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## Our Great Clearance Sale Will Continue TEN DAYS LONGER Ending Sat. Night, Jan. 30, at 10 O'Clock

We are going to extend the Clearance Sale for 10 days longer in order that out of town friends and customers can take advantage of it. The weather has been such that it was IMPOSSIBLE for them to take advantage of the great reductions offered. Despite the weather condition, however, our sales have been far better than we contemplated they would be.

The last ten days of the sale will be better than the first. We are going to make it such. Thousands of dollars worth of Clean Winter Merchandise must go. We positively will not carry over winter merchandise, and in order to close out quick we have put the knife down deep into the prices and the bargains will be great. Are you taking your full share of the benefits offered during this CLEARANCE SALE? If not, why not?

### Interest Centers in Dress Goods

A great saving here. Scan the price list carefully, then come and see what we are offering you. When we offer you Dress Goods at a price, you can surely depend on it being just as advertised. Read:

Was \$1.50 per yard, now \$1.24
Was 1.25 per yard, now 95c
Was 1.00 per yard, now 82c
Was 85c per yard, now 69c
Was 75c per yard, now 55c
Was 65c per yard, now 48c
Was 50c per yard, now 42c
Was 40c per yard, now 32c
Was 35c per yard, now 29c
Was 25c per yard, now 19c

### Drawn Work

EXTRA SPECIAL

200 pieces Mexican Drawn Work, in Linen, principally for dressers and tables. Worth \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.50, choice piece **98c**

### Silks a Saving Here

1 lot of 500 yards Fancy Silks, in checks, stripes, plaids, etc, 19 inches wide, worth up to \$1 the yd, choice, per yard **39c**

### A Lot of Good Bargains Here

So many things we couldn't get into this advertisement, but we have crowded this space to tell you about some of our best values:

10 yards extra good Dress Gingham, worth 12½c yd, piece only.....69c	1 lot \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 Trousers for men, choice.....\$1.55
Good Calicoes, yd only 3½c	1 lot Men's \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8.00 Boots, choice.....\$4.98
Mennen's Talcum Powder, 25c value, only.....14c	1 lot Men's Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.25 grades, broken sizes, choice.....49c
5 papers good Pins, only.....5c	1 lot Ladies' Knit Underskirts, worth 50c and 75c, choice.....39c
Any Fur in the house at just ONE-HALF PRICE.	
All Cloaks go at ONE-HALF the regular price.	
Safety Pins only.....3c	

## THE ROAD TO LOW PRICES LEADS STRAIGHT TO OUR STORE



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### CLOTHING

Here's where we save you money on Clothing. Now is the best time to buy—you simply can not go wrong by buying a Suit or Overcoat from us during this sale. Read the prices, then come and see for yourself.

Buy a Suit or Overcoat from us and pay \$1.95 extra and get a United States Army gun—worth \$25.00—cost the government \$18.

1 lot Men's Suits, broken sizes, worth \$12.50, \$15 and \$18.50, Choice **\$8.95**

### \$25.00 Springfield Rifle for Only \$2.95

Doubtless you have seen or heard tell of these wonderful Rifles we purchased from the Government. We have about 50 left and 25 more soon to arrive. These Rifles cost the Government \$18 each to manufacture in stupendous quantities, and have been sold at \$25.00 retail. And now you can get them from us at \$2.95 during this sale.

It is to your advantage to grasp this opportunity without delay, for never as long as you live will you have such a Rifle bargain as this come your way.

Think of it! A Rifle made for the Government and cost them \$18.00, here only \$2.95.

We now have in stock 200 boxes of cartridges that we will sell you at the low price of 60 cents the box.

### Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Others may be cheaper, but none can be better than the kind we offer you during this Clearance Sale—Some new arrivals—but all included in the sale.

For Men		For Women	
Was \$6.00, now \$5.10	Was \$4.00, now \$3.39		
Was 5.00, now 4.25	Was 3.50, now 2.95		
Was 4.50, now 3.83	Was 3.00, now 2.49		
Was 4.00, now 3.40	Was 2.50, now 1.95		
Was 3.50, now 2.88	Was 2.00, now 1.48		
Was 3.00, now 2.70	Was 1.75, now 1.39		
Was 2.50, now 1.95	Was 1.50, now 1.29		
Was 2.00, now 1.49	Was 1.25, now .95c		
Was 1.75, now 1.39			

300 pairs Men's, Ladies' and Children's Sample Shoes at BARGAIN PRICES.



### MILLINERY

Almost Given Away Prices

We cannot, and will not, carry millinery stock over from one season to the next, even though we sell the remainder at a mere song. This store will carry nothing but late, up-to-date millinery, fresh from the factory, patterned and designed in the leading fashion center. At the end of each season we shall make it a rule to close out everything and begin the next season with new, fresh goods. An offer unprecedented; values up to \$10.00, choice only **\$1.95**

### Gingham Specials

We have just received 50 pieces of fine Dress Gingham, beautiful patterns indeed. The coloring fast, as a flyer for Monday. As long as they last, worth 12 1-2c a yard, 10 yards for only **69c**

### Skirts

A sale of Skirts—new arrivals—many new arrivals included in the lot—Voile, Panama, Bedford Cord and Brillianteen. Colors are Champagne, Navy, Black, Brown, Taupe and Moss Green. A saving of 25 to 33½ per cent if you buy now.

### Boys' Clothing

The greatest saving yet on Boys' and Young Men's Suits. You will need a new suit before the winter is half gone—then come here.

Prices are—
Was \$5.00, now \$3.95
Was \$4.50, now \$3.45
Was \$4.00, now \$2.98
Was \$3.50, now \$2.79
Was \$3.00, now \$2.49
Was \$2.50, now \$1.95
Was \$1.50, now \$1.24

are up to the standard and down to your price.

Time and Space Forbids Us Mentioning Everything. Come and See

## Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

"THE STORE AHEAD" BALLINGER, TEXAS

### Blankets

And how did you feel when this norther struck you without a good Wool Blanket? Can't afford to do without a blanket and get cold at these prices—all wool, too. Read:

All \$10.00 Wool Blankets now \$7.95
All \$ 8.00 Wool Blankets now \$6.80
All \$ 7.50 Wool Blankets now \$5.95
All \$ 6.50 Wool Blankets now \$4.95
All \$ 5.00 Wool Blankets now \$3.95
All \$ 4.00 Wool Blankets now \$3.20
All \$ 3.00 Wool Blankets now \$2.40
All \$ 2.50 Wool Blankets now \$1.89

OTHERS AT THE SAME REDUCTION.



## NIGHT RIDERS MUST HANG

Tennessee Judge Passes Sentence and Sets Feb. 19 for Execution

A motion for a new trial in the famous night rider case at Union City, Tennessee, was overruled and Judge Jones passed sentence on the convicted men and set Feb. 19 as the date of execution, and six men must answer to their God for a crime that merits the reward given. Judge Jones in commenting says: "I said some time ago to the Grand Jury that it was a sad sad day when these men left their quiet homes that their wives had not taken them around the neck and pleaded with them for God Almighty's sake to stop and not band themselves together for such unholy acts; that the evidence in this case is bristling with perjury, and the jury has returned into this court a verdict against Bud Morris and Mob Hoffman of murder in the second degree, and which must stand.

"The jury has also returned a verdict in the first degree against six of these defendants, and in view of the manner in which the life of Quentin Rankin was taken, I can see no mitigating circumstances in this crime. It was not done in the heat of passion and has none of the elements of mitigating circumstances and that part of the verdict will be disregarded."

### Men are Sentenced

"After a moments' breathless silence the court said:

"Bud Morris, you will stand up.

"It is the opinion that you be incarcerated in the penitentiary for twenty years and be deprived of your rights of franchise."

Bob Huffman next received the same sentence.

Judge Jones after a pause continued:

"Garret Johnson you have been tried on a charge of murder in the first degree. A motion for a new trial is overruled by the court. It is considered and the judgment of the court is, that you will be remanded in jail until Friday the 19 day of February 1909, when you will, by the Sheriff of this county, be hung by the neck until you are dead, and may God Almighty have mercy on your soul."

The same judgment was pronounced on the remaining five defendants convicted of first degree murder.

### Undertaking and Embalming.

We are still prepared to look after our undertaking and embalming trade, having a complete supply of undertaking goods on hand. Will appreciate all business given us.

tf Ostertag Furniture Co.

Get in before they are all gone. You can get a nice atlas, worth a dollar and a half, the semi-Weekly Record and the Leader all one year for \$1.90. We have put out about one hundred during the last six weeks, and have only a few left.

### WINTER WEATHER NECESSITIES

Cold Creams for the hands etc.....15c, 25c, 50c  
Vaseline Camphor Ice in handy tubes.....10c 3 for 25c  
Hot Water Bottles for cold feet.....75c to \$2.50  
Chamois Vests and Chest Protectors for those with weak lungs.....75c to \$3.00  
For the inner man White Pine and Spruce the best cough Syrup on earth 25c 50c  
Bromo Quinine Antigrispine and Pearce's Cold Cure  
The latter is guaranteed. That means, "your money back if they don't give satisfaction."

**J. Y. PEARCE**  
The Leading Druggist

## "TEXAS ROUND UP" BY GEO. STUART

Noted Speaker Entertains Nice Audience at Ballinger.

Notwithstanding that the thermometer indicated the temperature to be about 20 degrees above zero, and the fact that it was dark and sleeting, Geo. Stuart rounded up about 300 people in the court house Monday night and for one hour and a half fired some hot shot into the liquor business and delivered a splendid temperance lecture.

