

BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, SEPT 3 1904

NO 47

NEW FALL STOCK

HATS

Just opened complete stock latest styles. Mens Hats. newest shapes and colors, Stetson and Thoroughbred ranging in price from 1.50 to 7.50

200 childrens school caps at 10 to 25 worth 25 and 50c
Special buy of 300 Mens medium weight Suits, fine goods, price 5.00, 7.50 and 10.00 They are 10.00 and 15.00 values Give us a look.

See our line ready trimmed Millinery, up to date shapes

75 pieces Fall Silks over 2500 yards, bought at special New waistings and suitings, choice of lot 50 and 75c per yard values up to 1.50. New dress goods. Come and see us. Send for samples.

D. REEDER,

PHONE 53

BALLINGER TEXAS

Vocal Music

Miss Jennie E. McClung

Studio at Cumberland Presbyterian church

RATES REASONABLE

Don't fail to stop at Litt's.

When you want a lunch phone J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

Be sure to try a sack of Silk-Finish Flour Rasbury & Bruce.

Harness, saddlery, and everything in that line at R. L. Litt's.

If you want absolutely the best repair work done go to R. L. Litt's.

See Ostertag Dunlap Co. for everything new and up to date in the furniture line.

Everybody says "It's good." They mean the "Oris" cigar at Tisinger & Ashton's.

Remember we are still selling 100 bars of soap for \$1.75. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Other Ice Creams are nothing to compare with the grade made fresh every day at Litt's.

Most complete line of perfumes and toilet articles in Ballinger at Tisinger & Ashton's.

The little daughter of D. M. Baker was quite sick this week but is much better as we go to press.

Ben L. Grimes, representing the Austin Statesman, was in the city this week in the interest of his paper.

Mr. Herbert Johnson, of the Trader's Insurance Co., of Chicago, was in our city this week, working up insurance business.

Horace Miller, who has been with the H. & T. C. Ry. for some time, came home Tuesday to visit relatives and friends and recuperate for awhile.

The Truth of the Matter.

It is not difficult to tell the truth about the furniture we sell. If it were poor stuff it would be another matter. We believe in it, because we know all about it, who makes it and how it is made.

Ostertag-Dunlap Co.,
Under the Opera House.

Among the crowd that went to Miles Thursday to attend the Baptist Association we notice: Mrs. C. C. Gannaway of Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Patterson of Norton; Rev. S. R. Muncy, J. N. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly, L. C. Alexander, of Ballinger.

Jesse Shinn looks as natural as ever behind the counters with the new furniture firm of Ostertag-Dunlap Co. Jesse knows his business and can be depended on to treat you right at all times.

Don't forget that the new firm of Ostertag-Dunlap Co. are now open for business in the stand recently vacated by the Ballinger Grain & Commission Co., under the opera house.

W. B. Stubbs of the firm of Stubbs & Hartman is quite sick this week with something like slow fever. We trust he will soon be able to attend to business.

The rock masons completed putting in a rock sidewalk in front of H. Winkler's place of business this week and the employees there had a celebration.

Mrs. Robert Royalty and babe left Thursday for San Angelo where they join Mr. Royalty who is working in the Landon Bank in that city.

Mr. John Loveless was at the depot Thursday to meet his wife who has been visiting her brother at Houston for several weeks.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co., furniture dealers have just received four full cars of new furniture. Call and see them.

We want lots of eggs and will pay the highest market price. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Cotton pickers knee pads at Bob Shaffer's.

All work guaranteed turned out at R. L. Shaffer's.

We carry boneless hams fresh on ice. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Silk Finish Flour is the best. Rasbury & Bruce.

Phone 45 for Live Oak Flour the best at miller mercantile co.

Mrs. Tom Ward left Tuesday for Mineral Wells where she will recuperate for a few weeks.

Now is the time to put up your preserves. Buy your pears and fruit jars from J. B. Alvis & Bro.

W. N. Bowden, who was here at one time with the new livery business, is now with the Godwin Grocery Co.

C. S. Bowdon sold his residence in West End this week to J. W. Spencer of Temple. Consideration \$1600.

If you never tried a sack of White Billows flour just try a sack and have no other.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton left Tuesday for St. Louis and will visit other points in their old home district before returning.

Jim Miller of Wingate was in Friday on business. He reported his daughter, Miss Gertie, quite sick with whooping cough.

Crews Furniture Co. have received their fall opening stock of furniture. Call and see their new lines and get their low prices before buying.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Penn came in Thursday from their bridal trip east and will be at home to their many friends at the Herace Thomson residence.

J. F. Stuart informed us that two new pairs of scales arrived this week for fall cotton weighing, and that they are the best and most accurate made. They cost Mr. Stuart \$112.

When you have any produce to sell see us. We don't try to buy all the produce but will pay the highest market price for what we do buy. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Miss Ethel Moore of Winters will be with the large dry goods firm of D. Reeder after September 15th. Mr. Reeder is fortunate in securing the services of so valuable an assistant. Miss Ethel is well and favorably known all over the northern and western part of the county and will no doubt influence a large trade from those sections especially. We wish her much success.

Mrs. S. A. Plummer entertained the young people at her residence Thursday night in honor of her niece, Miss Myrtle Kirk of Abilene. Nice refreshments and the usual social converse were highly enjoyed by all present.

Fresh honey.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Rev. J. D. Leslie will begin his ministerial work at the Presbyterian church Sunday at the usual hours morning and night.

There will be Baptist services at the opera house Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 at night. All are cordially invited.

L. S. Evans sold his half section of land near town this week at \$15 per acre, 160 acres to Mr. Anglin and 160 acres to R. A. Terry.

We have lots of syrup and will make you close prices on same, so when you need any be sure and get our prices.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Furnished Room to Rent.

For particulars see Mrs. M. M. Caperton

Roberts Grocery Co.

Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Confectioneries and SODA DISPENSERS, also a nice line of Queensware. We have come to Ballinger to stay and we are more than pleased with our trade up to this time. We came here to sell GROCERIES and we will sell them if these prices cut any figure.

Sugar 17 pounds for	\$1 00
Arbuckle and Lion Coffee 8 pounds for	1 00
A still better bulk Coffee 8 pounds for	1 00
10 pound bucket Leaf Lard	1 15
1 set Cups and Saucers, English ware	55
Wall Lamp	25
Good Rice 20 pounds for	1 00
Lima Beans 16 pounds for	1 00
Navy Beans 20 pound for	1 00
1 set can of Corn for	10
1 Set of Plates, English ware	45
Heavy Goblets per set	50

These are regular every day prices All other goods in proportion. Give us a trial and be convinced that we will save you from 10 to 20 per cent Bring us your produce. Goods delivered free to all parts of the city. We are yours to please. Phone 107

Roberts Grocery Co

West Side Square at old Ostertag Stand

The Leaders in low prices

We want your produce

And Now For Your SUMMER WANTS

We planned for your comfort this summer and bought our stock accordingly

All styles
and sizes
in every re-
liable

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You may
want makes
that are
easily clean
ed and easy
to keep clean

Water Coolers



Ice Cream Freezers

There is no
desert so
delicious
and none
so easily
prepared as
ice cream
See us for
all styles
and sizes

Ice Tools

Fishing Tackle

We earned the reputation of having the finest display of good tackle in town. Its a big line and will have no trouble in fitting out the most particular fisherman in town. Come let us show you

Hall Hardware Co.

