

BANNER-LEADER.

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, March 14 1903

NO 22

Dry Goods

It is our aim to furnish our customers with the very latest design and our purchases have been made with the end in view. Our goods furnishings excel anything ever offered the buying public in Ballinger. Don't fail to look through our stock whether you buy or not.

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What is Coming

Currie-Noyes Co's Big Spring Stock of Dry Goods

Don't make your purchase of Spring Clothes until you look through our mammoth stock just from Chicago. Our styles are the latest. Our prices are the lowest

CURRIE-NOYES CO.

Groceries

A pleased cook means a happy home and there is nothing which makes a happy disposition more than nice fresh groceries. A hint to the wise is sufficient. Buy your groceries at the Big CURRIE-NOYES COMPANY store where price is right and the goods first class

MILLINERY OPENING

My Spring Opening of Imported Patterns and all kinds of Head Wear will be

March 19th, 20th, 21st

Ladies I have always given you up-to-date goods at very reasonable prices and expect to show you the best line ever displayed in your town. Come and see me whether you wish to buy or not. Thanking you for past favors and hoping a continuance of same. Respt.,

Mrs. Stella Forbes
In Currie-Noyes Store

TRAIN AT LAST LEAVES FOR BRADY.

First Train Rounds the Curve With General Passenger Agent Comer and Party of Friends On Board.

The much-talked of and long-delayed Frisco south to Brady left the station at eight o'clock this morning with General Passenger Agent Comer and a party of friends and several passengers aboard. The train consisted, besides the engine, of one combined mail, express and baggage car and one passenger coach. Conductor Fitzgerald was in charge of the train, with Engineer Haynes and Fireman Allison on the engine.

Among the party the reporter caught the names of Henry Ford, H. C. Bencini, H. Hennersdorf, Tom Bell and W. S. Bingham. They will spend the day in Brady returning at 7:30 this evening.—Daily Bulletin.

Quite a good deal of excitement prevailed on the street Thursday in the way of a cock-fight. The two chickens pitted against each other belonged to Mike C Boyd and J. O. Lee. The contest occurred at 3 p. m. in the rear of Harry Scott's saloon attended by a large crowd of spectators. Boyd had the winning chicken.

Read the Banner-Leader.

Don't Buy Green Mesquite Wood

From off wagons when the wood yard will furnish for the same money, more wood, better wood and will saw to suit any stove. Phone Home Steam Laundry for your next wood.

J. A. FORBES

At the Tomb.

At the home of his son, Walter, of this city, Grandpa Norman died last Thursday at 2:30 p. m., after suffering about 36 hours from a stroke of paralysis. He was stricken late Tuesday afternoon and remained unconscious up to his death.

He and his wife came in from Bearden, Arkansas, about ten days ago to visit their sons, Walter and John.

The remains were prepared for interment under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity and taken to their old home, accompanied by his sons, Walter and John Thursday afternoon.

We extend sympathy to the grief-stricken relatives and friends.

We're the printers.

R. S. Griggs, went to San Antonio Monday as delegate for Ballinger lodge Woodmen of the World. He will remain about a week.

Thursday being Educational Day with the Federated Clubs, the Shakespeare Club of this city in pursuance of their obligation to perform some act to commemorate same, sent some books and pictures to Misses Augusta Hardgrave and Frank Baker's rooms for the pleasure of the little folks. This is certainly a commendable move and should be repeated.

Lee Maddox will write you a \$1000 Tornado Insurance on your dwelling 3 years for \$5.00 in the best companies on earth.

The best work possible turned out at Jas. E. Brewer's shop.

LEADER

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DE C. COCKRELL BUSINESS MANAGER.

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Prohibition won in Camp county.

Truck and fruit growers at Ft. Worth perfected organization.

The Prairie Dog Bill.

The following is a copy of the prairie dog bill which recently passed the House with only one dissenting vote. This law was suggested by C. S. Miller of this city, and was drafted by him and C. C. F. Blanchard and was passed as originally drafted

Sec. 1. That in all organized counties in Texas, and in all such other counties as may hereafter become organized, upon the written petition of fifty freeholders of any county, the commissioners court of such county shall order an election to be held in such county on some day named in the order, for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of such county to determine whether or not the prairie dogs shall be exterminated in said county.

Sec. 2. Upon filing such petition the commissioners court, at its next regular term, shall order an election to be held in such county on a day to be designated in the order, not less than thirty days from the date of such order, the election to be held and conducted and the returns thereof made in accordance with the laws regulating general elections, in so far as the same are applicable

Sec. 3. Immediately after the passage of an order for an election by the commissioner's court the county judge shall issue an order for such election, giving thirty days legal notice. Said notice reciting the petition and the action of the commissioners court, and naming the date of said election.

Sec. 4. The election shall be held at the regular election boxes in said county by the regularly appointed managers of elections, and for holding said election those holding the same shall be paid the legal fees as provided by law for such services.

Sec. 5. No person shall vote at any election under the provisions of this act unless he be a freeholder in the county and is also a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 6. The ballots to be voted in any election held under this act shall either have written or

printed on them "For extermination of prairie dogs" or "Against extermination of prairie dogs," and those holding the election shall make within ten days time legal returns showing number of votes cast for and against the same to the county judge of the county, who shall tabulate and count the vote in the presence of the commissioners court and ascertain the result of said election.

Sec. 7. If a majority of the votes cast at such election shall be "For extermination of the prairie dogs" the county judge immediately after the counting of the votes shall issue his proclamation declaring the result of the election, which proclamation shall be posted at the court house door, and after the expiration of twelve months from its issuance it shall be unlawful for any land owner or lessee of land in said county to allow to run at large any prairie on dog any lands owned or leased by him, and it shall be his duty to kill the same within twelve months from the issuance of proclamation by the county judge.

Sec. 8 After the issuance of proclamation by the county judge in any county declaring that election has been held and that the result was "For extermination of prairie dogs," at the expiration of twelve months any land owner, or lessee owning land in said county, who shall wilfully fail or refuse to kill the prairie dogs inhabiting his land, shall be liable for damages to the owners of contiguous land who have complied with the law, and the measure of damages are hereby fixed at \$2.50 per month for each and every month that he permits the prairie dogs running on his lands to run at large. Any land owner, owning adjoining lands, who has in good faith complied with the law and removed the dogs from his lands, should his lands be invaded by

Loss of Flesh

When you can't eat breakfast, take Scott's Emulsion. When you can't eat bread and butter, take Scott's Emulsion. When you have been living on a milk diet and want something a little more nourishing, take Scott's Emulsion.

To get fat you must eat fat. Scott's Emulsion is a great fattener, a great strength giver.

