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1/2 Price

DON'T talk cheap cotton at these prices. Every man and boy in Runnels County can have a new Suit now for just one-half Price on any Winter Suit or Overcoat in the house. We say any we mean all. You can buy the same Suit for \$10.00 now that your neighbor paid \$20.00 for.

1/2 Price

Sixteen Days, Closes March 6th



All Winter Suits 1-2 Price			
\$25.00	Suits now at	\$12.50	
22.50	" "	11.25	
20.00	" "	10.00	
18.50	" "	9.25	
17.50	" "	8.75	
15.00	" "	7.50	
13.50	" "	6.75	
12.50	" "	6.25	
10.00	" "	5.00	
9.50	" "	4.25	
7.50	" "	3.75	
6.50	" "	3.25	

Gentlemen this is a Square Deal

All Overcoats 1-2 Price			
\$25.00	Overcoats at	\$12.50	
22.00	" "	11.25	
20.00	" "	10.00	
18.50	" "	9.25	
17.50	" "	8.75	
16.50	" "	8.25	
15.00	" "	7.50	
13.50	" "	6.75	
12.50	" "	6.25	
10.00	" "	5.00	
8.50	" "	4.25	
7.50	" "	3.75	

We Pay More Than This for Them



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One-Half Price :-: One-Half Price



All Winter Pants 1-2 Price			
\$6.00	Pants at	\$3.00	
\$5.50	" "	\$2.75	
\$5.00	" "	\$2.25	
\$4.50	" "	\$2.00	
\$4.00	" "	\$2.00	
\$3.50	" "	\$1.70	
\$3.00	" "	\$1.50	
\$2.50	" "	\$1.25	
\$2.00	" "	\$1.00	
\$1.50	" "	.75	

A Price that gives you a Prize

Boys Suits and Overcoats 1-2 Price			
\$6.00	Suits and O'rcoats	\$3.00	
\$5.50	" "	\$2.75	
\$5.00	" "	\$2.50	
\$4.50	" "	\$2.25	
\$4.00	" "	\$2.00	
\$3.50	" "	\$1.75	
\$3.00	" "	\$1.50	
\$2.50	" "	\$1.25	
\$2.00	" "	\$1.00	

Next Thing to a Gift.



Buy before the price goes higher--save money by buying now.

Higdon Melton Jackson Co.
INCORPORATED
THE STORE AHEAD

Others have the same goods, but at higher prices. Come and look

PAINT ROCK

AFTER RAILROAD

Citizens Act Favorably on Bonus Proposition.

Thursday night a mass meeting was held at the courthouse to hear the proposition submitted by Mr. Love, the railroad promoter. A committee from Paint Rock and Millersview met Mr. Love at Eden Thursday and the party came up to Paint Rock in autos. Mr. Love made a straight talk and stated that \$3000 per mile and the right of way through Concho county would get the road and that work would start immediately from Ballinger if the bonus would come forward.

It begins to look like something will materialize. There was a rousing meeting at the courthouse Tuesday night. We have on hand a proposition to build a road for \$100,000 and right of way through the county. We understand Eden has \$40,000 raised and Menardville is ready to put up \$150,000 Kerrville \$200,000 and San Antonio has a guarantee of \$100,000 for a railroad out this way. What the people want is a railroad through Concho county, and of course, every local interest wants it to run their way, but the thing is to get the road. By co-operation and concentration Concho county can get a road and every body, no matter how remote will be benefited. Let us all pull together and the year 1909 will be a banner year for our county. Mr. Howze will go to work at once and the Herald anticipates his efforts will be successful. It will take hard and earnest work, but we can't afford to fall down now with the goal in sight.—Paint Rock Herald.

Jumbo ten cent table at Kinzers—see it for bargains.

Ballinger School Law Made Valid

Judge M. C. Smith returned from Austin last Saturday. While at Austin he had our representative Brown F. Lee to introduce the bill creating the Ballinger Independent School District. It will be remembered that there was some question about the old law being valid, but the amendment that passed at the last election makes the district legally incorporated by the act introduced and passed by the present legislature.

THE SMOKER OPEN TO PUBLIC

New Pool Hall an Ideal Place for Lovers of That Sport

The Smoker, Dunlap & Scott proprietors, was opened for business last Monday at one o'clock in the Giesecke new building on Eight street and the opening day was a good one for the Managers. They had a full house from the time of opening until closed, and business has been good every day since.

The Smoker is perhaps the nicest place of the kind in this section of the state. The furnishings are modern throughout. Eight tables, six pool and two billiard are arranged in lengthways of the long building giving plenty room for the players. Up-to-date chairs, tables, handsome cigar cases and furnishing throughout. A supply of the best brand and grade of smokers goods will be kept in stock.

Lovers of these games can go here and play without coming in contact with an element that is generally objectional around a pool hall, as the manager expects to run the hall in a way that will keep out such element.

John Hoffer has accepted the cashiership of this popular place.

COTTON RECEIPTS FROM TWO TOWNS

Ballinger and Abilene Compare Receipts for Two Years.

A reporter called at the public weigher's office Thursday morning to get a report of Abilene's cotton receipts for 1907-08 and he gave us the total receipts at his yard of the crop of 1907 at 16,000, and of the 1908 crop he has weighed in 22,525 bales.

At the Farmers Union warehouse, up to noon today, 5,350 bales have been weighed in, against 2,707 bales on same date last year.

These figures show that Abilene has received of the 1908 crop 27,875 bales, against 18,707 for the year 1907—Abilene Reporter.

Abilene did well for the 1907 crop, going above Ballinger a few hundred bales, but for 1908, Ballinger almost doubled Abilene. Here is the way they count at Ballinger.

At the public weighers yard 13,461 bales were received up to this date last year, and at the Farmers warehouse 5,020 bales were received, a total of 18,481.

Up to even date with the Abilene report of this year, Ballinger has received 48,234 bales; 33,716 at the public weighers yard and 14,518 at the Union warehouse.

New Officers of K. of P.

The K. of P. Lodge will meet next Monday night and install the following newly elected officers:

E. F. Krebs, C. C.; J. P. Martindale, V. C.; Ed. S. McCarver, P. M.; W. S. Morehead, M. A.; W. L. Smith, M. W.; Frank Maddox, K. of R. S.; Arthur Dooze, M. F.; J. W. Patterson, M. E.; John Hopkinson, I. G.; A. J. Stocklass, O. G.

Cost of Raising Cotton.

Discussing the editorial in last week's issue of Farm & Ranch, the actual cost of raising cotton W. B. Yeary of Farmersville, Texas, gives some interesting figures and comments:

"In dealing with this question," said Mr. Yeary, "there are so many elements of uncertainty that enter into the cost of making a bale of cotton that we must base our estimates on ideal weather conditions; or in other words, we must be able to work our cotton whenever it needs working, chop it and pick it at the right times.

"Ideal weather conditions give us production at a minimum expense. Any variation from this standard will cause an extra cost of production, or a decreased return from the soil.

"My estimate must also deal with the average black land soil and the average black land farmer. The better equipped a man is the cheaper he can produce his crop. We must also have a smooth piece of land that has been cultivated so that an average day's work may be done. Broken land will of course, be more expensive to the work.

"Let the value of a man and his team be \$3 per day. Then the cost per acre for handling the crop to the time of picking will be: cleaning land, 25 cents; breaking, \$2; harrowing, 20 cents; berring up the land, 35 cents; planting, 35 cents; seed 25 cents; first chopping, 75 cents; second chopping, 50 cents; second, third and fourth plowings, \$1.

"The average production per acre in our part of the country is about one-third of a bale. On this hypothesis, we find the following costs: picking at 75 cents per hundred, season average, \$3.75; time of man and team at gin, 50 cents; ginning expenses, \$1; time consumed in marketing, 35 cents; rent of land, \$5. This makes a total cost of \$16.75 to raise one-third of a bale of cotton.

"If cotton sells at 10 cents per pound and seed at 15 per ton, the farmer, will get \$19.16 for his one-third of a bale and its seed. His profit in this instance is \$2.41 per acre.

"With cotton at 9 cents per pound and seed at \$15 per ton, the profit is 75 cents per acre.

"With cotton at 8 cents and seed at \$15 per ton, the loss is \$2.92 per acre.

"The same scale of computations may be made for whatever price cotton and cotton seed will bring or for whatever yield may be obtained. The cost of raising a third of a bale is just as great as raising a bale to the acre up to the time of picking. Then the cost is proportionate for the quantity of the yield, but the total returns are very much greater.

"This estimate has not included the wear and tear of machinery, nor the expense of fertilization, replanting, rechopping from excessive rain. These are expenses that must also be provided for. Every few years new implements must be bought and about every ten years a new team must be provided.—Farm & Ranch.

Notice Contractors.

Bids will be received up to 3 o'clock p. m. Feb. 23d, 1909 for the construction of a one-story stone building 60 x 100 feet built in the town of Winters. Plans and specifications can be seen at Winters State Bank where bids will be received. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

J. W. Dale,
W. H. Rodgers,
Winters, Texas.

"It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what its called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, ringworms, are cured by one box. Its guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

Spring is Coming

It hasn't looked much like it the past week, but we know it is by the new

Spring Goods

arriving at our store. New Dress Goods, New Oxfords, New Novelties. Call and see them.

