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35 KILLED; 100 HURT IN EXPLOSION

BOND REFUSED MAN HELD FOR SHOOTING

Judge A. K. Doss, counsel for J. S. McDaniels, held in jail in Ballinger charged with the murder of Elmer Wright in Concho county, announced Thursday that a petition would be filed with District Judge J. O. Woodward within a few days asking for a hearing to fix bond for McDaniels.

The defense waived hearing first of the week, but the state's counsel would not agree to bond and McDaniels was remanded to jail. Nothing has been given out to indicate what the defense will be in the case.

J. S. McDaniels, of Eola, charged with the murder of Elmer Wright, at Eola, on December 29th, will remain in jail at Ballinger until his case is disposed of, unless habeas corpus proceedings are instituted and a hearing held to fix bond.

After taking some testimony in the case at Paint Rock Wednesday, District Attorney Walter U. Early, for the state, refused to agree to bond for McDaniels, and the defense has taken no steps to secure bond.

McDaniels was brought to Ballinger last Saturday afternoon and placed in the county jail charged with shooting Wright to death with a shot gun at Eola, Concho county. The defendant retained Judge A. K. Doss, of this city, to defend him within a few minutes after he had been placed in jail.

Walter Corum came up from Coleman Thursday at noon to attend the funeral of his nephew, R. T. Corum, who died at Winters Wednesday night and was brought to Ballinger for burial.

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

New Farm Agent Will Office in Court House

The Commissioners' Court was in session here Wednesday for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the change in highway work, and to pass on the question of locating an office for the county farm agent.

The State Highway Department is now responsible for the maintenance of all the highways which have been adopted and designated as part of the seven per cent system of highways of the state, taking over this part of the work on January 1st.

Until a more definite program for carrying on the work can be worked out, the highway department has arranged with the commissioners' court to keep up the work in this county under the direction of the state's engineers, and the State Highway Department will foot the bill, and according to this plan the work will be carried on as heretofore, with the exception that the State Highway Department will furnish the money, the work to be financed under the new system of auto and highway taxation.

The court voted to locate the farm agent at Ballinger, and his office will be in the court house. Citizens from the North end of the county petitioned the court to place the agent at Winters, and the question was brought up at the meeting Wednesday. A district representative of the extension department was here to get the matter settled and check in the new agent, and appeared before the court and asked the court to pass on the question and urged that the agent be retained at the county site.

After some discussion of the question Commissioner Deens made a motion that the agent be furnished office room in the court house, and when put to a vote Commissioners Deens and Curry voted for the adoption of the motion and Commissioners Miller and Yeager voted that the agent be placed at Winters. County Judge Trimmer voted for Ballinger, deciding the question, and County Agent Lehmberg will occupy the office on the second floor of the court house, directly over the county judge's office and with the county engineer.

MISSISSIPPI HIT BY FIRST STORM OF NEW YEAR

(By Associated Press)

MEREDIAN, Miss., Jan. 3.—A tornado struck Causeyville, four miles South of here today injuring a number of persons and doing heavy property damage. All the storm victims are negroes. Numerous families were made homeless by the storm.

STUDENTS LEAVE FOR COLLEGE

By the end of the week all the students who came home from the various colleges and universities will have returned to resume their studies, after spending from ten days to two weeks with home folks. Among those leaving Wednesday afternoon were: Paul Jeanes, for S. M. U., Dallas; Miss Katherine Penn, T. C. U., Ft. Worth; Roy Mack, T. C. U., Ft. Worth; Herbert Sledge, Trinity University, Waxahatchie; Robert Bruce, State University, Austin; Miss Imogene Francis, McMurry College, Abilene; Miss Maggie Herring, C. I. A., Denton; Miss Lillian Knowles, C. I. A., Denton. The Santa Fe was pulling an extra Pullman Wednesday to handle the increased travel due to many pupils returning to school.



Senate Adopts Mayfield Probe

(By Associated Press)

MAY FREE THAW FROM ASYLUM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The resolution formally authorizing an investigation of the Texas elections in which Earle B. Mayfield was elected, and the charges filed against Senator Mayfield, of Texas, was adopted today by the Senate.

The sub-committee to make the investigation will meet in a few days to map out a program of procedure.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A confirmation of the report that Harry K. Thaw would seek his freedom from the Philadelphia asylum and agree to face charges of having whipped Frederick Gump, of Kansas City, in a New York hotel in 1917, was today followed by an announcement that Gump would sue to settle his \$650,000 damage suit against Thaw out of court.

This was taken to indicate that Gump would drop the criminal charges against Thaw.

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Former Judge James Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Mary Thaw, mother of Harry Thaw, indicated today that any attempt to have Thaw released from the Pennsylvania for mental and nervous diseases, would be opposed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The New York Sun today states that it has obtained from B. B. Coyne, a New York lawyer, who for ten years has represented Harry K. Thaw, a full confirmation of the reports from Philadelphia to the effect that the slayer of Stanford White, now accused of whipping a Kansas City boy, would seek to have himself declared sane by the Pennsylvania courts.

Judge Coyne, the Sun story adds, plans to confer with Thaw today in the Kirsksbridges Asylum in Philadelphia. Thaw has a personal fortune of \$1,000,000, according to the story carried by the Sun, and if he is freed from the asylum he will return to New York to take charge of his interests, and will surrender to the officers on a charge of having beaten a boy. The attorney says he will be cleared of the flogging charge.

R. M. Davis was among the citizens from the Northern part of the county, who was looking after business in Ballinger Thursday.

