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A \$100,000.00 BALLINGER MERCANTILE FIRM ORGANIZED.

The Higginbotham Bros. Company and the Currie-Noyes Company Consolidate, Organizing the Higginbotham Currie Company.

WILL DO A BIG SUPPLY BUSINESS IN GENERAL LINE.

R. W. Higginbotham, of Dublin, R. T. Williams, of Stephenville, and Scott Mack, of Blankett all members of the Higginbotham Bros., Company, of the above named places, came in Monday, to perfect the organization of the Higginbotham-Currie Co., of Ballinger.

The new firm was soon organized and the stock of the Currie-Noyes Co., at once purchased, and after invoicing this stock of goods, the new firm opened its doors for business with a capital stock of \$100,000.00.

This firm is composed of the members of the well known firm of Higginbotham Bros., Co., who have several houses in the Central West part of Texas, and who are very successful business men, handling most everything, and the members of the Currie-Noyes Co., together with a number of other local citizens who have taken stock in the new firm. Among the Ballinger stock-hold-

ers are such men as J. F. Currie, W. E. Allen, J. N. Adams, John Pechacek, Jo. Wilmeth, C. H. Willingham, C. A. Doose.

The new firm expects to do a general supply business, handling dry goods, groceries, hardware implements, vehicles, furniture, lumber and house furnishing goods, and will sell for cash and credit.

They will continue to occupy the Currie-Noyes stand for their dry goods and groceries, and will rush to completion the new buildings on the Billup's lots to be used for some other line of the business.

This is the largest concern of the kind in this section of the state, and will be worth a great deal to Ballinger in the way of bringing more trade to the town.

We welcome them and wish for them a prosperous business.

Scott Mack will be manager of the new firm, and will in short will move his family to Ballinger.

Appointed Chief Clerk.

J. M. Edwards, who for the past two years has been Teller in The Citizens Nat'l Bank, left last Sunday for Austin to accept the appointment of Chief Clerk of the treasurers' office, tendered him by Treasurer Sam Sparks.

Mr. Edwards will make Mr. Sparks a fine clerk, but his leaving works a hardship on the Citizens Nat'l Bank, as he has been one of the strongest men in that institution.

He will move his family to Austin at an early date.

San Angelo is trying this week to secure purchasers in that city for \$250,000. worth of Orient bonds. The movement bids fair to succeed. It is proposed in the event of success that the Orient shops shall be located in that city when the road is finished that far. The completion of the Orient to that city will be a long step towards making it the Metropolis of West Texas for all time to come.

Not at cost but for grain and groceries at a living margin at—M. D. Chastain.

DEATHS, BIRTHS, AND WEDDINGS.

The Records Show Few Deaths, but Many Births and Weddings.

In our rounds this week in search of something to fill up space in this paper with, we called in to see Clerk Terry, and as usual found him up to his neck with work. The numerous real estate transfers, filing of new cases, and looking after correspondence, and attending to the many things that comes up in the general routine of business of the Clerk's office is keeping Mr. Terry and his clerks on the move. However, notwithstanding the rush of business, they are keeping things up in nice shape, and callers at that office have no trouble in securing any information relative to the records desired. We called on Deputy Clerk Shields to furnish us with statistics, showing us the number of deaths, births and number of licenses issued during the year of 1906, and from Jan. 1st 1906, to Jan. 1st 1907 following is the showing:

Deaths	110
Births	670
Licenses Issued	170

It must be remembered that there are lots of people in this country, and the few deaths that have occurred is remarkable. We believe there are few, if any counties that can produce such record. The record shows us to be healthy, prolific and not short on matrimonial timber. During the month of December the clerk issued 31 marriage licenses.

\$20.00 Reward.

\$20.00 REWARD—\$5.00 each for the following described stock: One Iron gray mare about 15 hands high 8 yrs old, has brand on shoulder; One brown mare mule about 15 hands high, 7 yrs. old, had halter on; One brown mare mule about 14½ hands high, 5 years old, shod in front, white spot size of a nickel at root of tail. One horse mule about 14½ hands high 8 yrs. old, had on halter and chain on front foot. All the mules were sheared about Dec. 10th. Probably all branded, but do not remember any of the brands. Reward is for return of stock to my place, 17 miles northwest of Ballinger on Wingate road. M. B. Jones, P. O. Winters Texas. 38-2tpd

Dr. W. B. Halley went to Temple on business yesterday.

TAX PAYING VERY SLOW.

Total Taxes Amount to over \$60,000, and more than one-half Uncollected.

Tax collector Bob Kirk and his deputy, Tom Gardner report that the people are very slow about paying their taxes. This is the last month in which you have to pay and save the ten per cent penalty, and in which you can secure your poll tax receipt.

The total taxes foot up about \$60,000, and only \$26,000 has been paid.

It makes it hard on the collector for you to delay looking after this matter until the last moment and it is almost impossible for him to issue the receipts that will be called for during the last few days of this month. Remember that Jan 31 at twelve o'clock is the limit, and to save trouble, and worry you should call on the collector at once.

Some Accidents.

Mrs. D. Reeder happened to a painful accident, Tuesday. She stepped on an ugly nail, and the nail penetrated sufficient to cause a very sore foot.

Mrs. Gathing had the misfortune to get the thumb of her right hand pulled off Wednesday. The family was moving from the Content country to Knickerbocker, and Mrs. Gathing was in the buggy leading a horse, and in some way the rope caught around her thumb as the horse pulled back with the above result. Dr. Grant dressed the wound, and after a few days delay the move to the new home was made.

C. R. Gaskill, the compress Superintendent, who was seriously hurt by a bale of cotton falling on him, was moved to his home at Brownwood, Tuesday. The latest report from his home states that he is getting along as well as could be expected. Mr. Gaskill was well provided for accident by carrying a good accident policy.

It was an unfortunate accident for Mr. Landiman, who had the misfortune to lose a fine span of horses in Bluff creek, Monday night. Mr. Landiman purchased the horses in town that day paying \$300. for them. The creek was on a rise from a rain that evening and was higher than thought to be, and in trying to ford it the team was drowned.

C. A. Herd, one of the hands at the Compress, was dangerously hurt Wednesday. He was rolling cotton with a large pair of trucks, and in some way the handle of the trucks struck him in the breast, laying him out for some time. It was thought for a few minutes that he was dead a physician was summoned, and the man was revived and is getting along very well at this time.

Constable Pilcher is going with his hand in a sling as the result of placing his fist with too much force up against a bad man. A couple of would-be toughs were making knife plays when the Constable arrested them and in their efforts to resist he used his fist with the above results.

W. S. Syler made a business visit to San Angelo, Wednesday.

Assignment At Crews.

W. T. Miller a merchant at Crews made an assignment at Crews last Saturday. The failure was due to failure to collect up close and bad business judgment. John F. Maddox was appointed, assignee and went up Thursday to take an invoice of the business and make the necessary arrangements towards closing out the business.

The liabilities are about \$4600, with assets amounting to \$3500.

Slap at Tillman.

Sen. Tillman, of South Carolina has been going after Roosevelt with his pitchfork but the S. C., Senate this week passed a resolution instructing her U. S. Senators to support Roosevelt in his stand against the recently dismissed negro troops. It remains to be seen whether the pitch-fork statesman will take his medicine without making faces or no. Tillman is one of the very few southern Senators who are opposing Roosevelt in his punishment of the murderous negroes.

Birthday Present.

Yesterday marked the eighteenth birthday of Miss Cleone Bencini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bencini of this city and a happier young lady could not be found in all the land, for on this occasion her father remembered her, not only with evidences of affection, but with a handsome little fortune. As a birthday gift Mr. Bencini presented his daughter with \$1000 in cash and a certificate for \$10,000 worth of oil mill stock. It is needless to say that Miss Bencini was delighted and knows that there is not another such father in all the land.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Bank Elected Officers.

The First Nat'l Bank held its annual meeting this week and elected C. A. Doose, president; D. M. Baker, Vice president and cashier and Sam Baker, assistant cashier. It is reported that this bank will make some valuable improvements in their banking house this year.

Guion Gregg went to Midland and El Paso last week.

Tom Shellburne, of Runnels county, was here last week on business.

We regret to learn that the family of S. M. Francis have been through a siege of sickness since they moved to Midland. Mr. Francis was quite sick with pneumonia and Johnnie, a 12-year-old son, was dangerously ill for some time. We are glad to learn, however, that they have all recovered.—Garden City Gazette.

Lee Maddox and R. W. Bruce made a business trip to Winters country Monday.

Judge M. C. Smith returned from Ft. Worth, Tuesday, where he went to place his daughter in school.

