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Fall and Winter Goods

OUR STOCK IS NOW COMPLETE

It will pay you to come and see us before you buy, price our goods and examine the quality.

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36-inch Madras	15c
15c Embroidered Handkerchiefs, (ladies)	10c
20c initial Handkerchiefs (men's)	10c
Fine Towels, 18x48, bleached	10c
Fine bath Towels, bleached, 18x48	17 1-2c
Face towels	6 1-4c
Men's work Sox, grey and blue	5c
Men's fine half Hose, three thread, black or tan	8 1-2c
Ladies Solid Leather Shoe, Vici patent tip, Cuban Heel	\$1.50
27-inch Outing	6 1-2c
Teazle down Outing	8 1-3c
Loft finish Bleached Domestic	7 1-2c

R. A. Risser & Co., Ballinger, Tex.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FARMER

Truths From Uncle Johnnie's Pen, Mazeland Musings.

Peas, pumpkins, pies, plum puddings plenty and prosperity.

The banker with a gold tooth and a long keen cigar in his mouth comes hooting and scooting in his \$1000.00 automobile and the merchant with his well groomed high stepping span of bays "comes down the pike" with his wife and daughter dressed in silk and peek-a-boos. The old farmer, laughing in his shirt sleeves, comes jogging in on a mules back, but when the roll call rings out, "he gets there just the same." When the 25 of December rolls round, he is there with his "Christmas gift."

When his note falls due, he is on the spot to deliver the goods. When the world in hunger calls for bread, he is at the mill with the wheat, and the toll is paid.

He also furnishes the butter to go on "both sides." When naked humanity calls for clothes, he is still ready to deliver the goods in plenteous supply. I boast that he is one manufactor contributing to the permanent prosperity of the general community. What think ye, Sledgehammer?

With corns in his horny hands and bunions on his big toes, he works and walks, and toils and sweats, and when the nation has to be saved and salted, he is the salt.

When the country is to be settled, he settles the question right now, one of these, Mr. T. A. Puckett is building a new house near Wilmeth. Another, J. J. Jones, the only one, is building a tenant house on his fine farm north of the gin.

Mr. Lacy who bought Ben Bulsterbaum out has built a nice box house with three rooms near the Mazeland school house.

An addition has been added to the school house making it now 24 x 56 feet, ceiled throughout. Will Puckett building a house near County Line.

S. T. Proctor has broken land for a new residence on his home place, and so there is life in the land, Mazeland, yet, and the song of the saw and hammer still make music round about.

There is cotton that will make half a bale and cotton that wont make cotton, old maize fine and kaffir corn good. All together every thing is lovely and the goose hanks high.

Uncle Johnnie P. . . Since writing the above we have had the biggest rain of the season by far. Five or six inches of solid water fell in 24 hours and now the new turnips and greens are fairly in sight. The small grain man is rubbing his hands with glee and the stock man's duckhole looks as pleasing now as his face did before the rain. Even the old dry grass is turning green and nature is smiling from behind what we

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If that is what you intend to pay for a Fall Suit, make sure that you get the very best value that can be had. If you don't want to take any chances and want garments of advanced style, superb hand tailoring and a faultless fit, put your money in



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You'll never make a mistake in buying this celebrated apparel, whether at \$12, \$15 \$18 or more. We stand back of every garment, so does the maker. In our

Fall Sack Suits at \$18

you can choose from conservative or semi-extreme models in every new fabric pattern that is fashionable and dependable in quality.

W. H. DAVIS,

Ballinger - - - - - Texas



BUBBLES BURST AND "REDUCTION SALES" THAT ARE NOT GENUINE REDUCTION SALES DON'T LAST LONG. IF YOU HAVE NOTICED OUR FRONT DOOR YOU HAVE SEEN MANY PEOPLE GOING AWAY WITH BIG FAT BUNDLES UNDER THEIR ARMS. THIS MEANS THAT THEY FIND THINGS IN OUR STORE THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE THAN THEIR MONEY, AND IT MEANS THAT THOSE WHO COME TO OUR STORE FIND THAT WE BACK UP WITH OUR GOODS WHAT WE SAY ON PAPER.

Winkler Dry Goods Com'ny

BANNER-LEADER

Wether You Wish

to buy now or not we shall be glad to have you come and see our new Jewelry Store and how well prepared we are to satisfy your every want in the way or Jewelry and up-to-date repairing. Remember the new location—middle of block south of State Bank.

Jas. E. Brewer

thought was a frowning providence. It is now up to us to get up by natures warm side, take her by the hand and squeeze from her fertile bosom the luscious, juicy things that make for good living.

Excuse me I was about to launch out into poetry.

It's 'me,' and I want presence of mind to say that there are brighter days coming. Railroads are going to be built, cotton lands are going to jump if by the noblest effort and the hearty co-operation of the business man man we can maintain a fair and equitable price for the present short crop.

Uncle Johnnie

Services Sunday at the Court House.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., preaching 4:30 p. m. You are invited to attend all these services.

E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

School Notes.

Winnie Smith, of Houston, came in this week and entered our high fourth grade.

The boys have completed their gymnasium and paralled bars, which affords them much pleasure during the recesses.

The girls of the five advanced grades of the high school have organized a Basket Ball team this week, which will be good exercise during the cold weather.

The Hardware men Mr. Carl Dunn and E. Allison are erecting a smoke stack on the North side of the High School building. The old flue being too small had cracked the rock making it very dangerous.

Mr. David Holliday, who attended school here last year visited the schools here Wednesday.

The Trustees visited the schools Tuesday and Wednesday.

The monthly Teacher's meeting was held from five to six o'clock Monday.

Mrs. Mabel Steinline.

Mrs. Mabel Steinline, wife of G. Steinline, died at her home on Seventh Street Monday night, at six o'clock. Deceased had been suffering for a long time with tuberculosis and death was the only relief.

Besides a husband who had done everything possible to relieve her a little boy is left without a mother. There are other relatives and brother was here present when death claimed its victim.

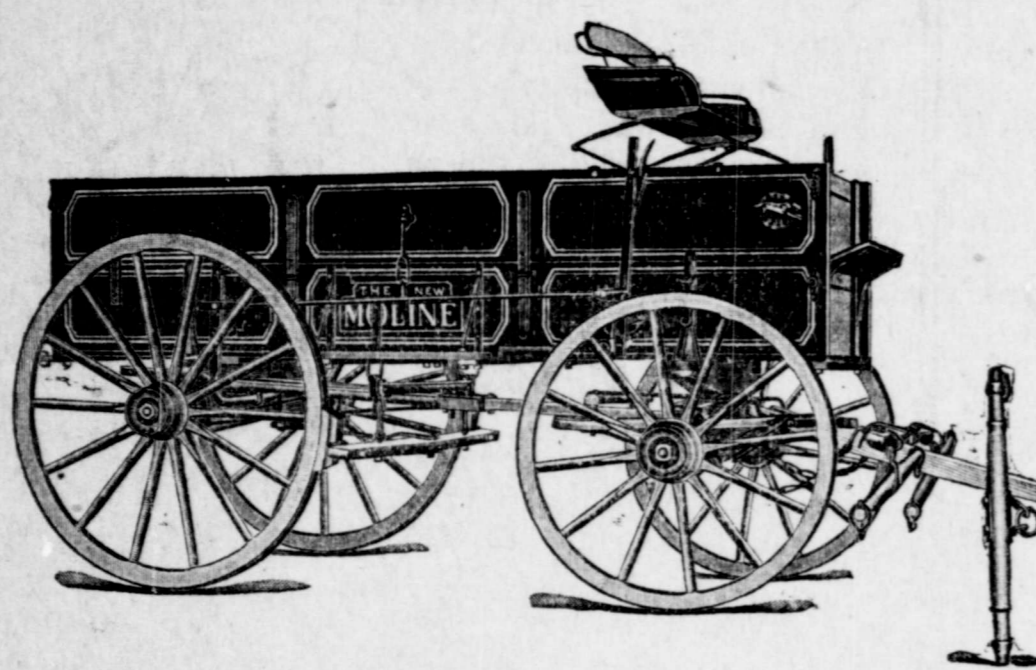
The funeral services were held at the Ballinger cemetery under the directions of Rev. E. P. Williams Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock.

