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The White Store - Ballinger, Texas

Remnant Sale — Remnant Sale

We have gone through our entire stock and have gathered thousands of yards of all kinds of goods in REMNANTS. These remnants are all in desirable lengths, some large enough for dress patterns, all new goods MARKED LOWER than you can BUY THEM AT WHOLESALE.

REMNANTS

Of Calicoes, Gingham, Domestic, Percals, Outings, Cheviots, all Kinds of Dress Goods, Mercerized Goods, Punyah Cloth, Burmah Cloth, in fact Remnants of the most desirable and best selling goods in the house, of that fact you may be sure for if otherwise they would be here in full prices not in Remnants. Come and look at them, take advantage of this opportunity and buy goods cheaper than you ever bought them before.

Special Bargains In Silks

Solid Color Taffeta Silk, Blue, Pink, Red and Brown. This silk has a little cord of the same color running through. Regular price 65cts. Now **29c**

Fancy Silks for Shirt Waist and Shirt Waist Suits. A variety of patterns suitable for spring. The former price was 48cts. Now **29c**

R. A. RISSER & COMPANY

Ballinger, Texas.

LEE MADDOX FOR MAYOR.

Has Served Long Alderman Term, Now Desires Mayorship.

Some of Lee Maddox's friends have prevailed on him to present his name for Mayor of the City of Ballinger, and he is now a full fledged politician, and is out to win.

Mr. Maddox has served the city of Ballinger as Alderman for about six years, and during that time he has done some faithful work for the city. To him is due much credit for the extension of our water system, and the valuable improvements in same. He is in favor of some good measures and following is a few of the things he has embodied in his platform.

"I shall recommend to the city council that they clean up the streets and alleys, and keep them clean for the health of the city demands it. That they will enforce the street law requiring every male person between the age of 21 and 45 to work the

streets five days in each year or pay \$3.00 in cash to the street supervisor. That the council take steps to grade and pave (with crushed stone or some other suitable material) 8th street and Hutchins ave, under the supervision of a competent civil engineer, to consolidate the office of Water supt, City Marshal, and Street supervisor into one office and pay him a good salary and demand good service.

And to pay the city Aldermen \$2.00 each for each meeting that they are present, if not on hand at each meeting they get no pay for that meeting, and to also pay them for the time that they are looking after the business of the city, and to pay the Mayor a salary of \$20.00 per month. And that the city ordinance against leaving teams hitched to vehicles on the street be enforced as it is a miracle that no one has been killed or crippled for life by run-aways, and that all other ordinances either be enforced or repealed."

Take your Butter and eggs to Godwin Grocery Co.

J. I. CASE Farm Implements

We have the exclusive agency for the J. I. Case line of Farm Implements. We feel that the Case line needs no introduction as it has proven itself to be a line that gives entire satisfaction.

J. I. Case Riding Planter and Middle Buster Combined.

On account of the extreme lateness of the cotton many farmers have not the time to break their land and must depend on a middle breaker for rapidly putting ground in condition for the coming crop. We recommend the "J. I. C." as being the best there is on the market. It is also the simplest constructed and the strongest planter on the market. It has no side motion and will run where you want it to run. As a middle buster we guarantee the "J. I. C." to stand the strain of four horses.

J. I. Case Spinner Sulky Plow.

A simple, practical and durable plow. It is neither an expensive high-lift plow nor a cheap low-lift plow, but may truthfully be said to be the best for your money. A new and original hitch device is used in the Spinner, by which, in connection with a landing lever, both furrow wheels are controlled at all times. If the team crowds one way or the other, a slight movement of the landing lever changes the line of draft so quickly that instead of the plow running out of the furrow, or in too far, the plow bottom follows the team and a uniform width of furrow is maintained. Position of the lever is not affected when horses turn to the right or left. The low bottom is suspended in the frame, so that the wheels carry all the bottom and land side friction. This is another advantage and makes the J. I. Case Spinner an exceedingly light draft plow.

We also have now in stock Cultivators, Walking Plows, Section Harrows, Walking Middle Busters and Buggies.

Let us sell you a "J. I. Case."

HIGGINBOTHAM CURRIE CO. High Quality Low Price

BEAUTIFYING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

To Build Concrete Side-Walks and Plant Out 100 Trees.

It is only a matter of time until Ballinger will have one of the prettiest College campuses in this part of Texas. We have two substantial and modern buildings that are a credit to the people of Ballinger, and with the comple-

tion of the work just started we will have an institution of learning that we can look at with pride.

Work commenced Monday digging holes for one hundred shade trees to be put out around the square and concrete walks will be put down, grass planted and the grounds otherwise beautified.

For this work the Mother's Club is due credit together with the school board. It is the intention of the promoters of this

worthy cause to spend considerable money making improvements on the grounds, and they should have the encouragement and support of every citizen, who is interested in seeing Ballinger become a pretty town.

Fincks and Carhartt's overalls are the best work clothes. It. Bair & Conn.

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

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.

Dr. C. S. Jackson.

will be in Ballinger Friday and Saturday Feb. 1st and 2nd. Bring in all your diseased stock on these dates for treatment.

Dr. C. S. Jackson.

Do You Recognize Us. Perhaps at the first glance some of our readers will not recognize this paper as being the one that has made its weekly visit to the home of Runnels county people for the past twenty-six years. However, this is the same faithful friend only appearing in a little different, larger form, and turned out by a brand new \$1100 press. We believe a better Ballinger demands a better paper, and with this view we have made the valuable improvement in our plant, and again the growth of our subscription list and volume of business demands better facilities for handling same. Besides enstalling the new press, we are putting in new type, and with the improvements we expect to keep the Banner-Leader up to the front of the list of weekly newspapers in Texas. As previously stated our ambition is to publish an ideal weekly newspaper. This is the oldest paper in Runnels county, having been established in Old Runnels in September 1881. Just twenty-six years ago. The paper has seen and undergone many changes since its birth; withstood the drouths, and floods and still stands as an advocate of what we conceive to be right.

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STATE OF TEXAS.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon 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, 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 Rannels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 1st 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. 844, wherein C. E. Seay 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 Rannels.

In the District Court of Rannels County, March term, 1907.

To the Honorable District Court of said County:—

Now comes C. E. Seay, who resides in Rannels County, Texas, and is hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of 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 said parties, all of said parties except plaintiff being hereinafter called defendants, and the names of those mentioned as unknown heirs, and 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 Rannels County, Texas, and claiming the same in simple to-wit: One hundred and sixteen 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 preced-

ing said date of December 1, 1906, and this he is ready to verify.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court that defendant 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, C. E. Seay.

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 Rannels 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, Rannels County.

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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 Rannels 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 Odum-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 Rannels 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.

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WEAK KIDNEYS MAKE WEAK BODIES.

Kidney Diseases Cause Half the Common Aches and Pains of Ballinger People

As one weak link weakens a chain, so weak kidneys weaken the whole body and hasten the final breaking down.

Overwork, strains, colds and other causes injure the kidneys, and when their activity is lessened the whole body suffers from the excess of uric poison circulated in the blood.

Aches and pains and languor and urinary ills come, and there is an ever-increasing tendency towards diabetes and fatal Bright's disease. There is no real help for the sufferer except kidney help.

Doan's Kidney Pills act directly on the kidneys and cure every kidney ill.

Robert Donnelly, blacksmith, at 610 Elm St., Dallas, Texas, says: "It is about three years since my wife used Doan's Kidney Pills. She had been complaining for some time that the kidney secretions were unnatural, too free at times and again too scanty. I brought her home a box of Doan's Kidney Pills one day and she began using them. They helped her right away and soon relieved her of the trouble so thoroughly that it has not returned. I am using Doan's Kidney Pills myself at present and am finding good results."

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.

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

RECORD SPECIAL GOES INTO DITCH.

Spreading Rails Cause of of Serious Wreck Near Brownwood.

Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 20.—Spreading rails caused a wreck on the Frisco ten miles east of Brownwood at 7:15 o'clock this morning, when three coaches went down a five-foot embankment and turned over on their sides, injuring a score or more of persons. The wrecked train was The Record special out of Fort Worth, running fast in effort to make up a few minutes lost between Blanket and Brownwood. About three miles from Delaware station, when the train was rounding a curve, the rails spread after engine and tender had passed over, and the baggage car and two coaches lurched from the rails and rolled down the embankment, dragging the Pullman after them. The latter, however, did not turn completely over. The engine broke loose from the train, and, released from its load, sped down the track until the startled engineer could stop it. The smoker and baggage cars were well filled with people, and in the roll over many of them were injured, some probably fatally.

