

RAILROAD PROPOSITION COMING TO A FOCUS

Only a Few Days and the Matter Will be Settled
One Way or The Other.

TELEGRAM FROM THE BUILDERS

Are Ready to Sign Contract and go to Work on the Road. Laborers Put New Life in the Bonus Move.

Abilene, Texas, Jan., 14.
C. A. Doose,
Ballinger.—

Read ready to sign contracts in day or so. Have been waiting on settlement of St. Louis. Everything O. K.

W. J. McDaniel.

The above telegram was received by Mr. Doose Tuesday, and explains fully the position Mr. Read, of the Read Bros., Construction Co., is in.

It will be remembered that Mr. Read in company with Mr. McDaniel left Ballinger Christmas week to go over the line from Ballinger to Abilene, and it was reported he would go from there to St. Louis to close up the collection of the balance due him for building the Stephenville road. He was delayed a few days and did not return as early as he expected, but by the time this is in print it is expected that Mr. Read will be here and if the bonus is subscribed the contracts will be signed up and work begin as soon as the other preliminaries of arranging on the definite route the road will go, the location of depot and shop grounds, etc., can be attended to.

The laboring men came to the front last Saturday and held an enthusiastic mass meeting at the city hall, and took steps to help secure the road. Men who do not own a cent of property in the town, and who are working by the day, and without regular work, chipped in to swell the bonus. Amounts from \$5. to \$50 was subscribed and a total of over \$1500. was raised in a few minutes. No doubt the laboring people see very little doing for them in the future around Ballinger, if the road falls through, and they are willing to part with their hard earned cash to get this road.

The bonus took on new life Wednesday when the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank passed an order appropriating \$2500 to the bonus and including in the order that the bonus be made \$5000 if necessary.

J. A. Walker, one of the heavy stockholders in the bank, and president of the Walker-Smith Co., put down \$500, and said double it if necessary to get the bonus. This made the men pushing the list feel good, and it was no trouble for them to talk bonus to a man.

There are others who are able to come in with a good healthy subscription to the list, and it is expected they will do so as soon as the matter can come before them in the proper manner, and by the time the builders get here it is the desire of all enterprising citizens that the bonus will be raised.

We hope to be able to publish in our next issue that things are humming.

J. B. WILMETH DONATES LOT.

Pretty Site Opposite Central Hotel is Offered by the Enterprising Banker and Capitalist.

Ballinger, the progressive county site of Runnels county, and one of the widest awake little cities in the whole central west, has signified a willingness to comply with all requirements necessary to secure a donation from Andrew Carnegie for the purpose of erecting a library at that place. They have asked for a \$15000 building and it has been promised them on certain conditions.

J. B. Wilmeth, a well known banker, of Ballinger has offered to donate a handsome building site just opposite the Central hotel and all other requirements are being met as rapidly as possible. Its a cinch that Ballinger will get the library, because it seems to be up to the people and they have never fallen down on a legitimate proposition yet.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Edward S. McCarver.

We are authorized to place in our announcement column the name of Edward S. McCarver for the office of County Attorney.

Mr. McCarver is too well known in the county for us to add anything that will be of benefit to him in his candidacy for this office. But to the new comer who might not know him so well, we will say that he is thoroughly competent to fill the county attorney's office with honor to himself and the county. For several years past he has been one of Runnels county's successful school teachers, and during vacation he devoted his time to the study of law, and later he entered the State University where he prepared himself for his chosen profession. He has been admitted to the bar and is now a full fledged attorney, and wants to fill the county Attorneys office, if the people think he is the man for the office. Mr. McCarver has many friends in the county who are pulling for him, and he will himself go before the people for a thorough canvas, and he asks you not to pledge your support to anyone before you investigate his claim.

Methodist Services.

Services will be held at the Court house at the morning services, and at the Christian church in the evening.

Mrs Hamblin, of Salado, was here this week to attend the funeral of H. H. Halley.

Miss Helen Crosson returned from a visit to Houston and Galveston, first of the week.

Mrs. J. D. Creath came down from San Angelo, last Sunday to attend the funeral of little Robert Griggs. She was the guest of Mrs. Lee Maddox while here.

A LITTLE TALK WITH CANDIDATES

Great is the Imposition on the Man Seeking Office, and His Trouble Begins When He's Elected.

It is generally understood, and wrongfully too, that from the time a man intimates that he is a candidate for some office he must loosen the draw strings to his money bag and let the coin flow free; set 'em up to the boys, and accommodate other people even to the discomfiture of himself; and when he is elected his salary is supposed to be divided up with the various neighborhoods of the county to help build school houses, churches and defray the expenses of one and a thousand other things. He is expected to buy a cigar for all the boys that smoke and drinks for all that drink, and repeat the performance where-ever the opportunity is afforded. This has been a practice until it has almost become a custom. It is an evil practice to say the least of it, and is degrading to the local politics of any county. To graft a candidate is the chief delight of some individuals, and if the candidate does not tolerate the graft he is considered "short."

By the time a candidate pays the actual legitimate expense, announcing, printing, postage and chipping in to defray the expense of the primary, he has paid well for the office, even if he is elected, and any other graft on him is an imposition, as we see it.

We wish to say for the benefit of the candidates that we never solicit an announcement; nor do we make threats, as we have known other papers to do, to get your announcement. We have not enough votes under the rattle of our machinery to either elect or defeat any candidate; hence we do not pledge ourselves to vote for every man that patronizes our paper, nor do we threaten to black ball a candidate because he goes not. We take it for granted that every candidate knows the best way to get before the people on any question and realize the value of printer's ink. If he does not, he is not capable of managing his own campaign.

We have opened our announcement column at a reasonable rate—not a graft rate—which is made known on application. One kind of business we do solicit, however, from the candidate, and that is the printing of candidate cards. If you have them printed before you see our style you do yourself an injustice and lose money besides. Are we correct in our way of dealing with the candidate, or would it be better to buffalo him a little and bleed him from the word go?

Mrs. W. W. Embry returned from a visit to McGregor, last week.

Forty-Two.

Mrs. J. F. Currie entertained a few friends with a "42" party on last Thursday evening.

The following were present Misses Minnie Perryman, Coral Clark, Nelle Alexander, Minnie Lewis, Bertha Rasbury, Kate B. Gregory, and Morgan; Mesdames Caruthers, E. L. Hagan, C. P. Shepherd and H. Zdarel.

FARMERS UNION LEADERS FIGHT

Seals, Paper Weights and Big Fist Brings Much Blood and Almost Puts President Neill out of Business.

The bitter strife that has been growing between the two factions of the Texas Farmers' union for the past six weeks culminated here yesterday in an assault upon President D. J. Neill that all but resulted seriously. Mr. Neill, during the encounter, which was participated in by three or four, was struck on the forehead with the fifteen-pound official seal and on the left side of the forehead with a paperweight. At first it was thought the blow from the paperweight had resulted in a skull fracture but Dr. R. B. West, who was hastily summoned said otherwise. Either of the licks was of sufficient force to confine Mr. Neill to his bed for some two weeks or longer. J. R. Bean, official doorkeeper of the union, was struck in the stomach by the flying iron seal and painfully, although not seriously injured.

In a statement prepared by those at headquarters late in the afternoon and signed by Mr. Neill, Colonel O. P. Pyle, editor, and George B. Latham, publisher of the National Co-Operator of Dallas, are charged with committing the assault.

As a result of the encounter, pandemonium reigned at the headquarters yesterday afternoon. The door to Mr. Neill's private office was smashed in and the room looked as though it had been placed in the pathway of a Kansas cyclone. The corps of clerks, bookkeepers and stenographers were all conspicuous by their absence and no attempt was made to carry on the regular routine of business.

