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HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON COMPANY

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MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF EARLY SPRING MERCHANDISE

We are pushing our business up by pushing prices down, and along this line we are encouraging the public with better store service every day.

Our buyers are back from both the New York and St. Louis markets, having searched both markets for weeks to obtain the latest and best goods possible for the money. We have been rewarded for our labors, for candidly, never before at this season of the year

Qualities unquestionably the best produced. We buy the cream of Merchandise direct from the fountain head, and save the middle man's profits. You get the benefit.

have we shown such an assortment of pretty goods. You know our reputation too well for the character of merchandise we handle, and it goes without saying that you will be pleased with the showing. A store full of good things now ready, and awaits your coming. Lend us your presence. You're welcome

THE ROAD TO NEW THINGS LEADS STRAIGHT TO OUR DOOR

WASH GOODS

36 inch Soissett, in all shades soft finish, suitable for waists or suits, yd. **25c**

36 inch fine French bordered gingham, in a variety of colorings, yd. **25c**

36 inch Colored Linen, in blue, pink, lavender, white, grey and brown. Worth 35c per yard only **25c**

200 pieces fine book fold gingham, in bordered, plain, check and fancy colorings, suitable for dress and waist the yard **12½c**

200 pieces 10 to 20 yd lengths, Red Seal Gingham in bordered and plain goods the 12½ grade per yard **10c**

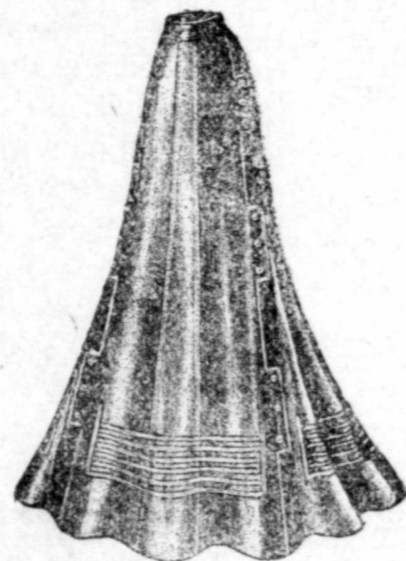
FOULARD SILKS

Late arrivals—Colorings the newest, in rose, navy, wisteria, goblin, copenhagen, champagne and black at 85 and **75c** per yard

ALLOVER NETS

In goblin, wisteria, corn, white rose, pink and white, tan and pink, pink and green, full 44 inch wide, per yard **\$1.25**
1.48, 1.69 and

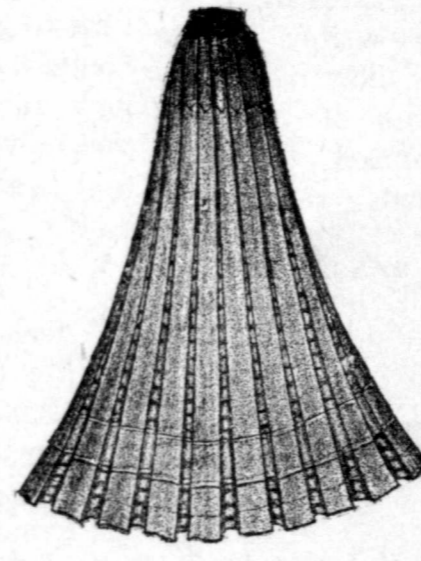
Light, Cool, Airy, Ready-to-Wear Skirts at Attractive Prices Over 400 New Arrivals



Lot 890. Ladies' brown Skirt, six gore, herring bone stripe, button trimmed, worth all of \$5.00, here only **\$3.50**

Lot 472. Ladies' brown and black Skirts, plain nine gore, trimmed with satin band with buttons, very stylish, worth \$1.00 more than the price asked, only **\$4.95**

Lot 423. Ladies' black Skirts, ten gore, trimmed with wide satin folds and buttons, frilled seams throughout, very special price, only **\$6.50**



Lot 169. Ladies elephant gray skirt, plain nine gore skirt of bedford cord material, side trimmings also buttons down front worth **\$10.00**
12.50 at only

Lot 135. Ladies fine chiffon panama skirts, 13 gore knife pleats to bottom, piped with satin and trimmed in satin buttons, easily worth 12.50 at only **\$10.00**

Lot 404. Ladies' black eleven gore skirts trimmed with two broad satin folds over skirt effect easily worth 8.50 here only **\$7.50**

Lot 125. Ladies light tan skirts, nine gore tight fitting, trimmed with folds around bottom and side. A beautiful spring skirt **\$8.50** only

Others at \$12.50, 15.00, 18.00 and \$20.00

LINGERIE WAISTS

Pretty white Waists, immense assortment. You will need several, then why not buy now while the assortment is large.