Last Sunday a storm occurred at Dalhart accompanied by flurries of snow.

IN OUR HANDSOME NEW HOME

You'll find us just across the street from our old stand with the largest store in Ballinger, designed and built especially for us. Of course, the goods we had on hand did not begin to fill this new store, but with the New Goods added we have the Largest Stock ever displayed in one building in this section of Texas. We extend to the public a hearty invitation to visit us and let us show you thru our new home and show you the many goods we are offering at

PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES

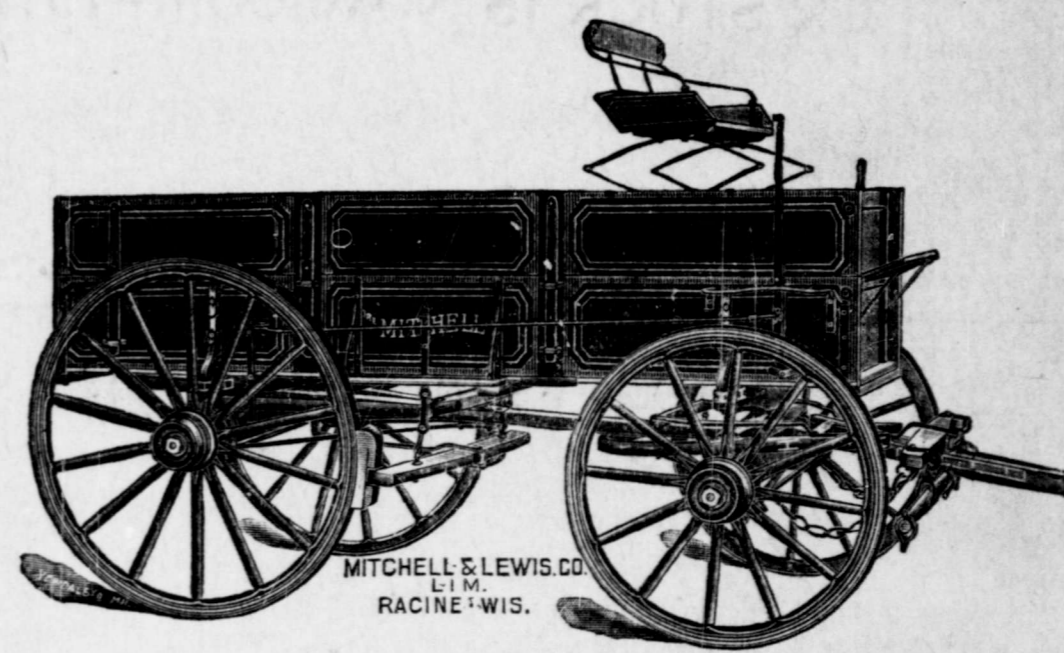


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When you buy a Wagon get one that will stand the load.

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Their Unceasing Work Keeps Us Strong And Healthy.

All the blood in the body passes through the kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day. When healthy they remove about 500 grains of impure matter daily, when unhealthy some part of this impure matter is left in the blood. This brings on many diseases and symptoms—pain in the back, headache, nervousness, hot, dry skin, rheumatism, gout, gravel, disorders of the eyesight and hearing, dizziness, irregular heart debility, drowsiness, dropsy, deposits in the urine, etc. But if you keep the filters right you will have no trouble with your kidneys.

Mrs. James Calhoun, of 422 South Throckmorton St, Sherman, Tex., says: "I was completely prostrated with my back, not being able to get out of bed for two weeks, when my husband brought me home a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. I had not taken over half the pills when I was up and around, feeling better in every way. The dull throbbing pain across the small of my back was gone and the secretions, which had been very irregular, were corrected. I take pleasure in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone suffering in a like manner."

Jesse Lee Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Starnes fell at the skating rink yesterday afternoon and broke his left arm. Jesse was skating by himself and in turning quickly lost his balance and fell with an arm under him. The injury is painful but not serious.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We believe it is safe to say that many people give too much attention and devote too much time to the production of cotton, to the neglect of other crops. There are many other things on the farm which brings far better returns for the labor and capital. The needed meat supply should not be neglected. Only hogs of the best breeds should not be neglected. Only hogs of the best breeds should be used for bacon as these are most economical. The kitchen garden, too, is of importance and it is safe to say that for the labor brings a return ten times as great as cotton. The chickens, eggs, butter, milk, root crops, and other things which may be produced on the farm are of first importance. Where the farmer can be his own customer he can produce with a certainty of profit and this profit is of such proportion that cotton cannot be considered in comparison. Of course cotton must be produced, but that a man should neglect more profitable things is not wise.—Farm and Ranch.

Fresh From The Old Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scharpwinkel and two daughters, and Walter Schmidt arrived here Sunday night direct from Germany. They reached Galveston last Saturday and left at once for Ballinger. The party are acquainted with the Bulsterbaum family, of the Mazeland country, and they expect to locate in that part of the country. Mr. Schmidt and Miss Scharpwinkel were billed to be married and expected to do so as soon as they could secure license and secure the services of a German preacher.

—Four different varieties of Northern seed corn at M. D. Chastain.

They Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect experienced by all who use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the healthy condition of the body and mind which they create makes one feel joyful. Price 25 cents. Samples free at Walker Drug Co.

Miss Ella Bowden came in from Brownwood, first of the week, and went over to Paint Rock to visit her sister.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are warned against trespassing in any way on my land on the Colorado river. No hunting, fishing, gathering pecans, or other trespassing allowed.

S. R. Muncy.

San Angelo, Tex.—The foundation for the \$43,000 concrete and brick three story Methodist College is laid. Five hundred carloads of cement and sixty-seven carloads of lumber are on the ground and 450,000 bricks will arrive in a few days. The college will be trimmed with Cedar Park stone.

If you think of attending a business college, it would be well to write the METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE, Dallas, Texas for full information. The METROPOLITAN is known everywhere as one of the foremost business colleges of the South—its leadership in Texas is unquestioned.

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.

It turns out that not a single one of the amendments voted on two months ago was adopted. At the time it was thought that the provision for the Home for Confederate wives and widows had carried, but the final canvass of the returns shows otherwise. After all, that may prove to be best. If the next Legislature will let the appropriation be in the form of regular pensions, for the widows of old soldiers, all may yet be well. It does seem that these noble women, who braved the hardships and suspenses of war and who are impoverished by reason of the heroic sacrifices they made for the cause they cause they loved so well, would not wish to be separated from the few ties of friendship and kindred still remaining to them, but would prefer to enjoy the State's pension, left free to come and go as they pleased.

R. B. Creasy, superintendent of the San Angelo oil mill, who was here looking after the installment of the machinery for the oil mill, returned to his home in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. Mr. Creasy states that the machinery for the mill is about ready and that the plant will cost an aggregate of \$75,000, \$50,000 for the machinery and \$25,000 for the stone building.—San Angelo Standard

Hard Times

A prominent citizen of Ballinger said to a reporter of the Banner-Leader one morning this week, "I have been walking for two hours trying to find a man to do some work at 20cts an hour and could not find a single man to do the work that a 14 year old boy could do. "Do not talk hard times to me."

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The Spirit of Home.

It was obvious to him that neither carpets nor furniture, no matter how new and fine, could be arranged so as to make a home. Old carpets and old furniture have much the character as old friends, and they suit the farmer to a T. But old or new they have nothing to do with a home if something else is lacking. What that something is, or how it is to be acquired, no man can tell you; there is no receipt for it. According to a well-defined rumor, the Pullman palace

cars have been the means of rendering many a house hideous, and a hideous house can never be fashioned into a home. The finest things in the world are as cheap as dirt when they are not subordinate to something else. They cannot make a home if the spirit of home be not in those who inhabit the house. It is bred in the air, it is borne on the breeze and is so insistent that no one can mistake it.

