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Great Slaughter Cost Sale of Merchandise Of Merit

A combination of circumstances compels us to unload our large stock of new, up-to-date, seasonable **Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Millinery, etc.** Absolutely no article in the stock is reserved everything goes in this sale at

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Ballinger,

Texas.

DOES BALLINGER WANT THE ROAD

Late Developments Make Quick Action Necessary. Will Ballinger Get Busy?

A special from Abilene published in the various State dailies, and also published elsewhere in this paper, and the following letter to C. A. Doose, is creating considerable talk and stir among the people interested in the building of the Ballinger and Abilene road.

It will be seen from the letter and the special from Abilene that some company, supposed to be either the Frisco, or Santa Fe, is making a survey from Abilene to Brady, and that this survey will cross the Santa Fe East of Ballinger, and it will be remembered that a survey was made over the same route, or near it, some years ago. It will also be seen from Mr. Lipscomb's letter that if this move is pushed ahead of the Ballinger-Abilene proposition it will put a quietus on the Ballinger-Abilene road, as the two surveys will be practically parallel.

This makes quick action on the part of Ballinger citizens very necessary, and it is up to the citizens to get up and give ear to the following proposition:

A PROPOSITION:

The Read Bros., Construction Co., through Chief Engineer McDaniel, makes a proposition to take hold of the construction of the Ballinger-Abilene road at once; provided the citizens will add to the Ballinger-Abilene Co., capital stock a bonus of \$50,000, and donate the necessary grounds

for depot, round house and machine shops.

The Read Bros., Construction Co., is the strongest concern of the kind in the South. They own their own building machinery, grading out fit, steam graders, pile drivers, engines, cars, teams, etc., and will advance funds to pay for the first thirty days work. That is they will not draw any cash until the first thirty days work is completed.

It strikes us that if Ballinger really wants the road this is the time for them to act. If they don't want the road it will go East of us to a certainty. The proper thing to do would be for the Commercial Club to call a meeting and listen to the proposition and take some action. The General Attorney of the road says that his company is ready to talk business, and that he is in a position to speak for the company and explain fully the proposition made by the Construction Co. Mr. Harris also stated that the company, which is composed of citizens of the town had spent about \$3000, making the survey and working on the proposition up-to-date, and were confident of success, if the citizens would come up with the bonus.

The charter for the Ballinger-Abilene road has been approved by the Attorney General and is in the hands of the Secretary of State and will be issued to the company perhaps by the time this paper is issued.

C. A. Doose, president of the company, and with more towards securing the road than any other citizen, wishes to see the road built North and South, that you could not possibly reach otherwise. I am writing you this information

know the full status of things:

TELEGRAM FROM ABILENE
Abilene, Dec. 17th 1907.—C. A. Doose, Ballinger: Survey party left here for Brady yesterday, something must be done at once. McDaniel out of town.

J. T. H. Lipscomb.

LETTER FROM LIPSCOMB.

Dec. 14, '07 C. A. Doose, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—Yours some days passed received. I have been away from the office, most of the past three weeks and haven't had time to attend to anything much here or learn much of what was going on, but the last two or three days I got wind of a new R. R. Proposition from here by Brady to Kerrville crossing the Santa Fe somewhere near Talpa or Valera, probably about halfway between these two points. This is the very thing that I was afraid of and anticipated when I wrote you sometime since, I understand the surveyors are in the field now on this proposition and will probably reach the Santa Fe in the neighborhood of the above named towns sometimes next week. You can readily see what has to be done now and that it will have to be done quickly.

Once your men are at work on your grades, this proposition will fall through and they will come to your line, but if you delay until they have located line, secured charter etc., the chances are they will try to block your road by putting theirs in. It is not necessary to point out to you what effect this would have on your town, whereas if you build this line, you are opening the country up to your town both North and South, that you could not possibly reach otherwise. I am writing you this information

as I feel you and your friends deserve to be kept posted in every effort that others may make to counter you in your undertaking, and I shall certainly not allow anything to transpire at this end of the line that you are not posted on. Remember that I am at all times at your service to do anything in my power to further your plans and the interest of your road, and call on me at any time that I can be of any service to you, but under no circumstances delay getting your men at work and pushing your enterprise to a point where the others will not feel they are able to stop you. Your line will be one of the best paying propositions in the way of a R. R. in Texas from the very day that you start your rolling stock:

With best wishes to you and the B. & A., I am,

Yours truly,
J. T. H. Lipscomb.

EXTRACT FROM PARAMORE LETTER

Among other things he says, from what I have been able to learn about the proposition. I think it would be a paying proposition right from the very beginning on, besides it can be built very cheaply, as the grade thereon is very light and no trestling to anything.

I think Ballinger people should wake up, and also the Abilene people, and push the road through as soon as times get easier.

Now, so far as I am concerned in the matter, will say that if the road is built through my pasture as it is surveyed, I will give the right of way and lay off

a town site, and divide it with the railroad people, and if it is built up Cayote to Winters, I will also help you some. It will be a great benefit for me to have a road built from Ballinger to Abilene. Of course you know I will have to help Abilene to get these people in line up here, but then they are alive to the fact that Abilene has got to become a railroad center if it ever grows anymore, and the best thing to do, in my opinion, is to push things and get everything in shape, by the time money matters ease up, "as there is but one man that fails and that is the fellow that quits." And you know that the Frisco road or the T. & P. would only be too glad to take the road and operate it after it is built.

So I hope you will push your proposition for all that it is worth. I want to come to Ballinger when I go to the ranch.

With regards to Joe and Jack, I remain, Yours very truly,
J. H. Parramore.

Foy Brown Dead.

One of the saddest deaths that ever visited Ballinger occurred Wednesday evening at six o'clock, when Foy Brown passed quietly into that better home prepared for him.

Deceased was taken sick with a serious case of typhoid fever about two months ago, and as his friends thought pulled through the siege and was on the road to recovery but a relapse of the awful disease was more than he could stand in his weak condition and death claimed him from this world.

He died at the home of his

father-in-law, J. H. Wilkie, where he had been sick, and where tender loving hands had done everything possible to relieve him.

Foy came to Ballinger a runaway boy about four years ago and accepted the first job he could get. He was in the employ of the Godwin Grocery Co. for a long time, and from his first appearance in Ballinger he made friends and built up a reputation that was an honor to him. He was an honest, hard working boy and to know him was to like him.

In the course of time he fell in love with and won the hand of one of Ballinger's best girls, Miss Bessie Wilke. They were happily married and set up house-keeping in a nice home built for them by the bride's father and lived a life of happiness until this sadness entered the home. About four months ago Foy, associated with his father-in-law, opened a general merchandise business on Seventh Street. Foy had full charge of the business and for two months or up to the time he was taken sick, conducted a successful business.

The death has cast a gloom over our entire town, and many hearts are made to feel heavy on account of the removal from our midst a young man so prominent in life and with a future so brighter.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were both members of the First Presbyterian church, having joined this church less than a year ago.

The funeral will be held this evening from the residence and will be conducted by the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. J. D. Leslie.

HOLIDAY GIFTS IN PLENTY



DON'T let gift buying be a source of trouble to you this year. Come to our store and the question of what to give this person and that person will be quickly answered. It is easy to decide when you see the goods right before you and a stock so complete for the young, middle age and old.

A few suggestions:

Fine toilet articles, perfumes, dolls, toys, games, books, mirrors, latest leather goods, pictures, smokers' goods, cut glass, china, art wares, box papers, silver and copper novelties, silver and plated wares, shaving sets, traveling sets, albums, bibles, hymnals, Japanese novelties, fancy goods, playing cards, desk accessories, Christmas cards and booklets, confectionery, etc.

