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MEXICANS CALL OFF BLOCKADE OF VERA CRUZ

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The de la Huerta revolutionists in Mexico are preparing to abandon their plans for a technical blockade of Tampico and will substitute a policy under which foreign commercial craft will be warned that if they enter the zone of possible bombardment that they will be doing so at their own risk.

WASHINGTON, January 23.—The Mexican revolutionary leaders have advised American Consul Wood at Vera Cruz of their decision "to raise the blockade in the port of Tampico." Consul Wood immediately reported the announcement to the state department but did not state definitely whether the decision of the revolutionists was to permanently raise the blockade, or whether it was only temporary as had been previously reported. The state department asked the American consul to obtain further and more definite information regarding the matter.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 23.—Reports reaching here today say that the garrison at Monterey revolted last night. The report has tied up train service on railroads leading into Monterey, the Mexican authorities in Matamoros holding up trains leading into Monterey.

Miss Wilma Straley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Straley, was returned today to her home from Halley & Love sanitarium, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis about ten days ago. Her friends will be glad to know she is recovering rapidly.

Roy Reeder is at home from a stay in the Eastern markets. He visited the big mill centers, spending some time in Boston, Manchester, New York, Baltimore, Chicago and St. Louis.

FARMERS TO GET GOVERNMENT AID

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 23.—Five steps for the relief of the agricultural situation in the Northwest, some to be taken by congress and some by the executive branch of the government, and some by private interests, were outlined by President Coolidge today in a special message to congress.

Refunding of pressing and past due indebtedness of the farmers in the territories most seriously affected was included among the steps recommended.

Mrs. H. A. Newby has gone to Breckenridge, where she was called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Simpson.—Brownwood Bulletin.

MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE

(By Associated Press)
POTTSVILLE, Penna., Jan. 23.—A mother and her four daughters, ranging in age from one year to sixteen years, were burned to death in a fire at Middleport, near here early today, when their home was almost completely destroyed.

Andrew Harville, husband and father of the family, was severely burned in an attempt to rescue his wife and daughters. Mrs. Harville lost her life in a most heroic effort to save her children. She could have escaped from the building, but returned to rescue her four daughters and all perished together.

LYNDONVILLE, Vermont, Jan. 23.—The death list from fire which swept this town yesterday was increased to seven today when six persons who lived in the Stern block where the fire started, were reported lost. Another person, a woman, was killed in leaping from the window of a burning building.

GARAGE AND CAR BURN NEAR NORTON

J. D. Good was in the city Wednesday from the Norton country, and reported that the garage at the home of D. W. Turner and a Ford car were destroyed by fire about 4:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Some harness, a quantity of gasoline and oil, and other stuff were also destroyed, the total loss being about \$700. Sparks from the fire threatened the Turner home, but a close watch and a few buckets of water prevented the fire from spreading.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The car was used late Tuesday afternoon, and Mrs. Turner was in the garage gathering up the eggs just before night, but there had been no fire about the garage.

P-T ASSOCIATION MEETS FRIDAY

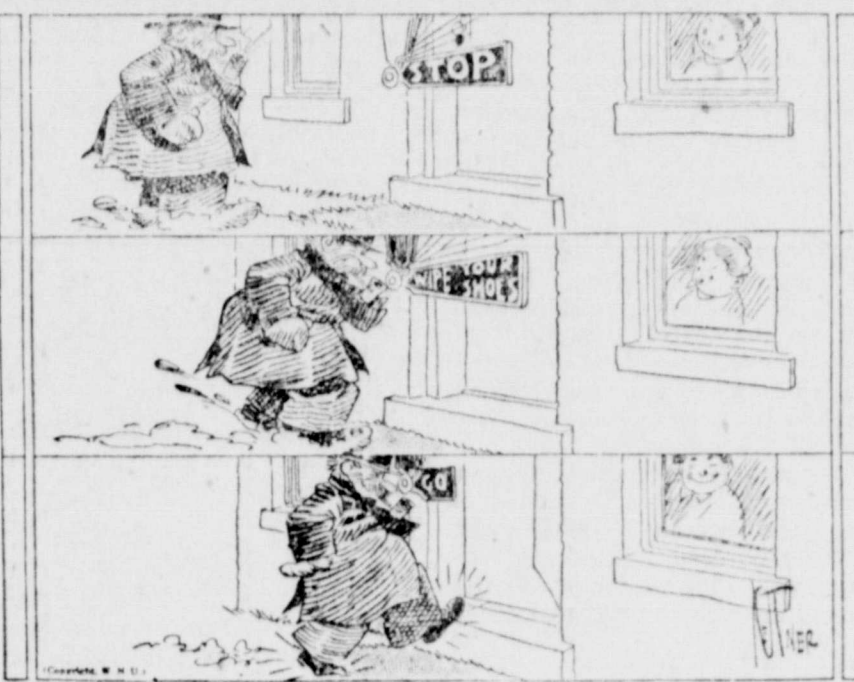
The Parent-Teachers Association will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Penn Hall. All members are urged to be present and visitors invited, and new members are solicited.