We all know that every dwelling-house is not a home. Neither poverty nor riches can make it so and that is a pity too, since we are all so anxious to breathe its atmosphere. The stuffy smell of the shop, the intolerable odor of varnish, will not destroy it, nor will they make it more pronounced. Old furniture, for which there is such a persistent demand, will not better it. All of us know a number of fine houses where the massive walls enclose and try vainly to hide some of the most hideous tangles of life and hope. And so it is that fine houses and costly furnishings play no part whatever in the making of a home; they have nothing to do with it.—Joel Chandler in Uncle Remus's Magazine for October.

Senator Cunningham, of Abilene is here this week, practicing in District court. It will be remembered that Judge Cunningham was the man that was elected Senator from the Abilene District on the Bailey ticket last fall, when the Senator elect, Hawkins, resigned, and made the race on the anti Bailey ticket. Mr. Hawkins was the regular nominee and was duly elected in

the general election, and resigned to be elected on an Anti-Bailey, or anti-Democratic ticket so he would be under no obligations to support Mr. Bailey. The Bailey supporters got busy and put Judge Cunningham in the field and he put Mr. Hawkins out of business by a two to one vote.

L. F. Gressett, The Pioneer Blacksmith.

Don't get the idea that because I recently sold my interest in one blacksmith that I have quit the business, or quit Ballinger. I am still serving the public with first class work, having purchased the Whiteside shop opposite the court house square. Mr. Whiteside is still in the shop and has charge of the horseshoeing. I make a specialty of gun repairing, automobile repairing etc. Thanking you for past favors and asking you to call on me when in need of Blacksmith and wood work, I am yours,

L. F. Gressett

Advertised Letter List.

Oct., 5, 1907

Aldridge W. A.
Booker J. Mirley
Bruce Walter
Byrd M. C.
Davis Mrs. Maud
Douglas Gilbert
Goehring John
Hancock W. R.
Langdon Mrs. Annie
Newsom H. E.
Plevan J. L.
Rodgers G. D.
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Turman Emmett
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You can accomplish anything through the bank that you can with the cash and you have these advantages:

Your money is in absolute safety all the time and you cannot lose it by thieves or fire. A little check book, which you carry in your pocket, makes all of your money available at any time.

No one can make you pay a bill twice, because your cancelled check is the best receipt known in law.

You gain the respect of your fellow citizens and have the influence of the bank behind you. Give up that dangerous cash system and start a bank account today.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,

Hamlet

had melancholy, probably caused by an inactive liver. A bad liver makes one cross and irritable, causes mental and physical depression and may result disastrously.

Ballard's Herbine is acknowledged to be the perfect liver regulator. If you're blue and out of sorts, get a bottle today. A positive cure for bilious headache, Constipation, Chills and Fever and all liver complaints.

Sold by J. Y. Pearce
Start an account at the Citizens National Bank. Add to it regularly and it will surely grow into a handsome balance.

Twenty odd sections good grass dollar school land to exchange for farm lands. Box 91, Sanderson, Texas.

B. F. Allen came in Friday and moved his figures up another year as he wishes to get the news fresh and full.

NO BOOM BUT GOOD BUSINESS

Considerable Real Estate Changed Hands During the Year.

H. Giesecke, of the Giesecke-Bennett Co., said to a reporter this week, "Our business will not equal or come up to last year's receipts, but it has been very good, and we have no kick coming. We are preparing the abstracts on about \$60,000,00 worth of land to be delivered on November first."

We find that the immigration to this country for the present year has been for below that of last year, but it has been of a much more desirable and substantial class. The man that has purchased land and come here to live and make a good citizen. Perhaps the bulk of the changes in real estate this year has been among home people. Many who have been here sev-

eral years took advantage of the opportunity to secure a good home while we might say the value of real estate was not advancing so rapidly, or was on a stand still. In all probability things will be quite different by the time another year rolls around, and Runnels county dirt will take another leap upwards.

B. Y. P. U.

Oct., 13, 1907.

Subject—The Bible. Its Inspiration.—Hugh Wilbourn, Leader
Opening exercises

Hymn
God's Part in making the Bible.—Address by Wiley Barbee.

Hymn
Man's part in making the Bible.—Paper by Miss Belle McGinnis.

Hymn
How can we prove the Bible to be inspired?—Address by Bro. Hudson

Hymn
Closing exercises.

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Next week there will be Dry Goods news that will be interesting to you. Save your money, AND SAVE MONEY

Dying For A Promise.

A story of absorbing interest and tragic ending is contained in the news dispatches of the past week. A man in Chicago had been arrested for the third time on a charge of intoxication. On each of the previous arraignments he had promised the judge that he would abstain from the use of intoxicants if he were allowed to go. The third time the judge was lenient and let the man go on his promise to reform. The man went to his home and fell ill, probably from the effects of the sudden withdrawal from his system of the stimulating liquor. In his delirium he raved for that which he had promised not to have, and steadily his weakened system succumbed to

the ravages of the disease whose quickest cure is to feed upon that which produces it. Then his good wife, unable to stand his ravings any longer, filled a glass with whisky and held it to his lips. Here was life and relief from the terrible craving that was drawing him down to unconsciousness and he might drink and be saved. For an instant he hesitated and then all the strength of his manhood was centered in his promise, and he dashed the glass far across the room and beyond his reach.

He was keeping his promise.

As his sufferings increased the wife again offered him the whisky—she could not have been truly sympathetic had she done otherwise, and again he cast it

from him. His promise was still inviolate. And the next day as his shattered body writhed in the agony of final dissolution the glass was held to his lips that his dying struggles might be eased, but for the last time he refused it, and, refusing, died.

He had kept his promise at the cost of his life.

Not all the heroic deaths take place on fields of battle, nor is every brave deed accompanied with blare of trumpets. Deeds of valor are praised in song and story, yet few deeds of personal heroism involve a greater suffering than that endured by this poor drunkard, who at last determined to keep his promise though the attempt was to cost him his life. He was only a besotted atom in the stream of life, to be sure, and he was counted unworthy of that full meed of sympathy which the tender-hearted public might bestow, but for all that, he was one of God's creatures and when the supreme test came he showed a strength of character which strangely belied his former habits of life.

It is all well enough to say that a man should not indulge in the habit of drinking liquors, and it is easy to point out the path that another should pursue to work out his own salvation, but the liquor habit grows so insidiously upon a man that he finds himself powerless in its grasp before he realizes the terrible danger to which he is exposed. If a man is stricken with a fever he elicits the sympathy of his associates, but too frequently, when he falls into the grasp of the consuming fever of thirst for strong drink, he receives small consideration and is left to his own resources. It is little

wonder that he finds himself unable to combat the influence which is dragging him down, and when a man is found who has the moral courage to overcome the awful craving even at the cost of his life that man is more of a hero than the world is willing to believe.—Fort Worth Record.

L. E. Alexander was here from Hamilton, first of the week. He reports that town on a considerable boom on account of the railroad being built into it. Mr. Alexander is looking after the Hamilton Building & Loan Co's., business, a concern a number of Ballinger people are interested in. The Company purchased a tract of land and cut it up into lots, and have sold a good many

of the lots. They are also building some houses for rent and sale on the property.

Notice—Keep Out.

All my lands on Valley creek are posted, and here-by warn parties to keep out. No hunting peccan gathering or trespassing in any manner will be allowed.
J. W. Raby.



Paddling Her Own Canoe

And pulling straight for a safe landing. Its easy sailing through life when you select your

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us and if necessary we will send our reporter or get data.

The Live Stock Exchange of Fort Worth has agreed to pay a fine of \$17500 and quit business for violating the anti-trust laws of Texas.

