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36 inch LL Sheeting at 5c value now 7½c
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India Linon 5c, 7½c, 10c, and up to 50c
We save 25 per cent here.

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36 Fine Ladies Parasols value \$18 go at \$10 each
24 Fine Gold and Silver handles swell goods \$5 to \$7 50 each
Fine Laces Embroideries and Trimming
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D. REEDER,

PHONE 58

BALLINGER

County Clerk's Race and the Negro Question.

To Voters of Runnels County:

The development of the campaign for county offices, so far as it effects the office of County and District Clerk, for which I am a candidate, presents a condition rendering my continued candidacy problematical. I entered the race against all bona fide candidates, perfectly willing to take my chances before ALL the people for the office. I did not anticipate running against two men who it appears expect to win the office for one and then divide the fees and emoluments between both, es-

then I am in the race to stay and do my duty fearlessly according to law, if elected.

The negro question has been, and is being, vigorously agitated to prejudice the minds and hearts of the people against me. What brought about the negro question? It was a congregation of negroes, with boxing gloves, at a public place in Ballinger, to test their pugilistic science and endurance, being aided and encouraged by a crowd of citizens and the offer of money by a county officer to "his negro" if he would knock the other negro down. The law of vagrancy which would have put these negroes to work on the county roads or streets had not been

vised Statutes of the State of Texas, which reads as follows: "Whenever the mayor shall deem it necessary in order to enforce the laws of the city, or to avert danger, or protect life or property, or when he has reason to fear any serious violation of law or order, he shall summon into service, as a special police force all or as many of the citizens as in his judgment and discretion may be necessary and proper, and such summons may be by proclamation or order addressed to the citizens generally."

This law does not say that the mayor MAY do as it directs, but says that he SHALL do it. By enforcing the law no law was

inal prosecutions would have followed thus entailing a heavy expense upon the taxpayers of the county.

The people make the laws and elect their officers to execute and enforce the laws they have made. If the laws are wrong who is to blame?

The people of Runnels county have been kind to me and I can only be honest and honorable with them, whether I am elected or defeated.

Respectfully,

JOHN HOFFER.

J. S. Jones an attorney, of Bastrop, came in Thursday to look after the Wash Jones estate in the north part of this county.

R. A. Hall of San Angelo was here this week looking after his business interests in Ballinger.

John Batla and wife of Temple are in our county this week visiting Mrs. Batla's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martine, of Rowena.

Woodrow & Hood sold their gin property at Winters this week to Wright & Cryer of Coke county. We failed to learn the consideration.

R. M. Hall, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, who has been visiting at Galveston and other points in South Texas, came in Tuesday.

MONEY, - MONEY, - MONEY

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DEEP CUT IN PRICES

30 Days, Beginning April 9th, Ending May 9th, 30 Days

15 per cent discount given on all purchases amounting to one dollar--\$1.00--or more

FOR EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND YOU GET 15c IN CASH BACK

We take this method to cut our large and extensive stock down. Fair and honest treatment to everyone alike. Your money back if purchase is not satisfactory

THE HUB,

P. S.--I will continue with The Hub and thank the public for past favors and will appreciate the continuance of same. J. D. NORWOOD

pecially after one of them has held it over twenty years. If the voters of Runnels county favor trusts and combinations to control county offices, I am not in the trust or combination and have no chance to win. If they do not endorse such manipulation of their property, or succession in office by those already in office succeeding themselves or naming their own successors, and want a look at the books un-

influenced by special interests, and was not enforced by the peace officers. Then came public notices posted in conspicuous places over the town warning all negroes to leave within a certain time or suffer the consequences. These notices were public threats of a violation of law. Personally, I was no negro lover or protector, but as Mayor of the City, as an officer sworn to do my duty, I had but one course to pursue and that was to act under Article 402 of the Re-

violated and no trouble occurred. Had the negroes been run out as threatened, the grand jury would have taken the matter up, returned indictments and crim-

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Maud McDaniel, C. C. Moore, Tom McKay, Chas. Winan, Steve Havemacher, and one other whose name we failed to get, composed a merry fishing party on the Colorado Tuesday.

J. W. Powell reports the sale this week off lot B Powell addition to Emma Scheck. Also lots A and 1 in block one Powell addition to Dillon Dannelley. He also reports a well on his addition 12 feet deep and good water.

Rev. Hawthorn, a Presbyterian preacher of Washington county, Va., was in our section this week looking over this territory with a view of locating out here for the benefit of his wife's health.

Mr. Elmo Smith of Forrester, Texas, fell of the cars and was killed Sunday night. Mr. Smith is a nephew of M. C. Smith of our city and attended school here some ten years ago.

The Hall Hdw. Co.

Carries the most complete line of General Hardware in Ballinger

Heating Stoves

Are now in demand and we can supply that demand

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The Frisco System Land and Immigration Association is already turning its share of the southwestern tide of immigration to Texas.

Three hundred and fifty agents of this Association from the East and North have just completed a tour of Texas and viewed its resources and interviewed landowners and local Association agents for the sole purpose of better presenting Texas opportunities to the homeseeker and investor in the older states.

This Association is the most efficient of its kind in existence, and has agents everywhere in the United States. If you wish to sell your farm, town or other property, or if you desire capital for factories, mercantile establishments, or any of the industries please address R. S. Lemon, Secretary Immigration Bureau, Dept. A. Frisco Building, Saint Louis, Mo.

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Ballinger, Texas.

Get a new saddle at Bob Shafers. They are the best.

Look at Jas. E. Brewer's show window.

Jap Adams and mother came in Monday from Hico.

Dan Moser went up to San Angelo Monday on business.

See us for Plow Gear.

Lankford & Hathaway.

Horace Thomson, Jr., was in from the ranch a few days last week.

R. A. Terry spent a few days in the Winters country first of the week.

The best alarm clock in the world for the money at J. E. Brewers.

J. B. Pace of Pumphrey was attending public sale in Ballinger Monday.

John Parks left Monday evening on the east bound train for his home at Fort Worth.

F. G. Hoelscher, of the Dry Ridge country, was with the usual crowd in the city Monday, public sale day.

Judge T. T. Crosson left Monday evening for Houston to spend a few days with his family who are there on a visit.

Mrs. Leo Markowitz came in Monday from Hot Springs, Ark., where she has been for some time, much improved in health.