M. A. Traylor called the house to order and introduced the speaker. Mr. Traylor said that perhaps Geo. Stuart had never rounded up a smaller audience, but he felt sure that he had never rounded up a more appreciative one and pointed to the good attendance calling attention to the fact that a negro show was in town and the weather very disagreeable.

Mr. Stuart attacked the liquor business from all sides and in a plain way illustrated that a saloon was not worth one cent to a town, but cost a great deal. The speaker's remarks were about the roughest we ever heard on the prohibition question. That is, he used plain words in expressing his views. For instance, he said the saloon business was worse than the business of a thief. He proved this by asking three men in the audience, who had boys, which they had rather find in their boys pockets, a bottle of whiskey or nothing. His witnesses very promptly answered "Nothing." Mr. Stuart says the thief gets the dollar and leaves nothing and the saloon man gets the dollar and leaves a bottle of whiskey. See the point?

The messenger boy came in right in the middle of the speaking and handed Mr. Stuart a telegram. The telegram was from Mr. Stuart's wife, who is at their home in Tennessee, and stated that the Tennessee Senate had voted state prohibition by a vote of 23 to 7. The reading of this telegram brought forth a prolonged and hearty applause from the audience and caused Mr. Stuart's heart to overflow with joy.

A strong plea was made for the home and the wife and children of the drunkard. The home of the drunkard and the home of the reformed drunkard were both pictured by the speaker and many reasons advanced why the fair minded man should get in line and help put the curse of the liquor business down for all time to come. The majority of those who heard Mr. Stuart were prohibitionist, but quite a number of the leading antis were present.

Judge Brown F. Lee, representative to the Texas legislature from this district, passed through last Saturday enroute to Austin to be present at the opening of the 32nd session of the legislature, which convened Monday. Mr. Lee said he would vote for submitting the prohibition amendment.

### To 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.

James Cockrell left Tuesday for Brownwood where he will enter the Howard Payne College. James has been with the Banner-Reader for a number of years, and's deserving of the best the Howard Payne can give him.

### Texas Leads.

There is no state in the Union with as much undeveloped resources as Texas. Texas is the largest state in the union and is fast becoming the leading state in many respects. Texas has more railroad milage than any other state and more territory that is not covered by railroads. Texas has 14,440 miles of road, Illinois comes second with 12,087 miles and Pennsylvania third with 11,158; Iowa 9,912, Ohio 9,146. It is estimated that Texas railroad building within the next few years will more than double that of any other state. Texas population is increasing at a wonderful rate and the day is not for distant when New York will have to give Texas first place in this respect.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

## ANOTHER LAW SUIT FOR BALLINGER

J. A. Ostertag Brings Suit for \$1,500 for Damage to Home

Joe Ostertag, through his attorney, Judge M. C. Smith, has filed suit against Ballinger, claiming damage in the sum of \$1,500. Mr. Ostertag owns a nice home on sixth street. The city spent considerable money on the street last fall, and in the work Mr. Ostertag claims the city left a ditch 3 1-2 feet deep in front of his front gate and five deep in front of the entrance drive way to his home. Plaintiff further claims that the grade in the street was not changed but that the work done on the street was not for the public good, but for personal interest of the pro-

## Your Hauling Who Does It?

S. N. Allison would be pleased to do your work. Prompt service and courteous treatment.

**S. N. Allison**

Phone 339 (Successors to Stubbs & Dorse)

party owners on the opposite side of the street.

Citation has been served on the city and the case will be contested and will come up in the March term of District Court.

### Ballinger Froze Up

The coldest weather since 1905 caused Ballinger people to hug the fire Monday and Tuesday of this week. Sunday was a very warm day, the blizzard striking here about five o'clock, causing

the temperature to drop from 79 to 34 degrees in less than an hour, and it continued to go down until the thermometer registered 11 degrses above zero. The snow fell nearly all day Monday, but not sufficient to do much good in the way of a season. Many people took advantage of the splendid opportunity to kill hogs and many fine porkers are safely stored away in Runnels county smoke houses.

R. A. RISSER & CO.

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# END OF SEASON SALE OF REMNANTS and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Our immense Fall trade left us with thousands of yards in Remnants of the most desirable goods in the house--THAT STANDS TO REASON--IF THEY WERE NOT THE BEST GOODS FULL PIECES WOULD BE ON HAND INSTEAD OF SHORT LENGTHS. THESE REMNANTS WE OFFER YOU AT FAR LESS THAN ACTUAL COST. Come and look over the stock, you will find all kinds of material from Wool Dress Goods to Calicoes, in lengths ranging from 1 yard to 10 yards. You will find just the piece of goods you need with the right number of yards, at almost HALF-PRICE.

We have left a few Ladies' Suits and Cloaks. These we will close out at very low figures. All are this season's goods, new and fresh, and were bargains at the regular prices. This is an opportunity to buy a Suit or Cloak at less than the material alone would cost you.

### Remnants of the Best Selling Patterns We Had

Quilting Calicoes, 1 to 10 yds in piece, price.....2½c  
Bordered Calicoes, 1 to 10 yards in piece, price.....3½c  
American Calicoes, 1 to 10 yards in piece, price.....3½c  
27-inch Outing, 1 to 10 yards in piece, price.....3½c  
Best Grade of Ginghams, 1 to 10 yds in piece, price.....7½c

Tickings, 1 to 10 yds in piece, price 5c  
Canton Flannels, extra heavy grade, price.....7½c  
Solid Color Outing, extra fine grade, price.....7½c  
Flannelettes, price.....7½c  
Chambrys, price.....5c  
Percales, price.....6½c  
Also Remnants of Fine Dress Goods, Flannelettes, Laces, etc., at prices cut from ONE-THIRD to ONE-HALF off the regular price.

### Ladies' Outing and Flannel-ette Dressing Sacques

50 cent kind now.....35c  
75 cent kind now.....50c  
\$1.00 kind now.....75c

### Ladies' Long Kimonos

\$1.50 kind now.....\$1.10  
\$1.25 kind now.....85c  
\$1.00 kind now.....65c

### Ladies' Cloaks

\$18.00 Cloaks now.....\$11.50  
\$15.00 Cloaks now.....\$10.00  
\$12.50 Cloaks now.....\$7.50  
\$10.00 Cloaks now.....\$6.50  
\$8.50 Cloaks now.....\$7.50  
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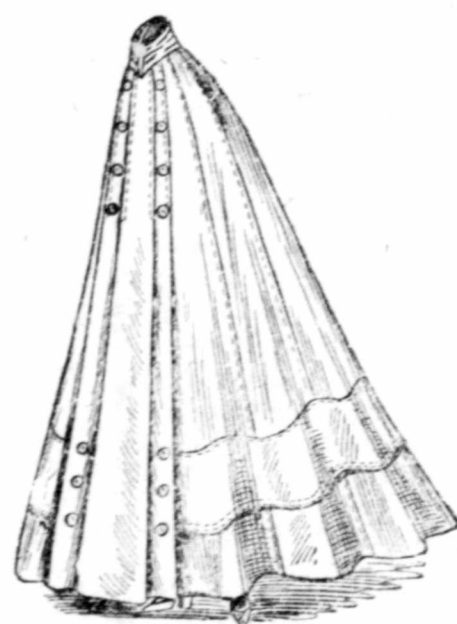
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\$7.50 Cl.....  
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\$3.50 Cl.....  
\$3.00 Cl.....  
\$2.50 Cloaks now.....\$1.85  
\$2.00 Cloaks now.....\$1.55  
\$1.50 Cloaks now.....\$1.00  
\$1.25 Cloaks now.....85c

### LADIES SUITS

Your Choice of any \$25.00 or

\$5.00



### Skirts

1 lot of winter weight Skirts, colors Gray, Blue, Black, Prices \$10.00, \$7.50, \$6.00, \$5.00  
Closing Out Price \$2.50



Sale Begins Thurs., Jan. 14 and Ends Tues., Jan. 26

# The White Store

R. A. RISSER & CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS





## WE ARE AFTER YOU YOU WILL NEED US

During the year 1909 you will need some of those things that are sold by a drug store. Of course you will want the best. We sell the best and are after you to give us your business. If you are not among our customers give us a trial.

We wish to thank our patrons and wish for you a prosperous 1909.

Phone 13 **The Walker Drug Co.**

### CITY TO AID CON- GRESSMAN SMITH

Council Passes Resolution and Discusses  
Move of Public Building.

The City Council met in call session Tuesday and among the business transacted was the passing a resolution commending Congressman Smith for the interest he has manifested in our city in introducing a bill asking for \$100,000 appropriation for

public building.

The resolution is published in full below:

Whereas, it appearing from the press reports that our congressman, Hon. W. A. Smith, has introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for a postoffice building in the City of Ballinger, Texas, and

Whereas, we wish to express to Congressman Smith our appreciation of the fact that he realizes the urgent need of our city for a postoffice building and has taken steps to secure the same, and

Whereas, it appears from the statement of our worthy postmaster, H. A. Cady, that the present quarters are entirely inadequate to accommodate the business of the office and that it is almost an impossibility to rent a building to meet the demands and provide the necessary accommodations for the postoffice, therefore a building owned and equipped by the government is a necessity.

Therefore be it resolved by the City Council that the action of Congressman Smith in the matter of a postoffice building for the City of Ballinger, Texas, meets the hearty approval of the City Council and of all our people, and it is necessary that a building of this character and cost be erected to properly care for the present and rapidly growing business of our post-office.

It is ordered that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and then forwarded to Congressman Smith.

Approved, January 12, 1909,  
John Hoffer, Mayor.  
Attest: J. R. Lusk, City Secretary

### Typesetting Machine Work For Leader

Arrangements Made to Have Type Set by  
Machine.