Another Cut In Prices

Makes buying easy at our store. Surely Santa Claus is making OUR STORE headquarters this year.

City Drug Store

How to Cure Liver Trouble

There are usually several ways to do a given thing, but it is the aim with all of us to find the best and shortest way. It is just so in the cure of disease. People suffering from liver trouble imagine that all they have to do is to take something that will physic them. There is more than that in the cure of so serious a disorder as liver trouble.

When that drowsy, clogged up feeling comes on you go to a drug store and ask for a 50 cent or \$1 bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Take a dose or two and watch results. It will not only clear out the bowels and stimulate the liver, but it will get the blood circulating so that you feel active again, and arouse the functions of the stomach so that your appetite returns and you feel like your old self again. A simple laxative or purgative could not do that. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is not only a wonderful laxative but it has tonic properties, so that, unlike so many other things, instead of leaving you weak and drawn it builds you up and strengthens you.

It does not gripe—it acts smoothly, oiling the intestines so that the passage is smooth and agreeable. It is gentle but effective, pleasant to the taste and pure in quality. It is an excellent, economical Home Cure, and its results are permanent. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed for.

Use it for occasional or chronic constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, flatulency, stomach-ach, bloated stomach, flatulency, diarrhea, and the dozen and one other ills of the stomach, liver and bowels. It is the greatest of household remedies and no family should be without it because in a family someone at any moment may need such a laxative and then you will appreciate having Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house.

FREE TEST—These wishing to try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin before buying can have a free sample bottle sent to their home by addressing the company. This offer is to prove that the remedy will do as we claim, and is only open to those who have never taken it. Send for it if you have any symptoms of stomach, liver or bowel disease. Gentlest yet most effective laxative for children, women and old folks. A guaranteed permanent home cure. **THE PUBLIC VERDICT:** "No Laxative So Good and Sure as DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN." This product bears purity guarantee No. 17, Washington, D. C.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO.
119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL

Health is Worth Saving, and Some Ballinger People Know How to Save It.

Many Ballinger people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor to remain in danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills.

Will Bynum, Brownwood, Tex., says: "I think Doan's Kidney Pills are a splendid remedy. They were called to my attention some time ago and as I had been annoyed for sometime with a too frequent action of the kidney secretions, I concluded to give them a trial. They seemed to suit my case and I had only taken them a few days when I was cured of the trouble. There was a pain and lameness in the small of my back which also disappeared. I have had no return of the above symptoms since I discontinued the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. I do not hesitate in recommending them as being a reliable remedy."

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Ballinger Lumber Company

SAFE BLOWERS AT BRADY.

Frisco Safes Blown to Atoms and Money Stolen.

Brady, Texas Dec 14.—Citizens of this city were aroused this morning about 4 o'clock by a terrific explosion in the vicinity of the Frisco depot, which on examination proved to be the work of safe blowers. The Frisco depot had been entered and an explosive applied to the safe, which blew it to pieces and partially wrecked the building. The safe has not yet been touched, because the officers are waiting for the arrival of the dogs, therefore the exact amount of booty cannot be estimated. It is claimed however by the agent that there was not a great amount of money in the safe and that the loss will not be great. The window lights in the building were broken out by the concussion and the furni-

her stories, he has a great deal of head stuffing." Any one who disbelieves in original sin had better keep a raccoon for a pet or try trapping them.

In captivity they are extremely cleanly, often washing their hands and always washing every kind of food, except eggs, before eating. Raccoons know all about eggs without any teaching. One will take a hen's egg, and lying on his back will toss it up and catch it, as if it were a ball until becoming tired of this amusement, he will hold it in the left hand, and by tapping it lightly with one nail will drill a small hole in one end and then suck the contents. Their holding capacity is considerable as I have known a tame one which got loose to kill a setting hen and suck thirteen eggs. In this case thirteen was an unlucky number for the owner of the hen.

Raccoons love the vicinity of water, where they catch frogs and pick up some dead fish. In their habits they greatly resemble bears, and like bears, they

Resolutions.

Mrs. Emma Swift Rape.—Ballinger, Texas, December 12th 1907.

Whereas it has pleased the almighty Rector of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst Mrs. Emma Swift Rape, her demise having occurred on the 20th day of November A. D. 1907, and whereas she was a conscientious christian and a friend whose traits of character endeared her to us and our entire community, therefore be it,

Resolved, that we the members of the Runnels County Medical Society, do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to the husband and relatives of the deceased in their sad bereavement, knowing the great loss they have sustained. Be it further,

Resolved, that a special page of the minute book of the Runnels County Medical Society be set aside, and these resolutions be engrossed thereon. Be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of these

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to One and All.



THE approaching year's end brings with it the season for reckoning up the measure for good and ill, which Father Time has handed out to each one of us since the last harvest—To the tiller of the soil, the merchant, the active toilers in life's various fields of endeavor, and every man and woman whose efforts add to the welfare of the nation, this self-balancing of life's ledger becomes a duty and a pleasure.

During the year nineteen hundred and seven all lines of legitimate endeavors have given stupendous to the worker, while harmony and good fellowship have sounded the universal key-note of the nation's prosperity.

The year just passing has been fraught with the most cordial relation between us and our customers; hence, we take this opportunity of offering our mead of thanks and praise, and of tendering to you our most hearty congratulations upon the achievements of the past along with our sincere wishes for a further and greater measure of good to you in the future.

We sincerely trust that our business and social relations will, with the help of an Almighty Providence, continue to be what they always have been in the months gone by, and that the ties shall be more closely cemented with the coming of each New Year.

Higdon, Melton, Jackson Company.

December 1907

Ballinger, Texas.

ture was considerably damaged. The next night the safe of a local jewelry store was dynamited and the building set on fire. The loss in this case is about \$2000. No clue has been found as to the guilty parties.

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. tf

A Raccoon.

A coon seems to be a composite animal, made up of parts of bear, fish and monkey, with considerable devil thrown in for luck. He can use his forepaws as handily as a monkey, and what he cannot undo with his hands, he can gnaw off with his teeth. As Miss Murfee (Charles Egbert Craddock) says in one of

eat any kind of flesh or fish and most sorts of berries, nuts and grain; but unlike bears they do not remain steadily in their dens, but often at any time in the winter when there is a warm spell or a thaw, they will come out and travel for miles, sometimes going into open water to dig for frogs. A number of times when there were several feet of snow I have caught them in traps set for otter, both in springs and in water too swift to freeze. Although I never trapped coon purposely, because they are not worth it, I have caught them in traps set for nearly everything else. One of the most comical sights I ever saw was a large coon caught by both forefeet in a beaver trap. He was standing on his hindfeet, turning the trap first one way and then another, seeming to be studying what it was that had caught him.—Forest & Stream.

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

resolutions be furnished the husband of the deceased.

E. R. Walker, M. D.
Secy. Runnels Co. Medical Society.

State Bank Conditions.

Temple, Texas, Dec. 15.—W. Z. Hays and Edward Hobby, state bank examiners at Austin, were in this city yesterday on official business, and spent Sunday here. It is understood that in their investigations over the state they have found all banks in a uniformly sound condition, and in every case carrying more reserve funds than officially required. They also state that bankers are daily becoming more optimistic in their views, and that the financial situation is rapidly adjusting itself and a clearing up is plainly apparent.—Ft. Worth Record.

It will be seen from the above that the state banks are in an absolutely safe condition, and that they all have sufficient funds to transact the usual business and take care of their customers.