Mr. Neill lay in his bed on the opposite side of the hallway and talked excitedly of the fight and the causes leading up to it. He declared to those about him that he had exerted his every power to avoid a difficulty and had even called up Pyle and Latham on the day before or after he learned of their intention to come to headquarters and had informed them that they would not be welcome. Despite his warning they had come, he said.

He denied strenuously the charge that he said had been made against him to the effect that he was scheming for the re-installation of the bucketshop in Texas. He denounced any man who thus charged him as being a "scoundrel and a liar."

The fight occurred shortly after 12 o'clock. According to Mr. Neill's statement and that of others who witnessed the encounter, Colonel O. P. Pyle, George B. Latham, Mike H. Thomas and E. A. Calvin, manager of the Farmers' Union Cotton company of Houston, came over from Dallas yesterday morning. There had been frequent talks among the four visitors and other members and officials during the morning, but they and Neill did not meet until about noon. Then Calvin, Pyle and Latham were admitted to his office here, where there were already several of Mr. Neill's friends. The conversation between Mr. Neill on the one side and Messrs. Calvin, Pyle and Latham on the other grew warm from the very start. Mr. Neill

declared to them that they were not welcome at headquarters and told them he had so informed them over the telephone. Those present say they do not know just what was then said.

STATEMENT BY NEILL.

The statement written at Mr. Neill's dictation during the afternoon follows:

"Knowing that fragments of conversation and partial facts will reach the press, and through the press the people. I deem it best to make a personal statement of the facts as they occurred in connection with the assault made upon me today by O. P. Pyle and George B. Latham in my private office at Farmers' union headquarters.

"I have known for some time that there has been a conspiracy on foot to either disrupt the Farmers' union of Texas or to induce it to change its mind on the question of bucket shop law might be repealed at the next session of the legislature. I have been doing everything in my power to thwart the efforts of the men who have been in this conspiracy and to forestall their efforts. In my efforts to keep the conspiracy from making inroads upon the Farmers' union, I have incurred the enmity of O. P. Pyle, editor and George B. Latham, business manager of the National Co-Operator. They visited headquarters today and I told them they were not welcome and that I did not believe they were the friends of the Farmers' union, upon which they attacked me, taking me unawares, Pyle struck me in the head with a heavy metal seal and Latham with a paperweight from behind. The above are the cold facts. D. J. NEILL, President of the Farmers' union of Texas.

Mr. Neill would have but very little to say regarding the causes leading up to the difficulty. He charged that it grew directly out of a conspiracy formed against him. This conspiracy he said, had partly to do with the fight to have the bucket shop reinstated in Texas—a movement that has always had his strong opposition.

STATEMENT BY PYLE.

Dallas, Jan. 15—Colonel O. P. Pyle editor of the National Co-Operator, returned from Fort Worth this afternoon. In regard to the difficulty at the Farmers' union headquarters, which resulted in serious injury to President Neill of the union. Colonel Pyle authorized the following statement:

"Some time ago Calvin accused Neill of having circulated reports to the effect that he was to be a candidate for governor in the next campaign against Governor Campbell. This charge was made by Mr. Calvin at the conference yesterday and Neill denied ever having made any such statement. Calvin then turned to me and asked me to verify its charge. I stated to them that Neill had told me that Calvin had told him he intended to run for governor. Neill there upon called me a liar and picking up the union seal, attacked me.

"The trouble grew out of Neill's action at the recent Memphis meeting in appointing a committee of five to investigate certain charges against E. A. Calvin, G. B. Latham and myself. This committee was appointed from members of the Texas union. The hearing of the charges

against us—which were for a conspiracy—was to have been held in Fort Worth today. Calvin, Latham and myself went over to attend the hearing, as a matter of course. We arrived there to find the thing had been declared off. We inquired of Mr. Neill the cause and were told by him that two members of the committee were sick. We then asked him if it was not a fact that the hearing was declared off some time ago and before the members were taken sick. Mr. Neill admitted that such was the case and we then inquired by what authority he had taken that action. This led directly to the difficulty."—Ft. Worth Record.

Card Party.

Miss Hermia Smith was hostess to a few friends on last Wednesday afternoon. Five Hundred was the game enjoyed. After a series of exciting games and many losses and gains, a delicious luncheon was served.

All present declared this to be a delightfully informal social function.

New Charter Filed.

Yesterday's Record special from Austin noted the filing of the charter of the Bennett Abstract Co. naming incorporators, L. C. Alexander, B. B. Stone and R. L. Bennett. This company was organized the early part of last year and have expended a considerable sum of money making a complete Abstract of all the lands in the county, and have brought their records down to date, and have begun to serve people desiring perfect titles to their lands with neat abstracts. The company confines its business strictly to conveyancing, abstracting and loans, and does not deal in real estate. The new firm is a strong one and promises to be of much good to the town and public.

Woman's Home Mission Society.

Mrs. Sam Baker entertained the Home Mission Society Wednesday afternoon in her characteristic charming manner. A "Progressive Conversation Party" was the mode of diversion chosen. Until the signal was given no one was allowed to speak; this was not so difficult as would seem, as written communication was permitted; after which numbers and topics were assigned and the real fun began.

The subjects chosen covered a wide range of thought, such as the time-honored "New Years Resolutions," "Flowers," "Music," and embraced the at present all absorbing questions of "The Next Democratic Nominee," "The Financial Panic," and included subjects purely local, but of vital interest to those there as, "Our New R. R." and "How to furnish the New Church." The programs were printed in purple and gold, the society colors.

The beautiful home was made still more attractive with lovely calla lilies, hyacinths and narcissi. At the close of the afternoon's pleasures a dainty salad course with chocolate was served.

The License records show that permits to marry have been issued since last Saturday to Jim Cox and Dora Hays; A. C. Miller and Flora Dorsett; O. S. Clark and Mary E. Campbell; C. C. Drake and Jessie Byers.

San Angelo Oil Mill Completed.
R. B. Creasy, superintendent of the San Angelo oil mill, located east of the city, near the stock pens, went to Ballinger Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday. Mr. Creasy states that practically all the machinery for the plant has arrived and is being installed.

The oil mill will be in operation by the opening of the cotton season of 1908, and by that time the \$40,000 compress, to be built near the oil mill on the site now occupied by the Santa Fe stock pens, will be ready for business.

The oil mill plant will cost about \$75,000 and will be one of the most modern in the state, and it will furnish employment for twenty-five to forty laborers. The building proper for the plant is a large two-story stone structure and on each end is a frame building, 250 feet long and fifty feet wide, one of which will be

used for the hull house and the other for the seed.—San Angelo Standard.

The happiest man in the land today is the successful farmer. He sits under his own vine and fig tree; undisturbed by the maddening noise of the great city. Banks fail, railroads go into the hands of receivers, booming towns collapse, all business stagnates. But the wise farmer can snap his finger at these things. He is the monarch of all he surveys on his broad acres. And the honesty of his boys and the purity of his girls is guarded against temptations, and in them he is giving the country its best manhood and womanhood. The farmer is to be envied, and if he is not contented with his lot, he is lacking in wisdom.—Mt. Pleasant Times-Review.

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

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. 896, 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.

WINTERS CITIZENS TALK RAILROAD

Will Stand Pat, and Work for a Greater Winters. Can't Afford to Give Up.

The Winters Enterprise in reporting a railroad meeting in that town says: "Monday night the railroad committee met in the Winters Land company's office, and since then the public has been wearing a smile of contentment, to some degree. The committee decided that Winters is able to hold her own, under any of the present prospects for a road.

The first steps to be taken will likely be to raise a bonus of \$25,000.00 for a railroad to come to this place, or to build a road from Winters to this other road should it come near enough to do any damage to our city.