A minute of satisfaction is better than a whole week of talk. I. L. ALEXANDER,

Agent Belton Steam Laundry, Phone 100.

Mrs. Foster, sister of Doc Vancil, and Miss Ollie Dickinson, his niece, who have been visiting Mr. Vancil and family for awhile left Monday evening for their home at Gonzales, Texas.

Since our last issue we have had fine rains. Early last Saturday morning it began raining and continued off and on nearly all day and also a part of the day Sunday which insures grass and will be of incalculable benefit to the farmers of our county. The rain has been general all over this section so far as we have been able to hear from.

Public sale day last Monday was attended by the usual large crowd, notwithstanding the rainy weather. The sale of a hack and pair of horses for \$60 to Frank Biggs was the best sale made. Several horses sold from \$1.50 up to \$25.00, and for a variation two watches were auctioned off.

F. Werner of Valley, Texas, and his son, F. J. Werner of Cible, Texas, an implement dealer of that city, were in Ballinger prospecting this week. They went up to Miles Tuesday to take a look at that part of our county.

Judge J. W. Goodwin, District Attorney Jim Baker and Judge C. H. Jenkins passed through Ballinger Saturday evening enroute from Paint Rock to their homes in Brownwood.

Hardy Parrott, of the Valley Creek country, left for Fort Worth Monday to market three cars of cattle that he had been feeding for the past few months.

John Weeks and daughter came in Thursday from Coleman and will spend a day or two with his father and mother in South Ballinger.

Rev. Edgar A. Burton came in last Saturday from Brownwood where he had been attending the Baptist Missionary and Educational Rally.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dancer and children left Monday evening for Ogden, Utah, which place they will make their future home.

Ed Schawe, one of Bronte's leading merchants, was here Sunday. We bet he will come again.—Coke County Observer.

L. C. Hixson, one of the substantial friends of the Banner-Leader at Eola, was doing business in Ballinger Monday.

Otto Voglesang, of the Coyote Creek country, was among the throng here Monday attending public sale day.

Harry Scott, Will Dunlap and Farrar Gressett went over to Miles Friday, returning Saturday evening.

B. P. Hopkins, who has been attending school at Brownwood the past seven months, came in Saturday.

The "Just as good" kind of goods are not sold at J. L. Chastain's. He sells only one kind—the BEST.

A. R. Bean of Temple, is in the city this week visiting his father's family, Mr. H. R. Bean.

J. D. Drake of Vale is a new one on our subscription list, having enrolled Monday.

W. T. Padgett went up to Miles Tuesday to do some assessing in that section.

Fourteen cars of cattle were loaded and shipped out from Ballinger Saturday.

G. G. Odom shipped 200 head of stock cattle to the territory last Saturday.

J. H. Rotramel of Winters was in the city Saturday.

Look at J. E. Brewer's show window.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday April 2nd, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

Corteis, Lorenzo C.

Gibbs, John.

Griffin, Will.

Parker, Tom C.

Smitn, C. L.

Smith Steuderson.

Walker, John.

Miss Minnie Wilson returned on Monday's train from a short visit to Santa Anna friends.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address:

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The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away call by call.

Bladder troubles most always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sized bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery and a book that tells all about it, both

sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in 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.

San Angelo Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Vaughn of Ballinger came up to the Taylor lecture and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Holman.

T. K. Wilson of Talpa sold 127 steers on the Kansas City market average 1049 pounds, at \$3.80.

Thomson Bros of Eldorado sold 1500 3 and 4 year old steers to Jerry Smith of Indian Territory. p. t. Felix Mann made the trade.

D. A. Adams of Coke county entered the Bismark saloon last Friday evening and asked Clyde Kirby who was tending bar, to cash a check for him. Kirby told him he could not do so but would loan him \$5.00 and let him leave the check. After Adams had gone Kirby examined the check and it appeared to him to have been raised. He immediately caused the arrest of Adams. Constable Runyon took him in charge and brought him before Justice Davis last Saturday on a charge of passing a forged instrument. Adams was admitted to bail at \$500. Adams was arrested by Deputy Hubbell on the 25th for carrying metal knucks. He plead guilty in this case and was fined \$5 and costs.

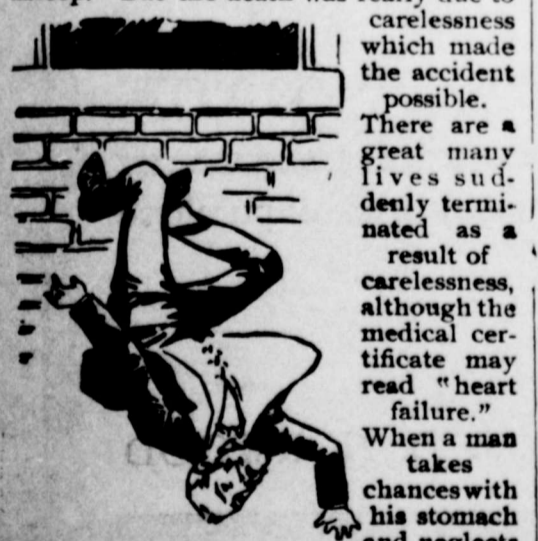
D. E. Sims sold 500 3 year old steers Wednesday to Neal Shaver at \$20 per head. The same gentleman is looking at the Sam Henderson steers with a view to purchase and will probably buy them.

Trustee Elected.

In the election Saturday for one school trustee for the Ballinger White School District No. 9, there were 58 votes cast. Chas. S. Miller received 46 votes and Chas. F. Dickinson 12. Mr. Miller is an honest, high minded, conservative citizen who has the good of our school and entire country at heart and will make a good trustee.

ACCIDENTAL ?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to carelessness which made the accident possible.



There are a great many lives suddenly terminated as a result of carelessness, although the medical certificate may read "heart failure." When a man takes chances with his stomach and neglects the warning symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, which makes strength. It stimulates the liver, cures biliousness, and removes bilious impurities from the blood.

"I had been troubled with a pain in lower part of my stomach for three years, so severe I thought it would kill me in time," writes Mr. Van Dam, of Kensington 2549 110th St., Chicago, Ill. "I could hardly work; it felt like a weight bearing on me and got so bad that I could not eat. I used Stomach Bitters for some time, but it did no good so I wrote to Dr. Pierce for advice, which he gave me immediately. I followed his directions, used two bottles and was cured. I had a pain which was troubling me instead of giving me life as Dr. Pierce told me it would. I am living now; have gained in weight and am in better health than I was when I began."

Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Do not forget the pill

I beg to call your attention to the fact that a large number of the small boys of the town are in the habit of riding the trains that pass through here. This is a violation of state laws and subjects the offender to a heavy fine. At the same time it is liable to cause some of the homes of our city to become homes of mourning, as an accident is liable to happen to some of the boys at any time and they might lose their life or a limb. In the last few days I have been harassed by a large number of small boys riding stock cars and on two occasions two of them came very near being caught by riding the sides of the cars. I do not desire to dictate to the parents of the boys how they should control their children but I do think that a little fatherly or motherly advice, calling the attention of the boys to the risk they are running, would have some moral effect on them and help to stop the evil. I would also call the attention of the Mayor and Alderman of this city to the fact and would like the attention of the city marshal, by him making an example of one or two of these bad boys. ALBERT S. CHARLTON, Santa Fe Agent.

Concho Herald.

Mesdames Arch Benge, W. J. Tomerlin and H. J. Crozier and Miss Ora Benge went to Ballinger to buy their Easter hats.

S. H. Henderson while attending court this week received information by phone that one-third of his pasture in Schleicher county burned Wednesday and that quite a number of cows and calves burned. The cows and calves were probably too weak to get out of the way of the flames. About 100 sections of grass was burned.

The Moberly (Mo) Democrat says that the other day a woman walked up to Judge Ratliff of Moberly and asked, "Are you the judge of reprobate?" "I am the judge of probate," was the reply. "Well that's it, I expect," said the woman. "You see my husband died detested and left me several little infidels, and I want to be appointed their executioner."—Kansas City Star.

But a few days more than a month remain before the opening to the public of the greatest international exposition ever conceived. It will be so great in deed that it is hardly probable another great world's fair will be attempted for many years to come, if at all in the life of the present generation.

A lady named Helen Hunt found a pocketbook in church and reported the matter to the preacher. The next Sunday the revered gentlemen announced from the pulpit that the party that lost the pocketbook last Sunday could go to Helen Hunt for it.—Ex.

B. P. Hopkins, who has been taking a business course in Howard Payne, left this morning for his old home at Ballinger. He informs us that his father has moved to Taylor county but he thinks he will likely remain at Ballinger.—Brownwood Bulletin

With the assistance of the latest machines a piece of leather can be transformed into a pair of boots in thirty-four minutes, in which time it passes through the hands of sixty-three people and through fifteen machines.

Mrs. T. A. Embrey is visiting at Ballinger this week.—Menard Enterprise.

R. M. Thomson of Austin is in the city this week.

C. O. Harris is attending court at San Angelo this week.

W. H. Mullin, the land man of Winters, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Jeff Brooks, a prominent citizen of the Miles country, came in Tuesday evening.

Wm. Nunn of Runnels had some fine thoroughbred buff plymouth rock chickens in town Monday.

M. I. Rayburn, the prosperous stock farmer of the Norton country, had business in the city Saturday.

Miss Minnie Wilson of Ballinger is in the city, the guest of Misses Ollie and Genie Evans.—Santa Anna News.

Mrs. Markowitz of Ballinger passed through the city last night enroute home from a visit abroad.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mrs. Ward, who has been visiting her son, Tom Ward, and family in our city for awhile, returned Tuesday evening to her home at San Saba.

Judge W. R. Spencer of Ballinger is in Brownwood today on business. Judge Spencer is one of Ballinger's leading attorneys.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Rev. Crain, a Baptist minister of Franklin, Texas, came in from Paint Rock Tuesday where he has accepted a call to the Baptist church at that place, and left for his home on the east-bound train.

Senator Arch Grinnan, accompanied by his sister, Miss Belle, left this morning for Marlin, where on next Wednesday he will wed Miss Kate Dupree, a charming young lady of that city.—Brownwood Bulletin.

A Dandy for Burns.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommended it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns. Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental burns, cuts, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Testimony of a Minister.

Rev. Jno S Cox of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce. Only 50c.

Saves Two from Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Trial bottles free.

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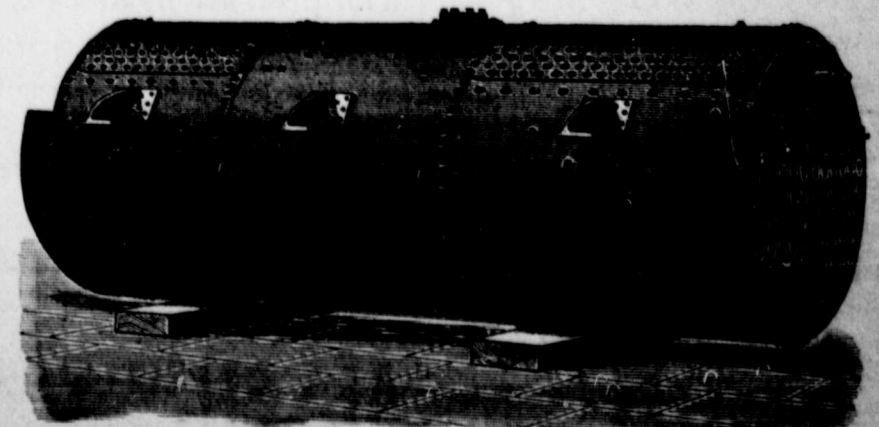
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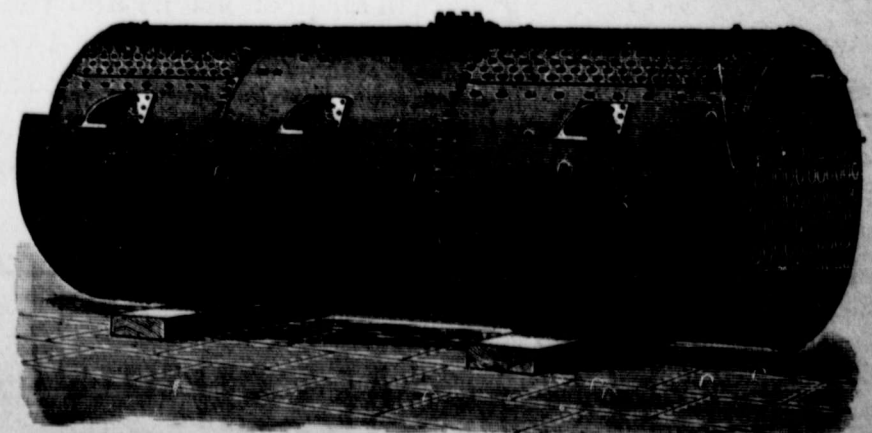
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Farmer John and Politics.