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OIL MILL BURNS AT COLORADO

(By Associated Press)

SWEETWATER, Jan. 3.—The plant of the Colorado oil mill, at Colorado, Texas, West of here, was destroyed by fire early today. The origin of the fire is not known.

The loss has been estimated at \$100,000.

STATE OFFICERS FIGHTING CASE

(By Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—John Whitehurst and Ed Spears, president and secretary respectively of the state board of agriculture, entered a joint demurrer today to grand jury indictments returned against them last week, charging them with conversion of state funds. The demurrer will be argued at once.

This action on the part of the defense came as somewhat of a surprise as Whitehurst had previously announced that he would take no action to block the trial.

W. A. Francis was able to be out Wednesday after a day or two of illness. Mr. Francis attended a meeting of Walker-Smith salesmen at Brownwood Friday and Saturday, and returned home sick.

Ledger want ads pay.

PEKIN, Illinois, Jan. 3.—Between twenty and thirty-five people were killed and at least one hundred injured, according to estimates, as the result of an explosion and fire in the starch building of the Pekin plant of the Corn Products Refining Company, here early today. Two buildings of the big plant were destroyed by the fire following the explosion.

The blast which snuffed out the lives and caused the fire occurred in the starch powder house, and seventy-two men were in that department when the explosion occurred, according to Frank Vede, manager of the company.

Fire companies from both Peoria and Pekin responded to the calls for aid, but the firemen were handicapped by the severe cold weather, and the flames spread rapidly.

Firemen working in five box cars near one of the burning buildings are missing and are believed to have been killed as the cars were destroyed by an explosion.

A score of those taken to hospitals are reported to have been severely burned, and many of them are expected to die.

The disaster is believed to have been caused by a dust explosion.

AMBULANCE IS HIT BY TRAIN; FOUR INJURED

(By Associated Press)

TERRELL, Jan. 3.—J. T. Reynolds, age 49, head handler at the oil refining plant here, was smothered to death under several tons of cotton seed today. Reynolds met his death when caught in a cave-in of the cotton seed.

An ambulance was called, and while the ambulance was bearing Reynolds' body to the undertaking parlors, it was struck by a switch engine, and Dr. W. H. Neely, Williams Reynolds, John Clayton and the driver of the ambulance, were seriously injured.

RENTS GARAGE FOR SECOND HAND FORDS

R. L. Harwell has rented the building opposite his garage and which was recently vacated by the Williams Confectionery, and will use the building as a dispensary for second-hand Fords. The Harwell garage is now filled with new Fords, a big shipment of cars coming in this week, following the receipt of a shipment just before the holidays. Deliveries are being made daily, and all orders booked are expected to be filled within a short time. The Ford dealer was behind about one hundred orders during the fall rush.

Mrs. Ira Sims returned from a visit to Houston Thursday at noon. Mr. Sims and the children returned first of the week.

STATEMENTS OF BANKS CALLED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The comptroller of currency today issued a call for bank statements showing the condition of all national banks at the close of business on December 31st.

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—A call for a statement showing the condition of state banks at the close of business on December 31st, was issued today by State Banking Commissioner Chapman, following a similar call for national banks to make a showing.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kelm returned to their home at McGregor Wednesday afternoon, after a visit to Mrs. Kelm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gottschalk, of the Norton country. Mr. and Mrs. Gottschalk were in Ballinger to see them off.

Ledger want ads work for you

1924

is almost here. Are you ready for inventory, and for the opening of new books on January 1st?

You will find our stock of Office Supplies and Blank Books complete in every detail. Also we will have a shipment of Ledgers and Cash Books Saturday at noon for your inspection.

Come by and let us show you

Weeks'
Drug Store

Don't Let that Cold get you

Down

**Our
Laxative
Cold
Tablets**

will give prompt relief to Colds, LaGrippe and Neuralgia.

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Harry K. Thaw should be able
to prove that he is not crazy. He
has a personal fortune of \$1,
000,000.

There is a big demand for farm
land in Runnels county. There
are more renters than farms. This
should encourage breaking new
ground.

The state of Texas entered the
new year only \$5,000,000 in debt.
That's just a notice to the tax
payers that somebody is going to
have to dig up.

The appeal to farmers to cut
the cotton acreage should apply
more strongly to the counties
where other crops are easily pro-
duced. Runnels county is free
from boll weevil and is a mighty
good cotton county. However, it
is better to be safe than sorry,
and the way to be safe, is not to
depend altogether on cotton for
money with which to pay the
1924 taxes.

The Abilene Reporter upholds
the court for upholding the hog
law in Ballinger, and remarks
that "it is a good law." There
are many families in Ballinger
who no doubt would like to keep
swine in the back lot to consume
the scraps from the table, and at
the same time be a very popular
animal at hog killing time. But
hogs are unsanitary and it is un-
healthy to be unsanitary.

The Department of Agriculture
figures that it costs the farmer
an average of \$200 a year to own
and operate an automobile, in-
cluding the depreciation, interest
on investment, etc. The cost may
be correctly figured at \$200, or
even a greater amount, but noth-
ing is more handy around the
farm than a good car when the
farmer wants to make a hurry up
trip to town, and as a joy riding
proposition, what more could he
get for his money?

While this country seems to be
reveling in plenty, and while
prospects were never more prom-
ising for a bumper crop in 1924,
we should not forget that it has
been said that this country can
promise more and do less and
promise less and do more than
any country on the map. It is
several months until harvest
time, and while we do not wish to
appear in the least bit pessimistic,
we are reminded that it is not
wise to count chickens before
they hatch. Let us hope for the
best, but be prepared for the
worst.