The injured are: N. M. Fogle, Ft. Worth; cut on head and hurt in back and side. Mrs. J. M. Crumney and baby Texarkana; bruises on body; Child has top of head crushed and may die. Mrs. M. J. Grisham, Texarkana; chest mashed, back injured, cut on head. Annie Grisham, hurt on head and in back. Amos Grisham, hand mashed and chin cut. Mrs. M. S. Middlemiss, Brady; ankle sprained and hurt internally.

Mrs. Dora Bobo, San Angelo; slight injuries on head. D. Brin, Comanche; hurt on head, hand mashed. Charles Strag, baggageman; severe cut on back of head. Manuel Hopkins, colored; head cut and hurt inside. Nannie Foster, colored; cut on head.

The scene at the wreck was one of utter confusion. The cries of children and screams of women mingled with the groans of the wounded added to the horror of the occasion. The uninjured passengers hurried to remove the injured ones from the wreck, lest fire should break out and make matters worse. The injured were made as comfortable as possible while the engine went to Delaware, where the north bound train out of Brownwood was waiting, for assistance. The waiting train went to the scene of the wreck to bring the injured persons to Brownwood, and the engine came on to have medical attention ready when the train arrived here. As soon as the train arrived local physicians gave attention to the wounded and all are doing well, unless it is the baby with the crushed head and N. M. Fogle, who was perhaps the most seriously wounded. Fogle was seated on the right side of the chair car when it left the track and was thrown across the car and his head so fastened in a window on the lower side that it was necessary to break the window frame in order to release him.

Judge G. H. Goodson of Comanche, who was in the wreck, but thought to be uninjured, was taken with acute internal pains after reaching the hotel, and for a time was considered in danger. The track for 200 yards was torn up and cross-ties cut in pieces. Every available section gang has been hurried to the place and it is being hurriedly rebuilt. Trains were sent out this afternoon and the mail and baggage in the wrecked car brought to Brownwood.

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

FOR Insurance THAT Insures SEE Ernest Plummer



We Deliver The Goods

Not Just "Any Old Kind" of Goods, BUT Pure Fresh Groceries & Feed Stuff of all Kinds COTTON BUYERS DAVIS-FANCHER & CO. BALLINGER TEXAS

Jamaica Earthquake. Latest news from the Kings-Jamaica show that about 700 were killed and about an equal number injured. A large portion of the city was destroyed on account of the wrecking of the water works people being in con, sequence unable to extinguish the fires which broke out. Port Royal is sinking into the sea and hot springs are breaking up into the streets. The country on which the town stands has subsided eight feet.

Trains Blown Up. A powder train standing on a sidetrack near Terre Haute, Ind. blew up and about some unknown cause while a passenger train was passing and about twenty-five passengers were killed.

"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. Guaranteed, and its name is H. T. Clark's Cure.

Frank Grice owner and manager of the San Antonio Express, died recently in that city. Mr. Grice had been in failing health for a year or more. He had been editor of the Express since 1877 and was distinguished as a bold fearless writer and made the express one of the best papers in the South.

Not "Just as Good" Best. One box of Hunt's Cure is unqualifiedly, and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of Skin Disease. 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.

County Attorney R. S. Griggs was practicing law at Wingate, last Saturday.

C. A. DOOSE, President. D. M. BAKER, Vice Pres. and Cashier, Sam BAKER, Asst. Cashier.

The First National Bank. (Established in 1886) Capital Stock \$50,000.00 Undivided Profits \$15,000.00. Safe, Reliable and Conservative. Your Patronage Solicited. DIRECTORS C. A. Doose, D. M. Baker, Sam Baker, R. K. Wylie, Dr. W. W. Fowler.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

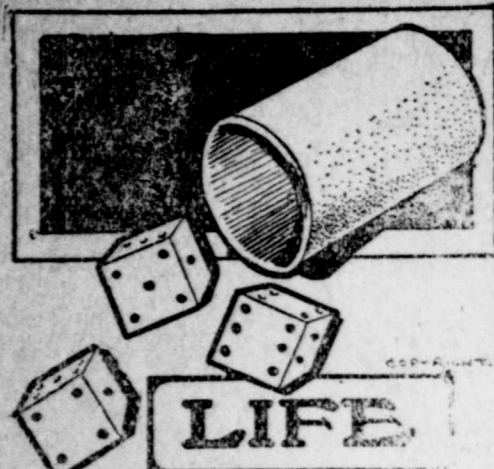
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I give my personal and best attention to all business entrusted to me and guarantee satisfaction.



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Of

Losing your property by Fire. Don't play Dice with the Hazard but take out insurance on your home and save worry and premature old age. See

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(The Insurance Man.)

JESSE McADAMS

Transfer and Dray Line.

Good Teams' Good Wagons, Good Hands, Prompt Service.
WILL APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.

Charles M. Harger of Abilene, discusses in the Atlantic Monthly the influence of the Fraternal lodge in a country town. "In the midst of some," says he, "the accomplishments of church and lodge are confused, perhaps naturally so. I remember an instance; a farmer living on a rather lonely road became ill, and after some weeks died leaving his family with a mortgage bit of land, many debts barely furniture enough for the needs of life, and a life insurance benefit due from one of the Fraternal orders. An evangelist holding meetings in the neighboring school-houses accompanied by two of his elders, came to the widow. "It is unfortunate that your husband did not belong to the church instead of the lodge," said the preacher. The widow loyal to bitterness of long days of suffering and poverty, resented the insinuation. "No, it is not, she declared we have lived in this neighborhood two years, but not a member of the church came to help us when he was gone. The members of the lodge came out two at a time and stayed with him every night; they brought to me and the children things we needed, and they have paid me \$2000, every cent I have in the world, and which will give me a little start to make a home for the children. I am glad he belonged to the lodge."—Kansas City Star

Cocoonant.
Godwin Gro. Co. have on exhibition a cocoon in the original shell. It is quite a curiosity to those who never saw one before it was shelled.

T. T. Duncan sold his farm consisting of 512 acres, located in the Norton-Maverick country to W. M. Forbus for \$12,000 a little better than \$23 per acre. Mr. Duncan has moved his family to town and Mr. Forbus has moved into his new place.

For Lung Troubles

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. And it certainly strengthens weak throats and weak lungs. There can be no mistake about this. You know it is true. And your own doctor will say so.

"My little boy had a terrible cough. I tried everything I could hear of but in vain until I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The first night he was better, and he steadily improved until he was perfectly well."—Miss S. J. STRAIN, Alton, Ill.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.
Also manufacturers of
AYER'S
SARSAPARILLA
PILLS
HAIR VIGOR.
Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills and thus hasten recovery.

Go to THE GIESECKE-BENNETT CO., Ballinger, Texas for certificates 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 carbonite agent.

GIESECKE-BENNETT COMPANY
BALLINGER TEXAS

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 appetizing.

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 our feed bills and give better results.

MIXED FEED forms a "Balanced Ration" giving better results, increased milk production in Cows, and in Flesh, general condition in all animals [than in the World].

Ballinger
Oil Con

Geo. Roah a resident of Abilene and formerly a resident of Brown, in a drunken fit cut the throat of his son several days ago resulting in the death of the son. The horrible deed was committed while the son was trying to defend the family from the fury of the drunker madman. But the many people argue that whiskey doesn't hurt anybody who lets it alone!

WHITE SWAN
brand on food products is the emblem of purity. Every thing packed under the White Swan Brand has to be the very best the market supplies, packed while fresh, by improved processes, no coloring nor adulterations of any character used. White Swan is a guarantee of the best that money can buy, so if you are fond of good things to eat, always insist upon White Swan. If your grocer does not keep White Swan, send us his name.

THE
Waples-Platter
Grocer Co.
Denison, Fort Worth, Dallas.

Druggist Condemned.

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

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 Rannels, 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.

Giesecke-Bennett Co.

Card of Thanks.