An informal discussion of the work of the association, will be held following the regular program. The special numbers on the program will be as follows:

"Making Home Work Count"—Homer C. Daniels
"The School of the Screen," Mrs. Horace Murphy
"Personal Hygiene for Pupils in the Lower Grades," Mrs. W. A. Bridwell.

These questions will be discussed following the regular business session.

Traffic Regulations at Home



Committee Outlines Plan Improve Moral Conditions

In response to the call by the Pastors' Association, for a meeting of the representative men of the city, a large body of men assembled at the 8th Street Presbyterian church Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. In this meeting the business, educational, civic, recreational, moral and religious interests of the city were strongly represented, by the outstanding men of the city. As a result of a free and frank discussion relating to the low standard of morals obtaining in our city, and feeling that some earnest and firm stand should be taken to check the growing tendencies, the undersigned committee was chosen to voice the sentiments and purposes of the body, looking toward the correction of the evil conditions, and to that end the committee begs to submit this, our report, to the citizens of Ballinger and community, in the following appeal.

First, the Churches. We beg to suggest that the various churches of the city begin at once an earnest and vigorous campaign of education along lines of morality and Sabbath observance; seeking to impress upon our people the absolute necessity of moral uprightness, and striving to place our youths upon a higher plane of thought and living.

Second, the various Social Organizations. These bodies are in a position to wield an effective influence upon a large part of our citizenship. It is our belief that in addition to the high standards which their officials are striving to maintain, if they will take positive and aggressive steps in this direction, endeavoring to see that nothing is permitted under their jurisdiction that would retard their moral influence in the community, it would be an unmeasured asset in our moral forces. And for this we make our earnest appeal.

Third, Places of Amusement. We recognize the necessity for amusements and recreation in the lives of our people, and we are glad to commend whatever efforts that are being made for that which is wholesome and uplifting along this line. But in view of the fact that lasting impressions are being made in the amusement world, some of which are conducive to evil habits and ultimate trouble and sorrow; we respectfully ask both proprietors and patrons to let it be known that they insist upon a class of pictures, and amusements in general, that are free from evil suggestions, and which avoid low standards of thought and living. One picture depicting questionable morals will often destroy the influence of many good ones. We desire to record ourselves as being decidedly opposed to all amusements of a questionable character.

Fourth, Fathers and Mothers. We are compelled to recognize, in the first place, that there is far too careless an interest on the part of the fathers with regard to the habits and liberties of their sons and daughters. The guidance of these domestic affairs are left too much in the hands of the mothers. The responsibility is too great to be borne solely by the mothers. Fathers who take a deeper interest in their business affairs than in their children may thus permit the seeds of evil to be sown which are certain to bear fruitage. On the other hand, though painful for us to acknowledge, it must be a fact that a large per cent of our mothers today are not training their daughters in those fine elements of modesty and ladyship which made our mothers what they were, and which must be maintained today if we are to preserve the integrity of our domestic and social life. We urge upon the fathers and mothers the frankest discussion between themselves, concerning these matters, in their respective homes; feeling that, according as each home is sensitive to its own responsibility in this matter, so will our community advance in preserving the uprightness of its social life. We feel that, whatever be the other causes contributing to our social and domestic imperfections, a large measure of the blame falls upon the home.

The foregoing are not merely our views as a committee, but as faithfully as we are able we have set forth the sentiments and purposes of the entire body of citizens assembled in the above mentioned meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
ALVIN SWINDELL
C. R. STEPHENS
R. B. TWITTY.

BABY DIES NEAR MAZELAND

The remains of the six-week-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tabbs was laid to rest in the cemetery at Norton Wednesday afternoon. The child died Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Tabbs home in the Mazeland community.

Rufus J. Wheeler left for Brownwood, San Saba and other points on business Tuesday afternoon.

BOILER EXPLODES WHILE SPEEDING 40 MILES HOUR

TEXAS RAISED ALMOST HALF OF COTTON CROP

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 23.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 9,946,462 running bales, the Census Bureau announced today. To the same date last year the total ginnings amounted to 9,648,261 bales.

Texas had ginned 4,139,752 bales on January 16.

MAY COMPROMISE ON TAX MEASURE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 23.—Republican members of the House ways and means committee today offered to compromise with the democrats on the Mellon tax bill, and to frame a non-partisan measure. Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking democrat on the committee to whom the offer was made by Chairman Greene, did not definitely commit the minority members to a compromise.

W. D. Meadows, who had been spending a few days at Winters with home folks, returned to Medina county Tuesday afternoon, where he is doing some highway contracting.

Tom Setser, of the Norton section, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Marlin, where he goes to seek relief from rheumatism.

SAN ANGELO—A gain of sixty-seven telephones in San Angelo during 1923 brings the total telephones here up to 2,615.

U.S. SIGNS NEW RUM TREATY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 23.—The new rum treaty with Great Britain was signed today at the state department. Secretary of State Hughes, signing for the United States; while Sir Auckland Geddes, retiring British ambassador, affixed the signature of the British government to the agreement.

