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LAWSON MAKES THREATS IN LEAK PROBE HEARING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The revelation of the name of a "high official," which if given at this time would prove "disastrous to the nation and the administration," was promised by Thomas W. Lawson of "leak" fame, should the investigating body with higher powers than the House Rules Committee be ordered to investigate the charges. Lawson's promise came after he had confessed to the fact that all he wanted is to have Wall street probe to the bottom.

Before the threat came from Lawson to reveal the name of "high official" the committee had voted to enter a motion by Congressman Bennett to report Lawson to the House as in contempt for his failure to answer questions. The action in reporting Lawson to the House was deferred.

Moving To New Location.

I am moving my saddle and harness and shoe repair shop to Eighth street next to Ballinger Light and Power Co., and I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage.

H. L. WENDORF.
The Busy Shop.

HORSE SHOE PITCHING SOLDIER'S PAST TIME

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Pitching horseshoes bids fair to rival baseball among the natives of Santo Domingo, who have taken to this oldtime sport with wild enthusiasm, according to United States Marines just returned here from the island republic. Horseshoe flinging is a daily habit and the keenest rivalry exists among leaders, who, following the custom of Uncle Sam's portegees everywhere, take readily to all American games, introduced by the "Soldiers of the Sea."

Since the American occupation the Dominicans have developed many promising devotees to the national game, but the majority of the natives prefer the more leisurely pastime of making "dead-ringers" beneath the palms to rounding the bases under a tropical sun.

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We are very much cramped for floor space for the next sixty or ninety days while our new building is under construction. We will continue to show samples at our old building and will give you the best service possible.

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ARMY RECRUITING STATION OPENED HERE

Louis Janicek, recruiting officer for the United States army, has been in Ballinger for a week or more, having opened a recruiting station here. Mr. Janicek has proven himself a good mixer since coming to Ballinger and has made friends among the boys who are eager to learn something about Uncle Sam's requirements for army service, and he expects to have Ballinger and Rannels county well represented in the American army before he closes the local recruiting station.

Up to Monday night Mr. Janicek had assigned four recruits and supplied the necessary transportation and credentials to carry them to Fort Sam Houston. Those signing up to serve their country so far are Grady Chastain, who signed up for a place in the Coast Artillery; George A. Baker, becomes a member of the military band; Aubrey Schuckler, undersigned, pending increase in weight; Victor Green, Field Artillery. All of these boys will be kept in training at Ft. Sam Houston, and those wishing to write the boys will address the corresponding address accordingly.

Mr. Janicek is well posted on army matters and is an interesting conversationalist in discussing army and military matters. He thinks that the army offers good advantages for many young men who have the material in them to make men.

"With the passing of the last army bill," said Mr. Janicek, "by congress the army was revised so that the public is in absolute darkness as to its advantages over positions in civil life. The standing army has been increased 100,000 more troops of all different branches. This has given a very excellent opportunity to lots of the bright men in the service to compete for promotion to the ranks of second lieutenants, a rank that pays \$1700 a year.

"Soldiers showing a good percentage of examinations, but not good enough for appointment are appointed by the president to be sent to the military academy at government expense for further training.

"Soldiers, while in active service of the army, in addition to military training are given opportunity to study and receive instructions along educational lines of such character as to increase their military efficiency and enable them to return to civil life better equipped for industrial, commercial and general business occupations. Civilian teachers are employed to aid the army officers in giving such instructions and part of this instruction may consist of vocational education either in agriculture or mechanic arts. With these excellent opportunities offered to every soldier the army has become a general business occupation, and it presents to the American youth a very excellent opportunity to learn a trade, see the world, save your money, and serve your country."

Painful Coughs Relieved.

Dr. King's New Discovery is a soothing, healing remedy for coughs and colds that has stood the test of nearly fifty years. For that cough that strains the throat and saps the vitality try Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams and mild laxative ingredients soon drive the cold from the system. Have a bottle on hand for winter colds, croup, gripe and bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

Johnnie Eisenhuth returned home Tuesday at noon from an extended business trip to Houston.

Joint Installation.

The Woodmen Circle and W. O. W. Lodge will hold a joint installation of newly elected officers at the Lodge room Tuesday evening, January 9th, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and visiting members cordially invited.

MRS. BESSIE CHERRY,
Guardian.
MRS. OLA WARD,
Clerk.

Pros are In The Saddle at Austin

STRIKES OIL WHILE DRILLING FOR WATER

Oil enthusiasm is running "slicker" this week as the result of an oil strike on the W. E. Allen ranch northwest of Ballinger Monday. Mr. Allen was drilling for water when he struck a strata of oil that looks mighty good to those who know a little something about the oil business. Some are enthusiastic over the strike and say that there is every indication that oil can be secured here in paying quantities.

From time to time there has been more or less talk of organizing a home company and going down after oil, gas, or whatever might be found. The striking of this oil so near the city will on doubt revive the oil fever and there will be more talk and some real activity looking towards the organizing of a company to push the development work.