In behalf of the Ellis Grocery Co., I wish to extend to all my patrons and friends our sincere thanks for their patronage. We have sold the business together with our good will to Messrs Dornberger & Hopkinson, and we bespeak for them your liberal patronage. They are good business men, and I am sure it will be to your interest to trade with them.

Thanking you one and all.
Ellis Grocery Co.
W. L. Ellis.

SEEDS
SOLD ON HONOR
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 Home and

MOREHEAD, THE TAILOR

Wants to make your Spring Suits
750 New and Nobby Patterns from which to Select
CLEANING PRESSING REPAIRING

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

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

Herbton contains no morphine cocaine, calomel, arsenic or anything poisonous or injurious, purely vegetable tonic. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

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 Merc Co

Get a sample of that famous East Texas Syrup. A car just received at Alvis & Bro.

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.

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.

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

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

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

Come or, phone to the "Crescent Store" for any thing in the way of Groceries. New store, new goods, new prices. Motto: the best to be had for your money. Also Feed supplies. Tty me. Phone No. 16. J. O. Mixon.

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.

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

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

Dr. S. L. Hicks Dentist office over First National Bank office guaranteed.

ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE
All the latest songs, records, music, etc. HALF PRICE. All publications, Piano, Organ, Violin, etc. Write for catalogue and prices. Stock of 5000. This Sale "FREE". GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.
A Safe, Certain Remedy for Suppressed Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Sold 1 Sure! Speedy! Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send three on trial, to be paid for when returned. Sample Free. If your doctor at home has them send your orders to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

A Bargain in Reading. I will send you the Banner Leader and the Kansas City Journal for one year for \$1.00. Call at Post Office. Dan Isom.

Paint Your Buggy for 75c to \$1.00 with Devco's Gloss Carriage Paint.

It weighs 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than others, wears longer and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by tf. Carey Lombard Lumber Co.

For any disease of the skin can recommend Chamberlain's Salve. It relieves the itching, burning sensation instantly, soon affects a cure. This is also invaluable for sore in-

Ten Million Dollars

Of Farmers and Investors money in McLennan and Hill County's banks, awaiting safe and ready investments in lands.

We are prepared and ready to handle any size tracts of good lands at proper prices. We have sold twenty-six nice tracts during the past 90 days and our present demands for Real Estate is gradually growing. We make a specialty of Exchanges, have all kinds of Rental Property, Mercantile Stocks, City Property, etc., in different parts of Texas and Indian Territory to exchange for grazing and farm lands. If you want to Sell, Buy or Exchange your Business, your Residence or your Real Estate, write us.

BEWLEY and CONNALLY
McGREGOR, TEXAS.

Complies with all requirements of the National Pure Food Law, Guarantee No. 2041, filed at Washington.

A CUP OF GOOD COFFEE LIKE MOTHER USED TO MAKE

"Fresh Roasted Coffee?—bah! Mother didn't use fresh roasted coffee, she had Arbucks'."

The way to get a good cup of coffee that tastes like Coffee with all the delicious flavor and aroma intact, is to buy a package of the old original Arbucks' ARIOSA Coffee, and grind it as you want to use it, first warming it a little to develop the flavor and make the grinding easy. Coffee loses its identity as Coffee after being ground or exposed to the air and is easily contaminated by handling.

Arbucks' was the first roasted packaged coffee.

The pores of each coffee berry are sealed after roasting with fresh eggs and granule sugar to hold the goodness in and make coffee settle clear and quickly; an actual application by machinery, of "Mother's" method as patented by this firm.

Sold only in packages, sealed for the consumer's protection, containing one full weight. Sales for 37 years exceed the combined sales of all the other packaged coffees. The best coffee for you to drink, and saves your money besides. Same old firm, same old coffee. If your dealer won't supply, write to ARBUCKLE BROS., New York City

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.

Higginbotham-Currie Co.

It is with great pleasure that we announce to the people of Runnels and surrounding counties that we have made arrangements to open a large Department Store at Ballinger.

The friends and customers of The Currie-Noyes Co., will be pleased to learn that we have bought the Dry Goods and Grocery Stocks formerly owned by them, and that Messers J. F. Currie, J. N. Adams, W. E. Allen and Jo Wilmeth will still be interested in the new concern.

We will immediately begin the erection of a modern stone building just across the street from the present location, the main building will be 60x140 feet, two stories high and double decked, virtually a three story building, this building will be fitted up with modern fixtures.

The lower floor will be our Dry Goods, Hardware and Grocery departments, the second floor Furniture, Undertaking goods, and carpet department, the third floor buggies and vehicles.

Immediately in the rear of this building and facing South Street we have a space 180x140 feet, on this property we will erect Lumber sheds and Implement house, in short we will have ten distinct and complete stores all run under one management. We have when completed the complete mercantile plant and dist. Texas.

With the same business methods here that we have in other stores, Comanche, Blanket, Stephenville, Gorman, and that is every city, either for cash and that the lowest report is and the only difference in the rate between Cash and 1905 I appoint per cent.

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The prices that will be offered in this sale will be astonishing, and it will pay any one to come miles to avail themselves of the opportunity to buy goods at the prices that will be made.

Prices will be named in the Ballinger News papers in a few days, look for our "ad."

Higginbotham-Currie Co.

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

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

Quite a number of our delinquent subscribers are remembering us this month and for which we are duly thankful. Let the good work go on.

Grass to Lease.

600 acres fine grass to lease for 2 months at 25c per head. Apply at The Globe.

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

The Grass is fine and we will pasture your stock for 2 months for 25c head.

Every customer of the Citizens National Bank has a strong, able and helpful friend.

Let us put a new velvet collar on your overcoat and make it look new.

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

ATTENTION

EVERYBODY!

We are now at work subdividing the Houghton & Robinson Ranch into small tracts, ranging from 100 acres and upwards, which we will sell at prices commensurate with the quality of the land. So come early and get first choice. For further particulars call on or write,

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

The Best Fertilizer

Every farmer knows the value of fertilizers. If he uses the right kind and places them properly they result in a large profit to him.

But there is no fertilizer like money. If the farmer has money or the means of getting money he can make the most of his acres, and he can make the most of the fertility of his soil.

That is the position of the farmers who are customers of the Citizens' National Bank of Ballinger.

By becoming a customer of this bank they have enlisted in their behalf a strong and willing friend, able and anxious to give them every possible aid in the growing and harvesting of their crops and ready at all times to extend to them that pecuniary assistance which will enable them to grow their crops to the best advantage and to make the most of the fertility of their soil.

We invite you to partake of the liberality and generosity with which for years, in a financial way, we have fertilized the farming industry of the community around Ballinger.

CITIZENS NAT'L BANK

Capital and Surplus 125,000



"Expanse" means a broadening out. You can't get into a rut if "expanse" is ever before you. When we bought our present stock of

Drug Sundries

it was "expanse" always before our eyes that gave us the nerve to buy as liberally as we did. Open up your pocket book and expend enough to take advantage of our bargains. They seldom come, but while here are so "expansive" you can't afford to ignore them.

Hot & Cold Carbonated Beverages
Schrafts Fine Candies and Crystallized Fruits.

The Walker Drug COMPANY

(Health Providers.)

A Car Just In

SOLD ON 65 YEARS RECORD
STYLES, SIZES AND PRICES TO SUIT ALL



WHICH IS THE CHEAPEST?

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.

BUT

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.

Jones, Walton

AND Company

Coleman Nursery

Fruit and Ornamental Trees. Rose and Ornamental Trees a specialty.

Coleman, Texas.

Pale and Thin Women—Remember Herbtton acts strictly according to the laws of nature and brings about the natural conditions. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

He did not but says: "A Tetter Cure onigil, of San Angelo, n appointed local Singer Sewing machine. Mr. Mar-Walker Drug, had charge of the move to San Angelo about the first of Feb.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Mayor
JOHN HOFFER
J. W. POWELL.
LEE MADDOX.

For City Secretary;
GEO. B. WRIGHT.
J. ROBERT LUSK.

For City Attorney;
W. E. SAYLE.

For Sale.

A good top buggy at a bargain. Ask at
The Globe.

Those Fellow Craft Shoes are beauties for \$3.50 at The Globe Dept. Store.

Highest price paid for your butter and eggs.
Godwin Grocery Co.

For the best barber work patronize the Crown Shop.

Stetson Hats, Walk over, Ralston and Fellowcraft shoes at
The Globe Store.