Winkler Dry Goods Co.

RURAL ROUTE

NO. 1 WINGATE

Congressman Smith Secures Another Rural Mail Route for Runnels County

February 11, 1909

To the Editor, the Banner Leader.

Ballinger, Texas.

My dear Sir:—

I beg to hand you here with a copy of a letter just received from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General announcing the establishment of another rural mail service in Runnels county. As an item of news it may interest your readers since it indicates the growth of both population and business of your county.

Very truly yours,
W. R. Smith

Hon. W. R. Smith,
House of Representatives.

Sir:—

I have the honor to advise you that rural route No. 1. has been assigned for establishment from Wingate, Runnels County, Texas effective April 1, 1909 with one carrier,

Respectfully,
P. V. DeGraw
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

Baptist Board Meeting

The executive board of Runnels county association is called to meet at Winters on next Tuesday Feb. 23rd at 2 o'clock p. m. This is a very important meeting, as our missionary elect has declined to accept the work, we will have to elect another man to serve us. Also we want to elect a man to represent our association on the committee to locate the West Texas Sanitarium. Let every Board member be present.

Z. J. Amerson

A Shaking Up

may all be very well so far as the trusts are concerned, but not when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure—Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful drugs and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

See Kinzer for post cards.

Many Sleepless Nights Owing to a Persistent Cough. Relief Found at Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed, marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by Walker Drug Co.

Worn Out

That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it, when Ballard's Horehound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Women as Well as Men are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousand letters received from who found Swamp-Root the remedy needed. In writing to & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., mention this paper. Do not mistake, but remember the Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and Binghamton, N. Y., on ev

We Buy Furniture



and pay Cash for all kinds of second hand household goods. We will make it to your interest to see us before you sell your old furniture.

We Sell Furniture



and sell all kinds of household goods--new and second hand. If you need anything in your home, visit our



store. We've got the goods; our stock is complete in every line. We also sell stovee, harness buggies, etc.

T. S. LANKFORD

Successful Evangelist Coming to Ballinger

Local Churches to Hold Union Meeting
This Spring.

Rev. Lockett Adair returned yesterday from Brush, Colo., where he closed the greatest revival in the history of that town. There were 205 professions of faith and 185 gave their names for church membership. The Denver and other papers gave extended accounts of the revivals. Mr. Adair also conducted a revival at Sterling, Colo., where there were 271 conversions.

He will hold a meeting next at Henderson, Texas, and then go to New Jersey.—Dallas News.

Rev. Lockett Adair is the man that will hold a union revival in Ballinger at a date yet to be fixed, but sometime this spring, or early summer. As will be seen by the above, Mr. Adair is one of the most successful men in his work in America. He is an ex-policeman, is familiar with the ways of the world, and preaches in a way that strikes deep with the sinful, causing the most hardened man to stop and consider his condition. The local churches are to be congratulated on securing such a man to conduct the union revival.

Is it not better to be ready for a fire and never have it, than to have a fire and not be ready for it? See Ernest Plummer.

HERE TO STAY

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

S. S. PRINCE Jr.

A BALKY PRISONER.

B. W. Pilcher arrested a man for drunkenness, first of the week, and landed him in jail. The man, a healthy, husky looking young fellow who recently arrived from Fort Worth, did not have sufficient funds to pay the cost of a spree in Ballinger, and a place has recently been provided for such prisoners employment and the man was given a shovel and told to get busy in the court house park, and work until his fine had been paid at so much per day. The man balked worse than a young mustang, and it was necessary for the officers to chain him up to the front gate post of the park, where the public could look him into some state of manhood, which was successfully done and the man is now doing the task, layed out for him, like a good boy.

BIG DEAL IN SPOT COTTON

Largest Cotton Deal in History of Ballinger Made last Friday.

Fifteen hundred bales of cotton when turned into cash makes a pretty good pile of money—something like \$78,000. That's what Rasbury & Bruce realized on two cotton deals last week.

They sold 500 bales of spot cotton the early part of the week to M. H. Wolf & Co. of Dallas. The 500 bales brought over \$22,000 on Friday they sold under sealed bids 1000 bales of spot cotton to M. H. Wolf & Co. at \$7.1, or a total price of over \$45,000.

Twenty-three buyers figured on the cotton, but all of them did not put in a bid there being only nine bids made.

W. E. Bartlett, the photo man successor to Bartlett & Deekle, is now located over Conn & Wiley Confectionery and will be glad to serve you when you want a first class photograph.

NEW HOME FOR POSTOFFICE

Farmers & Merchants State Bank Successful Bidders. To Move About May First.

Out of the four propositions submitted to Uncle Sam to furnish a home for the postoffice, the Farmers & Merchants State Bank were the successful bidders. Postmaster Cady was notified that the room to be arranged in the back end of the new bank (Chastain) building had been selected and that the office would be moved as soon as the room could be furnished, which will be the first of May.

The new location is a very good one, being about as near the center of the business district as could be had, and as to comfort and convenience is the best. The room will be 30x90, nearly twice as large as the present quarters, and has a south opening and an east side or front opening. The bank will remodel the building throughout and will give the postoffice room a finish and equipment that will equal any in Texas.

Church Social.

Following is the program for a Church Social to be held at the First Baptist Church Friday, February 20th:

Hymn—No. 1.
Scripture Reading Rom-12—Dr. Thompson.
Prayer—Mr. Routh.
Hymn.
Welcome Address—Judge Powell.

Address "The Mission of the Church as a Soul Winner"—Mr. R. L. Maddox.
Recitation—Zula McKay.
Address "On S. S. Work"—Mr. McCarver.

Paper "The relation of the B. Y. P. U. to the Church"—Miss Hamilton.
Reading—Miss Annie Helley.
Male Quartet.
Paper "The Future of our Aid"—Mrs. S. S. Prince.
Solo—Mrs. Walter Robertson.
Evening Offering.

Flower pots all sizes at Kinzers.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition OF THE Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

AT BALLINGER, STATE OF TEXAS
at the close of business on the 5th day of Feb., 1909, published in the Banner Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger State of Texas on the 19th day of Feb., 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$89,237.16
Loans, real estate	28,437.35
Overdrafts	20,390.55
Bonds and stocks	600.00
Real estate (banking house)	18,000.00
Other real estate	600.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,330.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	69,839.52
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	11,981.94
Cash Items	1,795.59
Currency	14,655.00
Specie	3,605.14
Other resources as follows:	
Safety Dep Boxes	200.00
Total	\$262,472.25

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,190.65
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	8,627.19
Individual Deposits, subject to check	182,152.51
Time certificates of deposit	3,334.40
Demand Certificates deposits	600.00
Cashier's Checks	217.50
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	60,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Dividends Unpaid	1,350.00
Total	\$262,472.25

State of Texas }
County of Runnels } ss.
We, Chas. S. Miller, as President and E. D. Walker, as Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President
E. D. Walker, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Feb., A. D. nineteen hundred and nine. Witness my hand and notarial seal, the date last aforesaid.
(seal) Jno. F. Maddox, Notary Public.

Correct—attest:
H. Giesecke }
O. Harris } Directors
Vaughn }

BAIR & CONN BUYS BUSINESS

Prominent Business Men Return to First Love. Will Add to Stock.

A deal was closed this week in which Bair & Conn again become sole proprietors of the Globe store. These gentlemen established this business four years ago, and conducted a successful business up to November a year ago when they sold out to J. T. Baker. Mr. Baker run the business alone up to a month or two ago when he sold a one half interest to L. E. Bair, and this week R. P. Conn purchased the other half from Mr. Baker as above stated and the style name of the firm again reads Bair & Conn.

Mr. Conn says a new line of spring goods will come at an early date, and with all the push they can give the business the Globe will continue to be a successful cash house.

City Appoints Finance Committee.

The city council in session last Friday appointed a finance committee to audit the city books. The men named for the committee are A. W. Sledge, A. F. Voss and H. Zdaril.

No. 6757.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
OF BALLINGER, STATE OF TEXAS
at the close of business, Feb. 5, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$277,021.95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured (Cotton)	213,025.50
U S Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	25,000.00
Other real estate owned	16,141.33
Judgments	1,018.35
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	5,257.01
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Saving Banks	6,904.39
Due from approved reserve agents	83,183.99
Checks and other cash items	4,211.76
Notes of other National Banks	4,150.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	137.70
Specie	30,538.00
Legal-tender notes	420.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	7,800.00
Total	\$24,809.98

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,876.81
National Bank notes outstanding	98,400.00
Due to other National Banks and Bankers	66,833.49
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	20,424.75
Individual deposits subject to check	404,692.03
Demand Certificates of Deposit	2,903.30
Time certificates of deposit	2,599.05
Cashier's checks outstanding	80.55
Total	\$24,809.98

State of Texas, }
County of Runnels } ss.

I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. Erwin, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
Tom Ward }
J. McGregor } Directors.
M. A. Traylor }

Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 9th day of Feb., 1909.
Annie VanDoren, Notary Public

Recapitulation

Loans and Discounts	\$277,021.95
Demand Loans (Cotton)	213,025.50
U S Bonds	100,000.00
Other Bonds	50,000.00
Bank Building Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Real Estate	17,159.68
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas.	7,800.00
Cash in vault and with banks	134,802.85
Total	\$824,809.98

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock Paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Profits	28,876.81
Circulation	98,400.00
Re-discounts	60,000.00
Bills Payable	60,000.00
DEPOSITS:	497,533.17
Total	\$824,809.98

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

We call attention to the financial statement of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. published elsewhere in this issue.