—Old Papers 20c hundred at the Banner-Leader Office.

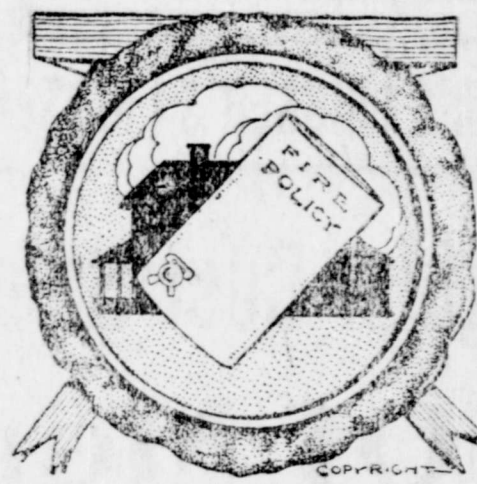
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Christmas at the Churches.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church is preparing to entertain the children with a regular old fashion Christmas tree. Santa Claus will make his appearance and hand out presents of various kinds, and a program of special music and probably a talk from the pastor will be a feature of the evening. The entertainment will be held Christmas eve night.

NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

On Christmas Eve night the children of the Ninth Street Baptist Church will be entertained with a Christmas tree. The various committees have been appointed and the work of a successful and merry Christmas is well in hand. As usual a short program of music etc., will be rendered before Santa Claus steps in and take charge.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church will make merry with a Christmas tree. All arrangements are being made for a nice tree and an interesting program. A special feature at this church, as usual, will be the good music. It is the intention of the committee in charge that every child receive a present of some kind.

EIGHTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN.

"It is better to give than to receive," will be the lesson taught at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church. In place of

giving something to the children, each class in the Sunday School will make up a basket of various articles to be distributed among the poor and needy of the town. The children will give toys, fruits, etc., while the senior classes will give something more substantial, groceries, dry goods, clothing, etc., or anything a member of the class sees fit to give. The teachers, or a committee will be appointed to distribute the donations to parties worthy of charity. Any one knowing a family that is in need will confer a favor by notifying the Sunday School.

On Tuesday night, Christmas eve. The Sunday school will be entertained at the church, and all gifts will be made then or delivered at the church during the day. An admission fee will be charged for the entertainment and the price is a big potato, each one coming will be expected to bring the admission fee, and every body is cordially invited. Of course if you can't get the potato to bring you can come any way, and be welcome. But, don't forget the potato, and bring the largest one you can find. The receipts of the evening (potatoes) will be turned over to the committee to be given to some worthy poor family. Come; a pleasant time for all is guaranteed.

John Drew and his assistant, A. C. Hardgrave went to Rowena Wednesday and delivered the new bank building just completed.

6th. Street Presbyterian Church.

The usual services will be held at this church next Sunday. The Sunday schools meets at 9:45 a. m. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 a. m. The morning subject will be "The Visit of the Magi," a Christmas sermon. At night the subject will be "The Immortality of the Soul," a continuation of the series of sermons on Christian fundamentals. A cordial invitation is extended to all these services. The endeavor is to make the night service especially attractive and helpful to those who are not church members.

Christmas Sunday.

Services at the Court House at the morning hour and at the Christian church in the evening, 7:30. Come and be welcome. E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

German Citizen Dead.

Carl Leoika died at his home in the R. A. Smith neighborhood Sunday night from heart failure. The remains were laid to rest in the Rowena cemetery Monday.

Schawe Bakery has pound cakes, "Just like mother used to make."

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.

Work is progressing nicely on the sewerage work, A large force of men are at work digging the ditch on Hutching's Ave and Broadway.

Mrs. Hardgrove and daughter, Mrs. Smith, came in from Fort Worth, where Mrs. Smith has been under the treatment of physicians.

Miss Genevieve Truly returned from Fort Worth, Wednesday where she had been staying with her sister and attending a business college.

John Norman Jr. came in from Dallas, first of the week, and went over to Paint Rock to visit his parents and attend the wedding of his sister.

L. E. Bair who had been on a two weeks prospecting trip in the Western part of the state, and the Panhandle, returned home, first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bacon and little daughter came in from Missouri, on the delayed train Monday, and will spend several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mansker, and sister, Mrs. Jno. W. Clappitt.

Foy Brown, the young man who died Wednesday night with typhoid fever, took out a life insurance policy of \$2,500 just a few days before he was taken sick; the policy coming at time when he was lying at death's door. The policy was accepted and the premium paid and deceased wife will receive the \$2,500.

C. P. Shepherd was in Coleman Friday on legal business.

City Marshall Tom Kemp, of San Angelo had business here, this week.

Judge C. F. Dickinson went to Taylor, Texas, first of the week on legal business.

M. C. Taylor of the Norton country went to Mississippi on a Christmas visit.

W. H. Harrison spent several days here on business and returned to San Angelo, yesterday.

John Drew went to Coleman Friday to bid on the new \$26,000. school building to be erected there soon.

G. W. Casswell and wife, of the Norton country left on Thursday's train for a visit to their old home in Georgia.

Work on the Methodist church is progressing nicely now, and in a few weeks will be finished and ready for occupancy.

Miss Maryatte Smith came in from Dallas today, to spend the holidays with her parents Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Lockhart are here visiting Ed. O'Kelley and wife, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. O'Kelley are sisters.

Dr. Halley and wife entertained a number of the Ballinger Bachelor boys with a six o'clock dinner last Friday which event added much pleasure to the boy's otherwise dreary lives.

E. J. Guinn, a Wingate merchant, passed through yesterday, enroute to Alabama on a visit. Mr. Guinn has been away from his old home in Alabama for sixteen years and this is the first visit back.

Frank Pearce, of Alton, Illinois, where he has been attending school, arrived home yesterday, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce. He was accompanied home by his grand-father, Mrs. Pearce's father, Mr. Baker.

The fire company are building the temporary fire station, and in a few days will have the building completed. A remarkable building in that it is built out of the Volunteer company's private fund. The City not having a cent invested in the building.

Rev. J. J. Bunnell and wife left yesterday for Chandler, Okla., their future home. They have children living in Chandler. Rev. Bunnell has served the Christian church here as pastor for some time and he and his Christian wife made many friends here who regret to see them move away.

J. A. Patterson, formerly of this county, but who has been living at Adamsville for the past two or three years, has moved back to Runnels county. He has rented land from G. B. Nixon on Cayote and will farm next year. Mr. Patterson is a good citizen and we welcome him back to a good county.

Looking For Christmas Presents?

If you want something rich and elegant, for Father and Mother or any of the rest of the "Kin Folks," go to J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store. No cheap, trashy stuff but such things as PICARD CHINA, Cut Glass, Elegant Toilet and Manicure Sets for the Ladies. Military Sets, Cuffs and Collar Boxes and Shaving Sets for the Gentlemen. A line of beautiful Gift Books together with Good Books, well selected, for Boys and Girls. Also a full line of Dolls and USEFUL Toys.

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H. H. THOMSON, Sec. and Treas.

BALLINGER, TEXAS, Dec. 20, 1907.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

Any business to succeed must have system and terms and a reputation for being prompt and meeting obligations when due is a firm's greatest asset, and this is just as valuable to the individual. We must all learn alike that maturity means something. As is well known our firm has always had regular terms and conditions upon which our credit business is done and those terms specify Oct 1. as pay day on all accounts and nearly all our notes are due on same date. Some of our customers have paid all they owed, some have paid part, and some have paid none. Some few have arranged for us to carry them a short time, while others have entirely ignored the fact of their accounts and notes being due, and have forced us to carry them regardless of our wishes or ability.