CITY TAKES STEPS TO CONTEST SUIT

At a meeting of the city council held Tuesday morning the city began to formulate plans for contesting the suit recently filed by a machinery company to recover \$5000, the purchase price and interest on street machinery sold to the city. The mayor and city attorney, Judge J. W. Powell, and Judge A. K. Doss, respectively, were appointed to look after the suit and represent the city in the case.

This was the regular meeting of the city council, being the second Tuesday in the month, but very little business was transacted. The election of Carlos Dunn as fire chief by the volunteer fire company was approved by the city, and after reading and approving the minutes of a previous meeting the council recessed until Thursday.

There is much for the aldermen to do, but they decided best to postpone the business until after the commission election which will be held Wednesday.

ONLY SHORT FIVE HUNDRED MILLION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Facing a deficit estimated at four hundred and ninety-five million dollars, the House Ways and Means Committee met today to consider means for raising the revenue. After some discussion the committee adjourned until Thursday.

SPAIN HAS OFFICIAL TROUBLE TODAY.

Madrid, Jan. 9.—The Spanish cabinet resigned today. A new cabinet will be organized immediately.

1 Maxwell 1916 model, good value \$340.00. See us at once for bargains in second hand cars. Ballinger Auto Co. 2-tfdw

F. Gallas, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 9.—"Steve" King, senator from Nacogdoches, "convened" today, along with the rest of the Texas legislature.

But the public eye was much more on "Steve" than any of his associates or all of them combined. For State-wide prohibition is THE issue at this session, and when it comes to prohibition, "Steve" is the "balance of power."

So evenly is the senate divided on the question of submission of a prohibition amendment to a popular election that the swing of one doubtful vote will decide. That's where "Steve" comes in. He's the doubtful vote.

Members of the senate were instructed at the primaries by popular vote on how they should stand on question of submission. There was a wide discrepancy in the official and unofficial returns in "Steve's" home county. Really, he doesn't know whether he's a "pro" or an "anti"—when it comes to instructions.

Personally, "Steve" is understood to be an "anti". Right now, however, he won't tell his best friends how he's going to vote.

The prohibition question is going to be the big thing right from the jump. But —(whisper)—neither side is going to bring the question to a vote until they know how "Steve" is going to act—or think they do.

Both houses cranked up and got away in "low" at noon. The lower house was called to order by Churchill Bartlett of Marlin, the new secretary of state, who succeeded Secretary McKay, but a few days ago. The roll was called and the members sworn in en bloc.

Fuller was unanimously elected speaker of the House, all the other candidates having withdrawn from the race Monday, giving Fuller the right of way. The new speaker pleaded to the lawmakers body his best efforts and stated that he would preside with a view for the best good of the whole state.

Mr. Fuller is a pro but represents a wet county. He is 44 years old and was born at Melrose, Nacogdoches county. He secured his education in the Nacogdoches schools and at the Houston Normal Institute. He was admitted to the bar in 1901 and was elected county attorney of San Jacinto county in 1904. He served as a member of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth legislature.

Lieut.-Gov. Hobby banged the gavel in the senate, which followed a routine similar to that in the

house, including the election of president pro tem. There were no announced candidates for this job, C. W. Nugent of Conroe held it last session.

The business of organization was expected to occupy at least two days. As soon as this preliminary work is completed, the two bodies will send a joint committee to Governor Ferguson to notify him that the legislature is ready for business. Thereupon, the governor will send his annual message to be read.

The greatest indoor sport of all will follow immediately. That is, the introduction of a few hundred bills. They are expected to average at least 15 a day until Jan. 16, when the Governor will be inaugurated.

The one thing Texas is practically certain to get is a highway commission. A great majority of the members, especially the new ones, have been outspoken in favor of such a body.

Henderson President Pro Tem In Senate.

Austin, Jan. 9.—Senator John Henderson, a prohibitionist, was elected president pro tem of the Senate without opposition. As soon as the senate is organized Senator Bee introduced a bill reapportioning the state into new congressional districts.

TO ENFORCE NEW DEMURRAGE CHARGES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 9.—All railroads operating in Oklahoma have been ordered to have representatives appear before the corporation commission today, and show why a proposed order of the commission, affecting demurrage charges, should not be declared effective.

The new order proposes cars may stand on siding for 48 hours free of charge; and a graduated scale of charges, beginning at \$2 and increasing one dollar per day for each succeeding day, shall be charged for time in excess of the initial 48 hours.

The purpose of the order is to relieve freight congestion and car shortage problems.

The present demurrage charge is \$1 per day, a flat rate.

Mrs. Hugh Simpson of Gainesville, ho spent the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends returned home Monday afternoon.