Fruit Jars

For the next 60 days we
will sell Mason Fruit Jars
at the following prices

Two quart jars at 75c per dozen
One " " " 60c " "
" pint " " 50c " "

Van Pelt & Kirk

HOME PROTECTION

IS BEST OBTAINED BY PLACING SOME INSURANCE ON YOUR HOME IN ONE OF R. G. ERWIN & CO'S. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

R. G. ERWIN & CO.

J. R. McDonald of Bronte had business in our city a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith and family are taking an outing on the Concho this week.

The Floral Club will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Tom Shaw.

Lee Maddox, the hustling insurance man, went up to Rowena Tuesday to look after insurance matters.

Mesdames Jones and Womack, relatives of E. F. Jackson of our city, left for their home at Clifton, Texas, Monday.

Prof. Hargrave, professor of English Literature at Baylor University, was in our city this week looking up pupils for his school.

A. M. Boyd from down the river was in Fallinger and if he can secure a house will move his family in town for the benefit of our school.

Fred Graves, uncle of Will Dunlap, and George Walters, of Milam county, were visiting friends and prospecting in our county this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt and Mr. and Mrs. H. Winkler came in on Tuesday's train from St. Louis and Chicago where they have been the past three weeks.

Attention.

Ice cold Watermelons at the Ice Factory at all times. Prices reasonable. Edwin Day.

A Miraculous Cure.

On this day personally came before me J. P. Brooks, a citizen of Runnels county who deposes and says that his wife, Mrs. Ada Brooks, has been afflicted with a protracted and serious spell of sickness from about the 1st of April past. That he had employed the best physicians obtainable, whilst she continued to linger and suffer with no abatement of the disease till the 1st day of August past, when the physicians whom he had employed stated that they could do nothing for her. At this time Prof. D. C. Williams, a magnetic healer, was called and commenced treating Mrs. Brooks on said 1st day of August, which treatment was continued and on August 14th she was able to take a buggy ride and her improvement has been steady and continuous to the present time, when she seems to be all right. She rides around and walks about and is cheerful and it seems her health is restored. The change in her condition has been so marked and wonderful in such a short space of time it seems a marvel to her family and friends.

It was claimed that she was afflicted with nervous prostration and abscess on the brain.

When Prof. Williams commenced his treatment, Mrs. Brooks was constantly confined to her bed and had been about two months, in fact she could not sit up in bed and her suffering was great. She is now regaining her flesh, strength and cheerfulness, in fact we believe her afflictions have ended.

Witness my hand this 30th day of August 1904.

J. P. BROOKS.

Witness: W. L. Towner, Clerk
Co. Court, Runnels Co., Tex.

Prof. D. C. Williams, the magnetic healer of Miles, Texas, is in Ballinger this week and has an ad in this issue of his cure of Mrs. Ada Brooks, nee Miss Ada Stocks, under certificate of the county clerk. He has cured several other, as complicated cases and if necessary they will willingly give their testimony to their restoration to health.

Mrs. Ada Brooks came up from Miles Monday and is much improved in health, which her many friends are truly glad to see, and hope soon to see her restored to perfect health.

Mrs. John R. Smith, sister of Dr. W. B. Hally, went up to Miles Tuesday and after a few days visit to her brother at that place will return to her home at Huntsville.

B. F. Corum has been doing some painting, papering and otherwise beautifying the home of Philip Gressett out on Dry Ridge this week.

R. G. Creasy came in Tuesday from an extended visit east.

Tresspass Notice--Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.
C. A. DOOSE.

Lost.

A pair of gold rimmed spectacles and folding case somewhere near the Hub.
C. H. Willingham.

Live Oak Flour when once used will be called for again; to be had only at Miller Mercantile Co

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WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

The regular fifty cent and Home of Swamp-Root, dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists. 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.



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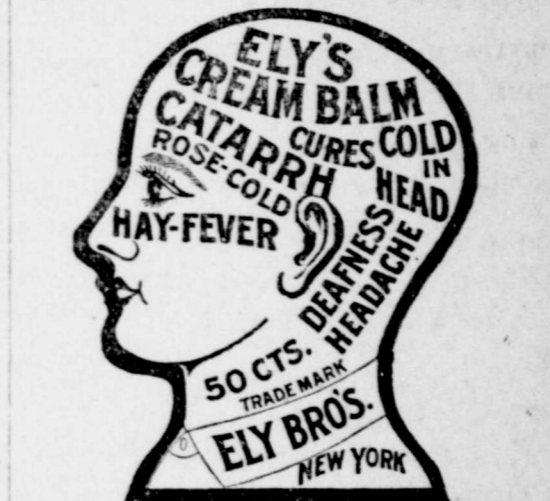
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10 Cents Per Bottle,
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GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE.

It cleanses, soothes, heals, and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. Applied into the nostrils and absorbed. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail.

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Hair Cut 25c Shave 15c.

Polite attention and Courteous treatment. We want your business.

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Full Roller Process Flour and Bolted Corn Meal.

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I have for sale at my place 9 miles south of Ballinger the following Implements cheap for Cash

- One Sorghum Cutter (Belle City)
- .. 4 Horse Power
- .. corn crusher and mill
- harvester (Deering)
- .. Deering mower and horse rake
- .. press drill (Hoosier)
- .. corn and cotton planter
- Two Standard cultivators
- .. 10 inch and one one 12 inch turning plow
- One single shovel and one double shovel
- .. 16 inch riding plow
- .. double disk plow
- .. wagon with two beds and hay frame
- .. buggy, one tooth harrow
- .. roller

And many other Tools and Implements

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Lee Maddox

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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I can handle your freight for you on short notice, anything from a small box to a car load. Give me your work I will do it right and give satisfiod

Now is the time to buy your winter coal. I am ready to supply you with the very best McCalister coal. Buy now and save money

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A GOOD MEAL

Is what the public desire and that is what I propose to furnish. I have purchased from the Weatherbee Bros. their restaurant and will serve meals at all hours.

Yours for a Good Meal

J. H. CASTELLOW

Phone No. 2 for good stove wood.

Fewer gallons, wears longer; Devoe.

Go to Litt's for pure fruit Drinks.

Fruit jars, cheap, at Stubbs & Hartman's.

Phone No. 2 for good dry split stove wood.

Fruit jars for sale at Stubbs & Hartman's.

Family washing especially solicited—prices are right

Get your cold drinks at the Roberts Groc. Co.'s Fount.

Silk-Finish Flour is the best. Rasbury & Bruce

Editor P. E. Truly made a business trip to Miles Monday.

Fresh Tomatoes, Pepper, Okra, and Peaches at Miller mercantile Co.

LIQUIZONE, the great medicine, for sale by J. Y. Pearce, Druggist.

Messrs. E. C. Silman and Hall of Olga. were supplying in Ballinger Monday

H. A. Suively of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

We are in the market for your chickens and eggs, also your grocery trade.

Godwin Grocery Co.

W. J. Gardner was a caller at our sanctum this week and renewed his allegiance for another year.

J. F. Currie and wife, Mrs. G. G. Odom and daughter, Miss Edna, came in Sunday from St. Louis

W. G. Churchill came in from Brownwood Saturday to look after some unfinished business at the compress.

Misses Beatrice and Mary Lee Thomson left Sunday for Austin, where they will join a party of friends and go to St. Louis.