Fort Worth paid out \$200 alone for chemicals to disinfect her school premises besides they had to "dig up" considerably more to pay for the work.

John A. McCormick of Houston disappeared from that city this week leaving creditors to the amount of \$75,000. Some of the victims lost as much as \$20,000.

A farmer living near Cedar Park, Williamson county claims that a compound containing carbolic acid used by a spraying machine puts a quietus on the terrible boll weevil.

The Railroad Commission has issued strict orders that no assistant or clerk in that department shall give out any news whatever. By so doing Mr. Clerk will be "fired" very promptly.

The Politicians down in the Brenham country are out after the people "already so soon." The Brenham Banner is carrying the announcements of three candidates. Perhaps the candidates think the early bird will get the worm.

Over 600 girls, more than half of which are Irish, came over recently from Europe and landed at New York. It is said they came for the purpose of looking for husbands. It will now be up to the old bachelors of this country to get busy.

John L. Sullivan thinks he would have been elected mayor of Boston ten years ago if he had kept sober before the convention. "Still" remarks the Omaha Bee, "some misguided people insist that no good results from the use of liquor."

According to a ruling by the state revenue agent all circuses operating in Texas must pay a double tax or, in short, get a license for each performance and extra for the side shows. This will be bad news for the boys and girls as the ruling will almost bar out circuses from Texas.

A Special to the Houston Post says that the reopening of the saloons at Rockdale after four years abolition witnessed much drunkenness and the calaboose without sufficient standing room to accommodate the inmates. The city authorities had appealed to the county to assist them in handling the situation.

Whiskey and Typhoid.

It may be interesting for you to know that habitual whiskey drinkers never recover when once attacked with typhoid fever or pneumonia. The whiskey makes the system unfit to withstand the ravages of the disease, and death is always the result. Eminent physicians all over the world have noted and studied this fact.—E. V. Conden in Nashville Tennessean.

Superintendent's Monthly Report First Month.

September 27, 1907.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Ballinger Independent School District.

Gentlemen:—During the summer the buildings and grounds were put in fair shape, and greatly improved. The grounds are moderately free of rock now and would be very attractive if set in grass. The bats, which were in the Grammar building in great numbers, seem to have been stopped out entirely, and it is a pity that we could not succeed as well with trespassers upon the school grounds. In both buildings there are several bad leaks.

In the course of the month shades have been put in the first grade room, which had no protection from the sun; and a sand table each in the first and second grade rooms. These are proving valuable in the beginning of geography work. The Library has been cleaned out and some chairs and a table moved into it; and covers provided for this table and the one in the auditorium. We have erected some trapeze frames and parallel bars on the playground, the boys doing part of the work. They seem to appreciate these additions very much, and certainly give them good use.

The talc crayons and all-felt erasers are proving very desirable, and the dust feature from this source is eliminated. We need double the quantity of erasers. I keep an oxalic acid solution on hand, and have all spilled ink taken up at once. The janitor wipes all seats and desks, railings, etc., each Saturday, using towels wet in kresol solution. The state health officer insists that the closets should be cleaned out monthly, and this is certainly a recommendation that should be adopted. It might be advisable to fill in the present vaults with dry earth, several wagon loads being added per month as needed, pending the installation of sewer service.

During the month there were 588 pupils enrolled; 273 boys, 315 girls. These divide as follows: L1, 56; H1, 29; L2, 30; H2, 40; L3, 50; H3, 42; L4, 53; H4, 36; L5, 41; H5, 34; L6, 33; H6, 26; L7, 45; H7, 9; 8th, 34; 9th, 21; 10th, 11.

The assignment of work at present is: L1, room 1, Miss Minnie Lewis; H1 and L2, room 4, Miss Alphie Caperton; H2, room 2, Miss Angie Butler; L3, room 5, Miss Mary Belle McKenzie; H3, room 8; Miss Maude Cartledge; L4, room 7, Miss Katie Belle Gregory; H4, room 8, Miss Jennie Bennett; L5, room 6, Miss Eulah Jones. At High School building: H5, in part of auditorium, Miss Minnie Periman; L6, room 12, Miss Corrie Lynn; H6, room 14, Miss Margaret Cofer in charge for assembling; L7, room 13, Miss Daisie Butt in charge for assembling; H7, sit in room 14; 8th, room 19, Miss Nellie Ferguson in charge for assembling; 9th, room 17, Miss Coral Clark in charge for assembling; 10th, sit in room 17. In Grades from H6 through 10th, these four High School teachers pass from room to room for their respective recitations, on the departmental plan. The 10th and H7 grades pass to other rooms for several recitations. Miss Clark teaches science with some mathematics. Miss Ferguson English with some mathematics. Miss Butt, Latin with some other branches. Miss Cofer History and Civics, with some branches.

As you are aware, there was some delay in securing a teacher for the L5 grade, and during this time the work was done by Miss Inez Butler, who was acting as substitute at the time I had to make some disposition of the class.

At present one teacher has charge of both the High and

Lower Grades, and there is no room anywhere to send any pupils to another teacher, were such a plan practicable. The Lower room is badly crowded, as are several others. Another teacher is badly needed, to relieve the congestion in Lower and Higher. It might be possible to move another class over to the High School building, and use the third story room, thus making room for another teacher in the Primary work. The Seventh Grade room is crowded; and still another teacher could be used to advantage in the High School department, though the need is not so urgent here as in the Primary Grades.

On account of so many matters demanding attention, I have not had opportunity to make many regular visits to the rooms, or note the actual teaching and assist in improving it. Hence I cannot give a clear estimate of the work done by individual teachers. All seem to be doing well, to be in earnest, and to be devoting themselves sincerely to the work. The interest taken in the Teachers' Meeting was very gratifying and the teachers showed careful preparation. I hope some of the Board will be present at these meetings each time. Taken as a whole, I think the corps of teachers we have is far above the average in merit.

In most of the cases of failure to pass grades last term, parents or children have called upon me. Wherever there were any favorable features, or the child had studied during the summer, I gave the pupils an examination, and if they made passing grades promoted them on trial. Some of them will maintain themselves a few will not. In many cases the children had their parents pretty well fooled as to last year's record. Many parents and children seem not to the meaning of hard, downright study. In some homes the school spirit is not what it ought to be, there is no home study required, and flimsy excuses, petty errands, and the dictation or trickery of the child take that child frequently out of school. Some have quite a disposition to play out of work.

It was practically impossible to introduce the course system of promotions at the beginning of this term, with only four teachers in the High School and no more rooms available. For this system tears up the classes and sometimes crowds rooms, though meritorious otherwise. To a limited extent this system may be used in making up classes for the Spring Term.

(Continued next week.)

District Court News

Court opened promptly Monday afternoon at 1:30.

The first case called was the State of Texas vs. Jim Railsback charged with rape on the person of Maud Harding which is alleged to have occurred on Oct 7th 1905 near Wingate.

At the close of the case the jury was out some 8 hours and returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment of two years in the penitentiary. The case will be appealed.

The case of Mrs. Harriett Baker vs. Ed Baker alias Ed Hartwell suit for divorce was sandwiched in at noon and divorce was granted.

The next case called was State of Texas vs. Harry Pistole charged with rape on the person of Myrtle Douglass which is alleged to have occurred on Apr., 28, 1906, which has been on trial up to Friday 10 o'clock, at which time the case was given to the jury. The Jury was out just 10 minutes and rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The next case State of Texas vs J. B. Ash charged with fraudulently taking from the Citizens Nat'l Bank \$250 on motion of Judge M. C. Smith, indictment was quashed.

VISITING ATTORNEYS

Among the visiting attorneys in attendant on the Court we note, John Randolph of Coleman Ed Taylor San Angelo, Cunningham Abilene, J. B. Wade Miles, Walter Early Brownwood.

GRAND JURY REPORT

To the Hon. Jno. W. Goodwin, District Judge.