The agreement provides for an extension of the American government's right to search vessels beyond the three-mile limit for intoxicating liquor, and permits British vessels to bring into American ports stores of liquor under seal.

(By Associated Press)

PITTSBURGH, Penna., Jan. 23.—The boiler of a locomotive on the Erie Railroad, hauling the morning express from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, over the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie route, exploded near Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, 23 miles West of here this morning. The boiler exploded while the train was running at a speed of about forty miles an hour.

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT BY AN AUTOMOBILE

A ten-year-old boy by the name of Ammons, was brought here from Concho county Sunday evening and placed in the Halley & Love sanitarium suffering from injuries which may prove fatal. The boy was reported to be resting better Wednesday, but he is in a critical condition and may not recover.

Part of the boy's face and his ears were cut away when an insurgent car struck him and pinned him against a blacksmith shop at Millersview. It is reported that the boy was sitting down against the building near where his father and others were working on the car. The car was started while in gear and plunged forward pinning the boy against the wall in such manner as to seriously injure him. He was rushed here for surgical attention.

J. L. Lee, of the Maverick section, went to Marlin Tuesday afternoon, where he goes to join Mrs. Lee, who is at that place for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. W. B. Halley left for Temple Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives. She will visit at Waco before returning home.

FT. WORTH—Operation of the new Riverside street car line is to be started in a short time. The Sycamore Heights, another new line, is about one-half completed.

FOUR PERISH ON WRECKED SHIP

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 23.—Four lives were lost in the wrecking of the cruiser Tacoma at Vera Cruz. The dead are Captain Herbert Sharrow; Edward Herriek, radio man of second class; Homer Lussier, radio man of first class; and M. M. Solomon, radio man of third class.

The remainder of the crew consisting of forty-eight men on the Tacoma are now on board naval tugs in Vera Cruz harbor. The deaths of those lost resulted from being struck by heavy wreckage during a Norther which finally destroyed the vessel after it had been aground for some time.

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CRACKLINGS

A genuine good complexion may also be a work of art; the art of the dietitian.

If a man couldn't make a fool of himself, how could he learn to be a wise guy?

Mutual respect in the city might well take the place of the too prevalent mutual suspect.

When the men who run the world get together they don't flatter each other. They're outspoken.

Should a man come to the conclusion that he is "tired of trying to please everybody" he wants to go to farming.

A reporter on a vacation sees or hears a dozen things "that would make a good story." His vacation forever haunts him.

REVISED PROVERBS

Lend in haste and repent at leisure.

A bee in the hive is worth two in the bonnet.

A fool and his money keep the swindlers busy.

You never miss the woman till the talk runs dry.

It's the early edition that catches the bookworm.

A wife in the house is worth two at the neighbor's.

It's a wise author who knows his own screen child.

It's a poor fool who can't be worked both ways.

WILLS POINT, Tex. — The Texas Power & Light Company has been granted a franchise to serve Wills Point with electric lighting and power. Bonds had been voted for erection of a municipal light plant but will not be issued. The city now has 24-hour service.

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For Tax Assessor: HENRY TODD
For Sheriff: MIKE C. BOYD
For J. P. FLYNT
For County Judge: R. E. McWILLIAMS
For County Treasurer: PAUL TRIMMER
For County Clerk: MRS. JENNIE KIRK
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1: R. J. DEENS
For County Clerk: W. A. FORGEY
For District Clerk: Miss—
GEORGIA SINGLETARY
For State Senate (25th Dist.): WALTER C. WOODWARD (of Coleman)
For Representative, (92nd Dist.): O. R. SIMS (of Concho County)

City Commissioners Defend Purchase Street Machinery

"To the Honorable S. B. Raby, Mayor, Ballinger, Texas.
"Dear Sir:

"We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, a copy of which for some reason you have caused* to be published in the January 11th, 1924 issue of the Ballinger Daily Ledger, in which letter you do not approve of the purchase of a Best 30-tractor for use on the public streets of our City, and we respectfully request your permission to make known our side of the issue thus raised.

"1. You state that the tractor now in use is capable of doing all the work contemplated by the City. May we suggest to you that such statement is possibly the result of immature investigation or of erroneous information reaching your attention, the fact being that the tractor referred to is as you should know, practically worn out and we are unable to operate it more than a day or two at the time without repairs and delays and at the time of this writing is broken down and entirely out of use until repaired.

"2. May we also inform you, should you not already know, that we can purchase the tractor under consideration, at this time, without raising the tax rate one cent, for the reason that we have sufficient monies in the Street and Bridge fund to care for it. We have a tax roll for 1923 of \$6,850.16 and a fund of delinquent taxes collected amounting to \$680.45. We must of course figure on some delinquent taxes in the 1923 roll, but such will not be more than the amount of delinquents collected for the past year which would leave us the 1923 roll approximately intact for City business.