Wanted—All your butter and Eggs.
Godwin Grocery Co.

Pants made in 24 hours at Moreheads Tailor Shop.

O. C. Puckett of Pumphrey was in to see us Thursday of this week and left us a substantial remembrance.

The Ralston Health shoes are the best for \$4.00 at
The Globe.

County Court.

The Jury docket in the County Court will be taken up the third week, beginning Monday, Feb. 18th.

PLANK DOWN

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

BUY LUMBER HERE

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.



BALLINGER LUMBER COMP'Y.

Dornberger & Hopkinson

[Successors to Ellis Grocery Co.]

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Staple and Fancy Groceries

Delicatessen, Fresh Vegetables in Season. Highest Market Price paid for Country Produce. Give us a trial.

Respectfully,

DORNBERGER & HOPKINSON

See Lankford & Hathaway for shoe repairing.

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

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

Let Morehead make your winter suit he knows how.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Godwin Gro. Co.

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bookkeeper

J. W. POWELL FOR RE-ELECTION

Has Some Good Planks in His Platform,
But Makes No Pie Crust Promises.

In submitting my name to the voters of Ballinger for the office of Mayor, I deem it unnecessary to set out a long platform or make glowing promises now (to catch voter) and break most of them in the near future, that is nowadays politics however.) I hope the voters will look well to the selection of each officer to be selected next month and especially the three aldermen, as three aldermen control the city government. If you make a wise selection of your aldermen that board of five men will put their heads together and do just such things to upbuild your city as the means in their hands and circumstances will justify. As to what that will be, they will have the say, and should have, for that is what you have elected them for.

In calling attention to the selection of aldermen I don't mean to insinuate that equal care should not be exercised in selecting each of the other officers. I have been at the head of our city government for several terms and I rendered you an account of every dollar received and disbursed each year. The law requires a finance committee to be appointed at the close of each city year (Feb. 1st is Ballinger's municipal year) and that committee goes over the books of every city officer and makes a written report under oath and that report is required to be published in the city newspaper. In 1905 I appointed on that committee J. McGregor, L. Markowitz and H. Zdaril; in 1906 the committee was C. S. Bowdon, C. C. F. Blanchard and H. Zdaril and their reports were published. Right here let me say; notwithstanding the law demands the publication each year that you may see the condition of your city's financial affairs your city papers fail to show such a report the year I was not your Mayor. I am proud to say that your city is growing marvelously. It is my aim and my pride to see it continue to grow, and should I be selected as your Mayor for the coming term I will use my efforts to keep Ballinger's name in the forefront of cities of her size and aid in keeping her people united and happy.

Respectfully,
J. W. Powell.

BROKEN ARM FOR LITTLE BOY.

The little four year old boy of T. D. Strawn, who lives on Eighth Street near the Cotton yard, was run over and his arm broken by a wagon loaded with cotton. The little fellow was playing in the streets, and as the wagons passed would swing on them for a ride, when he fell under the wheels with the above results. The break was a very bad one the arm being crushed from the elbow to the shoulder, and the little fellow will be crippled for some time.

Mr. John Loveless formerly with the Crews Furniture Co., is now located with that enterprising firm The Cash Grocery Co. where he will be glad to meet his friends and give them the best values in Groceries and feed stuff to be had in Ballinger.

Rev. D. M. West, of San Angelo, will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. This church is at present without a pastor Rev. West accepts an invitation to supply the place for one Sunday. Everybody cordially invited to hear him.

The workmen have commenced residence for Jno. A. on Eighth Street. John is one of the nicest homes I ever saw when the work is done.

The Sunday School.

The church of the future that succeeds will give special attention to the work of the Sunday School, you are doing them an irreparable injury.

Let them come regularly. Even if it should be cold, the house will be made comfortable. Are you a student of the Bible? Come and join one of the Bible classes. Preaching morning and evening. Shall we see you? Will your place be filled?

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

S. S. Grantham, one of the Banner-Leader's substantial friends of the Maverick country, was here first of the week, and in conversation with the writer, stated that he and four of his neighbors had about seventy-five bales of cotton yet in the field. Reports come from different sections of the country to the effect that there is thousands of bales of cotton in the fields. The fleecy staple has been rolling in at a lively rate this week, and it is expected by some that our receipts will pass beyond the forty thousand mark before the close of the season. Truly this is a cotton country and there will be something doing here this fall, sure enough if the 1907 crop is as good as the last one.

Dr. J. G. Douglass left on Tuesday's train for a visit to his old home at Itasca. Mrs. Douglass who has been on a visit since Christmas will return with Dr. Douglass.

The Right Place For Them.

The Brown County grand jury in its report recommended that County convicts be put on the public thoroughfares, and made to work. The recommendation seems to meet with a great deal of approval, and will in all probability be put in action in that county. The Brownwood Bulletin in commenting on the suggestion says:

"The grand jury is right in its contention that imprisonment in our county jail is not punishment to most men who are guilty of misdemeanors, especially the class engaged in the illegal sale of liquors, or any of the vices where violations of the law are deliberately contemplated. These men go into such business knowing that they may be caught at any time and they may have no more dread of a jail sentence than they do of a picnic. The county jail is the best and most comfortable building in Brownwood, the prisoners are well fed, they have nothing to do except to idle the time away; and many regard a jail sentence as a real luxury and themselves as men of distinction after coming out of jail. Some of these jail birds are tendered real ovations by their class when they complete their jail sentence. The object of punishment is to punish the offender and prevent further crime. Imprisonment in jail without labor serves neither purpose. The commissioners court should immediately carry out the suggestion of the grand jury and as the jury states should do this without regard to whether it will pay the county in dollars and cents. It will at least pay in the lessening of the criminal docket, and in safeguarding the people against criminals of this class."

Frank Lamott has accepted the place with the Express Co., made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Griffin.

Mrs. J. M. Edwards and little Miss Hazel will leave next week for their new home in Austin.

G. G. Griffin has accepted a position with the Citizens National Bank, as book-keeper. J. B. Shields who helped the bank out until a permanent man could be secured, is back at his post of duty in the Clerk's office. Mr. Griffin is a fine penman and good bookkeeper.

BOY ACCIDENTLY SHOT THROUGH MOUTH

Unloaded Gun Gets in Its Work. Boy in Serious Condition

A runner came to town yesterday to summons a physician to go to the home of Jim Stuart six miles south of town to see Mr. Stuart's fourteen year old son, who had been accidentally shot by a 22 target in the hands of an older brother.

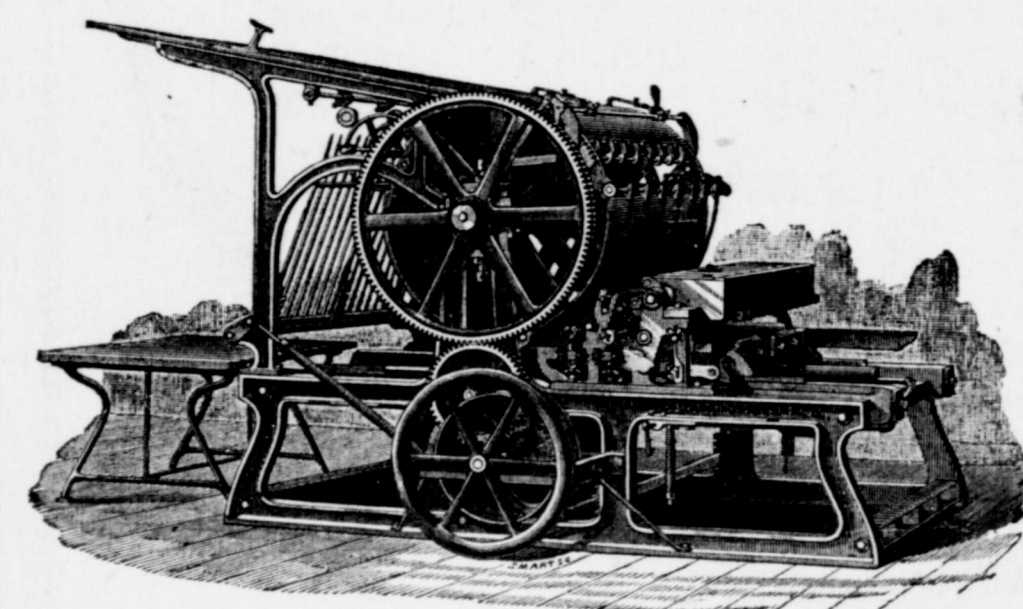
From the best information obtainable the two boys were standing close together, and were not careful in handling the gun thinking that it was not loaded, when it was discharged, the bullet striking the boy in the left jaw, and lodged in the back of the neck.

