guaranteed.

Beautiful Shirts

Never have we shown such a wide range of shirts. Such clever color combinations and in materials that will meet every requirement, where service is required. Silk front for early spring wear \$2.00. All silk, priced \$3.50 up to \$7.50.

Sateen Shirts

The manufacturers have simply done themselves proud on the wonderful sateen materials they are turning out this season. The most serviceable materials obtainable. Beautiful mixed and fancy stripes 1.00 and \$1.50.

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