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We will send you a free sample. Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy. SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1; all druggists.

prairie dogs from the adjoining land, he can bring a suit for damages, against such land owner, the amount of damages being hereby fixed at \$2.50 per month, and such suits are to be filed in the courts having competent jurisdiction; provided further, that any party desiring to bring suit must notify the party from whom he claims damages, in writing, ninety days prior to the filing of said suit, and no damages shall accrue until after the expiration of said ninety days.

Sec. 9. The near approach of the end of the present session of the Legislature and the fact that there is no law in Texas providing for the destruction of the prairie dog, creates an imperative public emergency and a necessity exists which authorizes the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and such rule is hereby suspended and the same take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted

Those who are in daily touch with District Attorney Jerome say that the secret of the way he stands the strain of his strenuous career is the complete relaxation and keen enjoyment which he finds in his domestic life. One morning recently when the reporters were waiting to quiz the district attorney about the latest developments in the gambling crusade, Mr. Jerome was telling with huge enjoyment of one of his children. Going into the nursery for a romp with his youngsters before starting for his office, he found one of them with a sewing machine oil can that Mr. Jerome had used on a refractory hinge trying to lubricate the throat of a pet cat. "What are you doing?" asked Mr. Jerome.

"Trying to stop the squeaks," replied the youthful Jerome.—New York Times.

The Doctor—Yes, I know what ails you. You can't sleep. Take this prescription to the druggist. (Next morning) Good morning; you look better today. Have you slept well?

Peterson—Like a top. I feel like a new man.

Doctor—How many sleeping powders did you take?

Peterson (surprised) I didn't take any. I gave a couple of them to the baby.—Ex.

Ballinger Light and Power Co.

Monthly residence rates: 16 cp lamps \$1 each the first two lights, additional 25c.

Business rates: \$1 the first light, 75c each the next 6, additional, 50c.

Saloons, \$1 each light.

For 32 cp lamps double the former ratio. Arch light \$10.00 each.

Meter rate 15c per K. W. hr.

Plain incandescent wiring \$1.25 per droplight.

No less than two lights will be installed.

Remittance must be made by the tenth of each month.

Your patronage solicited.

Respectfully,

W. J. MILLER,

Secretary and Manager.

For bargains phone 82. Everything bought and sold here.

T. S. LANKFORD,

The Saddle and Harness man

If you want a hair cut let Mike cut it A La Paderweske. It's all the rage. Try one.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon over Walker's

It's Not It's What That rich and if you are alive to interests you will find you s by trading here. Other Why not you? Our grocery best. LUSK & CO., Hutchings Ave. Phone 40.

Are you go build The BALLINGER LUMBER CO., handle first class stuff for building purposes. They figure close and accurately on all bills and furnish just what they represent. When in need of anything in our line let me figure with you. Lime, Cement, Sash, Doors and blinds always on hand. J. R. McVAY, Manager BALLINGER TEXAS

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Wood==Wood==Wood I have purchased the wood business from Joe Hardin and will deliver to any part of the city I keep dry oak cord wood the best on the market and will saw it any length to suit your stove The BALLINGER WOOD YARD J. A. FORBES, Prop. Phone Home Steam Laundry your order.

Winters Gin All who are behind with their ginning please call and settle for we need the money badly. And Oblige

Woodrow & Hood W. D. Wilson Blacksmith - wheelwright Does General Repair Work. Horse-shoeing a specialty. Solicits a share of your patronage. Ballinger, : : - Texas

For Sale or Trade. Thirty head stock horses including two year old geldings. For particulars call on Banner-Leader. Old papers for sale at this office 20cts per 100. Phone J. A. Forbes at the new steam laundry for wood.

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Office in K. P. Bld'g.
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Quick sales and small.

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Gregg, R. S. Griggs and R. P. Kirk.
on Thursday 2 p. m March 12th.
J. W. Powell, Sec.



Ballinger Steam Laundry
Specialty of fam-
ily washing.
A. H. FRIEMEL & CO.,
Broadway

Read the Banner-Leader.

The Dinner.

The dinner given last Tuesday by the ladies of the Methodist church was a howling success. They cleared \$51 over and above all expenses.

At the close of the dinner they decided to have an oyster supper so they exhausted the supply in Ballinger and ordered 35 dozen from San Angelo, which were all consumed by the patrons of the supper.

Notice.

I have all my old notes and accounts for collection and they must be closed up. Please call and attend to them at once.

LEE MADDOX

Horse Meat Not Bad.

Speaking of the possibility of using horsemeat because of the high price of beef, the editor of the Milwaukee Wisconsin says: "The horse is the cleanest of all animals, and therefore his meat is not unhealthful. We have had some experience in horse beef and know what it is. In 1870 we were shut up for two months in the siege of Paris, and horse beef was served up by not a few of the restaurants under the title of 'fillet de mouton.' It is a palatable diet, but, inasmuch as there is no fat in the beef, it is not very nourishing."

A man is not necessarily proud of a cold in his head because he blows about it.

We're the printers.

Embroidery and Muslin Sale

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 18th, 19th, 20th, 1903

We have the largest and most complete line of Spring and Summer Dress Goods and Trimmings ever shown in Ballinger, they comprise the very best grades and styles we will sell them extremely cheap for CASH Trade with a Cash House and get more for your money. The Hub is the only Cash House in Ballinger in other words a cash store is the peoples store.

Gowns.

Ladies Muslin Gowns very best make lace and embroidery trimmed well made value 85 cents
Opening Sale..... **49cts**

Gowns.

Ladies extra nice long cloth gowns made of very best long cloth and cambrie lace and embroidery trimmed and tucked value \$1
Opening Sale..... **79cts**

Underskirts

Made of nice long cloth beautifully trimmed in lace and embroidery nicely tucked, value 85cts
Opening Sale..... **65cts**

Underskirts

Made of nice grade Cambrie, neatly made trimmed in lace and embroidery nicely tucked
value \$2 Opening Sale..... **\$1.50**

Gingham Specials

We will put on sale our entire stock of Zephyr and To'e du Nord during this sale value 12 1/2c Opening Sale **10cts**

Embroidery, Laces.

4300 yards Embroidery, Laces, Beading, Insertions, very newest patterns and designs
Value 12 1-2c, 15c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c

3 days only **10 cents per yard**

Spring Slippers

We have received our new line of Drew, Selby & Co fine Slippers comprising 20 new styles prices from \$2 45 to \$3.50
New style slipper for..... **\$1.25, 2.00**

Drawers.

Made of extra nice long cloth pin tucked well made and trimmed value 75c Opening Sale..... **59c**

Drawers.