W. E. Bennett, of Brownwood, was here Tuesday and made a deal with the Banner-Leader to set our type for us. Mr. Bennett rented office room fronting on Eighth Street from T. S. Lankford and will install a machine for the benefit of all papers in Runnels county, who desire to use his service.

Under the terms of the contract we are to get about twice as much matter as we are now using, which will enable us to give a much larger and better paper.

Mr. Bennett closed a deal for the office while here, paying Mr. Lankford the rent in advance, and said he expected to be in shape to give us the service contracted for by the middle of February.

The service will cost us considerable, but the rapid growth of the Leader's circulation and the splendid advertising patronage demands that we make the improvement and this arrangement will suffice until we get in shape to install a machine for our own use.

### 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.

## YOUR LUMBER BILL

Will always be satisfactory if the Ballinger Lumber Company sells you. If you want to build a house, let us figure on your lumber and building material. We carry Lumber, Paint, Cement, Lime, Common and Fire Brick, Cedar Posts, etc., etc.

**BALLINGER LUMBER  
COMPANY**

## LET US ATTEND TO IT

Perhaps you are in doubt about the proper method of procedure in some financial matter—

A man in another town owes you money—you want to draw on him, but you don't know just how to go about it.

Perhaps you have notes, interest coupons, or maturing securities you wish collected and are at a loss just how to do it—

Or perhaps, some other monetary transaction is bothering you—

Come to us; we are here to advise and assist you in all financial matters. Costs nothing at all to consult us.

LIBERAL INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

**THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK  
OF BALLINGER**

"The bank that does things for you."

### New Home W. O. W. Installation a Success

On Saturday afternoon late, January 9th, Sov. C. C. Schuchard met me on the streets of Ballinger and asked me to go out with him to the New Home School House to attend the Installation of officers that night. I said "No," but he would not accept "no" at all, and really made me promise I would go. So we left Ballinger about 6:30 p. m. and arrived at the appointed place about 8 o'clock. We tied our team and walked up to the door of the school house and to our surprise and great pleasure, we saw the house filled with men, women and children surrounding two tables running full length of the house laden to overflowing with all things good to eat—in fact, too many good things to attempt to enumerate here. We walked around to the other door and soon the Sovereigns discovered us. They at once led us into the house and around to the table, and down alongside of same till we reached a station occupied by a huge turkey prepared in a way to tempt the palate of any good Woodman. Schuchard called a halt right there and all who know him as I do can easily guess at the rest. Well to say what we did to that turkey and other edibles is putting it rather mildly, our only regrets being they had so many good things we could not even sample all of them; but suffice it to say the way those people had of making us feel at home and welcome and the unlimited supply of good things to eat soon dispelled any feeling of embarrassment we might have had.

Supper over Sovereign Wilkerson called the house to order and stated the object of the meeting, and appointed Sov. Schuchard installing officer of the occasion. We listened to good music furnished by the two Sovereigns Benard, while the necessary preparation were being made for the ceremonies soon to take place. We had not long to wait: the officers elected were soon placed in the proper attitude and Sov. Schuchard proceeded to install them in his usual impressive way.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the boys called on Schuchard and myself to make speeches. Well, as usual I was first called, I was expecting it and thought I had a good speech that would take at least thirty minutes to deliver; but I soon found that I was not in condition to speak, because I wanted to gobble instead of speak. I think I gave Schuchard 2 1/2 minutes of my time and he proved in a little better condition than I was and made us a good speech on the aims, beauties and objects of Woodcraft.

Thus closed one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind it has ever been my pleasure to take part in and I take the liberty to say for both Schuchard and myself, that the New Home people will never have any trouble again in securing our presence on all such occasions. All they have to do is to let us know that New Home is going to do something, and we will be there and no small matter will keep us away.

With many thanks and good wishes I am truly and fraternally yours.

A. S. JUSTICE.

### IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles. Ballinger Citizen Show How to Cure Them

Many people never suspect their kidney. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back the thing that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary troubles set in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just

## Jones, Walton & Co.

### Send to One and All a New Years Greeting

And desire to thank you for your liberal patronage during the past year, sincerely hoping that we may have merited your friendship, and may enjoy your many favors through another year, which, we hope may be the most prosperous of any year that has past.

Mr. FARMER FRIEND, we are ready to serve you with the Sanders Disc, which stands without a peer in the mind of the progressive tiller of the soil.

You can't beat the Rock Island Special Sulky, Lone Star Cultivator, Chief of all Planters, Stalk Cutters, Yale Buggies, Hacks, Weber Wagons, Star Windmills, and everything in Hardware.

**WE SELL 'EM ALL**

Come to see Us. We make you feel good

## Jones, Walton & Co.

### DR. U. E. G. DYER

Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.  
Brewer Building (Up Stairs), Ballinger

### 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., Hunts 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

### See That Spot

Take It To

**"THE CLEANER"**  
AT  
**MOREHEAD'S**

## Let Us Help You

Make 1909 a Happy and Prosperous year. We wish all our customers a Happy New Year, and thank you for your patronage through 1908. Buy your 1909 Groceries from us and we will help you to be prosperous and happy.

**M. D. Chastain**

Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.



# THE BANNER-LEADER

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MILFORD M. HAMLIN, Manager Mechanical Department

Entered at the postoffice at Ballinger, Texas, as second-class matter.

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 to get data. It is our endeavor to make the best paper possible, though we cannot learn the news unless you tell us.

**The Plumber is the popular man of the day.**

With the coming of a new railroad comes a new express company for Ballinger.

Ballinger has shipped over 50,000 bales of cotton this season. We would like to hear from Brady.

San Angelo is to have a bond election. They want \$82,000 worth of bonds for school building purposes.

Runnels county farmers have started on another crop. Plows can be seen running on full time in many fields. The ground is in fine shape for breaking.

The Houston Post aptly suggests if David had not been in such a hurry to have said that all men are liars, Roosevelt would have beaten him to it.

Ballinger is serious about that public building, and a message goes to Congressman Smith this week that will cause him to pull the stronger for the \$100,000.

Call at the tax collectors office and get your voting credentials before Feb. 1st. You may want to have a say in whether Texas shall be wet or dry before the year is gone.

Senator Tillman has been after the President this week with a pitchfork, and Mr. Roosevelt no doubt realizes that he stirred up a hornet's nest when he accused Tillman of wrong doing.

The San Angelo Press chronicled the arrival of the "old sister" four minutes ahead of time. An important event, and when the Santa Fe gets a train in ahead of time it is an item worthy of note.

The right-of-way committee for the Abilene and Ballinger road is meeting with some difficulty in securing the right-of-way. Some of the land for this right-of-way will have to be condemned.

Prominent sidewalk builders will locate in Ballinger within the next ten days, and a regular sidewalk campaign will be started. You had as well begin to plan to build a sidewalk in front of your home.

The United States Express Co. will take the place of the Wells Fargo over the Frisco lines in Texas after July 1st. This means that Ballinger will have two Express Companies when the new road is completed.

If the season is favorable something like ten thousand young fruit trees will bear in the South Ballinger orchards this year. This, with the fruit from the old trees, will create a demand for a canning factory here.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey in a letter to Arthur W. Jones, of the prohibition submission committee, states that he is in favor of submitting the prohibition amendment to the people but will not vote for the amendment.

Senator Hudspeth from the San Angelo District will introduce a bill asking for an appropriation of \$150,000.00 for the extermination of wolves in West Texas. Mr. Hudspeth served this district as representative a few years ago.

A \$20,000 church, a nice city hall, and a \$100,000 public building is some of the things that Ballinger will get in the near future. We need another ten room school building, and we had as well get busy and add this to the list of new buildings.

The county attorney at Fort Worth has filed complaint against seven saloon men of that city, charging them with furnishing negroes by the wholesale with money to pay their poll tax in order to get them to vote against state-wide prohibition, should the election be held this year.

The submissionist got first blood at Austin this week. Speaker Kennedy, a strong prohibitionist, was elected speaker and the complexion of the committee on Constitutional Amendments suits the pros. The antis are claiming the house, but there is no doubt but what the question of submission will be passed.

January has furnished some splendid hog killing weather, and the farmer who makes his smokehouse at home is a wise farmer, and will be enjoying life when the other farmers will be paying 22 cents for bacon, and working like a slave to get the price of same from a low price cotton crop. Plant a few hogs in your 1909 crop. It will pay.

While this age of progress and improvement is on lets don't overlook the urgent need of more school room. Ballinger schools can not accommodate all the children now. The Superintendent informs us that in some of the grades half day sessions are necessary. We are facing the proposition, and some plan for more room must be adopted.

A Newspaper is judged as much by its advertising columns as by its news columns. The Leader is particular proud of the class of advertising we have, and we are appreciative of the liberal support given us by Ballinger merchants. We give our advertisers value received for every dollar spent with us, and we believe they are satisfied with results; hence the continued patronage.

Something over one hundred names have been added to the Leaders subscription list during the last three weeks, and they are Runnels county people, substantial citizens, who in most cases own their homes, and are progressive and enterprising and help

to make a good county and a good town. Our list of readers is growing in a way that is very gratifying to us, and with each name added our ambition for a better paper is strengthened.

Belton, the county site of Bell county, is a wet town—has a few saloons. The grand Jury in session there last week returned only 85 indictments. Abilene, the county site of Taylor county, is a dry town has no saloons. Only 16 arrests were made during all of last year for disturbing the peace, and 29 for drunkenness. Ballinger had more than that for one month. A blind man can see the difference; Yes, even a blind anti.