Mrs. T. A. Davis and son Emmett, went up to Miles Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Preston McKinley for a few weeks.

Rev. G. W. Newman came in on Monday's train from Coleman where he has been assisting in a protracted meeting the past ten days.

Mrs. Ida Phillips and babe came in Monday from Santa Anna on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles of West End.

Mrs. Frank Bell and daughter, Miss Ada, of Karnes City, are in Ballinger this week, the guests of their relatives, W. A. Gustavus and family.

C. C. F. Blanchard and daughter Lucy May and son Guion left last Saturday for St. Louis where they will see the sights at the fair a few days.

Miss Zadio Royalty came home Saturday after an absence of several months at San Antonio and other eastern points. She visited the fair at St. Louis while gone.

Arthur Doose, who was with an outing party on the Concho, was brought home Saturday quite seriously ill, but we are glad to state is much better at present.

For Trade.

A good work mare 15 hands high for a good milk cow and calf. Apply at Banner Leader office.

All work at the Home Steam Laundry is guaranteed.

Letter to Tom Ward, Ballinger, Tex.

Dear Sir: Devoe is worth \$4 or \$5 a gallon, put on; how much is another paint worth?

Depends on how many gallons you've got to put on, to be equal to one of Devoe.

Mr. J. J. Hall, Sheffield, Pa., painted two houses one coat, five years ago, lead-and-oil, to 40 gallons.

Last summer bought 40 gallons Devoe for same houses; had 10 gallons left.

Mr. N. Avery, Delhi, N. Y., owns two houses exactly alike; painted one with Devoe; took 6 gallons; the other with some other; took 12 gallons.

What'd you give for those off paints? Bear in mind, you've got to pay for the painting.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & Co.,
New York.

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Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women; regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment. Dr. Ernest W. Hall, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists.

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A. B. DEVALLE, County Treas.

Dr. Buchanan.

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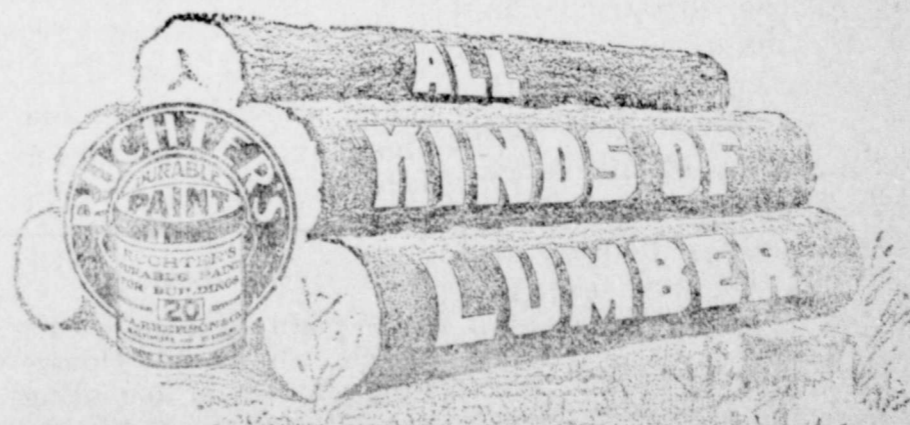
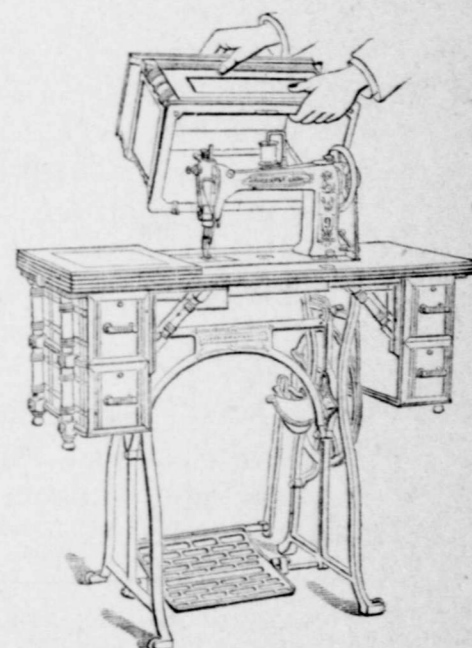
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CROUPS and COLDS

A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles. Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

Visit Stubbs & Hartman and see their line of fruit jars before making your purchases.

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SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger

12:20 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger

4:32 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger

3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger

10:40 a. m.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.

D. M. WEST.

For Judge 35th Judicial District.

JNO. W. GOODWIN

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.

For County Attorney.

R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor.

W. T. PADGETT.

For County Treasurer.

W. F. SHARP.

For Public Cotton Weiger's Prec. No. 1.

FRANK STUART.

For County Surveyor.

J. E. POWELL.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 1.

W. H. WEEKS.

For Constable Prec. No. 1.

B. W. PILCHER.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.

J. E. McADAMS.

For Constable Prec. No. 2.

E. W. BAGGETT.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 3.

W. P. HAWKINS.

It Saved His Leg.

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

Jeff Johnson, chairman of the state boll weevil convention, says that the boll weevil is increasing its depredations throughout the greater portion of the cotton belt of the state. He predicts that the Texas cotton crop for this year will not be more than last year, notwithstanding the fact that the increase of acreage is about ten per cent.

Do you children know that the most marvelous tree in the world—that is, the one producing the greatest number of useful things—is the cocoanut palm? And it reaches the greatest perfection on the Coco islands in the Bay of Bengal. The first utility is wood to burn; then it furnishes nuts to eat; ropes for maritime navigation, wine, thin stuffs to be woven into cloth, charcoal, water, oil and sugar. Its leaves when dry are used to cover the natives houses, and these roofs with shed the rain for half a year without leaking.

Be sure and see J. B. Alvis & Bro. when you want good syrup.

New Thought.

It's a great thing to be able to turn your follies into wisdom—your failures into victories. But it can be done if you only keep your nerve. The triumph of every successful man is but the edifice built upon the foundation of past follies well hammered down and turned to good account.

You will probably be a fool several times more before you die; but try not to be exactly the same kind of fool twice. Don't pay twice over for the same experience.

I tell you not to despair of anything. *You have outgrown much pettiness and narrowness. You will outgrow whatever else is undesirable if those around you don't keep "knocking" you and holding you in the thought of your fault. You will overcome your ignorance or silliness or unwisdom anyway, only others might help you on faster if they would only hold you in the right thought.

If you regret and are ashamed of your folly, the best thing is to get as far away mentally from the folly as possible. But so long as you keep hugging the memory of your folly to your bosom you will not be able to get away from it. Turn your back squarely upon it once and for all—then move along toward that something worth while that is waiting for you.

There is no sense in sitting down and holding your head between your hands and moaning. Stand up with head thrown back—shoulders ditto—sleeves rolled up—and then use your hands to better purpose than holding your head while you mean. Get hold of something else.

Of course you feel heart-sick, sore and "cheap." That's only natural; but the best remedy for your trouble is Work. If you go to work in earnest you will not have time to think about your troubles.

Diary of a Mormon.

Monday—I am feeling very tired today. I came home late last night and was met at the head of the stairs by the entire outfit. This was a case of where there was only one listener, and the lecture was given by the audience. Oh, my!

Tuesday—I wired East today for another carload of cribs. Hope they will get here soon and relieve the pressure. I heard this morning that fourteen kids had begun to cut their teeth. More trouble!