Coal
Car of Coal on Abilene &
Southern track, \$8.00 per ton.
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**Notice of Sale by Constable—
Personal Property**
By VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY
vested in me by Article 7253 Re-
vised Civil Statutes of Texas, and
by virtue of a certain affidavit
made by J. H. Crow before C. H.
Willingham, Justice of the
Peace in and for Precinct No. 1,
Runnels County, Texas, wherein
the said J. H. Crow made affi-
davit to certain facts alleging
that on or about the first day of
August, A. D. 1922, he impound-
ed one bay mare mule, about 15
hands high, six or seven years
old, branded with small "J" on
left shoulder, which said animal
was alleged to have been found
roaming on and around his prem-
ises about 8 miles North of Win-
ters, in Runnels County, Texas.
Therefore, by reason of the
aforesaid facts, I will on Satur-
day, the 15th day of January, A.
D. 1924, between the hours pre-
scribed by law, to-wit, 9:00 o'-
clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m.,
sell to the highest bidder for
cash, the aforesaid described ani-
mal, at the Court House door in
Ballinger, Texas, and will apply
the proceeds as the law directs
in such cases made and provided.
C. B. ARMSTRONG,
Constable, Precinct No. 1, Run-
nels County, Texas.
1-2td-1-8

Be Wise and Advertise—

HER LOVE AFFAIR

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

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"THAT," said Sarah Ellen grimly as
she tied with blue ribbon a white
tissue-papered package. "Is the first
shower gift I've made so far this year,
and fate only knows how many more
I'll be called upon for. Not that I
mind, only—" she sighed and rose ab-
ruptly. Sarah Ellen was nearly thirty
and had never had a shower in her
life.

Busying herself with supper pre-
parations, Sarah Ellen tantalized her-
self with imagining just what it would
seem like to be the center of atten-
tion once in a lifetime—to be some-
thing vital that would be missed if
suddenly removed. In a very small
way she had experienced that sensa-
tion the week before Jethro Clark
called for his.

He had called upon her twice, had
taken her to the Durham fair, had
asked for her picture. But in the two
years which had elapsed she had never
heard from him.

Tonight, thinking of her contribu-
tions to others in the past, she won-
dered what her neighbors would think
could they see the chest in her attic
filled to the brim with the handwork
of years, all of her own manufacture.

Her few dishes washed and put
away, she got out her favorite needle-
work magazine and idly thumbed the
pages. Suddenly she paused. An ad-
vertisement with a South American
address had caught her eye. Reading
it eagerly she learned that a versatile
traveler was commercializing his ex-
periences by writing chatty letters to
stay-at-homes for a modest monthly
stipend. At present the enterprising
globe trotter was making his head-
quarters in Rio.

The following morning Sarah Ellen
dispatched a note and a check. Then,
in a fever of anticipation, she waited.
The plan appealed to her as something
next best to letters from Jethro him-
self.

Came a day when Postmaster Tib-
bals handed on the coveted reply.
Sarah Ellen's hand fairly trembled—
a fact he was not slow to observe
even as he had made mental note of
the postmark.

"Don't mean to say old Jethro's on
the map again?" he wanted to know
genially.

"I haven't read it yet!" faltered
Sarah Ellen.

But at that moment was born the
first deception in a hitherto impeccable
life. If people wanted to assume she
was hearing from Jethro—let them!

And that is precisely what people
did think. The arrival of weekly let-
ters stamped South America was too
unusual not to arouse comment. Sar-
ah Ellen's conversation also became
more and more sprinkled with allu-
sions to foreign parts and strange
exotic phrases crept into her custom-
ary precise English. She even
changed her hair to conform with an
alluring coiffure on an Argentine bella
portrayed in a postal which had ac-
companied one letter.

Yet, oddly enough, the more the vil-
lage believed Jethro alive, the more
Sarah Ellen believed him dead. Yet
she made no effort to disabuse public
opinion. On the contrary, she fur-
thered the supposition that she and
Jethro were in correspondence by hav-
ing her chest brought down from the
attic to the sitting room and display-
ing its contents frequently.

"What a supply you have, Sarah
Ellen!" exclaimed Harriet Evans, a
recent bride and a recipient of many
little gifts at Sarah Ellen's hands.

"Yes," said Sarah Ellen proudly.
Then, "but I made every one," she
added a bit wistfully.

Harriet regarded her thoughtfully.

"Yes, that's so," she said.
That night Harriet stood long at the
telephone, but the gist of each con-
versation was so similar that the
repetition of one will disclose the
others.

"Yes, my dear, it's pathetic. Think
how much she's done for all of us. Of
course, we don't know their plans, but
how about next Wednesday? A sur-
prise, of course. And invite every per-
son for whom she ever made a single
blessed thing!"

Thus occurred Sarah Ellen's one and
only shower. But its real surprise
came at the end—a ring at the door
bell, the departure of Harriet and her
immediate return with amazement
written on every feature. Quickly she
ushered Sarah Ellen into the hall and
up to an overcoated figure—then
turned and ignobly fled.

"Sarah Ellen!" exclaimed a deep
voice. "Tried to find you at home,
and heard you were at some sort of
a shindig at Harriet's, so came on
over."