We have been here for a good while and have helped our people over some hard places and we hope to so manage our affairs as to be of still further help in further years, should our customers require it; and in order to do so we feel that we should now insist on settlements in some satisfactory way.

We have not advised the holding of cotton nor have we insisted on those who owe us selling, and we do neither now. Those who owe us and want to continue holding, we ask that you come in and settle your account by note payable in thirty, sixty or ninety days out of the proceeds of the cotton being held, and thus enable us to do for you what no bank will do at present, that is to relieve you of present obligation, so that you may have the opportunity of getting better prices for your cotton.

We only ask that you put yourself in our place, and do as you would be done by.

Yours truly,

THE BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO.

Mrs. S. A. Husk left first of the week for Dallas, and will go from there to Wolf City to visit relatives during the holidays.

Miss Beatrice Patterson returned to her home at Frost, Texas, yesterday, after a visit of several weeks to relatives in Ballinger.

A. C. Long, deputy sheriff of Big Springs was here yesterday after a prisoner wanted in his town. The local officers had landed the man in jail.

A. P. Luckett, Sec. and Treas. of the Concho Hardware Co. gave a six o'clock dinner last Miles spent Sunday here the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

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 Millermer Co.

Chief Engineer McDaniels returned from Fort Worth Wednesday, where he had been on business connected with the Ballinger-Abilene railroad. He left again yesterday for Brady on business connected with the road.

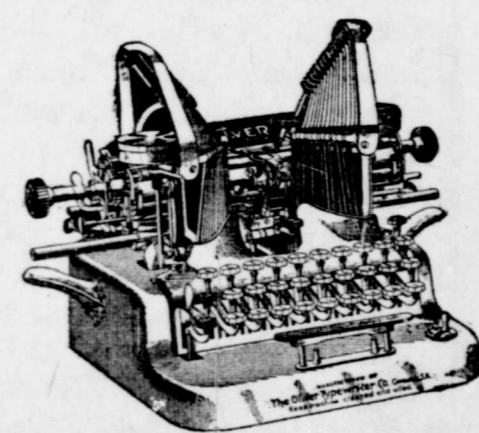
Sheriff Parker, of Crockett county was here several days this week. He kept business to himself.

J. J. Bedford, a prominent merchant of Winters, was here first of the week, and reported that Winters was still doing business at the same old stand. Mr. Bedford said the citizens were not worrying over the railroad and had made up their minds to hold on to town they had regardless of when the road was built.

Rev. E. P. Williams and wife gave a six o'clock dinner last Saturday evening to the Trustees and Board of Stewards of the Methodist church which was highly enjoyed by all present. Among those who had the pleasure of being present were: Presiding Elder Chapman, S. A. Gaston, A. L. Farris, W. W. Fowler, W. A. Talley, T. A. Rape, C. P. Shepherd, J. S. Moore, A. W. Allen, Prof. S. M. Byrd.

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

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An Oliver Typewriter

(The Standard Visible Writer)

New No. 5 Machine in Stock

R. G. ERWIN & CO., Agents

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Higginbotham-Currie Co.



Don't confuse us with the average advertiser who throws out a few baits on staple goods and attempts to make up the loss on other goods you may buy. The name Higginbotham-Currie Co. wherever it is known stands for honest, upright dealing. We always have what we advertise and advertise what we have. We are sacrificing our entire \$100,000.00 stock on a basis of the above ridiculously low figures. No limit on amount as long as they last.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including items like Boys' Suspenders, Mens' Beaver Overcoats, Ladies' Tailored and trimmed Hats, and 60 inch Waterproof all colors.

Good Cough Medicine for Children

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold.

SANTA FE GETTING BUSY.

Selecting Route from Abilene to Brady, Abilene, Texas, Dec. 15. Locating Engineer R. M. Dunham, formerly of the Frisco system, accompanied by J. C. Scruggs, arrived here last night and is preparing to make an overland trip from Abilene to Brady.

Adversity

Comes to all of us at some time in our lives, and when the proverbial "rainy day" falls to your lot it is probable that some ready cash will be a great help over the troublous time.

Why not open a bank account and lay aside a portion of your earnings as a safe-guard against the future. An account with this bank will relieve you of a lot of worry, will be a step in the right direction, and will help to put your business on a more systematic basis.

BETTER COME IN TODAY AND OPEN AN ACCOUNT

First National Bank, Ballinger, - Texas.

consider any kind of a proposition that would in any way delay or effect the building of the road, but if Ballinger gets this road the people of Ballinger must get busy and do something to show that they want it.

A Most Valuable Agent.

The glycerine employed in Dr. Pierce's medicines greatly enhances the medicinal properties which it extracts from native medicinal roots and holds in solution much better than alcohol would.

In all cases where there is a wasting away of flesh, loss of appetite, with weak stomach, as in the early stages of consumption, there can be no doubt that glycerine acts as a valuable nutritive and tonic.

"In dyspepsia it serves an excellent purpose. Holding a fixed quantity of the peroxide of hydrogen in solution, it is one of the best manufactured products of the present time in its action upon enfeebled, disordered stomachs, especially if there is ulceration or catarrhal gastritis (catarrhal inflammation of stomach); it is a most efficient preparation. Glycerine will relieve many cases of prostrated (heartburn) and excessive gastric (stomach) acidity."

There are more false friends in the world than counterfeit coin and the devil knows there are enough of both.

A New Jersey man has been hit by an auto five times within the last year, and each time escaped unhurt; he must be at least partially constructed of indiarubber.

A FIGHT WITH BRUIN.

Angelo man has Exciting Time With Big Teddy Bear.

The San Angelo Press in giving account of a hunting party says: "Rome Shield has just returned from a hunting trip in the Pecos country and from the accounts given of the trip by members of the hunting party, there was excitement enough to last the hunter for some time to come.

But back to Rome Shield and the bear. Shield was going it alone in the canyons one day when he caught sight of a big bear in a crevice up the side of a precipitous canyon. Bruin stood across the head of the crevice and the bold hunter couldn't tell which way his head was pointing. He pulled down on Bruin and the effect was instantaneous. The bear came down the crevice like a ton of coal down a cellar chute and Rome was at the bottom of it.

replied, "Oh, about four years." The hunters report good success and a pleasant trip."

Hawthorne Musical Club.

One of the best Musical Concert on the road will appear at the Ballinger Opera house tomorrow night. The Company puts on a guarantee attraction, your money back if not satisfied.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Dr. C. S. Jackson, the Brownwood Veterinary Surgeon, visits Ballinger once a month and will treat your sick or diseased stock.

Notice--Keep Out.

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

Ellis Thompson who has been attending school at Proctor returned home for the holidays last week.

YOUR MONEYS WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK

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

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

Grain, Hay, Feed.

Our Store is headquarters for Grain, Hay and Feed.

M. D. Chastain

Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.

<p>Higginbotham</p> <p>\$1.50</p> <p>BED SPREADS WHITE</p> <p>THEY LAST</p> <p>98c</p> <p>Currrie Co.</p>	<p>HELTER</p> <p>SKELTER</p>	<p>Higginbotham</p> <p>\$1.00</p> <p>LACE CURTAINS WHITE</p> <p>THEY LAST</p> <p>50c PAIR</p> <p>Currrie Co.</p>
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Cutting and slashing prices right and left. All former price records knocked higher than a kite. Again and again we have applied the pruning knife until what is now left of former prices look very insignificant compared to the original figures. But let her go---what is our loss is your gain. We need and must have money, so come in to the feast. But take warning! prices made during this Sale are so very much lower than others (in their desperation) are offering that we fear our stock, though many times larger than any of our competitors, will not stand unbroken very long before the eager buying public that will throng our big department store. Therefore we cannot promise to supply all that come. Each price for this special sale is made subject to sale, and is good only as long as the stock lasts. Hence you should not delay one moment, but drive direct to our store and be the first to supply all your wants at about one-half what others would ask you, if you come you must come quick for if you delay you might be disappointed. Don't blame us if you get left.

