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Taxable Values of 1902 and 1903 Compared.

The following taken from assessor W. T. Padgett's rolls will give an idea of the strides old Runnels is making in progress. The increase for 1903 over 1902 is \$543,575 or over half a million dollars

| | 1902 | | 1903 | |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Value | Value | Value | Value |
| Number acres | 633,473 | \$1,931,482 | 646,715 | \$2,436,325 |
| City property | | 371,840 | | 386,770 |
| Number horses | 7,615 | 174,797 | 7,801 | 196,985 |
| Number cattle | 35,530 | 383,391 | 35,805 | 351,095 |
| Jacks and jennets | 48 | 2,230 | 56 | 2,905 |
| Sheep | 5,543 | 8,529 | 4,178 | 6,895 |
| Goats | 462 | 767 | 201 | 215 |
| Hogs | 1,044 | 2,238 | 1,212 | 4,445 |
| Dogs | 2 | 75 | 718 | 1,130 |
| Buggies and wagons | 1,563 | 43,253 | 1,723 | 46,425 |
| Mercandise | | 167,799 | | 173,985 |
| Machinery | | 50,568 | | 57,740 |
| Engines and boilers | | 10,725 | | 11,325 |
| Cash | | 87,285 | | 72,565 |
| Credits | | 70,900 | | 89,950 |
| R. R. and Telephones | | 250,505 | | 257,480 |
| Miscellaneous | | 88,103 | | 97,515 |
| | | \$3,644,485 | | \$4,188,000 |

The Commissioners Court.

The Commissioners Court met in regular session last Monday. The first days work was taken up in allowing accounts as follows.

R. P. Kirk, boarding prisoners, 59.70.
T. T. Crosson account for expenses and freight 2.86
Banner-Leader publishing delinquent tax list etc 58.75
Runnels County Ledger, stationery 9.75
John Pechacek, work on road tools, 4.10
Van Pelt & Kirk, nails etc 7.30
T. T. Crosson, cases disposed of, 27.00
Ballinger Light & Power Co., court house lights 15.30
Hixon Bros., goods for lunatic, A. Chatman, 1.65
Van Pelt & Kirk work on jail 8.30
Ballinger Lumber Co, lumber, 67.00
W. J. Moss, work on court house, 2.25
August Globber, glass, light and repairs, 4.25
F. J. Williams & Co., lumber, 14.78
F. L. Pierce, inquest, 5.00
J. W. Dale, inquest, Mr. Rooper, 5.00
Patrick Keirnan, repairing chairs etc, 4.35
Clark & Courts, stationery etc 28.00

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Geo. D. Barnard, stationery etc., 14.05.
The M. P. Exline Co. stationery 13.95
J. A. DeMerville, account for attending A. Chatman to asylum, 20.00
R. P. Kirk, attending court, 62.00
Geo. D. Barnard, stationery etc. 7.00
Worrell Mfg Co, exterminators and sprayers, 56.25
Cicero Smith, lumber, 15.56.
R. A. Terry express, etc, 1.40
R. P. Kirk, waiting on court 50.84
W. L. Towner, et al, bill of costs in lunacy case, A. Chatman, 9.80
W. L. Towner, bill of costs in lunacy case, Mrs. Wilson 8.55
Dr. W. B. Halley, attending A. Chatman, 7.00
W. L. Towner recording two deeds, 1.50
S. D. Williams testing field notes, 2.60
The requisite number of signatures was presented to the court and a prohibition election was ordered for Sept 10th.
DR. A. W. BARTON, Physician and Surgeon. Office in the K. of P. building. Ballinger, Texas.

Crews News.

Health of the country good. Cutting maize is the order of the day.

Two meetings are going on at Mud creek, baptized two Sunday. The Methodist will hold on all the week.

Lightning struck Baxten Hinson's house nine or ten days ago running down the stove pipe, tore up the stove, broke a table, broke the lamp and set the house on fire.

We are needing rain. Sam Hall and family, John Williamson and family, Dash Dwar and Mr. Mr. Medart, all from Bell county are visiting kin folks near Crews.

Will Ryan and family from San Angelo are visiting in the neighborhood.

W. J. Medart, Sam Hall and John Williams have gone west prospecting. "You Know."

Norton News.

With the continued dry weather we are moving along nicely as could be expected.

After three weeks continued meetings by the different denominations we are a little lonesome at home in our daily work. The Baptist meeting after 8 or 10 days of good service closed Sunday evening at the water's edge where four converts were baptized. There were eleven members added to the church by experience in baptism and by letter. Bro. Cumbie of Bronte and pastor Sullivan did some good preaching. Bro. Sullivan was recalled to the care of the church for the ensuing year. The vote being unanimously which speaks well for the estimation in which he is held by his brethren.

Capt. A. D. Hutchison and wife accompanied by Uncle Johnie, arrived at Norton Saturday evening from their trip to Southern Texas. They report plenty of mud all along the route until they arrived at Ballinger where they struck the dust.

Miss Alice Caperton, of Maverick spent last week with Mrs. T. L. Patterson and attended the meeting. Quite a number of the Maverick people attended.

meeting at different times.

Mr. Will Giddian was seen smiling among the Norton people Sunday but was placed at a disadvantage by not having that nice bay horse and buggy. However a stroll to the arbor in the afternoon served as a substitute.

Our blacksmith, H. E. Petty, is somewhat in the trapping business. He had his traps set in M. C. Taylor's melon patch Sunday and Monday morning had two fine wolves after they had done much damage to melons and caught a good many chickens.

Mr. Eaton passed through Norton Monday morning enroute to Ballinger after a boiler and other machinery which will be hauled by Mr. Forbes to his new gin in the Gentry neighborhood.

Mrs. Walter McMaster is visiting her home folks and relatives in Hill county and Walter dines about looking a little sad at times.

Mr. Albert Wilson of Glen Cove was visiting his cousin Carl Miller last week.

Starlep Gatlin is back from a trip to West Tom Green county.

M. A. Wilkerson is back from Sterling where he went on business taking his family with him and is well pleased with his trip this time.

Mrs. Charlie Ray who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Smith of Miles, is at home again and Charlie is wearing his usual smile.

Mrs. Clawson and children from the Grove, Coryell county are visiting their sister and aunt Mrs. T. L. Trimmier.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Patterson accompanied by Misses Zula Price and Edna Sadler and Messrs. Lee Saddler and Bob Murphy are spending part of this week on the Colorado pestering the little fishes.

Miss Vera Patterson is spending the week at Maizeland with her grandmother. We expect her back at Norton the last of the week. "S. J."

Visit me at my new location The H. Flower store when you want to look in millinery or even no Miss Lola Lewis. Brownwood

Crews News.

Editor Banner-Leader: Everything is moving along nicely in and around Crews we are pleased to report.

More general rains and crops are in a thriving condition; farmers all seem to be busy harvesting corn and milomaize.

Mr. Jim Mitchell made a business trip to Ballinger Monday.

Messrs. J. L. and W. L. Golden and father, of Wise county, have been visiting here a few days the past week.

The ice cream supper given last Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bull seemed to be very much enjoyed by all present.