American Lady Corsets

Everything is Directoire—Modified of course as the occasion and case may demand, but directoire just the same. The snug hip and back, the close bust, the altogether long slender, graceful lines. These combined make the figure of every up-to-date American maid or matron, and the greatest factor in acquiring this fashionable figure is one of the Snug Hip American Lady Corsets. We have a large selection of these smart models. Let us show you. Prices are 2.50 2.00 1.50 and (Others at 75 and 50c.) **\$1.00**

COTTON GOODS

150 pieces fancy bordered Prints, worth 7½c **5c**
Extra good 32-inch Percale, worth 10c, only **8½c**
20 yards 36-inch brown Domestic, 6½c quality, **5c**

HOSIERY

The new pink, blue, lavender, corr., copenhagen, Nile and ox-blood, are here. The **50c** price per pair is

Lot 400. Extra special, 50 dozen Ladies Hose, black and fast colors, looks as good as the average 20c hose, special **25c** 2 for

RUCHING

Immense showing of fancy ruching in tourist and silk. In every conceivable shade. The double and single. All will be found here. Prices range yd. 75, 50, 35, and **25c**

BELTS

Wednesday's express brought to us a big assortment of the latest Belts in elastic and gilt, also the white and figured wash belts. They are different from the old style. They are pretty and you'll agree with us. You must see them. Prices are \$1.00, 75, 50, and **35c**

MESSALINES

36 inch messalines, in lavender pink, brown, navy, corn, pink and cream price per **\$1.25** yard

Out They Go--All Winter Suits at a Sacrifice. One-Half Price Tells the Story



Mens Suits and Overcoats 1-2 Price

- All 25.00 mens suits and overcoats **\$12.50**
- All 22.50 mens suits and overcoats **\$11.25**
- All 20.00 mens suits and overcoats **\$10.00**
- All 18.50 mens suits and overcoats **\$9.25**
- All 17.50 mens suits and overcoats **\$8.75**
- All 16.50 mens suits and overcoats **\$8.25**
- All 15.00 mens suits and overcoats **\$7.50**
- All 12.50 mens suits and overcoats **\$6.25**
- All 10.00 mens suits and overcoats **\$5.00**

When we make up our minds to rid our shelves of all winter Clothing, including Overcoats for boys and young men, we mean it. If you were a visitor here last week, you undoubtedly know what we mean. The last week and the last opportunity to buy a Suit or Overcoat at just one-half price. Our loss is your gain. Just 56 suits left, that's all; so you had better hurry IF you expect to get one at this price.

Pretty Wash Suits New Arrivals

Thursday's express brought us 150 Ladies Wash Suits. They are dreams. The colors are pink, light blue, champagne, lavender, natural and white. Price range \$15.00, 12.50, 10.00, 8.50 and 6.50.

Youth's and Boys Winter Clothes 1-2

- All 15.00 boys and youth's suits now **\$7.50**
- All 12.50 boys and youth's suits now **\$6.25**
- All 10.00 boys and youth's suits now **\$5.00**
- All 8.50 boys and youth's suits now **\$4.25**
- All 7.50 boys and youth's suits now **\$3.75**
- All 6.00 boys and youth's suits now **\$3.00**
- All 5.00 boys and youth's suits now **\$2.50**
- All 4.50 boys and youth's suits now **\$2.25**
- All 4.00 boys and youth's suits now **\$2.00**
- All 3.00 boys and youth's suits now **\$1.50**
- All 2.50 boys and youth's suits now **\$1.25**



LADIES' SPRING OXFORDS
The famous Ultra all styles and widths **\$3.50**
Brockport all styles and widths **\$3.00**
Moore Shafer all styles and widths **\$2.50**
Others at 2.50, 2.00 and **\$1.50**

Melton Jackson Co.
INCORPORATED
MORE AHEAD

MENS' OXFORDS
These brands sold only by us; Stacy Adams & Co., \$5.00 and \$6.00; Howard & Foster, 3.50, 4.00 and \$5.00; Walkover, 3.50, 4.00 and \$5.00; Wm. Kneeland, \$5.00. We will match these against the world.