"It is our purpose to pay the sum of \$600.00 down on the tractor under consideration leaving a balance of \$2500.00 to be paid in five annual payments of \$500.00 each which with six per cent interest would be an average of \$590.00 per year and leave at the present rate over \$6,000.00 annually for Street construction and maintenance.

"3. During the year 1923 we spent for parts alone on this old tractor near \$200.00 not including labor in repairing same, which will make the cost of maintenance of a worn out piece of machinery approximately two-thirds as much as the payment on the new one.

"It is generally conceded, by men who know, that a wheel type tractor will not stand up on street and road work and that fact has been demonstrated both in our City and also in our county.

"A little investigation on your part will convince you that the amount contemplated to pay, is not an excessive price to pay for a tractor as crawler types of tractors cannot be bought for less. It is our candid opinion that we are offered an exceptionally good deal in this tractor and in this we are backed by an engineer who is thoroughly familiar with all makes of tractors and the peculiar situation in a local connection.

"4. The STREET MAINTAINER you recommend, costs nearly as much as the tractor, its price being \$1900.00 and you also should know that it is only an improved drag, built and recommended for MAINTAINING streets and roads and is not recommended at all for building streets and roads, and certainly if we would have to raise the tax rate to purchase the tractor then it would be equally true that we would have to raise the tax rate to purchase the MAINTAINER."

"We appreciate the fact that the City is now on a cash basis and that fact was accomplished, you know, by raising the tax rate, before our coming into office, in 1922 from Sixty Five Cents to One Dollar and Twenty Five Cents. It was and should have been easy to place the City on a cash basis in view of such an increase as it represented an increase of Ninety-three and a fraction per cent increase. With such an increased tax burden upon our citizens there is an increased burden upon their officials to provide better streets and these cannot be built without adequate machinery.

"We feel that the purchase we have made is a proper one as is evidenced by the attached letter from our engineer on the subject.

"We are positively not in favor of and we will not approve any

increase of the tax rate during the remainder of our term of office.

"Yours very truly,
"E. P. TALBOTT
"R. E. GEORGE
"Commissioners."

"To the Mayor and City Commissioners,
"Ballinger, Texas.

"Sirs:
"In reference to the controversy relative to the class of machinery required and method of handling the Street work in the City of Ballinger I submit here, with my recommendations.

"Present Conditions: With the exception of a very small percentage of the total mileage, the streets have never been properly graded so as to turn the storm water out of the traveled way and as a consequence the center of the streets have been continuously worn down until water runs along the ruts or stands in holes until evaporated. The ditches on the streets that were originally graded have been filled until they do not adequately handle the water. At a number of locations the water has been diverted out of its natural channel by ruts and ditches and is concentrated in the center of streets where the road-bed is being rapidly destroyed.

"The traffic, the water, the wind and other agencies are constantly removing the material off the streets and if the present conditions continue, many of the streets will eventually be destroyed and if they are ever to be improved new material will have to be hauled in.

"The above has reference to the extreme cases. For the maintenance of a smooth surface on the other streets it is first absolutely necessary to provide a grade or crown so the water will flow along the gutters instead of along the center of the street.

"Proposed Improvements: To build up the crown of the streets will require a tractor capable of handling a grader or roofer and also the use of teams where additional work is necessary. After streets are graded they should be systematically dragged after each rain, which will average over a long period of years about once each month.

"Streets to be graveled should be accurately shaped to the required cross-section before the gravel is applied.

"Machinery: Experience has demonstrated conclusively that the wheel type tractor is not suitable for road or street work and practically all modern grading machinery is equipped with crawler type tractor.

"The tractor now owned by the city is of the wheel type, is too light for the work and is so badly worn that delays and repairs make it a liability instead of an asset as every day it is operated represents a definite loss of money.

"The STREET MAINTAINER under consideration is a very light wheel type tractor equipped with a blade and is recommended as a substitute for a drag but it will not under any circumstances do the work that is urgently needed in Ballinger at the present time. It will not open up the ditches nor build up a crown to the streets. It will not pull a roofer or blade grader satisfactorily. Even the manufacturers will not recommend it for this purpose, but only claim that it is a maintainer. If purchased it could be satisfactorily used on an average of about two days each month as an improved drag and

any other operation would be a dead loss and the streets of the town would continue to deteriorate.

"Either the Holt Caterpillar or the Best Tractor will do all the work required and are reliable and economically operated. Their use would result in a constant improvement of the streets instead of allowing them to get worse month by month.

"Finances: The street and bridge fund provided by the present tax rate is sufficient to operate a tractor, drag the completed streets and leave a good fund for unforeseen contingencies.

"Conclusion: Considering all the above mentioned conditions I wish to make a definite recommendation that you purchase a crawler type tractor, arrange to systematically operate it in connection with the necessary teams and begin a definite program of street improvement instead of attempting to maintain the streets in their present unsatisfactory condition.

"I wish to state that this recommendation is based upon careful study of conditions, viewed in the light of many years actual experience and study of this class of work and also after full discussion with City and County officials and employees and finding that my opinion is supported by all who have had any actual personal experience in street work.