Wednesday—Croup! And only two gallons of ipicac left in town! Yet it might be worse.

Thursday—It is worse. Five new arrivals last night. Doctors report all doing well. Great Zedediah! I never wake up in the morning that I don't wonder how many more it will be in the evening.

Friday—Today my nurses struck! Came forward in a body and demanded eight hours a night. As if I could guarantee anything in the present state of affairs.

Saturday—Spring openings! Today five of my better sixteenth stole away from me while I was snatching some much needed rest and went shopping. I see my finish.—Life.

Lost.

A plain Hunting case gold watch in Court House yard. Finder will please bring same to this office and received a liberal reward

Bryan supports Parker because he prefers the citizen of peace and prosperity to his high tariff majesty of war and imperialism. Like millions of the American people, Bryan wishes a president and not an autocrat, a republic and not an empire, peace and content, and not war and trouble. Parker's candidacy is an advance toward the restoration of fundamental principles of Democracy.—St. Louis Republic.

Largest Tree on Earth.

A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Fresno, Cal., says: W. H. Hart, a well known lumber mill man, claims to have found a giant sequoia measuring thirty-six feet in diameter and 100 feet around the base. This is said to be the largest tree on earth. Hart says the tree is in Eshom Valley, Tuare county, in a secluded gulch, near one of the mills. The mammoth, he figures is 400 feet in height.

Children should, by kindness be directed into paths of usefulness which lead to the well springs of character. A child's mind is easily impressed and its life may be reflected by its environments, therefore be careful, but firm with the rising generatoin. Instill a spirit of self reliance rather than that of fear, and teach that it is necessary to exercise the brain as well as the hands; point out the beauties of agriculture the pleasures of farm life and the joys of right living so that in your old age you may have some one to rely upon and call you blessed. Encourage little ones to do something, inspire ambition and mould the brain so that it may exercise all of the talents the child has at its command.—Ex.

There is nothing better in this old world of ours than a sweet, quiet, well-behaved, well-trained, self-respecting girl—one who remembers that she is a girl, and that, being a girl, she must be an ideal one, not the kind so common now—a girl trying to ape the manners and actions of a boy. Girls, you cannot do that, and not spoil the charm of your girlhood; people like girls to be girlish, not boyish. Nature made no mistake when she made girls and boys with different aspirations, language and manners, and if you try to act boyish, it is as bad as to see a boy acting girlish. Avoid slang and rudeness of all kinds; be quiet and act the lady, and you will be the better for it.—Western School Journal.

It makes this writer tired to hear the papers speak of the farmer as the "horny handed son of toil" The successful farmer is no more of a toiler than the successful merchant, in fact he is nearer his own master. There is toiling in every department of life where there is success, but the farmer's toil is the most satisfactory of all. Happy should be that man who can spend his days on a farm, and he should be honored above all men. There is hardly to be found a city man, who was reared on a farm, who does not constantly long for the time to come when he can get away from the daily grind of business to spend his last and best days on a farm.—Daily Bulletin.

All work at the Home Steam Laundry is guaranteed.

Teachers Meet.

As per announcement last week the teachers and trustees met at the school building Thursday at 3 o'clock and the following assignments were made:

First grade, Miss Sadie Royalty; second grade, Miss Stella Routs; third grade, Miss Jennie Bennett; fourth grade, Miss Angie Butler; fifth grade, Miss Una Gustavus; sixth grade, Miss Alphonse Caperton; 7th and 8th, Supt. E. L. Hagen; 9th and 10th Prof. N. J. Clancy.

The teachers were brim full of enthusiasm and expect to put forth their best efforts to give Ballinger a good school, which we feel sure they will do. However lets not forget to lend support and encouragement to the faculty, for much depends on this. A long, strong pull for the upbuilding of Ballinger's public school—it's our duty, let's do it.

Letter From Judge Powell.

St. Louis, Aug. 29, 1904.
Banner-Leader:

I expect to start home Friday eve. Beautiful weather, large crowds and fine fair. It was raining too much before I got here. I ordered it stopped here and forwarded to Texas. The Fair Commission voted me thanks. My wife keeps up with crowd. Respectfully,
J. W. Powell.

W. M. Cunningham and Miss Rachel Burnett of the San Angelo country, were married at the court house Friday Judge T. T. Crosson performing the ceremony.

J. W. Cunningham and family moved this week into their West End property, recently purchased from C. S. Woodward.

Mrs. K. V. Northington and children came in Friday from Abilene to made their home in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson and children went up to San Angelo Friday on a visit to friends.

We are of the Same Opinion.

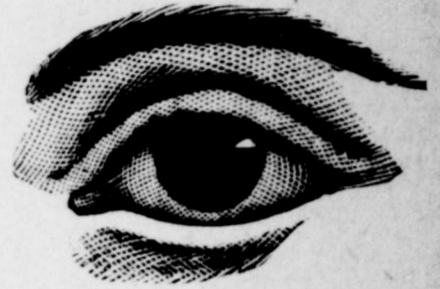
The following from the Abilene Reporter brings to mind the fact that we too, are often "prodded" for giving notice of the fine rains, and the fine crop prospects in our county and section, for fear of reducing the price of cotton. It is not the province or desire of the newspaper, as we understand it, to deceive the public, but if any good thing comes our way we feel it our duty, for the benefit of our people, to let the world know it. Newspaper reports help to build up the town and country and that is what we are here for, in a legitimate way:

"Some of our friends are getting nervous from the fear that the unusual report of big crops in our country may affect the price of the staple and think that we should let up in our reports of it. They are reminded that when prospects are hard here the news is shouted from the housetops and when we are in the swim we have a right to shout the good news. If Abilene bought a two hundred thousand bale crop this year it would not affect the price of cotton one cent to the bale."

A Good Enough Way for Him.

"I wouldn't cry like that, my little man."

"Well, you can cry any way you want to; this is my way."—Brooklyn Life.



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We have restored sight to thousands that were pronounced incurable. Many of the you doubtless know. Call, write for names and satisfy yourself in every particular. References from 1000 cases of Cross Eyes straightened. Will straighten six cases free in Ballinger September 19, 20, 21, and 22nd. Permanent offices at Lampasas and San Angelo, Texas.

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Winters Budget

MISS ETHEL MOORE, Editor.

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METHODIST—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening; also preaching on first Sunday evening. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. L. Speer, supt., Epworth League at 3 p. m. each Sunday evening T. A. Fannin, pres. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night—F. M. Jackson, pastor.

BAPTIST—Preaching every second Sunday morning. Sunday School at 9 a. m., James Flint supt. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday afternoon 4 p. m., S. W. Pratt pres., Ben S. Sullivan, pastor.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—Preaching every first Sunday and night, Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Service each Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Mr. Eoff, leader.

LUTHERAN—Services each second Sunday.

Secret Orders—A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday on or before full moon. W. H. Brown, sec. W. S. Mullin, W. M. K. of P. meets each second and third Thursday nights, L. E. Jarmon, C. C., W. S. Mullin, K. R. & S.

W. O. W.—Camps meets each second and fourth Monday nights T. T. Davis, C. C., J. W. Dale, clerk.

I O O F—Meets every Saturday night, P. H. Williams, N. G., W. P. Springfield, V. G., H. C. Springfield, sec.

Miss Viola Yeats was visiting in Winters Wednesday.