The protracted meeting which is being carried on by the M. E. church at Deit's school house seems to be progressing nicely and no doubt will do a great deal for the cause.

Prospectors are pouring in from the East traveling in all imaginable ways, some riding and some walking ploding on westward hunting better countries. These people have the best wishes of our hearts that they may be successful in seeking their fortune on the western plains but we fear that they make a great mistake when they pass on through Runnels county and especially the community surrounding Crews. Our community is made up of enterprising citizens and with good yield in crops no doubt prosperity will return. There never was much better prospects than at present and we do hope they will continue so. Some are beginning to plant fall gardens and the time to begin picking cotton is almost at hand. Farmers should and ought to be the happiest people on earth. And could be if they would handle their occupation in the right way.

With success to the Banner-Leader I am

Your correspondent.

Write at Once

For full particulars regarding the three scholarships to be given away by the Tyler College, Tyler, Texas for a short list of names.

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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.
West-bound due at Ballinger 11:30 a. m.
East-bound due at Ballinger 4.45 p. m.
LOCAL TRAINS.
West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.
East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

In order to be in social swim at New Port you must provide a place at your table for your pug dog and wear pink pajamas.

The Smith family has received a severe "jar" in Chicago. The latest directory shows that the Johnsons are in the lead by 6000 names.

The Methodist churches, north and south, are to sing out of the same hymn book—something they have not done since the slavery question split them into two churches.

Prohibition carried in Bell county by a majority of 426 last Saturday and in Cooke county by 200 majority. The election in Bell county caused quite a surprise by overturning an anti majority 878 votes in the election held two years ago.

The board who selected the State Text Books know a thing or two about finance. \$1,000 was appropriated to pay the expenses of the Board. They remained just long enough to use up \$998.50 and quit leaving a balance unexpended of \$150.100.

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Yours truly
GEO. HAYDEF

The prohibitionists of Williamson have filed a contest in regard to the recent election held there. The fact was brought out by the grand jury that much illegal voting was done, and in consequence several men in Taylor were arrested and jailed also eight saloon men were arrested and put under bond for failure to comply with the law as laid down on the statutes governing the sale of liquors.

The attention of teachers wishing to secure certificates to teach is called to the fact that the next regular examination takes place on the first Friday and Saturday namely 4th and 5th of September. After this examination no other will be held until December. As it is a violation of the law to teach a single day without a legal certificate and many schools begin before December it is doubly important that teachers note these facts. Under the old law an applicant had a chance nearly every month in the year.

Pasteur Institute.

Special to the news
Austin, Tex., Aug. 8.—The last Legislature appropriated \$5,000 for the founding of a Pasteur Institute for the State of Texas in connection with the State Insane Asylum at this place. It will be the only place in the South of its kind. Heretofore those bitten by animals with the rabies have been compelled to go East for treatment. Hereafter they will be treated in this city under the staff of physicians at the insane asylum, Dr. Worsham being the chief.

Didn't Need a Cook.

It was a case of Cupid first past the post, for they met, loved, and committed matrimony all within an hour and seven minutes by cuckoo.
"Forgive me, darling," sobbed the short order bride, as she fell violently on the other half's neck, "but I kept a secret from you. I can't cook!"
"Oh, that'll be alright," replied the masculine end of the illusion. "I see your secret and go you one better. I'm a poet—consequently there won't much to cook."—Chicago News.

We Don't Rip.

Scarcely a day passes but somebody requests us to rip somebody up the back. We don't rip. Whoever heard of anybody tearing his shirt just to help an editor out of his trouble, or to defend him from an attack of some kind? Nobody. If you are badly used have the manhood to fight out your own battles. Editors have learned by experience that the people whose axes they grind often use these axes to chop the stuffing out of the editors. If you have anything to say to a man through the medium of the press, take it to the editor put your name to it, pay for the space the same as the merchant does, and let her go; but don't ask the editor to father your grievances—Ex.

The above strikes us so timely that we are moved to exclaim: "Them's our sentiments."

Notice to Trespassers.

I forbid hunting, fishing or cutting or hauling wood in my three pastures on Eagle, Mud and Elm creeks. Hats guilty of same will be held to the full extent of the law.
G. R.

Cherry Tree Story Modernized.

A boy who read the story of Geo. Washington and the hatchet cherished an ambition to imitate the Father of his Country, and, taking the ax he one day cut down a choice pear tree which had cost his father \$2.50 when it was a yearling. When the old man got onto the fact that the tree was chopped down just as it was getting ready to bear, he was tolerably warm and said: "I wonder if this is some of that kid's work? If it is I'll warm him up till he will have to eat standing for a week." Then the old man sought out the lad and asked him if he knew who cut down the tree. He expected to trap the boy into a confession, but the boy had some observations himself, and answered: "I think, dad, that you know more than any other man in this country and I have heard you say when one isn't sure what is the best thing to say he had better keep his mouth shut. The tree question is one about which I don't care to express an opinion." "My son," said the old man, as he clasped the boy in his arms, if you stick to that rule all your life you will be the greatest politician that ever came down the pike.—Swiped.

A Dead Shot.

This is to certify that I had the alum taste all through the last session of the Missouri legislature; it had been coming on me for a number of years, and at times I was not able to attend to my duties as a senator. I had given up all hope when a friend induced me to try Dr. Joseph Folk's Anti-Boodle Tonic and after taking one dose I feel like a different man.

Frisco Frank.

It certainly is a most wonderful remedy. John Alum Lee.

It not only removes all the alum taste, but it takes all the boodle "driftwood" out of the system.

William Poker Sullivan.

It's a speedy remedy. One dose relieved me of a large gubernatorial boom that had been growing for two years and my head was swollen twice its natural size. Sam B. Cook.
—Rolla Sharpshooter.

Tree of Stone.

There is a tree that grows in Mexico called the "chijoi," or stone tree. It is of enormous proportions, both in circumference and height. It has a number of branches spreading out widely and carrying leaves of a yellowish green color. The wood is extremely fine and easily worked in a green state. It is not given to either warping or splitting. The most remarkable thing about it is that after being cut the wood gets gradually harder, and in the course of a few years it is absolutely petrified, whether left in the open air or buried in the ground. From this timber houses can be built that would in a few years become completely fireproof, and would last as long as though built of stone.

A woman of Shawnee, Kan. went on a trip to St. Paul and for safety she sewed up \$7500 in her bustle. She thought that she had lost the bustle on the trip and made a search going back to Shawnee. Here the bustle was found ready to be burnt in the trash fire by the hired woman.

the printers.

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Ginners Meeting.

The ginners of this section met in Ballinger with the following present: Miller of Ballinger, Day of Ballinger, McAuley of Maverick, Miller of Content, Woodrow, Hood and Crowder of Winters, Allen of Wingate, Wright of Bronte, Adams of Robert Lee, Mitchell of Crews, Eaton of Bronte, Smith of Paint Rock and Trimmier of Norton.

House being called to order Mr. Miller of Ballinger being unanimously elected chairman, the following business was transacted.

Motion made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. McAuley to make the maximum bale 550 pounds motion carried unanimously.

Motion made and carried to put ginning on cash basis.

It being brought before the body that insurance company's regulations forbid the ginning of wet cotton. Motion was made and carried to request customers not to bring wet cotton as the ginners could not gina it.