WE HAVE ALL THE NEW THINGS NOW

OTHERS WILL HAVE THEM LATER--MAYBE

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN GROCERY HOUSE

J. J. Erwin Becomes Sole Proprietor of Miller Mercantile and Sells Out.

J. J. Erwin purchased the interest of F. C. Miller in the grocery firm of The Miller Mercantile, and was billed to take full charge on March 1st. Before the deal could be closed up Mr. Erwin sold back to Mr. Miller and S. P. Hathaway and instead of taking charge on March first he will step down and out and turn the business over to Miller & Hathaway.

Mr. Hathaway recently sold his interest in the firm of Lankford & Hathaway and spent a couple of weeks prospecting for a location. He visited in New Mexico and the Panhandle country, and returned home thinking more of Ballinger, and we are glad to say will continue to be a citizen of Ballinger.

Mr. Miller has been at the head of the Miller Mercantile since the organization of the firm many years ago, and has built up a business any man should feel proud of. Of course he felt like a fish out of water after selling out and became interested with Mr. Hathaway in getting hold of the business again.

It will be remembered that Mr. Hathaway was with this firm up to the time he purchased an interest in the T. S. Lankford business, and will feel at home back behind the same counters where you might say he "made his start."

Mr. Erwin will retire from business for the present and will join the fisherman's League and take a much needed rest.

Underwood Typewriter, good as new. Bair & Conn. \$65. The Globe. It

Ballinger Boy Complimented.

The following from the Texas Quail, a magazine devoted to the discussion of public questions and current events, refers to a man who spent part of his boyhood days in Ballinger and who married Miss Clara Guion, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Jno. I. Guion:

"David C. McCaleb, better known among his friends as 'D' is one of the most enterprising young newspaper writers in Texas, being at present the 'Austin star' of the Fort Worth Star. Young McCaleb is an admitted authority on railroad lore and rate statistics, and where the average newspaper reporter, would flounder around like a fish out of water 'D' is as complacently at home as if smoking under his own vine and fig tree. This is not his first experience as a Legislative reporter, and the successful manner in which he handled the session up to this time shows that he is entirely capable of directing the calcium rays of the Star to the credit of himself and its distinguished editor, who is a member of the body. McCaleb is one of those dauntless young Southerners who 'fought, bled and died' for his country during the Spanish-American revolution of '98, being a veteran of that great conflict who during the unpleasantness referred to held a commission as captain in the First United States Immunes. As a newspaper writer in the days of yore he followed the political meanderings of the late and much lamented Governor Hogg, from whom he gleaned an inexhaustible store of political lore. He is an ardent antisubmissionist, who believes that the question should be submitted but first, last and all the time he is for the Fort Worth Star. His articles are being read with much interest, not only in Texas but throughout the entire country.

LIBERAL DONATIONS FOR BALL PARK

New Park to Cover Block on Eighth Street Near City Park.

I. O. Wooden will furnish the ground and the business men and citizens of Ballinger will furnish the cash to build a ball park. The park will front on Eighth street South of Stuarts Cotton yard and will be 300 x 360 feet enclosed with a substantial wall fence and a large grand stand erected for the fans.

A subscription list was circulated this week and liberal donations made to pay for improving the park and providing a place for the game so popular in this ration. Ballinger will furnish a strong line up this season, and any amateur team in Texas can find good playing at Ballinger.

M. D. Chastain is Moving.

M. D. Chastain will move his grocery store into his rock building vacated by the Ledger printing plant. He will begin moving the first of the next week, and will occupy the building as it is until the workmen complete the work of extending it back 60 feet.

Mr. Chastain has been doing business in the stand he is now leaving for sixteen years, and it will no doubt take him some time to get accustom to his new home, but he will be found in the new stand ready to deliver the goods—everything to eat for man and beast.

Not a Candidate.

I decline becoming a candidate for any city position.

My name as a candidate for Aldermanic position was not authorized by me.

C. A. Doose.

Bankers Meet in San Angelo

The Sixth District Bankers Association met in San Angelo last Friday and adjourned Saturday evening. The convention was a very successful one and was attended by prominent bankers from New York and St. Louis. Ballinger bankers attended and were assigned places on the program. Jo Wilmeth, chairman of the convention, was present and in his usual manner held the reins over the discussion of the various topics. M. A. Traylor responded to the address of welcome made by Mayor Paul. Mr. Traylor was proud of Ballinger and rejoiced in the splendid achievements of San Angelo. He did not endorse the press thrusts poked at San Angelo and was glad to know that the Standard's policy was too lofty to deign a reply.

R. A. Hall was chosen to succeed Jo Wilmeth as chairmam and the convention closed with a banquet.

New Agent at Depot.