Money to loan on Farms and Ranches by The W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Co., Fort Worth, Texas. 26 tf.

Winkler's SPECIAL PRICE REDUCTIONS On Winter Goods

Here is an opportunity for the late buyer. We want to clean up all Winter Goods and are making big reductions on woolen Dress Goods, Outing Flannels and Flannelettes, Mens, Youths and Boys Clothing and overcoats, Ladies Coats and Tailor made Suits, Ladies Heavy Walking Skirts, wool blankets and woolen underwear. Come and get our prices.

WINKLER DRY GOODS CO.

Hulls AND Meal

COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive value than common hay which costs 50 per cent more, is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and is healthful and appetising.

COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of wheat bran, while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

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Generous Gift to Salvation Army.

Walter J. McKee of Tom Green county, one of the wealthiest land owners and cattlemen of West Texas, has donated 25,000 acres of land to the Salvation Army to do with it as the executive officers of this organization may direct. The land is in three sections in Sterling and Coke counties, and it is understood will be sold and the proceeds devoted to the purchase of other lands, upon which colonies will be established. The liberal offer comes as a thanksgiving contribution, following the old man's conversion recently. He was in San Antonio on a business visit when attracted by the earnest appeals of the Salvation Army and attended several meetings. Later he corresponded with high officers of the Salvation Army. Many liberal cash contributions received from anonymous sources are now attributed to the old plainsman.—Ozona Kicker.

You can get country butter a J. B. Alvis & Bro.

All The World.

is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

T. T. Duncan moved to town from the Norton country first of the week. Mr. Duncan purchased the Gustavus place near the school grounds, last fall.

He did not want his name used, but says: "After using Hooper's Tetter Cure on my sore, tired, sweaty, blistered feet, they have given me no trouble." Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Vanderstucken and daughter, Miss Sophia, returned to their home at Menardville, first of the week, after a visit to Mrs. C. C. Schuchard.

WILL PLANT BIG TOMATO CROP

E. A. Jeanes Will Raise Tomato for the Market.

E. A. Jeanes, the produce man, has purchased an irrigating outfit to be installed on Valley creek, and will experiment with tomato growing this year.

Mr. Jeanes remarked to the writer that he would begin at once to prepare his land and get it in good shape to put out the plants when the proper time come. He will plant ten acres of this wholesome vegetable, and if successful in his undertaking will have tomatoes to ship besides supplying the local market.

There is always a good demand for good tomatoes and great quantities are shipped into Ballinger every year. The crop is one that when properly cultivated and cared for does well here and while this is the first time any one has made any effort to supply the market, we believe Mr. Jeanes' experiment will prove successful. He will also plant other vegetables, but expects to make the tomato crop his leader.

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

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

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

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

The Value of Advertising

Thousands of people have been induced to try Harts' Honey and Horehound from reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are now its warmest friends. Our readers may rely on Harts' Honey and Horehound to cure a bad cold more quickly than any other medicine. For weak lungs and bronchial troubles no other remedy can compare with it. 25c 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Walker Drug Co.

Paint Your Buggy for 75c

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A man traveling ran into a drug store and called for Herbtan. Have none! Then take your sign down. By the use of Herbtan I have come from 105 pounds to 165 pounds. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

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Our new 1907 catalog with 128 finely illustrated pages is now ready and will be sent free upon request. It fully describes the best seeds and plants for the Southern Grower, High bred
Cotton Seed, Alfalfa Seed, Watermelon Seed, Seed Corn, Roses
and all kinds of plants for House and Lawn are our specialties. Oldest seed house in Southwest, 34 years of successful seed selling. Write tonight for catalog.
Robinson Seed & Plant Company,
2322 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas.

E. Ady, who gets his mail at the Ballinger post office, is a new name on the subscription books of the Banner-Leader.



Look Out for "Stars" Below

The man at the top and the man below—all sorts of people look out for "Star" when they want a good chew.

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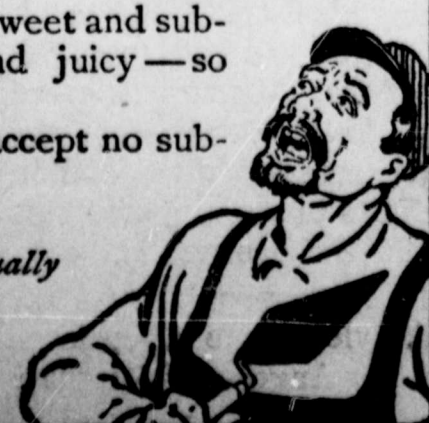
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The best is always the cheapest—"Star" is far more economical than other chews because it's so good—so rich and waxy, so sweet and substantial—so wholesome and juicy—so elastic and lasting.

Be sure and get "Star"—accept no substitute.

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Planters, Cultivators,
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John Deere and Standard
Stoves, Ranges, Heaters,
House Furnishings and
Builders Hardware.
Pipe Work and Cisterns.
We Will Appreciate Your Business.

Hutchins Ave.

Hall Hardware Co

Mazland.

Had McKown is building a new house on his land across the creek.

Mr. John McKown is also putting up a nice residence on this side.

Mr. Drake and son have bought land of A. T. Tuerpe and are building each a house.

Mr. McKown Sr., is building a house on his place and Mr. Porter Cox has completed a new house for Henry Clark and will occupy the same. We welcome Mr. Cox to our neighborhood.

Mr. Overman has moved to the place bought of John Ballew and John has moved to the place near the store bought recently from H. G. McKown.

S. N. O'Neal has arrived from McClellan county and occupies the place bought of P. B. Cox.

David Wright has moved into his new house and Milton Phillips is in the house occupied by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Crabb has returned to our neighborhood and we welcome him back.

Mr. Tucker has built a new house on his land.

The high price of lumber don't seem to stop them from building and the price of land don't seem

to hinder them from buying. We understand Mr. W. M. Forbes has sold his farm for \$27.50 per acre.

Ellis Bros. are offering their farm for sale cheap.

We have also been informed that Mr. Emmett is offering his place near the school house.

Wiley Williams arrived from Milam county a few days ago and will farm on Mr. Patterson's land south of the store. Wiley is all right. We knew him in Milam.

Married last Sunday at the residence of the brides father, W. O. Parish, Miss Eula Parish and Richard Heidel. Now Richard, old boy, sail out and cut your high dash. We are expecting a whole lot of you. If you don't turn things about we will be disappointed in you. Miss Eulah is one of the first young ladies of the community and Richard is to be congratulated.

Mr. Heidel is one of our most prosperous and trustworthy young farmers.

Uncle Johnnie.

City Primary Call.

Ballinger, Texas, Jan. 5, 1907.

City Democratic Executive Committee of Ballinger, Texas, met in called session, C. S. Bow-

don, Chairman, presiding. Meeting called to order by the chairman and upon roll call the following members responded, C. S. Bowdon Chairman, J. McGregor, W. L. Townner, C. S. Miller and Geo. B. Wright.

The chairman put the object of the meeting before the committee as to advisability of holding a primary, a full canvass and discussion of same was made and carried that a primary be held. Motion made and carried that Tuesday Feb. 12th, 1907 be set for holding said primary. H. A. Massey was appointed as manager of primary election, motion made and carried to that effect.

Motion made and carried that a test be printed on tickets as follows: "I am a Democrat and agree to support the nominee of this primary." There being no further business before the committee meeting adjourned in regular order.

C. S. Bowdon, Chairman
Geo. B. Wright, Sec'y.

City Democratic Executive Committee.

All candidates who want their names printed on the ticket must hand them in to the chairman, C. S. Bowdon, not later than Saturday Feb. 9th.

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Eggs, butter and vegetables at Ellis Gro. Co.

Syrup! Syrup! Big car East Texas Syrup just received at Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. E. A. Marshall returned last Sunday from a visit to relatives at Waxahachie.

For any disease of the skin we can recommend Chamberlain's Salve. It relieves the itching and burning sensation instantly and soon affects a cure. This salve is also invaluable for sore nipples. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

T. T. Duncan a good citizen of Norton, moved to Ballinger this week.

Wanted—All your butter and Eggs.

Godwin Grocery Co.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd went to San Angelo this week to visit friends and relatives.

Good groceries cheap, is better than cheap groceries at any price, try us. Ellis Gro. Co.

Max Rucker and Mr. Johnson were down from San Angelo last Saturday.

Try some of our New England Bread sold by.

Godwin Grocery Co.

W. W. Grider is a new name on the Banner-Leader's growing list of readers.

All the necessaries to make your turkey dinner complete at Alvis & Bro.