W. J. Miller, Chairman.
T. L. Trimmier, Sec.

Archie Nunn, son of John Nunn of Runnels, happy to a painful accident the latter part of last week, while trying to ride a wild horse in Otto Voglesang's pasture. The horse threw him dislocating his ankle joint and otherwise injured him.

Ike Wooden loaded up supplies Tuesday and stated out to catch fish and incidentally gather a crop of redbugs. His friends predict his success in the latter part of the undertaking.

There will be no preaching at the Cumberland Presbyterian church next Sunday as Rev. Fitzhugh will be at Rock Shoals, San Saba county attending presbytery work.

W. L. St. Clair bought out Greenwood & Osteen's photo gallery this week and is having the building next to Ike Wooden overhauled and will occupy it in the future.

C. T. Dalton, of Burnett, was in Ballinger this week looking for a location. He is a graduate of the University law department and wants to buy a ranch and practice law.

Mr and Mrs. C. S. Woodward went to Coleman Saturday to attend the funeral of their niece, Genevieve White, who died there Friday.

Harry Sharp was transferred from San Angelo to Ballinger Monday and now holds Geo. Wright's old place. We are glad to have Harry with us again.

M. S. Edwards was in from Content Monday to meet his daughter who came in from San Angelo where she had been attending the reunion.

Joe A. Jones left for his home at Austin Monday. His wife will remain a while longer visiting her parents.

Sam Wilson and wife, of Brownwood, came in Tuesday and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doc Vancil.

Eugene Bates went down to Hico this week to assist Brownwood in a series of 3 games with the former.

Senator Arch Grinnan of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday enroute to Eden.

Nathan Price of Chicago, was in Ballinger a few days this week.

Text Books Adopted by the State.

The State School Text Board finished its labor last week and awarded contracts. Several changes were made in the former kinds of text books. Under the former adoption eighteen text books were used but under the latter twenty-three. The five new books cost \$2.22. A complete statement of the awards, with the prices and exchange prices is as follows:

BOUND IN CLOTH.

| Contract Companies and Books Adopted. | Price Cts. | Exc. Price Cts. |
|--|------------|-----------------|
| American Book Company, mod. Speeler | 18 | 9 |
| W. H. Wheeler & Co., Primer | 30 | 15 |
| B. F. Johnson Pub. Co., mod. Classics— | | |
| First Reader | 20 | 10 |
| Second Reader | 27 | 14 |
| Third Reader | 35 | 18 |
| Ginn & Co. (Stickney's) Fourth Reader | 42 | 16 |
| Ginn & Co. (Stickney's) Fifth Reader | 32 | 16 |
| Gammel Statesman Co. (Sisk's) Grammar | 50 | 15 |
| D. C. Heath & Co., Arithmetic | 22 | 11 |
| Sutton & Kimbrough, Higher Arithmetic | 42 | 21 |
| University Publishing Co.— | | |
| Maury's Elementary Geography | 40 | 20 |
| Maury's Manual Geography | 88 | 44 |
| Maury's Physical Geography | 90 | 45 |
| McMillan Co., Coleman's Beginner's Physiology | 22 | 20 |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., Conn's Physiology | 50 | 30 |
| Southern Pub. Co., Beginner's History of U. S. | 40 | 20 |
| Ginn & Co., Our Country's History | 70 | 35 |
| Mrs. Pennybacker's Texas History | 65 | 30 |
| McMillan & Co., H. & U. Mental Arithmetic | 22 | 14 |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., Welch's Composition | 48 | 24 |

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| W. H. Wheeler & Co., Primer | 22 | 11 |
| B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., mod. Classics— | | |
| First Reader | 8 | 8 |
| Second Reader | 22 | 11 |
| Third Reader | 30 | 15 |
| D. C. Heath & Co., Hyde's Lessons in English | 20 | 10 |
| Hyde's Practical Grammar | 32 | 16 |
| D. C. Heath & Co., Arithmetic | 30 | 10 |
| Sutton & Kimbrough, Higher Arithmetic | 23 1/2 | 17 |
| Globe School Book Co., copy book | 4 | 4 |

Jim Gray Returns.

J. A. Gray, who escaped from the Frown county jail between twelve and one o'clock last Wednesday night, returned at four o'clock this morning of his own accord.

A reporter visited Gray in his cell this morning and in response to the former's request made the following statement regarding his escape: "One day last week while Mr. Griffin and I were sweeping upstairs I took a key from his box which had the same number on it as the one which unlocked my cell door. He had another like it, and did not miss it, I suppose. Between twelve and one o'clock Wednesday night I unlocked my cell door and went out through the cupola in the manner outlined in the Daily. Almost immediately on descending I cut myself severely on a piece of glass, which penetrated the shoe and into the flesh. After circling around the ice factory just east of the jail I reached the slough bridge and followed the road to the Bayou, taking the Goldthwaite road and traveling nearly all night. I pushed on all next day as best I could though I was very weak from long confinement and exposure to the sun, while my foot was also painful. I reached my mother's eight miles northeast of Goldthwaite, on last Friday, suffering from fever, and was compelled to go to bed. It was my intention to go to Sweetwater as soon as possible, and from there to return here or go on to Rusk. My illness delayed me and I knew the officers would be waiting for me at Sweetwater, so as soon as I recovered sufficiently I came back and am now fairly well."

"How is your wife," he was asked. "I have not heard from her since I left," he replied, "but hope she is better." Gray has an engaging manner and has made friends of the officers. However he is in a more securely locked cell and will be given no more privileges.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Sam Murry of Sheffield was buying horses here this week.

J. L. Huffman of Sulphur Springs was here this week buying horses.

Miller Mercantile Co will buy all remnants of old cotton seed if brought in soon.

If you have not seen the corn raised by Willingham, Wardlaw, Lewis and Newman drop in at the Miller Mercantile Co. and see it.

Wardlaw, the great melon grower, says that he has 10 acres of corn that will produce 50 acres per acre and 35 acres that will harvest 28 bushels per acre.



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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger 11:30 a. m.
 East-bound due at Ballinger 4.45 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

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Prairie Dog Election.

The Commissioners court in session this week ordered an election under the new law for Oct. 24th, to decide whether or not the prairie dog shall be exterminated from Runnels county

Attention Red Men.

Upon written request of seven members of Mescalero Tribe, No. 151, I hereby call a Special Council of the Tribe for Saturday night; August 15th Every Red Man is urged to be present. W. E. Odom, Sachem.

Dental Notice.

This is to notify my friends and patrons that I have moved my dental office up stairs in the K. of P. building next door to Dr. Younger's office where I am better prepared than ever to give you first-class dental work at the right price. S. B. Raby, D. D. S.

Two Jersey cows for sale.

G. W. Givens.

Live Oak Flour, the best, none like in, at Miller Mercantile Co

It's Impure Blood.

"What is it?" asks the mother as she notices the smooth skin of her child marred by a red or pimply eruption. It is impure blood, and the child needs at once to begin the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the best and surest remedy for impurity of the blood. It entirely eradicates the poisons which corrupt the blood and cause disease. It cures scrofula, boils, pimples, eczema, salt-rheum and other eruptive diseases which are the direct result of impure blood. It enriches as well as purifies the blood.