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"That's what he told before, John," replied Mrs. H., "but you had to sell our milch cows to pay a \$15 note."

"The reason of that was because one Pop got in last time; but we are goin' to lect all Democrats this time, and you'll see how it makes them hunker down for you know the Democrat platform reads, 'Ekal rights to all and special privileges to the po' man.'"

"Well, John, what's the difference in the Democrats and the Pops?" asked Mrs. H.

"The only platform I ever heard a Pop talk 'bout was, 'dern er rich man anyhow.' There may be mo' to it, but that's all I ever heard," replied John.

"Do Republicans have any platform John," asked Mrs. H. "The 'Publican platform," said John, "is nigger—nigger fust, last and all the time. 'Pint 'em to office, eat with 'em, and I reckon, sleep with 'em. That's what Teddy Rosyfelt is runnin' on. Guess hits all the raisin' he's got. If he had been raised in South Kaliny, Mississippi or Alabam he would er knowed that the nigger's right's to pay taxes and work the roads with out botherin' with politics. Taint fair to ax too much of niggers, no way."

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In all departments sixty men were employed, part night and part day force. \$600 per week was paid for labor, including salaries of officials.

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Leader—Miss Mary Rather.

Song.

Prayer.

Roll Call.

Subject—The Priceless Gospel

—Matt. 13:44-46

Topic Discussed by Mr. Stovall.

Male Quartette.

What is the greatest of all treasures?—Luke 12:33-34—Mr. Currie.

It is priceless, being the purchase of Christ's love—1st John 4:17-21—Mrs. Forbes.

What must we do to attain the Kingdom of Heaven?

Closing.

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Ft. Worth, Tex., April 3.—Charles Schreiner of Kerrville sold the past week to Stonebraker and associates 9,000 head of 3 and 4 year-old steers. The consideration was between \$150,000 and \$175,000. Fayette Tankersley of Sherwood sold to John Gibson of Wagner 2,000 3s and 4s at \$19. Major George W. Littlefield of Austin sold to Russell Bros. of Menard county 2000 3s to be delivered at Brady at \$15. Major Littlefield also sold to Miller Bros. of Indian Territory, 1200 3s and 4s, located in Menard county at \$17.50, to be delivered at Brady.

City Election.

The election for three aldermen for the city, which was held last Tuesday, resulted as follows: W. A. Davis 51; Ed Glover 85; W. E. Odom 72; Oscar Pearson 94; M. R. Plummer 22; M. D. Chastain 81; E. D. Walker 65; Wm. Dooze 34. The three receiving the highest number of votes were Ed Glover, Oscar Pearson and M. D. Chastain and will be our aldermen.

Have you noticed when you meet a doctor he says, "How are you?" A newspaper man inquires, "What do you know?" But a lawyer hits you on the back and ejaculates, "What have you got?" and the preacher asks "Where are you going?"

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The only kind of consumption to fear is "neglected consumption."

People are learning that consumption is a curable disease. It is neglected consumption that is so often incurable.

At the faintest suspicion of consumption get a bottle of Scott's Emulsion and begin regular doses.

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Neglected consumption does not exist where Scott's Emulsion is.

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Roosevelt's Vote.

Washington, April 3.—According to returns received in Washington the total number of delegates elected to the republican National convention up to and including March 31 is 308. Of this number 248 have been specifically instructed to vote for the nomination of President Roosevelt; 18 have been chosen by conventions which indorsed the president by name, but did not specifically instruct; 42 have been chosen by conventions which indorsed the admiral but did not instruct.

Alaska elected six instructed delegates, but the Territory is entitled to only four delegates in the convention. The other instructed delegates are as follows: Alabama 12; Arizona 6; Delaware 6; Florida 10; Georgia 24; Illinois 6; Indiana 14; Kansas 14; Louisiana 2; Minnesota 18; Mississippi 20; Missouri 20; Nebraska 6; New Mexico 6; New York 4; Ohio 10; Pennsylvania 4; South Carolina 18; Tennessee 2; Texas 24; Virginia 14; Wisconsin 2.

We do our drumming by giving bargains. Our bargains are in quality not quantity. We have too many canned goods. The cut is in price, not quality.
THE FAIR.

THE FIRST STEP

Of the child is an event in the mother's life. How proud she feels when the attempt to walk is begun so early as to evidence childish courage and sturdy strength. Such pride should be enjoyed by every mother. But it often happens that the child is timid, weak and deficient in vitality, and clings to the mother's arms with no desire to walk or play. Mothers should learn that to have strong children they must themselves be strong, for the child's strength is the gift of the mother.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription by expectant mothers gives them health and strength to give their children. It nourishes the nerves, strengthens the body and gives great muscular strength and elasticity, so that the baby's advent is practically painless.

"I have been using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and can say it is just what you advertise it to be, and can cheerfully recommend it," writes Mrs. Victor J. Madin, of Leonardville, Riley Co., Kansas. "I began taking it just two months before baby came and was greatly benefited by its use. The doctor who attended me said I did about as well as any one he had seen (as I was sick only about three hours), and also that your 'Favorite Prescription' was the one 'patent medicine' which he did have faith in."

"We now have a darling baby boy, strong and healthy, who weighed nine pounds when born (July 25th). During this month he has gained three and one-half pounds."

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women. The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, a book containing 1008 pages, is given away. Send 21 one-cent stamps for expense of mailing only, for the book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the volume bound in cloth. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



Market Report.