<p>Mens' Dress Shirts, worth 75c white they last</p> <p>39c</p>	<p>250 Mens' Dress Suits worth \$7.50 to \$13.50 white they last</p> <p>\$4.98</p>	<p>10c dozen heavy Pearl Buttons white they last dozen</p> <p>3 1/2c</p>
<p>Mens' Duck Coats worth \$2.00 white they last</p> <p>\$1.33</p>	<p>200 pair Ladies' Dress Shoes new stock worth \$1.50 to \$2.50 pair white they last</p> <p>\$1.15</p>	<p>50 white Table Linen white it lasts</p> <p>25c</p>

MAKE THIS UP AT YOUR HOME

Prepare this Simple Mixture at Home By Shaking Ingredients Well in a Bottle

What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription as formulated by a noted authority, who claims that he has found a positive remedy to cure almost any case of backache or kidney or bladder derangement in the following simple prescription, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here at home, when asked regarding this prescription stated that the ingredients are all harmless, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription pharmacy, or the mixture would be put up if asked to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic afflictions with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and filter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those of our readers who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

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

ality has found it necessary to place them under bond, and such a bond as I have described. No legitimate business pays the tax imposed upon the saloon and no business man, except a saloon man has to give a bond before going into business as a guarantee that he won't out-rage law, morality and decency. Who wants a business so denominated by law. Who would follow a business so disreputable in the eyes of the law. I have described the regulated saloon and when you vote the anti ticket you vote for such saloon. Were I to dip my pen in Hades I could not give you a blacker picture of the regulated saloon than does the bond they are required to give.

JNO. W. GOODWIN.

A Hair Dressing

Nearly every one likes a fine hair dressing. Something to make the hair more manageable; to keep it from being too rough, or from splitting at the ends. Something, too, that will feed the hair at the same time, a regular hair-food. Well-fed hair will be strong, and will remain where it belongs—on the head, not on the comb!

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

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CHERRY PECTORAL.

We want your accounts large or small. Citizens National Bank. You often hear the remark, "What we need is more money with money." Not so; what Ballynger needs is more money with men.

JUDGE GOODWIN ON PROHIBITION

Writes Letter to the Voters of Mills County

A warm prohibition campaign closed in Mills county Monday, and the voters rolled up a handsome majority for the pros. Judge Goodwin, our able and worthy District Judge whose district take in Mills county, issued a letter to the voters, and as his argument in favor of prohibition is irrefutable we take great pleasure in reproducing it.

On the 16th you will be called upon to determine whether or not the saloon shall return to your county. This is in my opinion, a question of vast importance to you and I trust it will receive that consideration at your hands that it deserves. You should reflect your honest sentiment as to what is best for the country.

People are now busy assigning reasons why you should vote for the return of the saloon. The principal argument used by the Antis everywhere is that local option is a farce and does not prohibit. This was their battle cry in Brown and McCulloch counties in their recent elections, but it had become so stale that the people did not heed it. It is the battle cry of the whiskey trust, the brewers and the clubmen. Many good antis are deceived by it and induced to turn their backs upon their own interest and vote with those whose interest it is to sell more liquor to the people through the open saloon. I trust you will recognize it in the old artful dodge of the whiskey trust and breweries and disregard it as did the counties named.

All laws are violated and it should not be thought strange that people will violate local op-

tion laws. Those who violate laws are not always punished and it should not be thought strange that those who violate local option laws are not always caught and punished. If you are to abolish laws because they are violated then all laws will have to be abolished and we will be left to the mercy of the lawless.

It has always been difficult to enforce laws against the sale of liquors. Having always had saloons many people honestly think it wrong to abolish them and the whiskey elements take advantage of this sentiment to violate the law, but the antis of Mills county will not longer stand with the lawless element. Public sentiment is daily growing in favor of enforcing the law. This change of sentiment has been wrought by the defiant manner in which the club men violate the law, in addition to this healthy sentiment in favor of enforcement of the law, we may with confidence look to our new laws for speedy and permanent relief. The last legislature recognized that in local option territory the law was being disregarded and that the people were liable to become discouraged unless something was done. The legislature did something. The liquor men from the little bootlegger to the whiskey trust recognize the fact that the legislature did something and they are now hustling in every county to vote out local option and vote in the regulated saloon. Unless the saloon can be returned the traffic in local option territory is ruined and they know it. The legislature drove it home hard. It placed a tax on C. O. D. shipments that destroyed the business. No Express company now handles such shipments. This one law paralyzed the traffic. It passed a law making it a heavy fine for any express or railway agent to deliver liquor to a minor.

You have heard the liquor men

say that under local option children were getting liquor through the express office, when they could not get it at a regular saloon. They can no longer make this statement. The only way your boys can get liquor now is through a saloon and if you want them to have it, vote for the saloon. The festive liquor drummer who formerly called on you for orders for liquor has departed. The license he has to pay was too much for him and he is now engaged in other business. The legislature knocked him out. The legislature also paid its respects to the local fellow who took orders for liquor and placed upon his business a tax that destroyed it. The club house where liquor was kept in store for others has been taxed out of existence and you no doubt have missed them and I trust you will miss them evermore. The storing of liquors is also prohibited and when liquors are found they may be seized and destroyed and the party enjoined from using any house or place to store liquor. Such in substance is the new laws. They certainly reached every method heretofore resorted to violate the law. These laws are now in force and insure as perfect enforcement of the local option law as any one could desire. If your opposition to the local option is based upon the idea that it cannot be enforced, try those new laws before voting for the saloon. If after a fair trial they do not prove effective we can then vote for the saloon. Since the adoption of these laws you have heard much about the beauty of a regulated saloon. The liquor men now go into ecstasy over the Baskin McGregor well regulated saloon law. They can talk all day of the glories of such a saloon.

To hear them you would almost be persuaded to get one for your parlor. I want to call your attention to

the regulated saloon that you have heard so much about. You will find all club men and bootleggers singing its praise and you should know something of it. The fact that they are for it should make you against it, or at least cause you to examine it. Our saloons have always been regulated. The law has always condemned and denounced the saloon as iniquitous, and regulated it. The only practical difference between the regulated saloon of today and the regulated saloon as it existed when Mills county went local option is that the law now provides that for violating the bond, the law requires the saloon man to give, he must forfeit his license. With this single material exception the law now and when you voted it local option is the same and each required the saloon men to give a bond in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned that he would not sell liquor to minors or give it to them, that he would not sell to habitual drunkards, that he would not allow gambling upon his place of business, that he would not have or keep a noisy, boisterous house, that he would not adulterate his liquors with drugs, that he would not hang upon his walls vulgar and indecent pictures, that he would not keep in or about his saloon lewd women.

If you have an idea of voting for a regulated saloon, read carefully the above named conditions of the saloon man's bond and then for yourself and your country say by your vote whether or not you want a business in your county that is so degraded and degrading that it has been found necessary to require that it be regulated by such a bond. And say by your vote whether you want a class of men in business in your county whose past conduct and lives has been such that the legislature of the state in the interest of law, order and mor-

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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.