He took her gently by the arm and
led her under the light. "My word!"
he said. "You're even sweeter than I
used to think of you in Siberia. Yes,
I've been there almost ever since I
left here. And I used to get wishing
I'd asked you to marry me before I
went. Tell me—are you married?
No? Or promised? Good! But you're
wrong. You're going to be married to-
morrow. Let's tell the crowd!"

But Sarah Ellen is still explaining
why, when Jethro Clark was in Siberia,
she was getting letters from South
America.

Is This True?
"It is the man with few friends who
is successful in business."
"How?"
"As soon as a man begins to acquire
friends he has to spend so much time
in attending to their business."

JAN. 15 IS DEAD LINE
FOR AUTOMOBILE TAX

It is very probable that persons
who do not equip their autos
with a 1924 seal by January 15th
will be flirting with the traffic
officer. "I am waiting to hear
from the highway department,"
said Tax Collector W. L. Brown
Thursday, "and it is very prob-
able that the latest date given
will be January 15th."

Mr. Brown has received 3,000
auto seals and issued 2,300 of
them. He is expecting a new
supply daily, and will be pre-
pared to supply all those who
come, provided January 15th is
made the dead line. The heavy
rush in paying property taxes
will come during the last day of
January as February 1st is the
dead line on tax paying, and the
collector will have all that he can
handle without being troubled
with the auto tax collections. An
effort will be made to get all
motor vehicles in the county qual-
ified to operate on the highways
by the 15th of the present month.

It is a foregone fact that Run-
nels county will have the largest
voting strength in its history.
2,700 polls have been paid to
date, and it is estimated that the
total payments will figure be-
tween 6,000 and 6,500. There
would be 7,000 voters in the
county if every man and woman
subject to poll tax payment
would "kick in."

This promises to be the hottest
political campaign year in the his-
tory of the county, if not in the
history of the state, and the fel-
low or fellowess, who is not
armed with a poll tax receipt will

be like the fellow, or fellowess,
at a dance without a partner.

OUCH! ACHING JOINTS,
RUB RHEUMATIC PAIN

St. Jacobs Oil stops any pain,
and rheumatism is pain only.

Not one case in fifty requires
internal treatment. Stop drug-
ging! Rub soothing, penetrating
St. Jacobs Oil right into your
sore, stiff, aching joints, and re-
lief comes instantly. St. Jacobs
Oil is a harmless rheumatism lin-
iment, which never disappoints,
and cannot burn the skin.

Linger up! Quit complaining!
Get a small trial bottle of old,
honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug
store, and in just a moment you
will be free from rheumatic pain,
soreness and stiffness. Don't
suffer! Relief awaits you. St.
Jacobs Oil is just as good for
sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago,
backache, sprains.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Osteen have
been here from Vernon for sev-
eral days visiting Mrs. Osteen's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gros-
sett, and looking after property.
Mr. Osteen has his home place on
the market here, and will prob-
ably dispose of it.

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Beautiful Designs.
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See Me at Postoffice.
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Miss Taylor and her author-husband, Mr. Manners, snapped just
before they got on the train, west-bound, for Hollywood where Miss
Taylor was to make a picture version for Metro of her great stage
success, "Happiness," written by Mr. Manners. This makes the sec-
ond time this noted stage star has appeared before the camera—her
first one being in "Peg O' My Heart"—also for Metro—and another
of her sensational successes.

Announcement!

"We have been designated
as the local represent-
ative of the Star En-
graving Company of Houston,
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est and most exclusive manufac-
turers of *wedding invitations,
announcements, reception cards,
visiting and business cards, so-
cial and business stationery,
and greeting cards* ~ ~ ~"
Our samples are now on display
and we cordially invite your in-
spection. Engraved stationery
for social and business pur-
poses is a mark of distinction.

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OPPOSES LOWER
WESTERN RATE

(By Associated Press)
ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 3.—"It
has taken the advent of the boll
weevil to blast into the minds of
the Southern farmers that it does
not pay to swap cotton dollars
for bread and meat from the
West," former Governor R. I.
Manning, of South Carolina,
stated today in speaking in op-
position to the lower grain rates
from the West at the Interstate
Commerce Commission hearing
here today.

NOTICE
When wanting screen windows,
window frames, cabinets, screen
porches or any kind of special
mill work, call and see me at my
shop across Broadway from the
Wm. Cameron Lumber Co.

Will also figure on all kinds of
home building contracts.
All kinds of Cabinet work done.
J. H. PRICE,
Contractor and Builder.
1-lmo.d-*

Y. M. B. L. DIRECTORS TO
MEET MONDAY, JAN. 7TH

The first regular meeting in
1924 for members of the board
of directors of the Young Men's
Business League will be held at
their offices Monday, January
7th, at 8 o'clock a. m.

There will be important mat-
ters to come before the meeting.
The final report for 1923 will be
heard, also an outline for the pro-
gram of work for 1924 will be
discussed.

Due to the big holiday business
that Ballinger business interests
have enjoyed and the program

that has recently been carried
thru the Young Men's Business
League, has made it impossible
to stage the membership drive
that was set some weeks past,
however, immediately after the
Monday morning meeting the
drive will be carried on by active
committeemen who will push the
work until completed.

THIEVES RAID
TURKEY ROOST

L. K. Parr, who lives Southwest
of Ballinger, was in the city
Thursday conferring with the
officers, and trying to get a clue
on a pretty good turkey loss, he
sustained New Year's night.
Thieves raided the turkey roost
at Mr. Parr's home and carried
away eight nice birds. While in
the city Thursday Mr. Parr laid
in a supply of buckshot shells,
and he says he is going to keep
"Old Betsy" handy. But what's
the use to lock the stable door,
after the horse is gone?