C. H. Wigle and wife of Killen came in Wednesday and Mr. Wigle is being checked in at the Santa Fe depot to relieve G. B. Dolan who has been given the place at Clifton.

Mr. Dolan has made a splendid agent and has friends who regret to see him go. Mr. Wigle comes highly recommended and will no doubt work himself into the place among the people made vacant by Mr. Dolan leaving.

New Insurance Company.

E. L. Lancaster, of Dallas, has been here, this week, establishing an agency for the Southland Life Insurance Co.

The Southland is a new company organized in Texas with Dallas as headquarters. The capital stock is six hundred thousand dollars, and is distributed over the entire state. C. A. Doose is a stockholder. Homer Alexander has accepted the agency.

A Prosperous Bank.

The Winters State Bank under the management of Jno. Q. McAdams, issued a splendid statement last week. The deposit as shown by the statement amounts to \$105,000 with \$57,000 cash on hand. The bank will occupy a new home in the near future and be a factor in building a great town and aid in developing a great country.

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.

Cattle Shipment.

Jas. Henderson shipped ten cars of fat steers to the Kansas City Market, Monday. Mr. Henderson has been feeding these steers here all the winter and they were in splendid shape and will no doubt bring a good price.

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.

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.

A pure, wholesome, reliable Grape Cream of Tartar Baking Powder

The cream of tartar used in Dr. Price's Baking Powder is in the exact form and composition in which it occurs in the luscious, healthful grape.

Improves the flavor
and adds to the health-
fulness of the food

No Alum

No lime
Phosphate

Dr.
Price's
Cream
Baking
Powder

J. R. Lusk for Re-election.

A City Secretary is to be elected at the city election, and the people could do no better than to re-elect Robert Lusk, and they might do worse.

Mr. Lusk has expressed a desire to hold the office and his name will be found on the ticket. He accepted the office when the pay was small and has made a faithful officer and deserves to hold the position under the salary it now pays. The financial committee's report shows that the city's books are kept accurately and in good shape and that the work of the secretary is not neglected.

Mr. Lusk's experience is worth a great deal to the city, and as far as we have been able to learn his services are satisfactory to both the city council and citizens. He will appreciate every vote cast for him, and will continue to give the best service possible.

Bair & Conn sells cheaper,
spot cash only. The Globe.
It

Mexican Military Wedding.

A wedding was pulled off at the court house Monday that released a Mexican from the custody of the officers and covered up disgrace in Mexican social circles. The officers arrested a Mexican on a charge of rape, and was holding him to await examining trial when the girl and her father appeared and after considerable "argufying" in Spanish the officers were notified that the couple wanted to marry, and a wedding was pulled off as soon as the clerk could issue the license and the Justice of the peace say the words.

Mr. and Mrs. Mexican were their way rejoicing and the docket relieved of a "na case."

"It Knocks the Itch"

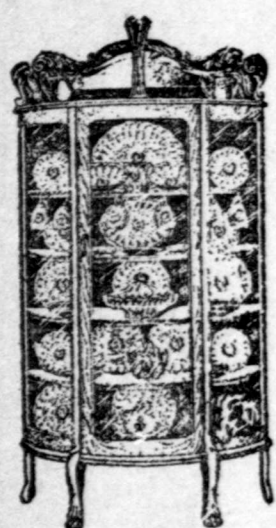
It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, ringworms, are cured by one box. Its guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

We Buy Furniture

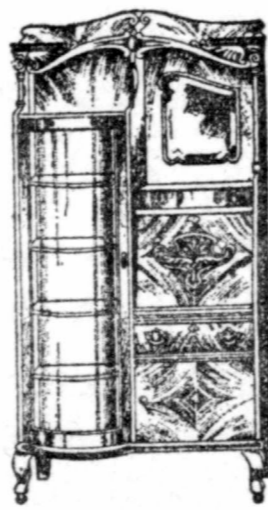


and pay Cash for all kinds of second hand household goods. We will make it to your interest to see us before you sell your old furniture.

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

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

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

That is the new name for the old firm of Van Pelt & Kirk. If you have been a customer of the old firm we want to thank you for your patronage and assure you that we are going to make an extra effort to please you in the future.

If you have been trading elsewhere we want you for a customer and believe we can make it to your interest to give us a trial.

Our stock consists of well known brands, such as Moon Bros. and Connersville Buggies, Bain Wagons, Aermoter and Sampson Wind Mills, Bridge, Beach and Garland Stoves, McCormick Harvesting Machinery, Mr. Bill Planters, Lucky Jim, Cassady and Victor Cultivators, Success Sulky Plows. Complete line of shelf hardware.