Dr. W. B. Halley went out and extracted the bullet, and he reports that unless blood poison or some other trouble sets up the wounded boy will soon be well.

NEW FIRM SECURES CHARTER

A charter has been granted the Higginbotham-Currie Co., of Ballinger, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The incorporators are R. W. Higginbotham, J. F. Currie, Joe Wilmeth, Scott H. Mack, C. A. Doose, J. N. Adams and W. E. Allen. The new firm is now doing business under the new management, and have a message in this paper to the trading public.

County Judge, H. J. Crozier was here from Paint Rock Thursday and left some nice orders for job work with the Banner-Leader.



The Banner-Leader's New Press.

The above is a cut of the new press just installed in the Banner-Leader office. The press is a modern machine equipped with counter, slitter and has the back-up motion, which is a late improvement in the Country printing presses.

BALLINGER PRINTER SERIOUSLY HURT.

Workman at Ledger Office Gets Arm Smashed in Machinery.

P. R. Smith, who come here about three months ago, and accepts position in the Banner-Leader office, and who later accepted a place in the Ledger office, had the misfortune to get his right arm badly broken while working around the machinery yesterday. He was attempting to shift a belt when he was caught by the line shaft, twisting his arm around the shaft breaking both bones of the forearm and fracturing the wrist.

The young man is about 21 years old and married, and his nearest relatives are at Abilene. At last reports he was getting along as well as could be expected.

The Walker Drug Co has just received the nicest thing ever brought to Ballinger in the way of a show case. A nice improved cigar case, conveniently arranged, and it was necessary to put it in, as their enormous cigar trade demands it. Call and see the new case, and try a smoke to see the difference in cigars kept in a new case and the old style case.

MRS. PEARSON ENTERTAINS.

Tuesday afternoon of this week Mrs. Oscar Pearson entertained the Mystic Weavers and a host of other friends complimentary to her visitors, Mrs. Dibrell of Tenn., and Mrs. Donald Cameron of Coleman.

The decorations of this cozy cottage were especially attractive being in Mexican effect. Palms, ferns and various tropical plants were used, while Mexican rugs, tapestry, drawn work, and bric-a-brac were distinctly in evidence.

The hostess had arranged a decidedly interesting program in which Miss Mae Harris played the following violin solos:—"The Last Rose of Summer," and that ever popular Scotch air, "Annie Laurie;" Miss Norma Harris next followed with two recitations, "My Ships at Sea" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox and "There Little Girl Don't Cry," by James Whitcomb Riley. Both young ladies elicited hearty encores and many compliments from the assembled guests.

Little Miss Dibrell dressed in Mexican costume and "Sombrello" made a flattering type of the dark eyed "Senorita" as she served the delicious luncheon of truly Mexican origin from pottery which surely were souvenirs from the Republic.

Misses Crews and Harris also assisted in the serving. The luncheon consisted of tomatoes, chilli, crackers, sandwiches, chocolate and the Mexican dessert, beans. A happy feature of the gathering was the absence of all formality.

Mrs. Pearson's cleverness and natural vivacity make her an ideal hostess as each of the forty guests expressed on bidding her

GRAFT, GREED AND GLUTTONY.

Prominent Cattleman of Angelo Tells of How Stockmen are Being "Skinned."

The following recital of graft and greed and gluttony comes from a prominent cattleman of San Angelo, and a gentleman of sterling character, who has been instrumental in stopping practices that have cheated the cowmen of West Texas of considerable revenue by foul and disreputable methods.

If there is on the face of this earth a grafter that deserves punishment for crime it is the grafter who employs the owl grease of monopoly and swindles the producer of the profits by simply evading the technicalities of the law. It is the hog that sits in his office, and knowing that he is protected by some slip of the law, schemes of greed and graft and sucks with beastly delight the very life blood from the sources that build the country while the grafter is busy in his plans of parasitic voracity.

When it is, therefore, boldly stated by the Standard that daily the cowmen of the United States are being cheated out of ten or fifteen thousand dollars perhaps those interested will not in the casual glancing realize the enormity of the graft, and the simplicity of the roguish and scandalous method employed by these evacious grafters who deliberately "skin" the man who raises the cattle.

It is not the desire of the Standard to picture the prominent cattleman who is so ardent to correct this evil, as a reformer of modern times or anything of the sort; but it is the earnest wish of the Standard to have turned upon the voracious grafters the search light of publicity in the hope that it will bring about an investigation.

And in this connection it is relevant to again repeat that the cattleman who proposes to assist in putting a stop to the foul practice that is now cheating his fellow stockmen, is a gentleman who has instigated several corrections that have resulted most advantageously to the cowmen.

A cattleman said to the Standard reporter this afternoon:

"I know the Standard has for the past twenty-three years lent every possible help to the sheep man and the cow man, and the Standard's influence has assisted us wonderfully and timely and heroically, and this afternoon I want to get on your neck and rib you up with some vim, for we need the Standard's aid in presenting our case.

"Our cattlemen know of the highway robbery and deliberate hold-up methods of which I am going to tell you.

"It is the feed charge holdup or graft.

"It is the method employed to overcome the cattleman, or rather the game used in absolutely "skinning" him outright just because he becomes easy prey.

"It is a fine sample of monopoly, which is directly in violation of the anti-trust laws. But, withal, it keeps on working overtime, and now is the day to put a stop to the practice."

The cattleman was pretty warm in the collar about the method to which cattlemen had to submit. He went on to recite the following facts:

Those in charge of the yards at Fort Worth, by means of a monopoly, overcharge for feed. Their fancy price of hay is 80 cents per bale, and their outrageous price for corn is a dollar a bushel. Those in charge of the cattle yards will not, under any circumstances, allow the cattle owners to bring feed to the yards, and the cattle must either starve or the shippers of these cattle must submit to the outlandish prices charged for feed-stuffs.

Lee Bros, J. P. Anderson, W.

D. Jones, I. G. Yates, Harris Bros. and others have tried to bring feed to the yards with which to feed their cattle, but it was refused. In one instance Lee Bros. brought hay to the yards and it was refused by the yard controllers, who compromised the matter by paying Lee Bros. 40 cents per bale for the hay and charging them back 80 cents per bale.

A hay dealer offered to deliver hay in large quantities to the stock pens at Fort Worth at an average price of 21 cents per bale. Those in charge of the yards however, will not allow the shippers of cattle to buy any feed except of the yard monopolizers themselves. Corn can be had just across the streets at 35 to 40 cents per bushel, but no corn can be brought to the cattle unless paid for at the price of \$1 per bushel, and that, too, to the yard controllers. Now, the yard companies at Fort Worth are allowed by law (and never fail to charge the limit permitted by law) twenty-five (25) cents per head for handling the cattle. This charge covers the penning and all accommodations and services required, except, of course, feeding.

The shippers would be glad of the opportunity to pay for the profit to the yard monopolizers—say 30 cents per bale for hay, and 45 or 50 cents per bushel for corn. That sort of handsome profit would certainly reap them a nice return upon the money invested for feed etc., but to be compelled to submit to charges of \$1 per bushel for corn and 80 cents per bale for hay, is certainly wrong.

Thus those in control of the yards at the cattle market are enabled, by sheer force of monopoly (which is a criminal violation of the law) to rob the cattle shippers of 50 cents every time a bale of hay is fed to the stock at the pens.

As about 1000 bales of hay are fed daily at Fort Worth, a small estimate of the aggregate graft daily, even after the allowance of a nice profit, is \$500 for this one item only, to say nothing of the graft revenue from the feeding of corn, etc.

Certainly the practice is wrong pure and simple, for no one will agree that capital that is "turned over" some fifty or sixty times a year should bring a profit of 58 cents upon a 20 cent investment, or fifteen thousand per centum, for that is its equivalent.