Made of very best grade nainsook nicely trimmed with lace and embroidery, pin tucked value \$1.50
Opening Sale..... **\$1.25**

Corset Covers.

Made of very best grade long cloth and nainsook beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidery
pin tucked value 75cts Opening Sale..... **35cts**

Corset Covers

Made of very best grade cambrie well made nicely tucked and lace trimmed value \$1
Opening Sale..... **65cts**

Dressmaking

We have secured Mrs. McBeth from south Texas. She is an expert dress maker. Prices reasonable. All work warranted by her

THE HUB,

J. D. NORWOOD, MANAGER
PHONE 86 BALLINGER, TEXAS

Millinery Opening

Mrs. Godwin will have her Millinery Opening on date above. She is showing the swellest line of Pattern Hats ever opened up in Ballinger

A Birthday Dinner.

On Saturday evening the 7th inst, the same being the birthday of Judge M. C. Smith of this city, as a fitting celebration of the occasion he and his estimable family tendered to the Runnels county bar and court officials a dining, and as it is proverbial that lawyers are never known to miss a good thing, not one was recorded absent at this time.

Covers were laid for seventeen which of course included the host, and when the guests marched into the spacious dining room, the procession being led by the District Judge, and here beheld a few of the many good things provided for their "trial," the usual application for a postponement in cases made and provided was conspicuous for its absence. In fact the court announced that none would be en-

guests were entertained with sweet music, both vocal and instrumental by Miss Hermia, whose sweet voice will be remembered for many years by those present on that occasion.

As a fitting finale and as a token of remembrance and the high esteem in which Mr. Smith is held by the court and fellow members of the bar, he was presented by those present with an elegant upholstered reclining chair. This was a surprise to the host and was received by him with a few well chosen remarks indicating deep feeling on his part.

Those present were: District Judge Goodwin, District Attorney Baker, C. H. Willingham, C. S. Miller, Jno. I. Guion, R. B. Truly, C. O. Harris, C. P. Shepherd, W. R. Spencer, C. F. Dickinson, B. B. Stone, Max Lange, J. W. Powell, Guion

The Ballinger Commercial Club was called together by the president, J. McGregor, on Saturday, March 7th, 1903, to consider ways and means to bring about the erection of an oil mill in the city of Ballinger. The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. at Ballinger opera house, J. McGregor announcing the object of meeting. C. S. Miller stated that W. A. Norman proposed to erect an oil mill at Ballinger at a cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000 if a bonus of \$3000 would be given him by the people. D. P. Gay, Joe Wilmeth, Geo. Vaughn, C. S. Bowden, J. W. Powell and others spoke of the needs and advantages to be derived from such an enterprise and on motion the chair appointed C. S. Miller, C. S. Bowden and G. M. Vaughn a committee of three to interview the citizens and solicit subscriptions and report to the court

Teacher: "Now, Mamie, tell me how many bones you have in your body." Mamie: "Two hundred and nine." Teacher: "Wrong. You have only two hundred and eight." Mamie (triumphantly) "Yes; but I swallowed a fish bone at breakfast this morning."—The Pathfinder.

Jim Drake came down from Salina Tuesday and accompanied his wife home Wednesday. Mrs. Drake has been in San Angelo the past month for her health.

John Hoffer has recently added to his livery outfit an elegant runabout of the latest style, which the public will appreciate very much.

Mrs. R. L. Bennett went to Dallas Wednesday to visit her parents. Her husband accompanied her as far as Brownwood.

Spain's Grand Old Man.

Senior Sagasta, so long Spain's prime minister and well entitled to be called her "grand old man," is now nearly 80 years old. He began his career as a newspaper reporter. At intervals since he went into politics he has resumed his original occupation as a newspaper correspondent, but his country has had too urgent need of his services to allow him to follow his favorite occupation for any great length of time. To him, quite as much as to the queen regent, belongs the credit of having preserved the Spanish throne from overthrow in troublous times.

Joe Hardin now has coal and plenty of it. Call on him at Davis, Fancher Co's.

Your eyes tested and properly fitted with the best spectacles made, at Jas. E. Brewer's.

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Announcement Column

Fees for announcement for city offices \$1.00.

For City Secretary, Assessor and Collector:

MISS FANNIE SIMMONS

Report of County Finance Committee March Term 1903.

Hon. John W. Goodwin, Judge 35th Judicial District.

Dear Sir:—We the undersigned members of the finance committee, appointed by your Honor at the September term 1902, of the district court, to report at this the March term 1903, on the condition of the records and finance of Runnels county, beg leave to report that we have pursued our investigations for four day and find, first: The county Treasurer's records are in good condition and correctly kept. His bank statements show he has on hand all moneys with which he is charged.

2nd. The Assessors books and records are well kept and a credit to the county. There is, however, apparent unequal equalization of the valuation of property in some cases, for instance: The Ballinger Lumber Co's goods, wares, merchandise, etc., are placed on the rolls at \$5000, while the Cicero Smith Lumber Co. is assessed for like property at \$14,000.

3rd. The records, collections and settlements of the Tax Collector and Sheriff make a creditable showing in behalf of the officer filling the position, and also shows a healthy condition of our people in meeting their tax obligations.

4th. There is room for improvement in the manner and methods of keeping the records and papers in the office of the County and District Clerk. Several of the indexes are not kept up as they should be, papers are not properly filed and labeled for ready reference, and other matters that require attention, but too lengthy for a detailed statement in this report. We find no signed orders by either the district or county judge for the issuance of jury certificates for service and pay at the several terms of court.

5th. We find the bonded indebtedness of the county to be \$81,094, as follows: Court House and Jail Bonds, \$41,500, Road and Bridge Bonds, \$39,594, all drawing 6 per cent interest per

annum, except \$19,594, Road and Bridge refunding bonds at 4 per cent. The interest on the bonds appear to have been paid to April 10, 1902, but we are unable to find any money on hand or that has been invested in our own bonds or other securities as a sinking fund for redemption of the bonds at maturity as required by law.

6th. There is on hand, cash held by the treasurer to the credit of the county, the sum of \$25,584 65, in the several funds, as follows:

Jury Fund, 1st Class,	\$528.60
Road & Bridge F. 2nd C.	4083.90
General Fund 3rd. C.	5525.35
Special Fund	4299.96
Advertising Fund	12 76
School Fund	11133 99

7th. The following ex-officio salaries are paid the county of ficers:

County Judge	\$1000 per yr.
County Dist. Clerk	500 " "
Sheriff	300 " "

There has also been paid the county commissioners the following sums for road supervision.