Kansas City, Mo., April 5th, 1904.—Quarantine supply at Kansas City last week was about half as heavy as previous week, and contained nothing above medium grade stuff after Monday. The run was mostly bulls after first of the week. Some grass steers sold at 3.25 and grass bulls brought 2.15 and 2.50. This week closed without any change in prices. Yesterday there was a good run of good steers, and prices ranged 3.85 to 4.15, and were considered 10c higher than last week. Today the market is strong to a shade higher and the supply contains some very good steers. Cows and bulls were scarce yesterday and today. Grass cows brought 2.65 yesterday. Among the sales this week were the following:

Driggers & Sharp, Chickasha, 198 steers 1085, 4.15
 Geo. T. Perry, Pocasset, I. T., 107 steers 1109, 4.15
 J. E. Henderson, Ballinger, 92 steers 1081, 4.10
 J. E. Henderson, Ballinger, 123 steers 1157, 4.15
 G. S. Hendricks, Alix, I. T., 21 steers 987, 4.00
 G. B. Dunningan, Alix, I. T., 54 steers 1192, 4.10
 J. E. Carr, Rush Springs, I. T., 78 steers 919, 3.90
 W. S. Thomson, Coleman, Tex., 44 steers 903, 3.85
 J. W. Light, Chickasha, 70 steers 1006, 3.95
 J. W. Light, Chickasha, 18 bulls 1266, 2.85
 Jas. Crawford, Purcell, 47 steers 1013, 3.90
 E. L. Florence, Minco, I. T., 21 steers 1039, 4.00
 P. T. Dunn, Beeville, Texas, 24 grass cows 592, 2.65
 T. M. Griffith, Miami, I. T., 39 steers 1126, 4.20
 T. M. Griffith, Miami, I. T., 1 cow, 1320, 4.20
 Isaac Hollis, Miami, I. T., 25 steers 1165, 4.15
 F. Garrett, Miami, I. T., 17 steers 1215, 4.15
 J. R. Woolard, Miami, I. T., 51 steers 1068, 4.00
 Jas. Aiken, Miami, I. T., 51 steers 1057, 4.00
 Williams, Miami, I. T., 17 steers 919, 3.90
 Williams, Miami, I. T., 21 steers 1002, 3.80
 J. T. Aiken, Miami, I. T., 35 steers 1105, 3.90
 W. H. Golden, Dale, O. T., 23 steers 1114, 4.10
 J. A. Kern, Pocasset, I. T., 21 steers 923, 3.80

Hog prices did not change much last week, although fluctuations were frequent. Light hogs now bring within 5 or 10 cents of heavy weights. Market was higher yesterday, but gain is lost today, and top price is \$5.25, bulk of sales \$5.10 to \$5.20. Quality of hogs this year is a little better than usual, but prices are \$2.00 under a year ago. Receipts at all the markets are running about 20% heavier than at this time last year.

J. A. RICKART,
 Live Stock Correspondent.

Dry Cook Wood.

Is what your wife needs during the spring months if you desire to keep her in a good humor and an early breakfast. Don't buy green mesquite off rangers when we can furnish you with dry oak wood at the same price or cheaper.

J. N. McKAY,
 Ballinger, Texas.
 Phone No. 2, Key's meat market

Live Oak flour, the best to be had at Miller Mercantile Co.

F. S. Conibear of Dallas, representing Mesker & Bro., Structural Steel and Iron Makers, of St. Louis, is in the city to figure on several new buildings soon to go up and some now in course of construction.

J. C. Stribling, the stockman of Llano, came in Thursday to ship out a bunch of cattle.

Wm Smiley of Winters had business in the city Thursday.

W. S. Morehead, a substantial farmer and warm friend of the Banner Leader at Crews, was supplying in Ballinger Thursday.

Our spring shipment of laces and embroideries has just arrived and represents more real style and beauty than any former showing in Ballinger.

THE FAIR.

Letter of Recommendation.

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER,
 Ballinger, Texas.

DDAR SIR:
 We, the undersigned citizens of Glen Cove and vicinity, desire to express through your paper that we very much regret the removal of Walter Kent and family from our town. During the five years of his residence among us we found him to be a kind neighbor, an accomodating and progressive business man, always ready to lend a helping hand in the upbuilding of the town, and a high toned gentleman in every respect. We heartily recommend Mr. Kent and family to the good people of Ballinger.

- Samuel E Cole
- E Henderson
- E K Thomson
- J B Pentecost
- J M Futrell
- H T Marcus
- W J Tatum
- T B White
- S M Pharis
- J B Allen
- John Ely
- Frank Duncan
- Early O'Keefe
- G W Ely
- Walter May
- John Thurman
- C M Futrell
- J J Kincaid
- E W Needham
- A C Coursey
- S A Lacy
- Tom Condra
- Luther Mahaffey
- J J Condra
- W J Guthrie
- M S Haedes
- G D Cole
- H B Wilson

Citizens National Bank Entertains

The Citizens National Bank, proverbial for getting up something new and unique, entertained the citizens of Ballinger last Thursday afternoon from 3 to 10 p. m. in the way of a reception. This was the Easter reception that was intended to have been given last Saturday but was postponed on account of the rain.

The interior of this elegant bank building was beautifully decorated in blue and white. Pot plants and fragrant flowers added much to the elegance of the scene.

From 3 to 7 p. m. only the ladies were entertained. From 7 to 10 p. m. both ladies and gentlemen were entertained.

Refreshments consisted of fruit punch, served by Misses Mildred Erwin and Nell Putler.

The reception committee were Misses Franc Baker, Mary Rafter, Verna Moser and Inez Moser.

Pretty souvenirs were given the guests consisting of an easter card and X-ray card.

An orchestra from Winters dispensed sweet music throughout the afternoon and evening. Those in the orchestra were: Chas. Grant, clarionette; Mrs. Walter Murray, piano; Mr. Roberts, trombone; F. Arm brecht, cornet.

From every standpoint it was a decided success and its energetic and wide-awake promoters deserve much credit.

The Best Family Salve.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel gives instant relief from burns, cures cuts, bruises, sores, eczema, tetter and all abrasions of the skin. In buying Witch Hazel Salve it is only necessary to see that you get the genuine DeWitt's and a cure is certain. There are many cheap counterfeits on the market, all of which are worthless, and quite a few are dangerous, while DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is perfectly harmless and cures. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Just in for special April sale 100 pieces of extra quality prints in tasteful colorings and attractive patterns. All go at 6c per yard.

THE FAIR.

The postoffice safe at Santa Anna was blown open Wednesday night and \$110 in cash and a large number of stamps taken. No clew to the robbers.

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Bargain Days Played Out

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For every dollars worth purchased at our store during April for cash we will return to you by check on the First National Bank 10 per cent of the amount of your purchase. No delays, no worthless premiums, simply CASH. All goods marked in plain figures, every buyer his own salesman. One price and that the lowest and then 10 per cent of your money back

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The pleasant to take and harmless One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief in all cases of cough, croup, and la grippe because it does not pass immediately into the stomach, but takes effect right at the seat of the trouble. It draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes and cures permanently by enabling the lungs to contribute pure life-giving and life-sustaining oxygen to the blood and tissues. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take and it is good alike for young and old. Sold by E. D. Walker.