"Respectfully submitted,
"JAS. E. PIRIE,
"City Engineer."

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PIE SUPPER FRIDAY AT SPRING HILL SCHOOL

The entertainment committee of the Spring Hill school, three miles Southwest of Ballinger, announces a pie supper for next Friday night. A good program will be arranged and the proceeds realized from the entertainment will go to the improvement fund of the school. Everyone is invited and urged to attend the entertainment.

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MONKEY KISSED ITS MOTHER

Writer Tells of Human-Like Scene of Simian Affection in Burma Forest.

In Burma we had a monkey tribe that were called locally human; gray-black-faced tree dwellers, says W. A. Fraser in the Saturday Evening Post. The males, as they looked down at one the black face surrounded by white whiskers, always wore a puzzled, plaintive look.

They were lengthy of limb, long of tail and light-bodied, built expressly for their mode of travel, which consisted in racing to the top of a tree and shooting out in a flying leap downward to the limb of another—the tail, as if it did the trick automatically, twisting about the limb with a grip quite strong enough to suspend the monkey's body.

In these flying leaps and in the race up the tree, the monkey babe always lay flat, slung under the mother, its paws grasping the mother's fur.

Once, standing quietly on a jungle path, I saw a female of this tribe sitting on a limb with her back toward me. Behind her on the limb a baby monkey about a quarter grown was skulking, pinching his mother and trying to tie a knot in her tail. Suddenly I saw him stand up, put his front paws under the mother's chin, pull her head over backward and kiss her. The mother, her heart full of affection, I fancy, was delighted, for her head went over willingly and she rubbed the baby's cheek with her own.

TRAGEDY OF AGED BUFFALO

Abandoned, Clings to Water Holeyvin Pitiabie Solitude Until He Perishes.

"The buffalo bull that has outlived his usefulness is one of the most pitiable objects in the whole range of natural history," says Col. Henry Inman in his "The Old Santa Fe Trail," published in 1897, according to the Detroit News. "Abandoned to his fate, he may be discovered, in his dreary isolation, near some stream or lake, where it does not tax him too severely to find good grass. In this new stage of his existence he seems to have completely lost his courage. Frightened at the rustling of a leaf, he is the very incarnation of nervousness and suspicion. Solitude, foreign to his whole nature, has changed him into a new creature.

"Nobody ever saw one of these miserable or forlorn creatures dying a natural death or ever heard of such an occurrence. The cowardly coyote and the gray wolf had already marked him for their own; and they rarely missed their calculations."

How to Make a Hectograph.

A hectograph is a pad composed of gelatin and glycerin used for making many impressions of writing and drawing. This pad is made in the proportions of one ounce of gelatin to one-half ounce of glycerin. The two ingredients should be allowed to mix by slowly heating for several hours over a vessel filled with salt water. When thoroughly mixed the mixture is poured into a shallow pan and allowed to harden, when it will present a smooth even surface. A special copying ink is needed, which can be purchased at a stationery store. The matter to be copied is written and placed face downward on the pad. After a short period the imprint of the writing will be transferred to the pad. About one hundred copies may be made by placing blank paper over the impressions on the pad and gently rubbing, thus transferring the impression.

An Even Score.

Dining with his bride at a continental hotel, a young Englishman was angered to find on his bill a charge of 10 francs for fruit. Calling the manager he protested the item.

"Ah," replied that worthy, pointing to a large dish of fruit upon the table, "but the fruit is there. It is not my fault that you did not eat it."

The Englishman said no more, but on paying the bill he counted out all but 10 francs, and seeing the look of inquiry on the manager's face, he remarked, calmly, "That is for kissing my wife."

"Kissing your wife?" exclaimed the other, aghast. "But I have not kissed your wife."

"No," said the Englishman, "but she was there, wasn't she? It is not my fault if you did not want to kiss her."—Boston Transcript.

Pulling Teeth.

Owen McCarthy, a recent arrival from the Emerald Isle, had spent a torturing day with a toothache. And after he had finished his work, toward evening, he bent his way to the nearest dentist and impatiently inquired of the extractor of molars:

"How much does yez charge for pullin' out wan tooth?"

"Fifty cents; seventy-five cents with gas."

"Seventy-five cents with gas?" gasped Owen. "Bedad, thin, I'll come round again early in the mornin' when it's daylight."—Everybody's Magazine.

Wanted an Illustration.

Wife (who has the foreign language "spasm")—John, do you know I'm getting on splendidly with my French? I am really beginning to think in the language.

Husband (interested in his paper)—Is that so? Let me hear you think a little while in French.—New York Evening Post.



IS A WOMAN'S FIRST LOVE HER GREATEST LOVE?

Do you believe that a woman's first love is the greatest love of all? If you do your convictions are liable to be considerably shaken if you see "Can a Woman Love Twice?" the remarkable photodrama starring beautiful Ethel Clayton, which is to be exhibited at the Fo-to-sho Theatre today and tomorrow.

The picture tells with dramatic power the story of a widowed girl-mother, who, forced upon her own resources, practises a great deception and thru it meets even a greater love than she knew for her first husband.