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The world takes your measure by the work you do. Your hands are your tools—are you treating them fairly? There is no more economy in a makeshift glove than a rusty plow or an ax with shaky handle.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Ballinger has been our home for twenty-four years, and we feel that we have as much interest in the success of the city as the average man. We are going to vote for the Commission tomorrow.

Eliminate a little prejudice that exists and there would be no opposition to the Commission Form of city government for this city. The men who are supporting the proposition are the men who pay the taxes, and therefore are interested in getting something for their money.

There is no question but what the city will turn over a new leaf tomorrow if the qualified voters will go to the polls and vote for the same business management for the city that they would want for their own business.

If the "leak" caused one stock gambler to "skin" another, we can't see where so much harm has been done. We have heard something said about "when thieves fall out honest men get their dues." The question before congress is, however, where is the "leak?"

The seat of war will be moved from Washington to Austin in a few days, where it will remain until it is determined whether the wets or dries are in the majority and who will rule in the Texas lawmaking body. The question will be "submission" or "no submission."

Many Texas towns are taking inventory of private and municipal improvements and betterment for 1916. Results make interesting reading for all thoughtful people concerned about a greater Texas. Let peace, progress and prosperity prevail.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

An inventory of any business occasionally is necessary to tell whether that business is progressing. The people of Ballinger will go to the polls tomorrow and adopt plans for 1917.

Sloan's Liniment for Stiff Joints.
Rheumatic pains and aches get into the joints and muscles, making every movement torture. Relieve your suffering with Sloan's Liniment; it quickly penetrates without rubbing, and soothes and warms your sore muscles. The congested blood is stimulated to action; a single application will drive out the pain. Sloan's Liniment is clean, convenient and quickly effective, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.

A Brave Man Afraid of His Shadow

By F. A. MITCHEL

"Herr Lieutenant," said General Blankor, "I wish you to carry a message to the commander of the Bulgarian forces operating on our right. We are within half a dozen miles of them, and it is necessary that we come together. There is no road leading in that direction, and you'll have to go on foot. But the moon is nearly full, and your way will be lighted. Here is the written message."

Lieutenant Obermeir took the message, saluted and left his superior, starting at once. The general had spoken correctly in saying that the moon was nearly full, but when Obermeir got beyond the tip of the army's wing he looked up to see that a film of mist was spread over it and the sky about it.

"Well," he said to himself, "I shall cast no shadow. Tonight I am not myself. I feel as I did after that last wound when the pluck had gone out of me. In other words, if I should see my shadow it would frighten me."

The country through which he walked was no man's land. It was sparsely settled with peasants, but war had driven most of them away. What else was there was probable, but not certain—that is, a sniper lying in wait for any enemy. One passing would not likely receive a challenge; he would be more apt to receive a bullet. The way, too, was rugged. Nature had not smoothed the country, which was up and down grade, rocky, covered with decayed trees, and, to make it worse, war had filled it with shell holes.

The lieutenant had come to a comparatively level sweep when, looking down on the ground before him, he saw what seemed to be his shadow cast by the moon—such a shadow as the moon would throw covered with the thin gauze that partly obscured it. Turning, he looked up to where the moon should be. It was not there. Turning again, he saw it overhead and slightly before him.

"Surely," he said, "that cannot be a shadow cast by the moon. Shadows are on a direct line with the light that makes them." He looked down in front of him again. There was that dark something, shadow or whatever it was. But it was not well defined. Indeed, it was like a film of darkness. He turned his eyes upward to see what was causing it. There was nothing in the heavens except that pale mist which dimmed the moon, and a line from the moon formed an angle with the shadow.

The warrior trembled. Why was it that in battle he could stand up against shot and shell without a quiver and here in perfect silence, with not a creature, so far as he knew, to harm him, he was shaking like a leaf in the wind?

In the distance was a light. He blessed it and hastened his pace making straight toward it. The nearer he came to it his fear grew less. And when suddenly he heard "Who comes?" in the German tongue and heard the click of a rifle, instead of fearing a picket might shoot him before he could make himself known he felt brave as a lion.

The lieutenant was taken to headquarters, delivered his message to the general commanding and was about to set out on his return when the officer said to him:

"Why not return with us, Lieutenant? We shall move to make a junction with your force at daylight."

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Thedford's Black-Draught.

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Ten years ago a friend told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, when I did and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and I do them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught."

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Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a package to-day. N. C. 25

Obermeir would gladly have done as the general suggested. But there is a professional pride among soldiers that must be maintained. The lieutenant was afraid of his shadow, but he was more afraid of an imputation of cowardice, not so much from his comrades as from himself. He thanked the general and set off on his walk back to his own command.

The atmosphere had not changed; there was the same mist over the face of the moon. Obermeir would not look for his shadow. Why? He said to himself it would be cowardly to do so. Then it occurred to him that it would be cowardly not to look for it. The moon was now at his back. With a dread he could not control he looked down before him. There was the black thing, denser if anything, than before. He shuddered.