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Any man, woman or child suffering from headache, biliousness or a dull, drowsy feeling should take one or two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers night and morning. These famous little pills are famous because they are a tonic as well as a pill. While they cleanse the system they strengthen and rebuild it by their tonic effect upon the liver and bowels. Sold by E. D. Walker.

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It's all well enough to own securities. Stocks and bonds, if they really stand for anything, are good things to have. But there are times when the exigencies of business call for

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 BALLINGER, TEXAS.

No. 6757.

Report of the Condition

Of The Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Jan. 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$152,845.71
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	39,035.24
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	1,400.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6,993.00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	3,180.77
Due from state bank and bankers	4,534.58
Due from approved reserve agents	92,708.43
Checks and other cash items	2,393.88
Notes of other national banks	380.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	168.15
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$7,362.55
Legal tender notes	13,362.55
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	1,000.00
Total	\$338,002.31

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,804.09
National bank notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other national banks	3,807.04
Due to State banks and bankers	11,515.42
Due to trust companies and savings banks	
Dividends unpaid	
Individual deposits subject to check	215,059.53
Demand certificate of deposit	3,616.23
Cashier's Checks outstanding	200.00
Total	\$338,002.31

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:

I, Jo Wilmeth, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JO WILMETH, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
 Tom Ward }
 H. Giesecke } Directors
 W. A. Norman }
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1904.
 J. McGregor, Notary Public.

RECAPITULATION.

Resources	
Bills Receivable	\$152,845.71
Demand Loans [Cotton]	39,035.24
U. S. Bonds	21,400.00
Banking House and Fixtures	6,993.00
Cash on hand and in bank	117,728.36
Total	\$338,002.31
Liabilities	
Capital	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	8,804.09
Circulation	20,000.00
Deposits	234,198.22
Total	\$338,002.31

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Dr. W. H. Burke on Texas.
Dr. W. H. Burke of Bloomfield, Indiana, one of the Frisco excursionists who visited our country in the interest of the Frisco Land and Immigration Association, has the following to say in the Bloomfield Democrat in describing his trip through the Southwest. It shows to us, who are blessed by living in this glorious state, what others think of our country and also proves that Texas only has to be seen to be appreciated. Among other things he says:

We stopped at Francis for supper and then moved on after being tucked in our beds and next morning awoke in the lone star state, the greatest state in the world for her natural diversities make her such. She has 170,499,200 acres of land, competent to raise all the cereals and fruits. She has a cattle ranch containing 3,000,000 acres and on it 125,000 head of cattle and 1,600 head of horses, valued at \$10,000,000. Her permanent school fund of \$42,817,730 and 28,000,000 acres of land for educational support and last year spent \$4,000,000 for schools and in paying 15,000 teachers. She produces one-third of the cotton raised in the United States, one-sixth the corn, one-fourth the wheat, one-third the hay, and has now enough fine land which lays in broad expanses yet untilled to feed our people if once in cultivation. One has no idea of its vastness until he sees the panoramic view, nor a conception of liberality and generosity until he is made ashamed of himself by contrasting his own narrow selfish ways with those broad gauged people. They are from all quarters and hold out beckoning hands and with glad faces welcome all who may desire to become worthy citizens of her empire state; and let us here remark, her ladies are to be admired for their personal beauty and above all for their kind and expressive faces, indicating the true woman within. Everywhere they, with their sires, husbands and sweethearts greeted us with royal manner, and caused our band to feel we had indeed been permitted to sit down with the kings and queens of our native land.

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Phone 82 to buy, sell or lease household goods.

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You will try to make others happy.
You will not be shy or self-conscious.
You will never indulge in ill-natured gossip.
You will never forget the respect due to age.
You will think of others before you think of yourself.
You will not swagger or boast of your achievements.
You will not measure your civility by people's bank accounts.
You will be scrupulous in your regard for the rights of others.

In conversation you will not be argumentative or contradictory.

You will not forget engagements, promises or obligations of any kind.

You will never make fun of the peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of others.

You will not bore people by constantly talking of yourself and your affairs.

You will never under any circumstances cause another pain if you can help it.

You will not think that "good intentions" compensate for rude or gruff manners.—Success.

Japan and Her Ruler.

When in 1869 the mikado the present emperor of Japan, stepped out from his place at Kyoto to make a royal journey to the present capital, Tokio, it was the first time that the Japanese people had seen their sovereign since five hundred years before Julius Caesar was born. In 1872 he traveled from Yokohama to Tokio by rail, and when the train moved off with the young emperor there rang out a melody which thrilled all hearts. It was the national anthem of Japan, whose music was first heard when savage tribes were hunting on the Thames and on the Neva and when Rome was mistress of the world.

The mikado, who as a boy knew almost nothing of the existence of Europe, reads fluently at the age of fifty four the literature of England, France and Germany.

I have seen business men fail who deserved success, but I have seldom known a farmer to do so. Any living man, who is in good health, who is willing to work his mind along with his muscle and keep right at it, can make a living and save money farming. Of course there will be years when the rains do not come when he will make a partial failure but when he evens up a period of years his success is certain. The man who gets the blues because of crop failures and who allows himself to dream of other lands where milk and honey flow, who becomes restless and goes floating around, is the man who soon has nothing but a wife and children and a pack of hungry dogs. Besides a comfortable living, the soil will return a man enough to acquire his own home after awhile if he will only stick to it.—X

When you go to eat you want to know that you are going to have good bread and the way to insure good bread is to buy White Billows flour. You can't keep from making good bread with it. Sold only by

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Excursion Rates.

State Medical Ass'n, Austin, Tex. Sell April 20 and 26. Limit May 1st. Rate \$8.70

State Convention T. P. A., Austin, Tex. Sell April 28th. Limit May 1st. Rate \$8.70

Grand Lodge K of P, Houston, Texas. Sell April 23 and 26. Limit April 30. Rate \$12.80.

Convention Hotel Men, San Antonio, Tex. Sell May 24 and 25. Limit May 28. Rate \$11.30.