Miss Catherine Francis has returned to Ballinger after a visit to Mrs. M. F. Horton, —San Angelo Standard.

Bring us your cleaning pressing and repairing. Morehead the Tailor.

W. C. Gay of Coleman was visiting in Ballinger last Wednesday. Will reports the Coleman country flourishing.

Miller Mercantile Co, Agt., Live Oak, and Mill Flour, Cotton Buyer, call and see our Mr. Miller the cotton buyer before you sell.

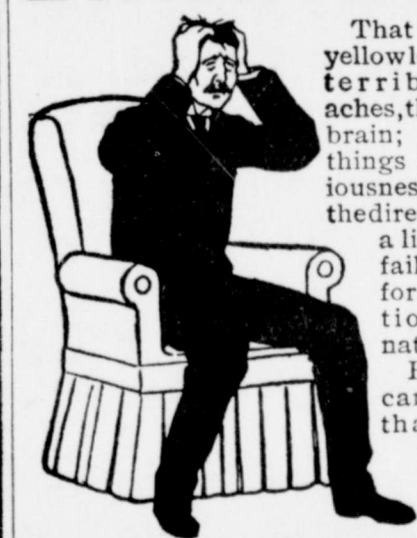
Owen Dorsey and sister, Miss Mina left last Saturday for Dallas, where they will make their home with their brother, Bert.

Alvis & Bro have just received a car of the famous East Texas Syrup. Call early before it is gone.

Mrs. Pearson, of Ballinger, has been the guest of Mrs. Don Cameron and was at the parties which occurred while she was in town.—Coleman Democrat.

CEDAR POST CEDAR POST we have them, a complete stock. Concho Lumber Co. successor to Humphrey Lumber Co. opposite Court House. tf.

Biliousness



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an opening.

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on your overcoat and make it
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prominent Methodist preacher
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Highest price paid for your
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Godwin Grocery Co.

Miss Martha Balfanz, a charm-
young lady of San Angelo who
has been visiting in Ballinger re-
turned home Thursday.

Subscribe for the Banner-Leader
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Dan Isom.

J. W. Rainwater, a hustling
land man of Crews and an all
round good citizen called on the
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order for some work this week.

Miller Mercantile Co., are
receiving new goods daily, goods
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Try them guaranteed.

Fred Schlake, of the Rowena
country died Sunday and was
buried in the Rowena cemetery
Monday evening. Mr. Schlake
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try.

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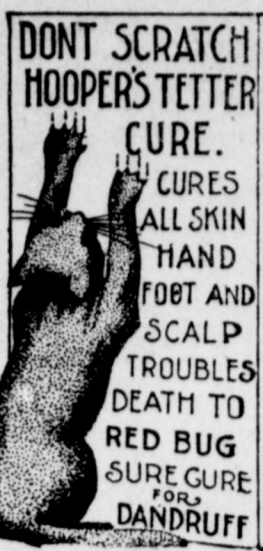
L. C. Alexander and A. L.
Farris returned, first of the week
from a prospecting trip in the
Midland country.

Fresh Vegetables at M. D.
Chastain's, the grocery and grain
dealer.

Ed. Schawe has accepted a
position with the Citizens Nat'l
Bank. Ed is a good book-keeper,
as well as a good boy, and the
bank is fortunate in securing
his services.

Pale and Thin Women—Remember
Herbton acts strictly accord-
ing to the laws of nature and
brings about the natural condi-
tions. Guaranteed by Walker
Drug Co.

Cures Tetter,
Eczema, Itch (all
kinds) Dew Poison,
Pimples, Ring-
worm, Skin
Eruptions, Chap-
ped Faces and
Hands, Sore,
Sweaty, Swollen,
Blistered Feet,
Cotton Pickers
Pick ¼
More
Cotton by
Using It.



SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY
Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, of Ball-
inger, who has been visiting
in the city for the past week, re-
turned home Tuesday evening.

W. M. Jones and D. M. Palmer
who have been in the city several
days this week on business, re-
turned to their homes at Ballinger
Wednesday morning.—San
Angelo Standard,

For the best barber work pat-
ronize the Crown Shop. tf

The Joy

of living is to have a good
health. Use Herbine and you
will have bushels of joy. You
need not be blue, fretful and
have that bad taste in your
mouth. Try a bottle of Herbine,
a positive cure for all liver com-
plaints. E. Harrell, Austin, Tex-
as, writes: "I have used Her-
bine for over a year, and find it
a fine regulator. I gladly recom-
mend it as a fine medicine for
Dyspepsia." Sold by J. Y. Pearce

J. A. Ostertag returned Thurs-
day from a visit to Dallas, on busi-
ness.

"Go you one better" 15 bars
soap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains.
52 tf.

J. O. Tillery, manager of the
Concho Lumber Co., had business
in Coleman, this week.

Have you tried Golden Gate
Coffee Sold by Godwin Gro., Co.

Mr. S. W. Setzler has just ar-
rived from a business trip to
Greenville Texas.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
at Godwin Gro. Co.

Mrs. S. A. Huskey has arrived
from Greenville, to join her hus-
band, and will make Ballinger
their future home.

Pants made in 24 hours at
Moreheads Tailor Shop.

Mr. R. C. Caldwell recently
from Wolfe City, has accepted a
position with the Ballinger Cot-
ton Oil Co., as engine man at
night.

The greatest reduction price
ever offered on Standard pianos
is now being offered by The Ball-
inger Installment Co. Call and
see them. tf.

Mr. Fred Traylor of Bailey has
come to Ballinger to buy the
fleecy staple, for the firm of M.
H. Wolfe & Co. of Dallas. Mr.
Traylor is well pleased with the
prospects of Ballinger.

Dr. O. L. Fuller returned to
his home at Witting, Lavaca Co.,
last Sunday after spending a
week with his wife and little
boy.

I sell Legal Blanks—A. W.
Sledge at Banner-Leader Office.

W. A. Talley, the laundry man
went to Dallas, on business yester-
day.

Cran Berries, Cellery, a fresh
supply at Alvis & Bro.

For the Children.

The children—may God bless
them. They are the hope both
of the Church and State. They
must take our places. Let's get
them ready.

The morning service at the
Methodist Church will be for the
children large and small. By all
means let the parents come too.
You come with the children to
Sunday-school and let them stay
with you to church. If you can't
come, send the children.

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

W. B. Furlow and J. L. Mc-
Wherter are proprietors of the
Crown barber shop, and they ap-
preciatly our patronage. tf

J. W. Dale was down from
Winters yesterday.

A rich man is the man who al-
ways has money. Put some of
your money in the Citizens Nat-
ional Bank of Ballinger and you
will begin to be rich right away. tf

Expert workmen are what you
want when you go to get your
"whiskers 'drive' in." You can
get all this at the Crown Shop.

Since the first Ballinger mer-
chants have been busy invoicing
and figuring up what their losses
amounted to during the year of
1906.

See Lankford & Hathaway for
shoe repairing. 4t

The Comanche Chief comes
this week in a specially fine
edition. Ed Thomas is hard to
beat in getting up a first class
newspaper and is doubtless doing
a world of good for the upbuild-
ing of Comanche county.

City Council Meeting.

The City Council met in reg-
ular session Tuesday evening.

The usual monthly bills were
allowed.

The question of lighting the
streets was brought up and dis-
cussed, and the matter passed
over to the next meeting.

A petition was presented by
Robt. Turner, petitioning the
Council to have the crossing on
6th street opened. This was
passed over to next meeting.

The water contract between
the railroad and the City was
not accepted.

Joe Spoons was instructed to
have the new pump installed.

Call to Members of County Union.

The Farmers Union will meet
in County Convention at the
Court House in Ballinger, Tues-
day Jan 15th, at ten o'clock. All
members will please take notice
and be on hand. Business of
importance.

G. W. Clayton, Pres.

Banner-Leader 1.00 a year.

My Hair Ran Away

Don't have a falling out with
your hair. It might leave you!
Then what? That would mean
thin, scraggly, uneven, rough
hair. Keep your hair at home!
Fasten it tightly to your scalp!
You can easily do it with Ayer's
Hair Vigor. It is something
more than a simple hair dress-
ing. It is a hair medicine, a
hair tonic, a hair food.

The best kind of a testimonial—
"Sold for over sixty years."

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.
Also manufactured at
SARSAPARILLA
PILLS
CHERRY PECTORAL.

JESSE McADAMS

Transfer and Dray Line.

Good Teams' Good Wagons, Good Hands, Prompt Service.

WILL APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.

A Surprise Marriage.