"Dr. Pierce's medicine has not only benefited me greatly, but it has done wonders for my two sons," writes Mrs. M. Hartick, of Demeter, Oswego Co., N. Y. "Both had scrofula. I have lost two daughters in less than five years with consumption and scrofula. My eldest son was taken two or three years ago with hemorrhage from the lungs. It troubled him for over a year. He took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and has not had a hemorrhage in over a year. My younger son had scrofulous sores on his neck; had two lanced, but has not had any since he commenced to take your medicine."

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A 1008 page book, free for the asking. You can get the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, the best medical book ever published, free by sending stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for paper covers or 31 stamps for cloth-bound volume, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



D. Reeder and family on 1st Sunday, like the Arab, with cart and ax packed his tent and silently stole away, left for Ballinger where they go to open up a branch house of the great Cash Bargain House of West. Twenty years ago The Times induced Mr. Reeder to move from Granger to West and he has made money ever since the move. Now he goes to Ballinger rather against the judgement of The Times and while we hope the move will prove a good one we rather doubt it.—West Times

It is strange that every fellow thinks the spot of earth on which he resides is the only place that a man can make a living on.

Now Mr. Times Editor when you get some spare moments off you just take a run out to Ballinger and Runnels county and see our watermelons, peaches, forage crops, cotton, etc. and you will not be so leery about people who come out here to seek fame, fortune and a happy home.

A High Five Party.

Miss Francis Cady entertained a few of her friends Thursday afternoon, with cards. Quite a unique idea as well as an original one was carried out in the following manner: As each guest won a game, heads mounted on cards were given them as counters, thus showing who was "a head"

Mrs. Pearson and Miss Mildred Erwin secured the most heads, having won every game. After drawing for the prize Mrs. Pearson was given a beautiful bronze plaque, the design being two heads. Miss Nell Butler captured a "beet" for the booby.

All then assembled in the rustic summer house where iced watermelon was served.

Those present were: Misses Della Younger, Maggie and Adelle Undeawood, Inez Moser Mildred Erwin, Nelle Butler, and Mesdames Oscar Pearson, Geo. Vaughn, S. B. Raby, Joe A. Jones and C. P. Shepherd.

Three Days Game.

The Kids and Lobsters will again have a trial of strength on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 18, 19 and 20 The object of the games is to raise enough money to have Brownwood here for a series of three games. Admission will be 25¢, boys under 15 years of age 15¢, ladies free. Everyone come out as the game will be hard fought and interesting. The following line-up is proof that they will be good.

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| Kids | | Lobsters |
| Butler | c | Bates |
| Crews | p | Lusk |
| Doose | 1stb | Gustavus |
| W. Gressett | 2ndb | W. Chastain |
| C. Cockrell | 3rdb | F. Gressett |
| Schleyer | ss | W. Patterson |
| Guion | rf | T. Patterson |
| Van Pelt | cf | S. Cockrell |
| Royalty | lf | L. Chastain |

To th Public.

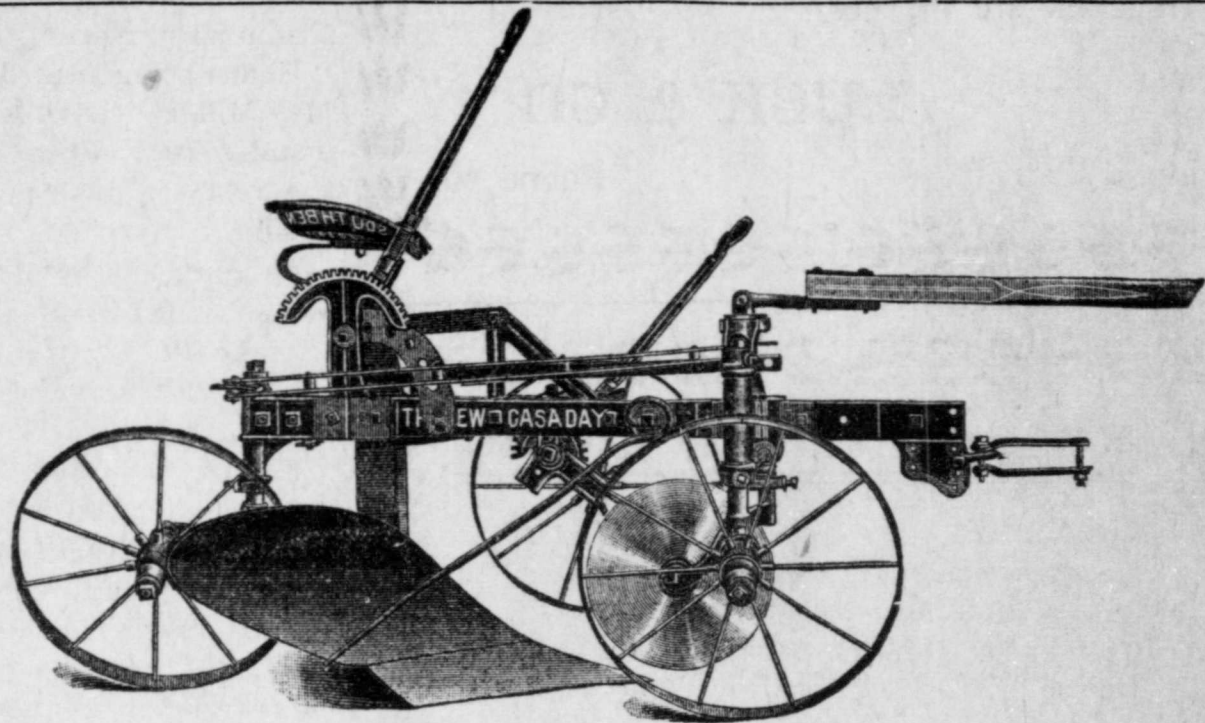
I have moved my stock of millinery in the rear end of the new store recently occupied by H. Winkler and will be glad to meet all my friends and patrons at my new location. At the proper time I will have my early fall stock of hats ready for your inspection and will be pleased to have a share of your trade. Miss Loia Lewis.

Brewer's watch repairing is the best.



THERE IS NO BETTER

Just received a car of JOS. W. MOON Buggies that have been bought right and will be sold right.



Now is the time to buy your sulky plows. See the CASADAY VAN PELT & KIRK

Prohibitions

Now that the prohibition fight is on in this county, the following suggestions for the manager of the Brown county campaign might be observed with profit in this county.

TO THE PROHIBITIONISTS OF BROWN COUNTY.

As I have been appointed Manager of the Prohibition campaign in Brown county, I will to some extent be held responsible for the conduct of the campaign; I therefore take the liberty of giving a few words of advice to the prohibitionists of Brown county.

Be earnest, be active, be diligent, but don't be intolerant. As you love your homes and fellowmen, talk to your neighbor, but do not fall out with him if he differs with you.

Try to persuade all men, but do not try to drive anyone. In love and not in anger show the evils of intemperance and its fruitful cause—the liquor traffic, but do not let the heat of controversy lead you into saying unkind things of the men who are the victims of the one, or who are engaged in the other. Be fearless, conscious that you are armed with the truth; be zealous, as an advocate of a righteous cause should ever be, but be kind and tolerant, as becomes one who is actuated by the love of humanity.