But he trudged on, trying to make himself think that some peculiar atmospheric condition caused his shadow to be out of place. Many things cause refraction of light. One thing he had often noticed himself. An ear dipped in water will appear to be broken at the point where it touches the surface.

His efforts to explain away the mystery were futile. And had he satisfactorily explained them to himself it would not have helped the burden that weighed him down. The journey homeward seemed longer than his going. This was doubtless that the farther he went the stronger the spell under which he staggered. Yes; he staggered now, his eyes held by an invisible power on the black mass before him, which constantly grew denser and larger, too, till there was no space about him that it did not fill.

At daylight the Germans marched to meet the Bulgarians. A short distance from where the Germans started they came upon the body of Lieutenant Obermeir lying dead in a shell hole. They turned him over to see where he had been hit, but could find no wound.

"Killed by a ball's wind," said the surgeon. "There are many such cases." They did not know that Obermeir had died of fright, caused, not by an enemy, but by his own imagination.

Mrs. George Garland of Paint Rock, who had been visiting her sons at Kansas City during the holidays, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route West on a business trip.

A. H. Schooler of Wichita Falls, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route West on a business trip.

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F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by All Druggists, 75c.

V. N. Harp, who lives just east of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday, and ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address the ensuing year.

W. T. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, J. W. Carr of Coke county, Lee Good of the Midland county, W. B. Guin of Wingate, J. M. Osborn of Norton, and S. L. Alexander of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c.

Clyde Fowler left Monday afternoon for Dallas on a short visit.

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A. M. Ferguson, of Sherman, opened the meeting with the usual address to the members.

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	\$792,599.45

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Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	58,313.69
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
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Circulation	25,000.00
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Old Lord Mayors' Banquets.

There used to be a good deal of savagery about London's lord mayors' banquets, even in times comparatively recent. The humbler guests at least struggled with each other for food and had to bring their own table cutlery if they wished to eat decently and in comfort. For instance, Samuel Pepys tells us how, at the banquet served up two years after the restoration, there were many tables, "but none in the hall but the mayors and the lords of the privy council that had napkins or knives, which was very strange." Still more strange to such a lover of female beauty as Pepys was the plainness of feature of the city dames. Of the ladies' room he says: "I could not discern one handsome face. . . . Being wearied with looking upon a company of ugly women, I went away and took coach and through Cheapside and there saw the pageants, which were very silly."

J. W. Pace of Killeen, who had been visiting his brothers, W. A. and J. B. Pace of this county, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home.

E. B. Warmock of the Oak Creek country, and W. O. Gross of the Gross ranch up the river, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.



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Our subscription books are open to the advertiser. You can inspect the names, count them for yourself. The paper is going to the best people in the county, the people who appreciate a good county paper, gladly pay for it and "kick" if they miss an issue. Those are the kind of people you want for your customers.

Plan Your Advertising Now

The merchant who uses this medium for advertising his goods will get his share of the business. That has been proven in the past and needs no argument here. We are offering you more for your money now.

The Ballinger Printing Company

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Temple has Field Crop Meeting.
Temple, Jan. 9.—The Field Crop association convened here today for a two day discussion of matters agricultural.

Clarence Ousley, Col. Frank P. Holland, of Dallas; Prof. C. C. Williams, of Wooster, O.; President Bizzel, of the Texas A. & M. and other prominent speakers are scheduled to address the association during the session.

Winter Brings Colds To Children

A child rarely goes through the whole winter without a cold, and every mother should have a reliable remedy handy. Fever, sore throat, tight chest and croupy coughs are sure symptoms. A dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will loosen the phlegm, relieve the congested lungs and stop the cough. Its antiseptic pine balsams heal and soothe. For croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial troubles try Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey. At all Druggists, 25c.

Notice of Election.

Whereas, I, J. W. Powell, Mayor of the City of Ballinger, have had presented to me a petition in writing, signed by more than ten per cent of the qualified voters of the City of Ballinger, requesting that an election be ordered in said City of Ballinger to determine whether said City of Ballinger shall adopt the commission form of government as provided in Article 1070, Vernon's Sayles Civil Statutes of 1914.

And whereas, I, the said J. W. Powell, Mayor as aforesaid, did, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1916, order that said election be held as provided by law.

Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Article 1070, I, J. W. Powell, mayor as aforesaid, do hereby give notice by posting at three public places in said city of Ballinger, and by publishing this notice in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper published in said City of Ballinger,

that an election will be held with in said city on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1917, being on a Wednesday, to determine whether or not the commission form of government shall be adopted in said City of Ballinger. At said election there shall also be two commissioners elected for said city, to serve until the first Tuesday in April, 1917.

The polling place for said election will be at the City Hall in said City of Ballinger.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1916.