We note individual deposits subject to check \$182,152.50 and also that there is only due to bank and bankers subject to check \$8627.19 which shows that the deposits belong to the regular customers of this prosperous and growing banking institution and bespeaks a successful management on the part of its officers.

This bank will be depository for the county funds for the year as it was the successful bidder before the commissioners Court which was in session last week.

Ballinger has many institutions to which the Banner Leader points with pride but none that we take greater pleasure in letting the world know about more, than its banks.

YOUNG FARMER LOSES BARN

Mysterious Fire Destroys Barn, Feed Buggy, etc.

Wednesday evening of last week Earl Gilliam lost his barn, all his feed, harness a good buggy and some other items.

Mr. Gilliam was away from home helping one of his neighbors fight fire that was destroying some grass when his barn was burned.

Mrs. Gilliam was at home, but did not discover the fire until the barn was almost burned to the ground and how it caught is a mystery.

Earl lives on what is known as the Babston place four miles northwest of Ballinger. The barn belonged to Earl's father, R. W. Gilliam, but Earl had all his feed, plow, buggy and wagon harness, a good buggy and his loss amounts to three or four hundred dollars.

Pool Hall Changes Hands

Bean has sold the pool hall on Eighth Street to Horace Johnson and the fixtures will be moved about March 1st to the Guion new building on Hutchins Ave. Mr. Johnson was planning to put in a third pool hall and this deal will keep the number down to two for the town. The building now occupied by the Bean pool hall will very probably be used by W. P. Hale for the Majestic.

Ask Yourself the Question.

Why not use Chamberlain's Liniment when you have rheumatism? We feel sure that the result will be prompt and satisfactory. It has cured others, why not you? Try it. It costs but a trifle. Price 25 cents; large size, 50 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Horse Wanted.

Must be medium size, young, sound, safe and a good driver, not afraid of automobiles and trains. Only those having such a horse for sale reasonable may apply to Dr. J. G. Douglass Ballinger Texas.

A Defense.

"Most of the airs people put on about the benefits of foreign travel are all a bluff." "Yes. But you've got to travel yourself in order to be able to call the bluff."

Problem Is Solved.

"How shall we keep the young men in the small towns?" asks a western college president. Very easy, professor; keep the girls there.

The Only Noble Born.

Seneca: No man is nobler born than another, unless he is born with better abilities and more amiable disposition.

Flooring a Blowhard.

If a person tells a notorious and improbable lie, the best way to match it with one still bigger.

Satisfaction Is Stagnation.
He who is easily satisfied with his work will never achieve greatness.—Goethe.

DR. MAYHEW

The Eminent Specialist

Has Opened Offices for
the Reception of
Patients

OVER OWL PHARMACY BALLINGER, TEXAS

And Only for the Treatment of Chronic Nervous, Complicated and Special Diseases of Men, Women and Children.



If you are sick or afflicted in any way this is certainly an exceptional chance to get the best treatment from a specialist whose ability is unquestioned.

All chronic, deep-seated and complicated and special diseases of men and women and children treated.

Hundreds of ladies have been cured and saved from surgical operations by Dr. Mayhew's successful treatment.

Men by the score have been cured and after trying all the worthless remedies and appliances, the Doctor has proved his ability to the satisfaction of them all.

Whiskey, morphine and drug additions cured to stay cured in three days.

Ladies

Do not be operated upon for your troubles; come to the Doctor, as many others have done after being told that nothing but an operation would cure them, and get well.

Diseases of Men Treated by the latest and most scientific methods.

Men, Come to Me. It is not necessary to give me a long list of your troubles. Consult me. I can and will treat you successfully.

The Doctor treats Catarrh, Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Troubles, Bronchial and Lung Trouble, Heart Complications, Liver, Spleen, Stomach and Bowel Trouble, Liver and Bladder Disease, Rheumatism, Heartache, Sciatica, Spinal Trouble, Club Feet and Rupture, without the use of a knife.

Piles, Fistula and Rectal Troubles without operation or pain.

Asthma by the most successful treatment known, and cures made in many cases given up as incurable.

All diseases of women; special diseases of men; special diseases of children.

If you are afflicted in any way the Doctor extends to you a cordial invitation to consult him free of charge and find out your exact condition.

Remember his generous offer: One month's treatment free (medicine excepted) to the first 50 cases applying for treatment.

DR. MAYHEW

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us, and if necessary we will send our reporter to get data. It is our endeavor to make the best paper possible, though we cannot learn the news unless you tell us.

The grand jury at Coleman only found six bills; all for misdemeanors. A pretty good showing—but Coleman is a dry town.

Our law makers are to be applauded for one act at least. The bill fixing a license on the sale of fire works. The license is \$500 which of course is prohibitive.

Another step forward. More postoffice room for growing Ballinger will enable our postoffice people to handle the large volume of mail to a better advantage and give a better service.

To-day is tree planting day in the court house park. About two hundred trees are being set out. If the plans adopted are carried out Ballinger will some day have the prettiest park in West Texas.

The San Angelo Street Car Company has gone to the bad and Col. A. J. Baker has been appointed receiver. We regret to know that our neighbor city could not support her street car line sufficient to keep it going.

Senator Thomas' lobby charges are playing havoc with things at Austin. The Senate Committee has recommended that the charges be investigated. Thomas may have to tell more than he intended for the public to know.

The outbreak of mumps in Brady has caused the trustees of the Brady school to issue an order suspending all students who have been exposed. Whooping cough is stylish in Ballinger, but the trustees are not interfering with "humane ailments."

Your neighbor will not get mad if you clean up your premises before clean up day. March 10th has been designated as a clean up day all over the state, but remember this is a free country, and if your premises get so filthy you can't stand it—don't wait for March 10th to come.

We heard of a farmer this week who has not made a move towards making a crop this year. He has the land rented, and the ground is in splendid condition for plowing. He said he didn't think it was going to rain and he was not going to throw his time away. Wonder if that farmer has plenty to live on this year, or is he expecting some merchant to sell him rations on time?

No town can prosper where the people are divided—where there is two factions to quarrel and fight over trifling differences. We should stick together co-operate for the good of humanity in general. What benefits Ballinger benefits every citizen in the town. We want to keep going forward and build a little city that will do credit to our citizenship and will be a pleasure for the generations to follow. Let's stick together, our interest is common.

The Fort Worth market receipt for 1908 show that the farmers of Texas are increasing their hog crop, and the farmers bank accounts will show that the crop is a paying one. The total hog receipts for the Ft. Worth market for 1907 was 487,697, and for 1908 was 702,850, an increase of 215,171, and a better price was paid for 1908 hogs than for the 1907, showing conclusively that the demand was not supplied with the big increase. Cotton is not the only paying crop, even in this county where feed is so easily produced.

Ballinger Banner-Leader: 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.

But if capital—which is proverbially timid and reluctant—fails or refuses to establish a canning factory at Ballinger, the owners of the fruit trees needn't let their crops go to ruin on the ground. There are small canning outfits, sold at prices ranging from a few dollars to a few hundred dollars, which, when energetically utilized, can be made wonderfully effective in saving fruit for the ever voracious market and putting money into the growers' capacious pockets.—Dallas News.

The idea has gone out through the country to the effect that the country people have been robbed of their public square, or trading ground, in Ballinger. This is not so, but a larger space, and less than a half block from the former grounds, has been provided for first Monday horse traders, or traders of any kind that come any other day. Just south of the courthouse is such a place and the public auctioneer's flag will be found floating there the first Monday in March. Strong Avenue, the street just south of the State Bank, will be strung with hitch posts for a length of two blocks, giving plenty of hitch room. The city council and commissioners' court are not blind to the conveniences of the country people, and the country people have as much interest in the park as the "city guy."

It is strange how many people try to "work" the newspapers. Many people are apparently willing to pay for almost anything else quite cheerfully, but when it comes to paying for publicity they balk. Even the United States government is constantly endeavoring to get all the advertising it can from the press without paying for it, and the government is usually ready to pay for what it wants. Every paper in the land gets notices from the government asking that it make public the fact that the government needs certain kinds of employees and will hold civil service examinations at specified times. The examiners are paid, all other expenses are paid, but on the ground that the matter may be of interest to some of its readers the paper is asked to do its work for nothing.—Brownwood Bulletin.

MURDER-ROBBERY AT RISING STAR

Stranger Traveling Through Country Assassinated and Robbed.

Brownwood officers this afternoon received a telephone message from Rising Star announcing that a stranger traveling through the country had been assassinated about three miles out from the Star, his body robbed and the dead man left by the roadside. About all the information gathered was that the man, who was about 40 or 45 years of age and rather poorly clad, was driving towards Rising Star in an open top buggy drawn by a jennet. The shot that killed him was fired from the wire fence by the side of the road and the assassin could easily be tracked from the place of the shooting to the dead body.