The picture's utter sincerity of purpose and entertaining qualities make it rank with the best that the screen has offered this season. And touching so deeply, as it does, a question vital to every one of us in particular and the home in general, it bids successfully for a permanent place in the memory of those who see it.

In "Can a Woman Love Twice?" Miss Clayton has a role that permits full play of her emotional abilities, and she takes advantage of the opportunities offered by giving a performance of the highest degree. Malcolm McGregor is her leading man, and the capable supporting cast includes such players as Albert Vaneas, Fred Esmilton, Kate Lester, Baby Murial Dana, Clara Clark Ward, and Madge Hunt.

COUGHS
Apply over throat and chest—swallow small pieces of—
VICKS
VAPORUB
Over 27 Million Jars Used Yearly

"THE BRASS BOTTLE" IS HAILED AS FILM NOVELTY

"The Brass Bottle," Maurice Tourneur's fantastic comedy-drama from the novel of the same name by F. Anstey, English author, will be the First National screen novelty feature at the Maeroy Theatre Friday of this week—one day only.

Interpreted by an all-star cast, including Harry Myers, Ernest Torrence, Charlotte Merriam and Barbara La Marr, the story revolves around the adventures of a struggling young architect who releases a genie from a brass bottle in which he has been confined for many thousand years. The genie, in gratitude for his release, shows the architect with favors which, owing to the circumstances and the change of customs during the period of the genie's imprisonment, prove embarrassing.

The story is an extraordinary intermingling of modern London and King Solomon's court of six thousand years ago; the genie, with all his powers of materialization, accomplishes the seeming impossible with a wave of his hand, but unfortunately is unfamiliar with the needs of modern times. The story is one that can best be told by the marvels of photography. It is described as a delightfully refreshing tale with many a smile and all of the splendor of the days of old.

The picture was directed by Tourneur and presented by First National. It has been hailed as the screen innovation of 1923. In addition to the players already mentioned others in the cast are: Tully Marshall, Clarissa Selwyn, Ford Sterling, Aggie Herring and Ed Jobson.

It pays to advertise.

A GLASS OF SALTS CLEARS PIMPLY SKIN

Says Indigestion Results from an Excess of Hydrochloric Acid.

Undigested food delayed in the stomach decays, or rather ferments, the same as food left in the open air, says a noted authority. He also tells us that indigestion is caused by Hyper-acidity meaning there is an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach which prevents complete digestion and starts food fermentation. Thus everything eaten sours in the stomach much like garbage sours in a can, forming acid fluids and gases which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. Then we feel a heavy, lumpy misery in the chest; we belch up gas; we eructate sour food or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and drink it while it is effervescent, and furthermore, to continue this for a week. While relief often follows the first dose, it is important to help neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and sodium phosphate. This harmless salts is used for many stomach disorders with excellent results.

Mrs. M. W. Dalton is in the Ballinger sanitarium under the treatment of a doctor there. We hope she may soon be able to come home and be well again.—Concho (Paint Rock) Herald.

What did "The Brass Bottle" contain? 22-2d

Ledger want ads work for you

MILES PERSONALS

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Jan. 22.—George Brazile is here from St. Louis to visit his sister, Mrs. R. M. Platt.

A. E. Williams left Monday for Dallas to attend to business.

W. D. Jennings has returned from Abilene, where he spent several days with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reasonover were San Angelo visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Sam Journey, with the Magnolia Oil Co., of San Angelo, is attending to business here, Monday.

Miss Ruth Kornegay, W. D. Lumpkin and Cecil Hester were San Angelo visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. E. Baugh and daughter, Miss Eldera, visited friends in Ballinger today.

Postmaster W. J. Lindsay reports that the postal receipts of the Miles office show an increase over the year of 1922 of approximately 10 per cent, with a total of \$4,250.00.

HEAD COLDS ENDED BY HEALING CREAM

Instantly Opens Every Air Passage—Clears Throat

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffed because of nasty catarrh or a cold, apply a little, pure, antiseptic cream into your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage, soothing and healing swollen, inflamed membranes and you get instant relief.

Try this. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Your clogged nostrils open right up; your head is clear; no more hawking or snuffling. Count fifty. All the stuffiness, dryness, struggling for breath is gone. You feel fine.

Miss Ethel Lovelless, of San Angelo, who has been visiting Ballinger each Tuesday and teaching a class in violin, closed

Beauty

A Gleamy Mass of Hair

35c "Danderine" does Wonders for Any Girl's Hair



Girls! Try this! When combing and dressing your hair, just moisten your hair brush with a little "Danderine" and brush it through your hair. The effect is startling! You can do your hair up immediately and it will appear twice as thick and heavy—a mass of gleamy hair, sparkling with life and possessing that incomparable softness, freshness and luxuriance.