J. W. POWELL,
Mayor of the City of Ballinger, Texas.

Rev. R. H. Gibson of Carleton, who preached at Paint Rock last Sunday, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home. He is an old friend of Judge R. S. Griggs of our city, and a very pleasant hour was spent together while Rev. Gibson was here.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Bailey came in Monday afternoon from a visit to their son in Schleicher county, and will visit their daughter, Mrs. Scott Maek, and family a week or so before going on to Fort Worth.

Hearthburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

CHECK FORGER

BREAKS JAIL

A phone message to Sheriff Perkins Tuesday morning stated that H. D. Boyles, the man held in jail at Stephenville, and who it is alleged had confessed to forging checks at Ballinger, escaped jail. The phone call came to Mr. Perkins to tell him about the man getting out of jail, but before the officers at Stephenville got in touch with the Ballinger sheriff the man had been caught and returned to jail, so the report goes, and when the officers talked to Mr. Perkins they told him about the escape and also about the recapture of the man.

Boyles, it will be remembered, was arrested at Stephenville several days ago, and Mr. Perkins went to that city and secured a confession to the forgeries here. The man will be brought to Ballinger when he is tried for forgery at Stephenville.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Card of Thanks.

We thank all those who were so kind to help us and who sympathized with us during the long illness and death of our son, brother and uncle. We also wish to thank Fathers Goldbach and Green, and those who sang in the choir and the lodge of Hermann Sons.

CLARA HOFFMAN and Children and Grand children.

When you are in need of carbon paper or second sheets, type-writing paper, letter heads, and other such supplies, come to the Ballinger Printing Co.'s office. Printing and supplying your stationary needs is the other half of our mission.

She Married One.

"Is there an old maid in your family?"
"Yes; my husband."—Detroit Free Press.

The best manners should be used all day and every day. They are none too good for constant use.

ANURIC!

The Newest Discovery in Chemistry.

This is a recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, who is head of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Dr. Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—as backache, scalding urination, and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, lumbago, it's simply wonderful how surely "Anuric" acts. The best of results are always obtained in cases of acute rheumatism in the joints, in gravel and gout, and invariably the pains and stiffness which so frequently and persistently accompany the disease rapidly disappear.

Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric," which is 37 times more potent than lithia to eradicate uric acid, or even write Dr. Pierce for a large trial package (10c).

TICKET READY FOR COMMISSION VOTE

The copy for the commission form election and for the election of two commissioners is in the hands of the printers and the tickets will be ready for balloting up on when the polls open at eight o'clock in the morning. The election will be held at the new city hall near the Santa Fe freight depot.

There will be perhaps five names on the ticket from which the voters are to choose two commissioners—remember you are to scratch all the candidates except two. The question will be "For Commission, 'Against Commission.'" Those desiring to see a change in the method of handling the city's affairs will scratch the "Against Commission" and leave the other wording. Those endorsing the present way of running the city will scratch the "For Commission."

Old Time Theater Rowdies.

Rowdism in London theaters was a common occurrence in the old days, as is shown by the following from the London Post of Oct. 27, 1798:

"Two men in the pit at Drury Lane theater last night were so turbulent and riotous during the last act of 'Henry V.' that the performance was interrupted upward of a quarter of an hour. The audience at last asserted their power and turned them disgracefully out of the theater. This should always be done to crush the race of disgusting puppets that are a constant nuisance at the playhouse every night."

Flight of a Swarm of Meteors.

A swarm of meteors that appeared on Feb. 9, 1913, was regarded at the time as very remarkable on account of the great distance it was traced in the earth's atmosphere. It was first seen in Saskatchewan, western Canada, and seemed to be traveling southeasterly, as it was also reported from Bermuda. From the additional records supplied by seamen W. F. Denning, the English authority on meteors, has concluded that it continued in view during at least 5,500 miles of its flight. As the visible stream could at no time have been more than about 100 miles high, it must have followed the earth's curvature, and the curious idea has been advanced by Garvin J. Burns that it was really captured by the earth as a group of infinitesimal satellites. The meteors may thus have passed around the globe several times before reaching the surface. It is supposed that the orbit of the stream nearly coincided with that of the earth and that consequently the velocity of fall through our atmosphere was small.

Land of Borrowed Delights.

A large part of the beauty of the verdure and forest of Italy that attracts the visitor's attention was unknown in the olden times and is not properly Italian at all, but imported. The favored groves of orange and lemon, with their golden fruit glinting among the rich and sappy foliage, breathe of the Levant and the dark skinned Saracenic invaders from the east. The cactus, with its prickly pear fruit, called the "Indian fig," and the aloe came straight from Mexico on the heels of the Spanish adventurers into the unknown in the sixteenth century. So did the American corn or maize. Even the eucalyptus is an importation, a modern one, and the great groves of chestnuts that clothe the shaggy mountainsides so verdantly and give occupation to so many vendors of the hot and pesty boiled nut are believed not to be native.—National Geographic Magazine.

Books on a Shelf.