The man was killed with a double-barrel shotgun and the shots were heard by the people living in the neighborhood, who afterwards discovered that a man had been killed, and notified the Rising Star officers. The victim's pockets were found turned wrong side out, clearly showing that he had been robbed. There were no papers of any kind about his person by which he could be identified, and no one in that section remembers to have seen the man or his outfit before. He was dark complected and about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall.

Officers in the surrounding towns have been notified and every endeavor is being made to capture the robber who is believed to have been a transient man, and who probably suspected that his victim had considerable money about him.

The shooting occurred about 10 o'clock and not long afterwards the body was discovered.—Brownwood Bulletin

Lee Duncan and W. H. Jeffries who have been connected with the Home Steam Laundry for several years, will leave tomorrow for Brady where they will engage in the laundry business for themselves.

Sheriff Flynt went to Winters this morning to see his father, who is sick.

See That Spot
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"THE CLEANER"
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MOREHEAD'S

Resolutions.

At the regular meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church, Ballinger, Texas, on Wednesday, February 16th 1909. The following resolutions, were read and adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in the exercise of his providence, to call to her Eternal rest, our former member Mrs. Alma Leslie, who departed this life on February 5th, 1909, and while we bow in humble submission to His Divine will, who doeth all things well, and realize that our loss is her eternal gain, still we would testify to our love, and esteem for our former member. Therefore be it Resolved:

First. That in the death of Mrs. Leslie, our Society suffers a distinct loss, that all of us will realize, and feel most keenly, as we miss her wise counsel, her cheerful presence, and the beautiful example in her daily life, of what a consistent, christian character should be.

Second. That to the sorrowing members of the family circle our hearts go out in sympathy, in this dark hour of sorrow and bereavement. But we know that they "sorrow not as those without hope," but look forward to the glorious reunion, "In that fair land, where death is but the portal, and Christ himself doth rule."

Third. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Society, and made of permanent record, and that copies be furnished the family, also the local papers.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens
Mrs. Jack McGregor
Mrs. M. C. Smith
Mrs. J. W. Francis, Vice Pres.
Mrs. H. W. Lynn, Sec.

Jo Wilmeth for Alderman.

Jo Wilmeth's many friends have prevailed upon him to permit his name to be placed on the ticket for Alderman, and the Mayor will be petitioned to place Mr. Wilmeth's name on the ticket.

Mr. Wilmeth has made Ballinger one of the best aldermen the city has ever had. He has devoted more time to looking after the duties of the office than any alderman ever has, and that he will be re-elected is certain. Ballinger has reached the point to where the city should be in the hands of men who are not only qualified to serve in their respective capacities, but who are property owners, and tax payers, and who are interested in seeing the town prosper and keep up with the progressive age. Every voter knows that Jo Wilmeth will give just such service.



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SCOTT MACK BUYS INTEREST

Van Pelt & Kirk Takes in New Partner.
Right Man in Right Place

Scott H. Mack who was connected with the Higginbotham Currie Co. up to a short time ago, is now a member of the hardware firm of Van Pelt & Kirk. Mr. Mack purchased an interest in that firm this week, and they are now taking stock, preparatory to closing up the deal and starting business over again.

In the deal Mr. Mack gets an interest in the business including the house fronting on Hutchins ave, which is used for buggies, and the large ware house fronting on Ninth street.

The building occupied by the shelf goods is owned exclusively by Mr. Van Pelt.

Mr. Mack is a splendid business man and has many friends who will be glad to know that he is again located and will remain a citizen of Ballinger. This firm is to be congratulated on securing him as a partner.

Man Found Unconscious.

The officers found a man in the flat last night with a bad wound on the head caused by a blow from some other man. A man was later arrested for the crime and placed in jail. The two men left town together a short time before the find was made, and the supposition is that the man was knocked down and robbed of his money, while in a boozey condition. Both men are strangers in Ballinger.

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ROLLER TOP DESK—and good chair for sale cheap. See Bair & Conn at the Globe.

FOR SALE—Second hand surry cheap if sold at once. Also two good cows—one fresh in milk.—J. D. Leslie. It

PEOPLE READ these want ads. You are doing it now. Tell your little wants here. The cash amounts to little compared with the results.

HOME FOR SALE—Nice six room house on corner lot—barn, cistern, water works etc. Can be had for a big 2-3 cash, balance on time. Call Leader office for particulars.

LOST—On Friday 12th a roll of bedding consisting of five quilts and a wagon sheet between Wingate and Shep. Finder please leave at Farmers Wagon Yard and receive reward. It pd.

DOG LOST. I will pay liberal reward for return of one white and black spotted setter dog about one year old. The dog has on plain leather collar. He left home last Tuesday. Phone or write me. Leon Ward, Ballinger, Texas.

THOROUGHBREDS—W. T. Brown, the hog and poultryman, thoroughbred Poland China Hogs, Boonze Turkeys, White Wine Dotts, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Red, Stock and Eggs. For sale. Hylton Texas. 9t.

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Church Announcements

The Leader will be glad to have an announcement of the services from each church each week if copy is furnished by Thursday afternoon.

Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 The Baraca and Philatha classes are doing well. The class for the young married people promises to be fine. Come and join, we need you in the Sunday School.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, Conversion, What is It? Services at 7:30 p. m. Sermon to young men. All young men have a special invitation to come and bring your best girl. Special music.

J. A. Biggs.

Ninth Street Baptist Church.

The regular Sunday services will be observed with us Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The young peoples meetings will be at 3 p. m. and 4 p. m. Let us have a full attendance. A cordial welcome is extended to all to worship with us.

Z. J. Amerson.

First Presbyterian Church.

There will be regular services at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m.

The pastor would be glad to see as many members as can possibly attend the morning service. If a stranger or visitor in the city you are most cordially invited to attend these services.

A New One on Maud.
We've heard of Maud on a hot summer day, who raked bare-footed, the new mown hay; we have read of the maid in the early morn who milked the cow with the crumpled horn; and we've read the lays that the poet sings of the hustling corn and flowers of spring; but of all the lays of tongue or pen, there's naught like the lay of the Texas hen. Long before Maud raked the hay the Texas hen began to lay, and ere the milkmaid stirs a peg, the hen is up and laid an egg! The corn must hustle, the flowers spring, if they hold their own with the barnyard ring. If Maud is needing a hat or gown, she doesn't hustle her hay to town; she goes to town and obtains the suit with a basket of fresh hen fruit. If the milkmaid's beau makes a Sunday call, she doesn't feed him milk at all, but works up eggs in custard pie and stuffs him full of chicken pie, and when the old man wants a horn, does he take the druggist a load of corn? not much, he simply robs the nest, and to town he goes—you know the rest. He lingers there and talks perchance, while his poor wife stays at home and scowls, but is saved from want by those selfsame fowls, for while her husband lingers there, she watches the cackling hen with care, and gathers the eggs and these she'll hide, till she saved enough to stern the tide. Then hail, all hail, to the Texas hen the greatest blessing to all men. Throw up your hat and make Rome howl, for the preserving barnyard fowl. Corn may be king, but it's plainly seen that the Texas hen is the Texas queen.—Ex.

Misses Neil and Iren Guion went to San Angelo, to-day at noon to attend the annual ball of the San Angelo club.

W. E. Bartlett, the photo man successor to Bartlett & Deekle, is now located over Conn & Wiley Confectionery and will be glad to serve you when you want a first class photograph.

BAD MEN CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

Men Arrested for Stealing Beer and Held for Cotton Stealing.

Constable Pilcher and his deputy Ed Slaughter, and Sheriff Futch of Coleman, made a pretty good haul Tuesday night. They arrested two men, Clarence Turner and F. S. Bowman on a charge of stealing beer from the Union saloon. Bowman when arrested had on a big gun which he reluctantly give up. The beer was found in a wagon.

In searching the men the officers found a newspaper clipping in Turner's pocket that paved the way for the officers to go further, and the men were very promptly placed in jail and a complaint of theft of cotton filled against Turner, and Bowman will very probably be held as an accomplice.

The newspaper clipping was an account of the stealing of two bales of cotton from T. O. Burner a few weeks ago clipped from the Banner-Leader. The officers have worked hard on this case, but could get no clue to work from until the arrest Tuesday night. Turner was brought into court Wednesday, and identified by J. F. Currie who bought the stolen cotton from him and was also identified by the Cashier of the Higginbotham Currie Co., who paid for the cotton.

Bowman wanted to plead guilty to carrying a gun and be released, but the officers were too busy investigating the cotton stealing case to take his money. It will be remembered that two or three bales of cotton were also stolen from the Ballinger gins last fall. The opinion of the officers is that the parties now under arrest also stoled this cotton.

Turner and Bowman live on the G. W. Parker place, known as part of the Jim Hubbard ranch, four miles south of town.

The Dancing Party that Didn't Dance

Misses Katie Ray and Ella Ward, Myra Penn, Lois Crews, Messers Cecil Glenn, Hamil Ward, Bob Norman and James Morgan chartered and auto and started to Coleman yesterday evening to attend a dance. The auto went to the bad and the party reached Coleman this morning at four o'clock. They returned home to-day about noon looking a little the worse from the trip, but with an experience that is worth millions.

The honk honk of the auto horn does not sound good to the boys now, and the gasoline scent no doubt will require time to wear off.