We, your Grand Jury, beg to submit the following as our report:

We have been in session 6 days and have diligently inquired into all violations of the law that came to our knowledge.

Find that the law is fairly well-observed, except that some of our physicians have been careless in making reports as to births and deaths.

We find that all the county officers and precinct officers have done their duty enforcing the law.

We have examined witnesses from all parts of the county and have returned nine true bills, five felonies and four misdemeanors.

We thank your honor for your kindness to us while in session and all officers including sheriff, his deputy, county and district clerk, county and district attorney and all bailiffs

Respectfully submitted
J. W. Murray,
Foreman of the Grand Jury.
This October 5th 1907.

Col. Morgan the efficient book-keeper of the Walker Drug Co., returned Wednesday from an extended visit east.

The Woodmen Circle will give tonight (Friday) an Ice cream supper for the benefit of the Circle. Everybody come.

Mrs. H. Zdar, returned to her home, DeLeon, Thursday after spending several days here the guest of her friend Mrs. J. F. Currie.

Sheriff Futch was here from Coleman yesterday on business connected with his official duties.

For Chronic Diarrhoea.

"While in the army in 1863 I was taken with chronic diarrhoea," says George M. Felton of South Gibson, P. "I have since tried many remedies but without any permanent relief until Mr. A. W. Miles of this place persuaded me to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, one bottle of which stopped it at once." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Sam Starkey received Thursday the sad news of her father's death which took place at San Marcos.

The dengue seems to be spreading all over the southern and middle parts of the state, nearly everybody having it West Texas hasn't been troubled yet with the troublesome disease and what's more we don't expect to be subjected to such a scourge.

Letter to H. C. Parrott

Ballinger, Tex
Dear Sir:—You've got 200 cows; how much will you take for calves and milk of 100 of 'em next year—you pick out the 100?

How much for the other 100?
The point is: cows are not all alike, and you know which.

It is so with paint. You've got one best cow in that herd. There are 200 different paints in the United States; and one best. You know your best cow; we know the best paint.

The best cow is the one that gives the best calves and milk. The best paint is the one that covers most surface and stays there longest—neither paint nor cow goes by color—nobody asks whether Holstein or Jersey is better to look at.

10 gallons Devco will cover your barn and wear 10 years; it'll take 15 of another paint, and that paint'll wear 6 years.

Reckon costs Devco: 10 gallons \$1.70, \$17.00; about 10 days' work \$3, \$30; the job, \$47.00 for 10 years; \$4.70 a year. The other: 16 gallons \$1.60, \$24; about 15 days' work \$3, \$40, the job, \$69 for five years; \$13.80 a year. Devco \$4.70 a year; the other \$13.80 a year. Difference \$9 a year.

That's how to reckon cows and paint.
Yours truly
F. W. Devco & Co.

P. S. Ballinger Lumber Co., sell our paint.

Miss Kidd, of Talpa has been visiting R. W. Bruce and wife the past week.

The condition of Mrs. T. A. Rape remains about the same up to the time of going to press.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, the noted woman bank wrecker is very ill in the Ohio penitentiary and is not expected to recover.

Miss Bessie Young, of Itasca, has been the guest of Mrs. Dr. J. G. Douglass for the past two weeks.

Elsewhere in this we state that R. A. Risser & Co. are preparing to move in their new building. They finished moving Friday and will soon be straight and ready for business.

Richard Gordon and family returned this week from an extended visit to relatives in Stephenville and Erath County. Mr. Gordon says that we are well fixed from a crop standpoint as they, notwithstanding the favorable conditions which prevailed there in the early summer.

Prof. E. L. Hagan went to Miles yesterday to attend an educational rally and lecture on educational matters. Prof. Hagan is making a strenuous effort to better the cause of education in Runnels county.

T. L. Todd
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I am prepared to do minor surgery.

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I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.
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It certainly will. One Dollar will open an account at this Bank. One Dollar deposited weekly to that amount will soon accumulate a good sized balance. As your savings increase, month by month and year by year, when thus set aside in a savings account, you will be astounded to learn just how much a dollar will do.

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A DOLLAR WILL DO!
First National Bank
Ballinger, Texas

Dallas Fair Rates

COMMENCING OCT. 18, 1907

Round trip tickets will be on sale to Dallas at greatly reduced rates, account State Fair at Dallas October 19 to November 3, 1907.

Ask Agent for particulars or address W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.



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DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Cream of Tartar Powder Made from Grapes NO ALUM

Chief Engineer McDaniels, who is running the line for the Ballinger-Abilene road, left camp twelve miles this side of Abilene Monday and came in over the route to make an observation survey. He returned to the work Wednesday and expects to reach Ballinger about Saturday night on the return survey. This line will run East of Winters through the Paramore pasture and Mr. McDaniels says will be four or five miles nearer than the first line run.

R. A. Risser & Co. will begin moving in their new building in a few days, the work of making the improvements having been about completed.

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When you bring your horse to our shop to have him shod we deliver him to you with a guaranteed job. We know our business, and are prepared to do anything in the blacksmith and wood-work line. We appreciate past favors and are here to make good in the future for all business entrusted to our care.

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The Texas Banker published at Dallas, contained a picture of the handsome home of Chas. S. Miller, in last week's issue. This Journal is running a series of cuts of Texas Bankers homes, and there is none in the state that deserves a space more than the Miller residence. Mr. Miller has one of the prettiest and most substantial homes in Texas, being built of stone.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

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

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

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

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

PRESENT ABSTRACT METHODS GOOD

The Single Tax Idea is Dangerous and should be Avoided

We note a communication in the last issue of our esteemed contemporary, accredited to the San Antonio Express, styled "Abstracts should be simplified," and complaining of the heavy expense to real estate dealers in having land titles abstracted and giving an instance where an abstract cost \$150.00.

Now we know of a fact that where one abstract costs the half of that sum, \$75.00, that nine abstracts of the ordinary length can be made for less than \$25.00.

They want to tamper with the laws; more legislation, more new-fangled ideas, is the order of the day.

But this particular proposition is ridiculous and absurd on its face.

The real estate man at last does not pay for an abstract, but he generally gets 5 per cent commission for his sale. It is a wonder he does not suggest something along this line to improve the situation, if indeed this idea emanates from the brain of a real estate dealer.

The logical trend and sequence of this idea is straight towards the single tax theory, and it will be a sad day when they commence tampering with, and destroying the sanctity of land tenure and title, making in fact, a chattel of real estate.

BACK GIVE OUT

Plenty of Ballinger Readers Have This Experience

You tax the kidneys—overwork them—

They can't keep up the continual strain.

The back gives out—it aches and pains;

Urinary troubles set in. Don't wait longer—take Doan's Kidney Pills.

W. F. Stevens, who lived in and about Gainesville, for over twenty years, last at 1210 Lindsay St., now a resident of Roanoke, Ind., recommends Doan's Kidney Pills as follows: "For several years while residing in Gainesville and the vicinity, I had kidney complaint, backache and pain in the loins, often so severe that I was forced to stop work. There was added to it trouble with the kidney secretions. They were unnatural in appearance and irregular and despite the fact that I was continually using medicine which came to my notice from reading and other sources, I was unable to check the cause, let alone remove it. The last remedy I tried was Doan's Kidney Pills. The benefit I derived was great. It relieved the pains and aches and cleansed the kidneys, so that the secretions from those organs became normal."

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Remember the name Doans and take no other.

It is dangerous ground to tread upon our ablest jurists and statesmen have ever held in reverence the laws that hedge around and guard the owner ship and title to real estate. There is but one way known to man by which the title of a tract of land can be obtained intelligibly, and that is by the abstract system, which has been reduced to as simple a system as human ingenuity can devise.

The cost is as reasonable as any other character of like labor, commands, considering the work, time etc., involved.

The cheapest and best money a man can spend, or ever spent, is the cost of an abstract to land purchased.

Other things may be abbreviated and simplified but an abstract requires just so much and no system can take its place.