Books are frequently ruined through carelessness. This is less in the handling often than upon the shelves. Books should not be packed tightly on a shelf. It ruins the back and causes them to tear loose with the strain of getting in and out. Often it forces the leaves to sag to the shelf when pushed unduly. It is just as bad for books to be too loose on a shelf, as they warp, and the spreading leaves encourage dust. A bookcase with the contents at every angle is not a pleasant sight. There are some housekeepers who think a yearly dusting of the books at housecleaning time sufficient. This is bad enough when they are kept under glass. When on open shelves it means ruin to valuable books. It takes a little longer to dust the backs and tops of books on each shelf every day. Use a soft cheese-cloth or silk duster and shake it frequently.

Man's Eyes and Animals'.

Aside from the monkey, man is the

only animal having what we call binocular single vision—that is, he can tell not only the direction of an object, but he can estimate fairly accurately its distance. This is because both of his eyes point at the same object at the same time, like two range finders. Other animals do not concentrate their gaze in this way. Their eyes are set more nearly at the sides of the head, so that they see not only forward, but backward for a short distance. Man, on the contrary, sees clearly only the object at which he looks directly.—Popular Science Monthly.

Dauntless.

"He cleared the sill at a bound and vanished in the darkness," related Romance breathlessly.

"But," scoffed Idealism, "only a moment ago he was riveted to the spot. Did he file the rivets?"

"Oh, no!" rejoined Romance, nothing daunted. "Fortunately it was only a small spot, so that by a superhuman effort he wrenched it loose and carried it along with him."—Puck.

Originally a town or a warship fired off its guns on the approach of friendly strangers to show that they had such faith in the visitors' peaceful intentions they didn't think it necessary to keep their guns loaded; hence the naval salute.

Going to Winters?

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Plans for Beautifying the City of the Dead is Made Easy

Santa Fe Landscape Gardener E. D. Haden points out ways for beautifying the cemetery. Mr. Haden takes an interest in such matters, and his work on the Santa Fe park is so successful that the citizens will read with interest the following suggestions made by Mr. Haden, and published for what they are worth. The Ledger endorses what he says, and while part of the cemetery, or certain lots in the cemetery, have been kept in good shape, the cemetery as a whole is far from being what it should be in civic attractiveness. We trust that much good will result from the following suggestions made by Mr. Haden.

"I wish to call the attention of the people of Ballinger to the necessity of having our cemetery cared for in a better way than it now is. It is a shame to let the burying place of our loved ones grow up in weeds every summer. Other cities keep their cemetery clean and beautified. Why not Ballinger? As I have given this subject a careful study and have looked into the way other cities keep their cemetery I can not see why Ballinger can't adopt the same rule. The plan is this:

The city council pass an ordinance taking over the care of all lots in the cemetery and assess one dollar against each family lot, and employ a man to devote all of his time working in the cemetery, and it be his duty to keep all lots clean of weeds and leveled up, grave mounds rounded up nice, do the digging of graves and removing of the left over dirt. No dirt is to be left at a new made grave but removed and scattered in low places and as the grave settles fill it up. Not many would object to paying one dollar a year to have their burying grounds taken care of.

Some have moved away and their address is unknown, but the lot should be taken care of and the dollar charged against the unoccupied part of the lot, and resold again. Some would object to this. When they see that the cemetery is kept clean they would fall in line and do their part. Other



W. H. Rogers of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a business trip east.

DIDN'T TURN OVER

Rosa's "Dead Quick" Spray kills bedbugs, ants, fleas, vegetable and plant insects so dead, and does it so quickly, that people exclaim, "They didn't turn over." It puts mosquitoes out of business just as quick. Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

Get Your Bread at the Store---

Our bread wagon has been discontinued until the hot weater.

Those holding bread tickets can bring them to store for bread or they will be redeemed in cash.

L. B. STUBBS

A Romance at Lucerne

By MARTHA V. MONROE

A young man entered a hotel at Lucerne, Switzerland, and, taking a pen, was about to enter his name when he noticed on the page, just above where he was about to write, the name of Arietta Townsend Kentwood, U. S. A.

An hour later Miss Kentwood was standing at the hotel entrance preparing to go out when she saw a trunk carried in bearing on an end the name of Lawrence Lowrie. Realizing that the owner of the trunk had just arrived, she sauntered into the office and glanced at the register. The ink was scarcely dry in the name of Wendell B. Colgate, and that was the only name entered since the day before.

Miss Kentwood's view of Mr. Lawrence Lowrie's name on his trunk spoiled a very pretty game.

Both Mr. Lowrie and Miss Kentwood were very rich. It is a well known fact that rich persons marry rich persons. This is natural. A fortune can only be matched by a fortune. Mr. Lowrie desired to marry a fortune, and Miss Kentwood had been suggested as a suitable party for him. Miss Kentwood had the same desire, and Mr. Lowrie had been suggested to her as a husband. Neither had seen the other. It occurred to Mr. Lowrie to win Miss Kentwood's heart as a poor man, and it occurred to Miss Kentwood to play the same game with Mr. Lowrie.