General Conference of the Methodist church, Los Angeles, Cal. Sell April 23rd to May 1st. Limit June 30. Rate \$45.00 from Galveston. See agent for particulars.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, Paris, Texas. Sell April 11th and 12th. Limit April 17. Rate \$12.05

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Tex. Sell May 18 and 19. Limit May 28. Rate \$7.75

District Federation of Womens Clubs, Cuero, Tex. Sell April 4 and 5. Limit April 9. Rate \$13.75

General Board of Missions M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas. Sell May 2 and 3. Limit May 10. Rate \$7.75

Meeting International Good Roads Ass'n, New Orleans, La. Sell April 3 and 4. Limit April 9. Rate \$23.05.

Annual Meeting Texas State Pharmacists Association, Houston, Texas. Date of sale May 16. Limit May 20. \$11.70

Laying Corner Stone Masonic Grand Temple, Waco, Texas. Sell May 10 to 11, limit May 13. \$7.75

State Good Roads Association, Waco, Texas. Sell April 11. limit April 14, \$7.75

Annual Meeting Texas Lumbermen's Association, Orange, Texas. Sell April 11 and 12. limit April 16. Rate \$15.10

Annual Meeting Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Ft Worth Texas. Date of sale April 16, limit April 22. \$6.70

Meeting Representatives of N. Y. L. I. C., Hot Springs, Ark. Sell April 10 and 11, limit April 10. Rate \$19.20

We have a few more seed sweet potatoes and seed Irish potatoes for sale. Also all kinds of fresh garden seed.

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I have just been to **JNO. G. KEY'S Meat Market** where you always find the best of everything in the butcher line. Tender, Juicy Steak, Pork Sausage and barbecue always on hand. Free delivery to any part of the city. Phone No. 2

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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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They act promptly and never gripe. They are so dainty that it is a pleasure to take them. One to two act as a mild laxative; two or four act as a pleasant and effective cathartic. They are purely vegetable and absolutely harmless. They tonic the liver.

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FEMALE WEAKNESS

542 1-2 Congress St. PORTLAND, MAINE, Oct. 17, 1902.

I consider Wine of Cardui superior to any doctor's medicine I ever used and I know whereof I speak. I suffered for nine months with suppressed menstruation which completely prostrated me. Pains would shoot through my back and sides and I would have blinding headaches. My limbs would swell up and I would feel so weak I could not stand up. I naturally felt discouraged for I seemed to be beyond the help of physicians, but Wine of Cardui came as a God-send to me. I felt a change for the better within a week. After nineteen days treatment I menstruated without suffering the agonies I usually did and soon became regular and without pain. Wine of Cardui is simply wonderful and I wish that all suffering women knew of its good qualities.

Wilhelmina S. Jones
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

Periodical headaches tell of female weakness. Wine of Cardui cures permanently nineteen out of every twenty cases of irregular menses, bearing down pains or any female weakness. If you are discouraged and doctors have failed, that is the best reason in the world you should try Wine of Cardui now. Remember that headaches mean female weakness. Secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

WINE OF GARDUI

Broke into His House.

Se Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at J Y Pearce's drugstore.

Adam Bradford, one of the first settlers of Menard county, died last Tuesday at his home in that county. Adam Bradford was one of the pioneers to that western county when men's souls were sorely tried by exposure to danger and suffering. Mr. Bradford was the father of nineteen children, has fifty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c, 1.00 Sold by E D Walker

The school was celebrating Lincoln's birthday, and the principal had invited a distinguished citizen to speak to the pupils. He was one who had known the martyr president in his early life and he talked freely of the struggles, the integrity and the high qualities of Abraham Lincoln, and especially of his sympathy with and fondness for the common people. Then, fearing that some of his young hearers might miss the force of his important point, he asked: "What do we mean by the 'common people'?"

Slowly a small hand was raised and a childish treble answered: "It's folks that ain't married."

—Selected.

The Farmer's Union.

J. W. Thompson of Erath county, organizer of the Farmer's Educational and Co-operative Union of America, in company with Mr. Tobe Edwards of Content, paid us a pleasant visit Saturday while in Ballinger. Mr. Thompson says he has organized several unions in our county and will continue the work until the entire county is worked. The Farmer's Union is attracting attention in Texas, and not without reason, for it is claimed that the order has now about 50,000 members in this State and is growing. There seems to be much that is commendable in spirit and purpose about this organization, and it is conceivable that, if wisely handled and directed, the union may prove of real advantage and benefit to the farmers of Texas and America.

Will Use the Stalks Too.

The people of Texas are delighted over the recent discovery that unopened bolls of cotton can be forced to yield up their lint by passing them through a wheat thresher, and even now farmers are jingling dollars who couldn't have produced a nickel but for the discovery that the crusty bolls held a mine of wealth within their grip. But there are even better things in store for growers of the fleecy staple.

Last fall a Pennsylvania dutchman named Marsden and a Mr. White of Kentucky, showed up in Gonzales, Texas, and shipped from that place to Philadelphia a large quantity of baled cotton stalks. Last week the same men were in Gonzales exhibiting products manufactured from the stalks and the exhibit included five grades of paper, from tissue to a heavy grade of soft printing paper—a material resembling celluloid, smokeless powder composition, alcohol and a package of fertilizer—all valuable products. A meeting was held at once at which steps were taken to build a factory in Gonzales for the conversion of cotton stalks into the various products above mentioned.

A few years ago only the lint cotton was valuable. Now the seed are worth one fourth as much as the lint and the unopened bolls are not far behind the seed in value. Should a market be created for the stalks nothing will be lost except the leaves and we can very well afford to donate that portion of the crop to the web worms. The south is rapidly coming to the front.—X

Health is Youth.

Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever, skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs D W Smith, Whitney, Tex., writes April 3 1902: "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it." 50c a bottle. Sold by E D Walker.

Cattlemen say that the calf crop this year is going to be the smallest on record, owing alike to the dry weather and the constant shortening of the breeding stock on the western ranges. The calf crop has been short for the past two years, and the yearling supply this spring is the shortest the country has known for many years. Next spring it will be shorter still.

Cures Coughs and Colds

Mrs C Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle Sold by E D Walker.

Milton Park, chairman of the Populist State executive committee, has issued his call for a state convention to be held at Dallas on June 9 to send delegates to the national convention to be held in Springfield, Ill., on July 4th.

Phone us, we will pay good prices for second hand goods. Lankford & Hathaway.