While beautifying the hair "Danderine" is also tonic and stimulating each single hair to grow thick, long and strong. Hair stops falling out and dandruff disappears. Get a bottle of delightful, refreshing "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter and just see how healthy and youthful your hair becomes.

her class here this week and will not return any more for the present season. She stated that her class at San Angelo demanded all her time. Pupils who have been studying music under Miss Lovelless will probably organize another class and employ a teacher.

Read Ledger "wants" column.

A Weekly Newspaper with A
Paid Circulation of
2533

is deserving of an ad from every
business firm in Ballinger.

That is the actual [net] paid
circulation of



The Banner-Ledger
Think it Over---Then Act on That
Impulse

CORNS

Lift Off—No Pain!



Doesn't hurt one bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers.

Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the foot calluses, without soreness or irritation.

School Notes

Seniors Entertain

On Monday the Seniors entertained with a bacon broil and marshmallow toast. The crowd, including some of the faculty, gathered at the high school building and departed at 4:30 for the dam.

Of course there is no end to the "fun" of a crowd just out for a time. So it was with the Seniors. A few hours of a sociable good time were spent before the fire was built and supper cooked. After the supper, which all had eaten until it no longer tasted good, a pleasant time was spent around the camp fire. At a late hour the crowd departed, each having enjoyed him- or her- self to the fullest extent.

FOR OVER 40 YEARS

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been used successfully in the treatment of Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which quickly relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus reducing the inflammation. Sold by all druggists. E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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. 1-1mod-4

ROBSTOWN, Tex.—Plans are being made for building a natural gas line from the Dunn field to supply this city.

TEXARKANA—The building program for this city in 1924 so far planned definitely amounts to six million dollars. The new union railway station will cost a million.

GEORGETOWN—Rebuilding of the Georgetown Telephone Company's plant will be completed in February.

OLD DOC BIRD says



Some of our shoe profiteers need a good lacing

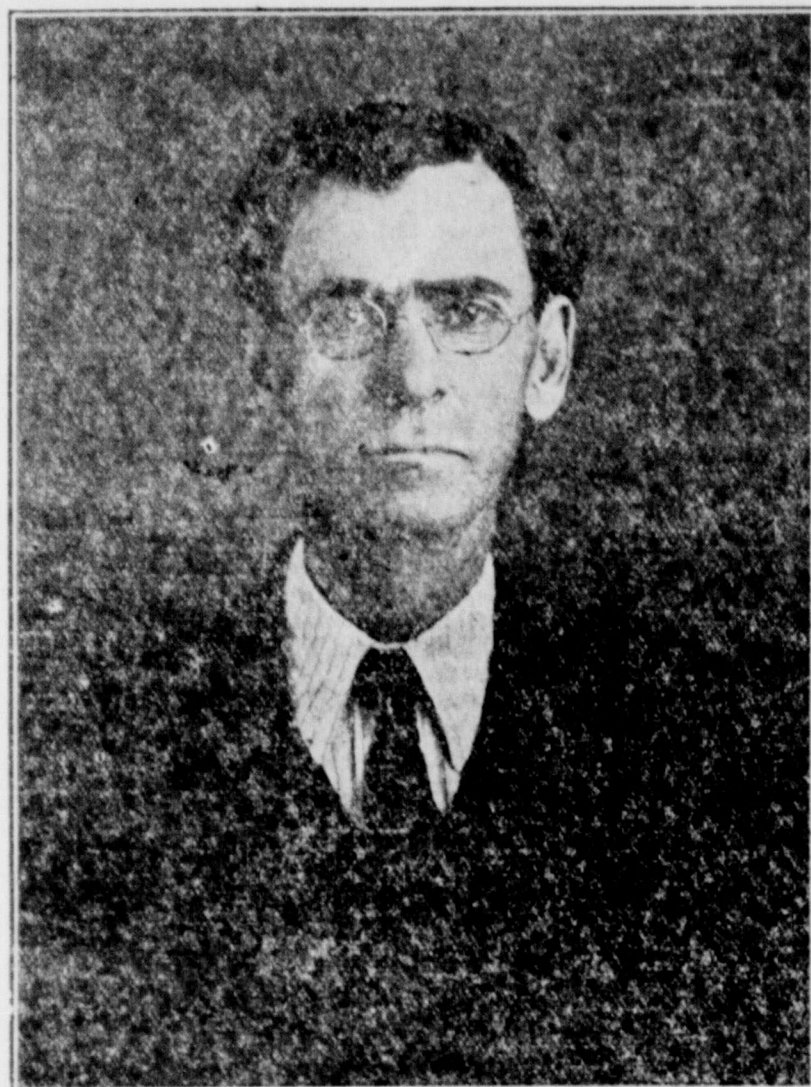
—but if your shoes need some GOOD REPAIR WORK done on them—remember this is the place to get just what you want.

Where there are breaks—we mend with a skill that camouflages the original break. We make them strong enough to give you double service—we improve their appearance 100 per cent.

Our work will save you many dollars in new shoe bills—our fees are right and we satisfy.