J E Smith	\$30
J W Dale	12
A B Hutchinson	9
C C Culwell	15
There is also allowed and paid	
J C Love	12.50 per month
Mrs S A Hargrove	10.00 per mo
Mr Gatlin	5.00 per mo
Frenchy	4.00 per mo

Under the law for the care and support of paupers.

Respectfully submitted

C. P. Shepherd

John Hoffer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1903.

W L. Towner,

Clerk Dist Court, Runnels Co.

By R. A. Terry, Deputy.

Comment on Report by W. L. Towner.

In this issue will appear the report of the financial committee, or at least a quorum of the committee. We much regret that Mr. Walker could not act, not only on account of his well known high sense of justice to his fellow man, but also by reason of his capacity and former experience in this line and the conspicuousness of having no axe to grind. In reporting on the finances of the county, we respectfully submit to thoughtful men, that these erudite and liberal minded gentlemen in their over wrought zeal, have trenched upon matters not germane to the subject and have gone somewhat beyond their legitimate province.

However, the report bristling as it does with valuable suggestions and advice, and scintillating with intellectuality, speaks for itself. Entrenching themselves behind an effusion of lavish encomium, fulsome eulogy and deserved compliment to everything on deck, they make a wanton and ruthless attack on the Clerk's office and Ballinger Lumber Co.

Some pertinent suggestions are mad as to the best mode of indexing and of the proper caper in equalizing taxes, subjects that constantly occupy the best effort and thought of those whom the good people have placed in charge of these respective duties.

The Clerk issues jury scrip by the same authority that authorizes him to issue pay to the finance committee, viz: from the actual minutes of the court, under constant supervision of the Judge, when the names and date of qualification of all jurors is kept. Besides, is kept a jury time book, as part of the min-

utes, giving the names and time of all jurors and talesmen.

We had the honor of employing a member of this very committee not long since, for one year, to assist us in a certain line of work, and for which we paid him according to contract, and the reason we mention it is that we thought he was fully informed as to the many obstacles that confronted us and the number and variety of indices we have to keep up. The members of our Bar do all their work through this office, and the only method by which they obtain information is through the indices. We have had no complaint.

Mr Editor, we have no higher ambition than to do our duty and give to the people the very best service we can, regardless of expense, and to that end we do not hesitate to employ the very best help obtainable. We owe it as a solemn duty to the people who have unwaveringly given us their support for nearly a quarter of a century.

We have no political expectancy for the future and whilst we may not be an adept at making indexes and keeping papers where every one can find them, we claim to be an average decipherer of Italian chirography. Respect., W. L. T.

Grand Jury Report March Term 1903.

Hon. J. W. Goodwin, District Judge 35th Judicial District.

Sir—We, the grand jurors impaneled for this, the March term 1903, of the District Court of Runnels County, beg leave to submit our final report and ask that we be discharged.

We have made diligent inquiry into all violations of the law of which we had knowledge or have been brought to our attention, and report ten true bills

The true bills returned by us are based on evidence we believe will secure conviction. Other minor offences have been called to our notice. But think they should receive the attention of the Local County Officers.

We desire to call attention to

Spring Time is A

You will need a new horse to ride in during the summer days. VAN PELT & KIRK carry the Joseph W. Moon buggies and surries and they sell them cheap. Everyone knows the quality of these.

Our stock of Guns, Amm. and sporting goods are always complete. When in need of anything in this line call on us

Van Pelt & Kirk

WINDOW SHADES

White, Cream, Melroes, New Green and Olive Green colors just received at

Grews & McGregor's.

GRAND OPENING

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 19, 20, 21

I will exhibit my entire stock of Millinery Goods consisting of Pattern Hats from Chicago and St. Louis the latest in Style, the most beautiful in Design ever offered the public. Look through my stock whether you make a purchase or not

.... Miss Lola Lewis

the general custom of hunters and travelers crossing and tearing down fences, and should be carefully attended to by the several county officers.

We have carefully investigated the report of your finance committee. Beg leave to report as follows. We find that several of the county officials of Runnels county have their books in good shape, having everything recorded in proper way, except the jury time book and index to district court minutes. We recommend that same be attended to and kept in proper way.

We are glad to state that the county is free from any felony crimes.

Respectfully submitted, G. M. Vaughn,

Foreman Grand Jury

- J. E. McAdams
- A. H. Van Pelt
- S. M. Wright
- B. J. Clayton
- J. R. Holliday
- John Alexander
- F. G. Hoelcher
- I. S. Baldwin
- W. M. Pumphrey
- Reuben Gentry
- J. W. Patterson.

Secretary.

A few nice winter robes left. Price from \$1.50 to \$6.50. T. S. Lankford.

Wall paper all styles and the best grades. J. Y. Pearce.

Buy, sell or repair all kinds of second hand goods at Lankford's saddle shop.

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AND CLEAN, THE BEST
THE MARKET AFFORDS

Groceries

Flour
Meat
Lard, Etc.

COURTEOUS TREATMENT
PROMPT SERVICE IS OUR
MOTTO

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No. 3. A three room house, two galleries, stable, good well, located in a desirable part of Ballinger; 4 acres of fine land in cultivation upon which improvements are situated. This place can be bought for \$600 cash or \$800 on time payment.

No. 4. A good six-room dwelling, good picket fence around yard, water works, etc, two lots, price \$850. Easy terms.

No. 5. A good 4 room house; good cistern, good stable and outhouses, water works. Near the business part of town. Price \$700. \$4.50 cash, \$2.50 on time.

No. 6. A good six-room house 3 acres of ground, good stable, windmill, irrigated garden and vineyard, underground cistern, situated in the suburbs of Ballinger. Price \$1600.

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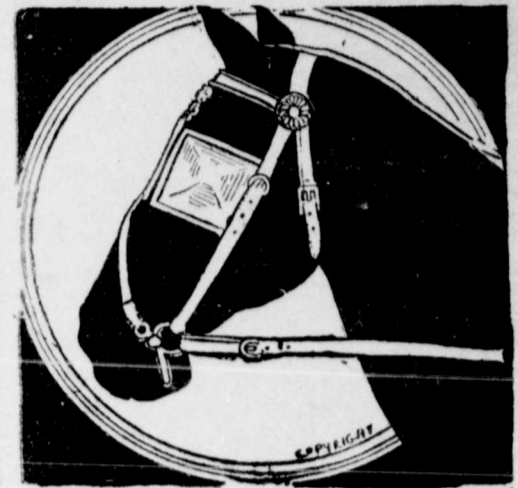
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What is the reason why
Mayapples do not come in May,
Or Junebugs till July?
—Chicago Times.

Or why the daisies are not dazed
When the rain falls from the sky?
And piebald horses are not raised
By eating piebald pie?
—Brookly Eagle.