Yours for the right,

C. H. Jenkins.

Chm. Prohibition Campaign Committee. Brown Co., Texas.

Teachers Wanted.

We need at once a few more teachers for fall schools. Good positions are being filled daily by us. We are receiving more calls this year than ever before. Schools and colleges supplied with teachers free of cost. Enclose stamp for reply.

AMERICAN TEACHERS' ASS'N.

J. L. Graham, LL.D., Mgr. 152-154 Randolph Building Memphis, Tenn.

Birthday Party.

Miss Lucy May DeLoach entertained a number of her friends today in honor of her birthday. Quite a number of ladies were present and enjoyed the time.

Health Officers Notice.

The city authorities are doing everything in their power to preserve the health of the city and community, and it is the duty of every citizen, who feels an interest in the health of the city to assist in keeping the city clean. I request every merchant to keep a box or barrel to deposit such trash as watermelon and mush melon rines or any other substance that is liable to decay, in a convenient place so the scavenger can call and get it. Any violation of the order will be attended to by the authorities.

Respectfully

A. W. Barton, M. D. City Health Officer

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday August 16th, 1903.

Leader, —J. Whit Paterson.

Song.

Prayer.

Topic.—Lesson from Paul: How to use Tact in Dealing with Men. I Cor. 19-23.

Song.

Scripture Reading:

1. Philip's Method.—John 1: 43—51.—Audie Gustavus.

2. Philip the Evangelist.—Acts 8: 26-40.—Miss Ethel Bowden.

Jesus at Jacobs well.—John 4: 6-26.—R. L. Maddox.

4. Paul Reasoning with Felix.—Acts 24:24,25—S. W. Cobb.

Song.

"Tact"—What does it Mean?—Herbert O'Bannon.

Select Reading.—Mrs. Lynch.

Song.

Recitation.—Miss Bessie Miller.

Song and Collection.

Penediction.

All members of the Union are earnestly asked to attend this session, and a most cordial invitation is extended to the young people of Ballinger to attend this and all sessions of the Union.

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is no exception. It is different in that it holds the business of its depositors to be of paramount importance and their money and interests are carefully safeguarded. No investments are made unless the security offered will bear the closest investigation.

Teachers Interstate Examination Courses.

Teachers wishing to prepare for examinations should write at once, to PROF. J. L. GRAHAM LL. D., 152-154 Randolph Building, Memphis, Tenn., for particulars concerning his special Teachers' Examination Course.

This course is taught by mail and prepares teachers for examination in every state in the Union. Leading educators pronounce it the best course ever offered to the teaching profession, and all teachers wishing to advance in their profession should immediately avail themselves of it. Enclose stamp for reply. 43-3m

For Sale.

A single buggy, horse and harness for \$90, buggy been used about 18 months, in good condition, recently repainted, harness good as new, good safe horse for woman to drive, apply to The Banner-Leader, Ballinger, Texas

To Whom it May Concern.

We have sold the Greenwood & Osteen photo gallery to L. W. St. Clair. We thank our friends and customers for past favors and hope in the future they will give him their work as he will be better prepared to do work than we have been in the past. Respt. T. M. Osteen

A nice line of fobs at Brewer's

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The BELTON STEAM LAUNDRY, the best in the State. Rates the same as all laundries. Basket at Royalty Hotel. I will call for your work and deliver same

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The Terrell Election Law

ELECTIONS—MANNER of HOLDING AND MAKING RETURNS

An act to regulate elections and to prescribe penalties for its violation.

Sec. 46. During the election and the counting of the ballots no person other than the judges and clerks of the election and the voters herein provided for, for the purpose of procuring their ballots and voting, shall be permitted to be within the room in which the election is held, or the booth in which the ballot is prepared, and one thus offending shall on conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in any court of competent jurisdiction in any sum not to exceed \$100. And be it further provided, that any judge or assistant judge of the election, clerk or other person officially connected with the holding of an election, who may indicate by sign, symbol, writing, or communicate to any person whomsoever, as to what ticket, or how any other person has voted, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, and imprisoned not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

Sec. 47. The shelf in each voting booth shall be at least one foot wide, extending across one side of the booth, at a convenient height for writing, and shall be furnished with such supplies, including pencils of black lead only, as will enable the voters to conveniently prepare their ballots for voting. Each booth shall be properly lighted while the polls are open.

Sec. 48. Every guard rail shall be provided with a place for entrance and exit. The arrangement of the polling place shall be such that the booths can only be reached by passing within the guard rail, and the booths, ballot boxes, election officers, and every part of the polling place, except the inside of the booths, shall be in plain view of the election officers and persons just outside of the guard rail.

Sec. 49. The voting booth shall be so arranged that there shall be no access to them through any door, window or opening except by the front opening of the booths.

Sec. 60. Not more than one person at one time shall be permitted to occupy any one compartment or voting booth, except when a voter is unable to prepare his ballot, two judges shall assist him, they having first been sworn that they will not suggest by word or sign or gesture how the voter shall vote; that they will confine their assistance to answering the questions, to naming the candidates, and the political parties to which they belong, and that they will prepare his ballot as the voter himself shall direct. The judges who assist the voter in preparing his ballot shall be of different political parties, if there be such judges present.

Sec. 51. Booths shall only be required in towns of five thousand inhabitants.

OPENING THE POLLS.

Sec. 52. The judges of elec-

tion, poll clerks and ballot clerks, for each precinct, shall meet at the polling place at least a half of an hour before the time for opening the polls at each election precinct for which official ballots are required, and shall proceed to arrange the guard rails, the space within the guard rails, and the furniture, including the voting booths, for the orderly and legal conduct of the election. The judges of elections shall then examine the ballot boxes required for the reception of ballots, and the blank official ballots, and shall deposit such ballots as are found to be defective in printing in ballot box No. 4, for mutilated or returned ballots. They shall also examine the sample ballots, instruction cards, distance markers' poll tax books or rolls, and poll tax exemption rolls, tally sheets, return sheets, rubber or wooden stamps, and all stationery required by them for such election. The instruction cards shall be posted conspicuously in each of the voting booths. The package of official ballots shall remain in the custody of the judges and polling clerks. The judges shall cause to be placed at the distance of one hundred feet from the polling place visible markers in each direction of approaches to the polls, which are designated as distance markers to prohibit electioneering or loitering within one hundred feet of the polling place. They shall examine the ballot boxes, and then relock them, after all present can see they are empty. The instruction cards and distance markers shall be posted up and shall not be defaced or removed during the progress of the election. The ballot clerks, with the official ballots, the presiding officer of the election, and the judges, and the poll clerks with their poll books, and the poll tax receipt book, or roll, and exemption book, or roll, shall be as conveniently near each other as practicable, within the polling place.