Rev. Albert Turney of Wintgate was in Winters Monday.

J. W. Bennett was in Tuesday with a load of fine melons.

The hum of the gins is now heard in Winters every day.

Miss Ethel Moore sold a wedding suit Tuesday. Look out.

Mrs. Flack and daughter returned to their home in Belton Tuesday.

Mr. Griffith was showing a patent churn on the streets Tuesday.

Dr. Allred sold his pacing horse to George Gabart Wednesday at p. t.

We noticed several loads of wood on the streets today selling at \$2.50 per load.

Mr. M. C. Church of Pumphrey was trading with our merchants Monday.

Rev. Jackson reports a fine meeting at Bowman, having had 13 conversions at the last service.

F. M. Cornelius has put in a wood yard at Winters which will be a great convenience to the town.

Mrs. Sherrell returned Tuesday from Mineral Wells where she has been spending some time recuperating.

Miss Willie Hall returned Friday from a visit to friends in Waco. Her many friends are glad to see her at home again.

Will Noel and wife were in Winters Monday to acknowledge deeds to land Mr. Noel had sold, and did some shopping while here.

Misses Hunter Black and Mary Learstang, Messrs Will Pearce and Henry McDonald attended church at Pumphrey Monday night.

Leon Jarmon bought from Ira Beard, Wednesday, the fine young bay horse formerly owned by D. S. L. Hicks. Leon will show you a swell turnout soon.

From the amount of lumber being hauled to Winters and vicinity we would say our people are prospering. Come and help us build up the finest country in Runnels county.

Dry weather does not stop trading in Winters real estate. I. Beard sold to Dr. S. L. Hicks one of his farms north of Winters Wednesday. We did not learn the consideration.

Miss Helen Sherrell entertained the K. K. K's Saturday afternoon from 5 till 7. Games of different kinds were indulged in. Nice refreshments were served. All report quite an enjoyable time.

There will be an all-day singing at Content September 11th for the purpose of organizing a District Convention. Dinner on the ground. Every class and all singers are invited. Messrs. Goodman and Shaw are expected.

The Progressive Christian meeting closed Sunday night. The Progressive people organized a Sunday School Sunday with 30 members enrolled and Mr. Havenhill as superintendent. There were 14 additions to the church during the meeting.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, Sept. 4th.
Subject—The better hope of the race—Ps. 78:18

Leader—W. R. Gannaway.
Sentence Prayers.

Song.
The present is debtor to the past—Bro. Speer.

Reading—Ethel Moore.
Prayer—Howell Cryer.

Song.
The Spirit of Christ is leavening the world—Robert Yeats.

Reading—Prof. Rotramel.
Each generation has the chance of becoming wiser and purer than its predecessor—Rev. Jackson.

Lord's Prayer in concert.
Song and Benediction.

Hotel Arrivals.

Registered at the City Hotel: H. C. White, proprietor.

Mr. Gardner, Audra; F. C. Burnett, Dallas; J. H. Nowell, Dallas; Mrs. Walsh, Abilene; Mrs. B. B. Bledsoe, Abilene; J. R. Carter, Dallas; Mr. Zim and son, Truitt; W. D. Justice, Winters; B. B. Stone and wife, Ballinger; Dick Oliver, Baldwin; R. A. Terry and wife, Ballinger; Mr Sims, Bronte; Percy Lawrence, Caps; F. F. Woodworth, St. Paul, Minn; Sam Johnston and W. R. Johnston, San Angelo

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The writer has been attending the meeting at New Hope this week so please excuse the paper as we have had little time to gather news.

Mr. James Speer is home again, after having spent some two weeks in a meeting near Glen Cove. He reports 45 conversions.

Mrs. Sheeley and children returned Thursday from their visit north. They came back by St. Louis to see the fair.

Some of the Pumphrey people attended the association at Miles this week.

Miss Ola Harper and father attended church at Pumphrey Sunday.

Miss Learstang left for her home in Nolan Tuesday.

Mr. Davis of Beldon was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Harris of Moro was trading here Monday.

Rev. Morrison left Tuesday for his home in Dublin.

Miss Mattie Church of Pumphrey was in Winters Tuesday.

James Wilson of Pumphrey was trading in Winters Tuesday.

John Dale says he is a good nurse and says he can prove it.

Quite a crowd of Winters people went to Bluff Creek Sunday.

The Winters merchants are stocking up heavily for the fall trade.

T. A. Fannin and family have returned from their trip to Mexico.

Mrs. S. P. Proctor, who has been visiting her son, Tol, of this place, returned to her home in Belton, Tuesday.

Hasty Judgment.

It is well to suspend judgment. In many cases until we have had time to review circumstances and trace motives. A mother whose temper is impulsive should never trust her first hasty judgement in the management of her little ones. In the larger affairs of the neighborhood and society the prudent person refuses to judge hastily. He gives the benefit of the doubt wherever and whenever and to whomsoever he can. People have a right to ask that before they are weighed in the balance and found wanting, their cases shall be looked at from all sides and from the most favorable point of view. It is not well to assume that blushes and down dropped eyes always indicate guilt. Innocence falsely accused is often ashamed to look its accuser in the face. Judge not that ye be not judged," was said by the purest lips that ever spoke on earth. The man or woman whose habit is to indulge in snap judgement of any kind is necessarily narrow and undeveloped.

The Danger of Discourtesy.

I think it was Rev. Stafford A. Brooks who once uttered those wise and true words: "The power of being able to keep a household from fretting and complaining and from violent tempers, the power of being able to encourage, nourish, and stimulate the freedom and growth of others, is gained from their having been built up in the minds of all those in the house, as the first motive of life, the great Christian law—Christian because entirely human. Think of others more than yourself, and of others happiness. Of this law the best definition to remember is a word of St. Paul's: 'In honor prefer one another.' This is true courtesy; it is its very flower; it is the essence of Christ's teaching, set to music in daily life; it will bring out all the good in others; it will bring out what is best in yourself; it will make your home like very heaven." Of all the mischief-making elements that creep into many homes discourtesy is one of the most common and most fatal in its results. When a wife begins to speak sharply and rudely to her husband and when she finally descends to the low state of "nagging" him, she is in a fair way to lose both his love and his respect; and when a husband begins to be less courteous to his wife, he is in danger of losing both her respect and love. The rock of discourtesy is the rock on which many a matrimonial bark has stranded. If the father and mother are not courteous to each other it is not expected that the children of the home will be gentle and polite. There is no greater mimic than a child and there is no one more alert. The child takes note of everything and is susceptible to the general atmosphere of the home. If the children are not taught courtesy in the home it is not to be expected that they will be courteous outside of the home. There is a story told of an old German who was engaged in the back part of his business house when one of his clerks came to tell him that there was a lady waiting to see him in his office. He had thrown off his coat and the work he was doing had soiled his hands. Hurrying to a basin he washed his hands, threw on his coat, straightened his tie and made himself presentable as possible before going forward to meet the lady. Returning a few minutes later he said with an aggrieved air, as he threw off his coat, "I put on my coat and made myself clean for nothing. That was just my wife." Now there are a good many intelligent, entirely respectable and well meaning men who does not feel it to be incumbent on them to observe the ordinary rules of courtesy toward women, when the woman in question is "just my wife," and so there are wives who fall into the habit of negligence regarding their personal appearance and are indifferent to many of the ordinary little courtesies of life, when there is no one around but "just my husband." It is an evil day in any home when the husband feels that he can be less courteous to his wife than to other women, and it is an equally evil day when the wife feels that she can put aside many of the little courtesies. No household can be kept free from an atmosphere of unrest and general depression if the great law of kindness does not obtain there, and kindness is the foundation of all true courtesy. It is true that "life is made up of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort." Nothing will secure greater comfort in the home than habitual smiles and kindness combined with the courtesy that is not based on mere "good form" but that is the outgrowth of moral force, self respect and kindly consideration for others. Could there be any better motive for self-control, patience, forbearance and kindness than a desire to make home happy.—Ex.