This local cattleman estimates the graft at about \$11,000 daily at six markets, as follows: Chicago, \$4,000; Kansas City, \$3,000; Omaha, \$1,000; Fort Worth, \$500; San Angelo Standard.

Prominent Tennesseans Here.

S. S. Dibrell, wife and daughter, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson this week. These are prominent Tennessee people, and old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson. They were out on a visit to relatives at Coleman, and run up to spend a few days in Ballinger. Mr. Dibrell is an admirer of Senator Bailey and says Bailey is popular in Tennessee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford on Monday night, a fine boy.

Miss Lurlyne Hudson of San Angelo was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Griggs Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Sewell sold her residence near the Baptist church to J. R. Perry for \$1600.

Walter Kent a prominent merchant of Glen Cove was here Wednesday on business.

J. M. Massingil, of San Angelo, has been appointed local agent for the Singer Sewing machine at Ballinger. Mr. Marshall, who has had charge of the business will move to San Angelo about the first of Feb.

Something
Doing
Here

Higginbotham-Currie Company

Something
Doing
Here

AT BALLINGER, TEXAS.

15 Days Opening Sale 15 Days

Beginning Saturday Jan. 26th and Closes Saturday Feb. 9th 1907.

Having recently purchased the entire stock of the Currie-Noyes Co., consisting of \$40,000 of Seasonable Merchandise, we will now proceed to close this stock at greatly reduced prices to make room for our Spring Stock which will be very large and complete in every line. The following is a few prices that we will place before you in this issue, while the entire stock will be sold at greatly reduced prices, in fact everything shall and will go at a bargain to the purchaser.

Good Round Thread, wire twist, cotton plaids, 6 1-2 and 7c value. Opening Sale per yd - 4 1-2	Standard Oil Cloth, regular 20c value. Opening Sale - 15c	Standard and Oil Prints, your choice at Opening Sale - 5c
36 inch Smooth Brown Domestic, regular 7c value. Opening Sale - 5c	Ladies Handkerchiefs, worth 10c. Opening Sale - 5c	Heaviest Weight Outing Flannel, regular 10 and 12 1-2c value. Opening Sale - 8c
	Ladies Handkerchiefs, worth 15c. Opening Sale - 8c	9 x 12 Art Squares, regular \$5.00 value. Opening Sale 3.95

Mens and Boys Clothing



Mens Suits \$19.00 and \$18.00 value. Opening Sale \$14.65
Mens Suits in Single and Double Breast, 16.50 and 15.00 value. Opening Sale - 11.85
Mens Suits 12.50 and 10.00 value. Opening Sale - 8.65
Mens Suits 8.50 and 7.50 value. Opening Sale - 5.45
Mens Overcoats 15.00 value. Opening Sale - 9.85
Mens Overcoats 9.00 and 8.00 value. Opening Sale 5.45
Boys Suits 3.50 value. Opening Sale - 2.10
Boys Suits 2.50 value. Opening Sale - 1.85
Boys Overcoats 3.50 value. Opening Sale - 2.85

Ladies Skirts.

This is the time to buy a skirt at a great saving.
Ladies Skirts \$5.00 value. Opening Sale \$3.85
Ladies skirts 3.50 and 3.00 value. Opening Sale - 2.65
Ladies skirts 2.50 and 2.00 value. Opening Sale - 1.65
Ladies skirts 4.00 and 4.50 value. Opening Sale - 3.25

Ladies and Mer

1000 pair of Ladies and plain hose worth \$1.00 and \$1.25 value. Opening Sale - 8c
Ladies black seamless hose 1.00 value. Opening Sale - 75c
Boys, Misses and Children double bed have regular 15c value. Opening Sale - 10c
Mens black and tan hose regular 15c value. Opening Sale - 8c

Ladies Muslin Underwear.

Ladies gowns regular \$2.25 value. Opening Sale - 1.65

Mens Duck Coats and Pants.

Mens Duck Coats regular \$2.00 value. Opening Sale - \$1.35
Mens Duck Coats regular 2.25 value. Opening Sale - 1.85
Mens Long Duck Coats regular 4.00 value. Opening Sale - 3.15
Mens Overalls regular 75c value. Opening Sale - 60c
Mens Great Bray Pants regular 1.25 value. Opening Sale - 95c
Mens All Wool Pants regular 3.50 and 4.00 value. Opening Sale - 3.15

Sale

Ladies gowns regular 1.25 value. Opening Sale - 95c
Ladies underskirts regular 3.00 value. Opening Sale - 1.95
Ladies corset covers regular 75c value. Opening Sale - 35c
Ladies corset covers regular 35c value. Opening Sale - 20c

Dress Goods and Silks.

Ombra Suitings regular 20 and 25c value. Opening Sale - 15c
Henrietta Suiting regular 25c value. Opening Sale - 20c
wool Suitings regular 35c value. Opening Sale - 25c
wool Suiting regular 75c value. Opening Sale - 45c
Colors regular 75c value. Opening Sale - 65c
36 in. value \$1.25 value. Opening Sale - 95c
All short links

Blankets and Comforts.

Good Cotton Blankets regular \$1.00 value. Opening Sale - 75c
All Wool California Blankets regular 7.00 value. Opening Sale per pr 5.85
All Wool California Blankets regular 8.50 value. Opening Sale - 6.65
Large Comforts extra size regular 2.50 value. Opening Sale - 1.85
Large Comforts extra size regular 3.00 value. Opening Sale - 2.15
10 x 4 Mixed Wool Blankets regular 3.00 and 3.50 value. Opening Sale - 2.45



and Cloaks.

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Baby Cloaks in white regular...
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Baby Sacques regular 50 and 75c value. Opening Sale - 40c

Lace Curtains and White Quilts.
Lace Curtains regular 1.00 pair value. Opening Sale - 75c
Lace Curtains regular 1.50 pair value. Opening Sale - 1.20
Lace Curtains regular 2.50 pair value. Opening Sale - 1.95
White Quilts regular 1.75 value. Opening Sale - 1.35
White Quilts regular 2.25 and 2.50 value. Opening Sale - 1.95
White Quilts regular 3.50 value. Opening Sale - 2.85

We Are Sole Agents For

The Hamilton Brown Shoes, Every Pair Solid As a Brick.

THE STORE
FOR ALL
THE PEOPLE

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"Chief Wants Your Star"

The chew that's always asked for—the chief want of every chewer—the standard chew for over forty years—still, as always, both the best and most economical chew made is

STAR

PLUG CHEWING TOBACCO

Only the choice, ripe, fine-bedded leaf is good enough for "Star"—that's why it is so sweet, juicy and so lasting—that's why a 10¢ plug of "Star" chews better and twice as long as other chews that seem bigger.

Everywhere the call is for "Star"—every time it's the chew that is chosen—and every bite is "chewed dry."

150,000,000 10¢. pieces sold annually

In All Stores



Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes you feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through the arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Write to Dr. Kilmer, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

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

Will Exchange Land.

A well improved farm in the Best Fruit Section of East Texas to exchange for land in this or adjoining counties. Address Dr. P. Pool, Truitt Texas. 4t E o w.

Geo. W. Cowan, editor of the Robert Lee Observer, was here a couple of days this week shipping out a new press for his plant. Mr. Cowan is making some valuable improvements in his plant to keep pace with the growth of Coke county.

Subscribe for the Banner-Leader and get the Kansas City Journal free \$1.00 per year for the two. See me at the post office. Dan Isom.

Lee Duncan returned last Sunday night from a Christmas visit to his old home in Mississippi. Lee reports the Old States in good shape, and says he had a fine time, but prefers Texas as a place to make a home.

J. D. Morgan, of Coleman, has accepted a position with the Walker Drug Co., Mr. Morgan is a brother of Mrs. John Weeks.

The Man Who Won't Pay.

The Miles Messenger, a paper that is always saying something goon, talks about the man who won't pay his debts in the following style:

The person who will not pay his honest debts is a dangerous character to any business. He is the terror to every line of business, though insignificant in many respects, he must receive the greatest consideration at the hands of the man who does a public business of any sort. He is responsible for a large per cent of the volunteer and involuntary assignments.

He it is who can read in the papers such notices and say in his heart, behold what a mighty work I am doing? He is the man that causes so much trouble and inconvenience to his honest neighbor. Insignificant and worthless as he is, oftentimes upper most in his thoughts of the once confiding business man. He the scoundrel that he is causes men to almost lose confidence in humanity and exclaim, My God, is there none honest? Not only this but places his creditor in a position where he is unable to meet his own obligations and looks upon the honest unfortunate with disfavor and suspicion.