407 ACRE FARM
DEAL CLOSED

A deal was closed recently in
which R. G. Erwin sold his 407
acre farm four miles East of Bal-
linger, to H. F. Lindeman for a
total consideration of \$16,000.
The farm is one of the best im-
proved in the county, and is well
located, being close to Benoit and
Ballinger.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Superintendent:
ROBERT L. WHITE
For Tax Collector:
W. L. BROWN
For Tax Assessor:
HENRY TODD



At Breakfast---

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

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WIT

**In Finance, When a
Man Says "Now or
Never" --- Tell Him
"NEVER"**

It doesn't pay to hurry when parting
with your money. You can easily lose in
a minute the savings of a whole year.

Once in a while you may lose a real op-
portunity for investment by waiting until
tomorrow, but in the long run you will
have more money and fewer regrets.

We will gladly share with you our ex-
perience in investment matters.

**BALLINGER STATE BANK
AND TRUST CO.**
Guaranty Fund Bank

MISTAKEN

By MOLLIE MATHER

(© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

"SHE'S a little heart-wrecker, Barry," Tomlin said, "and if you'll take my advice you'll stay away from her."

Barry MacAndrews laughed; he was rather confident of his own charms, where women were concerned.

"So-called heart-wreckers are usually disappointments," he remarked. "But this friend of your sister's has a winsome way, I'll admit. And therefore I do not intend to stay away from her."

"Others as wise as yourself have mocked and suffered," Tomlin darkly replied. "In those good old days when you and I attended college together I brought, innocently enough, our nice little pal, Fred Simmons, home with me for vacation. Rhoda, the sweet and guileless, turned her soft lamps on poor Fred in much the manner she favored you today, as you sat here on our veranda. Freddie fell for the glance to the extent that their engagement—I mean his and Rhoda's—was announced the following season. Why that engagement failed to culminate in marriage was due to her flirtatious tendencies. Next in line to fall for the enchantment of her smile was Sanders. He didn't get as far as an engagement—Rhoda, at the serious moment, insisted that she had considered him but a friend all along. And Sanders never forgave me for being the instrument leading him to his pain. The idiot had insisted upon my introducing him to Rhoda."

Barry looked up in new interest. "And how about you?" he asked sarcastically—"have you escaped the sad enchantment?"

"Haven't!" Tomlin's tone was doleful. "Rhoda began and finished with me long ago. I remain a shattered sign, pointing the way past danger."

Before many days of favored friendliness with the demure little Rhoda, Barry admitted gravely to Tomlin the fact of her undoubted charm. But even Tomlin himself would have been surprised had he known the masterful manner of Barry's wooing. When he had known Rhoda a fortnight he had proposed—and had been accepted. The engagement Rhoda appealingly requested he kept secret until the necessary time of his departure.

"We will announce it," Rhoda assured him, "when you return to stay."

"I'll admit," Barry told her laughingly, "that it makes me jealous to see you walking around with one of those men who would have been your admirer if I hadn't got the start, Rhoda."

"But you won't see me when you are away from town," she ingeniously comforted. The thought rankled, and one evening Barry, happening to have a business errand a good many miles from his sweetheart's home, still made a point of stopping over at that town. He dropped in on Tomlin unexpectedly.

"Going right over to see Rhoda," he said.

"Then," Tomlin explained, "you may as well rest on our veranda; Rhoda, I happen to know, is attending a meeting with my sister. They will be home about nine o'clock."

Impatient to see the face of winsome charm that held his dreams, Barry, nevertheless, was forced to linger. When Tomlin was called in to the telephone Barry still lingered on the veranda. And presently from the shadows screening him he saw two figures pass the bright street light and come on, continuing their conversation; the woman's figure was unmistakable. No one save Rhoda carried herself with such graceful lightness. The other Barry recognized as one of the admirers whom he had vanquished. Rhoda's sweet voice came to him distinctly.

"—I wish our engagement to be kept secret until I myself tell you to announce it. You will have to trust me that this is best. And if you cannot trust me—" The words trailed into silence.

Barry, with a sinking heart, saw Rhoda's companion bend closer as they walked. He did not know how long he sat there; a sense of Tomlin's warning conversation came to him—

"When you are pretty darned sure of her—look out." And he had been pretty—darned—sure.

Barry did not want to see anyone that night, so he slipped quietly away in the darkness. Still, in his sorrow, he was foolish enough to pass, for a farewell glance—perhaps, Rhoda's home. She was in the garden; he saw the white of her gown beneath the trees, where they had sat together. In his blur of pain he forgot that he would be visible in the light from the gates. Rhoda came swiftly running.

"Of course," her happy voice sang. "It's not really you, but a part of my dreaming. Why don't you speak to prove yourself true, Barry?"

Barry spoke fondlessly. "I heard you talking to Danvers. I was on Tomlin's veranda; you were asking him to keep your engagement secret. You said—"

A moment Rhoda stood thoughtfully, then her hand caught Barry's shoulder, to draw his face near hers. "Stupid!" she said. "I was giving an account of the breaking of my engagement long ago to a friend of Mr. Danvers. I was a young girl when Fred Simmons and I fancied ourselves in love. To justify myself because of Fred's unreasoning jealousy, I repeated to Mr. Danvers my actual words at the time. And if you, too, are going to be jealous, Barry—"

"Nevermore!" declared that happy man.