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That it has been able to reach its present age is due, in a great measure to the generosity of several of its patrons. In the close of the first session of the Ballinger Kindergarten these gentlemen manifested their public spirit by buying a building and lot which has ever since been occupied by the Kindergarten, free of cost to the Kindergarten, even to the expense of keeping the same insured.

It is the aim of the Primary Department of this institution to prepare its pupils to enter the public school when they have finished the second grade. The present kindergartner in charge, having taught a number of years in the public schools of Texas, is competent to undertake this work.

While the Kindergarten and Primary School is of a private nature in so far as it is responsible for its own debts, etc., it is open to the patronage of the public, and the children who are placed under the care of its teachers will receive their best attention.

True Merit Recognized.

Last winter the oldest son of Mr. Paul F. Mueller, publisher of the Volksblatt-Rundschau, Lincoln, Ill., was afflicted with a very bad cold and cough. In speaking of how they cured it Mr. Mueller says: "We used different kinds of medicines without any benefit to him until we commenced to use Hart's Honey and Horehound. This medicine gave immediate relief and soon cured him. In my estimation Hart's Honey and Horehound is the most wonderful and certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by E. D. Walker, druggist.

The old Confederates will have another one of their picnics and barbecues at the usual place on the river near Uncle Joe Routh's place, on the 8th day of September. Come and bring your basket and enjoy the day. The same barbecue committee will look after the meats, which is a sufficient guarantee that everything will be nice.

H. Zdaril and wife came in Tuesday from Flatonio, their old home, and other points south and east where they have been spending the past two months. Mr. Zdaril reports a very pleasant trip and says he is now ready to handle the fleecy staple at the same old stand.

Mr. J. F. Lusk has bought the interest of Mr. Gwinn in the land and real estate business of Woodward & Gwinn and the firm will be Woodward & Lusk in the future. These are honorable, hightoned gentleman and no doubt will do a good business.

H. A. Cady returned Sunday from St. Louis where he had been enjoying the fair for the past ten days. He says the fair is immense.

M. Barbee came in Monday from his Schleicher county ranch and is greeting old Ballinger friends this week.

W. K. Bennett of Houston, who has been visiting relatives in our city the past week, left for home Tuesday.

Jas. E. Howze, sheriff of Concho county, was among the visitors to our city last Saturday.

Buy a sack of popcorn at W. A. Roberts next door to post office.

Hot peanuts next door to post office. W. A. Roberts.

W. E. Odom went up to Fort Worth on business Tuesday.

A. A. Horn of Maverick had business in Ballinger Saturday.

Fine candy, good cigars at W. A. Roberts, next door to post office.

O. Hastings of the Crews country was dealing with our business men last Saturday.

Jas. E. Brewer went up to Brownwood Monday to look after some business matters.

J. Sam Hall of the Norton country was patronizing the dentist here last Saturday.

R. S. Griggs left Monday for his old home at Evant and will visit home folks and friends a few days.

Miss Earl Gressett of Ballinger is visiting the family of W. B. Hamilton this week.—Robert Lee Observer.

Mrs. F. A. Mater left Monday for Yorktown, Texas, where she goes to visit her mother whom she has not seen in 10 or 12 years.

The foundation is down and material on the ground for the erection of a nice 5 or 6 room residence in West End for J. D. Norwood.

Chas. S. Miller & Co. change their ad this week and say cut out the land local as the notice has had the desired effect. The land is sold.

J. A. DeMotive returned Sunday from Austin where he had taken Joe Baker to the asylum. He reports everthing hot, dry and dusty on the road.

Mrs. Halley, mother of Dr. W. B. Halley of our city left last week for her home at Dallas, after having spent several weeks with her sons here and at Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke and Mrs. Wm. Sprain left on Saturday's train for St. Louis where they will enjoy the sights at the great world's fair for a week or ten days.

J. M. Valentine of Truitt was in the city last Saturday and reports five new houses in course of construction at Truitt, and others contemplated in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilliam left Saturday for Grayson county where they go in response to a message that Mrs. Gilliam's mother was seriously sick and not expected to live.

One of the most important requirements in a medicine to be given to small children should be that it is pleasant to take. Bad tasting medicines disturb the stomach, destroy the appetite and it is extremely difficult to get children to take them. The pleasant flavor of Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup, the certain cure for dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness pleases the most sensitive persons and is the ideal laxative for young children. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles sold by E. D. Walker.

Farm life illustrates the ideal condition of society. The family may gather around the fireside, the parents strong in the knowledge that their children are free from the evil influences which claims so many victims in the city. In the country everyone knows his neighbor; and there is a natural bond of sympathy as the Creator contemplated when the world was evolved. It is nature which guarantees independence and teaches man how to enjoy freedom without encroaching upon the rights of others.—Farm and Randh.

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The handwriting of lawyers has caused many a hard working printer to lose his hold on the ship of salvation. Turn the average lawyer loose with a stub pen and the result on paper resembles a cross between Chinese characters and the Greek alphabet. A farmer wrote to a lawyer friend as follows: "Will you please tell me where you learned to write? I have a boy I wish to send to school and am afraid I might hit the same school you went to."—Thurber Journal.

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Cost of Courtship.

A few days ago the Star called attention to the case of a rejected lover in Montreal who had brought suit against the father of his faithless sweetheart, asking reimbursement for the time and money spent in courting the girl. The incident was significant as showing the commercial drift of the age even in affairs of the heart, and further particulars are even more illuminative of the practical, unsentimental attitude of the twentieth century young man. An itemized bill of expenses incurred during the period of his engagement includes, among other things, postage on the letters written to her. It never occurred, apparently, to the prosaic suitor that the pleasure he derived from writing these epistles to his lady love was worth at least 2 cents to him on each occasion. He considers himself to have incurred a financial loss with no recompense, and takes the same view of the time spent in her society, his charge being \$2 an hour for 465 hours. He makes no offset for any enjoyment he may have received from her companionship on these occasions, nor does it seemingly occur to him that she was wasting her time; he simply assumes that his hours were all business hours and were worth \$2 apiece. He itemizes fruit and caddy and flowers and dinners to which in the course of his wooing he had treated the lady, plainly regarding them as gifts which she took at her own financial risk. Whether the court will hold the young woman responsible or not cannot be told, but in any event the episode must be accepted as one showing the vanishing of romance in the matter of fact commercial age.—Terre Haute Star.