Our policy will not be what volume of business we can do, but it will be how many satisfied customers we can make and we want you for one of them.

VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

Everything in Hardware and Implements

Just Received a Shipment of the Rochester Coffee Percolator. See Them

MOTHER THROWS BABY FROM TRAIN

Ten Day Old Baby Pitched Out Window of Moving Train. Woman Arrested.

Sheriff Futch, of Coleman and the Sheriff of Lampasas, passed through Ballinger Monday having in their charge a Bohemian woman arrested near Miles for a crime that is worse than any brute will commit.

From what we can learn of the tragedy, it seems that the woman was enroute from Fayette county to Miles, near which place relatives resided. She had with

her a little baby about ten days old. While the train was running at full speed between Lampasas and Lometa the woman went into the toilet, raised the window and threw the little baby out into the dark. The child was found dead the next day by the section hands, and the officers notified. The officers were soon on the trail of the woman and located her, as above stated. The woman when arrested denied all knowledge of the affair but when confronted with the clothes taken from the body of the dead baby she fainted.

District Court Monday

The March term of district court will convene in Ballinger, and as it also first Monday—trade day—a large crowd will no doubt be in town. The first week of court will be taken up with the criminal docket and the second week has been set for the jury cases on the civil docket. The criminal docket is light and there will be very little doing next week.

License to Wed

Miss Moss McNeil and Sam Jones.
E. J. Todd and Miss Pearl Hawkins.
Dr. Edwin Meeker and Miss Lola Brown.
Jasper Ashley and Miss Sallie Duncan.
Maurice Carares and Miss Bigina Chabes.
W. C. Scott and Miss Lillie Gilbrath.

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.

SUMMER THEATER AND VAUDEVILLE SHOW

Such Place to open in Harris Building on Eighth Street.

J. J. Burroughs, of Houston was here first of the week and closed the deal for a lease on the Harris building on the corner of Eighth street and Santa Fe boulevard, and left immediately for Dallas to buy an outfit for a place of amusement. A moving picture show with vaudeville attractions will be opened as soon as Mr. Burroughs can get his equipment here. Mr. Burroughs expects to put in one of the best places of the kind there is in this part of the state, and says he is coming to stay, and will give the people a splendid line of attraction.

Debtors Take Notice

I have been appointed receiver for the Davis and Co., business, and all parties owing said firm are hereby notified that all accounts are payable to me. If you pay to any one else you will have to pay again.

W. E. SAYLE.

A Household Necessity

I would almost as soon think of running 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.

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

Notice

Section 13, of the ordinance governing the City Water Works System reads as follows:—

"It shall be unlawful for any person to use water from the City Water Works system for irrigation purposes unless they shall first pay to the Collector the rates fixed for irrigation together with the rate fixed for house hold use. The hours for the use of water for irrigation purpose are hereby fixed from 2:30 o'clock p. m. to 7:30 o'clock p. m. provided that all water consumers residing west and north of East Avenue shall be allowed to use water for irrigation purposes from 6 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m.

Provided further that in no case shall City water be used for irrigation on Sunday. And it is further provided that no irrigation shall be permitted except by hand hose or sprinkling. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Section or who shall irrigate more ground than has been measured and paid for, or for any purpose than that stated in his application shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than one nor more than each offence.

The above does not apply to those having Meters. It is made the spec the Water Works Supervisor and City Marshal to file complaints against all persons violating this ordinance.

All water rents payable to the City Secretary's office on or before the 7th of each month.

R. F. L.
City Secretary

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

MIKE BOYD PUBLIC BENEFACTOR

Helping to Make Ballinger Beautiful. Sold 800 Shade Trees Since Christmas

Mike Boyd is a barber by profession, but a great lover of flowers, beautiful yards and shade trees. This has caused Mike to depart from his calling to a certain extent and he has developed into a successful tree dealer, selling all kinds of trees, shrubbery, etc. Since January 1st, this year Mr. Boyd has sold over 800 shade trees to Ballinger home owners, and quite a lot of fruit trees, roses, and other ornamental shrubbery. He sold the trees and has been superintending the work of setting out same in the court house park. About 200 trees were put out in this park, and the entire lot is as fine as ever sold in Ballinger. Mr. Boyd represents the Austin Nursery, and by his push and energy quite a number of Ballinger citizens can give him credit for beautiful yards.

LEDGER MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS.

The Ledger printing office has been moving to their new home in the Lankford building, fronting on Eighth street, this week and on account of having to take down the press no paper was issued for three or four days.