Last Saturday Miss Mina Dor-
sey left Ballinger, to go to Dallas
to make her home with her
brother. On the same train W.
B. Stubbs left for Dallas, sup-
posedly on business. They both
returned to Ballinger Monday as
man and wife, having married in
Ft. Worth Sunday.

E. G. Bowden, of the Norton
country, dropped into see us yester-
day, and ordered the Banner-
Leader and took advantage of
our clubbing offer to get the
Dallas News. Mr. Bowden says
about a two inch rain fell in his
country Monday.

Some of the Teachers Institutes
throughout Texas are advocat-
ing that all school children be
furnished free of charge school
books. If this idea of having the
government provide for its citi-
zens keeps on bearing fruit we
will soon have people depending
on the government for a living.
If a parent who is able-bodied
can't buy books and send his
children to the free schools of
Texas, barring a few really un-
fortunate parents, we think he
ought to be compelled to labor on
a rock pile.

E. F. Sayers, of Selma, La.,
and brother, William Sayers, of
East Texas who have been here
during the holidays visiting rela-
tives returned to their respective
homes last Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Barwick, of San
Antonio who has been visiting
her sisters Mesdames E. and C.
G. Allison returned home last
Saturday.

Sidney Cockrell returned to Ft.
Worth, last Saturday, on the
noon train.

Harry Pistol is in jail charged
with rape. He has been denied
bail and will remain in jail until
District court in March.

Easy for Bailey says Hudspeth.

The San Angelo Standard re-
ceived the following message
from Senator Hudspeth yester-
day:

Austin, Texas., Jan. 10, 1907.
San Angelo Standard.

A careful survey of Senate and
House indicates Bailey's election
on joint ballot by a vote of 132 to
28.

HUDSPETH.

Miss Mabel Fowler returned to
her school at San Antonio, last
Monday, after spending the holi-
days with her father, Dr. W. W.
Fowler.

Attend These Services.

You are cordially invited to at-
tend preaching Sunday at the
Eighth Street Presbyteria n
church. Come out and meet the
new preacher. A hearty wel-
come awaits you. Strangers es-
pecially invited.

The Subjects will be as follows:
At 11 a. m. "Nathanael, A Guile-
less Israelite" and at 7:30 p. m.
"The Folly of Fools."

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Walker re-
turned from Burnet last Friday,
where Mr. Walker has been un-
der the treatment of a specialist.
We are glad to note that he is im-
proved in health.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For City Secretary;
GEO. B. WRIGHT.

To Put in Machine Shop.

Gus Presser, who owns a fine
place on Valley creek, closed a
deal this week with C. C. Smith,
for Mr. Smith's residence, con-
sideration \$2750.

Mr. Pruser is a fine machinist
and it is understood he will move
to Ballinger and put in a machine
shop.

Mr. Rodgers, of South Texas,
son of Uncle Johnny and brother
of Mrs. J. W. Powell, returned
to his home first of the week.

Work on Hotel.

Work has commenced in earn-
est on the Central hotel addition.
The new addition will be 40x100
feet three story, and improve-
ments to be made on the old
building will give Ballinger hotel
facilities. Work will be pushed
to completion.

Jack Green is back with the
Banner-Leader again after a
absence of two or three weeks.
Jack resigned his position with
the Banner-Leader to accept a
more lucrative one, but we want-
ed him back because he is a good
work man, hence he is with us
again. We can now boast of a
first class mechanical force, men
who can turn out the work.

Dr. W. W. Fowler made a profes-
sional visit to Paint Rock
yesterday.

J. F. Jackson, of Paint Rock,
was here yesterday on business.
Mr. Jackson is discussing the
Bailey issue said, Anti-Bailey-ites
were very scattering and hard to
find in his town. He reports
Paint Rock moving along nicely
with a lively move in real estate.

J. D. Jones, of Gonzales county
was here this week visiting his
old time friend, J. T. Dawson,
the Cash grocery man.

CHESTNUT.



"So you no longer call your pretty
little home 'The Nutshell'? Why did
you change it?"
"I got so tired of having funny men
ring my bell to ask if the kernel was
in."—Illustrated Bits.

NERVE.

"The great requisite for play-
ing cards or the horses," re-
marked Mr. Everwise, "is nerve."
"Yes," answered young Miss
Torkins, "it must take a great
deal of nerve to enable a man to
come home so often and tell his
folks that still further economy
will be necessary."

WEST TEXAS SHEEP HERDER

Weds In England. Honored by English Nobility.

The cablegrams from London the other day gave us an interesting account of the marriage of George Armstrong, formerly of Brady, Texas, son of Mme. Melba, the famous opera singer, to Ruby Otway, daughter of Colonel Otway, one of the most conspicuous millionaires of Park Lane. The guests included the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, the Marquis and Marchioness of Abercorn, Lord and Lady Beaufort, Lord and Lady Cadogan and quite a long list of other members of the nobility. It was also stated that Mme. Melba had presented her son a marriage gift of a castle in Ireland and an estate attached thereto, with an annuity of £4500 a year, says William E. Curtis in his special correspondence to the Chicago Record-Herald.

Three years ago the bridegroom in this brilliant matrimonial function was herding sheep on a ranch in the Cascade Mountains near Klamath Falls, Ore., about sixty miles from Thrall Station, on the Southern Pacific Railway. He was living in a rude but comfortable cabin with his father, a sheep man, and was tolerably well satisfied with his lot in life. He had not seen his mother since she deserted him when he was a little child in Australia, but had been cared for and educated through childhood and youth by an affectionate and devoted father. This is only a part of a very pathetic story. Mme. Melba, in her professional career, has shown no disposition to look after her husband and her son. This cablegram, however, looks as if she has been making up for lost time and lost opportunities so far as her son is concerned.

REASON FOR SEPARATION UNKNOWN.

Nobody knows precisely why Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong separated down in Australia twenty years ago, although it is natural to infer that she with her glorious voice, was ambitious for the musical triumphs she has won, and he, being common clay and without means, was compelled to stay with his sheep in the Australian bush. And he kept the boy, their only child. She left Australia after she had achieved all the colony offered in the way of musical reputation and went to Europe wearing a stage name adapted from that of her native city, Melbourne. At first she used to write her husband frequently and send him newspapers containing account of her concerts and operatic performances, but after a while the intervals in their correspondence grew longer and longer. Twelve or fifteen years ago he sold his Australian ranch and came to the United States, bringing the boy with him. After a few years on a ranch in McCulloch county, Texas he wandered northward and finally settled at Klamath Falls, where he bought a ranch and a flock of sheep and has ever since been a popular and highly respected citizen. The boy went to school at Klamath Falls until he had learned all that anybody there could teach him, and then joined his father in the cabin among the foothills of the Cascade range, taking his turn with the herders.

MOTHER ASKS FOR SON.

About three years ago, after the boy had passed his 23d birth-

day, Mr. Armstrong received a letter from his wife asking him to send their son to San Francisco, where she would meet him on a certain date. She said that the father had enjoyed his companionship for twenty-three years and now it was the mother's turn.

The father and son had no secrets from each other. They talked the matter calmly over and agreed that it was just and proper that the boy should accept his mother's invitation, and at least make her acquaintance. If, after a fair trial, he found that he did not enjoy the life she lives, he would return to his father's cabin, where, until then he had been perfectly content. The father consented to this arrangement with the greatest reluctance, but, as he told his friends, he felt that it was his duty to make the sacrifice for the benefit of his son, in order that the young man might have an opportunity to see something of the world and have the privilege of the experience and associations his mother's fame and influence could give him.

When the time came for them to separate the father and son came in from the ranch to Klamath Falls, purchased a slender outfit and drew sufficient sum of money from the bank to make the young man independent of his mother in case they did not hit it off together. The father accompanied him a short distance on the journey, but did not go to San Francisco. His wife had not invited him, she sent for the son only, and after he had seen the boy aboard the cars at Thrall Station he mounted his pony and rode silently back to the lonely ranch.

PARENTAGE NOT SUSPECTED.

The people of Klamath Falls never knew or suspected that their neighbor, Armstrong, was the husband of the great prima donna until the boy was sent for although they afterward remembered that both father and son had shown keen interest in every thing that was published about her in the newspapers and had pasted several newspaper portraits of the lady upon their cabin walls. The postmaster recalled several scented letters that he had delivered to Mr. Armstrong, whose name was written on the envelope in a woman's hand. And some one else brought out a magazine containing a biography of Melba, in which it was stated that she was the wife of George Armstrong; but, as I say, until the reasons for the young man's departure were given the relationship was never suspected.