Sec. 53. Before opening the polls the presiding judge of election shall in an audible voice take the following oath or affirmation, which shall be uttered slowly and distinctly, and each of the other judges and clerks shall repeat the same after him:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not in any manner request or seek to persuade or induce any voter to vote for or against any particular candidate or candidates, or for or against any proposition to be voted on; that I will not keep or make any memoranda or entry of anything occurring within the booths, nor disclose how any one who I am permitted to assist in voting, has voted, except I be called on to testify in a judicial proceeding; and that I will attempt faithfully to perform this day my duty as officer of the election, and guard, as far as I am able, the purity of the ballot box. So help me God."

VOTING AT ELECTIONS.

Sec. 54. In all elections by the

people, the vote shall be only by official ballot, either written or printed, or written in part and printed in part, which shall be cast only by those who present to the election judges their poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption from poll tax, dated before the first day of February preceding the election, made out and signed in accordance with law by the county tax collector of the county of their residence, or by those who file their written affidavit with the election judges (who shall keep the same) that such poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption from poll tax had been properly made out by the tax collector and delivered to them, but that the same had been lost or mislaid; provided, that those who are by law exempt from the payment of a poll tax, and who do not reside in a city of ten thousand inhabitants or more, shall not be required to obtain or present said certificates of exemption.

Sec. 55. For each election precinct the commissioners court shall provide four ballot boxes, to be marked as follows: "Ballot Box No. 1 for Election precinct No. —;" "Ballot Box No. 2 for Election precinct No. —;" "Ballot Box No. 3 for election precinct No. —;" "Ballot Box No. 4 for election precinct No. —."

When in Need

Of something to eat you naturally go to the grocery. The question is to which one for there are many. It is good common sense as well as economy to go to the man who is anxious for your trade.

We are It

And when we get even a little of that trade we am going to do our levellest best to prove it to you by our dealings that it will pay you to patronize us again.

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- 1st. Because it does as good work as any laundry in Texas.
- 2nd. Because it gives prompt service.
- 3rd. Because you get your laundry work every day.
- 4th. Because by patronizing us you keep the money at home.
- 5th. From \$50 to \$55 per week is paid employes, which money is spent in your town.
- 6th. Because its a home industry and needs and deserves your patronage.

J. A. Forbes, Mgr.
Ballinger, Texas

To Our Customers.

We have dissolved partnership, by mutual consent. J. B. Alvis will conduct the business in the same old stand. J. W. Godwin retiring all accounts payable either to J. W. Godwin or J. B. Alvis.

Godwin & Alvis.

Lost.

A gold locket set with diamonds. Finder please leave same at Banner-Leader office and get reward.

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Good Calicoes at.....4, 5 and 6 cts
Domestics at.....5cts up to 10cts
Good Cotton Flannel at.....6cts
Cotton Checks at.....4, 5 and 6 cts
Towels at.....4 cts and up
30 balls sewing thread for.....20 cts
Good half hose.....6c s per pair and up
Neck Ties from.....1ct up to 50cts
Boys suspenders.....5 and 10cts per pair
Men's suspenders.....10, 15 and 20cts per pair
Boys Hats20cts up to \$1.25
Mens Hats from.....90cts up to \$3.50
Ladies good calf shoes.....90cts up to \$3.50
Mens good calf shoes.....\$1.00 up to \$5.00
Mens and boys straw hats at.....any old price
3 bars of good toilet soap.....5 cts
Cobblers shoe tacks.....2 pkgs for 5cts
2 quart coffee pot.....10cts
1 gallon glass oil can now.....20cts
Pint tin cups.....2 for 5cts
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Maizeland, the new postoffice recently established at Captain Hutchinson's house, is located immediately west of and adjoining the Turner Ranch lands, a portion of which we have already surveyed out and subdivided, with a view of selling same in LOTS to suit purchasers. There are no better farming lands in Runnels county. Well water is usually obtained at very shallow depths in abundance. This land is surrounded on all sides by improved places, and it is only a question of time, and that a short time too, until it will all be sold out. Terms of payment thereon can be made so reasonable, that it will be cheaper for you to buy "a slice" of it, than rent, if you are a renter. For further particulars apply to.

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 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Bill Nye on Phrenology.

Much harm has been done by a long haired phrenologist in the west who has during his life felt over a hundred thousand heads. A comparison of a large number of charts given in these cases shows that so far no head examined would indicate anything less than a member of the lower house of congress. Artists, orators, prima donnas, and statesmen are plenty, but there are no charts showing the natural born farmer or carpenter, shoemaker, or a chamber-maid.

That is the reason butter is so high west of the Missouri river today, while genius actually runs riot. What this day and age of the world needs is a phrenologist who will paw around among the intellectual domes of free-born American citizens and search out a few men who can milk a cow in a cool and unimpassioned tone of voice.

It is true that every man in America is a sovereign, but he had better not overdo it. The man who sits up nights to be a sovereign, and allows the calves to eat his brown-eyed beans, is not leading his fellowmen up to a higher and nobler life. This sovereign business can be run in the ground if we are not careful.

Very likely the white-eyed boy with the hickory daddo along the base of his overalls is the boy who in future years is to be the president of the United States. But do not, oh, do not trow, fair young reader, that every Albino youth in our broad land who wears an isosceles triangle in navy blue flannel athwart his system is going to be the chief magistrate of this republic.

We need statesmen and orators and artists very much; but the world at this moment also needs several athletic parties with the horse sense adequate to produce flour and other vegetable necessary to feed to aforesaid statesmen, orators, etc.

Let me say a word to the bright

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of **Swamp-Root** is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



eyed youth of America. Let me murmur in your ear this never-dying truth: When a long haired crank asks you a dollar to tell you that you are a young Demosthenes, stand up and look yourself over at a distance before you swallow it all.

There is no use talking we have got to procure provisions in some way, and in order to do so the natural born bone and sinew of the country must go at it and promote the growth of such things, or else we artists, poets, and statesmen will have to take off our standing collars and do it ourselves.

Phrenology is a good thing, no doubt, if we can purify it. So long as it does not become the slave of capita', there is nothing about phrenology that is going to do harm; but when it becomes the creature of the dollar, it looks as though the country would be filled up with wild eyed genius that hasn't had a square meal for two weeks. The time will surely come when America will demand less statesmanship and more flour; when less statistics and a purer, nobler, and a more progressive style of beef steak will demand our attention.

I had hoped that phrenology would step in and start this reform; but so far it has not, within the range of my observation. It may be, however, that the mental giant pump translator with whom I came in contact was not a fair representative. Still he has been in the business for over 30 years and some of our most polished criminals have passed under his hands.

An erroneous phrenologist once told me that I would shine as a revivalist, and said that I ought to marry a tall blonde with a nervous, sanguinary temperament. Then he said, "One dollar, please," and I said, "All right, gentle scientist with tawny name. I will give you the dollar and marry the tall blonde with the bank account and bilious temperament when you give me a chart showing me how to dispose of a brown-eyed brunette with a thoughtful cast of countenance, who married me in an unguarded moment two years ago."

He looked at me in a reproachful kind of way, struck at me with a chair in an absent minded manner, and stole away.

Some people live in nearly every community whose fore heads are so low that they cannot allow their neighbors to think or vote on church or political questions without abusing or saying mean things about them. Prejudice and malice are the offsprings of a weakness of intellect and lack of sense of justice. Each man will have enough to answer for in the great judgment without dictating as to how his fellowmen shall do or think.