The idea advanced that if a fellow fails to place his deed of record, then let the other man take precedence, etc. Instead of one bringing a suit in trespass to try title etc., for his land when there is a discrepancy, the remedy will be forcible entry detainer, etc., only involving the question of possession; single tax straight from the shoulder.

We are having too many smart men in this day and time; too many statesmen of far seeing

A Bold Discovery

To overcome the well-grounded and reasonable objections of the more intelligent to the use of secret, medicinal compounds, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., some time ago, decided to make a bold departure from the usual course pursued by the makers of put-up medicines for domestic use, and so has published broadcast and openly to the whole world, a full and complete list of all the ingredients entering into the composition of his widely celebrated medicines. Thus he has taken his numerous patrons and patients into his full confidence. Thus too he has removed his medicines from among secret nostrums of doubtful merits, and made them Remedies of Known Composition.

By this bold step Dr. Pierce has shown that his formulas are of such advantage that he is not afraid to subject them to the strictest scrutiny.

Not only does the wrapper of every bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the famous medicine for weak stomachs, liver or biliousness and all catarrhal diseases wherever located, have printed upon it, in plain English, a full and complete list of all the ingredients composing it, but a small book has been compiled from numerous standard medical works, of all the different schools of practice, containing very numerous extracts from the writings of leading practitioners of medicine, endorsing in the strongest possible terms, each and every ingredient contained in Dr. Pierce's medicines. One of these little books will be mailed free to any one sending address on postal card or by letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and requesting the same. From this little book it will be learned that Dr. Pierce's medicines contain no alcohol, narcotics, mineral agents or other poisonous or injurious agents and that they are made from native, medicinal roots of great value; also that some of the most valuable ingredients contained in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak, nervous, over-worked, "run-down," nervous and debilitated women, were employed long years ago, by the Indians for similar ailments affecting their squaws. In fact, one of the most valuable medicinal plants entering into the composition of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was known to the Indians as "Squaw-Weed." Our knowledge of the use of not a few of our most valuable native, medicinal plants was gained from the Indians. An mode up by an exact process, the "Favorite Prescription" is a most efficient remedy for regulating all the womanly functions, correcting displacements, as prolapsus, anteversion and retroversion, overcoming painful periods, toning up the nerves and bringing about a perfect state of health. Sold by all dealers in medicines.

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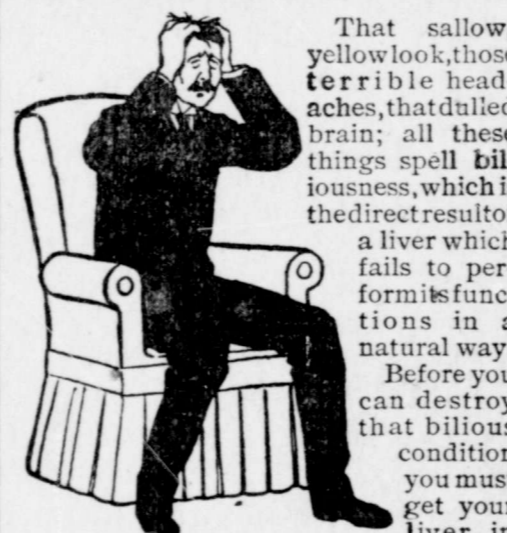
They want more laws and the more abstruse and intricate the better. We think Texas has had her fill of experimental legislation and is entitled to a rest for awhile. Let Australia, New Zealand and other countries have all the new laws they want.

Notice.

The Ladies of the Episcopal Church will serve lunch during the flower show in Nov. Location and further details will be announced later.

The San Antonio Express, commenting on Gov. Campbell's assertion that he would ask the legislature for more power, if the laws were not enforced, wants to know what more power he wants than he has now. The answer is simple—he wants, and he should have, the authority to remove the officers in any county in the state where the laws are not enforced and to appoint their successors. Such authority the governor of Missouri possesses and even in as large a city as St. Louis he compels the enforcement of the Sunday closing law by forcing the officers to do their duty. Give Gov. Campbell that power and we will hear no more of saloons running without license and keeping open in San Antonio and Galveston.—Williamson County Sun.

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Bones of a once Famous Indian Chief Have Been Discovered.

One of the most interesting discoveries made in recent years in this county, was brought to light this week when Jim Byrd, living eighteen miles north of Brownwood, exhumed the remains of what was probably once a famous Indian Chief, but what lends color or historical romance to the find is the fact that the dead chief was clothed in the uniform of a United States Brigadier General.

Mr. Byrd lives near the Twin Mountains, about two miles from the Bayou as stated before, about eighteen miles north of this place. Several days ago one of his boys was strolling on the mountain on a hunting expedition and came upon two large brass rings, half embedded in the yellow clay of the hillside. The rings had an antiquated appearance and at once attracted the attention of the young nimrod who took them to his father. It was decided that a further investigation of that locality should be made and with pick and shovel the father and son ascended the mountain and began digging at a spot near where the rings were found. They had hardly broken the surface of the earth when the bones of a human were discovered and by careful work the earth was removed and the entire skeleton exposed without disturbing the natural position in which it had reposed for many years. It was seen at once that the bones were those of an Indian as the scalp hair, plaited in several strings in Indian style. The teeth were perfect and the bones were all in a state of almost perfect preservation, due possibly to the impervious qualities of the clay under which the body had lain. But the feature which was almost fascinating and strange was the uniform which clung in moulder strips to the stalwart frame of the savage. A glance showed that the coat was that of an officer of high rank in the United States army, and since bringing the clothes to Brownwood the epaulets on the uniform have been recognized by men as those designating the rank of brigadier general. In the grave was also found the iron parts of a cavalry saddle, stirrups, buckles, bridle bits, and even the old fashioned small steel spur once in vogue in the United States cavalry. A dirk and a big knife were also in the find and quite a quantity of No. 6 shot. The grave was almost at the top and on the east side of the Twin Mountains, and there is not a tree or other land mark near. The mountain is located about ten miles east of old Camp Colorado, which many years ago formed the only protection for the pioneers of this section and where at one time the great Southern general, Robert E. Lee, then a young lieutenant, was stationed with a troop.

Various and sundry are the speculations as to the real history of the body buried on the lonely Twin Mountain. Camp Colorado was abandoned more than thirty years ago and the oldest settlers have no recollection of an Indian fight near this place. It is supposed that an Indian had killed a United States officer in a battle or from ambush and obtained the uniform and saddle, and when the savage died, he was buried with his spoils.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Prosperous Times in Store for Us.

With one of the best seasons in the ground in the history of Runnels county, and many thousand acres of small grain planted, the prospects for a continued prosperous progress was never better. You might say that the farming industry in this country is in its infancy yet, and wonderful developments are yet to be made and success attained. When we stop to think how successfully cotton,

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the great money crop, can be raised here, to say nothing of the many other crops that seem to be especially adapted to the country, it is a hard matter for us to tolerate or have any patience with the "kicker" who we meet occasionally.

Of course it is necessary for us to have a short crop year occasionally, but these short crops are not confined to any particular country, and when we make the comparison we find that we are two to one better prepared to withstand a crop failure than our East Texas friends. It is an easy matter for a farmer to make enough in one year to carry him in comfortable shape for two years.

Last year's cotton crop was nothing out of the ordinary in the way of yield per acre; yet Ballinger received from that crop about forty thousand bales. This was the receipts with less than one-half, or about two-fifths of the tailable land in cultivation, counting not cotton land but the entire land used in producing other crops. When the county becomes more thickly settled with good farmers, each owning their home, and most of the good land is put under a state of cultivation, what will the harvest be? When a man leaves this country, saying he can't make a living here, the country is better off without him, for you know what kind of an animal he is.

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Slightly Colder with Snow.
When you see that kind of a weather forecast you know that rheumatism weather is at hand. Get ready for it now by getting a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing made for rheumatism, chilblains frost bite sore and stiff joints and muscles, all aches and pains.
25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle
Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Col. Morgan returned from a two weeks stay at Mineral Wells, first of the week.