Valuable Old 'Cello.

An old 'cello, which the owner at Mount Noorah, Victoria, sent to be repaired, was found to bear the label of Nicolo Amati and the date 1624. There was also found a record of the instrument having been repaired by Louis Dandeh of Versailles in 1781 for Louis XVI.

The Mistakes of Nature.

What good are these little red pieces of meat that hang down on each side of a turkey's bill? They aren't pretty, they aren't useful, and they get dirty when he's eating and all muddled up if he fights. Nature's awfully foolish, sometimes.

Beauty of Sunset Peak.

Sunset peak goes up like a dome 6,000 feet and when the sun sets clear and has entirely disappeared behind the mountains its reflected light rests on this topmost peak and transforms it into a minaret of gold—a heavenly light, indeed.

A High Aim Indeed.

Uncle Rooster filled his corn-cob. "Aim high, young feller," he said to his city nephew. Chuckling, he struck and held at arm's length a blue-headed sulphur match. Then he granted: "Erinstance, try to live up to yer mother's estimate of ye."

Still Has Life.

A Chicago professor predicts that English will have become a dead language by the year 4000. Nevertheless, the English language has demonstrated that it can withstand an awful lot of wear and tear and hard usage.

Looking Backward Twenty-Three Years Ago

Twenty-three years ago Ballinger was born. At that time Runnels City was the commercial center of Runnels county. In looking over the papers now on file in our office we can see some "news items" that are amusing when compared with the present day conditions. For instance, the Runnels City News says, "From Abilene to San Angelo via Runnels. The road is coming. Poor old 'Hutchins'" and another railroad "news item," "Those interested in building up the Santa Fe town have long been proclaiming Runnels dead. Don't she make a pretty corpse, though? And so lively! Runnels is not so very 'wide-out' but she has commercial back-bone and plenty of grit."

Following we publish a few of the "Newsy items" of '86 and '87.

April 9, 1886: Messers McAuley, Walker and Harkrider played a competition game of marbles on the streets a few days ago. They wanted exercise.

The "New town on the river" is being surveyed and laid out in blocks, lots, streets, etc. We understand a site for the depot buildings has been selected, also the public square, which will include three acres of territory in size.

Commission Court is in session with commissioners Joe Davis, F. M. Bright, H. H. Luckett and H. C. Wiley and Judge Willingham present.

Six months later—Sept. 3, 1886: The Runnels News had died with Runnels City, and came to life in Ballinger as the Ballinger Bulletin. The Bulletin is found boosting Ballinger as faithfully as it did Runnels.

A drouth had played havoc with things and portions of the county was calling for help.

A painful accident to J. H. Routh this week has made it necessary to keep his right hand wrapped. His little son was adjusting the burning of a gasoline lamp and spilt some of the fluid over his fathers hand which ignited.

A move is on foot to build a bridge across the river at the foot of Hutchins Avenue.

J. J. Erwin went to Austin on business.

D. M. Baker had business in Abilene.

J. N. Winters opened a land office in Ballinger.

One year later—April 1887. From the Ballinger Leader, Truly & Spencer, proprietors:

District court in session. We have to much respect for our face to publish the docket. Some of the boys are still living in Ballinger.

The Cumberland church was moved down from Runnels.

Girard Huston was selling his wool clip, 14,180 pounds, from Concho county.

Judge J. W. Wingate returned from a visit to Orange.

Judges Guion and Lessing were attending court at Brady.

C. C. F. Blanchard departed from the iniquitous ways of bachelorhood. He stole quietly away from the city last Tuesday and went to Paint Rock, where he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Bettie Jones, a beautiful and accomplished young lady of that place.

The charming and accomplished Miss Emma Routh, after a pleasant visit with friends at San Angelo, returned home, much to the delight of her many friends.

We see quite a number of news items relating to people who have long since departed this life, and others whose whereabouts are unknown. A quarter of a century has made many changes in the town, in the people and in the ways of the world in general.

Special Occasions.

It is only when they are nominated for office that some men care whether anybody knows which church they attend.—Washington Post.

KIRK SELECTED FOR MAYOR

Mayor Will be Petitioned to Place Name of R. P. Kirk on Ticket.

For some time the voters have been trying to get R. P. Kirk to make the race for Mayor, but this Mr. Kirk would not agree to do. Late yesterday evening a number of the leading citizens approached Mr. Kirk and asked him if he would accept the place if elected. This he has agreed to do, stating that he would serve the city to the best of his ability. This was sufficient and a petition will go to the Mayor asking that Mr. Kirk's name be placed on the ticket. In city elections when no primary is held the law requires that a certain per cent of the voters petition the Mayor to place any name on the ticket.

There is no man in Ballinger that has the city's welfare more at heart than Bob Kirk. He is now serving the Commercial Club as secretary and the way in which he has handled the securing of the right of way and looking after the details of the railroad has caused many to pay the highest compliment to his service. His friends will be glad to know that he has agreed to accept the Mayors office if tendered him, and many think that he will have no opponent on the ticket.

The Dog.

The dog is man's most faithful friend. A man may lie, but a dog won't; a man may get drunk, a man may slander his neighbor, a man may embezzle and defraud, a man may borrow money, a man may steal money, a man may go into politics, a man may knife his best friend, a man may run people down with an automobile, a man may gamble himself to ruin, a man may waste his substance in riotous living, a man may go to heaven—but a dog won't. Can these things be truthfully spoken of other friends man has about him? There is a strong affinity between man and the dog; it must be the affinity of contrast. Yet any man will resent being called a dog. Possibly the dog would resent being called a man if he understood—I do not know. I only know that the maxim works but one way; and if we would say: "Man is the dog's most faithful friend," there would be many a cavil, saying that it was mighty rough on the dog.—Success Magazine.

Penitent and Resourceful.

One of the prison missionaries of the Church Army tells a story of a man who came under the influence of the society at a mission held at York, England. The man, a notorious pickpocket, was so impressed by what he heard that he felt he must do something to show his determination to lead a new life. He considered the best way to do this was to put something into the collection, but unfortunately he had no money in his pocket. Then a bright idea struck him; he picked the pocket of the man sitting next him, and thus was able to contribute to the good work. It is said the man has been reclaimed definitely.

Reads Like a Fairy Tale.

An Atchison girl had always heard of the impoliteness of women in falling to thank men for giving up a seat in the street car, and decided that she would be an exception. A man gave her a seat Saturday night in a crowded car, affording her the opportunity for which she had been looking. "Oh, thank you a thousand times," she said. "It is just what I wanted, and how did you ever guess it? It is so thoughtful of you, and I do appreciate it so much." Then, as she sank into the seat: "And such a comfortable seat! It is the most comfortable seat I ever sat in! Oh, thank you again so much!" —Atchison Globe.

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This prescription forces the clogged-up, inactive kidneys to filter and strain from the blood the poisonous waste matter and uric acid, which causes rheumatism.

As rheumatism is not only the most painful and tortuous disease but dangerous to life, this simple recipe will no doubt be greatly valued by many sufferers here at home, who should at once prepare the mixture to get this relief.

It is said that a person who would take this prescription regularly, a dose or two daily, or even a few times a week, would never have serious kidney or Urinary disorders or rheumatism.

Cut this out and preserve it. Good rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce, indeed, and when you need it, you want it badly.

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.

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.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF RUNNELS COUNTY GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON J. B. Campbell, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. Three Runnels County, to be holden at Wingate, Texas in said Runnels County, on the 1st day of March 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of Jan. 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 31, wherein A. T. Schmidt, is Plaintiff, and J. B. Campbell is Defendant, and said petition alleging, that defendant is indebted to him in the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars, due upon open account, made at defendant's request, an itemized account, sworn to by plaintiff, being now on file in my office. Plaintiff alleges that the same is now past due, owing and unpaid; that he has often requested defendant to pay, but that he refused and still refuses to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiff's great damage of \$150.00, for which plaintiff prays judgment together with all costs included in the prosecution of this cause, and for special and general relief.

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

WITNESS, James Barron, Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. Three, Runnels County.

Given under my official signature, at office in Wingate, Texas, this the 8th day of February, 1909.

JAMES BARRON
Justice of the Peace,
Precinct No. Three, Runnels County, Texas.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF RUNNELS } By virtue of a certain Alias Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the Third day of February 1909, by R. A. Terry Clerk of said Court against G. W. Johnston and Hardy Cabe for the sum of Six Hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars (\$699.00) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No 953 in said Court styled D. J. Jones and A. T. Ryder versus G. W. Johnston and Hardy Cabe and placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the Fourth day of February 1909 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to wit:

All of Block Number Four (4) in Reader Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas and levied upon as the property of said, G. W. Johnston and Hardy Cabe of either of them. And on Tuesday the second day of March 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the Town of Ballinger Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Block of land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said G. W. Johnston and Hardy Cabe or either of them by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this Fourth day of February 1909

J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By Jno. B. Parks Deputy.

Rest and Sleep

Few escape those miseries of winter—a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmons Cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial passages, it stops the cough at once and gives you welcome rest and peaceful sleep.

INTERESTING FACTS

The Walker Drug Co. Offer to Cure Catarrh The Medicina Costs Nothing if They Fail.