Should a road go east of here a few miles, an electric line from this place will greet the new town by escorting her prospectors over this way, where we already have a town established in the center of the largest belt of black prairie land in fifty miles. The best farming land in all of West Texas is only a small item on our drawing card. The labors of many successful financiers are permanently established here, and prospectors may feast on the fruits of these many advantages, instead of having to finance the growth of a city in the "cedar brakes."

One of the largest and latest modeled school buildings to be found in this part of the state is now nearing completion right in this very town. Notwithstanding the fact that we have three church buildings, that are modern edifices in every respect.

As to our residences they are in countless numbers, that would fitly adorn the streets of any city in this country. Everything has an air of pride and prosperity, showing that the builders are determined to stay here—where most all the public necessities are in full bloom.

The committee certainly viewed the situation in the right manner, this wise decision made by them, should cause the public to have the utmost confidence in their ability to manage this project. Make up your mind to stay with them, and Winters is the safest and best proposition on the market.

Capital and brains are behind our town and this railroad that will connect us with one. should it build near—Winters is here with the goods, and if we can't haul them in faster than they leave, its because a road never attempts to miss our city."

Stomach Muscles in Old Age

People should be more and more careful, as age advances, to see that their bowels move regularly. In this way they can keep themselves in good health and prolong life. The bowels are not as active in middle-life and old age as they are in youth, and with the majority there is a tendency to constipation of a chronic and obstinate nature.

To ward off the possibility of serious diseases use Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great herb laxative compound. It is especially suited to the use of elderly people because it is prompt but gentle in action, and does its work without griping or weakening, as is the case with salts, purgative waters and cathartic tablets. These should not be used by children, women, old folks or weak people because they are too violent in action and generally gripe. Furthermore, the results are temporary as a reaction sets in and the bowels are bound up more than ever.

A remedy like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is very gentle in action and yet thoroughly effective, and as it contains tonic properties, it strengthens the system instead of weakening it. The results are permanent because gradual, and many can in a short time do away with the use of all laxatives. It will cure the most chronic constipation, dyspepsia, liver trouble, biliousness, sour stomach, weak stomach, bloating, drowsiness after eating and such other stomach, liver and bowel troubles.

To prove how effective it is in serious cases the experience of Mr. Armstrong, of Decatur, Ill., can be cited. He suffered from a gunshot wound during the Civil War which caused a partial paralysis of the bowels and he has had ever since to use a laxative. He says he never found anything so effective, or which worked so near to nature, as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Try it and you will say the same. The price is 50 cents or \$1 a bottle at any druggist.

A DEATH BLOW TO DEADHEADS

Newspaper Can't Be Sent on a Credit More Than One Year.

A U. S. law has recently gone into effect which sounds the death knell to delinquent subscribers and he who is now without a record for delinquency will be unable in the future to make such, even if he should desire to do so. The new law will not permit a publisher to send his paper, if it be a daily to a subscriber in arrears more than three months, semi-weekly longer than nine months, and weeklies more than one year. This only applies to papers delivered to subscribers through postoffices. The penalty against publishers disobeying this law is too severe to be disregarded, and there will be a wonderful chopping off going on in the newspaper offices throughout the country, especially those classed as the country sheets.

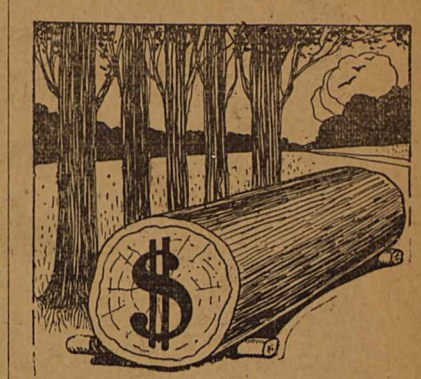
The Leader is proud of the fact that it has no large list of delinquents over the year limit, but it will comply with the law. There are several classes of subscribers on every newspaper subscription list that do not require such in advance. There is the man who always comes in voluntarily and keeps his figures marked up a year or more in advance; also the man who never lets more than a year's dues accumulate; the man who is as good as as gold, but who looks upon it as a small matter and neglects it from year to year, but finally pays up in full with a smile and apologizes for his dereliction; then there is that abominable cuss who will impose upon the publisher, who has been misled into believing him honest, but receiving the paper from week to week and year to year, and reminded of his delinquency puts his paper back in the office marked "refused," or swears by all that is good and bad that he never subscribed for it, or who says he ordered it stopped, and would see the paper man where there is no zero weather before he will pay it.

As a whole, however, the new law is a good one, and the publisher and honest subscribers can not object to it. The Leader does not believe it has any belonging to the last class named above on its list at present, and it does believe that those belonging in the neglectful rank that it will be compelled to cut off, will take no offense, but come in the first opportunity and square up.

The First Candidate to Announce.

Joe Spoons breaks the ice for the candidates, and in the proper place in the Leader his name will be found under the office of cotton weigher. Mr. Spoons is now serving the City of Ballinger as Water Works Superintendent, but believes in rotation in office and he comes before the public asking to be elected to the office of public weigher for Cotton Weigher's Precinct No. 1. Mr. Spoons has made the city a splendid water works superintendent. He is capable of making a good cotton weigher. He has had experience that fits him for the office. In the past he has been connected with the various cotton gins at Ballinger, and being familiar with cotton handling and cotton weighing, and being a good bookkeeper and a thorough business man the voters would make no mistake in electing Mr. Spoons to weigh their cotton.

As stated above Mr. Spoons believes in rotation in office, and if the voters see fit to elect him for one term, and he should be re-elected for the second he will step down and out and give some other fellow a chance.

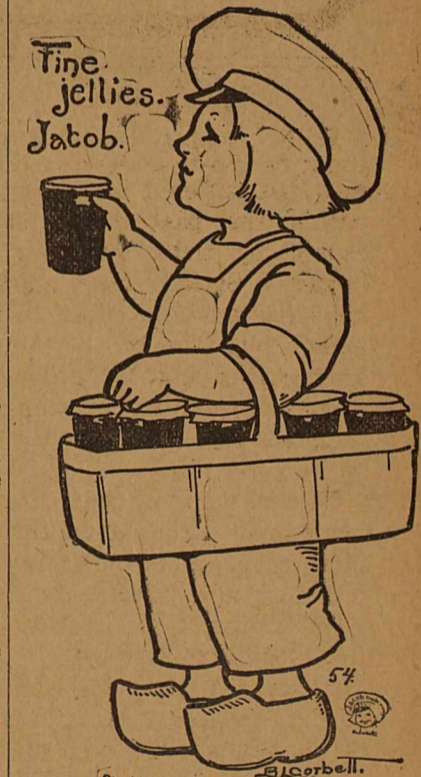


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Is the pleasant experience that will come for you if you buy your lumber supplies at this yard.
LUMBER VALUE
Is in every board, piece of siding, upright, or beam that you load on your wagon and that we charge you for. Before buying, get our prices!
Ballinger Lumber Company

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 hereby warn parties to keep out. No hunting, pecan gathering or trespassing in any manner will be allowed.
tf J. W. Raby.

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



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.
your friend,
Jacob.