Three years have passed since George Armstrong took the cars at Thrall Station to San Francisco. He has not returned to Klamath Falls since, but his father has heard from him regularly, and has related some of his experiences to his old friends there. Most of the time he has been traveling with his mother and living with her in London. They appear to be congenial and happy and, now that he has married the daughter of a multimillionaire and has become the owner of a castle and an estate in Ireland, it is not likely that he will ever return to the sheep ranch.

George Armstrong was for several years a sheep herder on his father's ranch in McCulloch county, and is known by the old settlers of that country, as well as throughout this part of the state. It is stated that when Melba was making a tour of Texas, at the time, Armstrong went

to San Antonio to hear her sing and paid his money at the ticket office like the rest of the people. He knew very little of his mother, and until they met in San Francisco, were practically strangers.

HOWARD-PAYNE COLLEGE

BROWNWOOD - TEXAS

Students are prepared here to enter the Junior Classes of the best Universities. Two of our graduates received the H. B. degree at the University of Chicago in one year after leaving us.

Our Business Department is the best in Texas. We have two professional reporters to teach Shorthand and Typewriting, and a graduate of the Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill., to teach Book-keeping, Penmanship, Banking, and Business practice. We get the best positions for our graduates. We have had more calls for competent Book-keepers and Stenographers during the last three months than we could accommodate.

Shorthand is free to all our pupils. The Literary studies are all free to our Business pupils. In Music, Art and expression we have the best. Our teachers are graduates of the best conservatories.

Our Business department will run right on during the holidays. Enter now.

Spring term opens January 16, 07. Come at once. Bring your friends.

J. H. Grove, President.

Henry Fuller, Port Edwards, Wis., used Re-Go Tonic Laxative Syrup for Constipation and states that it is the best medicine he ever used. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold by Walker Drug Co.

We give the most money for your turkeys, eggs butter, etc. Alvis & Bro.



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We Deliver The Goods

Not Just "Any Old Kind" of Goods,
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Pure Fresh Groceries & Feed Stuff of all Kinds

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Phone 212 TRANSFER LINE.

For the Moving of Mercantile Freights,
Household Goods, Pianos, Organs, etc.

HANDLE and DELIVERS COAL TO ALL
PARTS CITY.

I give my personal and best attention to all
business entrusted to me and guarantee satisfaction.

IN TIMES OF PROSPERITY PREPARE FOR ADVERSITY

With cotton bringing steady and satisfactory prices, every farmer in Runnels County should lay by a certain amount each week the "hard times" which may come.

is Bank is the safest place to put your money--beyond the reach of fire or theft--under protection of the United States Government! Besides, whenever the occasion arises, the money is yours for the asking.

THE
Citizens National
BANK

Not "Just as Good"--It's the Best.

One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualifiedly, and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of Skin Disease. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of itching known.

Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

Almost immediately after taking Herbtan you begin to feel its cleansing, strengthening and purifying power. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

Summer Rest--To insure a good summer rest apply Hooper's Tetter Cure to your sore, tired, itching and blistered feet. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

WANTED:--10 men in each state to travel, distribute samples of our goods and tack signs. Salary \$85.00 per month; \$3.00 per day for expenses. SAUNDERS Co., Department P. No. 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago Ills. 13tf.

For a stylish suit of clothes go to Morehead the Tailor.



It Tickles The Taste

The Best Eatables cost so little more than the cheap stuff that the price difference is never thought of when the good quality is taken into consideration. We sell only

Good, Pure, Eatables

And at a price that you can afford to pay. We are in the market with the highest price for your butter and eggs.

GODWIN GROCERY COMPANY

Why.

should your baby suffer? When he is fretful and restless, don't experiment on him and use any old thing your neighbor recommends. Buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge greatest known worm medicine and cure for all childrens diseases. It is mild in its action, builds up the system, makes thin puny babies fat.

Mrs. J. C. Smith, Tampa, Fla., writes: "My baby was thin and sickly, could not retain its food and cried all night. I used one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and in a few days baby was laughing happy and well." Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

H. T. Williams, of the Western Compress Co., who owns the Brownwood and Ballinger compresses, has purchased land at Brady upon which to erect a compress.

Makes Pain Go Away.

Are you one of the ones who pay in in toil
For your right of way through this life?
If so you will find Hunt's Lightning Oil A friend which will aid in the strife. To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents occur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises, cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears corns on his hands. A better remedy for these troubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning Oil.

It is the little things that count. Water falling, a drop at a time, will gradually wear away the hardest rock. It was the last straw that broke the camel's back. A little money saved, saved regularly, will soon amount to a comfortable sum. A little money saved from your income each month will wear away the bands of poverty. Every small sum counts and makes the total of your savings large. A bank account gives you something to think about. It will keep you busy: it will furnish you a place to put your savings; it will help you to save money systematically it will put method into your savings.

Try us a month and you will continue to trade with us.
Ellis Gro. Co.

STRAIN TOO GREAT.

Hundreds of Ballinger Readers Find Daily Toil a Burden.

The hustle and worry of business men,

The hard work and stooping of workmen,

The woman's household cares, Are too great a strain on the kidneys.

Bachache, headache, sideache, Kidney troubles, urinary troubles follow.

John McClure, county commissioner, residence 1106 North Weaver St., says: "I had attacks of dull pains across the small of my back, at times very severe, and they clung to me persistently for 12 or 15 years. I have been so bad when they were in the acute stage that it was with difficulty I could straighten and my back was lame and sore continually. Distressing and annoying weakness in the action of the kidney secretions, particularly observable at night, accompanied this and although I used a great many remedies guaranteed as sure cures for just such symptoms, I met with little if any benefit. My attention was called to Doan's Kidney Pills and thinking that they might benefit, if not radically stop the annoyance, I procured a box. I felt relieved in a short time and finally I was cured."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doans and take no other.

New Preacher Here.

We are requested to announce that Rev. Arthur McFaul, of Wharton, Texas, will preach at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. You are cordially invited to be present and hear him, and the members are urged to come.

Don't Delay.

The season of coughs and colds is not yet past—they will be prevalent for some months to come. Do not neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

AN ELECTION FARCE AND SHAM

Travis County Polls 2000 Votes and Goes Against Bailey only 118.

An election was pulled off in our capital county last Saturday to test the strength of Senator Bailey. In this election there was no restrictions as to who should vote, and the enemies of the Democratic party were afforded an opportunity to go to the polls and stab the Grand Old Party in the back by voting against her strongest leader, and the friend of the people. Notwithstanding that Travis county has a big voting strength, only 2000 votes were polled, and among this 2000 it is understood that all populist, republicans, socialist, and all parties opposed to Democracy voted the straight Anti-Bailey ticket and after this the Anti-Bailey element only had about 100 majority. The good citizens of Austin and Travis county paid no attention to the election, considered it as a farce in the first place, and it will have no effect on Senator Bailey's standing as a man above reproach. Senator Bailey has a record that his enemies have failed to find one blot on, after every effort, scheme and trickery imaginable, and he will go back to the Senate to add to that record doings that will reflect credit to his name and cause the howling would-be-democrats to close up in their fight against Bailey for all time to come.

Fifty Years the Standard

DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
A Cream of Tartar Powder
Made from Grapes
NO ALUM

Died.

The little eighth month old boy of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Atnipp, who live on the Crews road about eight miles from Ballinger, died last Sunday after several days illness with pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the grave in the Runnels cemetery Monday evening, by Rev. Geo. W. Fender, and the little body laid to rest.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their friends and neighbors in which the Banner-Leader joins.

START THE NEW YEAR right by trading with the Ellis Grocery Co.

F. L. Pierce and Dr. J. L. Allred were here from Winters, Monday.

P. C. Reams, of Pumphrey, was here Monday, and enrolled with Banner-Leader readers.

Feeling Bad is a thing of the past with those who use Herbtan Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

R. Heidel, a prominent young citizen from the Mazeland country, had business in Ballinger last Saturday, and while here subscribed for the Banner-Leader.

WILL SELL ORIENT STOCK.

Angelo Gets Proposition to Buy \$200,000 Worth of R. R. Bonds.

A private car, one of the most elaborately finished and elegantly fitted up, that ever traveled this branch of the Santa Fe passed through last Saturday enroute to San Angelo.

The car was of the Kansas City Mexico and Orient railroad, and contained the officials of that road, among whom was President Stillwell.