Then tell why a dogwood bark,
Is but a catnip tea?
And why a man is on a lark
When he is all at sea?
—Buffalo Commercial.

Or tell us why Brown County is
The greatest in this State?
Or why Brownwood, the town of biz,
Has no brown wood—that's straight.
—Brownwood Bulletin.

Then tell us why the prospectors
To old Runnels always go,
Is it because it is the land
Where milk and honey flow?

...the Man.
 Judge a man by the
 years," said Edward
 Twenty years ago my
 a jewelry store in
 old street, and I was
 as a boy of all work.
 evening a poorly dressed,
 h-looking man came into the
 store, and my father, thinking
 he was after alms, told me to see
 what we wanted. I stepped up
 and was about to tell him we
 could do nothing for him when
 in a gruff voice he asked to look
 at a gold watch.

"I was completely surprised
 and thought I would cut his cur-
 iosity short by showing him one
 of the most expensive time
 pieces we had. He took the
 watch, examined it in detail and
 asked if that was the best we
 had. On being told that it was
 valued at \$150 he said it would
 do. You can imagine my sur-
 prise. I had never made a sale
 before.

"Now, sonny, said the man,
 have you got a chain to the
 watch?" I showed him one of
 the heaviest gold chains. He
 then wanted to look at watch
 charms, and selected a good
 locket. He put the locket on
 the chain, fastened the chain to

the watch, put them all in his
 pocket and asked me what the
 damages were.

"Two hundred and fifty dol-
 lars, I replied, expecting to see
 him hand back the goods. In-
 stead he loosened his vest and
 reaching into a leather belt
 around his waist, drew out a
 number of large gold coins and
 several valuable stones. He
 counted the amount of his bill
 and started to leave the store.
 Upon reaching the door he turn-
 ed and in a gruff but earnest
 voice said:

"Say, my boy, Kenney is my
 name—M. P. Kenney. I am a
 miner just returned to the East
 from diggin's in California. I
 have been in Pittsburg all day
 and tried to buy this outfit at
 several jewelry stores, but you
 are the first person that has
 treated me like a man."

Did you ever think why a
 negro never commits suicide?
 When a negro sits down to
 brood over a thing, he straight-
 way goes to sleep, forgetting his
 troubles. This is the reason
 the negro never kills himself.—
 Ex.

We're the printers.

Alfred Doose was in San An-
 gelo Tuesday on business

John Dale, editor of the Win-
 ters Recorder, was in the city
 Monday.

J. M. Chumley of Winters was
 attending some business matters
 here Monday.

C. W. Odum, came in from
 Maverick Sunday. He served
 as petit juror this week.

Dr. T. L. Todd, Maverick's
 physician, was doing some trad-
 ing in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. M. C. Cobb, of San An-
 gelo, spent Sunday with her par-
 ents, M. D. Chastain and wife
 of this city.

P. E. Truly, the smiling editor
 of the San Ange'o press spent a
 few hours in Ballinger last Fri-
 day looking after business mat-
 ters.

Prof. C. E. Bullock, who
 teaches the young idea how to
 shoot in the Maverick commu-
 nity was transacting business here
 Saturday

Dalhart, a town in the Pan
 Handle less than two years old,
 has a population of 2000, electric
 lights, water works, a 30 ton ice
 plant, and a National Bank with
 a capital stock of \$50,000.

J. B. Barrett and M. C.
 Church, two of Wingate's sub-
 stantial farmers, were transact-
 ing business in Ballinger this
 week. They will read the best
 paper in Runnels county in the
 future.

The Willacy bill recently intro-
 duced in the Legislature is ex-
 citing considerable interest over
 the state. One of its provisions
 is that where a county goes dry
 any precinct therein may imme-
 diately order an election and
 vote liquor back in.

The Fanner-Leader acknowl-
 edges the receipt of Bulletin No.
 1 containing the preliminary an-
 nouncement of the Girl's Indus-
 trial College at Denton, Texas,
 which will open its doors for
 students Sept. 1903. This school
 promises much for the industrial
 development of Texas.

Notice.

To the Sons of Confederate Vet-
 erans, John Walker Camp, Bal-
 linger, Texas.

There will be a meeting of this
 camp at 2:00 p. m. March 21st at
 the Court House for the pur-
 pose of electing officers and dele-
 gates to the reunion at New Or-
 leans in May next.

R. B. TRULY,
 Commander.

Concho Herald.

Grandpa and Grandma Nor-
 man arrived this week in Ballin-
 ger from Bearden, Ark., and
 will spend several weeks visit-
 ing relatives and friends. Grand-
 pa, in company with his son
 Walter, came over from Ballin-
 ger Thursday, returning yester-
 day. Grandpa looks well and
 seems to be in good health, but
 has not entirely recovered from
 his partial paralysis of the mind.
 He knew all of his old acquaint-
 ances, but could not call their
 names. All of his friends hope
 he will soon recover.

A sheep shearing machine will
 shear the 3800 head of Hamilton
 sheep in the Concho Cattle Com-
 pany pasture March 23.

D. E. Sims sold twelve head of
 horses and two mules at prices
 ranging from \$40 to \$75 per head
 in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Sims
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 Oscar Pearson bought this lot.

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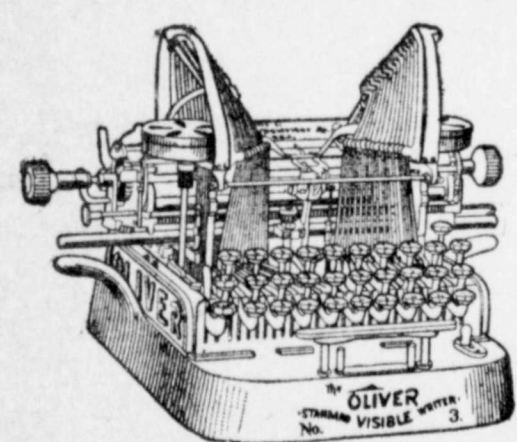
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Program.

Of the Brownwood District Missionary Institute and Pastor's Conference to be held at Ballinger, Tex., March 28, 29, 30. SATURDAY.

9:00 a. m. Opening Services—Conducted by W. H. Matthews, P. E.

9:30 a. m. "The Christian Religion the Supreme Need of the World"—M. H. Major.

10:00 a. m. "The Responsibility of the Pastor at Home in Sending the Gospel to the Heathen."—D. A. McGuire.

10:30 a. m. "Lessons of Information and Instruction From the Experience of 1902"—H. Bishop, D. D.

11:00 a. m. Sermon—W. B. Andrews.