In almost every walk of life, this villainous man who won't pay his debts spreads terror and unhappiness. And of all barefaced up-to-date nuisances he can easily boast of being chief.

J. A. Watkins sends the Banner-Leader to his son-in-law, W. A. Mayo, who lives at Graham, Texas. This is a good way to let your people hear from you—Send them the Banner-Leader. In this way they get news you never think of writing them.

H. M. Mashall, a prominent Concho county citizen, had business in Ballinger, first of the week.

A rich man is the man who always has money. Put some of your money in the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger and you will begin to be rich right away.

Miles News.

The following items of interest we clip from The Miles Messenger:

Misses Avy and Alice Hinkle were the guests of Ballinger friends Sunday.

S. D. Williams of Ballinger was here Tuesday and Wednesday surveying for S. M. Farmer. Mr. Farmer is arranging to offer some of his choice lots in South Miles for sale.

John Young and F. E. Voss had business in Ballinger yesterday.

Mrs. Cordill and little son, Will came over from Ballinger Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry. Sunday Messrs Asa and Walter Cordill came over in an automobile and all returned home late Sunday afternoon. They report a pleasant trip except for a little trouble and delay occasioned by a punctured tire while on the road.

Mrs. H. P. Foster and the children came over Monday to join Mr. Foster who preceded them several days. Mr. Foster formerly lived on Valley Creek near Ballinger and is a good citizen whom we are glad to welcome to our community. One of the first things he did after arriving in the city was to have his name placed on the Messenger subscription list.

S. O. Padgett was in the city Monday with a wagon load of sweet potatoes and peanuts. Mr. Padgett is a practical farmer and believes in always having something to sell. He grows potatoes as fine as can be grown anywhere and the Goober state herself would hardly dare to compete with him in the production of peanuts. He has the correct idea of farming, and seldom comes to town without something to sell.

HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

Ballinger, Texas.

THE IMPLEMENTS THE

Planters, Cultivators,
Disc Plows, Walking Plows,
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

Double Wedding.

At the home of the brides, mother, Mrs. Pou, last Sunday night, Rev. G. W. Fender spoke the words that united in marriage T. R. McFarland and Miss Lucretia Pou, and R. H. Hamilton and Miss Julia Pou. These young ladies have grown from infancy in Ballinger, and have many friends who wish for them a life of happiness.

Notice to City Tax Payers.

You have only a few more days in which to pay your City taxes for 1906. After Jan'y 31st a penalty of 10 per cent will be added. Don't wait until the last day, you might forget it.

Duncan McGregor was over from Coleman to see kin folks, Sunday and Monday.

E. F. Comegy was here from San Angelo, first of the week.

J. S. Barr, wife and two children joined the Eighth Street Presbyterian church last Sunday night. Mr. Barr is the marble yard man, and moved to our town several months ago from Brownwood.

Bob. Prator was here from Brownwood, Monday.

Mrs. Doc Vancil and little boy returned from a visit in Tom Green county Monday.

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.



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

Combination Offer For 1906.

For 1906 we were able to offer the following combination to the people of Runnels county and vicinity: The Banner-Leader, regular price \$1.00 per year; the Twice-a-Week Dallas News, Houston Post, Fort Worth Record or Bryan's Commoner, the regular subscription price for each is \$1.00 per year. The American Home Journal, published in Dallas, the best Southern Magazine published. Regular price \$1.00 per year. To subscribe for each of these would cost you \$3.00, we will give for 1906 the Banner-Leader, the American Home Journal and either the Dallas News, Houston Post, Fort Worth Record or Bryan's Commoner for \$2.00. If you would keep posted you need these three, the Semi-Weekly to keep you informed on all National and State Questions, the American Home Journal for good stories for the children and the Banner-Leader for all the local news. Old subscribers who pay up-to-date and one year in advance are entitled to this offer.

Banner Leader.

Professional Cards Etc.

J. W. Blasdell, M. D.

Calls answered promptly day or night.

At Walker Drug Co's.

Residence 292.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus

Dentist.

Office up stairs over Citizens Natl. Bank
All Work Guaranteed.

FRANK P'POOL,

Physician and Surgeon.

Besides equipments for General Practice, have Special instruments for the scientific treatment of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Diseases peculiar to females.

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Drs. Fowler & Douglass
GENERAL PRACTICE

OFFICES—

J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store
and Citizens National Bank.

Halley & Love,

Physicians and Surgeons

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS.
Office over Ballinger State Bank
Will do a general practice. All calls night or day answered promptly.

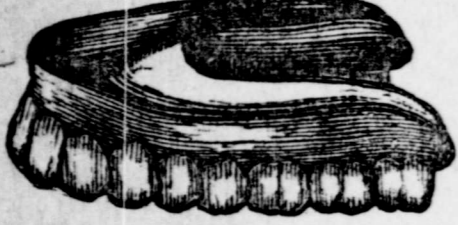
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CIVIL ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.

Plans, Specifications and Estimates made on any kind of work and work superintended.

Land Surveying a Specialty.

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS



DR. S. L. HICKS, Dentist.

Office over First National Bank.
Modern Painless Methods used.
All work guaranteed.

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R. S. GRIGGS,

County Attorney.

Will do a civil practice in all courts. Special attention given to probate matters, deed writing, examination of titles, etc.

Office at Court House.

W. L. Towner,

Conveyancer and
Notary Public.

Examines Land Titles, Furnishes Abstracts and as Attorney-at-law Solicits your Probate Business.

Office over First Nat Bank.

Ballinger, - - - Texas.

M. C. Smith

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Office up-stairs
in C. A. Doose
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Examining Land Titles
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Office phone - - - 203

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Calls answered promptly
Day or Night.

Miss Nora A. Fletcher,

Trained Nurse.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Will be ready to nurse patients for all the physicians of the city, or any others needing her services.

PHONE 193.

Harris & Shepherd,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW—

Corporation,
Collections,
and Land
Litigation
Specialties

OFFICE OVER BALLINGER
STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.
BALLINGER, - TEXAS

HOWARD'S

WOOD-WORKING
MACHINE SHOP

South of Court House

Is The Place To Have
Your Work Done.

A Specialty made of Door and Window Framing from the cheapest to the best. Odd sized Sash and Doors made. Ripping, Turning, Joining and such finishing work done on short notice.

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.

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

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

Mazeland the Fair Land.

Why dont you keep your ear to the ground and your eye on Mazeland. The lakes are full of water, the water is full of ducks and the ducks have some mighty good picking on their bones.

There is a fine season in the ground.

If the cotton bales dont roll into Ballinger next fall I'll swallow my voice, take a back seat and sing low bass. Oats are getting so rank that they are having to be grazed. Lots of last year's feed still in the field and some cotton patches "whiter than snow."

Birds are whistling, hens are cackling, pigs are squealing and money is talking as loud as ever up here, by gattlings.

And they do say that Mr. Forbus cried every day from the time he sold his place until he bought the fine Duncan farm at Norton and that he is now better satisfied with Rannels county dirt than ever before.

Chas. Jones sold his little place to Jno. Ballew for his brother, Felix Ballew, of Milam county. John will make an effort to get his brother up near the merry blue sky, so to speak.

Mr. David Wright has put out some more trees. Jesse Elms has put out some more trees. Mr. O'Neal has put out some more trees. Mr. Spence and Jno. Ballew will plant some tree seeds such as catalpa, esage orange, mulberry, locust and box elder. Why dont we beautify our homes.

Seeds cost almost nothing but the postage.

Mr. Abbott of Bell county has been here looking out a location for a blacksmith shop.

Uncle Johnnie.

Mystic Weavers.

A spirit of welcome prevailed the home of Mrs. Ed. Walker on Friday afternoon of last week, at which time she entertained the Mystic Weavers and a few friends. The handsome furnishings of this beautiful home leave nothing to be desired in the way of further decorations, however graceful ferns and palms were arranged about in an artistic manner.

This club is decidedly a needle work club and every guest provided herself with some dainty article, and deftly plied the stitches to the sound of merry conversation.