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.

HERE TO STAY

Able to do your work with Satisfaction.

You Will Always Be Satisfied

If you build your house out of lumber bought of the Ballinger Lumber Co. If you need anything in lumber and builder's material let us figure with you. We carry lumber, paint, cement, lime, common and fire brick, cedar posts, etc.

**Ballinger
Lumber
Company**

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MILFORD M. HAMLIN, Manager Mechanical Department

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

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

By a vote of 21 to 5 the Texas Senate will visit Dallas. Good thing, keep them going, if the state does not foot the bill.

Ballinger a city? Certainly; the street sweeper makes the rounds every morning before breakfast. Our streets are cleaned while you sleep.

The senate put in two days this week passing on the invitation from Dallas to visit that city. They accepted the invitation by a vote of 21 to 5.

The legislature killed the Sunday excursion law and then went on a Sunday excursion to Galveston. It is reported that several of the representatives attended church while there.

Fort Worth will entertain from the 13 to 20 of March with the big live stock show. The program is an interesting one and the extras, which are never put on the program, will be as good as usual. The old time stock men know what the extras are.

It has been suggested that Ballinger is not sufficiently advertised to the outside world. Don't worry; we are growing in a way that looks good to us—not a boom, but just a good steady growth that is backed up by the right kind of people. A town built by a substantial growth is worth many mushroom booms.

It is reported that the Catholics are getting in shape to take up the matter of building a convent here. It will be remembered that the Catholics purchased a nice block of land north of the public school buildings last year and stated that they would build a school here this year. Ballinger should be up and doing and not let the opportunity slip.

The people of Paint Rock are after the extension of the rail road from Ballinger, and judging from the way they are taking hold of the proposition, they will get the road. The promoter of the road has asked for a \$50,000 bonus and Paint Rock raised \$30,000 at a meeting last Saturday. Concho county is a splendid county, and if a railroad strikes Paint Rock, that town will no doubt be a live place.

We understand that some of the newcomers are getting a little weak in the knees on account of the splendid rains we are not having. Rain would be a great benefit to the small grain crops and make land breaking better, but we are not particularly suffering yet. This is no place for the weak kneed man. He should go where it never gets too dry, too wet, too cold nor too hot, and where money grows on trees and sheds off just as needed.

Judge M. C. Smith is in receipt of a letter from Representative Brown F. Lee in which Mr. Lee says the Ballinger Independent School district bill has been introduced and will be passed on favorable. This will settle the legality of the incorporation question and the board of trustees will at once take steps to provide for another term of school, and perhaps pass the question of issuing more bonds for building purposes up to the people.

Our county commissioners might profit by past experience and buy a few acres of land for a poor farm before land values get "out of reach." The county could have saved many dollars, if good public roads had been acquired when land was cheap. It is only a question of time until the county will be compelled to provide a place for taking care of the poor. There are only four paupers now on the county pension list, but as our population increases this class of people will increase.

The finance committees report published elsewhere in this paper makes a very good showing in some respects. Of course the city's indebtedness does not look good in print, but the assets are sufficient to even up matters. It must be remembered that the \$20,000 spent on the streets and the \$5000 spent on the drainage system are not listed as assets, and it must be also remembered that there is \$16,000 in the treasury to help offset the indebtedness as shown by the report.

The writer visited Winters last week, and while we have been reading a great deal about the boom that is on at that place, we were surprised to see so many changes that have taken place within the last few weeks. Substantial rock buildings are going up in a hurry and the carpenter's hammer can be heard in every nook and corner of the town. The new railroad will make Winters a splendid town. Grading on this road has been completed from Ardmore to Winters, and six different grading outfits are at work between Winters and Ballinger.

The House Finance Committee on banking recently killed three bills at one time which would guarantee deposits. We are not familiar with banking laws, and do not know how the bank guarantee law would effect banks, but such a law should be passed. The banks do not get their money from the state or state funds, without putting up a good home for the depositor, and the private depositor has no right to sue the bank for loss in bank failures as the public funds are not insured by any law, and if passed would bring out money that is not insured until it is rusty.

C. A. Douglas is not a candidate for any city position. He was announced without his authority, and did not announce himself as having declined to accept the position of alderman, but we were informed by the board of aldermen that we so stated. Mr. Douglas is a surprising citizen, and his supporters regret that he is not a candidate for any city position.

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By a vote of 21 to 5 the Texas Senate will visit Dallas. Good thing, keep them going, if the state does not foot the bill.