For Sale.

Suit of misfit clothing, at one half of original cost, nice all wool black suit, made in the latest style.
Twentieth Century Pressing Co.
Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McKown and son, John, were here first of the week, as witnesses in some case in court.

Notice to Stockmen.

I will be in Ballinger Friday and Saturday, Sept 20th and 21st If your horses needs treating bring them in.

C. S. Jackson
Veterinary Surgeon.

R. A. Terry, the popular County Clerk, had business in Talpa, last Saturday.

No Gloss Carriage Paint Made

will wear as long as Devoe's. No others are as heavy bodied, because Devoe's weigh 3 to 8 ounces more to the pint. Sold by Ballinger Lumber Co. tf

Monroe Brewer was over from San Angelo, last Sunday.

Foster Ryan went to Fort Worth, last Sunday, to visit his father and mother.

Notice-Keep Out.

All my lands which boarder Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. No hunting, pean gathering or trespassing allowed.
tf W. E. Allen

Miss Mary Rather, of South America, is expected here in a few days on a visit to friends. She is at present visiting in Belton.

Prentiss Gregg returned home, Midland, last Sunday, after a visit to relatives.

Paint Your Buggy for 75
to \$1.00 with Devoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weigh 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than others, wears longer and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by Ballinger Lumber Co. tf

Jesse Shinn was here from Brownwood last Saturday and Sunday.

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

Tom Patterson was here from Angelo Sunday.

For Sale

Open top Rubber Tire Runabout-Buggy. Will trade for Wood.
tf. See D. Reeder Lb., yard.

Mrs. Mike Boyd and little daughter went to Brownwood first of the week to visit relatives. Mrs. Boyd's father had been very sick.

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

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

We want your accounts large or small. Citizens National Bank.

Afflicted With Sore Eyes for 33 Years.

I have been afflicted with sore eyes for thirty-three years. Thirteen years ago I became totally blind and was blind for six years. My eyes were badly inflamed. One of my neighbors insisted upon my trying Chamberlain's Salve and gave me half a box of it. To my surprise it healed my eyes and my sight came back to me.—P. C. Earls, Cynthiana, Ky. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Walker Drug Co.

J. T. Billups, of Truitt, was here attending court as a juror, first of the week. While here he ordered the Leader to go to his son, Ford, who is attending the Virginia Military school at Lexington, Virginia.

Cold Weather Advice

to all is to beware of coughs and colds on the chest; as neglected they readily lead to pneumonia, consumption or other pulmonary troubles. Just as soon as the cough appears treat it with Ballard's Horehound Syrup the standard cure of America. Use as directed—perfectly harmless. A cure and preventive for all diseases of the lungs.
Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.
Sold by J. Y. Pearce

W. T. Padgett returned Monday night from a months visit in Wyoming, where his son Raby is located. He says that country is a fine place for a young man, but a man that is going down the Western slope of life can do no better there than in this country.

Lost

Ladies Brooch last Sunday night. Finder will do a great favor by returning to this office

W. L. James, late of Houston, came in first of the week and has accepted a position with the Walker Drug Co. Mr. James is an experienced pharmacist.

The small depositor is just as welcome as the large and the same courteous treatment will be extended him at the Citizens National Bank.

Mrs. Ernest Voelkel and little daughter returned from a visit to Mrs. V's sister, Mrs. Schumann, at Rowena, Monday.

THE REASON

Why The Walker Drug Co. Continues to Recommend Vinol.

First: Because it is not a patent medicine and it contains besides tonic iron all of the medicinal curative elements of cod liver oil actually taken from fresh cod's livers, but without a drop of oil -o nauseate and upset the stomach and retard its work; therefore, wherever old-fashioned cod liver oil or emulsions will do good, Vinol will do far more good.

Second: Because Vinol acts first upon the stomach, creates a healthy appetite, strengthens and tones up the digestive organs purifies and enriches the blood, and in a natural manner, restores health and strength.

Third: Because Vinol contains no injurious drugs to react upon the system; every ingredient being named on the label, a patient knows exactly what he is taking.

Fourth: Because we never sold anything in our store that gave such universal satisfaction for old people, weak, sickly women and children, nursing mothers, and to build up the system after a severe sickness, and for relieving hacking coughs, chronic colds, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

Try Vinol on our guarantee The Walker Drug Co. Ballinger.



The Seal of Approval
Is tamped on every fire insurance policy we issue. When you insure with us and the policy is "signed sealed and delivered," you can rest assured you have done a good

Deed and that you're safe. A Fire Insurance Policy that bears our seal is evidence of its solidity. In case of fire we adjust your loss promptly and without vexatious delay as often happens with some companies.

Lee Maddox

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**Program and Outline of Work of the
Institute for White Teachers**
OF
RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

Held at High School Building, Ballinger, Texas, December 16 to 20, Inclusive, 1907

The Institute Will Begin Work Promptly at 8:30 a. m., December 16, 1907

Monday.

1. Opening Exercises—Devotional, Rev.
 2. Enrollment and organization; election of President, Vice-President, and Secretary.
 3. Music.
 4. Welcome Address—B. B. Stone, County Judge.
 5. Address upon the Objects and Purposes of the Institute
- Work—R. N. Wilson,
Fraternalism and Professional Ethics Among Teachers—J. Beard, W. M. Berry.

NOON

1. Methods of Teaching Primary Reading—Miss Minnie Lewis.
2. What are Some of the Best Books for Children to Read, and Why—S. J. Holder, Daisy Robins.
3. What Should the County Superintendent do to Help the Schools?—Max Kroener, T. H. Dyer.
4. Preparation for Teaching Agriculture—Supt. S. M. Byrd.
5. Methods of Teaching Primary Arithmetic; Origin of the Roman and Arabic Systems of Numbers—Maude Shelton, Corrie Lynn, May Ely.
6. The Necessity of School Libraries; How to get Them and how to select the books; and the cultivation of a literary spirit among the pupils—J. M. Skinner, Tom Martin, Lula Townsend.

Tuesday

1. What Texas is Doing Toward Progress in her Schools, and What More She Should Do—Ada White, Leslie Fowler.
- Comparison of Texas With Other States in Educational Progress—Profs. Latimore and Beard.
2. What are the Requirements for a Qualified Teacher, and should the Teachers in High Schools be better prepared than those in Rural Schools?—Ada White, Annie Jeans.
3. Methods of Teaching English in the Fourth Grade—Miss Jennie Bennett, Alma Padgett.
4. Value of Diacritical Marks.—Lulu Townsend, Ornie Smith.
5. Methods of Teaching Spelling—Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Carmichael.
6. Discussion of Latin, and its Importance in Education—Miss Daisy Butt, R. N. Wilson.
7. Treatment of the Burred (rolled) R, Slang, and Various Errors in Speech—Nellie Ferguson, L. S. Hobbs.

NOON

1. What are We Doing to Develop a Taste for Literature, and the importance of Southern Literature.—Supt. S. M. Byrd, Mrs. Wilson, J. M. Skinner. (This followed by a discussion of the best living authors.)
2. Proper Presentation of American History.—Margaret Cofer, Coral Clark.
3. Best Methods of Reducing the Number of Classes in the Rural Schools.—T. H. Dyer, J. Beard.
4. Four Important Things a Pupil Should Accomplish in the First and Second Years' Reading—a Discussion.—Minnie Periman, Fuschia Hobbs.
5. What is Meant by a Graded School.—G. R. Adkins, C. D. Garrett.
6. Methods of Keeping Little Folks Busy.—Katie Gregory, Edith Davis.