Have you paid your poll tax?

When you are enjoying the holidays and making merry, don't forget that there are people close around you who are in need for the actual necessities of life.

We notice where a firm in a neighboring town spent three per cent of its gross earnings for advertising during the year just closing, and they are well pleased with the results. There are two ways to advertise; the bad way and the good way. Successful advertising requires as much attention as other lines of your business, and unless you give it some attention it is money thrown away.

Candidates are ripening a little early in our neighboring county, Coke. We notice two announcements in the Robert Lee paper. Perhaps they believe the early bird will get the worm. From all indications there will be something doing in Runnels county politics the early part of the year, and there will be a greater number of candidates than was at first thought. 1908 promises to be a warm campaign year.

The Democrats of Brown county now have cause to rejoice. The Brownwood News recently changed hands and is wearing a political coat of a different color. Its columns now have the ring of true democracy, of the Jeffersonian type. Editor Thomas is well known over the state as a newspaper man and writer and we predict that he will make a success of the news, and give the people of Brown county a good clean weekly Democratic paper.

Sounds Good to Us.

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 14.
Banner-Leader,
Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check for \$1.00, for which please send us your paper. We have noticed many articles from your paper of late, and being Democrats love a Democratic paper. We heartily indorse what you say regarding our Joseph W. Bailey and believe all truly Democratic papers are for him. Wishing you much success we are

Your friends
Coggin & Bailey.

Culberson and Bailey.

The Brownwood News reflects the sentiments of every true Democrat in the State of Texas, in the following language:

Texas is represented in the United States senate by the ablest team in the South. Culberson, wise, conservative, shrewd, sagacious, can look farther into the future than any other who sits in the historic chamber from the South, and because of this he has been entrusted with the leadership of the Democrats in that body. Bailey, precocious beyond his years and beyond his colleagues of both parties, powerful in debate, a reservoir of information, is without a superior on the floor. The one moving in noiseless grooves his wonders to perform; the other delighting in speech and as captivating as he

is convincing. The one a magnet that draws all men to him, repelling none; the other delighting in his enemies that he may with the throngs of his friends overwhelm them. Both with records untainted and unchallenged; both conscientious and devoted to the people's interests. Not since the day of Calhoun has the South had so able statesmen.

Some time ago we had occasion to mention some violations of the law in Ballinger, and attributed the evils to the effect of the saloons. The Ledger saw fit to call us to time, and accuse us of being "knockers"—knocking the business interest of Ballinger, and emphasized the idea that we were not deserving of the patronage of the business men. This week the Ledger publishes the crop report of a farmer, who lives only a few miles from Ballinger, and says the farmer gathered his crop in a bran sack and still had room in the sack for more. The farmer placed his sack of produce in the barn and that night a razor-back hog broke in and ate the entire crop at one sitting, says the Ledger. Now, what do you think of that for knocking? If there is a man in Runnels county who put his entire crop of feed stuff in a bran sack, and claims to be a farmer, we think he should move to town and get a job sniping on the Ballinger-Abilene railroad. There is a man in the county by the name of W. W. Poe who sold part of his cotton crop this week for over \$3000, and says his crop of cotton is better this year than last year. We know no one in Runnels county who should accidentally see the Ledger's report will believe it, and trust the paper will not fall into the hands of any of the South or East Texas Editors.

Temple, Texas, Dec. 18.—An important real estate deal was consummated here today involving the sum of \$50,000 by means of which A. Schawe, a prominent citizen of Ballinger, becomes a heavy investor in Bell county property, and will move here to reside. Mr. Schawe acquired from J. E. Ferguson of this city the property in Belton known as the Central hotel, a modern three story and sub-basement brick structure, with complete furnishings one of the best known hotels in this section of the state. As part payment he deeded 305 acres of improved farm land near Heidenheimer, also the mercantile stock and business of the firm of Moseley & Wilder and five business lots, with the improvements there on all located in the town of Heidenheimer. Mr. Schawe also traded a large tract of improved and cultivated farm in Runnels county to Mahler & Wilson of this city for 570 acres of land located in Crane county.

Mr. Schawe has not returned from Bell county, and we have been unable to interview him in reference to his leaving Ballinger but we learn from good authority that he will not leave Ballinger, but will continue to make this home. He owns a nice house and other property here, and that Bell county deal is just his way of trading and as remarked by a man who knows Mr. Schawe's trading qualities, he may trade his new acquisitions off for something else before he returns home.

Muscular Pains Cured

"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. C. Pedlar, Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

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Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no others. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S PILLS. THE DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

R. A. Terry sold 240 acres of land out of the Allison tract to J. D. J. W. and Claude Morgan for \$30 per acre. The land is as fine as there is in the county, and while the improvements are light the place is well worth the price paid. Morgan & Sons have been in business in Ballinger for some time, but have sold their business and will try farming awhile.

Pros Win In Mills County.

The local option held in Mills county Monday, resulted in a victory for the pros by a majority of 263 votes. Goldthwaite voted 241 pro and 106 anti, and the total vote in the county was pro 715, anti 452. The election passed off very quietly. Speakers representing both sides of the question had stumped the county and as usual argument from both sides was made, but the county has been under pro rule for several years, and the majority seemed to be willing to let it so remain.

Notice—Keep Out.

All my lands which border Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. No hunting, peccan gathering or trespassing allowed.
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about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Mission Study Circle Meets.

The Ladies of the Methodist church have recently organized a "Mission Study Circle" of about twenty members. Two very profitable meetings have been held. Mrs. Skinner's hospitable home was opened to the Ladies of the circle on last Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The text book used is "Gloria Christi" by Lindsay. This is the book selected by the central committee for the "United Study of Missions" in Woman's Foreign Mission societies of all denominations.

The subject last Friday was "Educational Missions," Mrs. Rasbury conducted the lesson in a manner that showed careful preparation.

At the conclusion of the discussions Mrs. Skinner served some of her famous Angel food and fruit cake with chocolate.

The ladies went away feeling that the afternoon had been spent pleasantly and profitably.

The next meeting is with Mrs. Rasbury, Tues. Jan 21st. The subject is "Medical Missions." Mrs. Skinner is appointed leader of the meeting.

All ladies who are especially interested in the study of Foreign Missions are invited to join the Circle.

Prisoner in Federal Court.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Hodges and Deputy Sheriff Jones, of San Angelo, passed through yesterday enroute home from Brownwood, where they had been to get Joe Brown, alias James R. Tillman, who is wanted in Federal court on a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Tillman has been in jail at Brownwood for about a year charged on three accounts with forgery. One of the indictments was quashed and the other two thrown out of court Tuesday and the man was released from jail, but was at once arrested by the U. S. Officers. It seems that the prisoner is a pretty shrewd crook, and the Brownwood Bulletin in speaking of him says:

"Tillman has had a sensational career since he landed in Brownwood nearly a year ago. His profligate use of bank checks caused his arrest on serious charges and he has since been incarcerated in the county jail. He and a companion broke jail at one time and led the officers a merry chase to the northern end of the county. Tillman is one of the best penmen ever seen here and can imitate almost any hand.

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts, then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Notice to Policy Holders.

Owing to the condition of things in general, it is thought best to postpone the Annual Meeting of The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association of Runnels County, until some time in January, of which due notice will be given.

Respectfully
W. L. Brown
Genl. Agt. and Manager.

Advertised Letter List.

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J. A. O. Club

On Friday of last week, Mrs. W. C. Penn entertained the J. A. O. Club. Besides a good attendance of the club a number of Mrs. Penn's friends were present to enjoy the good times. The hostess was ably assisted by Misses Penn and Thompson, Mesdames Currie and Nash.