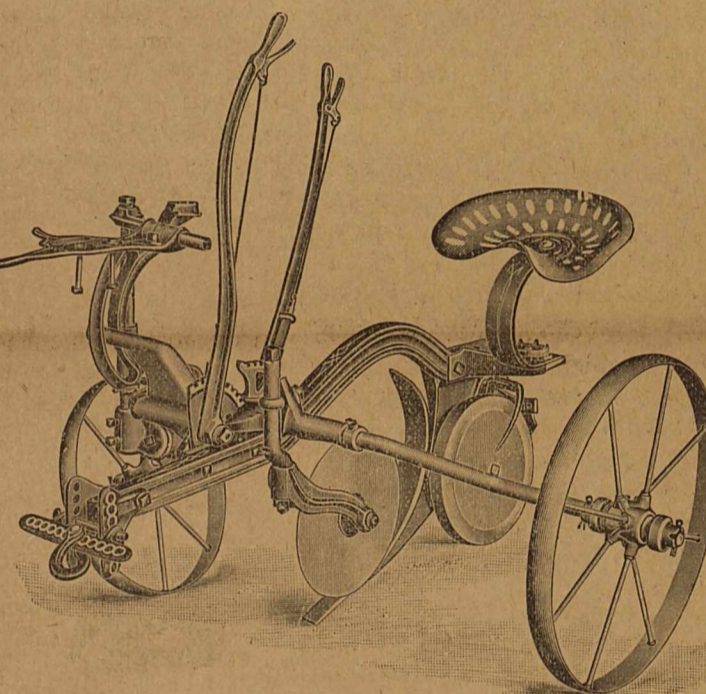
P. S. It would surprise you to see how many different kinds of jams and jellies and things put up in glasses and bottles you can get at

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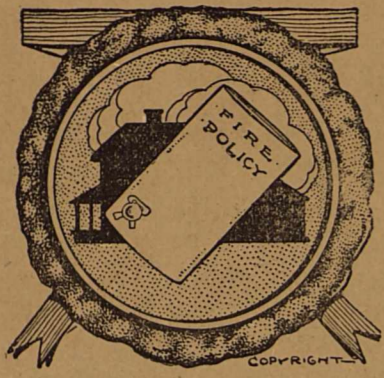
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Is tamped on every fire insurance policy we issue. When you insure with us and the policy is "signed sealed and delivered," you can rest assured you have done a good

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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Smokeless Powder Shells
"LEADER" and "REPEATER"

The superiority of Winchester Smokeless Powder Shells is undisputed. Among intelligent shooters they stand first in popularity, records and shooting qualities. Always use them For Field or Trap Shooting.

Ask Your Dealer For Them.

A Happy New Year.

We extend to all our customers and friends our sincere thanks for patronage and favors through 1907, and wish for one and all a Happy New Year and prosperous 1908.

Jas. E. Brewer

N. B. Remember we can supply you with dependable jewelry and give you first-class repair work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
EDWARD S. MCCARVER.
FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER:
JOE SPOONTS.

Resolutions of Respect.

Ballinger, Tex., Jan., 14 1908.
Whereas, it has pleased the Divine Ruler of the universe, to again visit our Brotherhood with the sad hand of death, and take from us, our beloved brother, S. B. Corder, who departed this life Jan., and as said brother was a true and faithful Odd Fellow, a kind and loving husband and a devoted father always striving for the advancement of justice and right, and always striving for the advancement of justice and right, and the promotion of Friendship, Love and Truth, Therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Runnels Lodge No. 291, I. O. O. F., of Ballinger, Texas, do hereby acknowledge our great loss and express our sincere sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, that we, the above named lodge, do hereby extend to the grief stricken wife and family of the deceased brother, our profound sympathy, in this their saddest of sad hours, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and one to each of the local papers, with a request for publication.

Dr. I. N. Thompson
Edwd. S. McCarver, } Com.
J. B. Alvis.

Ballinger, Tex., Jan., 14 1908.
Whereas the death angel has removed from among us little Robert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Griggs, his sad demise having occurred Jan., 12, 1908, and whereas Bro. Griggs is a member of our beloved fraternity in good standing and full fellowship, and whereas the little Robert was the light and pride of his loving and indulgent parents his untimely exit to the Better World has shattered their fondest hopes, and forever stilled the loving baby voice, leaving an otherwise happy home shrouded in sorrow, therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of Runnels Lodge No. 291, I. O. O. F. do hereby express our profound grief, and extend to the bereaved parents our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and assure them that their sorrows are shared by us in this trying ordeal, and that their loss is Heaven's gain. Be it further.

Resolved: that a copy of these resolutions be sent the parents of the deceased, that same be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, and that a copy of same be given the local papers with a request for publication.

Dr. I. N. Thompson
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Resolutions Passed by Ballinger Lodge.
No. 643, A. F. & A. M.

Whereas God in his wisdom has seen fit to call from his labors on Earth to his reward in Heaven our brother H. H. Halley. Therefore, be it Resolved that we express to his wife and to Dr. W. B. Halley, the brother of the deceased and our brother and to the other relatives, our heart felt sympathy and prayers and that we commend them to the care and consolation of our merciful heavenly Father, who does all things well, though often as in this instance His wisdom is past our finite comprehension.

Resolved further that these resolutions be spread on our minutes and that a copy of the same be sent to his wife and another to Dr. Halley and that the local papers be also furnished a copy.

Geo. W. Fender
W. E. Allen, } Com.
C. R. Crews

OLD MAN KILLED BY WAGON

Travis Blair Met Death While Returning Home From Ballinger.

Last Friday just as we were going to press news was brought to town of the accidental killing of Travis Blair. Mr. Blair had been to Ballinger and loaded his wagon with chops and was returning to his home in the League country, when about eight miles from Ballinger he fell from the wagon, the wagon running over him. It seems that the wagon struck a stump and the man lost his balance. A Ballinger physician was phoned for but the hurt was of such nature that death claimed its victim before the physician could reach him.

Mr. Blair was seventy years old. He leaves a family. His son was with him when the accident happened.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of Runnels. By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas, County, on 7th day of January, 1908, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Kingman Texas Implement Co., versus W. F. Borders No. 3330, 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 February A. D. 1908, it being the 4th 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:

Situated and lying in Runnels County Texas, and known as all save and except 160 acres out said Survey conveyed to W. H. Trout, of S. P. R. Co. No. 19 abstract No. 446, Certificate 1213, of patent to W. J. Hutchings, on April 8th, 1873 letter Patent No. 429, Vol. 6, for field notes of entire survey reference is made to book 43 page 215 deed records of Runnels county Texas, and for field notes of that part conveyed to Trout, reference is made to Book 44, page 611, deed records of Runnels County, said above mentioned deeds made part of this description levied on as the property of W. F. Borders, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2319.70 in favor of Kingman Texas Implement Co., and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of January, 1908.

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

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New Hearing in Dupree and Byrd Prohibition Case is Denied.

The supreme court on yesterday refused to grant a new hearing in the Dupree and Byrd cases. It will be remembered that Dupree and Byrd were held in contempt of court by Judge Godwin for violation of the local option law and were sentenced to three days imprisonment and fined a hundred dollars each. The cases were carried up to the higher courts on writs of habeas corpus and the supreme court held that the order of the court was in accordance with the law.

A motion was made for a new hearing in the case on grounds that the injunction feature of the new law was unconstitutional. The court handed down a decision yesterday holding the law valid, overruling the motion for new trial.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Cattle Freer From Ticks and Diseases.

Texas range cattle are now freer from ticks and contagious diseases than in recent years, according to the report of the livestock sanitary commission of Texas for the year of 1907. This report has been forwarded by Chairman J. H. Wilson of Quanah, to Governor Campbell and includes this batch of interesting information:

The work of the livestock sanitary commission is largely quarantine. We have a line across the state of Texas from the Red river to the Rio Grande. This line is for the purpose of preventing ticks from crossing this line and carrying the disease to the cattle north and west of said line, which are susceptible to tick fever.

As the benefits to be derived from the regulation of this commission are now better understood by the people, less friction is caused by their enforcement.