When a medicine effects a cure in 98 per cent of cases, and when we offer that medicine on our own personal guarantee that it will cost the user nothing if it does not cure Catarrh, it is only reasonable that people should believe us, or at least put our claim to a practical test when we take all the risk. These are facts which we want the people of Ballinger to substantiate. We want them to try Rexall Mucu-Tone, a medicine prepared from a prescription of a physician whose speciality was Catarrh, and who has a record of thirty years of cures to his credit.

We sell more bottles and receive more good reports about Rexall Mucu-Tone than we do of all other catarrh remedies sold in our store, and if more people only knew what a thoroughly dependable remedy Rexall Mucu-Tone is, it would be the only catarrh medicine we would have any demand for.

Rexall Mucu-Tone is quickly absorbed and carried by the blood until it thoroughly disinfects and cleanses the entire mucous membranous tract, destroys and removes the parasites which injure and destroy the membranous tissues, soothes and heals the irritation and soreness, stops the mucous discharge, and builds up strong, healthy tissue, relieves the blood and system of diseased matter, stimulates the mucu-cells, aids digestion and improves nutrition until the whole body vibrates with healthy activity. In a comparatively short time there is a most noticeable gain in weight, strength, good color and feeling of buoyancy.

We urge you to try Mucu-Tone, beginning a treatment today. At any time you are not satisfied simply come and tell us, and we will quickly return your money without question or quibble. We have Rexall Mucu-Tone in two sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Walker Drug Co.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF RUNNELS } By virtue of a certain Alias Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the Third day of February 1909, by R. A. Terry Clerk of said Court against W. H. Boren and G. W. Johnston for the sum of One Thousand and Eight and 50-100 dollars (\$1098.50) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 952 in said Court, styled D. J. Jones versus W. H. Boren, G. W. Johnston, Hardy Cabe and T. P. Weatherred and placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the Fourth day of February 1909 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to wit:

All of Block Number Four (4) in Reader Addition to the town of Ballinger Runnels County Texas and levied upon as the property of said W. H. Boren and G. W. Johnston, Hardy Cabe and T. P. Weatherred or either of them And on Tuesday, the second day of March 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the Town of Ballinger Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Block No. 4 at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Boren, G. W. Johnston, Hardy Cabe and T. P. Weatherred or either of them by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this Fourth day of February 1909,

J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By Jno. B. Parks Deputy.

We Always Have Fresh Vegetables

The Best the Markets Offer. Also the Most Complete Stock of **GARDEN SEEDS**

The Celebrated Texeeds and Others The Kind You Can Rely Upon.

Your Patronage Solicited Satisfaction Guaranteed

Respectfully,
Dornberger & Hopkinson
Telephone No. 107 Prompt Delivery.

Baby Hands.

will get into mischief—often it means a burn or cut or scald. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, rheumatism and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at Walker Drug Co. Samples free.

Laxative for Women Free

There is a great difference in the purposes to which a laxative should be put. Tablets and pills, salts, etc., are usually violent purgatives or cathartics, and altogether too powerful for the average person.

A woman at all times needs only a mild laxative—in fact, none other is needed by anyone, weak or strong, though they may be, for the object is simply to move the bowels, and if a gentle laxative will do it, what is the use of a violent one?

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has earned a well-deserved vogue among women and children and old folks—people who must necessarily be careful of what they take.

It is a liquid laxative tonic and admittedly the greatest stomach, liver and bowel remedy before the American people. The price is only 50 cents or \$1 a bottle, as it comes in both sizes, and all druggists sell it. Its pleasant taste and gentle action make it an ideal remedy for women in constipation, torpid liver, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn and such like digestive complaints. Its use for a short time will remove the trouble entirely so that future medication will be unnecessary. Its tonic properties build up the stomach and intestinal muscles so that they act naturally again. That this is so is the experience of many heads of families, like Mrs. Brannan, of Alvarado, Va., Mrs. K. L. Stout, of Louisville, Ky., and numerous others; in fact, way out in Williams, Cal., as Mrs. J. E. Blackmore, of that place, writes, the whole town seems to be using it.

If the remedy is new to you and you want to make a trial of it before buying, send your name to the doctor's address as below and a free test bottle will be sent you. Then, if results are satisfactory you may try it of your druggist.

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, 500 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

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Take It To
"THE CLEANER"
AT
MOREHEAD'S

AMERICAN BEAUTY CORSETS

"DAINTY AS THE ROSE"

Any woman who chooses can improve her personal beauty with little effort or expense.

Wear an **AMERICAN BEAUTY**
\$1.00 to \$8.00

It will improve the appearance of any gown that is worn over it.

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Exclusive Makers
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Because we believe in them we sell and recommend them.

THE HUB, Ballinger, Texas

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 & Dorsey)

\$25 TO California

(Fares slightly higher from some points) VIA

ONE WAY COLONIST TICKETS

On sale daily March 1 to April 30, 1909

Tourist Sleeper Galveston to Los Angeles every Tuesday

Stopover will be allowed at the Grand Canyon—Earth's greatest wonder. Harvey Meals—Perfect Equipment—Fast Time.

A postal will bring you our de luxe booklets on California.

For detailed information, see Santa Fe Agent, or address W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston

Jones, Walton & Co.

The Hardware and Implement People of Ballinger

We want your business and will give you value received for every dollar you spend with us. We sold 55 Sanders Disc Plows during December and January. Are selling Lone Star Cultivators, R. I. Special Sulkies, Weber Wagons and Yale Buggies and Hacks every day.

In short, we have anything you need in Hardware or Implements.

We do Pipe Work and solicit your patronage in this line.

Jones, Walton & Co.

AFTER BUSINESS

The Gateway to Success

is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.

Some carry keys, others who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. LISTEN!!!

No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank

No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity—A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.

We offer you our Bank and its facilities to help you.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

WE Have Enjoyed a Splendid Patronage Through the Year 1908

And we are very thankful for it. We intend to render better service through the coming year, that we may not only merit the continued patronage of our present customers, but may gain many new ones. With best wishes for a prosperous 1909—

Miller Mercantile Comp'y

ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE
 Most complete in the South. All the latest songs, records, etc.
 FULL PRICES. 211 Main Street, Ballinger, Texas. Phone 100.
 This Shop "FREE" 600. 11113. 111 11111111, TEXAS

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 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
 Will practice in all the Courts
 Office over the Ballinger State Bank
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 Will practice in District and Higher
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 CIVIL ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.
 Plans, Specifications and Esti
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 Land Surveying a Specialty.
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 nary Surgeon, visits Bal-
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 Examining Land Titles
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PATRONIZE
Joe Hardin
 The Wood and Coal Dealer
 handles the best grade of
 Coal and Wood. Will give
 all orders prompt attention.
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 OFFICE OVER BALLINGER
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 BALLINGER, TEXAS

Hulls and Meal
 COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive value
 than common hay which costs 50 per cent more;
 is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free
 from dust or foreign matter and is healthful
 and appetizing.
 COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated
 and richest food known, has about six times the
 nutritive value of corn and more than four times
 that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a
 half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or
 Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better
 results.
 THE MIXED FEED forms a "balanced ration,"
 giving better results, increased milk and butter
 production in Cows, and in Flesh, Fat and general
 condition in all animals than any other feed in the
 World

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

**ALL DISTRESS FROM
 STOMACH VANISHES**

Indigestion and Dyspepsia Misery ends
 five minutes later

Take your sour stomach—or
 maybe you call it Indigestion,
 Dyspepsia, Gasrritis or Cararrh
 of Stomach; it doesn't matter—
 take your stomach trouble right
 with you to your Pharmacist and
 ask him to open a 50-cent case
 of Pape's Diapepsin and let you
 eat one 22 grain Triangule and
 see it within five minutes there
 is left any trace of your stomach
 misery.

The correct name for your
 trouble is Food Fermentation—
 food souring; the Digestive or-
 gans become weak, there is lack
 of gastric juice; your food is
 only half digested, and you be-
 come affected with loss of ap-
 petite, pressure and fullness af-
 ter eating, vomiting, nausea,
 heartburn, griping in bowels,
 tenderness in the pit of stomach,
 bad taste in mouth, constipation
 pain in limbs, sleeplessness,
 belching of gas, billiousness,
 sick headache, nervousness,
 dizziness and other similar symp-
 toms.

If your appetite is fickle, and
 nothing tempts you, or you belch
 gas or if you feel bloated after
 eating, or your food lies like a
 lump of lead on your stomach,
 you can make up your mind that
 at the bottom of all this there is
 but one cause—fermentation of
 undigested food.

Prove to yourself, after your
 next meal, that your stomach is
 as good as any; that there is
 nothing really wrong. Stop this
 fermentation and begin eating
 what you want without fear of
 discomfort or misery.

Almost instant relief is wait-
 ing for you. It is mere a mat-
 ter of how soon you take a lit-
 Diapepsin.

A Toad Frog Story
 Ed Dozier is having some land
 grubbed on the north side of the
 river, and the other day one of
 the men cut down a fair sized
 mesquite and found a live toad
 inside. The toad was as white
 as milk, and there was no possi-
 ble way for it to have gotten
 there. It must have been in the
 tree for years, and seemed very
 lively when given its liberty. We
 have often heard and read of
 such things, but this is the first
 time it has happened at our own
 door.—Paint Rock Herald.