THEATRES MOVIES

EAGERLY AWAIT FILM FROM RILEY'S POEM

Everyone who knows James Whitecomb Riley's immortal poem, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine"—and that is a description



PHYLLIS HAVER in "THE TEMPLE OF VENUS" WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION

of practically the whole population of the country—is looking forward with the keenest anticipation to Metro's picture version of the great poem which comes to the Fo-to-sho Theatre on Friday, matinee and night.

This picturization, according to advance reports, is a masterpiece in itself. It has in it the very essence of the poem—all of its pure sentiment, wistfulness, heart throbs and homely charm. Harry Garson, who produced the photoplay, has transferred to the screen those qualities of the original poem which make James Whitecomb Riley one of the most beloved of American poets. This picture is the poem itself, breathing the breath of life—a beautiful story of undying love unfolding itself before our eyes. And full development of the theme has heightened the dramatic power of the story. It is filled with action and thrills.

Elliott Dexter and Helen Jerome Eddy were well chosen for the leading roles. They seem imbued with the spirit of the poem and theirs is a performance of the highest quality. The rest of the cast is of uniform excellence.

The screen adaptation was made by Louise Duryea Lighton. The lighting effects were executed by Harry Collins, and Joseph Wright was art director.

Bronchitis

Leaves a bad cough. So does "flu" and la grippe. But these lingering coughs yield easily to the healing and curative qualities of

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

Every user is a friend

The year begins with an optimistic outlook for the optimist, and the optimist is the man who does his part towards making prosperity out of prospects.

MANY HAVE APPENDICITIS DON'T KNOW IT

Much so-called stomach trouble is really chronic appendicitis. This can often be relieved by simple glycerine, buck thorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adlerika. Most medicines act only on lower bowel but Adlerika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel, and removes all gasses and poisons. Brings out matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for obstinate constipation. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

C. Black, of the Marie country, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Black and family recently returned from a Christmas visit to Falls county. He says the roads are just about as bad as they can be to be passable.

W. T. Caudle was in to see The Ledger Thursday, and arranged to keep the paper going to his grand daughter, Mrs. G. B. Shelburne, at Stanton.

Read Ledger "wants" column

Ledger want ads pay.



MARIAN NIXON Supporting CHARLES JONES in "BIG DAN" William Fox Production.

P-T ASSOCIATION FOR MAZELAND

A number of the patrons of the Mazeland school met at the school house Friday evening, Dec. 28, 1923 at the request of the principal, Mr. E. E. Hancock. After a talk by the principal on general needs of the school and ways of obtaining those needs, he asked that a Parent-Teacher Association be organized. Miss Addie Jane Hancock then explained what the organization was and benefits that were being derived from such organizations elsewhere.

A. M. Moreland then made a splendid talk in favor of organizing after which we went into the organization of the association.

John Heck was elected president; Miss Grace Hancock, secretary and reporter; Mrs. Frank Berryman, treasurer; E. E. Hancock, Miss Mattye Hudson and Mrs. R. N. Ensor were appointed as the program committee; Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Ensor and A. M. Moreland were appointed as the membership committee.

We then decided that we shall meet the second Friday evening in each month. Our next meeting will be Friday night, January 11, 1924. After the program we shall have a pie supper. Everybody come and bring money to buy all the good pies you want to eat for one time.

"REPORTER."

Closing Out Sale

I am now closing out my Apple business in Ballinger for this season. Can sell you nice Bens at \$1.25 per bushel, retail price, as long as they last.

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Near Santa Fe Depot.

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By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. A Remarkable Story

Dover, Del.—"I wish every woman would take your wonderful medicine as it has done so much good to me. I had cramps and faint spells and very bad pains. One day I was over to my neighbor's house and she told me I ought to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. So I went to the store on my way home and got a bottle, and took the first dose before supper."



per. I have been taking it ever since, and you can hardly believe how different I feel. I had just wanted to lie in bed all the time, and when I started to brush up I would give out in about ten minutes. So you know how badly I felt. I used to go to bed at eight and get up at seven, still tired. Now I can work all day and stay up until eleven, and feel all right all the time. My housework is all I do in summer, but in winter I work in a factory. I have told a good many of my friends, and I have had three come to me and tell me they would do without the Vegetable Compound."

—Mrs. SAMUEL MURPHY, 219 Cecil St., Dover, Delaware.

JUDGE A. K. DOSS TAKES IN PARTNER

M. H. Boynton, a young attorney, who recently came to Ballinger and who has been officiating with Judge A. K. Doss, has been taken in as a partner in the firm, and the style of the attorneys' sign is Doss & Boynton.

Judge Boynton was associated with McCulloch & Thomas at Dallas before coming to Ballinger, being with that law firm for six or eight months, and he has been practicing law since completing his law course in the university.

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THE BOHEMIAN

By JANE GORDON

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"ALL my life," said Sidney, "I have wanted to do something delightfully out of the ordinary. At home in Smethburg things are so humdrum. When you invited me here to visit you, Uncle Nolley, I was thrilled. Artists are all bohemians, are they not?"

Noel Strange, illustrator, smiled whimsically. "My wife gives this disorder another name when she comes over to straighten up my work place. And if you expect a respectable married man like myself to be bohemian of taste, Sidney, you are to suffer disappointment. I had enough of bizarre cafes during my bachelorhood. However, if you must have a peep into the unusual, I'll take you over to the Yellow Gate for luncheon."