A newspaper is supposed to be of some moral force in a community. Its influence, if it has any, should be spent for the betterment of humanity. A paper that will advocate and support those things that breed immorality and degrades the human race more than any other agency in the world, and that causes more suffering, death and poverty than any other agency in the world, is not filling its place in the journalistic world, but is sacrificing its mission for dollars and cents.

"A message to the antis: pay your poll tax,—do it now," can be seen tacked on the telephone polls, and other conspicuous places in town. This should be sufficient notice to all pros to pay their poll tax. The interest, the liquor interest, which put up the money to have these cards printed, no doubt realize that they are facing death, as it were. Many will be the thousands of dollars spent in trying to keep the saloons on Texas soil, but the wave has gained such headway that no amount of money will stop it.

Track laying has begun on the road from Abilene towards Ballinger. It begins to look now like Ballinger will have a railroad from the north in advance of the building of the Orient into San Angelo, though reports say that road is soon to be completed as for south as San Angelo.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Yes, San Angelo has been existing on reports for a long time. Trains will reach Ballinger from the T. P. long before Angelo gets connection over the Orient. In fact the Orient will be left for the next generation to complete.

Hurrah for the Ballinger city council. Every member of that honorable body should be placed on the honor roll and a special page in Ballinger history devoted to their commendable work. We publish elsewhere in this paper an ordinance passed governing street peddlers of patent medicine, cheap jewelry, razors and every other kind of a fake and grafter. A certain class of fakers have been prospering in Ballinger during the past season, and if this ordinance had been passed six months ago it would have saved some of our citizens several dollars.

## R. G. ERWIN CASHIER CITIZENS BANK

Goes From Office Boy to Cashier of Same Bank

When the W. C. Parks Banking Co. was organized in Ballinger about ten years ago, J. J. Erwin secured a place in the bank for his son Ralph. The management of the bank at that time told Mr. Erwin that they had no place for Ralph, but Mr. Erwin insisted on the bank taking him agreeing to pay the salary out of his own pocket—just to get the boy started. This arrangement was made, but the bank found Ralph a handy boy around and paid him for his first month's work the sum of \$15. Ralph made his services more valuable to the bank by sticking close to business and proving himself capable of any work assigned to him, and he gradually grew in favor with the bank and was a popular boy with the bank's customers. He climbed and worked shoulder to shoulder with his employer, and in the space of a few years was able to manage the affairs of the bank in the absence of the cashier. He held his position when the Citizen National Bank took the place of the Parks Bank and deserves much credit for the success of the bank he now serves as Cashier.

It was a deserving promotion when the directors in session Tuesday of this week elected R. G., or Ralph, Erwin cashier to succeed M. A. Traylor who was made vice president.

### Public Flag Raising

The Ballinger high school will be presented with a confederate flag next Tuesday by the Daughters of the Confederacy Miss Hermina Smith will make the presentation speech. Prof. Byrd will respond to the presentation speech, and Judge Griggs appears on the program for a speech.

### 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.

## CARNEGIE LIBRARY CORNER STONE

Corner Stone Ceremonies to be Held February 4th.

The corner stone for the Carnegie library is now under the sculptor's chisel, and as soon as work of carving is completed on same and as soon as the program can be arranged the stone will be hoisted to its place under the direction of the Masonic lodge. The stone will be carved with inscriptions on two sides. The Masonic Emblem will be engraved on one side, together with the names of the various committees and directors. The date for the ceremonies has been fixed for Feb. 4, and if the weather does not interfere this will be the date.

We will publish a complete program later.

### City Politics.

We have heard some street talk this week about city politics. Only two of the present incumbents have expressed themselves as candidates. Secretary Lusk says he will be in the race. We have heard of no other mentioned for this place.

Marshal McKay says, "I am running." I feel that I have given the people good service, and I want the office again." He has made a good officer and will no doubt make it interesting for the man that beats him.

Only one in the race for Mayor. This is an important place and it is to be hoped that a good live man will be elected.

A. C. Homann, cashier of the Rowena State Bank, was here on business Wednesday. Mr. Homann made the Leader a pleasant call, leaving \$2 to help keep the office force in bread and the ink trough full. Mr. Homann said the trains did not run to suit him and it was necessary for him to come through the country when he had business in Ballinger.

Full line of Chase & Sanbourn coffees and teas fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted.—Miller Mercantile Company.

# Stockholder's Meeting Citizens National Bank

## Men of Means Plan for New Year and Elect Officers.

An important event in the financial affairs of the City was the annual meeting, last Tuesday afternoon, of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger, held in the rooms of Vice-President Jo Wilmeth at the Central Hotel.

The meeting was a rather large one, and most of the two hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock of the Bank was represented, either by the owners in person or by proxies. The work of the past year was gone over carefully and plans for the future operations of the Bank were outlined. The stockholders are very much pleased with the management of the Bank during the year just closed and are enthusiastic over its future.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

Tom Ward, Gus Noyes, M. A. Traylor, Jack McGregor, B. B. Stone, J. A. Walker, and C. A. Doose.

We do not believe that any institution in this section of the state is managed by a more representative set of business men than the ones named. Some of them are among the wealthiest and best known capitalists of this part of Texas and it is to be noted that all except one are citizens of Runnels County.

Immediately upon adjournment of the stockholders the new board of directors met and organized by electing Tom Ward, President; M. A. Traylor, Vice President; R. G. Erwin, Cashier; and Jack McGregor, Secretary.

Mr. Ward has been President of the Bank since its organization, and his repeated re-election is the best evidence of the Boards appreciation of his wise council. Mr. Traylor's position comes as a promotion. A year ago he be-

come Cashier of the Bank, and since that time has indelibly stamped his personality upon the conduct of the Bank's affairs. As Vice-President Mr. Traylor will be in active charge and control of the Bank, subject only to the supervision of the Directors. Though conservative in the performance of his duties, Mr. Traylor has nevertheless the knack of being courteous to all of the Bank's customers and friends. He has made good as Cashier in trying times, and we predict still greater success for him.

The promotion of Ralph Erwin to the Cashiership of the Citizens is a recognition of persistent and sustained merit which will please the friends of the Bank immensely. He began with the Bank with its beginning, and has climbed step by step since. We congratulate him and the Bank on his last promotion.

It will be noticed from the above that Vice-President Jo Wilmeth has severed connection with the Citizens National Bank, after having been in active charge of its policy and affairs since it was originally organized as the W. C. Parks Banking Co. Mr. Wilmeth has concluded to devote his entire time to the management of his private business which is quite extensive and was therefore not an applicant for any position with the Bank. At the request of the Bank officials he will continue to office at the Bank in order that they may have the benefit of his advice and of his great detailed knowledge of its affairs.

No man in Runnels County has more friends than Jo Wilmeth, and we are pleased to announce that he will remain a citizen of this town and county.

## LOCATION FOR CITY HALL CHANGED

City Buys Lot Facing on Ninth Street. Pays \$2400.

We reported some time ago that the city would build a City Hall on the public square opposite the State Bank, the County having granted a 99 year lease on said ground. It developed later this ground did not belong to the County, but was owned by the city, and then too, a move was put on foot to beautify this ground and convert it into a city park. This changed the plans somewhat.

The city begin to cast about for a site upon which to build a city hall, and a deal was closed to-day between W. P. Humphrey acting for the Concho Lumber Co and the city in which the city gets a lot on the corner of ninth and railroad street for \$2400, one third cash, balance in one and two years. This lot is 50 x 140 and is a very desirable location for a city hall.

The council will keep things going and expect to have a building on this lot in due time.

### Call Session Commissioners Court

The commissioners court met in call session yesterday to canvass the election returns for the prohibition election at Norton. The court was only a few minutes in attending to this work, and the members returned to their respective homes last night.

Willie Suggs went to Dallas last Sunday to study telegraphy. The young man is the son of our fellow citizens, E. W. Suggs, and is a deserving boy.

## CRAP SHOOTERS BY WHOLESALE

Constable Plicher and Deputy Slaughter Get Ten in one Bunch

Sunday was a pretty day in Ballinger and it was not a bad day for the officers. Constable Plicher and his deputy, Ed Slaughter rounded up a bunch of negro crap shooters and brought them to justice for violating the gambling law. The negroes were having a great time near the compress when the officers sent something and had no trouble in finding what they went for. There were two white men in the bunch, but the ten negroes and two white men were just a little more than would mix well together for the officers, and the white men make their escape. The white men will be called on later to appear before court and pay the penalty.

### First National Bank Officers

The Stock holders of the First National Bank met Tuesday and reelected the board of directors and officers for the ensuing year. The officers are C. A. Doose, president; D. M. Baker, vice president; D. M. Baker, Cashier, Sam Baker, Assistant Cashier. This bank enjoyed a splendid business through the past year and it is in a prosperous condition and is on a sound basis.

Every dollar worth one hundred cents—no more, no less. Cash Grocery Co.

We want all of Cane Seed. Br...



# EMORY'S Mill Remnant Sale

Is now in full sway. Notwithstanding the bad weather, many people have visited our Sale and bought remnants. We have a few left and more coming from the mills.



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## MEN'S CLOTHING AT MILL END PRICES

We are overstocked on Men's Suits and Overcoats, and rather than carry them over we are willing to sacrifice more than the profit in order to move them quickly. Note the great reductions:

One lot Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly at \$35.00, 32.50, 30.00, and 27.50, your choice of this lot for only	<b>\$19.85</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly for \$25.00 and 22.50, your choice for	<b>\$15.95</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly for \$20.00, your choice for only	<b>\$13.58</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly at \$18.00, your choice during Mill End Sale	<b>\$12.85</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly at \$15.00, your choice during Mill End Sale	<b>\$10.65</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly for \$12.50, your choice during Mill End Sale	<b>\$8.45</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly for \$10.00, your choice during Mill End Sale	<b>\$5.85</b>
One lot of Men's Suits consisting of Suits that sold regularly for \$7.50 your choice during Mill End Sale for only	<b>\$4.75</b>

Overcoats, Boy's Clothing, Men's Hats, Men's and Ladies' Shoes, and many other seasonable goods go at Mill End prices. Come while this Sale is on. It is the opportunity of a lifetime for you to save money and get good goods.