For Represent Drennan
O. R. St.
(of Con)

E. A. Jeanes Retires from Local Business



E. A. JEANES

E. A. Jeanes, pioneer poultry and produce dealer, and head of the firm of E. A. Jeanes & Co., and founder of that successful business, has sold his interest in the business to other stockholders of the firm and has retired from the business.

"I don't know yet just what I will do," said Mr. Jeanes, "but I will probably be in a position to tell you something of my plans in a few days." Mr. Jeanes stated that he had no idea of leaving Ballinger, and would continue to make this city his home.

Mr. Jeanes' health has not been good for the past year or more, and he said that the strain of trying to devote some of his time and attention to the business worked a hardship on him, and he decided to retire from the firm for the present. "I am retiring from the business," said Mr. Jeanes, "by mutual agreement, and I leave the firm with best wishes for its continued success."

The present firm of Jeanes & Company is the result of a business started in Ballinger on a small scale by Mr. Jeanes in 1911. A gradual growth has brought the business up to one of the largest wholesale and retail grocery and poultry firms in this section of the state.

While no definite statement has been made, it is probable that the name of the firm will be changed, the charter amended as soon as the present stockholders can hold a meeting, elect officers and perfect the new organization. Mr. Jeanes' successors will continue the business along the present lines, and will continue to occupy an important place in the commercial life of Ballinger. The branch houses at Miles and Winters remain a part of the company. C. R. Jeanes, who recently retired from the firm, took over the Coleman house and is now in charge of that business.

The new manager and other changes in the Jeanes & Company firm will probably be announced within a few days.

"The Brass Bottle" has a message in it for you. Find it. 22-21d



Fruits and Vegetables

is one reason why you will like trading at our store. We carry everything that is in season and our vaults keep them just right. Never too cold or too hot. Our big stock of groceries is just as good and you will find our store an ideal place to trade.

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Positively No Chemicals Used in the Manufacture of Our Ice

IT'S PURE IT'S CLEAN

Always ready for you day and night, year in and year out.

"Reliability and Good Service" is our motto.

Platform Ice, 30 cents per hundred. 1,000-pound Coupon Books delivered 40 cents per hundred.

BALLINGER LIGHT, POWER & ICE CO.

Phone 312

WHEN SKIN IS BROKEN OUT USE SULPHUR

Just the moment you apply Mentho-Sulphur to an itching, burning or broken out skin, the itching stops and healing begins, says a noted skin specialist. This sulphur preparation, made into a pleasant cold cream, gives such a quick relief, even to fiery eczema, that nothing has ever been found to take its place.

Because of its germ-destroying properties, it quickly subdues the itching, cools the irritation and heals the eczema right up, leaving a clear, smooth skin in place of ugly eruptions, rash, pimples, or roughness.

You do not have to wait for improvement. It quickly shows. You can get a little jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur at any drug store.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Ed Orr returned home Sunday from San Antonio, where she has been for a few days under the care of a specialist. We are glad to report she is improving.

Mrs. Lena Fritz, of Wilcox, Arizona, has returned home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Mapes. She was accompanied as far as Abilene on her return home by Anna and Leo Mapes.

A singing at the home of Mr.

Trees

We can save you money on Fruit, Shade and Budded Pecan Trees, Roses, Berries, Grape Vines and Shrubbery.

Send for Price List.

San Angelo Nursery

at Oakes Street Bridge.

San Angelo, Texas

and Mrs. Lon Maney down the river was the attraction for a crowd of young folks Sunday night. All report a pleasant time.

The zero weather cut Sunday school attendance last Sunday.

"BLUE BONNET"

NAVASOTA, Tex.—Construction has begun on a new power house here by the Western Public Service Company. During this year the company will build a number of transmission lines connecting several plants.

Be Wise and Advertise—

Join the Y. M. B. L. and help build Ballinger.

COLDS

Break a Cold Right Up with "Pape's Cold Compound"

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.

FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

"Where the Best Pictures are Shown"

TODAY

Should a woman re-marry?
Is second love as great as the first love?
Can broken hearts ever be mended?
Can time blot out the memory of the first love?
See the answers in—

'Can a Woman Love Twice?'

Starring Ethel Clayton.

Baby Peggy in her latest

"Little Miss Hollywood"

The World's Cutest Star at Her Best.

Admission . . . 10c and 35c

Mid-Winter Thrift



Phone 63

A mid-winter cleaning of your heavy suits, coats and furs will improve their appearance and make them wear longer.

Send Your Clothes to a Master Cleaner.

THORP & WARDLAW

Only Complete Cleaning Plant in Runnels County

TODAY MAEROY THEATRE TODAY

SHOWING THE PICK O' THE PICTURES

Two Days—Beginning Today

William Duncan

in

"SMASHING BARRIERS"

The greatest stunt picture ever made!
Thrills that stop the breath!
Desperate dare-devil life risking perils!

William Duncan, popular star of millions of fans, in the greatest and most thrilling Picture he ever made.

Laughs! Gasps!

Laughs! Gasps!

Also

"The Pill Pounder"

With Chas. Murray, a Special Hodgkinson Comedy.

Admission 10c and 25c