2:00 p. m. Devotional Half Hour, Conducted by E. T. Bates.

2:30 p. m. "The Call to the Ministry"—J. M. Carter.

3:00 p. m. "Missions and Church Extension."—J. H. Chamblis.

3:30 p. m. "The Pastor in the Home"—B. H. Snoddy.

4:00 p. m. "Missions and the American Bible Society"—W. J. Lemons.

4:30 "How to Make the Prayer Meeting Interesting and Profitable"—Answered by Members of the Conference.

8 p. m. Address—H. Bishop, D. D.

SUNDAY.

9:00 a. m. Devotional services. Special Prayer for our Missions and their Fields of Labor—R. F. Brown.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Sermon—H. Bishop, D. D.

2:30 p. m. Devotional Half Hour. Special Prayer for the Church at Home—W. J. Bowden.

3:00 p. m. "Our Young People and the Epworth League"—R. J. Birdwell.

3:30 p. m. "Our Young People and Missions"—Wilmot Smith.

8 p. m. Address by W. B. Andrews and H. Bishop, D. D.

MONDAY.

9 a. m. Devotional Half Hour—J. C. Carpenter.

9:30 a. m. Discussion—"Best Methods and Best Times to Secure Collections." Led by W. K. Simpson.

10 a. m. "The Place of the Local Preacher in Our Church and His Opportunities"—R. A. Fulton.

10:30 a. m. "The Importance of Circulating Missionary and Church Papers"—G. W. Kinche-loe.

11 a. m. "The Endowment Fund for Superannuates"—J. M. Baker.

11:30 a. m. "The Pastor as a Man Among Men"—C. M. Haffler.

2 p. m. Devotional Half Hour—A. Clark.

2:30 p. m. "The Correspondence School and Summer Institute"—F. M. Jackson.

3 p. m. The Pastor as a Defender of the Faith—J. C. Carpenter.

3:30 p. m. "The Pastor as a Progressive and Aggressive Leader"—R. J. Birdwell.

4:00 p. m. Discussion of other points of interest by members of the Conference.

Bishop Watterson and the Drummer.

Bishop Watterson tells a story of how he was once taken for a "drummer" by a traveling salesman who was riding on the same train. Indeed, the stranger was so confident that he was addressing another of the guild that he began the conversation by inquiring:

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"Biggest on earth," replied the bishop who was "on" in a twinkling.

"What's the name?" was the next question.

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"That's queer!" went on the drummer, who began to think he had run across a boastful representative of some small concern. "Er—boots and shoes?"

"No," said the bishop.

"Hats and caps?"

"No."

"Dry goods?" asked the drummer beginning to display irritation.

"Well," said the bishop, "some folks call 'em notions."

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Items of Interest Gleaned From Our Exchanges.

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Mrs. Massey, mother of our Tom Massey, was a passenger on the Santa Fe Tuesday evening for a visit east.

Sheriff R. P. Kirk was here attending to official business yesterday.

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W. S. Boswell of Ballinger, the government agent who gathers gin statistics for the Agricultural Department, was here on business Wednesday. County Surveyor Williams was here to do some surveying yesterday. His services are very much in demand in the Miles section. Dr. A. S. Love of Ballinger was here this week on a professional visit to Mrs. C. A. McBeth, who has been quite sick.—Miles Messenger.

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For cancer, tumors, swellings,
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Improves the digestion, makes
the blood pure and rich, stops
the awful itching and all sharp,
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ed for thirty years. Druggists
\$1 per large bottle, with com-
plete directions for home cure.
Sample free and prepaid by
writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta,
Ga. Describe trouble and free
medical advice also sent in seal-
ed letter.

Little Prince of Saxony prays
for return of his mother, Crown
Princess Louise.

Cures Sciatic Rheumatism.
Mrs. A. E. Simpson, 509 Craig
St., Knoxville, Tenn., writes,
June 10th, 1899: "I have been
trying the baths of Hot Springs,
Ark., for sciatic rheumatism,
but I get more relief from Bal-
lard's Snow Liniment than any
medicine or anything I have
every tried. Enclosed find post-
office money order for \$1.00.
Send me a large bottle by
Southern Express." Sold by
E. D. Walker druggist.

Ameer of Afghanistan has di-
vorced all but four of his wives,
and made similar decree for his
subjects.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our
little boy was saved," writes
Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant
City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had
played sad havoc with him and
a terrible cough set in besides.
Doctors treated him, but he
grew worse every day. At
length we tried Dr. King's New
Discovery for Consumption, and
our darling was saved. He is
now sound and well." Every-
body ought to know it's the only
sure cure for coughs, colds and
all lung diseases. Guaranteed
by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Price
50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

DRS. HALLEY & LOVE, Phy-
sician and Surgeons, Over
Walker's Drug Store.

The Stomach is the Man.

A weak stomach weakens the
man, because it cannot trans-
form the food he eats into nour-
ishment. Health and strength
cannot be restored to any sick
man or weak woman without
first restoring health and
strength to the stomach. A
weak stomach cannot digest
enough food to feed the tissues
and revive the tired and run
down limbs and organs of the
body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
cleanses, purifies, sweetens and
strengthens the glands and
membranes of the stomach, and
cures indigestion, dyspepsia and
all stomach troubles.—E D Walk-
er.

The House passed a bill appropri-
ating \$50,000 for discovery of
method for extermination of the
boll weevil.

A Remarkable Case.

One of the most remarkable
cases of a cold, deep-seated on
the lungs, causing pneumoia, is
that of Mrs. Gertrude E Fenner,
Marion, Ind., who was entirely
cured by the use of One Minute
Cough Cure. She says: "The
coughing and straining so weak-
ened me that I run down in
weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I
tried a number of remedies to
no avail until I used One Minute
Cough Cure. Four bottles of
this wonderful remedy cured me
entirely of the cough, strength-
ened my lungs and restored me
to my normal weight, health and
strength.

A State organization of kinder-
garteners was formed at Fort
Worth.

What's In a Name?

Everything is in the name
when it comes to Witch Hazel
Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of
Chicago, discovered, some years
ago, how to make a salve from
Witch Hazel that is a specific for
Piles. For blind, bleeding, itch-
ing and protruding piles, eczema,
cuts, burns, bruises and all skin
diseases, DeWitt's salve has no
equal. This has given rise to
numerous worthless counter-
feits. Ask for DeWitt's—the
genuine.—E D Walker.

Even higher stages are ex-
pected in Mississippi freshet.
Ohio river still rising.

The best pill neath the stars
and stripes;

It cleanses the system and
never gripes.

Little Early Risers of worldly
repute—

Ask for DeWitt's and take no
substitute.