Lowrie secured an introduction to Miss Kentwood at the casino as Wendell Colgate. He found her quite ready to improve the acquaintance. She did not know whether he knew of her fortune or not. But he pretended to be ignorant of it, and she was satisfied that he did not. He believed that the lady was smitten with him, and she believed that with him it was a case of love at first sight.

There is no better courting ground than Lucerne. The town is quaint. It has the Casino. Every evening a roulette wheel is spinning with a crowd around it risking silver pieces from 1 franc upward, while in another part of the premises an orchestra is discoursing classical music. Refreshments are served by girls in the attractive Swiss costume.

As to the environs of Lucerne, one may ascend the Right or one of the other surrounding mountains or may make excursions on the beautiful Lake of the Four Cantons. Mr. Lowrie and Miss Kentwood made trips on the lake or ascended the mountains. In the evening they lounged in the Casino.

One night while looking at the gamblers Mr. Lowrie suggested that they each risk a franc just for fun. Miss Kentwood demurred on the ground that she was restricted in the amount she possessed for her travels, and even the loss of a few francs would embarrass her. Mr. Lowrie said that he, too, needed to be economical, but he thought he would risk a franc. This decided Miss Kentwood to make a like investment. Mr. Lowrie placed his franc on one number, Miss Kentwood on another.

Both won, and both reinvested their winnings.

Persons came and went, standing about the roulette table for a time, looking at the gambling. Now and again some young man or old woman would put down a franc or a 5 franc piece and when it was lost would pass on. Some, like a fly caught on sticking paper, would stay, usually losing all their spare cash. Mr. Lowrie won quite a sum, then lost it and quite a larger sum. Miss Kentwood soon evinced a disposition to plunge. When their evening's amusement was over Mr. Lowrie was minus 1,200 francs and Miss Kentwood 700 francs.

The next morning there was an exchange of notes between them; not only written notes, but banknotes. Mr. Lowrie wrote inclosing 700 francs and saying that he had drawn the balance of his letter of credit to restore a loss that would doubtless fall heavy on Miss Kentwood. Miss Kentwood wrote inclosing 1,200 francs, begging Mr. Lowrie to accept it as a loan. She would be obliged to cut short her trip, but this was more than made up by the pleasure of serving one whom she had come to appreciate highly.

On receipt of this noble sacrifice Mr. Lowrie cocked his head much as one who had discovered a "mare's nest." Miss Kentwood received Mr. Lowrie's benefaction while her maid was preparing her toilet for breakfast. She burst into a laugh. Mr. Lowrie was to call at 10 o'clock, and when the hour arrived she went to the hotel reception room, dressed to go out with him, but instead of being in plain clothes she wore a \$300 street costume. Advancing to her visitor, she handed him his donation. He accepted it and returned hers.

"Mr. Lowrie," she said, for the first time addressing him by his real name, "we have spoiled a theme for a novel."

"Or a picture play."

"Romance and riches are incompatible."

"Just so."

"If you care to join our fortunes I will refer you to my uncle in New York, who is my business manager."

"I will call upon him on my return to America."

"Let me see. We were to take a walk together this morning."

"Being too poor to pay for a ride."

Both laughed.

"I think I will charter a steamboat and we will make the tour of the lake."

"Do so. My maid will serve for a chaperon."

ANDY MILLER, DESPERADO

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

A girl about sixteen years old was walking along a road when she saw a man coming toward her. The moment she caught sight of the figure and a certain swing there was in the walk she started. He was some distance from her, and she had time to pull herself together before they met.

"Can you tell me," she asked, "how to get to Roslin?"

"You're goin' the wrong way for Roslin. It's a couple of miles back of you."

"Oh," exclaimed the girl. "I've been walking away from it all the time."

"I'm goin' in that direction. I'll show you the way."

"Thank you."

As they walked along they chatted upon ordinary topics. Presently the man said:

"Ain't you afraid to be walkin' along this road all alone by yourself?"

"Why should I be afraid?"

"Oh, there's lots o' rough characters in these parts. Some of 'em might harm you."

"I've heard that Andy Miller has been seen about here lately."

"Who's Andy Miller?"

"He's the man that killed Cyrus Borden."

"Who's Cyrus Borden?"

"Why he was a man that lived just outside o' Roslin."

"What did Miller kill him for?"

"Why, I suppose it was to get his money. But he didn't get it after all. Mr. Borden kept his money in the chimney, and Miller didn't look for it there."

At this the man showed interest.

"How do you know all about this?"

"I'm a friend of Maggie Borden, Mr. Borden's daughter. She told me all about it."

"I suppose since the killing they've put the money in the bank."

"No; Maggie says they keep it just where it was. Nobody would think of looking there for it. It's behind a loose brick."