A Household Necessity
 I would almost as soon think of run-
 ning my farm without implements as
 without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all
 the liniments I have ever used, both
 for man and beast, it is the quickest in
 action and richest in results. For
 burns and fresh cuts it is absolutely
 wonderful. I regard it as a household
 necessity.
 Yours truly,
 S. Harrison
 Kosciusko, Miss.

**Notice Declaring Result of Local Option
 Election**

Whereas, heretofore to-wit, on Dec.
 7th, 1908, at a special session of this
 court, there was filed herein the peti-
 tion of S. J. Holder and over 50 other
 qualified voters of Norton School Dis-
 trict No. 15, praying for an order
 of this court for the holding of a local
 option election to be held in said
 School District for the purpose of
 determining whether or not the sale of
 intoxicating liquors should be prohib-
 ited therein, which said petition was
 granted by the court and an order was
 duly and legally passed, and, together
 with said petition, entered upon the
 minutes of this court in Volume 4,
 pages 470 and 471 calling for and
 ordering an election as prayed for in
 said petition to be held at the school
 house in the town of Norton in said
 School District No. 15 on the 2nd day
 of Jan., 1909, said order naming and
 appointing J. D. Miller presiding officer
 of said election and whereas it appear-
 ing to the court to its satisfaction that
 the required notice of the holding of
 said election were duly posted in differ-
 ent public places in said Norton School
 District No. 15 at least twelve days
 prior to the holding thereof according
 to law, and from an inspection of the
 tally list, and poll list, and the certifi-
 cate of the said J. D. Miller presiding
 officer, and the judges and clerks of
 the said election there to attached,
 that an election was, on said last
 named day, duly and in conformity
 with law and said order and said notices
 held at Norton in said Norton School
 District No. 15, for the purposes set
 forth above, that everything necessary
 to be done in the premises to make
 said election valid and legal was done,
 and that a majority of the votes cast
 thereat, being a majority of all the
 votes cast at said local option election
 was "For Prohibition;"

Now therefore, it is ordered adjudged
 and decreed by the court, on this the
 14th day of Jan., 1909, at a special
 session hereof called on this day, that
 in accordance with the result of said
 election, as announced and set forth
 above, the sale of intoxicating liquors
 is absolutely prohibited, except for the
 purposes and under the regulations
 prescribed by law (see Art. 3385, Re-
 vised Statutes of 1895), in said Norton
 School District No. 15, Runnels County,
 Texas, said School District having
 metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of the
 H. & G. N. Ry. Co. Survey No. 30 and
 S. W. corner of No. 31; thence North
 to the N. W. corner of the S. W. ¼ of
 Sec. No. 27; thence East to the N. E.
 corner of the S. W. ¼ of Sec. No. 26;
 thence North to the N. E. corner of
 the West ¼ of Sec. No. 11; thence
 East to the S. W. corner of the Thos.
 Fowler Survey No. 440; thence North
 2541 varas; thence West 7598 varas
 across W. M. Smith Survey No. 599,
 H. & G. N. Ry. Co. No. 5 and Burnet
 County School Land Survey No. 271 to
 within one half mile of its S. W. line;
 thence South 2521 varas to S. B. line
 B. Co. School Land; thence continuing
 South to the S. W. corner of the East
 one-half of H. & G. N. Ry. Co. Sur.
 No. 18; thence East to the N. E. cor-
 ner of Sy. No. 19; thence South to a
 S. W. corner of Georgetown Ry. Co.
 Survey No. 4; thence East, thence
 South, thence East, thence South,
 thence East to S. E. corner of said No.
 4; thence East to the place of begin-
 ning and known and designated as
 Norton School District No. 15, as fully
 set out and described in Vol. 4, pages
 352 and 353 of the Minutes of the Com-
 missioners Court of Runnels County,
 Texas.

And the County Judge of this. Run-
 nells County, Texas, is hereby instruct-
 ed and ordered to have the above order
 of this court declaring the result of
 said election and prohibiting the sale
 of intoxicating liquors in the territory
 described published for four consecu-
 tive weeks in some news paper publish-
 ed in said Runnels County, Texas.

State of Texas,
 County of Runnels } I hereby certify
 that the above and foregoing is a true
 and correct copy of the original order
 as entered on the minutes of the Com-
 missioners Court of Runnels County,
 Texas.

Given under my hand and official seal
 on this the 19th day of Jan, 1909.
 R. S. GRIGGS,
 County Judge, Runnels County, Texas.

**Save Money by Buying Cham-
 berlain's Cough Remedy.**

You will pay just as much for
 a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough
 Remedy as for any of the other
 cough medicines, but you save
 money in buying it. The saving
 is in what you get, not what you
 pay. The sure-to-cure-you qual-
 ity is in every bottle of this
 remedy, and you get good results
 when you take it. Neglected
 colds often develop serious con-
 ditions, and when you buy a
 cough medicine you want to be
 sure you are getting one that
 will cure your cold. Cham-
 berlain's Cough Remedy always
 cures. Price 25 and 50 cents a
 bottle. For sale by Walker Drug
 Co.

A GOOD REASON

**Ballinger People Can Tell You
 Why It is So.**

Doan's Kidney Pills cure the
 cause of disease, and that is why
 the cures are always lasting. This
 remedy strengthens and tones up
 the kidneys, helping them to drive
 out of the body the liquid poisons
 that cause backache, headache and
 distressing kidney and urinary com-
 plaints Ballinger people testify to
 permanent cures.

E. A. Trail, living in the South-
 western part of Ballinger, Tex.,
 says "I had no serious trouble
 from my kidneys but was annoy-
 ed a great deal by a frequent
 desire to pass the kidney secre-
 tions. This often obliged me to
 get out of bed several times at
 night, thus breaking my rest. When
 a friend told me that Doan's Kid-
 ney Pills would stop this trouble,
 I went at once to the Walker Drug
 Co. and procured a box. They cer-
 tainly acted like magic and it gives
 me pleasure to recommend them."

For sale by all dealers. Price
 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co.,
 Buffalo, New York, sole agents
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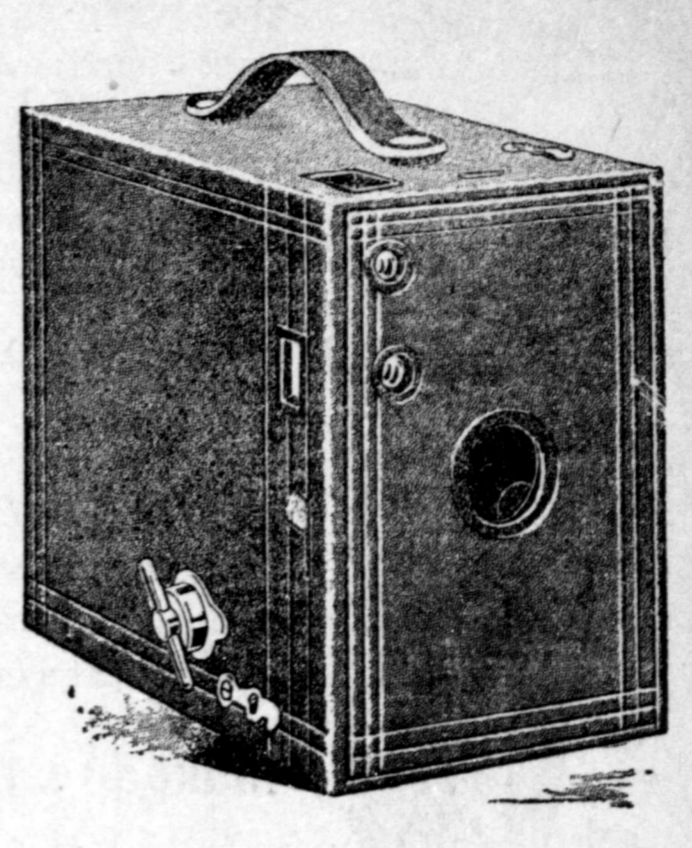
Remember the name—Doan's—
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Full line of Chase & San-
 bourn coffees and teas fresh.
 Can grind coffee if wanted.—
 Miller Mercantile Company.

**MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE
 PILLS.**
 A SAFE, CERTAIN RELIEF for SUFFERING MEMBERS—WOMEN.
 NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Reli-
 able! Guaranteed. No Money Refunded. Box prepaid
 for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, to be paid for
 when ordered. Sample Free. If your druggist does not
 have them send your orders to the
 UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.
 Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

Don't Be Irritable.
 "An irritated skin makes and irrita-
 ble person and an irritable person
 gathers much trouble unto himself or
 herself, as the case may be. Moral:
 Use Hunts Cure, one box of which is
 absolutely and unqualifiedly guaranteed
 to cure any form of skin trouble. Any
 kind of itching known is relieved at
 once and one box cures."

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The No. 2 A Brownie
Takes pictures 2½ x 4¼ inches.

Built on the Kodak plan—uses Kodak film cartridges
 and may be loaded and unloaded in broad daylight. No
 dark-room for any part of the work. A perfectly prac-
 tical little camera for snap-shots or time exposures.

THE KODAK CATALOGUE fully describes and illustrates
 our six styles of Brownies and fifteen styles of Kodaks ranging
 in price from \$1.00 to over \$100.00, and fully explains the day-
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 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 busi-
 ness. 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.