In March, 1807, the live stock sanitary commission invited the secretary of agricultural, Hon. James Wilson, to co-operate in the work of tick eradication, the United States congress having appropriated money to assist such states as would co-operate with that department. The invitation was accepted and a force of about twenty men, divided in three sections, at Colorado City, Stamford and Quanah have materially assisted this commission in the work of tick eradication. Owing to the insufficiency of the state funds we could not employ as many men as we really needed. The work has been largely confined to the provisional area, the firing line. The work has progressed very satisfactorily and about 500,000 cattle have been dipped for the eradication of ticks.

The arsenical dip composed of arsenic, sal soda and pine tar, has been recommended and acceptedly used. We would especially call attention to the fact that when cattle suffering from fever, which is very fatal, were dipped in this preparation, the disease was arrested, the infection stopped and thousands of dollars have been saved to the cattle interests by the use of this dip, as many cattlemen will testify.

The inspectors for this commission and the bureau of animal industry have in spected and permitted to be moved something like 600,000 cattle.

Tuberculosis—it is quite an accepted fact by all that tuberculosis can be transmitted from the bovine to the human. Yet there is but little danger of such infection on the open range. And as the transmission of this dreaded disease to the people from drinking the milk or eating the flesh of such animals comes especially under the supervision of another department we have not gone further into it our cattle being largely range cattle and not so susceptible to tuberculosis as dairy cattle. However, it is our opinion that the proper department should look well into this matter. And if deemed advisable, proper tests should be made, and all cattle infected with tuberculosis destroyed. And it will be our purpose to look more clearly into the importation of cattle and if possible prevent the introduction of tuberculous cattle into Texas.

Eugene Risser went to San Angelo, last Saturday, to spend Sunday with lady friends.

Mrs. H. Zdaril returned to her home at DeLeon, last Saturday, after a visit to Ballinger friends.

J. A. Walker, of Brownwood, was here Wednesday to attend a stockholders meeting of the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Walker is President of the Walker-Smith Co., and while here put down that firm for \$500 on the railroad bonus.

CUSTOM OF SALUTING FOX

English Newspaper Explains Origin of Pretty Idea Common In That Country.

"The custom of taking off the hat by way of salutation to a fox when you are not hunting him, as the kaiser did the other day, is probably merely a variation of an act of courtesy exchanged between men in more warlike days than these," says the Manchester Guardian. "The invaluable Brewer tells us that taking off the hat is a relic of the ancient custom of taking off the helmet when no danger is nigh. 'A man takes off his hat to show that he dares to stand unarmed in your presence.' The naval salute of discharging guns originally implied that as no danger existed no guns would be required, and the military fashion of presenting arms is said to be tantamount to offering to give them up. The fox that is surprised by pheasant shooters may not make his retreat less expeditiously because the shooters doff their hats to him, but this is how the custom arose."

STRONGEST OF ALL WORDS.

Official tests of the many valuable hard woods native to western Australia have made known the extraordinary properties of yate, believed to be the strongest of all known woods. Its average tensile strength is 24,000 pounds to the square inch, equaling that of cast iron. Many specimens are, however, much stronger and one was tested up to 17½ tons to the square inch, which is equal to the tensile strength of wrought iron. The sawn timber of yate is probably the strongest in the world. The tree grows to a maximum height of 100 feet and has sometimes a diameter of two and one-half or even three feet.

NOVEL WEDDING FEATURE.

A novel feature at an English wedding were clusters of golden apples used to decorate the ivory satin hats of the bridesmaids, who carried staffs tied with yellow roses and wore the colors of the bridegroom's regiment, the Cameronian Scottish rifles, in enamel brooches. Their frocks were striped with gauze embroidered in white empire wreaths.

The bride, in a Limerick lace frock showing seed pearls here and there, wore over her gown a tulle stole in white ribbon and pearls.

ONE SATISFACTION.



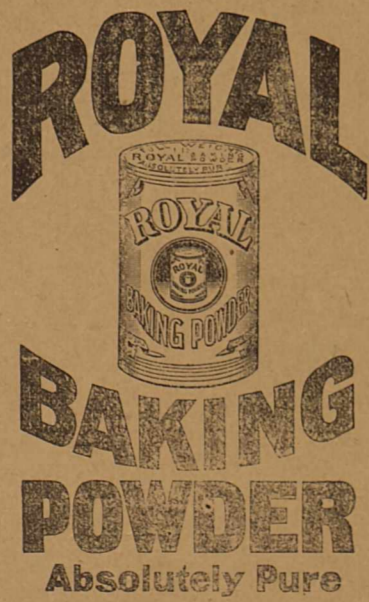
Gertrude—It's no use; I wouldn't marry the handsomest man on earth.
George—Well, anyhow, you will henceforth have the satisfaction of knowing that he has asked you.

DIVORCES EQUAL MARRIAGES.

In the town of Towanda, in Pennsylvania, report shows that there is one divorce filed for every marriage license issued and they will not vary more than 200 to 300 in the last few years. Ninety per cent of these unhappy marriages are said to have been made in New York. As these elopements will be impossible after the first of January, because of more strict New York marriage laws, it is possible that there may be fewer divorces recorded in Pennsylvania.

VICTIM OF THE TRUSTS.

Mrs. Pnceer—You're putting nearly as much wrapping paper as beef-steak on those scales and making me pay meat prices for it.
Marketman—Yes, ma'am, and I'm letting you have all that wrapping paper with a full knowledge of the fact that the price of it, owing to the soulless greed of the wood pulp monopoly, is going up right along. Anything else this morning, ma'am?



Absolutely Pure
The only baking powder
made with Royal Grape
Cream of Tartar
No Alum, No Lime Phosphate

The Cough of Consumption

Your doctor will tell you that fresh air and good food are the real cures for consumption. But often the cough is very hard. Hence, we suggest that you ask your doctor about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It controls the tickling, quiets the cough.



We publish our formulas
We banish alcohol from our medicines
We urge you to consult your doctor
One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will cause an increased flow of bile, and produce a gentle laxative effect the day following. Formula on each box. Show it to your doctor. He will understand at a glance. Dose, one pill at bedtime.
—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.—



Have a Slice.

Land that is well located, good soil, smooth and well worth all we ask for it, will sell itself to the man who knows. It doesn't take extra inducements in terms to sell it.

We represent land of this class in any size tracts, with a \$300 per cash payment and balance easy terms.

We have always striven to fill the country with the very best class of people and to sell a man only so much land as he could pay for. We always insist on the purchaser taking an abstract, which we furnish free. In fact we treat our clients like we should like to be treated.

Call on us for land, loans, Abstracts and conveyancing.

Giesecke-Bennett Co.

"The Square-deal firm."

Catarrh and Headache

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it. She is right.

Lame Shoulder Cured

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

WINTER EVENINGS

an excellent time to plan a vacation. Write for following booklets:

Titan of Chasms. Side Trips. Petrified Forest. Reasons Why. Summer Outing in California. A Colorado Summer. Santa Fe Trail. They are Free. FRED HARVEY MEAL SERVICE via SANTA FE



W. S. KEENAN, Gen. Pass. Agt. G. C. & S. F. RAILWAY Galveston, Texas.

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

It Will Stay There

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."

R. M. Swann, Franklin, La.

CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT.

Says Many Persons Here Can Be Made Happy Again By Using This Home Made Mixture.

There is so much Rheumatism here in our neighborhood now that the following advice by an eminent authority, who writes for readers of a large Eastern daily paper, will be highly appreciated by those who suffer:

Get from any good pharmacy one half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces of Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Shake these well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime: also drink plenty of good water.

It is claimed that there are few victims of this dread and torturous disease who will fail to find ready relief in this simple home made mixture and in most cases a permanent cure is the result.