The salad course served was strictly in keeping with the surroundings, pleasing to look at and thoroughly enjoyable.

Mrs. Walker proved herself such a gracious hostess that the afternoon was one of unusual pleasure.

Trespass 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.

We heard of a farmer not over fifteen miles from Ballinger who is plowing under a half bale of cotton to the acre, getting ready to plant another crop. We are not very well versed in farming, but this strikes us as a very foolish thing. Chances are, if this same ground is planted in cotton, it will not make, as much cotton as is being destroyed. Pick your cotton if it takes you till the Fourth of July and let your team run on the grass and rest. We have often heard of a farmer making more cotton than he could pick, but this is the first time it has happened so near to us, and we know it to be a fact.

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

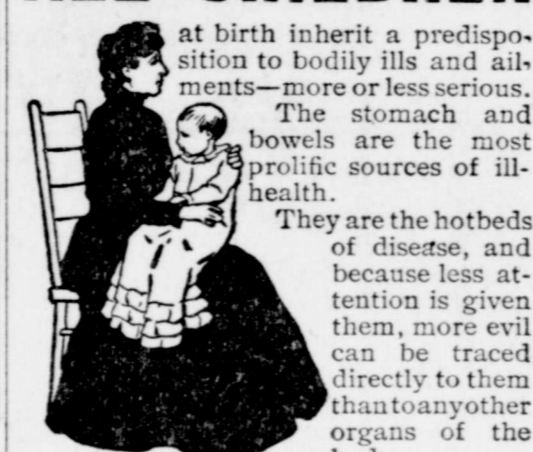
C. A. Doose & Co., are advertising the Houghton & Robinson land in this issue of the paper. There is some fine land in this tract, and the purchaser that gets in early will be fortunate. There is lots of good land in this country that has never had a plow stuck in it, but it is only a question of time until it will be in cultivation as it is selling fast.

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.

You would be surprised to know the amount of freight that is being hauled from Ballinger to Bronte. We had occasion this week to ship some freight to Robert Lee, and in our efforts to secure a wagon we found out that this line of industry was as badly congested as the freight department of the Santa Fe. The road is lined with freight wagons, and they are all loaded to the hilt with freight of every description. Ballinger is the railroad and shipping point for the town of Bronte and its territory, and that little town is on a boom. The country is filling up with people, house building calls for lumber, hardware, etc., and all this stuff is hauld by wagon from Ballinger. And, again, this is a season of the year when the freighter hits 'em going and coming, bringing in cotton, or seed and taking out supplies or material.

ALL CHILDREN



at birth inherit a predisposition to bodily ills and ailments—more or less serious. The stomach and bowels are the most prolific sources of ill-health. They are the hotbeds of disease, and because less attention is given them, more evil can be traced directly to them than to any other organs of the body.

Where there is the least indication of trouble or you are feeling out of sorts,

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

should be taken at once. It is the best preparation for the stomach and bowels.

If they are all out of order, it will eradicate the trouble, tone up the parts and restore them to their natural condition. DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN communicates itself to the whole system and its beneficial and curative effects are pronounced and instantly experienced.

It will keep you in good health. DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN can be obtained in both dollar and half-dollar sizes from all druggists.

Your money will be refunded if it does not benefit you.

Your postal card request will bring by return mail our new booklet, "DR. CALDWELL'S BOOK OF WONDERS" and free sample to those who have never tried this wonderful remedy. Write for it today.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO.
Monticello, Illinois

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.

Floods on the Ohio River.

It is estimated that twenty thousand people are destitute and homeless in Cincinnati and surrounding region on account of the floods in the Ohio river. The flood is the worst since that of 1884.

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

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.

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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

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

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.

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.

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.

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 complaints. E. Harrell, Austin, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for over a year, and find it a fine regulator. I gladly recommend it as a fine medicine for Dyspepsia." Sold by J. Y. Pearce

Banner-Leader for fine commercial and job printing.

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

J. W. Bone was here from Bronte, the guest of friends las Sunday.

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

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

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

W. B. Furlow and J. L. McWherter are proprietors of the Crown barber shop, and they appreciate our patronage. tf

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

Mrs. Marcey Bennett and children returned to their home at Bronte, next of the week after a visit to Mrs. J. E. Bennett, and family.

Let Us Show You

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 tryal will convince you.

Miller Mercantile Company

Statement From Mayor Powell.

Mayor Powell wishes to return thanks for past favors electing him to the office of Mayor so often and today announces for Mayor for the ensuing term. He states that next month a Finance Committee will be regularly appointed to audit the City books for the year ending Feb. 1st 1907, showing in detail the financial condition of your City. He states that every obligation of the City is paid prompt on presentation of claim and that all City warrants has been kept at par all through this administration. That in addition to the extension of the City Water Works which is covered by a bond issue the City has purchased 50 acres of ground from Judge Guion and 4 acres from Wm Ballinger giving us valuable property and a large supply of water this expense was over \$1000. The City has purchased a large quantity of Fire Hose and Hose Carriage to the amount of over \$1400. The City has purchased a new Pump at cost of \$900 which is now being placed for operation. Extending the Dam at both ends which is now nearing completion under the supervision of H. Giesecke and W. J. Miller at a cost of \$1000. Those are some of the large items brought into existence during the last year. I feel it my duty to cite the above as acts of the present board. As I am asking re-election. We like you are not contented with what has been done, but will strive to accomplish more the present year.

Respt.,
J. W. Powell,
Mayor.

Buy a Home.

The San Angelo Standard reports that Tom Patterson has bought the 75 x 200 feet, Chas. Kelly home place, including the dwelling, located in East San Angelo, for a consideration of \$1,500. Tom has a great many friends in Ballinger and they are guessing he needs a home. Every man should have a home. See?

Installing New Press.

In a conversation over the telephone with Editor Shepherd of the Ballinger Banner-Leader, we learn that he has just installed a new Babcock Reliance power press that is a wonderful improvement to the enterprising paper. The new press has the back-up motor so necessary to a printing press and all the modern conveniences of modern presses. For years the paper has had a Country Campbell press, and to the printer who works one the change is paradise. Brownwood Bulletin.

Lecho County Land.

320 acres 8 miles South of Paint Rock, 250 acres of fine farming land, one side fenced, well on land, land adjoining made one bale per acre last year, -terms, \$10.00 per acre, \$1000.00 cash, balance on long time. Address Thos. F. Jackson, Paint Rock, Texas.

New Bottling Works.

S. A. B. Hamilton has leased the old frame building just below Alvis Bros. grocery store, and will put in a bottling works plant. The building is being improved, and Mr. Hamilton expects to put in a first class plant.

W. E. Sayles for City Attorney.

Attorney W. E. Sayle wishes to announce to the people that he is candidate to succeed himself for the office of City Attorney. Mr. Sayle is a graduate of the Law Department of State University and is splendidly qualified for any kind of legal work. He has filled the office in his present term and is satisfied and satisfied with the bespeak of the city.

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 DOWN TO THE QUICK.

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.....62 1-2c each
Comforts from 98c to.....\$4.50	Bed Spreads from 65c to.....\$4.55
35c Ladies Bleached Vests, form fitting, gusset sleeves, Clean Up Sale.....20c	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



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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.....37 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.



THE HUB

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

Geo. B. Wright has sold his confectionery business to Holmes & Wiley, of Bryan Texas, and the News-stand to Mr. Martin. Dale, late of Mississippi. The purchasers have assumed charge, and George is now devoting his time to politics, being in the race for City Secretary.

Mr. Wiley, one of the members of the new firm has a family and has returned to Bryan to move them to Ballinger. We welcome these people to our town.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

Subjects,—
11 a. m. "Nehemiah, A Man with One Purpose."

7:30 p. m. "What Will It Cost?"

Strangers especially invited and made to feel at home.

The pastor is interested in securing the names of all new comers who are members of or inclined to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church or the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. Those

who see this who are members of either of these Churches or who know of such will confer a favor by reporting such facts to the pastor.

Miller Mercantile Co., are receiving new goods daily, goods put up under the Pure food Law. Try them guaranteed.

Try some of our New England Bread sold by.

Godwin Grocery Co.

Fresh line of good groceries on hand all the time at Miller Mercantile Co. Call and see us.

Mrs. R. L. Bennett and Miss Emma Bennett spent a day with friends at Winlock this week.