The officials went to San Angelo for the purpose of meeting with the business club of that city and discuss matters pertaining to the Orient line. It is understood that the local committee having in charge matters connected with the road had notified the officials that they considered the company had forfeited its right-of-way and bonus of \$50,000 in Tom Green county. The ground stated for such forfeiture is the non-compliance of the Company with the terms of the contract made between the citizens and the road. The road was to have been completed into the city sometime ago, and failed

good big stock subscription to exact from the town. This is the second or third time the Orient has failed to meet its contract with San Angelo and the people are naturally tiring of the vexatious delays and the ever increasing demands of the road.

J. G. Murphy, C. B. Metcalf, and a number of other representative business men from San Angelo, met the officials at Ballinger.

Mayor Powell and a number of Ballinger's business men met the train, become acquainted with the officials and held quite a little conflag.

"It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, Ringworm and all the rest are relieved at once and cured by one box. It's guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

A. H. Tullis orders the Banner-Leader sent to his address, Ballinger.

Miss Helen Crosson, of Ballinger, daughter of Judge T. T. Crosson, is in the city today, the guest of Mrs. C. L. McCarty. — Brownwood Bulletin.

YOUR MONEYS WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK

That is our motto. We give value received and are always ready to demonstrate the same to any and all customers.

Good Groceries, Clean Groceries and Groceries that please is the kind we sell.

Grain, Hay, Feed.

Our Store is headquarters for Grain, Hay and Feed.

M. D. Chastain

Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.

Kodak Work.

First class developing and finishing for your Kodak films at reasonable prices. Leave orders at Walker Drug Co or see me
2t Earl Hampton.

Carric Nation.

certainly smashed a hole in the bar-rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

GIVE US YOUR GROCERY trade and we guarantee satisfaction,
Ellis Gro. Co.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd is visiting relatives in San Angelo, this week.

Misses Eleanor Marberry, Eleanor Young, Flora Holman and Bess Murrah are visiting in Ballinger for a few days. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Vaughn.

SCHOOL LAND FOR SALE

In El Paso, Reeves and Jeff Davis counties from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per acre. 40 years time. Four to eight sections to one purchaser. Write to me for particulars.

HENRY H. LUCKETT,

Land Agent and Surveyor.

Toyah, Texas.



Autoists

Are alert and on the go. They have a clearly defined conception of what is the exact and proper thing when it comes to

Drugs

In purchasing they are sure to call here, as it's a well-known fact that our stock is always a superior one and never high priced. For the sake of saving money you "auto" buy here, and for safety's sake you "auto" patronize no other place.

The Walker Drug COMPANY

(Druggists for the People.)

CHEAP MONEY.

We represent the Loan Company in this section who pay commission to agents themselves instead of leaving the agent to get their commission out of the borrower, and if you need money we want to loan it to you on that basis.

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I will send you the Banner-Leader and the Kansas City Journal for one year for \$1.00. Call at Post Office.

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Harts' Honey and Horehound is nature's own remedy, give immediate relief and cures Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung troubles by removing the cause. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle sold by Walker Drug Co.

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To go to the Crescent Store for prices on :

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CANDIES

My Christmas Candies now in stock. I am adding new goods every day.

J. O. MIXON,

PHONE NO. 16.

a sample of that famous Texas Syrup. A car just sold at Alvis & Bro.

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A 1 and 1-2 horse power gaso-line Engine, been used about two years, \$50.00 buys it, complete with tank and fixtures. Reason for selling, too small for presses. Call on or address.

The Banner-Leader Ballinger, Texas.

CEDAR POST CEDAR POST we have them, a complete stock. Concho Lumber Co. successor to Humphrey Lumber Co. opposite Court House. tf,

Herbton will rid you of that tiresome feeling, pains in the back and shoulders, fullness and weight in the stomach, heartburn and constipation. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

Let Morehead make your winter suit he knows how.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to summon William M. Baylor and the unknown heirs of William M. Baylor, Walker K. Baylor, George W. Baylor, T. J. Baylor, John Baylor, Wm. Baylor, Annie E. Baylor, Annie E. Dodge, W. A. Highsmith, Josiah Baylor, J. W. Baylor, Mrs. J. Baylor, M. J. Baylor, and the unknown heirs of all of said parties, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Thirty-fifth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1907, the same being the 4th day of March, A. D., 1907, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of January, A. D., 1907, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 843, wherein H. T. Clark is plaintiff, and William M. Baylor, and the unknown heirs of Wm. M. Baylor, Walker K. Baylor, George W. Baylor, T. J. Baylor, John Baylor, Wm. Baylor, Annie E. Baylor, Annie E. Dodge, W. A. Highsmith, Josiah Baylor, J. W. Baylor, Mrs. J. Baylor, M. J. Baylor, and the unknown heirs of all of said parties, are Defendants, and said petition alleging . . .

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

In the District Court of Runnels County, March Term, 1907.

To the Honorable District Court of said County:—

Now comes H. T. Clark, who resides in Runnels county, Tex., and is hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of Wm. M. Baylor and the unknown heirs of Wm. M. Baylor, Walker K. Baylor, George W. Baylor, T. J. Baylor, John Baylor, Wm. Baylor, Annie E. Baylor, Annie E. Dodge, W. A. Highsmith, Josiah Baylor, J. W. Baylor, Mrs. J. Baylor, M. J. Baylor, and the unknown heirs of all of said parties, all of said parties except plaintiff being hereinafter called defendants, and the name of those mentioned as unknown heirs, and their places of residence, and places of residence of the named defendants all being to the plaintiff unknown; and for cause of action herein plaintiff represents to the court:

1. That on or about the first day of December, 1906, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit: One Hundred and Sixty-Nine and 80-100 acres of land out of the S. E. corner of Wm. M. Baylor Survey No. 279, Certificate No. 109, Abstract No. 27, Patent No. 615, Vol. No. 27, said 169 80-100 acre tract being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the original S. E. corner of said Baylor Survey No. 279; thence S. 60 W. 1374 varas to Center of Oak Creek; Thence up Oak Creek with its meanderings as follows: N. 18 W. 328 varas, N. 13 E. 292 varas, N. 21 E. 86 varas, N. 30 E. 52 varas, N. 17 W. 80 varas, N. 78 W. 52 varas, S. 62 W. 127 varas, N. 35 W. 70 varas, N. 51 E. 100 varas, S. 75 E. 70 varas, N. 65 E. 32 varas, and N. 12 E. 37 varas to the S. W. corner of the tract out of said survey sold by Odom-Luckett Land & Live Stock Company to J. C. Sumrall, Feb. 26, 1891, by deed recorded on page 246 et seq. of volume No. 13 of the deed records of said Runnels County; Thence N. 60 E. with the South line of said Sumrall tract 945 varas to its S. E. corner on the east boundary line of said Baylor survey; Thence S. 30 E. 793 varas to the place of beginning, and that on the day and year last aforesaid defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withhold from him the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000; and that the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.

2. That plaintiff claiming to be the true and lawful owner of the above described tract of land, has had and held under color of title from and under the State of Texas,

peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof for a period of more than three years next preceding said date of December 1, 1906, which he is ready to verify.

3. That he, plaintiff, and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the above described land and tenements, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next preceding said date of December 1, 1906, and this he is ready to verify.

4. That he, plaintiff, and those under whom he claims and whose estate he has, claiming to have good and perfect right and title to the above described land and premises, have had and held peaceably the same, and have had adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years next preceding said date of December 1, 1906, and this he is ready to verify.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described land and premises, and that writ of restitution issue, and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, general and special, in law and in equity, that he may be justly entitled to.

B. B. STONE,

Attorney for Plaintiff, H. T. Clark.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, this, the 9th day of January, A. D., 1907.

(SEAL) R. A. TERRY, Clerk District Court, Runnels County.

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their places of residence, and the places of residence of the named defendants all being to the plaintiff unknown; and for cause of action herein plaintiff represents to the court:

1. That on or about the first day of December, 1906, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit: One hundred and Nineteen and 2-10 acres of land, more or less, out of the N. E. Corner of Wm. M. Baylor Survey No. 279, Certificate No. 109, Abstract No. 27, Patent No. 615, Volume No. 27, said 119 2-10 acre tract of land being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in channel of Oak Creek in North boundary line of said survey No. 279; thence N. 60 E. crossing Oak Creek twice 615 varas to the N. E. corner in said survey No. 279; thence S. 30 E. 1097 varas to a stone mound for corner in East line of said survey; thence S. 60 W. 985 varas to a stake in channel of Oak Creek; thence up channel of Oak Creek to the place of beginning and that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withhold from him the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000; and that the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.

2. That plaintiff claiming to be the true and lawful owner of the above described tract of land, has had and held under color of title from and under the State of Texas, peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof for a period of more than three years next preceding said date of Dec. 1, 1906, which he is ready to verify.