A small pill, easy to buy, easy
to take and easy to act, but never
failing in results. DeWitt's
Little Early Risers arouse the
secretions and act as a tonic to
the liver, curing permanently.—

Wood and Came counties have
declared for prohibition.

So Sweet And Pleasing In Taste!

Mrs. C. Peterson 625 Lake St.
Topeka, Kan., speaking of
Ballard's Horehound Syrup, says
It has never failed to give entire
satisfaction, and of all cough
remedies, it is my favorite, and
I must confess to my many
friends that it will do and has
done, what is claimed for it—
to speedily cure a cough or a cold,
and it is so sweet and so pleasing
in taste." 25c, 50c and 1.00 a
bottle by E. D. Walker.

Children's Coughs and Colds.

Mrs. Joe McGrath, 327 E. 1st
St., Hutchinson, Kan., writes:
"I have given Ballard's Hore-
hound Syrup to my children for
coughs and colds for the past
four years, and find it the best
medicine I ever used." Unlike
many cough syrups, it contains
no opium, but will soothe and
heal any disease of the throat or
lungs quicker than any other
remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at
E. D. Walker's drug store.

Growth of Population.

It will interest those persons
who keep in touch with the rapid
growth of New York to know
that the population has increased
nearly 300,000 in less than three
years. According to the United
States census in 1900 the popu-
lation of the greater city was
3,437,202. The estimated popu-
lation just compiled by the health
department for the middle of
the present year is 3,732,903, an
increase of 295,901. Health Com-
missioner Lederie believes that
the 4,000,000 will be reached in a
year.

A Physician Writes

"I am desirous of knowing if
the profession can obtain Her-
bine in bulk for prescribing pur-
poses. It has been of great use
to me in treating cases of dys-
pepsia brought on by excesses
or overwork. I have never
known it to fail in restoring the
organs affected to their health-
ful activity." 50c bottle at E. D.
Walker's drug store.

What Trusts are Doing.

They substitute one plant for
many. They reduce their clerical
force by thousands. They
have taken an army of commer-
cial men from road. They have
the best of labor-saving machin-
ery, and yet, with all these ad-
vantages, to say nothing of the
special favors they receive in the
matter of transportation, they
are charging exorbitant prices
in coal, meats, oils and other
monopolized commodities. The
cutting of expenses and arbi-
trary increase in prices readily
explain the fabulous profits that
pay a tithe in conscience money
to churches, universities and li-
braries.—Detroit Free Press.

If it is true that the country's
business is carried on more eco-
nomically in the form of trusts,
by using the "best labor-saving
machinery" and by a concentra-
tion of effort and a consequent
saving of expenses, the people
should certainly not object. All
of us reduce our expenses as
much as good business interests
will admit of. It seems that the
only thing to do then is to man-
age to give the people the benefit
of a part of this saving. It's
human nature to get the best
prices we can for commodities,
and again, its human nature to
kick at paying high prices for
goods, so we must get some
control of both sides, but it is
worse than useless to kick at
economizing in the production
and distribution.

Notice.

I hereby give notice that all
parties that hunt, fish or get
wood on my ranch will be prose-
cuted to the full extent of the
law. H. C. WYLIE.

Lee Maddox will write you a
\$1000 Tornado Insurance on your
dwelling 3 years for \$5.00 in the
best companies on earth.

The best work possible turned
out at Jas. E. Brewer's shop.

Grayson county went dry.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strike are not
nearly as grave as an individual
disorder of the system. Over-
work, loss of sleep, nervous
tension will be followed by utter
collapse, unless a reliable remedy
is immediately employed. There
is nothing so efficient to cure
disorders of the liver and kid-
neys as Electric Bitters. It's a
wonderful tonic, and effective
nervine and the greatest all
around medicine for rundown
systems. It dispels Nervous-
ness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia
and expels malaria germs. Only
50c and satisfaction guaranteed
by J Y Pearce, druggist.

Director Merriam of United
States Census Bureau has re-
signed.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange,
Ga., suffered for six months with
a frightful running sore on his
leg; but writes that Bucklen's
Arnica Salve wholly cured it in
five days. For ulcers, wounds
and piles it is the best salve in
the world. Cure guaranteed.
Only 25cts. Sold by J Y Pearce,
druggist.

Substitute World's Fair bill in
House created a new commission
and appropriated \$200,000.

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To a man or woman in each
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You take the order—we send
you the goods FREIGHT PAID—
you deliver them and collect the
money. That is as good a small
business as there is in Texas
today. Send self addressed
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ton, Mass.

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On Fish Creek, near Wingate,
640 acres of land known as Noah
Smithwick survey, No. 452. Will
lease for one or three years
straight, not subject to sale. Ap-
ply to CHAS. S. MILLER,
Ballinger, Texas.

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Bring your cotton to the Ice
Factory Gin. We will gin and
wrap your cotton for the seed
and pay you in addition \$5.00.
Will pay more or less as the
price of cotton seed varies.

The Ice Factory Gin.

To the Farmers.

We will gin and wrap your
cotton for the seed and pay \$5.00
extra as long as present prices
prevail. Will pay more or less
as the price of seed goes up or
down. BALLINGER MILLING CO.

Notice.

Parties holding vendor loan
notes on farm or ranch prop-
erty and desiring to sell same for
cash can do so by calling on me.
C. P. SHEPHERD.

The quality and beauty of my
watches and jewelry are unex-
celled. Jas. E. Brewer.

Ginners, you can get plenty
of bagging and ties at the Currie-
Noyes Co.

Prepare for that "norther" by
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remedy disordered digestion and diseased
stomachs are so completely restored to
health, and the full performance of their
functions naturally, that such foods as would
be one into a double-bow-knot are eaten
without even a "rumbling" and with a positive
pleasure and enjoyment. And what is
more—these foods are assimilated and
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food. In addition to this fact, it contains, in
assimilative form, the greatest known tonic
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plaints, chills and fever, bilious-
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complaints no other medicine is
necessary. It invigorates and regu-
lates the liver, assists digestion,
stimulates action of the kidneys,
purifies the blood, and purges the
bowels of foul accumulations. It
cures liver complaint, indigestion,
sour stomach, dizziness, chills,
rheumatic pains, sideache, back-
ache, kidney troubles, constipation,
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colds and headache. Every drug-
gist has Theford's Black-Draught
in 25 cent packages and in main-
moth size for \$1.00. Never accept
a substitute. Insist on having the
original made by the Chattanooga
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is the best medicine on earth. It is
good for any and everything. I have
a family of twelve children, and for
four years I have kept them on foot
and healthy with no doctor but Black-
Draught. A. J. GREEN, Ilwaco, La.