Ballinger a city? Certainly; the street sweeper makes the rounds every morning before breakfast. Our streets are cleaned while you sleep.

The senate put in two days this week passing on the invitation from Dallas to visit that city. They accepted the invitation by a vote of 21 to 5.

The legislature killed the Sunday excursion law and then went on a Sunday excursion to Galveston. It is reported that several of the representatives attended church while there.

Fort Worth will entertain from the 13 to 20 of March with the big live stock show. The program is an interesting one and the extras, which are never put on the program, will be as good as usual. The old time stock men know what the extras are.

It has been suggested that Ballinger is not sufficiently advertised to the outside world. Don't worry; we are growing in a way that looks good to us—not a boom, but just a good steady growth that is backed up by the right kind of people. A town built by a substantial growth is worth many mushroom booms.

It is reported that the Catholics are getting in shape to take up the matter of building a convent here. It will be remembered that the Catholics purchased a nice block of land north of the public school buildings last year and stated that they would build a school here this year. Ballinger should be up and doing and not let the opportunity slip.

The people of Paint Rock are after the extension of the rail road from Ballinger, and judging from the way they are taking hold of the proposition, they will get the road. The promoter of the road has asked for a \$50,000 bonus and Paint Rock raised \$30,000 at a meeting last Saturday. Concho county is a splendid county, and if a railroad strikes Paint Rock, that town will no doubt be a live place.

We understand that some of the newcomers are getting a little weak in the knees on account of the splendid rains we are not having. Rain would be a great benefit to the small grain crops and make land breaking better, but we are not particularly suffering yet. This is no place for the weak kneed man. He should go where it never gets too dry, too wet, too cold nor too hot, and where money grows on trees and sheds off just as needed.

Judge M. C. Smith is in receipt of a letter from Representative Brown F. Lee in which Mr. Lee says the Ballinger Independent School district bill has been introduced and will be passed on favorable. This will settle the legality of the incorporation question and the board of trustees will at once take steps to provide for another term of school, and perhaps pass the question of issuing more bonds for building purposes up to the people.

Our county commissioners might profit by past experience and buy a few acres of land for a poor farm before land values get "out of reach." The county could have saved many dollars, if good public roads had been acquired when land was cheap. It is only a question of time until the county will be compelled to provide a place for taking care of the poor. There are only four paupers now on the county pension list, but as our population increases this class of people will increase.

The finance committees report published elsewhere in this paper makes a very good showing in some respects. Of course the city's indebtedness does not look good in print, but the assets are sufficient to even up matters. It must be remembered that the \$20,000 spent on the streets and the \$5000 spent on the drainage system are not listed as assets, and it must be also remembered that there is \$16,000 in the treasury to help offset the indebtedness as shown by the report.

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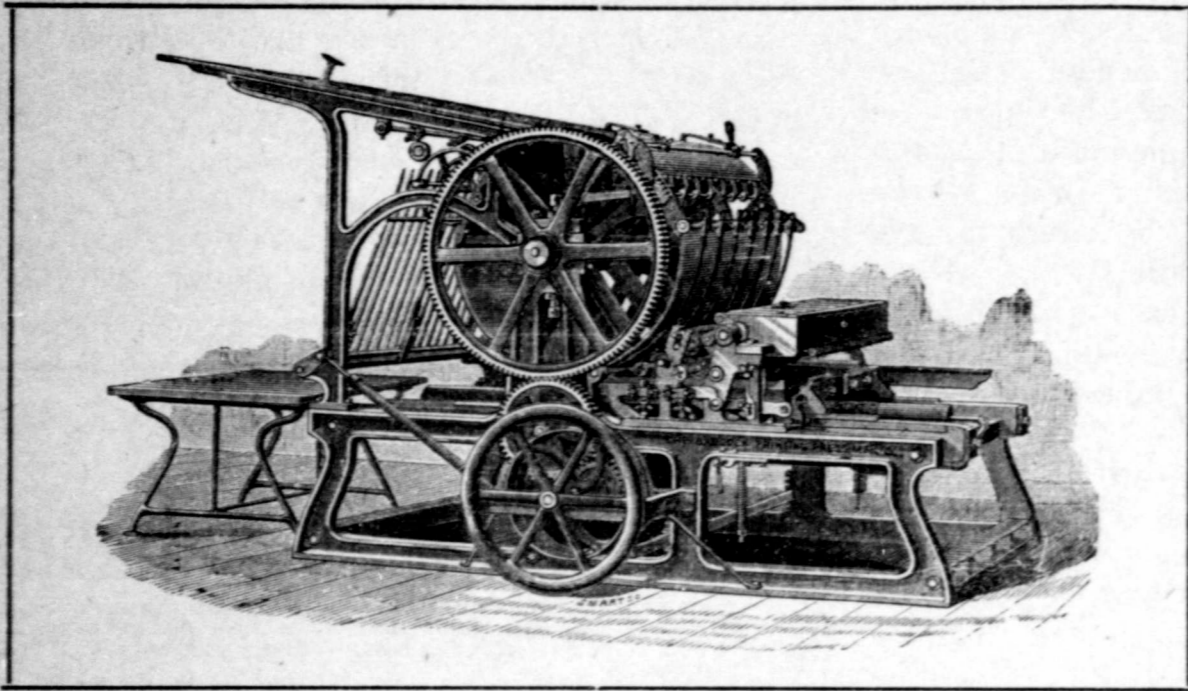
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THE SUMMER WIDOWER