This simple recipe is said to strengthen and cleanse the eliminative tissues of the Kidneys so that they can filter and strain from the blood and system the poisons, acids and waste matter, which cause not only Rheumatism, but numerous other diseases. Every man or woman here who feels that their kidneys are not healthy and active, or who suffers from any urinary trouble whatever should not hesitate to make up this mixture, as it is certain to do much good and may save you from much misery and suffering after while.

Our home druggists say they will either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription ready to take if our readers ask them.

Sifted down to the wire, don't you believe that all people who disagree with you are wrong.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

A comfortable thing about being rich is that you only get fined when you ought to be put in jail.

Don't Take the Risk

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

At the end of life's brief day we shall be rewarded, not according to the work we have done, but to the faithfulness with which we have endeavored to do our duty in whatever sphere we are placed.

HIDDEN DANGERS

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Ballinger Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

DANGER SIGNAL No. 1. comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

DANGER SIGNAL No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull heavy or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently.

F. W. Wyatt, living in the east part of San Angelo, Texas, says: "For over a year I suffered from backache and kidney trouble. While not having to quit work there were times when I should have been in bed but could not afford it and this kept the trouble aggravated. There was a constant dead ache in my back and my rest at night was disturbed by the too frequent action of the kidneys. Altogether I was in a bad way. Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and since using two boxes of them I feel like a new man. The above symptoms have entirely disappeared. In my estimation Doan's Kidney Pills cannot be too highly recommended."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co. Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name Doans and take no other.

A thing long expected and earnestly desired, when possessed, does not always bring the happiness anticipated.

Too Much Face

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia Don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Never be ashamed to own that you have been in the wrong, which is but saying that you are wiser today than you were yesterday.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper Maine. These ablets are for sale by Walkert Drug Co.

Caught in the Rain

then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young old. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Above all things, be on guard against your temper. It is an enemy that will accompany you everywhere to the last hour of your life. If you listen to it it will frustrate your designs and dispossess you of your best friends.

Let Us Show You

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

Years Of Experience

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

Miller Mercantile Company

Ballinger People With Weak Lungs Need Vinol.

Many people inherit weak lungs which are likely to be attacked by consumption. So also are lungs weakened by disease or by a stubborn hacking cough.

No matter what the cause, Vinol strengthens weak lungs and gives one the power to throw off wasting diseases.

The reason that Vinol has such power to heal and strengthen is because it contains in a highly concentrated form all of the curative, medicinal and strength-

creating elements of cod liver oil, actually taken from fresh cods' livers, with the useless, nauseating oil eliminated and tonic iron added.

So sure are we of what Vinol will do that we ask every person in Ballinger suffering from weak lungs, stubborn hacking coughs or any wasting disease to try Vinol on our offer to return money if it fails. The Walker Drug Co.

Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

The Price of Peace.

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Try it Once

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Notice--Keep Out.

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

Thousands Have Kidney

Trouble and Never Suspect it.

Prevalency of Kidney Disease.

Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost the last recognized by patient and physicians, who consent themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease undermines the system.

What To Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention this paper and don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y.

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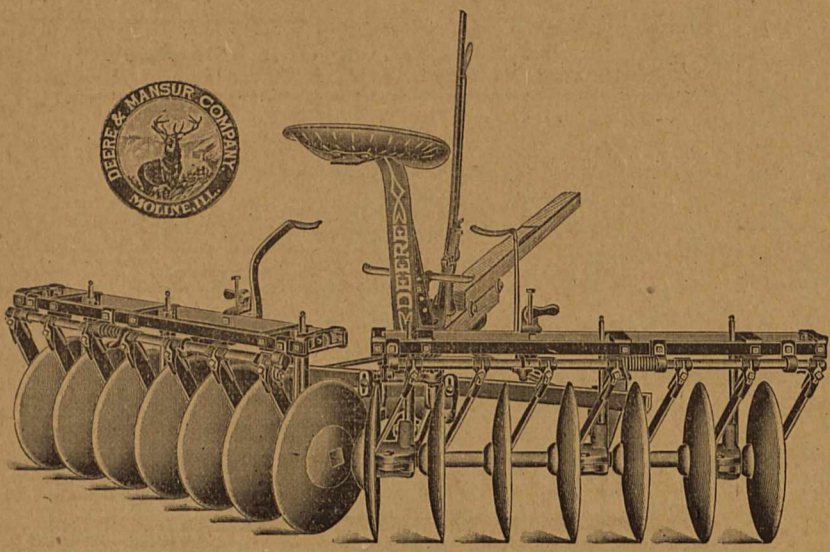
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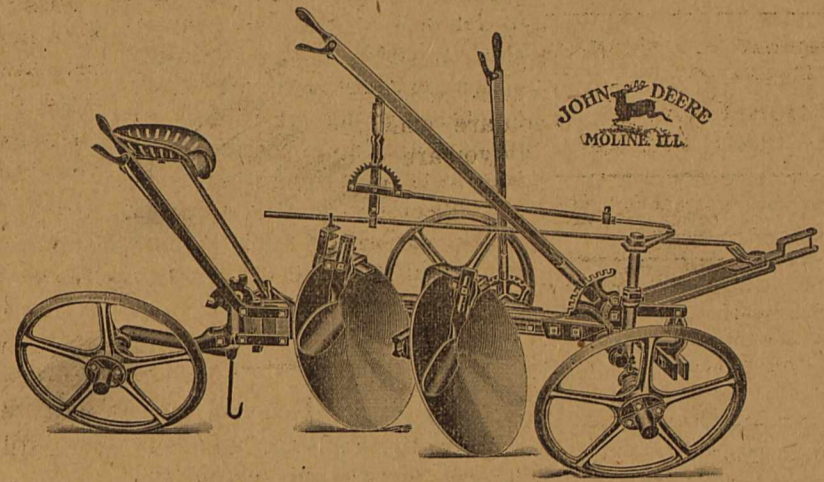
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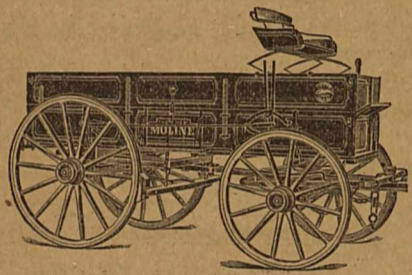
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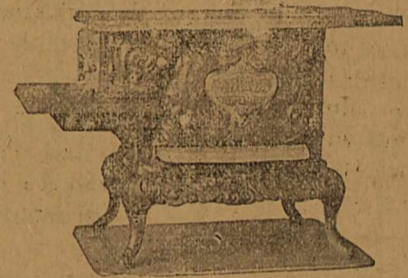
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Ballinger, Texas.



The Citizens National Bank Of Ballinger

sincerely trust that the year 1908 holds in store for each and every one three hundred and sixty-five days of Happiness and Prosperity.

And also desires to thank every customer and friend for the nice business given us during the past year and we offer to all the best service possible in our line.

UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION
STATE DEPOSITORY

Dont it Jar You?

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

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

Contentment is the philosopher's stone which turns all its touches into gold; the poor man is rich with it and the rich man is poor without it.

Over Coat Lost.

Dark check overcoat lost between Wyley Ranch and Ballinger. Torn place on right hand side near bottom. Return to Banner-Leader and get pay for trouble.

J. Y. GARRETT,

The Moler Barber College, Ft. Worth Tex., certainly offers splendid chance for men to learn that trade quickly. There is little expense and positions are numerous. Their illustrated catalogue explains fully, write them.

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.

—Old Papers 20c hundred.

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.