The man smiled, but took care that the girl didn't see his smile. Surely she was the quintessence of innocence. They walked on together till they came to a crossroad a short distance from Roslin, when the man turned off, leaving the girl to pursue her way alone.

"Goodby," she said. "Much obliged to you for showing me the way."

The murder of Cyrus Borden was one of the most cold blooded that had ever been known in those parts. He had drawn \$2,000 from the bank with which to pay off a mortgage. The same night some one broke into his house and demanded at the point of a pistol the money he had drawn from the bank. Borden refused and attempted to defend himself. He was killed by the robber, who then made a search for the money. He failed to find it and departed empty handed.

Mrs. Borden was away at the time with her two younger children, Maggie being at home with her father. Maggie did not know anything about what had occurred until she was awakened by the robber searching for the money. Opening her door, she heard him ransacking a bureau drawer. She could see the flashes of his dark lantern, but not him. She turned on the lights, and he fled.

Maggie ran to her father's room and found him lying dead on the floor.

Maggie's description of the murderer tallied with that of a notorious desperado, Andy Miller, who had terrorized the country roundabout and had been seen near Roslin. Justice at the time was administered in that region by members of a vigilance committee. They searched for Miller, but he was too smart for them. He would appear when they were not looking for him, but would be conspicuously absent when they hoped to find him.

The night after the meeting of the man and the girl on the road the man about 10 o'clock walked past the house where the murder had been committed. Not a light was to be seen in it. Seeing something white on the front door, he drew near it and saw that it was a bit of paper on which was written:

Gone to Aunt Mary's. Will return at 12 o'clock.

"What luck?" said the man to himself.

Going around to the rear of the house, he tried a window sash and found it unlocked. He had only to raise it to step into the window and find himself in the kitchen. Flashing a light, he saw that the stovepipe entered the chimney. Passing into the living room, he found an open fireplace. Stopping and flashing his light up the chimney, he began to feel for a loose brick.

"Come out o' that!"

The man turned and saw the room illuminated and half a dozen men covering him with revolvers. One of them had already relieved him of his revolver when his back was turned toward them.

"Andy Miller, you're caught at last," said the leader of the vigilance committee.

"How did you get on to me?" asked the man, white as a sheet.

"Maggie, come here."

The girl who had inquired the way to Roslin and told him her innocent story appeared.

"You were trapped by this brave little girl, who is the daughter of the man you murdered. She was smart enough to do what was too big a job for us."

Half an hour later the desperado was dangling from a tree.

Our Promises for the New Year

The shaken faith of a broken promise breaks friendships, weakens confidence and warps loyalty as fire warps steel. To be true to you and not to the few—to stand straight and not fall but be loyal to all—is a guiding principle in safe conduct of business at this bank.

We Promise Only What We Can Fulfill

During the coming year we shall bend our energies to better our best efforts of the past to please depositors. The service shall reach a higher standard every way. With our larger resources we shall be of greater helpfulness, we hope.

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Happy New Year!

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SELLS HOME

Mrs. N. A. Sewell has sold her home, recently on Eighth Street and her son, T. J. Gardner has leased the same until spring and after that time he will either buy or build a home in Ballinger, as he and his wife expect to continue to make this their permanent home.

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Dallas County Fighting Ticks.

Dallas, Jan. 9.—The Dallas county livestock association, recently organized to eradicate ticks in Dallas county, will hold a meeting here this afternoon. Committees appointed to interview the county commissioners and solicit aid will report.

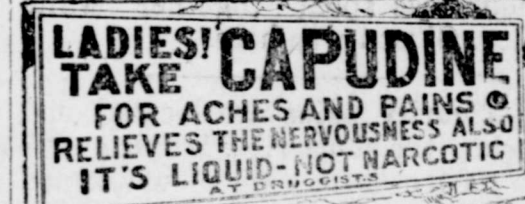
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Ft. Worth Wants New Station.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—A committee of ten members of the Fort Worth Rotary Club are here today, to appear before the railroad commission and urge Fort Worth's claim for a new union passenger station. Among those on the committee are Joe Kingsberry, Jr., J. C. Clopton, L. P. Robertson, Sam Johnson and A. C. Farmer.

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ONE HORSE FARMER'S RAIN REPORT.

Henry Sipes, "the one horse farmer," was in from his farm near Maverick first of the week, and was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office. Mr. Sipes gave us his rain report for the past year, and the rain fall as recorded by his rain gauge on his farm shows 12 inches of rain for the year. That is just a little less than fell at some other points in the county, the total fall at Balinger was shown by the government gauge showing 12.60 inches.

When asked for his forecast and requested to predict the rain fall for the year 1917, Mr. Sipes only laughed and said, "I hope it will at least be eighteen or twenty inches." You know Mr. Sipes has been in Rumsels county too long to act as a weather prophet. He says he can tell what the weather has done in the past, but he will not attempt to tell what it is going to do in the future.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned home Tuesday at noon from a short legal business trip to Austin.



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