This being the day election of officers, the club at once preceded to business before pleasure. The election terminated in new officers as follows: Mrs. John Currie, president; Mrs. Griggs, vice-president; Mrs. Dan Van Pelt, Secretary; Mrs. Dan Moser, Press reporter.

A most delightful time was spent in conversation and music. Songs by Mrs. Shepherd and Smith were appreciated very much.

A delicious two course luncheon was served. After this the doors of the dining room were opened and to the delight and

surprised of guests a real Xmas tree, lighted with Xmas candles and loaded with tiny stockings, was brought to view. As the guests gathered around every one was presented with a stocking which contained nuts, candies, and a gift.

Never was a Xmas tree enjoyed more by merry school children than by Mrs. Penn's guests. All left with loud praises for the hostess and feeling it was really Xmas.

Col. and Mrs. R. K. Wylie returned to Mineral Wells, first of the week.

Might Have Been

When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:—

You are Hereby Commanded to summon Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and T. J. Lee, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, herein styled defendants, whose names and residence are unknown to Plaintiffs, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight 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 35 Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35 Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the First Monday in March A. D. 1908, the same being the 2nd day of March A. D. 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of December A. D. 1907, in a suit, number on the docket of said Court No. 886, wherein A. J. & D. Reeder, are Plaintiffs, and Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and J. T. Lee deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife, C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, are Defendants, and said petition alleging

A. J. & D. Reeder vs. Thomas Pratt & his Unknown Heirs et al.

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

To The Hon. Judge Of Said Court:

A. J. & D. Reeder who reside in Runnels County, Texas, herein styled plaintiffs, complaining of Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and J. T. Lee, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife, C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, herein styled defendants, whose names and residences are unknown to plaintiffs, represent that on the 1st day of July 1907, they were and are now lawfully seized and possessed, holding same by fee simple title, the following described tract of land in Runnels County, Texas, to wit: 620 acres originally granted to Thomas Pratt known as survey number 365 1-2, Abstract number 397, Certificate 16-22, patent number 276, Volume 9:

That plaintiffs and those under whom they claim have been seized and possessed of said land under deeds duly recorded, paying all taxes due thereon up to the filing of this suit, and have had peaceable and adverse possession thereof under fence, cultivating, using and enjoying same for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's title thereto has long since been perfected by the five years statute of limitation, herein asserted and pleaded.

Plaintiffs further allege that they have had actual, peaceable, and adverse possession of said land, having same fenced, cultivating, using and enjoying same for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit and plaintiff's title thereto has long since been perfected by the ten years statute of limitation, herein pleaded and asserted.

That on the date last aforesaid, when plaintiffs were so lawfully seized and possessed of said land holding same under titles herein pleaded and asserted, defendants asserted, and are now asserting some pretended title to said land, the nature of which is unknown to plaintiffs which is a cloud upon their title thereto, and disturbing their peaceable possession thereof, to their damage.

Wherefore, plaintiffs pray, that defendants be cited by publication in the manner as required by law, to answer herein; that on final hearing they have judgment against said defendants for the title to said land; that the cloud on their title be removed; that they be quieted in their possession thereof, and all costs of suit and general relief.

Harris & Shepherd, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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

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

Given Under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas this 13th day of December A. D. 1907.

R. A. Terry Clerk, District Court Runnels County, By J. Shields Deputy.

A true copy of the original I hereby certify.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff Runnels County. 14-8-t f.

—The Leader sells old papers.

K. P. Election

The K. of P. Lodge met in regular session Monday night, and besides transacting other important business, elected officers for the ensuing year. Following are the officers elected: E. C. Krebbs, C. C.; J. S. Barr, V. C.; H. C. Paramore, Prelate, H. E. Sharp, M. W.; E. S. McCarver, M. A.; J. W. Patterson, K. of R. & S.; W. A. Davis, M. of F.; Ernest Plummer, M. of E.; A. C. Homan, I. G.; Mike Boyd, O. G.

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It is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup.

Farmers Union Meeting.

The directors of the Farmers Union Cotton Warehouse Co., held a lengthy meeting at the Court house Saturday. Important business was transacted and matters pertaining to the cotton business looked after.

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If you have a cough, cold, sore throat or chest, don't delay a moment—cure it. Simmon's Cough Syrup is a sure remedy. It makes you well.

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A valuable buggy horse, a faithful friend, and family pet, belonging to Mrs. Julia McMinn, had to be killed Wednesday on account of being crippled. The horse was kicked by another horse and one of his legs broken several days ago, and to relieve his suffering an officer was requested to shoot him.

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Business Change Hands.

A deal was closed this week in which Morgan & Sons sold their confectionery business to J. P. Martindale. Mr. Martindale has been running a news stand and confectionery business on Eighth Street, and is an experience man in this line and a hustler and will no doubt make a successful go of his new business. Morgan & Sons, we are glad to say, will not leave Ballinger, but have purchased a good farm and will try farming another year.

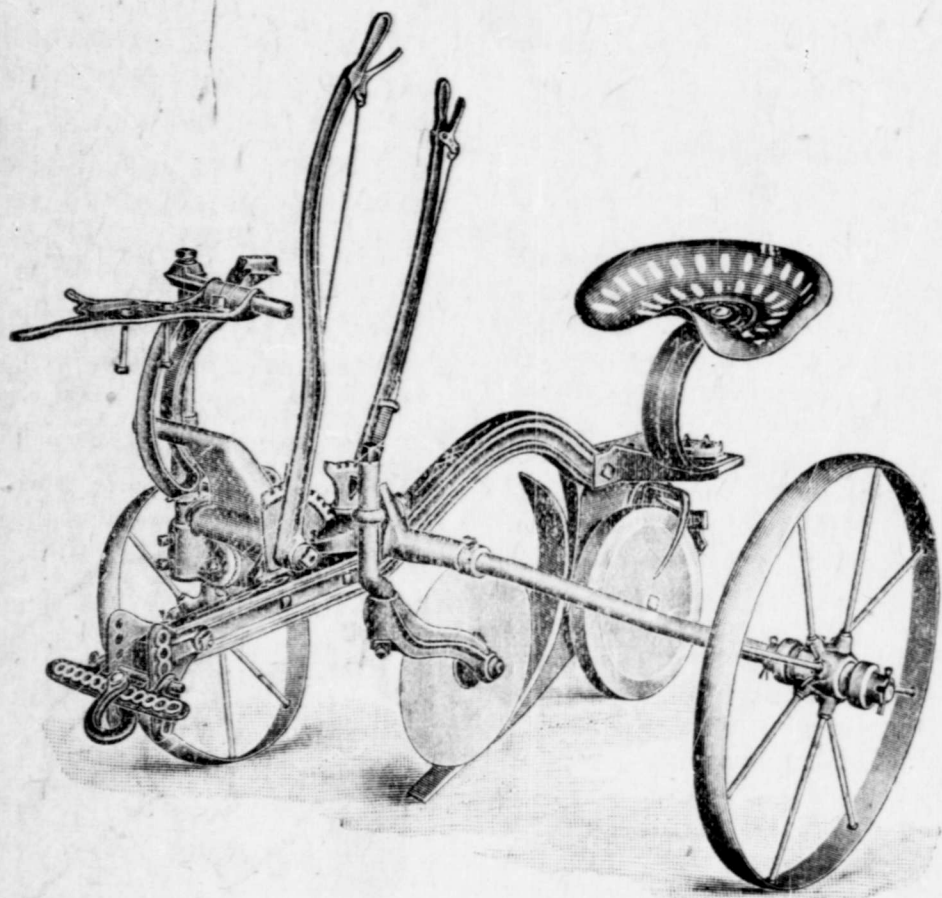
Schawe Bakery has those delicious cookies. Try them.