"That will be lovely!" the young woman from Smethburg cried. "I was reading such a romantic story the other day; nothing truly romantic happens in our town. You meet a young man in the conventional way, and by and by you settle down in a regulation white house to wash his dishes for him ever after."

"Now, this story, Uncle Nolley: Two who met accidentally at a bohemian party, where famous people were assembled—and without any unnecessary introduction—had the loveliest mysterious romance. You see, they didn't know a thing about each other; at the party everyone called her Nance, while he was merely Jack. And they did not learn each other's proper name until the night before their wedding. Then she discovered that he was a great writer, while she was a noted singer. "If nothing will satisfy the longing for bohemia—but bohemia, we will have to give you your desire. Stop in at the studio after your shopping tour with your aunt and I'll take you over to the 'Yellow Gate.'"

Noel Strange was proud of his young relative as he presented her to a pretty young "scribbler," to whom the really good food of the "Yellow Gate" appealed.

"You will look after my niece, I'm sure, Miss Sells," he requested, "and I'll hurry back to work."

When the independent young scribbler—as it happened—was obliged also to hasten back to her office, Sidney decided to linger at the small yellow table and await—adventure. Her bright, eager, glancing eyes brought it promptly.

A tall young man, who had been noting the pretty stranger from the opposite table, arose and came with no pretense, other than his wish to meet her, directly to Sidney's side.

"How do you do, Miss Bluebell Eyes?" he remarked as he bent close to smile at her.

And, was not this the adventure she was looking for?

So, presently, with an assumption of coolness, she replied: "Oh, how do you do?—or, rather, what is it that you do?—write or paint, or sing."

"Paint," answered the young man. "Think you could be persuaded to pose for me some time. My springtime girl requires just such blue eyes as yours. Sidney caught her breath. "I'd love to!" she exclaimed.

"All right," the artist's tone was matter of fact.

"Now, to seal the bargain and become acquainted, may I take you to a 'muffin'?"

A little thrill crept down Sidney's back—the daughter of Smethburg's minister—at the thought with an unknown man! But was not this the mystery she courted?

"I will go," she agreed, faintly.

"Have a good time with Miss Sells at the 'Yellow Gate'?" Uncle Noel questioned upon her return. Sidney blushed.

"A wonderful time," she said, which was true, in part. Don Grenville, artist, was like no man whom Sidney had known outside the pages of glorified romance. And she had promised another meeting at the "Yellow Gate" the following afternoon, which was but the beginning of meetings occurring regularly thereafter. Long ago she had recognized that love had come to her; also long ago—oh, a whole week ago—the young man had confessed gravely, and earnestly, and wildly, his love for her. And withal this miraculous granting of her wish, Sidney Smith was disturbed and troubled. To have wished to laugh with bohemia was one thing; to find your future husband a member of that gay, changing throng was another. Now, in her serious love, Sidney longed that he might be even of the order of home-town young men. So, at last, she was forced to admit this reason of her gloom.

To her astonishment, Don Grenville's answer was to clasp her in his arms. "Why, Sidney," he murmured, "my true little Sidney whom I have found at last, I'm the most domestic, home-loving man in the world. This theatrical playing bohemian stuff was all a fake. I was busy behind the curtain in your uncle's studio the day you voiced your wish for mysterious romance. And later he and I framed up my meeting with you at the 'Yellow Gate.' If you were out for that sort of thing, we agreed I'd better be there to see that you found the right kind of mystery. I'm studying with your uncle. And I guess we've found the right kind of romance—my Sidney."

The Eternal Feminine.

Fond Father—I think the baby is going to be just like her mother.

Friend—In what way especially?

Fond Father—When she sees a dollar in my hands she goes and gurgles until she gets it.

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Want Ads

WANT ADS 25c up to 12 words, over that 2c per word first insertion. 1c per word each additional insertion. All want ads are cash.

FOR SALE—Cheap, Horton Electric Washer, Mahogany Chiffonade, Phone 396. 3-3d

LOST—Between Rowena and Ballinger, a wagon sheet. Finder return to Ledger office or George Englert, Rowena. 2-2td-1tw.*

NOTICE—My home and household goods, consisting of oil stoves, heaters, beds, chairs, etc. Bargain if sold at once. H. C. Whitley, Phone 579. 2-4td.*

WANTED — Roomers and Boarders at 901 Tenth Street. Come and investigate. 2-tfd

FOR SALE—My 5 room home on 12th Street. See me before Friday or phone The Ledger. T. M. Osteen. 1-3td.*

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms completely furnished. Phone 179. 31-tfd.*

FOUND—One pair of patent leather child's shoes. Owner can have same by calling at Ledger office and paying for this notice. 28-d&w-tf

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

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

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company of Ballinger, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on Thursday, January 10th, 1924 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. W. BRUCE, President
SAM BAKER, Secretary.
2-4td-2tw

MEXICO LAND FOR TRADE

850,000 acres in the Musquiz District, State of Coahuila; will trade for farm, ranch or city property. Will cut in tracts from 10,000 acres up. Price \$1 to \$2 per acre. P. L. CREWS, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-8td-2tw

Leon Ward came in from Austin Thursday at noon, to visit relatives and spend a few days here looking after business.

L. E. Low was among the Winters folks who had business in Ballinger Thursday.

OLD DOC BIRD



Hello Folks!

I'm OLD DOC BIRD of the new cartoon series, especially drawn for this newspaper by Finch of the Denver Post, America's foremost Cartoonist.