# Winkler Dry Goods Company

## NEW MANAGER FOR HIGGINBOTHAM CURRIE COMPANY

Scott Mack Retires and R. T. Williams Takes his Place

R. T. Williams, of Stephenville came in yesterday to assume charge of the management of the Higginbotham Currie Co. Mr. Williams will move his family here as soon as he can secure a home. He has been manager of the Higginbotham house at Stephenville, and of course will feel at home in the large department house here, and Ballinger hospitality will soon make him feel at home as a citizen of our town.

Scott H. Mack who has been manager of the Ballinger house, is figuring on engaging in the banking business in some western town and it is favorable that Ballinger will lose him. He is one of our best citizens and we hope he will decide to stay in Ballinger.

### Wedding Last Night

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stocks last night Miss Lela and Charlie Sparks were married. Rev. Z. J. Amerson performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and members of the family.

Miss Lela is a Ballinger raised girl. She grew from a baby to womanhood here and has many friends who will wish for her all the happiness married life can give.

The groom is an industrious young man and worthy of the bride he has won. He is assistant cotton weigher for Frank

Taylor.

## Church Announcements

The Leader will be glad to have an announcement from each church each week. Copy is furnished by Thursday afternoon.

### Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

The Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a. m. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Owing to the coldness of the weather, Mr. Dickey did not sing last Sunday, but will sing at the evening hour next Sunday. His selection will be "Gloria" by Buzziteccia. All welcomed to these services.

### Methodist Church

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject "What we Need and what we must have if we succeed in 1909."

Junior League at 3 o'clock.

Senior League at 4 o'clock.

Preaching at 7:30. Subject Depending on a Broken Stick. You will have a hearty welcome to these services. We extend a special invitation to the strangers and the new people that may be among us.

J. A. Biggs

### Ballinger Baptist Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Morning subject "God's most humble man and the world's best man." Evening subject: "Memory is Immortal." Junior B. Y. P. U. at three p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at four p. m.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

Z. J. Amerson

W. A. (Bill) Coffee, of the Concho country, was in Ballinger first of the week. While here Mr. Coffee subscribed for the Banner-Leader.

## STATE BANK ELECT OFFICERS

Old Officers Hold Over and One New Director Elected.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. directors in session this evening re-elected Chas. S. Miller, President; Geo. Vaughn, Vice-President; and E. D. Walker, Cashier;

The Stockholders meeting was held several days ago and the following directors elected: Chas. S. Miller, Geo. Vaughn, E. D. Walker, C. O. Harris and Herman Giesecke.

The past year has been a prosperous one for this bank, and the books show the bank to be in a thriving condition.

R. B. Ingle, of the Hatchell country, made the Leader office a pleasant visit yesterday, moving the figures on his brother's subscription up to 1910. Mr. Ingle sends the paper to his brother at Cleveland, Tennessee and takes it himself and is one of our most prompt and appreciated subscribers.

J. A. Baldwin, J. B. McGuire, W. A. Coffee, B. M. Smith, J. L. Wiley, D. C. Webb, are among the new names added to the Leader's list of readers this week. The Leader is growing and we are proud to say the class of people who take the paper are progressive citizens—the kind that are worth something to a county and town.

Judge C. O. Harris was practicing law in San Angelo this week, and visiting his daughter, Mrs. Herbert O'Bannon.

Farm, Ranch and city property. A good list to select from. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, Texas.

## CITIZENS NATIONAL LOSES GOOD MAN

Jo Wilmeth Retires from Financial Institution.

The many friends and patrons of the Citizens National Bank will regret to learn that Jo Wilmeth is no longer connected with that institution.

We are not saying too much when we say that Jo Wilmeth made the Citizens National Bank. About ten years ago he was instrumental, or took the lead in the organization of the W. C. Parks Banking Co. and served as cashier of that institution until the bank was changed to the Citizens National, and served in the same capacity of this bank up to one year ago when he was succeeded by M. A. Traylor and was elected to the office of vice president. The bank grew from the smallest to the largest in Runnels County under his management, and he has built up a banking business second to none in this section of the state. During the ten years Mr. Wilmeth has had to compete with some of the strongest men in the state, but has been successful and he leaves to his successors a bank that enjoys a fine business and a long list of patrons who know Mr. Wilmeth for his broad, liberal minded and fair method of doing business.

Mr. Wilmeth will devote his time and attention to his private business, and will office at the Citizens National Bank indefinitely.

### Court House News.

The tax collector is a very busy man, and is working overtime filling out tax receipts. The people are very slow this year, as usual about paying their taxes, and out of nearly 4000 polls assessed only about 1200, or less than one-third have paid. Following is the number paid at each voting box up to noon today:

- No. 1 Ballinger 349
- 2 Runnels 62
- 3 Benoit 27
- 4 Crews 73
- 5 Token 29
- 6 Antelope 47
- 7 Winters 95
- 8 Cochran 38
- 9 Phumphyre 44
- 10 Wingate 62
- 11 Dry Hollow 33
- 12 Norton 68
- 13 Maverick 22
- 14 Pearce School House 16
- 15 Rowena 73
- 16 Miles 147
- 17 Truitt 17
- 18 New Norton 12

### License to Wed.

D. M. Livingston and Miss Bess Ashley, G. C. Brock and Miss Nellie Martin, Morris Rubin and Miss Jaty Levy, J. M. Davis and Miss May Wade, Geronimo Elias and Miss Angelita Olgin, Charlie Sparks and Miss Lela Stocks, David Livingston and Miss Myrtle Ashley.

### TALISMANS POPULAR IN MALTA. Odd Shaped Stones to Ward Off Effects of Snake Poison.

There are still to be found in Malta a number of small stones shaped and colored like the eyes, tongues and other parts of serpents.

The superstitious among the Maltese connect these with the tradition that St. Paul when shipwrecked was cast on their island, and that it was there that while lighting a bundle of sticks for a fire a viper fastened on the apostle's hand. St. Paul calmly shook the reptile off into the flames and no harm followed. The natives wear these stones as talismans, in which character they suppose them serviceable in warding off dangers from snake bites and poisons.

They are found in St. Paul's cave, imbedded in clay, and are set in rings and bracelets, and when found to be in the shape of a tongue or liver or heart are hung around the neck. They are also taken internally, dissolved in wine, which method is attended, according to some people, by more immediate results.

Don't sell your cotton seed until you see Rasbury & Bruce.

## TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN COACH HEATER

Frozen Pipes Caused Explosion in Passenger Coaches at Angelo.

The East bound train was about one hour late Monday evening and the delay was caused by the wrecking of a passenger coach at San Angelo just before the train was ready to pull out. The San Angelo Press gives the following account of the accident:

The terrible cold of Monday was responsible for the explosion of the boiler of a Baker heater in a handsome Santa Fe passenger coach. The explosion made a noise so loud that it was heard in many parts of the city by people almost a mile away. Many who heard the sound thought an engine boiler had exploded at the roundhouse and hastened to the scene expecting to see havoc and wreck.

The damage was undoubtedly caused from the water freezing in the boiler and pipes leading to the boiler of the heater. A. B. Baine, the local Santa Fe car repairer, had been in the coach less than five minutes before the boiler exploded. He tested the heater and thought it was all right. Fire had been started in the fire place and this is thought to have been the main reason of the boiler's bursting. The heat and the ice in the pipes formed the combination which caused such damage to the two coaches.

The explosion occurred at 12:40. The minute the noise was heard several persons near by rushed to the spot expecting to find someone hurt. Fortunately no one was in the car. Had they been they would have been either killed or badly maimed. The explosion scattered pieces of the interior of the coach in every direction. A hole was blown in the roof almost ten feet square in coach 889 where the heater was located. Windows were shattered, partitions broken to smithereens and seats blown in every direction. Several lamps were broken and doors in the coach were shattered.

A watch which had been left in the uniform of Ed Marshall, a train porter, was blown so far away that Marshall has not found it yet. The watch was valued at \$50. The explosion was so severe that the buttons on Marshall's clothes in a locker were blown from them. His clothes were torn to shreds.

The two damaged coaches were taken out of the train which had been made up for use on the outgoing afternoon passenger train and a coach from the incoming train was used instead. Fear of the heater in coach No. 695 being out of order and the damage done to it by the explosion caused this one to also be left behind with the more seriously damaged coach. Both cars will be sent to the shops at Temple today for repairs. The damage to them will amount to \$1,000.

The explosion and the breaking of a guide on the left side of the yard switch engine during the noon hour caused a delay of 45 minutes. Passenger engines were used to do the additional switching necessary to get the new train in shape to leave San Angelo.

### Prominent Dry Goods Men Here.

Rivers Patont, of New Iberia, La., and J. C. Gaither, of Fort Worth, are here prospecting for a location for a dry goods opening. These gentlemen have the reputation of being live wires in the dry goods world, and are men of considerable wealth. They were very favorably impressed with Ballinger and may decide to locate. They left today for Abilene.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

## Do You

Do you have a Bank Account? Do you pay your bills by check? Have you stopped to consider the advantages of transacting your business by this method? Every check you issue in payment of bills is eventually returned to you to be retained as a receipt for the money paid.