The Re

The following paragraph from that excellent journal, the Italy News Herald, in reference to the great furor caused by the caustic remarks of Ex-Governor Hogg in his Houston convention speech, contains a ton of solid truth, and we commend it to the careful perusal of readers: "Hon. J. S. Hogg's speech at the Houston convention called forth much criticism from all parts of the state because he did not like Parker and told of some good Roosevelt had done. The truth of the matter is, he used about twenty or thirty words to Parker and Roosevelt while his speech contains several thousand words. He would not have mentioned either of the candidates had not some smart aleck in the crowd called on him. He was discussing state issues which were at that moment of far more consequence than discussing the candidates for the presidency. He was for Parker and so were all those in attendance, so why discuss Parker. The few words in reference to Parker and Roosevelt had nothing to do with his speech. The trouble was that he bore down on the free pass packer so hard (and they were greatly in the majority) that they had to do something to divert the minds of the people from the real points in Mr. Hogg's speech. He is an honest man and a man who does his own thinking, and this can not be said of everybody."

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Don't judge the other fellow too harshly. He may have burdens of which you never dreamed. Not long since we heard a man in the church criticised for not contributing more largely to the foreign missionary cause. Incidentally we learned afterward that this same man who was being criticised was supporting a missionary in China unaided, and was actually giving more to the cause than the rest of the entire church to which he belonged. We know a man who is made sport of for being stingy and close, when at the same time he is supporting a widowed mother and children in a distant state and is maintaining a brother who is getting a professional education at an eastern university. Yet the young men of his acquaintance who spend every cent they earn on their own personal extravagances say he is a stingy hardflint. Why don't he explain to them? Well, he don't have to. He accepts none of their financial favors and can't see that he owes them anything.—American Home Journal.

In the beginning God created the heavens and earth, then the editor, and the liberal advertiser, which was very well. The next day it snowed and he created the man who does not believe in advertising, and another who don't take the home paper. And the devil got into the moulding room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it. After he had completed that sorry job and having a few lumps left, he created the excuse of a man who settles his subscription by instructing the postmaster to mark his paper "refused."

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August is the last month for selling summer merchandise; the month of the whole year for Bargains. It is the money saving month. It is the month of final clearing out of all summer materials and making room for fall stocks. This is the store that never does things by halves—it's the whole hog every time. August this year will mark an epoch in the history of Ballinger Merchandising. We made a special effort to make July a good month and succeeded beyond our expectations. Greater efforts will be put forth to make August a record breaker. Our buyer is now in the eastern markets buying goods for the coming fall and winter and all summer goods now in stock must go. This is a sale will interest everyone who cares to be well and comfortably dressed these hot days

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Organized Labor at the World's Fair.

The management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition has provided a most elaborate and attractive program for Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day.

The exercises will be so arranged as to emphasize the important part organized labor has played in the rapid and wonderful progress of mankind in every branch of industry.

The various branches of labor from all parts of the country will be represented, and it is the intention to make this the center day in point of attendance, since the opening of the

exposition.

In order that Texas labor may be fittingly represented, Cotton Belt has arranged special coach excursion to St. Louis on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4. Special trains will be run, each section of which will be given a limited number of cars, enabling them to make schedule time without difficulty. Enough sections will be run to insure comfortable accommodations for all, and each train will be in charge of a representative of the passenger department.

Our trains are composed of new equipment, high back coaches, free chair cars, elegant dining cars. Special World's Fair and standard sleepers are also carried and may be used by those holding long limit tickets.

The rate will be exceedingly low, only about two-thirds of the one way fare for the round trip. Excellent rooms may be secured at sixty cents per day (not more than four in a room) this rate being available only by members of our party. They are strictly first-class in every way, located in the best residence district of St. Louis, and within easy walking distance of the fair. Good meals can be had within one block at very reasonable prices.

We have handled several of these excursions to the World's Fair with the greatest degree of satisfaction to our patrons. It is no experiment with us. We know that we can give you good service, and see that you are well located in St. Louis.

If you want to join us on September 3 or 4 you can secure full information from and enroll your name with nearest Cotton Belt Agent or with D. M. Mor-

gan, T. P. A., Fort Worth; Gus Hoover, T. P. A., Waco; John F. Lehane, G. P. A., Tyler.

Rankin-Pearce.

J. A. Rankin and Miss Martha Pearce were married last Wednesday, August 24, in a buggy near Edith, Coke county.

Mr. Rankin has been editor and proprietor of the Robert Lee Observer the past year, having sold same about two months ago.

Miss Pearce is a daughter of our esteemed fellow citizen, H. D. Pearce, and is a bright, intelligent young lady.

They came to Ballinger and spent several days with the bride's parents, and left Monday for St. Louis to attend the fair. From there to go to Macon, Georgia, where the groom has a lucrative position as bookkeeper.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nervine and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c and satisfaction guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist.

Cyrus Odom of Maverick was among the visitors to Ballinger Tuesday of this week.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

W. C. Penn and newly made bride were here this morning enroute home from a bridal tour to Fort Worth and others points. They went on to Ballinger on the belated Santa Fe westbound. Mr. and Mrs Penn were the recipients of many happy congratulations while in the city—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mesdames J. N. Henderson and R. C. Watkins, mother and sister respectively of Mrs. B. B. Stone, left for their homes, the former at Bryan and the latter at Houston, last Saturday afternoon.

R. W. Davis of Elgin, Texas, brother-in-law of J. A. DeMerville, of our city, left for his home Monday, after having visited his relatives for several days.

Miss Maggie Underwood, a very pleasant young lady from Ballinger is in the city a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Pomp Arnold.—Brownwood Bulletin

William Penn and wife of Brownwood are in the city on a bridal trip. Mrs. Penn was Miss Kate Thomson, a leading social favorite of Ballinger. They are stopping at the Worth.—Record.

Our merchants are receiving new goods and will soon be ready for the fall trade. Cotton is beginning to come in pretty lively and the fall rush of business will soon be on.

Courage is a Matter of the Blood.



Without good red blood a man has a weak heart and poor nerves. Anemia means thinness of blood. It is common in men and young women and all those who work indoors, who do not get enough outdoor air and good oxygen in their lungs. There are too many white blood corpuscles in such cases, and there is often a peculiar sound in the heart, called a murmur, in cases of anemia. This heart murmur is caused by thinness of the blood passing through the heart. The murmur of anemia disappears when the blood regains its natural consistency and richness. It is not heart disease. Sometimes people suffer intense pain over the heart, which is not heart disease, but caused by the stomach. It is the occasion of much anxiety, alarm and suffering, for which its victim is dependent upon reflex disturbances from the stomach caused by indigestion. In the same way many bad coughs are dependent upon these reflex disturbances of what is called the pneumogastric nerve. To enrich the blood and increase the red blood corpuscles thereby feeding the nerves on rich red blood and doing away with nervous irritability, take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which promotes digestion and assimilation of food so that the blood gets its proper supply of nourishment from the stomach. Get as near to nature's way as you can. A medicine made entirely of botanical extracts and which does not contain alcohol is the safest. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery contains no alcohol or narcotics. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the best liver pills.

Young Plants

Every farmer knows that some plants grow better than others. Soil may be the same and seed may seem the same but some plants are weak and others strong.

And that's the way with children. They are like young plants. Same food, same home, same care but some grow big and strong while others stay small and weak.