TAX RENDITIONS REMAINS THE SAME

So Says The Honorable Commissions in Session This Week. Get Ready to Tell Your Wealth

The commissioners met in call session Monday to discuss the tax rendition question and say whether Tax Assessor Day should follow Bill McDonald and assessor property its full value or whether the rendition should be taken on the same basis as heretofore. It was unanimously decided to pay no attention to the full rendition idea, and the tax assessor was instructed to use the same method in making his assessments as in the past. That does not mean that your property will be given in at the same figures, but that the assessment will be made on the same basis of valuation. If your property has increased in value of course you are expected to render it accordingly.

The court discussed the tax question at length and decided the action taken would be better than to lower the tax rate, especially as they had no authority to lower the school tax. Tax Assessor Day is getting things in shape and will soon start out to investigate your holdings, and as the commissioner court has done the right thing in the matter you should come to the front and keep none of your secret wealth from going on the rolls. Get out that old stocking full of money you have been hoarding and show it to the assessor; let him help you count it and let it be rendered to help pay the expense of the government that protects you and your money.

Before adjourning the court passed an order that they all hold over another term provided the voters passed a like order.

Let the Leader do it for you.

Progressive Procession.

If you want goods down close to cost come to the

GRESCENT STORE

situated opposite the Opera House on the corner.

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits and Vegetables, Also Feed Supplies.

J. O. MIXON

Owner and Proprietor

Phone No. 16.

Prohibitionists Pass Resolutions.

Dallas, Texas.—The following are the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the state prohibition committee in Dallas January 9:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee, representing as it does, the state and national Prohibition party in Texas, that now is the opportune time for the crystallization and organization of all forces favorable to prohibition, for a state amendment campaign on the question of state prohibition such campaign having for its object the submission of a prohibition amendment to the voters of the state in 1909.

Inasmuch as the submission of such an amendment must come through a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature, we voice our conviction that in every legislative contest this question should be made an issue, and that those favoring state prohibition should support no man for the legislature who will not openly pledge himself if elected, to vote and work for

the submission of a state amendment to the people.

We further pledge ourselves to help in every way possible the fight for state prohibition, and to give our hearty co-operation and fellowship to any and all organizations working for the same end.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the state committee, and that copies be furnished to the religious and secular press of the state for publication.

One hundred and thirty-two saloons closed their doors in Atlanta yesterday evening in accordance with the state prohibition law, which went into effect yesterday. Decatur street will be transformed from a row of tough joints into an aggregation of respectable business places.—Atlanta Georgian

There is a vast difference between wishing and winning. Many a good man has failed because he had his wishbone where his backbone ought to have been.

Your Hauling Who Does It?

Allison & Cobb would be pleased to do your work. Prompt service and courteous treatment.

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Election Year



1908 promises to be the warmest campaign year the country has experienced since the Hogg-Clark campaign. Many people—voters—will go to the polls to vote ignorant of the important issues before the people, and will have to vote as the other fellow says, or vote on the question ignorantly. And why? Because you do not read your county paper. There is no one dollar spent to a better advantage than the dollar spent for your home paper. Many times one issue of the paper is worth the price of subscription to you. The Leader is one dollar per year, and we can give you

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The Mate of the Motor Boat

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The sun had set and the lake was amethystine from shore to shore. The little motor launch cut a path through the silver waves that rippled back to the lily pads and rushes in the shallower waters.

Victoria in pale blue linen was at the wheel. Doring, doing things to the engine with both hands, directed her.

"If you are steering for Crab Apple island," he said, "you must turn the wheel to the left."

Victoria brought the boat around in silence.

"Perhaps you'd better do it," she said, stiffly, when they were well on their way.

"Oh, you were doing it all right," Doring hastened to apologize, "only if you had kept on we should have landed at Mineola."

"I think I should like to land at Mineola," Victoria said over her shoulder.

"But there are so many people."

"I like people," briefly.

"And we should have to sit on the hotel porch and talk."

"I like to talk."

"Then for Heaven's sake steer for Mineola," was Doring's exasperated settling of the matter.

But Victoria set the little boat straight for Crab Apple island.



"But I Could Not Win Her—a Common Old Fellow Like Me."

"On such a night as this—" Doring began.

Victoria turned her head. "If you are going to quote poetry," she said, "I shall go home."

"Look here," Doring demanded, "what have I done?"

"What haven't you done?" was the counter-question.

"State your grievance."

"It was such a conspicuous thing to carry me off from the hotel alone in your launch. We might have brought Augusta Deming—or—or someone."

"But I am not engaged to Augusta Deming, and I am engaged to you, and I haven't seen you for three weeks."

"Augusta thinks you are lovely—she—she is just the kind of a girl you ought to marry, Dick."

"But I want to marry you," Dick said.

There was dead silence, except for the ripple of the violet waves and the throb of music in the distance.

Then Victoria said with an effort:

"But I am not sure that I want to marry you—Dick—"

Having gotten it out, her hands dropped nervously from the wheel and the boat wobbled. "For Heaven's sake, look out, Vic," her lover cried.

When they had righted themselves, Richard demanded, tensely, "Don't you think that a month before our wedding is a little late—to change your mind—?"

"But I have changed it."

"Really Vic?"

"Really Richard."

They had almost reached the pier at Crab Apple island. Richard stopped the engine and the boat came in silently. There was no one on the pier, and as Doring helped his fiancée from the boat, he held her for a moment, closely. "How did it happen, dear?" he questioned, and

in the waning light she could see the pain in his eyes.

"I don't know," she faltered, and drew away a bit.

He let her go, and then he asked, "Who is the man?"

For a moment she hesitated and then she said: "Look up there in the doorway. That is the man—"

A bungalow stood on the brow of the hill that sloped up from the pier, and there in the open doorway, with the lamplight glowing rosilily behind him, stood a man with a halo of white, bushy hair.

"Reinhardt!" Doring cried sharply.

"Yes."

"But you can't love him. He is twice your age."

"Oh, but have you heard him play—have you heard him play?" her voice died away in a whisper.

"His violin? No."

"He will play for us to-night—and then you will understand."

"Lead a man to the stake—and watch him burn?" grimly, and they went up the hill together.

"Who is it?" Reinhardt asked. He peered at them as they came within the circle of light—"It's my little Virginia—and Doring."

He held out his hands to them, welcoming them with an effusiveness that was distinctly foreign.

"We have come to hear you play," Victoria told him. "Mr. Doring has never heard you."

"Never?" Reinhardt inquired.

"Never. You know you always promised me—"

"Well, then, now I shall redeem my promise."

He gave them chairs on the porch and went in to get his violin. When he had brought it, he stood where a shaft of light from the doorway touched him, and then he began to play.

Doring, watching him from out of the darkness, knew that it was not the music alone that had drawn Victoria. There was the delicately chiselled face, the dark, brooding eyes, the tender mouth—all the charm, the elusiveness of old-young genius, the man above the common herd.

He had known Reinhardt in town; had met him at the club, had promised to visit him in his bungalow—

The music died away into silence. Reinhardt leaned towards Victoria, "You like it?" he murmured.

"Oh—" it was just a sighing breath, but Richard started to his feet.

He tried to speak easily, but his voice broke, "Look here, Reinhardt," he said, "don't try to win her away from me with your music."

The German started. "Away? Is she yours?"

"We are to be married in three weeks—if something doesn't happen to prevent."

"So?" Reinhardt's eyes were on Victoria's bowed head. Suddenly he straightened his shoulders.

"I did not know," he said, slowly, "that she was yours—" Then with a quick intake of his breath, he said:

"But I could not win her—not a common old fellow like me—why she—why there is nothing in me. My music? That is how I pretend. I play of love—and I eat onions. I whisper of moonlight—and when I sleep, I snore—"

Victoria was watching him with horrified eyes. He leaned towards her. "And then," he went on, "I swear—such oaths. You Americans cannot dream of the long words—my last wife often said—"

He hesitated, for Virginia had risen. "Oh, make him stop," she said, tremulously to Richard.