If you have no bank account come to this bank and make your first deposit, and let us help you to systematize your business.

We Furnish you with a bank book and checks.

**First National Bank**  
Ballinger, - Texas.

## Want Column

RATES: One cent a word for first insertion. One-half cent a word for each additional insertion.

Gray hairs won't come ten years ahead of regular schedule time if you solve your little worries in the Want Ad way—an advertising column for the little wants.

The day you neglected to read the Want Ads you "dropped a stitch"—probably the stitch that would have "saved nine".

SAVE YOUR CARPETS. By placing old papers under them. 5000 old papers for sale at Leader office. You fix the price.

FOR SALE—A well established and paying millinery business. Will sell cheap, wish to retire from the work. Address or call,

Mrs. H. A. Shurman,  
Paint Rock, Texas.

LOST. Pair leggings to slicker suit, Tuesday, Jan. 4th, somewhere in West End. Finder return to Leader office. Walter Neely. 1722

### Deaths.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jost of South Ballinger, died last Sunday. It will be remembered that the little fellow was kicked on the head by a mule a week or ten days ago and an operation was performed. He was recovering from this accident when he contracted pneumonia and died.

We join the friends of this family in sympathizing with them in the loss of their bright little boy.

Fred Hocoday, who moved from East Texas some time ago, and accepted a position at the Ballinger Oil Mill gin, died at the Ballinger Sanitarium Sunday after an illness of about a week.

Mrs. Hocoday was at the bedside of her husband when death came, and accompanied the remains to Ladonia, Texas, the old home, for burial.

Mr. Hocoday was a member of the Masonic lodge, and the local Masons took charge of the remains and conveyed them to the train and attended to the shipping of same.

### Mrs. W. B. Page.

Mrs. W. B. Page died this morning at seven o'clock, death being caused from heart failure. She had been in bad health for some time, and was quite sick yesterday, but was thought to have been improving when death came.

Mrs. Page was the mother of three children, the youngest about two years old. She was a good Christian mother, a member of the Methodist church and was loved by all who knew her. Besides the children a husband is left to mourn her death.

The funeral will be held in the morning at ten o'clock, and the remains will be laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery. Rev. Biggs will conduct the service at the residence.



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**Giasecke-Bennett Co.,**

"State Bank Building"



## NEWSY NOTES OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Items of Interest Caught at a Glance From Our Exchanges.

John King charged with the murder of Katie Ryan at San Angelo on 24th Jan. last year, was tried in the San Angelo district court this week. The jury failed to agree.

Mrs. Joe Reagan, the wife of a young farmer of the Lipan Flat country, was horribly burned Thursday evening of last week. She was attending to her household duties when her dress caught fire from the cook stove. The woman ran into the yard and before her screams attracted the attention of help, her lower limbs and hands and arms were badly burned.

The case of Good Wooldridge, charged with seduction was tried in Brownwood before Judge Goodwin and resulted in a hung jury, there being nine for conviction and three for acquittal.

The officers at Brownwood are practicing the Campbell idea, and heading Gov. Combell have put the lid on good and tight and the Sunday selling law is being enforced. It is said that you couldn't buy a coco cola in Brownwood last Sunday.

Brownwood sent a man to Ballinger to see our streets. The man returned home and made his report and as a result of the visit Brownwood has purchased a street roller. Other towns could profit by sending a committee to Ballinger and get the idea how to do things.

Brownwood road hands unearthed the bones of a man that was hung for horse theft at that place 40 years ago. It was re-

called when the bones were found that a man was lynched 40 years ago for stealing horses, and buried besides the road, the road had been changed and the bones washed up.

Thieves have been at work at Brownwood, and their slick way of stealing grips and overcoats of unsuspecting travelers from the depots are puzzling the officers.

Rev. D. M. West went to Comanche Saturday, where he preaches Sunday to a congregation of the Baptist church of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moore, of Ballinger, are in the city as guests at the home of Mrs. H. E. Harrison, in the Fort Concho addition.

W. C. Penn returned to Ballinger Saturday afternoon. The genial cotton buyer can't decide whether he would rather live in San Angelo or Ballinger.

F. L. Gordon is in the city from Ballinger. Mr. Gordon was at one time a printer in San Angelo and is known to most of the members of the craft as well as many others.

Jim Henderson, wife and baby Miss Cora and Tom Henderson are at Ballinger. The men go to ship a large bunch of fat steers to the market. The steers have been on feed near the oil mill there.—San Angelo Press.

Will Burkett of Coleman county is the champion potato grower of Texas. He raised a potato that weighs 14 pounds.

Capt G. B. Peers came near losing his life at Bronte last week. The cast iron lintel spanning the opening in front of a new building under course of construction, gave way and the rock work fell. Capt. Peers had just passed out from under the rock wall when it fell. He is one of our best friends and we trust he will be more careful and take better care of himself.

The little six year old girl of Col. Hammer, who lives near Merkel, was drowned in a pond near their home last Thursday. She was sent for water and fell into the pond. The body was discovered a few minutes after the accident but life was extinct.

Mrs. Carroll Lockett suicided at Mullin Wednesday afternoon

at the home of her father, Mr. D. Y. Childers. She had been with her brother at the barn shucking corn, but becoming tired she returned to the house. Going into one of the rooms she locked the door and pouring coal oil over her clothing set fire to it. Her mother who was in the house, heard her scream and endeavored to go to her assistance, but before the door could be broken down she was so badly burned that she only lived a few hours.

Mrs. Lockett was recently adjudged insane and was placed in the asylum for treatment, but the knowledge that she was in an asylum for insane distressed her so much that her family took her away and carried her to Mineral Wells, where it was believed she improved considerably and she was then brought home.—Goldthwaite Eagle.

The Talpa Tribune takes up a column telling how a slick faker gullied the people of that place out of a nice sum of cash giving in exchange a lot of worthless jewelry and razors. Some people know how to work hard—slave—and make a few dollars, but they are so green that the street fakir finds easy picking when he comes to town. We saw a man in Ballinger a few days ago that did not have decent clothes on his back, walk up and buy enough cheap jewelry, collar and cuff buttons, pens, etc. to start a jewelry store. These fakirs come to Ballinger every season and they never fail to do a thriving business.

The big negro minstrel that played here Tuesday night passed Comanche. It is a well known fact to all "nigger" shows that Miles and Comanche are two towns that draw the line and will not allow a negro to spend the night in those towns. For the nigger show part of it we think they are right. The bunch of black greasy coons pocketed a nice little purse of money at Ballinger, giving in exchange a few stale smooty jokes, coon songs and dances. The juggling and slight of hand work did very well, but the rest of the program was on the bum.

Brownwood and Comanche pull off every year an attraction that is worth a great deal and something Ballinger has been overlooking; successful poultry

shows. Poultry raising brings many dollars into circulation in Runnels county, and a poultry show would encourage the industry and be a means of making Ballinger a better poultry market. If the proper authorities would start the move the poultry growers would do the rest. Let's get busy.

Angelo is pulling for a road that will run out south from Plainview connecting with the T. & P. and coming down through this country. Ballinger is in direct route of this proposed road, and we should not be asleep and let an opportunity slip to investigate this project. We will beat Angelo to the second road, now let's beat her to the third.

The First National Bank of Coleman has been granted permission to increase its capital stock from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Coleman is to have a public library costing \$2,500. A lot has been leased for 99 years and the people have the money to build with and have let the contract.

Rev. G. B. Hall has been called as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Childers and has the call under consideration. Mr. Hall has been here for several years, and has a legion of friends who would regret to see him leave our town.—Comanche Chief.

Gaines is a Runnels county boy. He has a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters living at Winters, in this county, and many friends all over the county who will read with pleasure his success in life.

### 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.

E. J. Kassell, of Shreveport, La. is a new business man in Ballinger. Mr. Kassell arrived first of the week, and made arrangements at once to open a jewelry store in the Owl Pharmacy. Mr. Kassell is a very pleasant gentleman and comes well recommended as a jeweler.

### Fever Sores

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and disease of the skin. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

S. P. Hathaway left first of the week for a prospecting trip through the Panhandle country. Sterling has been a citizen of Ballinger a long time, and he has many friends here who hope that he will find nothing to suit him and will return to Ballinger to stay.

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Ask your pharmacist for a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take one triangle after supper tonight. There will be no sour rising, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea or Intestinal Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or Intestinal griping. This will all go, and besides there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for all stomach misery, because it will take hold of your food and digest it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. Actual, prompt relief for all your stomach misery is at your Pharmacist, waiting for you.

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**City Ordinance**  
An Ordinance Prohibiting the Peddling and Selling of Merchandise Within Certain Limits.

"Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger,"  
Sec. 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to peddle, or in any other manner sell any kind of merchandise, patent medicine or nostrum on or in any of the following streets and avenues in the City of Ballinger: On Hutchings Avenue from Sixth Street to 10th Street; on Eighth Street from Right-of-way of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Co. to Sealy Avenue; on 7th Street from Right-of-way of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Co. to Sealy Avenue; and on 9th street from right-of-way of Santa Fe Railway Co. to Sealy Avenue; and on Broadway from Santa Fe right-of-way to Sealy Avenue.  
Sec. 2 Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$25.00. Approved Jan 12, 1909, John Hoffer, Mayor.  
Attest J. R. Lusk, City Secretary

Sell your cotton seed to Rasbury & Bruce and get what they are worth.

**Best Stomach Remedy Free**

It is an old saying that if the stomach is sound the whole body is safe, because so much depends upon the proper working of the stomach. Many persons find themselves with a disorder of the stomach which produces dyspepsia or a peculiar state of biliousness.