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Eight hour laws are ignored by
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and day, curing indigestion, bili-
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ache and all stomach, liver and
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Absolutely Pure

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Second hand store phone 82.

Have your shoes half-soled at Bob Shaffer's.

Jake Stubblefield, Norton's stockman, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Geo. M. Vaughn and wife entertained the High Five Club for Miss Daisy Pittman last Tuesday night.

J. L. Miller and wife were in Ballinger Friday transacting business and while here they paid the Banner Leader an appreciated visit.

The remains of E. W. Norman who died at his son's residence in Ballinger Thursday morning, were embalmed and prepared for shipment by Crews & McGregor.

The Telephone Exchange will be closed next Sunday from 10 o'clock a. m. till 3 o'clock p. m. on account of the funeral of the late Mr. E. W. Norman father of W. A. Norman.

Dr. C. A. McBeth brought his wife down from Miles Wednesday to remain about thirty days with her brother, W. T. Padgett, to take treatment under Drs. Halley & Love.

Fell in a Well.

An accident occurred at West End Wednesday that came very near being serious. Little Kathleen Gressett, the youngest daughter of Frank Gressett, while playing with some children at the Bennett place, now rented and occupied by Mrs. Barker, fell backwards into a cistern. As soon as screams began Miss Minnie Gressett, daughter of Philip Gressett and niece of F. F. Gressett, ran to the well. There happened to be an old wooden gutter extending into the well and she immediately went down and rescued the child. The child never sank beneath the surface and hence sustained no damage. It was a close call and it certainly showed Miss Minnie to be a heroine.

To the Farmers.

We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay \$5.00 extra as long as present prices prevail. Will pay more or less as the price of seed goes up or down. BALLINGER MILLING CO.

To the Public.

I will be located in the future in the Spence building in San Angelo and will continue to look after the land business in the Miles country.

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B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday March 15th. Leader—Walter Cordill. Topic—What Christ Teaches About Blessedness—Matt. 6:19-34.

Song. Prayer. Reading of Lesson. Song. Readings: Put Your Treasures in a Safe Place—J. B. Alvis. Serve God Alone—Josie Glen. Study God's Care of Birds and Flowers—Dovie Thomas. Put the Kingdom of God First—Aodie Gustavus. Do not Borrow Trouble—Miss Nettie Massey. Quartette. Voluntary talks and readings. Song. Benediction.

Meeting of Cemetery Association.

The Ladies Cemetery Association held their regular monthly meeting the 5th inst with Mrs. W. J. Miller. The ladies decided to have a fancy work bazaar in November and ask every member of the Association and any one else interested in the improvement of the cemetery to contribute some salable article. Mrs. Herman Geisecke was received, making the thirty six members.

A vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Mr. Joe Wilmeth for a gift of five dollars. The next meeting will be held April 2nd, with Mrs. J. W. Francis.

Second Week of District Court.

The second week of District Court has been grinding slowly. There have been only two cases called. The first was State of Texas vs. Al Kenzie, W. R. Spencer representing the defendant. The indictment was quashed on motion of defendant's attorney. The second case was State of Texas vs Sam Murray charged with murder and as we go to press the case is on trial.

The ladies of the Ballinger Shakespeare Club are preparing to give, in the near future, an entertainment at the Opera House, the proceeds to be devoted to the fencing and improvement of the public school grounds. Such an object deserves the most generous encouragement and patronage of the entire community. We bespeak for them a full house.

Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday I will have my regular spring opening of spring and summer hats. Visit my store and see my style of hats, I have the latest pattern hats direct from St. Louis and Chicago both for street and dress wear. Yours for business, MISS LOLA LEWIS.

At the meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church last Wednesday they decided to put electric lights in the church and purchase a new organ, and steps will be taken immediately to consummate these plans.

Seven of the jurors in the Murray case spent Wednesday morning on the banks of Elm pestering the "finny tribe" while the sheriff was out getting additional men to complete the jury.

Ed Eubank is preparing to have his cottage painted and otherwise repaired.

Plow harness at Bob Shaffer's in endless variety.

S. W. Pratt, Walter Mullins, H. Retner and Will Scott of Winters were in Ballinger Wednesday on the special venire in the case of State vs Sam Murray.

The city "Dads" are doing some effective work on the streets which makes the taxpayer feel like he does not mind to dig up when he sees direct results in the way of street improvement.

The city "Dads" let a contract this week to erect a dwelling near the pump house to be occupied by city engineer P. J. Huffaker. Sam Reese was the successful competitor and was awarded the contract for \$343. He will begin the erection of same immediately.

Election Notice.

It is ordered by the City Council of the City of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of February, 1903 with a full board present, that an election be held at the court house in the city of Ballinger on the 7th day of April A. D. 1903, being the first Tuesday in said month for the election of the following officers to wit: Mayor two Aldermen, City Treasurer, City Secretary and City Marshall and H. A. Massey is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election. J. W. POWELL, Mayor P. MCGREGOR Secretary

In this week's issue of the Banner Leader appears the announcement of B. W. Pilcher for the office of city marshal. Mr. Picher is one of the oldest citizens in Ballinger and has been a public officer a number of years always performing his duty faithfully and conscientiously. During the early years of Ballinger's history he served 4 years as city marshal and was constable of precinct No. 1 Runnels county 10 years and has been performing the duties of this office the past six months gratis. We submit his name to the voters of Ballinger and sincerely believe that if elected he will perform his duty to the best of his ability.

In this issue we publish the prairie dog bill. In behalf of this bill our representative, C. B. Hudspeth, won his spurs as an orator. The San Antonio Express pays him a nice compliment as follows:

The question of exterminating the festive prairie dog in his domain in West Texas, where he ravages upon the short grass of the stockman and the crops of the invading farmer, developed a new and forcible speaker in the House this morning. The person who won the spurs in the debate on the bill under consideration was Hon. Claude Hudspeth, the young cowboy member from Crockett county. Mr. Hudspeth is a product of West Texas and is proud of it. He said in his speech today that he can throw the rope better than he can throw the English language but those who listened to him are convinced that he must be a mighty good roper if this is true.

For Rent.

A five-room dwelling located in a convenient part of Ballinger near the business part of town. Good underground cistern, hydrants, plenty of shade, and grass in front yard. Apply to J. J. ERWIN.

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Let Bob Shaffer figure with you he can save you money. Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and dispatch. Shoes half soled and repaired

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Will give you an easy shave a neat Hair Cut, Shampoo, Massage, etc. Give me trial. Location:—Harry Scott building on 8th street.

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Horses boarded and cared for at reasonable rates Your patronage solicited