I am going to have something mighty interesting to say each week.

WATCH FOR IT

It will be well worth your while.

DEATHS

R. T. Corum

The remains of R. T. Corum were laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Elder A. H. Clark conducting the funeral services at the cemetery.

Mr. Corum died at Winters Wednesday night following an operation. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corum, of Winters; and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Corum, of this city, and was among the most popular young men of the Winters country.

Deceased was born May 22, 1902, and was twenty-one years, seven months and eleven days of age at the time of his death. Besides the bereaved family, grandparents and other relatives, the young man is survived by a wife. He had been married about a year.

The bereaved families have many friends among the pioneers of Ballinger, as well as among their many new acquaintances, who sympathize with them in their sorrow.

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WINTERS GINS

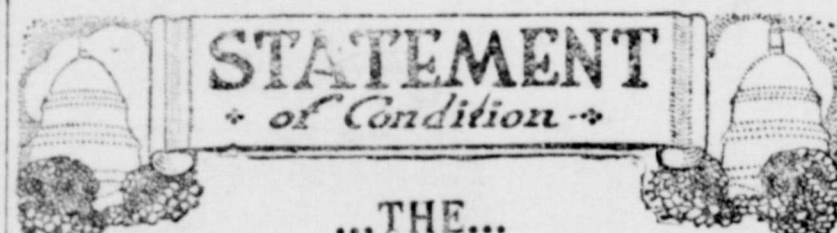
17,843 BALES

WINTERS, Jan. 3.—Thirty-two students returned to colleges and universities from Winters this week, and they were accompanied by six other young folks from Winters who will enter college. The new pupils are Miss Bessie Mae Wheelers, Lloyd Stockberry, L. G. Mosley, Otho Hillyard, who go to Simmons College, Abilene; Miss Mattie Fae Reed and Towner Kay, Abilene Christian College.

Jackson & Holcomb, of Belton, have purchased Owens Drug Store No. 2, and have come in to take charge of the business. Both gentlemen have moved their families to Winters.

The cold wave has caused a lull in business, but gave the merchants an opportunity to take stock. It has also been a good time for farmers to kill hogs, and town folks have been enjoying country sausage.

Winters gins have turned out 17,843 bales of cotton up to date, valued at \$3,012,635. The number of bales shipped so far is 21,830. Last year Winters gins turned out 17,110 bales.



...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER Dec. 31st, 1923

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$482,114.88
Overdrafts	168.70
U. S. Bonds	30,546.13
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.	6,525.00
Banking House, F. and F.	26,995.00
Real Estate	17,500.00
Acceptances [cotton]	101,288.42
Cash and Exchange	382,975.69
	\$1,048,113.82

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	67,253.80
Circulation	25,000.00
Dividends unpaid	6,000.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	849,860.02
	\$1,048,113.82

We Carry No State, County or Municipal Interest-bearing Deposits.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.

MILES PERSONALS

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Jan. 2.—New Year's day was celebrated in many various ways. One social function was a three-course luncheon given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jenness. A large number of friends and relatives were present, enjoying the day to the fullest.

Miss Lena Pettis left today for Abilene where she will attend Draughon's business college.

Miss Frances Thiele has returned from Ballinger where she spent a few days with Miss Edna Earle Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Curry have returned from Sweetwater, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Miller-Finck Wedding is Solemnized

The wedding of Moody Miller and Miss Natalie Finck was solemnized at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. T. Tracey performing the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Finck, who reside two miles North of town. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Miller, of Cuero. Both are popular in the society circle here.

The happy couple will make their home on a farm a mile South of town.

Baby Dies

Marvin Howard Boykin, the 2-1-2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boykin, who reside a few miles South of town, died Tuesday. Death was due to a case of the flu. He was ill only a few days.

Interment was held in the Miles cemetery at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

MEXICO LAND

For Sale—30,000,000 acres of Mexico land, 25 cents per acre and up; also 500 Texas farms and ranches. P. L. CREWS, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-8td-2tw

NEW MEMBER IN TAILORING BUSINESS

A deal was closed Wednesday whereby Cecil Thorp bought a one-half interest in the tailoring company formerly operated by Weinberg & Wardlaw, buying the interest from V. Weinberg. The new firm will be known as Thorp & Wardlaw, and will continue the business at the same

stand. An expert man will be put in charge of the cleaning and pressing department and this will also be supervised by Mr. Wardlaw, each garment receiving his inspection before leaving the plant.

Mr. Thorp is not new as a business man in Ballinger. For a number of years he was with the First National Bank of this city, during the fall season he was with the Texas Compress Company's local press, and lately has been with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger. He has made his home in Ballinger for the past ten years and has many friends here who will be

glad to know that he has entered this business field. Both members of the firm are young men, are ex-service men and loyal members of the American Legion.

A complete line of gent's furnishings will be carried in connection with the dry cleaning plant.

Mr. Weinberg has not announced just what he will do but it is probable that he will leave Ballinger.

Mrs. S. P. Fritz came in Tuesday from Wilcox, Arizona. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes.

Read Ledger "wants" column.

Fo-To-Sho Theatre

TODAY

HARRY CAREY
"DESERT DRIVEN"

An amazing and stupendous action drama with a ton of thrills and laughs. A picture that will make you hold your breath and ask for more. BY ALL MEANS SEE IT!

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A Christie Comedy

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With

Edith Johnson and William Duncan.

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"Fighting Blood"

With George O'Hara and Al. Cook.

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Colleen Moore in

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