If you suffer from both stomach trouble and constipation you are on the way to a very serious disease. From just such conditions come appendicitis, rheumatism, skin diseases and similar disorders, because the waste matter that should have been expelled from the system through the bowels has found its way into the blood and vitiated it. What is needed at this point is not simply a violent cathartic tablet or salt, which usually does more harm than good, but a gentle laxative tonic like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which people have been using for these ailments for nearly a quarter of a century. It cured J. C. Lanham, of Warrensburg, Mo., of stomach trouble of long standing, also William Voll, of 903 Ellisson St., Louisville, Ky., who had the trouble for fifteen years.

However, if you have stomach trouble you want to know from personal experience what Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will do for you. If so, send your name to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you. You are urged to send for the free bottle, as the results from it will be the best recommendation of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Then you will do as over two million people did last year—go to your druggist and buy a regular bottle at 50 cents or \$1, according to the size you prefer. We could mention hundreds and hundreds of families who are never without it. You can never tell when some member of the family will need a laxative, and then no time should be lost taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 509 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

**Thorns and Orange Blossoms**

"A play without a star and yet bright lights shining all the time"—writes a Boston critic about Thorns and Orange Blossoms, Bertha M. Clay's absorbingly interesting play—"and"—continues the dramatic writer—"This is what the public want—easily divided casts, with each character competent to carry his or her portion of the play in a finished and convincing manner."

It is a significant tribute to the judgment of the producers that the feature pointed out was a dominating influence for the selection of "Thorns and Orange Blossoms" for a road tour.

The story appeals to all classes, it has a vital interest for everyone, the working girl and the petted society belle, the young man about town or the head of a family—to each there is a pointed lesson, a moral, a suggestion and over all is spread the spirit of kindness of wisdom, of real humanity, of living and breathing heart interest.

They will introduce as a special feature the real thing in the way of an imported "Directoire Gown." This gown is said to be one of the finest that has passed through the custom house in New York. Miss Alleen Morrison the leading lady of the company wears it in the second act of this beautiful play. To Madame Osborne is due the credit of creating this famous sheath or Directoire Gown. It is claimed that one must be well up in the Delsartin methods and the personifications of Grace to properly wear the Directoire Gown. As Miss Morrison has beauty we predict that her appearance will create a decided sensation. That she will be the envy of all the young ladies and the admiration of the men who will witness the production of "Thorns and Orange Blossoms." Already the demand for seats has begun and from the present outlook the indications are that they will be greeted by a packed house.

Each of the four acts are studied with laughs or tears, and of course in the end right conquers might, love finds out a way to smoothe the ruffles and the young husband whose untiring efforts to win back this child wife meets with success. All ends happily. Thorns and Orange Blossoms is scheduled to play in all the larger cities of the East this season, and may not return to the smaller cities for two or three years, so avail yourself to witness the production that critics and public acclaim "The prettiest story ever told."

Ballinger Opera House Monday January 18. Prices 25, 50 75 and \$1.00. Seats on sale at Walker Drug Co.

**Found a Spider in His Paper.**

When Mark Twain was editing the Virginia City Enterprise he received from a superstitious subscriber a letter stating that the writer had found a spider in his copy of the paper and wanted to know whether that was good luck or bad luck. Mark replied in his "Answer to Correspondents" columns as follows:

"Old Subscriber—The finding of a spider in your copy of the Enterprise was neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our pages to find out what merchant was not advertising so that it could spin its web across his door and lead a free and undisturbed existence forever and ever." There are a few stores in Ballinger that would make good homes for the spider.

**Stomach Trouble Cured.**

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

**New Man at Hub.**

H. S. Perkins, formerly of Mississippi, but who has been in Ballinger a month, has accepted a position with the Hub and took charge Monday. Mr. Perkins is an experienced business man and comes to Ballinger highly recommended as a citizen and we welcome him and bespeak for him your consideration when you want dry goods.

**Lame Shoulder**

This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely twice a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism, and is sure to give quick relief Chamberlain's Liniment is also most excellent for sprains and bruises. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

**Be Just to Bryan.**

There are quite a number of Southern contemporaries that are not exhibiting the proper strain of courtesy to Mr. Bryan. They are either assuming that he intends to be a candidate in 1912 or ridiculing him for the purpose of preventing his candidacy. No one is justified in assuming that Mr. Bryan wants the nomination in 1912. Still less is ridicule warranted. Mr. Bryan deserves nothing but the kindly regard of the democratic party. He has done everything in his power to lead it to success and though he failed of election, no fair minded man will say that he has not given a tremendous impetus to reform.

His recent canvass was in many respects the greatest of our history. In its loftiness of tone, its earnestness, its patriotism, its intelligence, its eloquence it has never been surpassed, and nothing happened to lower him in the esteem of his countrymen. Mr. Bryan is not seeking another nomination. He has returned to his place in the ranks to labor with other democrats for the upbuilding of the party and for the assertion of democratic principles. The proper course for democratic newspapers to pursue is to co-operate with him in the great work which must be carried on for the next three years, leaving the question of the candidate to 1912. It can do no good to wound Mr. Bryan's millions of friends by attacking him in an unwarranted manner

**OPERA HOUSE**  
**Monday, January 18**



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or ridiculing him as a perpetual candidate.

It would have been impossible to nominate Mr. Bryan this year if the democratic masses had not desired his nomination and it will be impossible to nominate him in 1912 if the democrats do not want him. If conditions then suggest that Mr. Bryan's nomination would not be advisable, Mr. Bryan is not a man to force himself on the party. On the contrary he would be the first to advise the selection of another candidate.

Those who intimate that Mr. Bryan intends to be a perpetual candidate, not in the expectation of winning, but merely to advertise his private business simply perpetrate a libel upon him and insult his friends, with the result of creating discord where harmony is needed.

In 1912 it will be time enough for these newspapers to urge the claims of other candidates and they can do this without attacking Mr. Bryan. All of us will know more about the situation then than now and The Post feels sure that Mr. Bryan will be ready then as always to give the ticket his loyal support.—Houston Post.

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T. M. Osteen is here from Bronte, this week.

W. H. Rodgers and J. L. Speer faced the cold and came in from Winters Tuesday to hear Geo. Stuart speak.

Mrs. W. A. Norman was quite sick this week with lagrippe.

## Don't 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 Simmon's Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

Judge Wade of Miles, was here on business Wednesday.

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned from a business trip to Midland Monday.

## The Meanest Man in Town

is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start once taking Ballard's Herbine your liver—the safe, sure reliable vegetable regulator. J. Y. Pearce.

Judge C. F. Dickinson returned from Austin and Williamson county, last Sunday.

We want your cotton seed and will pay you the highest market price.—Rasbury & Bruce.

Duncan McGregor was here from Coleman Monday to visit his mother and other relatives.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. City Drug Store, special agents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stone went to Fort Worth this week to visit their daughter.

The Missouri Milling Co. is paying the highest market price for wheat, oats and milo maize, kaffir corn, etc.

## See Morehead, the Tailor.

Dr. Wallace has the material on the ground and the foundation completed for a nice residence on Broadway. Just in front of the home of Harry Scott.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. City Drug Store special agents.

Lewis Alexander is moving to Winters this week. Mr. Alexander will be in business at Winters.

R. L. Bates returned from a visit to Austin, last Saturday.

## 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.

## THE JURIES DIDN'T AGREE

By Max Adoler.

One day last week the body of a man was found lying in a field a short distance out of town, and information of the fact was sent to our coroner, Barney Maginn, who proceeded to the spot in hot haste, with a jury. When he arrived the party discovered that the body lay directly across the line between our county and the county adjoining, and Mr. Maginn was just about to move it completely within his jurisdiction when he saw Mr. Doolan, the coroner of the other county, coming over the fence with his jury and calling to Mr. Maginn to let those remains alone.

A very bitter controversy ensued as to who had the better right to officially take charge of the corpse. Mr. Doolan contended that as the head was in his county, the body belonged to him, because the head was the man; a human being might exist without legs, but he couldn't get along without any comfort without a head. But Mr. Maginn said that as the legs were in his county the man had evidently died there, and then accidentally tumbled across the line, so it was his duty to hold the inquest.

It was first contemplated to settle the question by Maginn and Doolan going into a corner of the field and engaging in a fight; but one of the jurymen suggested that things might be arranged more amicably by holding two inquests, Maginn meditating upon the legs while Doolan mused over the head. Accordingly, the inquests began, and after a careful investigation of the matter, the Doolan jury brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by apoplexy, while the Maginn jury decided that the condition of the man's legs showed that he had been gored to death by Dr. Rymer's short-horn bull.

Doolan said such a verdict was ridiculous, and Maginn insisted that the Doolan verdict was an awful violation of the truth. The controversy became so warm that the two coroners, with their juries, came to blows, and for some time a bloody war was waged over the corpse. At last when Doolan got Maginn down, and was about to hammer his nose, in order to convince him that his views were incorrect, Maginn said perhaps they might compromise. He suggested that it would be a good idea to turn the remains around and let Doolan's jury brood over the legs while Maginn's jury investigated the head. This was agreed to, and after a thoughtful deliberation, Doolan's jury made up its mind that deceased had been bitten to death by a mad dog, while Maginn's jury expressed their conviction that the death of the unfortunate man had been caused by delirium tremens.