Ranch for Sale.
 The G. W. Given 615 acre Valley creek farm, 200 acres in cultivation, two good houses, all up-to-date improvements and plenty of water. Situated six miles from Ballinger. Bargain and must be sold. Apply to J. W. Powell. 15-4t

New line of good summer molasses at Miller Mercantile Co., opposite postoffice.

If you want a diamond let me figure with you.
 Jas. E. Brewer

Tornado insurance at \$2.50 per \$1000 per annum. See Lee Maddox.

In Kentucky.

The Frankfort, Ky. Roundabout in a recent issue contained the following: A man born in the mountain of Kentucky is of fued days and full of virius. He fisheth, fiddleth, eusseth, fighteth all the days of his life.

He shunneth water as a mad dog, and drinketh-much mean whiskey.

When he desireth to raise h—he planteth a neighbor and lo he reapeth twenty fold. He riseth even from the cradle to seek the scalp of his grandsire's enemy and bringeth home, in his carcass the ammunition of his neighbor's wife's cousin's father-in-law who avengeth the dead.

Yea, verily his life is uncertain and he knoweth not the hour when he may be jerked hence.

He goeth forth on a journey half shot and cometh back on a shutter shot.

He riseth in the night to let the cat out and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot out of him.

He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

A cyclone bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife and his neighbor's wife's husband bloweth him into Abraham's bosom before he has time to explain.

He emptieth a demijohn into himself and a shotgun into his enemy and his enemy's son lieth in wait for him on election day, and lo, the coroner ploweth up a forty acre field to bury the remains of that man.

Woe, woe, in Kentucky, for her eyes are stained with bad whiskey and her soil is stained with the blood of her innocent moonshiners.

Kentucky, oh, Kentucky, how I love thy classic shades, Where flit the fairy fingers of the bright eyed Southern maid; Where the birds are sweetly singing mid flowers newly born. Where the corn is full of kernels and the colonels full of corn.

Stole His Girl's Father.

The Duke of the Abruzzi brought back with him from his polar expedition a number of Esquimau stories.

One of these concerns a young Esquimau who loved the daughter of an enemy. The two huts of these persons were close together, but one night the terrific cold ripped a great crevasse in the ice, and the young man's house was left isolated. A gorge 100 feet deep and twenty feet wide separated it from the igloo, or hut, containing the girl, but there was a narrow bridge of ice left across the crevasse, and this, the young man found, would bear his weight.

Esquimaus sleep in bags. The lover decided that he would that night cross the bridge, steal the maiden he loved, bear her to his hut, and then break down the bridge so that he and she together might enjoy their honeymoon unmolested.

He planned very successfully. He crept, in the dead of night, into his enemy's hut; he snatched up the maiden in her sack without awaking any one; he bore her over the ice bridge safely, and then he opened the sack to embrace his bride. But, beholding its contents, he gave a loud cry. It was not the maiden, but her father, that he had stolen.

If you want tornado insurance see Lee Maddox.

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G. L. Caldwell, Agt. M. K. & T. R. R., Checotah, Ind. Ter, writes, April 18, 1903: "I was sick for over two years with enlargement of the liver and spleen. The doctors did me no good, and I had given up all hope of being cured, when my druggist advised me to use Herbine. It has made me sound and well." 50c Sold by E. D. Walker.

P. E. Truly was here this week from San Angelo.

Rheumatism.
When pains or irritation exist on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment gives prompt relief. E. W. Sullivan, Prop. Sullivan House El Reno, O. T., writes, June 6, 1902: "I take pleasure in recommending Ballard's Snow Liniment to all who are afflicted with rheumatism. It is the only remedy I have found that gives immediate relief." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Jack Hill, of Miles, was in Ballinger a few days this week.

Cures Sciatic.
Rev. W. L. Ryley, L. L. D., Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pain from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment; the first application giving my first relief and the second entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Jap Adams made a business trip to Brownwood this week.

Potent Pill Pleasure.
The pills that are potent in their action and pleasant in effect are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. W. S. Philpot of Albany, Ga., says "During a bilious attack I took one. Small as it was it did me more good than calomel blue mass or any other pills I ever took and at the same time it effected me pleasantly. Little Early Risers are certainly an ideal pill. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Mrs. Wm. Doose and Mrs. Geo. Wright went up to San Angelo Tuesday to visit relatives.

Stop that Cough.
When a cough, a tickling or an irritation in the throat makes you feel uncomfortable, take Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Don't wait until the disease has gone beyond control. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, 354 West St., Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "We think Ballard's Horehound Syrup the best medicine for coughs and colds. We have used it for several years; it always gives immediate relief, is very pleasant and gives perfect satisfaction." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Notice.
I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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Save the Children.

Ninety-nine of every one hundred diseases that children have are due to disorder of the stomach, and these disorders are all caused by indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is just as good for children as it is for adults. Children thrive on it. It keeps their little stomachs sweet and encourages the growth and development. Mrs. Henry Carter, 705 Central St., Nashville, Tenn. says: "My little boy is now three years old and has been suffering from indigestion ever since he was born. I have had the best doctors in Nashville, but failed to do him any good. After using one bottle of Kodol he is a well baby. I recommend it to all sufferers." Kodol digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. Sold by E. D. Walker.

The Mothers' Union.

The Emporia Mothers' union met Saturday and transacted some important business. It was decided that hereafter a radical change will be made in entertaining girls visiting Emporia. Heretofore mothers have had to do washing and ironing not only for their own girls, but for visiting girls, and visiting girls often bring highly ruffled petticoats which require more attention than the petticoats of the home girls. The Mothers' union decided that anything more than two gauze shirts a week and a pair of black stockings a week will be sent to the laundry and the bill stuck in the mirror of the visiting girl's room every morning till it is paid.

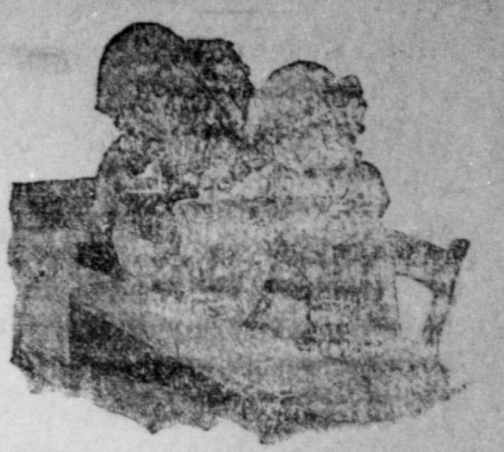
The mothers also decided that it will be considered proper for visiting girls to "do the dishes," Heretofore, because a home girl has company, she has considered it proper to get up and entertain her company after meals, but the Mothers' union demands that the fiction that the dishes will wash themselves be abandoned. In the matter of cooking for picnics the Mothers' union made this rule: All chickens bought for lunches shall be charged to the visiting girl, and if she has any new ways of making potato salad she shall put on an apron and make it herself instead of giving the mother the recipe.