Jno. A. Eskridge come in from Big Springs, Tuesday. He has been doing some building for different parties at Big Springs and will go back out there after the holidays.

Eggs are high. So order your cakes already made from Schawe Bakery.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels. By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 9th day of December, 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Jo Wilmeth versus G. T. Martin and wife, M. S. Martin, No. 883 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1908, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described Property, situated in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit:

First Tract.—Forty Five (45) acres of land out of Survey No. 589, originally granted to Wm. Bryan by virtue of Certificate No. 101, known as Abstract No. 60, patented to Joseph Kopman, assignee, on May 29, 1879, by virtue of Patent No. 456, Volume No. 23;

Second Tract.—One Hundred and Thirty (130) acres of land out of Survey No. 588, originally granted to J. W. Bryan by virtue of Certificate No. 311, Abstract No. 486, and patented to the said J. W. Bryan on May 10th, 1876, by Patent No. 257, Volume No. 23.

Third Tract.—Six Hundred and Five (605) acres of land out of Survey No. 233, originally granted to R. M. Williamson by virtue of Certificate No. 3, known as Abstract No. 494, and patented to Philip J. Weaver, assignee, on May 16, 1849, Patent No. 947, Volume No. 6;—said three above described tracts of land aggregating 880 acres of land described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone mound in the east line of said Williamson Survey 3701 varas south of its n. e. corner;

Thence south 1560 varas to the s. e. corner of the N. 1-2 of said Williamson Survey;

Thence W. 2566 varas;

Thence N. 888.8 varas;

Thence W. 1121 varas;

Thence N. 30 E. 1544 varas;

Thence E. 350 varas;

Thence South 365 varas;

Thence E. 2565 varas to the place of beginning.—levied on as the property of G. T. Martin and wife, M. S. Martin, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$13,034.52 in favor of Jo. Wilmeth and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10 day of December 1907.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff.
 T. J. Gardner Deputy

Certainly Fair

Of all troubles humanity is subject to none perhaps causes more acute distress and more frantic efforts for relief than many forms of itching skin troubles. We will tell you a remedy that rarely ever fails—Hunt's Cure. One box is absolutely guaranteed to cure any one case of itching trouble—no matter what the name. If it fails, your money is cheerfully refunded.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels. By virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 10th day of December A. D. 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Rasbury & Bruce versus Louis Pavlicek et al, the defendants being Louis Pavlicek and R. Michna No. 872 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in January A. D. 1908, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels county, in the City of Ballinger the following described land situated in Runnels county, Texas to-wit:

530 6-10 acres, a part of the Dillard Cooper Survey No. 166 1-4 described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in N. B. line of said Dillard Cooper survey, 1900 varas E. of its N. W. corner, at N. E. corner of Otto Klaus, 400 acres; Thence E. 321 varas to a fence corner, on S. B. line of River Survey No. 413, in name of Valentine Rice, Thence S. 60 E with said S. line 205 vrs. to S. E. corner of said 413, Thence N. 30 E. 118 vrs to corner of fence on E. B. line of said No. 413, and N. B. line of said Dillard Cooper Survey;

thence E. with said N. line 130 vrs to fence corner on S. B. line of survey No 414, in name of Geo. Lochausen; Thence S. 60, E. 760 vrs. to corner of fence, the N. E. corner of said Dillard Cooper Survey, Thence S. with fence on E. B. of said Dillard Cooper Survey, 1941 1-2 vrs. to stake in said E. line for N. E. corner of the R. Michna 200 acre-tract, and S. E. corner of this tract, Thence W. 1350 vrs to stake in center of public road for S. W. corner of this tract and N. W. corner of the said Michna tract, thence N. with center of public road at 1536 1-2 vrs, center of bridge spanning Indian Creek, at 2321 1-2 vrs place of beginning levied on as the property of R. Michna to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$992.00 in favor of Rasbury & Bruce and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of December A. D. 1907.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff,
 T. J. Gardner, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels. By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 9th day of December, 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of John Marbach et al, versus J. T. Burns et al. No. 884 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1908, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described Property situated in Runnels Co., Texas, to-wit:

Being 114.86 acres of land known as Block No. 12, a subdivision of the H. L. Bays League and Labor Survey No. 444, Abstract No. 17, Certificate 917-1916, patented Nov. 1, 1855 by Patent No. 297, Volume No. 12,—said 114.86 acre tract being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning in the bed of Valley Creek at the n. w. corner of Block No. 7, another subdivision of said Survey, said beginning point being N. 63 E. 20 varas from a stake from which a double elm, each trunk of which is 12 inches in diameter, bears S. 3 W. 4 1-5 varas;

Thence down Valley Creek with its meanders as follows:

S. 15 1-2 E. 100 varas, S. 42 3-4 E. 180 varas, S. 4 1-2 W. 160 varas, S. 56 W. 50 varas, N. 12 W. 160 varas, S. 76 1-2 W. 17 varas, S. 9 1-2 W. 128 varas S. 47 10 E. 109.7 varas to a point in said Creek being the s. e. corner of Block No. 11, another subdivision of said Survey.

Thence N. 60 E. 155.88 varas to a pile of rock under fence on West line of Ballinger-Wingate Public Road;

Thence with said fence N. 28 49 E. 500, 13 varas to pile of rock under fence, being the n. e. corner of Block No. 27;

Thence with the s. e. line of said Block No; 27 S. 60 W. 1128.44 varas to place of beginning.—levied on as the property of J. T. Burns, C. W. Sanders, Jesse Sanders, Carl Sanders and Etta Sanders, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1507.14 in favor of John Marbach, George Knoke and Henry D. Gruene, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of December 1907.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff
 T. J. Gardner, Deputy

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T. J. McCaughn was in from Norton, Wednesday.

R. L. Boulden, the cantaloupe man, left Monday for Chicago.

Bob Norman and Hamil Ward returned, Saturday, from a hunting trip down in the Devils' River country.

Presiding Elder Chapman, of Brownwood, was here Sunday and preached for the Methodist congregation.

Miss Imogene King, the elocution teacher, returned to her home at Brownwood last Sunday, to spend the holidays.

Jesse McAdams came in from Mineral Wells, first of the week, looking a little the best for a few months stay at that place.

Judge Jno. I. Guion went to Midland, Tuesday, on legal business. He expects to return home to-night, or to-morrow.

Judge J. B. Waide was here from Miles Tuesday. It was the day before his wedding and he was stepping around in a hurry.

Wm. Havenhill returned to his home at Thorpe Springs last Saturday. He had been here since October looking after business.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O'Bannon came down from San Angelo Tuesday to visit Mrs. O'Bannon's parents, Judge and Mrs. C. O. Harris.

Miss Mary Rather returned to Temple, Monday. She will go to New Orleans in a few days to spend the winter with her brother Sam, who is there going to school.

W. R. Griffing left Wednesday with his children and household goods for their old home at Crowley, Texas. Mr. Griffing came out here several years ago, and for some time was a member of the Godwin Grocery Co., and made many friends here who will regret to read of his leaving. He owns considerable property at Crowley, and moves back to look after it.



Dear friend:
 We were away from home in jelly-making time, but Mama says she is not going to worry over a hot stove any more to make jelly and jam. She says she can buy it cheaper than she can make it and just as good. Do you know you can get a real nice glass of jelly, any kind you want for 10c.
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