Parents by all means should see that their children are punctual in attending church and Sunday School. And in after life they would not have to sing O' where is my wandering boy to-night.

A Significant Pointer

Washington, March 30.—The Bradstreet mercantile agency has discovered that 84 per cent of the merchants who failed during the past year did not advertise in the newspapers.

Wake-Up Don't's.

Don't wake-up worrying. Banish care from your mind. You have no idea what an important effect the first waking thoughts of your mind exert upon your body during the day.

Don't take your breakfast alone. Even though you may not want to talk, it is a good thing to have cheerful society in the room with you. It will keep you from brooding.

Don't plan things before breakfast. Many women are in the habit of laying out the day and making memoranda before they eat.

Don't think intently before breakfast. Try to keep the mind a perfect blank until you have fed the stomach.

Don't worry before breakfast. Don't quarrel until you have been awake at least two hours. Quarreling before the morning meal is a great wrinkle maker.

Don't talk much before breakfast. It tires the voice and taxes the mind.

Try to think pleasant thoughts. Try to get the mind in a calm pleasant state.

Try to remember that a calm hour before breakfast makes a calm mind all day.

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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.
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Nice line Prints5c to 6 1/2c	Men's Fur Hats\$1 and up
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Ladies 2.50 Shoes for.....2.10	" Heavy work Shoes solid leather.....\$1.15 up
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G. C. Wright left this week for Marshall, Texas, where he has accepted a position with the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. of that city. George has many warm friends in Ballinger who regret to see him leave but hope for him success in his new place of business.

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B. W. Pilcher.
In this issue the name of B. W. Pilcher appears as a candidate for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic primary. Charlie Pilcher, as he is familiarly called, is one of the old residents of this town and section, having lived here for 18 years. He has filled this office for a number of years, and at a time when there was nothing in the office, and when it began to pay a little better he was defeated by 7 votes. He now asks his friends and the public generally to give him their support and he will appreciate it. He made a faithful, honest, efficient officer, and knowing every detail of the position we are warranted in saying that you will make no mistake in again giving him the office. He has many warm friends in the precinct who are determined to see him elected. He solicits your vote and support and will show his appreciation of same by faithful honest work if elected.

G. W. Brister, one of the prosperous farmers of the Norwood section, enrolled this week on our fast growing subscription list. Mr. Brister is organizer of the Farmer's Union of America for this district and informs us that they have already organized five unions in the county. In a letter from state organizer, J. W. Thompson, he informs Mr Brister that he will be with him this week and will organize the entire county before they quit.

We call attention to the ad. of Walter Kent, the new Hub proprietor, in this issue of the Banner-Leader. Mr. Kent believes in the efficacy of printer's ink and you can depend on learning something of interest and importance each week as to prices, etc. Mr. Kent's old friends and customers of the Glen Cove country also give him a fine recommendation in this week's paper.

FOUND—In Ballinger between City barbershop and Lankford & Hathaway, an up-to-date grocery store where you can get any thing in staple and fancy groceries, fruits, vegetables, grain and hay at lowest living prices, and can sell your produce to best advantage. For particulars call on Godwin Grocery Co. Phone No. 140.

We are requested to announce that the song service at the Presbyterian church which was postponed on account of the bad weather last Sunday night will be rendered Sunday night April 10th. Everyone invited to come out.

When you want a bill of groceries of course you want to buy them where you can get everything you want. Don't get mixed up on numbers, just call No. 40, Godwin Grocery Co.

Rev. C. W. Yates and family, the new Cumberland Presbyterian pastor, will occupy the Boswell residence on the corner near the C. P. church.

We want your chickens and eggs. No limit to quantity. GODWIN GROCERY CO.

R. A. Terry made a trip up to Miles Friday evening.

W. T. Swink
Is a candidate for your trade in a fresh line of sugar, coffee, etc., which he has recently added to his complete confectionery stock.

Are you going to Build

Then it will be to your interest to figure with Smith & Hail. They will save you money by selling you first class stuff at prices charged for second class stuff at other yards.

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D. M. Wilson returned from Eden, Concho county, this week, where he has been spending some time with friends.

Save one half your lard bill by using Wesson's Cooking Oil. It is odorless and tasteless. Ask your neighbor about it. Sold only by Godwin Grocery Co.

Mr. Mertz, of the firm of Bird & Mertz of San Angelo, was in the city this week shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Mertz will be remembered by the older citizens as having once lived in Ballinger.

Rev. C. W. Yates and wife and Miss Beal, Rev. Yates' niece, came in Thursday from Lebanon, Ohio, to make Ballinger their home. Rev. Yates is the recently elected pastor of the C. P. church at this place. He will hold regular services at the C. P. church Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night.

Ballinger Public Library already in operation. J. R. Tisinger & Co., Librarians. All the good books you can read in two years for only \$1.50. After Saturday the fee will be \$2.00. Every member is requested to be on the look out for good books to add to the library. Be sure and call Saturday, enroll and help select the books.

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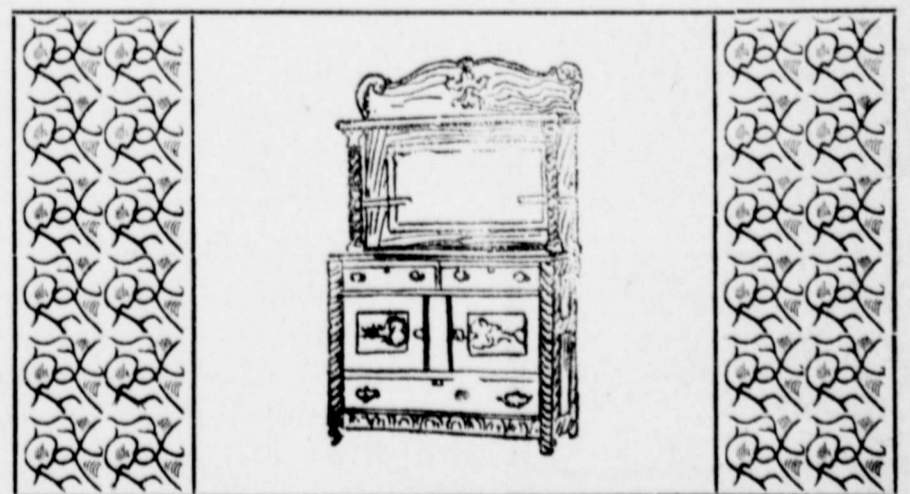
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