3. That he, plaintiff, and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of above described lands and tenements, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next preceding said date of December 1, 1906, and this he is ready to verify.

4. That he, plaintiff, and those under whom he claims and whose estate he has, claiming to have good and perfect right and title to the above described land and premises, have had and held peaceably the same, and have had adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of more than ten years next preceding said date of December 1, 1906, and this he is ready to verify.

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Seligman and Schertz Lands,

The Giesecke-Bennett Company are Sole Agents for the Seligmann & Schertz Lands at Wingate; the Nelson Lands at Mazeland; the Baggs Lands at Norton; the Timmerman & Plattow Lands at Rowena; the Lewis Lands at Winters and the Norton Lands in Runnels, Concho and Coke counties.

All of these lands are on the market, in small tracts at market value, with small cash payments and balance on long time, at low rate of interest. We also represent numbers of smaller non-resident and local land owners. List your land with us for sale; we furnish Abstract of Title, free.

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The kind of planks sold at this lumber yard and you'll get gray headed before they need renewing.

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And you won't have to "plank down" a fancy price for a single foot you buy. We assist in figuring your requirements on any job and save money on price as well. Don't forget, but buy here.



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ATTENTION HOMESEEEKERS

Investors, etc. Fair warning to you, one and all. If you desire to protect your family in a homestead, at the lowest price and upon the best terms you will ever have an opportunity to buy on again, as after January 1st, next, the price will be advanced on all of our raw lands. As you now have only about 30 days longer in which to act, you had best avail yourself of the present opportunity and not defer action too long. We appeal to you as your friends.

C. A. Doose & Co., Ballinger, Texas.

280 SOLID

IMMIGRANT CARS.

A Record Breaker for any One Month.

The volume of immigration to this section of the country during the past few months is something remarkable. Never before in the history of West Texas or any other section of the country, has there been such a steady stream of homeseekers pouring in.

The books in the local Santa Fe office here show that during the month of December there were two hundred and eighty-nine solid car loads of immigrants goods received in the yards here. Much of the goods passed on through to the Ballinger and San Angelo country, but a large portion of it was unloaded here. This does not include the hundreds of cars of located goods where only a part of a car was used. In some instances solid trains of twenty and twenty-five cars have arrived. Nearly all the immigrants are well to do farmers who are leaving the boll weevil districts of Texas and Louisiana.

The Santa Fe has never before experienced such an enormous business in this line and coming as it does during the cotton rush the road is taxed to its utmost to handle the traffic.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Fresh Live Oak and mill flour on hand all the time, each kind guaranteed and made good if you should find a bad sack at Miller mer. Co

Two Lots for Sale.

I have two choice resident lots for sale, each 60 x 140 feet adjoining contiguous to each other, in a desirable part of Ballinger, lots all around them are selling for \$150 each, of a similar grade, will take \$250. cash for the two, if taken within the next 30 days. C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas.

J. M. Moody left for San Diego Calif., Tuesday, to make that his future home.

Horses examined free by Dr. Jackson. Visits Ballinger once a month.

Miss Helen Crosson, a charming young lady of Ballinger, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. L. McCartney, in Coggin Addition.—Brownwood News.

CEDAR POST CEDAR POST we have them, a complete stock. Concho Lumber Co, successors to Humphrey Lumber Co. opposite Court House. tf.

Sheriff Davis and his efficient deputy made one or two arrests during the holidays in Gatesville for selling whiskey and landed the offenders in jail. If some people are determined to sell whiskey they will have to be powerful slick or our sheriff will land them every time. We are sorry for any man who gets into trouble but we have less patience with a man arrested for selling whiskey than for almost any other character of violation. It is a law written by the ballots of the men of this county and must be respected, and our officers are going to see to it that it is respected.

JUDGE GUION IN FT. WORTH.

Tell of this Country in Facts and Figures.

Judge John I. Guion of Ballinger is in the city today enroute to Bristol, Tenn., where he goes on legal business. He says that conditions generally in his section could not be better.

"Twelve years ago John Parks then county assessor of Runnels county, received an inquiry from the federal government asking about the cotton crop of Runnels county," said Judge Guion today. "Among the other questions was one: 'How much increase is there in the cotton crop of this year as compared with last?' Another question asked was the number of bales of cotton 'raised last year.' To the first Mr. Parks answered 100 per cent,' and to the next question he stated that the year before only two bales of cotton were raised in the country the year previous, while in the year in which he wrote the county produced four bales.

That was twelve years ago. This year we will raise and ship from Ballinger between 35,000 and 40,000 bales of cotton. Miles, Talpa and other stations on the Santa Fe in the county will also make big shipments. That shows how we are doing."

Accompanying Judge Guion is his 13-year-old son, Master David Guion, who will be the feature attraction at the complimentary concert which will be given by Rowland D. Williams and his pupils at Greenwall's tomorrow night. Master David is a pianist of great ability and much promise.—Ft. Worth Star.

To The Public.

I will be in Ballinger Monday and Tuesday Jan. the 7th and 8th 1907. Anyone having diseased stock will bring, them in on these dates.

Dr. C. S. Jackson, (The Horse Doctor)

Tresspass Notice.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in any way on the R. K. or H. C. Wyle ranches will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. C. A. Doose, Ballinger, Texas. w. 42

Phone 67 for fresh vegetables and they will be delivered to your door.

About Senator Bailey.

From the tone of dispatches sent out by correspondents of state papers at Austin it begins to look as if Senator Joe Bailey wasn't such a bad fellow after all and there would be scant danger of the legislature making an investigation of his official career. Many of the legislators are becoming convinced that Bailey has been painted a great deal darker than he ever dared to be and that the best thing for the fair name of our great state is to keep hands off.

The News has contended for some time that Senator Bailey was head and shoulders above his traducers and that if anyone was to investigate him that it would be politics to have the investigation started by some of those who are as clean as he. Joe seems to be able to take care of himself and to do the job handsomely.—San Angelo News:

Tresspass Notice.

All parties are hereby notified to stop tearing down my fence on my farm 12 miles northwest of Ballinger as I have given road. All parties guilty of the above will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Hugh Parramore.

MAN HURT AT COMPRESS

Superintendent Gaskill Crushed Under Bale of Cotton.

C. R. Gaskill, Superintendent of the Ballinger compress, was seriously hurt by a bale of compressed cotton falling on him Monday.

Mr. Gaskill was in a car checking cotton when the compress crew in pushing another car up to the platform, struck the car Mr. Gaskill was in, and a bale of compressed cotton fell on him crushing his hip and bruising him otherwise.

Drs. Halley and Love waited on the unfortunate man, and his sister, Mrs. Jno. W. Goodwin came up from Brownwood to be with him, and on Tuesday he was carried to his home at Brownwood on the noon train. The hurt is serious in that it will perhaps make Mr. Gaskill a cripple for life.

The railroad is not in no way responsible for the accident, as the car was being pushed by the compress hands.

Miss Amelia Johnson returned to her school work in Missouri last Saturday, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Johnson.

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That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

Years Of Experience

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's trial will convince you.

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WHITE PINE AND TAR COUGH SYRUP

Many of our customers prefer this syrup to any other remedy for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat and Hoarseness. It certainly has a great run and gives good satisfaction. We'll refund the money or exchange it if you like some other kind better. Price 25 cents.

OWL PHARMACY

PHONE 313.

State Banks

As their title implies, are Banks operating under State Laws, being restricted in certain lines and granted a greater privilege in others.

Our Laws Permit Us to Loan to you on your Real Estate or to buy your Vendor's Lien Notes.

If you are not in a position to take up your Land Notes as they come due, see us and we may be able to carry you over for awhile.

The only way to know is to come in and talk the matter over with us.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,

Ballinger, Texas

Go to THE GIESECKE-BENNETT CO., Ballinger, Texas for cer- Abstracts of Title. We guarantee our work to be accurate, neat and up-to-date. We also have many improved places for sale at bargains and unimproved lands in any size tract on small cash payment and long time. Come and see us. We employ no curbstone agt.

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BALLINGER

TEXAS

PLANT BIG HOG CROP

Supply Short, and Texas Tops the Market.

"In diversifying, the farmers of Texas should not overlook that important feature of diversification which is represented by the raising of a few hogs on every farm," said G. W. Linger of Gibbons, Neb., who is connected with the land department of Swift & Co.

"The local packers can use five times as many hogs as they are receiving. The fact of the matter is that the Fort Worth market is practically the same as the Chicago market, and there seems to be no immediate likelihood of a lowering in the prices paid.