Then Doolan said it was silly to declare that the man died of four different complaints, and Maginn said that the only idiotic thing that he saw about the proceedings was the fact that the Doolan jury had brought in two verdicts which were foreign to the manifest truth. This excited Doolan's indignation, and after a few angry words had passed, the two parties again proceeded to blows, and for awhile it looked as if there would be some more corpses in the field. This time Maginn defeated Doolan, and as he was sitting upon that gentleman and preparing to twist his ears, Doolan threw out the idea that perhaps they might arrange a compromise by laying the body lengthwise on the border-line, so that each jury could examine one side. This was agreed to, and after consultation Doolan's jury had just determined to insist that death was caused by shotgun wounds, while Maginn's jury was ready to maintain the theory that the man had been hacked with a knife, when, all of a sudden, the corpse sat up, rubbed its eyes, looked around at the crowd in amazement and exclaimed:

"What's the matter? What in thunder are all you fellows doin' here, anyway? Holdin' a picnic or a camp-meetin'?"

As soon as the coroners recovered from their amazement, and two of the jurymen who had suddenly jumped over the fence had come back, Mr. Doolan said:

"Why, we thought you were dead, and we've been holding inquests on you—sitting on you."

"Inquests? Sitting on me! Well, I hope I may be hanged! Sittin' on me 's if I was dead! I'm just as alive as you are. The fact is, I was over at Jim Murphy's tavern last night, drinkin', and I must have stumbled in here drunk. Hurt my leg gettin' over the fence, I reckon. Dead! I kin lick the man who says I am. Where is he? Show him to me! Run him out so's I kin look at him!"

Then the coroners suddenly went home, and Mr. Maginn said to me the next day that he verily believed that if he should set on a graven image with the hope of making a fee, that inanimate sculpture would instantly become instinct with life, and want to dance and climb trees.—New York Weekly.

## Box Sent in Its Own Alarm.

Box 32 of the Haverhill (Mass.) fire alarm system had a fire all by itself one morning recently and sent in its own alarm, followed a few minutes later by another alarm. There was great excitement for a time, as gas blew up through the box from conduits and bursting into flame shot high into the air, melting the contact points in the box and doing other damage. The cause of the fire was a break in a trolley wire.

## NEW ZEALAND'S WHITE ISLAND.

Always Enveloped in Clouds of Steam—Its Strange Lakes.

White Island, in Australia, derives its name from the clouds of white steam in which it appears to be continually enveloped. Its area is only 600 acres, and its height about 880 feet above the sea level.

In form and color it is like a reposing camel, while its interior with its gray, weather-beaten, almost perpendicular cliffs, recalls the Coliseum at Rome. Overhanging the southern landing place stands a column of rock closely resembling a sentinel, which has been dedicated to the memory of Capt. Cook. The water of the island is of a pale green hue, and anything dipped into it becomes of a red brick color. The fumes of sulphur are always plainly perceptible.

On a fine moonlight night a wonderful sight is afforded to any one who will sit in an open boat in one of the lakes of the island. Covering an area of 50 acres is an immense caldron hissing and snorting and sending forth volumes of poisonous steam, while all chances of egress appear to be denied by the steep, silent and gloomy cliffs.

## A Unique Cat.

Horace Elliott has a handsome shag cat which he would not sell for love or money, and which is quite a curiosity. She was never known to catch a rat or mouse or anything else, and Mr. Elliott has recently found out what the trouble is. You, of course, have heard of cross-eyed cats. Well, this one is so much that way that when she attempts to catch anything she jumps in the opposite direction.—Rockland (Me.) Opinion.

## Diffusing the Annoyance.

"You don't suppose we take boarders because we need the money!" exclaimed Farmer Cornstossel, loftily.

"I had some such idea," answered the man who had ventured to criticize.

"Not at all. We just get these people in from town to keep the mosquitoes from devotin' all their attention to our home circle."—Exchange.

## Married and Single.

There is no denying that engaged lovers stand on one platform and married lovers on another. Previous to marriage so little is said about money. There are discussions, there are wranglings, but they are done by proxy, by the lawyers. Once married, however, the principals must talk of money matters between themselves; its management, its disbursement.—London Lady.

## Heat in Match's Flame.

The flame of an ordinary match has a much higher temperature than is generally known, and will melt cast iron or steel filings. Try it by striking a match and sprinkle the filings through the flame. Sputtering sparks like gunpowder will be the result of the melting metal.—Popular Mechanics.

## See Morehead, the Tailor.

Rasbury & Bruce will pay you the highest market price for all of your Red Top Cane Seed delivered at once. Rasbury & Bruce. 176

A. B. Lockett, one of our good friends from Tokeen country made us a pleasant visit this morning and reported that the freeze damaged oats and wheat considerably in his country.

Judge M. Kleberg is here prospecting and visiting W. J. and C. S. Miller. Judge Kleberg is a prominent young lawyer, and is figuring on locating in Ballinger.

We are in the market for all your wheat, oats and milo maize. Missouri Milling Co.

Buy old papers at the Leader office to put under your carpet and matting. You can have them at your own price.

Positively no favorites, one price to all. Cash Grocery Co.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

J. T. Mewshow, of Garland, passed through to-day en-route to Winters to visit his son. He is commissioner of the Penitentiary.

## See Morehead, the Tailor.

Sheriff Flynt, Constable Pilcher and Marshal McKay rounded up a bunch of poker players near the river bridge last night about twelve o'clock. There were four in the bunch, all white men, and they were playing for \$10 entrance and had about \$800 worth of chips in the game.

Everything sold on close margins, and one price to all. Cash Grocery Co.

Live Oak Flour the best. Try a sack from Miller Mercantile Co.

## An Ordinance.

An ordinance to establish and regulate the use of a place for the deposit of all filth, trash, garbage and dead animals and fowls, and providing penalties for violation of same, and repealing all ordinances that conflict with same.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger:

Sec. 1. That the following described tract or parcel of land is hereby designated and set apart as the place wherein all filth, trash, garbage and dead animals and fowls shall be deposited, and shall hereafter be known as the "Dumping Grounds," to-wit:—Being situated in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, and within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger, and described by metes and bounds as follows:—Beginning at a rock mound 200 feet N. 5 1/2 E. of corner of a ten acre tract sold to C. H. Willingham by the G. C. & S. F. Railway Co., or S. side of slough in East line of Elm Avenue. Thence N. 5 1/2 E. with Elm Avenue crossing slough 270 feet to rock mound. Thence N. 85 E. 460 feet to middle of Elm Creek. Thence S. 10 E. with Elm Creek 260 feet to corner in middle of Elm Creek. Thence S 85 West 500 feet to the place of beginning; that the above described tract of land is enclosed by a fence.

Sec. 2. The owner, possessor, or any person having in charge, any animal which may die or may be found dead within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger, shall within 24 hours after death or discovery of any such animal, cause the carcass to be removed beyond the limits of the City of Ballinger, or to the "Dumping Grounds;" and if removed to the "Dumping Grounds," shall cause said animal to be placed within the furnace of the "Crematory" situated on said "Dumping Grounds."

Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to deposit filth, garbage, trash, tin cans, scrap iron, weeds or rubbish of any kind, dead animals or fowls of any kind, or any decaying or putrid matter of any description whatsoever or any accumulation from privies or water closets, within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger, except upon or within the bounds of the "Dumping Grounds," as above described.

Sec. 4. Any person or persons who shall violate any provision of the above ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$100.00.

Sec. 5. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; and this ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

Approved January 15, 1909.  
John Hoffer, Mayor.  
Attest: J. R. Lusk, City Secretary

Bring us all your Red Top Cane Seed at once. Rasbury & Bruce. 176

Jim Henderson who has been feeding a big bunch of steers at the Ballinger Oil Mill this winter called out twelve cars and shipped them to the Kansas City market Monday. He will ship another bunch about the first of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman came in Wednesday on a visit to Mrs. Bateman's sister, Mrs. R. L. Shaffer. Mrs. Shaffer who had been visiting at Denton returned home on the same train.

Mrs. Minnie Guion McCrary, of Calvert, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis.

Mrs. J. J. Erwin and daughter, Mrs. George Holman, and the baby, went to Austin yesterday to visit relatives.

Take your wheat, oats and milo maize to the Missouri Milling Co.

## HERE TO STAY

Able to do your work Satisfaction guaranteed Solicit your sign painting. Leave orders at Express office.

S. S. PRINCE JR.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with law, that the Commissioners Court of Runnels county, Texas, will, at its February Term next, receive bids or proposals from any Banking Corporation, Association, or individual Banker, to act as Depository of the funds of said county of Runnels for the two years beginning with the month of February, 1909. Said bids or proposals shall be under seal, shall state the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association, or individual banker, making same, offers to pay on the funds of the county in accordance with law, and shall be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$200.00 as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted he will enter into the bond required by law. Said bids will be opened in open session of the Commissioners Court on the 8th day of February, 1909, at 10 o'clock, a. m. of said day, and acted upon in accordance with law.

R. S. Griggs.

County Judge, Runnels County, Texas.

## 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 acute pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get it 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.

## The Greatest Offer Ever Made

The Leader has made arrangements whereby we can give the Leader readers a large map 28x36 inches in three sheets, six pages showing the United States Texas, the world, and a lot of other valuable information. The map retails for \$1.50. It is printed on good heavy gloss map paper, is well clamped or bound at the top by a patent metal binding. We give the map absolutely free to every subscriber to the Leader and The Fort Worth Semi Weekly Record at the price of \$1.90 for the two papers. We will be glad to show you the map and give you this opportunity. We only have a limited number of the maps and the first comes gets them free.

## Drink Pure Water

The majority of the sickness is attributed to drinking impure water. Drinking the pure kind is the only sure way to avoid being sick. The Arctic Ice and Fuel Company are sending out pure distilled water in five gallon bottles. They sell you a water book and you can order the water just as you need it. Phone the Ice Plant and ask about it.

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