There was a long debate at the meeting yesterday over the matter of parties. Many mothers held that if they gave a party for the visiting girl it would enable their daughters to get into a little better social set than otherwise, as often the visiting girl had other friends in town who were the Real Thing. But the majority of the mothers held that the union should stand only for informal parties, where the invitations are sent by telephone, and the refreshments consist of ice cream, lemonade and cake, served on the porch. It was decided by a unanimous vote to make rich cousins either pay board or bring presents for the family. Fans don't go.—Emporia Gazette.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Walter Syler, of Winters, was here Thursday.

Willard Moser left for the ranch Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Vaughn left for San Angelo Friday on a visit.

Foster Ryan is now holding a position with J. Y. Pearce.

Mrs. Arnold, of Brownwood, is visiting relatives here this week.

I. S. Baldwin, of the Content country, was trading here Wednesday.

Oscar Pearson returned Friday from a months visit to Tennessee.

Dr. Craddock, of Winters, was taken to San Angelo this week for medical treatment.

Mrs. Tisdell, of Ft. McKavitt, was doing business with merchants here Wednesday.

M. C. Smith and family spent several days at the pecan mott on the Colorado fishing.

Mrs. D. E. Sims and little son returned Friday from Missouri where they had been on a months visit.

B. B. Stone and wife, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Watkins spent Friday in the Maverick country.

Bedford Caperton came down from the ranch near Wingate and was in town a few hours Wednesday.

C. C. Culwell returned to Miles Thursday after spending several days here attending commissioners court.

Mrs. A. S. Love after an extended visit with relatives and friends at Florence, Texas returned Thursday.

Capt. W. L. Towner is enjoying the cool country breeze and fried chicken in the Content community this week.

Miss Irene Guion entertained a number of her young friends Thursday night. Those present report a delightful time.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist, Office over Walkee's drug store. Charges as low as thorough work and first-class material will permit.

J. W. Corum and wife of Eola, Concho county were the guest of their broth E. F.; of South Ballinger the early part of this week.

Mrs. S. C. Norwood and her son and daughter Hal and Miss Stella left Thursday for Galveston after an extended visit with J. D. Norwood and wife of this city.

W. E. Fulcher who resides seven miles south of town came in Tuesday from an extensive trip in Kentucky and Tennessee. He reports very fine crops in that section.

J. S. Godwin left Thursday for Temple, O. K. his old home, taking his three oldest children with him, leaving his two youngest with their uncle and aunt Rev. C. M. Shuffler and wife.

Frank Allen came in last Saturday morning with his bride (nee Miss Myrtle Stubbs.) They were married at Blanco City Aug. 5 and spent several days this week the guest of A. M. Miller and wife. Frank is an old Ballinger boy and is well and favorably known here, and his bride was a student in the High school here during 1898-99 she having spent that winter here with her aunt Mrs. Caperton.

Last Wednesday night about 8.30 the fire alarm was sounded and everybody rushed pell mell in the direction of the alarm. It was the City hotel, the property of H. A. Cady and occupied by Thos. Osteen. The fire caught in the bakey, an annex to the hotel, but by the use of his patent fire extinguisher Mr. Osteen had the fire under control before anyone reached there.

Under the new school law the time of the County Examinations has been changed to the 1st Friday and Saturday following instead of 3rd Friday. The County Board of Examiners will hold its next session at the Court house Sept 4th and 5th. Parties interested will take notice.

I will be away from my business for a few weeks, buying my new goods and posting myself on the latest fashions in a St. Louis wholesale house. Will return and open up a big new stock with H. Winkler in the new building. Call and see me. Miss Lola Lewis.

Herbert Griffith, who with his father R. B. purchased the A. Hall confectionery business some weeks ago, this week purchased F. A. Bollier's restaurant. He is having the building repaired and will be ready for business in a few days.

W. K. Bennett of Houston came in Friday from Denver, Colorado to visit his brother R. L. Bennett of this city. He will be here until about Sept. 1st. He has been out in Colorado the past month resting and recreating.

Miss Lucy Wilmeth, who has been visiting her cousin Jo Wilmeth for some time past will return to her home at Dallas today. Miss Lucy has made many friends here who regret very much to see her leave.

Miss Ebeling, sister to Mrs. H. Gesicke left Tuesday for Stamford to visit relatives. From there she will join a party to Chicago.

Lon Stubbs, brother to our merchant W. B. Stubbs, of Comanche is here visiting the latter.

We failed to report the arrival of a fine boy on July 30th to Joe Hoepwell and wife.

D Reeder will be open for business the 15th Don't miss his opening

Lee Good was in Ballinger Thursday attending some business matters.

Nath Allen, wife and mother returned Thursday from a visit east.

Earnest Plummer returned from a visit to Aulene Wednesday.

Mrs. C. A. Doose is in Moody this week the guest of relatives.

W. F. McKowan, of Wingate, visited Ballinger Wednesday.

Born to Bud Jeffries and wife Wednesday a fine boy.

To the Public.

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For a bargain in a bath tub see Lankford & Hathaway or phone 82.

Edwin Crosson returned to Houston Friday.

Dr. J. H. Grant was the guest of his sister Mrs. J. E. Brewer Friday.

W. P. Nash left Thursday for Denver, Colorado for the benefit of his health.

Jack Hill was down from Miles several days this week shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Rec Thomson left Friday for Eldorado after visiting Mrs. Horace Thomson.

Walter Allen and John Nunn returned Friday from St. Louis where they had been with cattle.

Little Miss Vera Miller came in from Houston this week and is the guest of her uncle T. T. Crosson.

The prohibition election in Brown county is set for Sept. 25th. Active campaign work has already begun there.

Dr. Butler left Friday afternoon for Sanderson, Texas to join his cousins J. M. and D. W. White on an extensive hunting trip.

LOST—A bunch of keys on the ball ground. Finder please return same to me and oblige Will Gressett.

Prof. Fletcher Elliott and wife expect to move next week to San Saba where he will serve the people as principle of their school for the next year.—Bulletin.

We are authorized to announce that Rev. S. T. Shores will preach at the Christian church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

W. B. Halley and Geo. Holman spent last Sunday in San Angelo, the former on a professional call and the latter the guest of his brother, Arch Holman.

Henry Bean came in from Temple Thursday and is trying to rent a house here for twelve months. He wants to send his children to school. Mr. Bean purchased a ranch in Concho county last fall and wants to try living out here a while before permanently taking up his abode.

Mrs. Stella Forbes will leave Saturday for St. Louis to buy her fall and winter stock of millinery goods. She will be there about two weeks studying the latest styles. She will be here about Sept. 1st and will be pleased to see her friends again in the rear of The Currie-Noyes store, her old stand.

J. B. Alvis, one of this handsomest grocerymen in the Hub of the Universe treated the Banner-Leader force to a fine "wattermillion" this week for which he has our heartiest thanks. The "devil" says it is not so bad to be a "printer's devil" after all as long as we have friends like Mr. Alvis.

That Mr. Terry, our efficient Deputy County Clerk, is somewhat absent minded has long been admitted but a little mistake occurred in recording a little matter last week that abundantly proves that some times, at least he indulges in day dreams. We understand that a load of melons has already been sent to the Court house at his expense but the editor of this paper did not have the pleasure of participating, so unless some melons find their way to this office before our next issue we propose to give the facts to the public.

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