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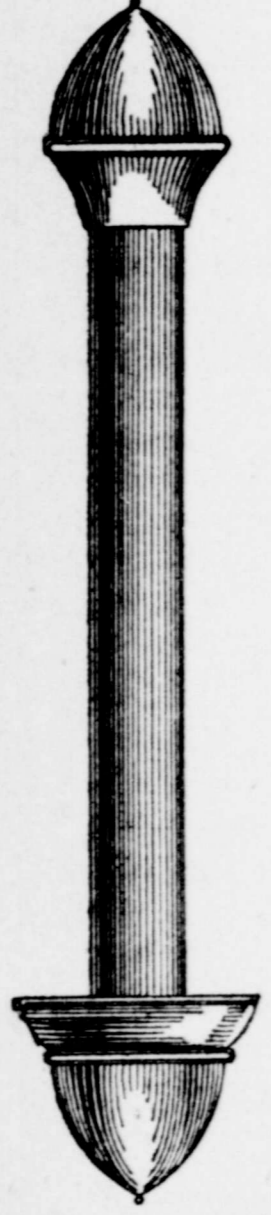
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On the Wing.

Dear Buck:
As you have so stubbornly begged us to write you of our wanderings while we were on our pilgrimage recently, we have finally decided to comply with your request, in strict confidence. We left Ballinger July 21st on the east bound Santa Fe flyer and arrived at Goldthwaite at 11 p. m., where we met our chum. Our chum told us they had had good rains in Mills, Lampasas and Bell counties and that crop prospects were very good. We then went on to Temple and took the north-bound M. K. & T. for Waco, where we arrived at 6 o'clock a. m. At 12 o'clock we took the south-bound M. K. and T. for Granger. Crops were very good along the line. We went to Katy Lake on the Link Line. Found the crops very poor in that part of the state. From there we went to Austin by way of Georgetown. Crops were very short around here. From Austin we went to Elgin, where we saw some very good cotton, and on to Granger. A man here offered us a good job, sniping on a section at \$1.15 per day. Thinking we had a soft snap we accepted but lost out in about two hours because the boss said we had the habit of being idle too much while on the track. So we went on to Smithville and San Antonio. Crops were very poor in the southern part of Bastrop county. Cotton will not make one half crop on the line from Smithville to San Antonio. We then went to Red Rock and from there we started on a trip north on the M. K. & T. line. When we left Red Rock at 6 a. m. it had been raining all night, a perfect downpour of rain. We went through Smithville, Bastrop, Taylor, Temple and Waco and it was rain all the way to Hillsboro. Then we parted company with our chum. He was going by way of Dallas, while we were going by the way of Itasca, Alvarado and Ft Worth. Crops were fairly good until we got near Ft. Worth. Then on we went to Denison where we crossed the Red River into the I. T. We went by way of Calbert, Durrant, Armstrong and Atoka to Oklahoma City. Here we saw more people with chills and fever

er than we ever saw anywhere before. The quinine bottle was as much a necessity there as a mirror is to a lady's toilet. From Oklahoma City we came back to Atoka and then went on up the main line of the M. K. & T. to South McAlister. While traveling in the territory we noticed that everyone seemed to be on an equality. You could see whites, negroes, indians, half breeds, Mexicans and dagos all mixed up in the same coach. From South McAlister we went to Muskogee, Vinita, Blue Jacket and Russel Creek. On this line corn crops were good but cotton was only fairly good. At Chetopa we crossed the line into the land of Carrie Nation and hatchet factories. We passed Parsons, South Mound, Ft Scott Junction. Along this line we saw some good corn crops. Small grain had all been harvested and we were told twas a good crop. At Clayton we crossed the line into Missouri. The towns of note we passed through in the state of Missouri were Nevada, Schell City, Appleton City, Laudue, Clinton, Green Ridge. We stopped at Sedali, where we took a bad case of being sick and went to a hospital. Corn and grain crops in Missouri are a fair crop but the fruit crop is short. Well, dear Buck, it is 12 o'clock and we are tired writing so will close. In the next letter we will tell you all about the hospital and the return trip to Texas on a stop-over ticket. So hoping you good luck, I am your friend,
MIKE.

War on the Town Cow.

A petition has been signed by 103 prominent business men asking the city council to pass an ordinance prohibiting the running at large in the city limits of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and goats. Following is a copy of the petition:
To the City Council of the City of Ballinger: We, the undersigned citizens of the city of Ballinger, hereby respectfully request and petition you, honorable body, that at your next regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, you pass an ordinance under the Laws of Texas pertinent thereto restraining and prohibiting the running at large in the same city of Ballinger of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and goats.

Board of Examiners in Session.

The County Board of Examiners met Friday, with Misses Marie Morgan, Eva Flood and May Fulcher, and Prof. Tolliver (colored) as applicants for certificates.

A. F. Adams, one of Runnels county's most successful and prosperous farmers, was in Tuesday to bring his mother to the train. She had been visiting him the past two months. To our reporter Mr. Adams stated that off of 100 acres he would probably get 30 bales of cotton which at present prices will net him quite a neat little sum.

'TEETHINA' as its name implies, is used by every mother wise, To stay convulsions that come on When teething time begins to dawn.
For nausea, vomiting, and the weak irritable stomach of children; nothing equals Dr. Moffett's "TEETHINA" (Teething Powders). It aids digestion and regulates the bowels.
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**Fresh Grapes
At Lewis'**

John Ryan came in Wednesday and will visit home folks and Ballinger friends a few days

J. H. Lewis and wife left Wednesday for St. Louis to enjoy the sights at the fair for a few days.

Dick Oliver of the Winters country, was in Ballinger a day or two this week the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Terry.

Mrs. Emm Gustavus and sister, Miss May Lankford, are visiting relatives and friends in the Wingate country this week.

L. Markowitz came in Wednesday from the eastern markets where he has been to purchase his fall and winter stock of goods.

George Vaughn came in Wednesday from St. Louis and other points in that section, where he has been visiting for the past month.

E. D. Walker sold, this week, his house and lot now occupied by Mr. Walter Kent. Consideration \$800. Everyone waits in breathless expectancy.

We call attention to our combination offer on another page of this issue, which we think will be of interest. It is our plan to let each subscriber receive direct benefit instead of one receiving it all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Baker broke up camp on the Concho first of the week and came back home. All express themselves as having enjoyed the outing and much improved in health.

The Ostertag-Dunlap Co. are successors to J. A. Ostertag & Co., furniture dealers, funeral directors and embalmers. Their place is on the corner under the opera house in the building formerly used by the Ballinger Grain & Commission Co.

T. H. Brown, of the firm of Bair & Brown, left Friday of last week for Ft Davis to marry Miss Lois Thomson of that place. They were married Wednesday and are spending a few days at Lulling, the groom's old home, before returning to Ballinger. The Banner-Leader extends congratulations.

Notic.
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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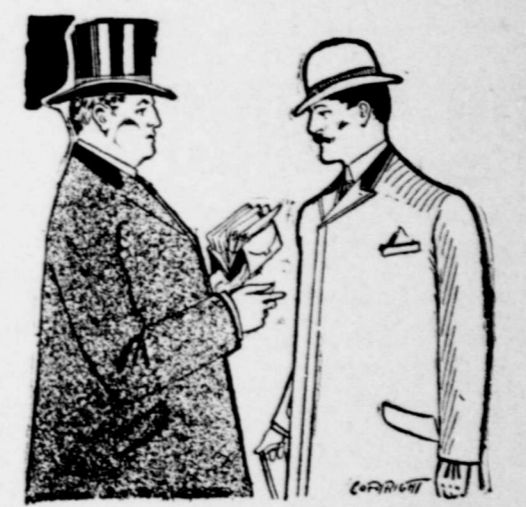
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