**BRITISH BANKS CHARGE
 For Checking Accounts**

For keeping money safely and allowing the de-
 positor to check on his own money, the banks in
 England charge from \$10 to \$50 a year.

Don't you think that anything that is consid-
 ered so valuable is worth investigating?
 It doesn't cost a cent to have a checking account
 with The Citizens National Bank, the largest and
 strongest bank in Runnels County.

Your business, no matter how small, is given
 careful and immediate attention.

**THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
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 "The bank that does things for you."

Two-thirds of your life,



Design 561
Three Button Novelty Sack,
dip front, slanting buttonholes.

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The Tailor and Hatter

the working, producing, public portion of your earthly career, is spent in your clothes—why not have them comfortable, impressive, made expressly for you?

You can have the best

clothes—embodying admirable fit, permanent shape and correct style, made by Ed. V. Price & Co., of Chicago, at a moderate price.

Make an early selection

of their handsome fabrics and original fashion ideas and have us take your measure, today.

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Bair & Conn sells cheaper spot cash only, The Globe. It
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If you want a lot call on B. F. Newson at the Colorado hotel.

Prices are right at Bartlett's Photo Studio. tf

Have your dental work done by Dr. Renfrow, office over Bennett Abstract Co.

W. G. Bair has let the contract for a nice cottage home to be built on Broadway on lot adjoining Everett Hardgraves home.

Bartlett's Studio is the home of good photographs. tf

Spot cash one price only. Bair & Conn, The Globe.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

WANTED—to buy one to ten car loads threshed bulk milo maize or kaffir cern. Minimum car 24,000 lbs. Address Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas.

See those new Ties at The Hub. Latest colors.

Post cards for everybody at Kinzers.

Strictly cash 'one price to all Great or small and no favoritism, The Globe, Bair and Conn. It

The latest colors and styles in new Spring Ties at The Hub. See them.

We want to trade lumber for good driving team, Higginbotham Currie Co.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

Wood & Wright received a fine poland china hog this week and carried it out to their ranch near Crews.

Pots for your flowers at Kinzers.

Kodak work finished promptly at Bartlett's Studio. tf

See Morehead, the Tailor.

J. T. Billups returned from a business trip to South Texas, first of the week and went to San Angelo Tuesday on business.

Ladies Look—o. T. c. oil cloth only 15c per yd. at Rosenwasser & Levy.

We want to trade a wagon, or buggy for driving team. Higginbotham Currie Co.

We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Tillery from our town. Mr. Tillery is making arrangements to move away about March 1st.

A lot of new Spring Ties just received at The Hub.

The Greatest Sale in the history of Ballinger is in full blast at Rosenwasser & Levy.

Now is your opportunity to double your money in a very short time. Buy some of those Fluvanna lots.

Dr. Dyer, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, has moved his office over Bennett Abstract Co. Next door to City Drug Store. 4t

Rev. J. D. Leslie returned from Weatherford, Tuesday. He will preach for his congregation at the First Presbyterian church Sunday.

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

Dr. Renfrow, the new dentist, has an up-to-date office over the Bennett Abstract Co. His method of treating teeth is the latest.

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

For a clear complexion, bright sparkling eye and vigorous digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It puts the system in perfect order. City Drug Store, special agents.

For Men Only—Extra good hats the \$1.00 kind for 39c. the \$1.75 kind for 98c. Rosenwasser & Levy.

Our motto "One price to all great or small and no favoritism." Bair & Conn, The Globe. It

Same men in the same business at the same place and the same honest dealing. Bair & Conn The Globe. It

Frank Wooden was here first of the week visiting his brother, I. O. Wooden. Frank formerly lived here and has many friends here who will be glad to know he is doing well at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ladies Look—Rosenwasser & Levy have put their entire stock of Dry Goods on sale at half price.

The family that keeps on hand and uses occasionally the celebrated Prickly Ash Bitters is always a well-regulated family. City Drug Store special agents.

DEATHS

George Dodd.

George, the little four months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodd, died Sunday night after a brief illness and was buried Monday evening at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Biggs conducting the funeral.

No words can console a broken hearted mother and sad father, but to them we join friends in extending our sympathetic feeling.

M. I. Rayburn.

Mat. I. Rayburn died at his home near Norton last Monday night as 12:30 o'clock from heart trouble. Mr. Rayburn was sick about one week. He returned from St. Louis Tuesday of last week, and was taken seriously ill Wednesday, and grew worse until death claimed him.

Mr. Rayburn was one of the most progressive citizens of Norton. He was honest, big hearted and generous to a fault. He had been a citizen of this county for a number of years and has prospered during his residence here. A brother, W. C. Rayburn had been living here up to the first of this year when he moved to Midland.

Deceased leaves a wife and a number of children. A son was away from home attending the Chattanooga Medical College at Chattanooga, Tenn., and reached home just before his father died. The funeral was conducted under the direction of the W. O. W. lodge, and the remains laid to rest in the Norton Cemetery, Tuesday evening at 3 o'clock, several from Ballinger attending.

Mrs. Triplett Dead.

Mrs. M. A. Triplett, wife of E. G. Triplett of Goldthwaite, and mother of Mrs. Dr. Dyer of this city, died in Goldthwaite Tuesday afternoon and was laid to rest at Center City Wednesday.

Mrs. Triplett has been suffering from paralysis for a number of years and had made her home with Dr. Dyer.

Seemingly realizing that the end was near she desired to be carried to the old home, which was done about a week before her death.

Mrs. Triplett was a noble Christian lady and leaves besides her husband, two daughters to mourn her loss, Mrs. A. L. Cox and Mrs. Dr. Dyer.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Dr. Renfrow extracts teeth by the somafone method. It don't hurt. Office over Bennett Abstract Co.

W. E. Bennett came up from Brownwood, Monday to set up his typesetting machine, and get ready for business. Part of the machine was delayed in transit and will be next week before we can give our readers a paper set on machine.

WANTED—to buy one to ten car loads threshed bulk milo maize or kaffir corn. Minimum car 24,000 lbs. Address Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas.

M. D. Chastain has let the contract for the extension of the building now occupied by the Ledger. The building will be made 120 feet long to accommodate the grocery trade of Mr. Chastain. J. A. Kelley has the contract to do the rock work and Geo. Spidell the wood work.

Sheriff Futch was here from Coleman Tuesday and helped the local officers arrest a couple of bad men. Mr. Futch was here the day the stolen cotton was sold, and happened to be here Tuesday when the men who stole the cotton were captured and had a hand in locking them up. Mr. Futch says the violators of the law are very quiet in his county, the grand jury in session last week only finding six bills, all for misdemeanors.

ENAMEL WARE

Visit the 5 and 10-cent Store and see the big display of Enamel Ware. It is cheap, it is good, and a vessel for every purpose

See the Jumbo Table

A Great Feast of 10-Cent Bargains.
A Treat for the Ladies

KINZER'S

San Angelo Items

Misses Myrtle and Floy Whiteley have returned to Ballinger after visiting their aunt, Mrs. M. Oates.

H. H. Hodge, who recently sold the West Texas Printing company plant to J. W. Williams from Blossom, will likely locate in Winters to engage in the printing business.

Frank Gordon, late with one of the Ballinger papers has accepted a position with the Williams Printing company. He is an excellent young man and a splendid printer.—San Angelo Press.

Arrested.

a cough that has been hanging on for two months by taking Ballard's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs cold on chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

White Sale by Methodist Ladies.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a white sale on March 16th. Place will be announced later. 22-tf

Homer Storey, who has been a valued employee of the Telephone Company here for some time, left last Saturday for Brownwood to study the flash light switchboard and other late appliances in use there with the intention of returning here in the fall and taking charge of the work here. Homer has made a good workman for this company, and we are glad of his advancement, which he rightly deserves.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

Miss Lola Brown, who has been teaching the Spring Hill School, resigned last week, and gave up her school yesterday. Miss Maggie Cockrell has contracted to teach the remainder of the term.

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Page Society Defeats Laniers in Second Game

Tuesday afternoon the Page and Lanier Societies of the High School played a game of baseball, in which the Page Society won by a handsome score. These two teams are well matched and are doing considerable practice work with the intention of playing Brownwood and other High School teams. The Brownwood High School has challenged Ballinger High School for a game, and this will be the first for Ballinger. Things point to an interesting game.

Plans for New Bank

Joseph Chrisky, an architect from Brownwood, was here Wednesday to get the necessary data to draw the plans for the new Farmers and Merchant State Bank building. The Chastain building will be no more when the new plans are made. The out side and front wall will be torn down and the new building constructed from the ground up, and will be as good as there is in Ballinger.

The Citizens Make Good Showing

The Citizens National Bank out in this paper with their statement, and it makes as good showing as any bank we have ever had the pleasure of reporting. The statement shows a splendid deposit, and cash on hand item, and it has not a bad item in the entire report.

For Alderman

We are authorized to say that C. A. Doose and Paul Trimmier have agreed to accept the office of alderman if elected. They are both splendid business men and have the welfare of Ballinger at heart. The mayor will be petitioned to place these gentlemen's name on the ticket.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

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No alum, lime or ammonia.