Wednesday

1. How Much Mathematics Should be Taught in the Public Schools.—W. M. Berry, J. M. Skinner.
2. Proper Presentation of Algebra and Geometry.—R. N. Wilson, Margaret Cofer.
3. Methods Presenting Arithmetic.—Prof. Beard.
4. What Constitutes a Proper Preparation for Teaching?—Nettie Mills, Maude Cartledge.
5. Geography, and How to Teach it Through the Primary and Intermediate Grades.—Minnie Lewis, Johnnie Nixon, Minnie Periman.
6. Methods for Teaching Penmanship and Drawing in Primary and Intermediate Grades.—Minnie Rider, Mary Belle McKenzie.
7. Teaching Nature Study and Kindness to Animals.—Angie Butler, Idras Sharp, Louise Cato, Inez Butler.

NOON

1. Are Teachers educating their pupils, or simply giving them information? Discuss the distinction between educating and informing.—Frances Knox, R. N. Wilson, D. D. Morse.
2. We wish your opinion of the duties of a teacher during school term, both during the daily session and at other times.—Sammie Padgett, Delia Lesovsky, S. M. Byrd.
3. What are some of the best methods of procuring good order among pupils?—Maude Newberry, Josie Glenn, Lena Parker.
4. Proper Presentation of Grammar in Primary, Intermediate and High School Grades.—Alpha Caperton, Jennie Hair, Nellie Ferguson.
5. The Best Course of Study, and Outline of Daily Work for Rural Schools.—Tom Martin, S. J. Holder, J. M. Skinner.
6. Discussion of methods of teaching spelling, both orally and by written work; and best ways of enlarging the vocabulary of the child.—Pearl Brown, May Stephens, Minnie Lewis, Edna Smith.

Thursday

1. Proper Presentation of Civics, and its importance as a study.—Leslie Fowler, W. W. Wooten.
2. How can we have more boys to graduate from the High School?—S. M. Byrd, Mrs. U. Wilson.
3. What poems, songs, biography and fiction would you use in your school to best correlate with American History? All teachers are expected to bring a list.
4. Methods of teaching Physiology, discussion of School Hygiene, and what the Teachers can and should do for the community in this line.—Joseph Seidel, A. L. Brantly.
5. Should Promotions be made by Grades, or by Subjects?—Lola Brown, Inez Butler, May Ely.

NOON

1. What are the best methods teachers should pursue in order to have pupils investigate, to promote individual research.—Jennie Bennett, W. M. Berry.
2. Physics and how to teach it, and what is necessary for a proper presentation of the subject.—Etta Farrar, S. M. Byrd, Coral Clark.
3. Physical Geography and its importance.—J. Beard, R. N. Wilson.
4. Evil effects of inferior and uncomfortable schoolrooms.—Idras Sharp, Stella Routh, Daisy Robins.
5. The best ways and means of improving school property.—Tom Martin, Max Kroener.
6. Discuss the consolidation of schools, and is it practicable in Runnels County?—Joseph Seidel, Mrs. Williams.

Friday

1. Do our State Normals give sufficient training for teaching?—Ada White, Mrs. J. E. Holbrook.
2. Should Texas have a Compulsory Education Law?—J. M. Skinner, S. M. Byrd.
3. Mention some of the most important School Laws, and name some that you think might be amended.—Dyer, Holder, Henderson.
4. Your ideas upon the proposed Amendment, authorizing a school tax not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100 worth of property. C. D. Garrett, Leslie Fowler.
5. Methods of Teaching General History.—Nellie Mills, Minnie Periman.

NOON

1. Would you have Manual and Industrial Training in the Public Schools? Your reasons, for or against.—D. D. Morse, Leta Dickerson.
2. What is your opinion as to the standard of examination questions sent out by the State Department of Education?—Beard, Latimore.
3. What class of literature should be placed in School libraries?—Maude Shelton, Corrie Lynn.
4. What should the rural schools do for the children.—Maud Newbury, C. D. Garrett.
5. Mention some of the weak points in our educational system, and what would you suggest as an improvement? Discussed by all teachers.

Teachers who fail to attend the institute cannot draw their salaries for the time, and also incur the risk of having their certificates revoked. Tardiness, indifference, unpreparedness will be marked against you. To obtain full credit each teacher must be in attendance all the time and do all the work called for to the best of his ability.

The Institute has done a great deal of good in the past towards encouraging the teachers to elevate their ideas of the high calling of teaching. And I hope to make this Institute one of interest and profit to all. All the teachers of the county are expected to be in attendance the full time and if any of you have any subject that you wish to have discussed send it to me and I will place it before the Institute. You are expected to carefully study each subject and to come prepared to take part in all of the exercises. This Institute will be a failure to those only who fail to do anything to help to make it a success. The Institute should be a model of a first-class school from which superintendents and trustees may safely choose their teachers for another year.

As this program was made out before many teachers were employed it was impossible to have all the names appear on the program. However you are expected to come and take an active part. The fact that your name does not appear in the program will not excuse you from taking a part. E. L. HAGAN, County Sup't, Runnels Co., Tex.

This program has been approved by the State Department of Education.

New Town.

Prest Stilwell of the Orient in a letter to the San Angelo Standard states that a new town to be named Mertz about two miles from Sherwood is to be laid off and grading to it from San Angelo will begun in 30 days. This will of course put an end to the town of Sherwood.

Never Worry

about a cough—there's no need of worry if you will treat it at its first appearance with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It will stop the cough at once and put your lungs and throat back into perfectly healthy condition. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

R. A. Risser & Co. moved into their new quarters last Wednesday. They occupy the Currie-Noyes building which has been repainted and newly furnished and they now have an elegant place for business purposes.

Floral Club to Meet.

The floral club will meet with Mrs. C. S. Miller Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. All the members are requested to be present, and any others who are interested in flowers. Mrs. J. A. Guy.

Wolves are reported as getting very numerous in the southern part of Travis county.

The Entire Family

Grand Pop used it for Rheumatism. Dad for Cuts, Sprains and Bruises. Mamy for Burns, Scalds and Aches. Sis for Catarrh and Chills. I use it for everything, and it never disappoints any of us. It surely yanks any old pain out by the roots. Hunt's Lightning Oil is what I am telling you about.

Work is progressing nicely on W. C. Penn's new home, and when completed will add another handsome residence to that already pretty part of town.

Clothing with a pile of style at The Globe.

The Miller Merc., Co., have for Sale New Prairie hay, Johnson grass and Alfalfa.

We are headquarters for good shoes.—The Globe Store.



Sensible Talk on Abstracts

You want your abstract to show just what title you have. You don't want a single deed, deed of trust, release, transfer, affidavit, judgment, tax sale, proof of heirship, power of attorney, probate proceeding, or attachment, left out of your abstract. Did you ever stop to think, that in making an abstract from the indexes in the Clerk's office it is an enormous undertaking? Something will be missing and cause you trouble. Had not you better come to a firm, who have for 25 years been making abstracts and have their own books complete and tested? Did you know that there is just such a firm in Ballinger, and that they can and do execute your orders in this line without any delay. When you have a rade on hand, bring your abstract work to them, and will make a special effort to finish the work at once. Just insist on the Blue back abstract and and you can depend on it being correct. Made only by

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"If it's recorded, we have it."

Home Mission Society.

A meeting of the Home Mission Society will take place next Monday Oct. 14th p. m. at the Methodist Parsonage. A full attendance is requested. MRS. J. M. SKINNER, Sec'y.

Special Notice

Come to the Court House Sunday. Services as follows: Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Preaching at 4:30 p. m. No Services at night. E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

J. M. Powell sold to C. S. Woodward for \$300 cash the Marsh McGrew place in the Woodward addition to Ballinger and sold to J. M. Jones lot 5 1-2 of lot 4 block 7 Bowden addition to Ballinger \$337.50 and bought lot 1 block 1 and lot 5 block 2 Ter.ys addition to Ballinger \$250 cash.

The Attorney General's department has that no not a licensed druggist or physician can sell any patent medicines. What will become of the "King K" and other tribes that were wont to amuse the crowds on the streets and erstwhile abstr. and dollars galore from the yeoman of the land.

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