"While it is true that in the hog business there is a chance of loss by death. If every farm in the state boasted of a little bunch of hogs there would be practically no risk to the farmers. He would not be entirely dependent upon the hogs, and the revenue derived from them would materially strengthen the farmer's bank account at the end of the year.

"The prices which are being paid for hogs are high, and they are going to stay up. The demand is growing greater and the supply is decreasing. I have had considerable experience in the hog business on my own account, and last fall was the first time in my life I was unable to buy fifteen or twenty carloads of stock hogs.

"Diversification is the key to success for the farmer, and those who overlook a little bunch of hogs are missing a splendid opportunity to increase their income and insure a continuance of the success which they are now enjoying.

"I think Texas eventually is going to be one of the greatest hog producing states in the union. It is only a matter of education to make this condition come about. It is not necessary to have Indian corn to raise hogs, and milo maize and kaffir corn have proven their worth in the feeding of hogs.

"In a few years Texas will

take her proper rank among the hog producing states of the union, and the little bunches of hogs on the farms will turn the trick in a few years."

Houston is overrun by crippled beggars who are said to be employed and managed by a sport who dresses well and has a general good time.

Scranton, Penn., has an epidemic of typhoid fever. Over 1000 cases have recently occurred there.

Tennessee is considering an election in that state to have state prohibition and also to prohibit betting on horse races. The prohibition sentiment is said to be very strong in that state.

It's all right to be a hired man but you ought to be your own boss some day. The way to do it is to save some of your wages and put your savings in the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger.

INTERESTING STORY OF STOLEN MONEY

Leila Brown, Colored, on Trial for Receiving Stolen Goods.

Constable B. W. Pilcher went to Brownwood Monday, where he is a witness in the case of the negro woman, Leila Brown, who is charged with receiving stolen goods. This case has attracted considerable attention in that the property stolen was several \$2.50 gold pieces, most of which has been recovered after passing through the hands of several different parties.

The Brownwood News has the following to say in reference to the case and trial:

Leila Brown (colored) is on trial in the county court for receiving stolen goods. The story leading up to the trial is quite interesting.

Some time ago, in Ballinger, Jim Raglan, a porter stole ten gold coins from Mrs. Tom Scott. This had been left Mrs. Scott by her husband and most of them had been used as stick pins, cuff buttons, etc. Nine of them were \$2.50 pieces, one a \$1.00 piece.

These he turned over to his wife, who immediately came to Brownwood. Raglan denied the charge and the officers suspected his wife of having carried them to Brownwood, where her sister, Leila Brown, the party now on trial resides. The officers have succeeded in tracking every coin but one. This is a \$2.50 piece and was paid out to some woman who sells butter and eggs in Brownwood. One was secured from Mr. J. W. Jennings, one from Clarence Remington, one from Spooner Dramatic Co., one from Conde Carnes, one from H. R. Kaneaster, four were found in possession of the negro woman on trial, two under a wood box and two in a handkerchief. The possessors were reimbursed by Mrs. Scott of Ballinger whom the negro in turn is repaying, he having been convicted and imprisoned.

Raglan's wife testified that the last thing she could remember after reaching Brownwood with the coins was falling asleep just as she was tying them up in a handkerchief.

For City Secretary.

We are authorized to place the name of Geo. B. Wright before the voters of the city for the office of City Secretary.

At present Mr. Wright is engaged in the confection business, but expects to be so situated by the last of this month that he can devote his time to the office—will be foot-loose, so to speak, and will want a job, and he is out after the job of City Secretary.

George has been here long enough for the old voters to know his qualification. He was formerly Cashier for the Santa Fe at this place, is a thorough going business man and the city would make no mistake in selecting him for Secretary.

Sheriff Kirk returned from Cleburne, Tuesday night where he went to arrest J. D. Duke, who is wanted in this county on a charge of swindling. Mr. Kirk also brought William Pou, who is wanted on a serious charge, back with him. He found Pou in Goldthwaite. Both prisoners are now in jail.

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RUNNELS COUNTY,

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You can buy a range or stove made of poor material, hastily put together by incompetent workmen, for very little money. It will NEVER give satisfaction, and will only last a few years with careful use.

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you can buy a CHARTER OAK RANGE or STOVE made of the best material, by the most skilled workmen, for a reasonable amount. It will ALWAYS give satisfaction, and will outlast a half dozen of the "cheap kind." It also effects a saving in fuel.

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Tombs, Tablets, Marble and Granite of all Kinds. Also Handle Iron Fencing.

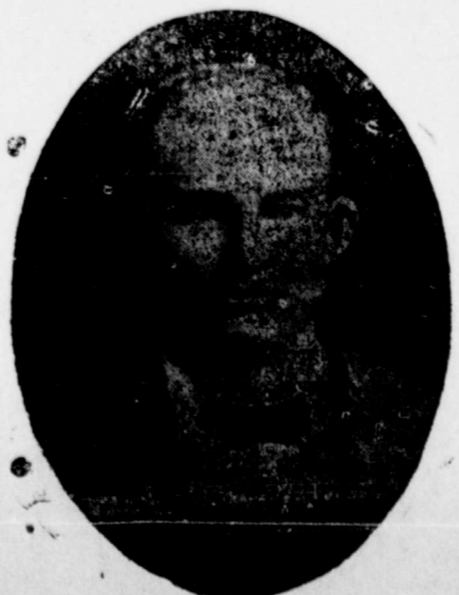
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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS



D. SHIPMAN.



SILAS IZARD.

Vaudeville Circuit.

A special dispatch from Fort Worth to the State papers says that Leroy Silvey announces that he has secured plenty of capital for the construction of vaudeville houses at San Angelo, Ballinger, Coleman and Brownwood, and will contract with attractions of the Interstate Amusement company.

Try one sack of White Crest Flour and you will have no other Sold by Godwin Gro. Co. tf.

CLEAN UP SALE

After Taking Stock We Find That We Have More WINTER GOODS Than We Want To Carry Over.

30 DAYS WE WILL SKIN THE PRICES **30 DAYS**
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Beginning Saturday, January, 12th., 30 Days.



Note the Following Prices:

\$4.00 Drew Selby Shoes, Patent Kid, Heavy Sole, Button or Lace, Plain or Tip Toe, Clean Up Sale..... \$2.85	\$3.00 best Box Calf Shoes, warranted all solid, blucher or bals, Clean Up Sale..... \$2.45
6 White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, full size..... 25c	\$15.00 and \$16.00 Suits, best made, nice pattern, Clean Up Sale..... \$10.95
12 1-2c Green Ticket Lonsdale Bleached Domestic, Clean Up Sale (17 yards to a customer)..... 7 3-4c	\$4.50 Comforts, made of good cotton, Sateen covered, Clean Up Sale..... \$2.95
\$1.75 Ladies Eiderdown House Jackets, Clean Up Sale..... \$1.15	Good Bleached 9-4 Sheeting, Clean Up Sale..... 20c

Who is benefitted when you save from 25 to 50 per cent on your Dry Goods Bill or Purchase?

\$1.75 Ladies Felt Fur Top Slipper, Daniel Green make, color green, grey and blue, Clean Up Sale..... \$1.35	\$2.00 Mechlin Lace Curtains, 10 1-2 feet long, 4 ft. wide beautiful patterns, Clean Up Sale..... \$2 1-2c each
Comforts from 98c to..... \$4.50	Bed Spreads from 65c to..... \$4.55
35c Ladies Bleached Vests, form fitting, gussett sleeves, Clean Up Sale..... 21c	Best Brown 9-4 Sheeting, smooth, no black threads, Clean Up Sale..... 20c
\$2.50 Hats, any style, size or color, Clean Up Sale..... \$1.95	\$3.00 Comforts, best made, Clean Up Sale..... \$1.95



For 30 days we will eclipse all future sales as to prices and quality. This will be a Profit Killing Sale.

ECLIPSE
\$3.50
SHOE

23 yards good Outing, Clean Up Sale..... 85c	Good Cotton Blankets, gray, Clean Up Sale..... \$7 1-2c each
4 pairs grey socks, heavy, Clean Up Sale..... 25c	\$17.00 and \$18.00 Suits, well tailored, best quality, Clean Up Sale..... \$11.95
\$6.00 Straight brim J. B. Stetson Hat, white, Clean Up Sale..... \$3.95	Marsales Bed Spreads, cut corners, fringed, value \$3.50, Clean Up Sale..... \$1.98

We buy and sell for cash, giving us the advantage over all others. When it comes to quality and price we give you the actual meat.

We give value and the very best merchandise, and make the price lower than anyone else. This is your opportunity to buy cheap.

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