"You see?" the German questioned with a shake of his head. "She could not care for me—such a coarse creature and old—and you are young—with love and life before you—" His voice was wistful.

"Let us go," Victoria begged.

But Richard wrung the hand of his friend. "You are a good fellow, Reinhardt," he said, huskily, "I shan't forget."

A little thin moon sailed in a silver sky, as a pale maiden steered the motor boat for home.

"Dick," Victoria murmured. "Can you ever forgive me? But he came every night and played—and he seemed to weave a spell—"

From the top of the hill they had left, a lonely man watched the dancing red light on the bow of the little boat. Then, as the throb of the motor proclaimed that the launch was once more under way, his tired face relaxed into a smile.

"Ach, Gott," he whispered, straining his eyes for a last glimpse of the woman he might have won, "Ach, Gott, how I lied!"

Georgia's Prohibition Law.

At midnight Tuesday the legal sale or manufacture of intoxicating beverages in Georgia ceased.

It will be illegal to manufacture them in any shape or form.

It will be illegal to sell or barter for valuable consideration, directly or indirectly, any intoxicants.

It will be illegal to keep or furnish at any place of business any alcoholic, spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors.

It will be illegal to do any of these things with intoxicating bitters or other drinks which, if drunk to excess, will produce intoxication.

The law is interpreted to mean that not an ounce of intoxicants can be kept in an office, store or any place of business—it matters not whether it is for sale, personal use or to give away. Under a strict interpretation it will be an infraction of the law to do so.

Liquor may be kept in the home in any quantity.

It will be illegal to make domestic wines from grapes, berries, etc.

Attorney General Hart has held that the law cannot interfere with the use of wine for church communion, although the wine must be obtained outside of the state.

Druggists may sell pure grain alcohol under the most rigid restrictions. It is necessary to have a physician's prescription to secure it, and the physician must testify that he has examined the person for whom intended.

Copies of such prescriptions must be filed with the Ordinary within thirty days, a fee of 5 cents per prescription being allowed the Ordinary. The Ordinary must register and keep books open for inspection of public. These prescriptions form admissible evidence in any court.

Physicians who own drug stores or have interest in same cannot fill prescriptions for alcohol in such shops.

Quantity limited to one pint on a prescription.

Wholesale druggists can sell alcohol to retail druggists. Records of every sale must be kept.

Denatured or wood alcohol may be sold for art, scientific or mechanical purposes.

No specific instructions are issued to courts, as each Judge is presumed to know the law and place correct interpretations on same.

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DEATHS.

Death of an Old Man.

Tom Wordlaw, a stranger, without friends or relatives to care for him, died at the Thomas hotel Sunday night, and was buried by Undertaker Crews in the Potter's field Monday morning. The old man had been in the county for several months, and the county was supporting him. The Commissioners Court having passed an order appropriating money for his board.

The old man was about seventy years old and expressed a desire to die and request that his death not be reported to his relatives who had it seemed deserted him and kicked him out on the cold world.

Prominent Whisky Drummer Dead.

Chas. K. Wolf, the jovial and perhaps one of the best known traveling men in Texas, dropped dead at his home in Dallas last Sunday. Mr. Wolf was known extensively for his resemblance to William Jennings Bryan. His facial, physical and vocal resemblance of Mr. Bryan were remarkable and he was frequently mistaken for the famous Nebraskan, and many were the jokes played by his friends passing him off for Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Wolf has lived in Dallas for seventeen years and was prominent in the Elk and Mason lodges and a number of Jewish orders.

Duncan McAuley.

Duncan McAuley was brought in from his home near Maverick and placed in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for an operation for appendicitis, last week. The operation was performed Friday, but the physicians stated at the time that it would more than probably result fatally as the case had gone to long. The young man lingered until Monday night at ten o'clock when death relieved him.

Duncan was a bright young man, only nineteen years old, his death is a shock to a kind father and mother and large family of children as well as other relatives. The remains were embalmed by C. R. Crews and carried to the family home near Maverick, where they were held until Thursday to await the arrival of a brother, Ernest, from Louisiana. The funeral took place Thursday evening from the home and burial was made in the Bronte Cemetery.

H. H. Halley Dies at Dallas.

The remains of H. H. Halley reached here on the noon train Tuesday, accompanied by the bereaved wife, two brothers, a sister, and other relatives, and was conveyed to the home of Dr. W. B. Halley under the direction of the Miles and Ballinger Masonic lodges. At three o'clock the funeral services were held and the remains laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery with Masonic honors.

Hub Halley, as he was familiarly known, formerly lived at Miles having been in the lumber business in that town. During his visits to his brother, Dr. Halley, here he made many friends, and later he won the heart of one of Ballinger's popular young ladies and was married to Miss Dela Younger.

Shortly after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Halley moved to Mineral Wells, and later to Fort Worth. Pneumonia was the direct cause of his death, and while he has been in bad health for sometime the trouble that caused his death was of short duration, and the Christian man, while just entering a life of usefulness was called from this world to that where death can not go.

It was another one of those deaths that cast a sadness over the town and caused many hearts to sorrow.

Little Robert Griggs.

It will be remembered by the Leader's readers that Mrs. R. S. Griggs was called to Gatesville just before the holidays to be with her mother who was very low. A few days after arriving at Gatesville Robert, the little fifteen months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Griggs, fell in the fire and was badly burned. Judge Griggs went in response to a telegram telling him of the accident, and from time to time news come back that the child was improving, and it was thought up to within one hour before death that the danger period had been passed and Mr. and Mrs. Griggs were arranging to start home, when the little fellow become seriously ill and died in less than an hour.

Little Robert died Friday evening about two o'clock, and the sad news reached Ballinger casting a gloom over our entire city.

The funeral arrangements were made and Judges B. B. Stone and C. O. Harris and Sheriff R. P. Kirk went to Temple Saturday evening and met the bereaved parents who were coming home with the remains.

The party arrived here at noon Sunday and a large crowd met them at the train and a long funeral procession formed and marched to the cemetery where the last sad rites were performed, Rev. Grimes and Williams conducting the services.

The funeral was one of the saddest ever held in Ballinger, and many heads were bowed in tears as the little remains of the only child in a happy home were laid to rest.

Little Robert was an exceptionally bright child, and was a favorite with the friends of the family. The devotion of the parents to the child was noticeable by all, and death coming as it did made the sorrow all the greater. It is hard for us to see why a home must be so blighted and loving parents made to grieve, but we must remember that God does all things for the best, and abide by his will. A Flower has been plucked from a world of worry and sorrow and transplanted where all is well.

Little Roberts grave was made a mound of flowers, and many were the sad hearts returned to town leaving a new made grave to mark the resting place for the first born who came to make the Griggs home happy. And now sorrow reigns.

The Leader joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Griggs in sympathy, in these the darkest hours of their lives.

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Judge T. T. Crosson and C. C. Schuchard left first of the week for a ten day's hunting trip in the brush down towards Menardville and San Saba. They would have gone earlier, but delayed to give the amateurs a chance to get some of the game.



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Mr. and Mrs. Wm Cliff returned from a visit to their old home in Tennessee, last Saturday. Their son was in from Fort Chadbourne to meet them and take them out home.

Judges C. O. Harris, B. B. Stone and Sheriff Kirk went to Temple, last Saturday, to meet Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Griggs, who were returning home from Gatesville with the remains of their little boy.

Dr. I. N. Thompsons happened to what might have been a serious accident Tuesday night. He was driving down Eighth street when the buggy struck a stake holding the rope of the derrick on the new Harris building. The horse broke loose from the buggy, after breaking the buggy and ran away. Fortunately the occupants were not hurt.

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