The day that the good wife was billed to start home Bronson sat in a busy cafe across the table from a celibate friend. Ever and anon, or vice versa, which ever way one may prefer, Bronson would pull out his watch and say, "Well, by jingo, my wife and kid will just about be starting for home in a couple of hours now. I won't have many more hours to kill until I go to the station to meet them. Say, it's lonesome around a flat when the leading lady's away, hey?"

Then the bachelor friend grunted, "Uh, huh," although, of course, he didn't know anything about it one way or another, and, what was more, didn't care a continental. But Bronson went right on. "Well," he observed, "I don't much blame a woman for wanting to get away once in a while from as ungrateful a brute as the average man is. You and I would get devilish tired of the job if we had to buy things for the family to eat and fix the fodder up in a new way each day. It's no cinch job, I'm here to state.

"Yes," Bronson went on, "and things are going to be different around our little wickieup if I've got anything to say about it. Once or twice a week, as soon as the little girl gets back to town, it's going to be us for a nice dinner down town on an evening—no cheap restaurant, either, understand. Then we'll skip over to some good show."

By this time the bachelor friend was trying to switch to another set of views and was coming in with such replies as this: "Um-m-m, but say! Our old friend Bill Taft surely does seem to have everything pretty much sewed up on this presidential game, hey? And don't poor old Joe Foraker take it hard? Sometimes I feel sorry for Joe."

The political talk lasted just about 44 seconds. Then Bronson put in, "Funny how ignorant a man is about the common everyday things. My wife wrote me the other day to be sure and have some groceries in the house when she got back. And do you s'pose I had gumption to know what to order? I c'd have come just as near ordering the outfit for a polar expedition. I had to telegraph her to send me a list of things to order. It all seemed simple enough after she told me. We talk about women being stupid, but I guess they've got us skinned about 14 ways from a given point, all right, and that's no wireless message from the Bad Lands, either!"

But Bronson had another disk in the phonograph and continued in about this wise: "A fellow wouldn't think a month would make such a difference in a youngster, would he? Nope. But my wife writes me that that kid of ours is just fairly growing out of his clothes. Still a kid does hump along some on the grow proposition just at that age—she isn't three yet, won't be until the twentieth of next month. Huh! She and I are great pals. She's a great Indian, that kid of mine. You ought to hear—"

"By gum, I guess I'm going to be late for my appointment, old man," broke in Bronson's bachelor friend, snapping his watch. "Well, good luck. I'll have to be off. Hope the wife and youngster pull in on time."

From then on until train time Bronson just monkeyed with his watch and tried vainly to make the hours pass briskly. When he got to the station he found that the train was 20 minutes late. "Supposing the train should be wrecked or something," he thought, as a cold sweat broke out over him. When the train finally did pull in he nearly had heart failure because his wife and youngster were not among the first ones off the train. He saw the one man who always comes off a little ahead of everybody else, with an alligator grip in his hand, and looked vainly for his wife. At last she came. After they'd had the first burst of greetings and he had tossed the kid up in the air once and staked them individually and collectively to a couple of hugs, wifey came at him with this, "And you're really glad to have us back again, are you?" she said. "Did you miss your little wife a whole lot?"

Here's what Bronson replied: "Why, sure, I missed you, but here you are home a week earlier than you expected to be. Why didn't you stay and have your visit out while you were about it?"—Chicago Journal.

Methods of the Silkworm.

On attaining full growth, the silkworm stops feeding and throws out silken threads. The silk is formed in a fluid condition and issues from the body of the worm in a glutinous state—apparently in a single thread. From this silk the worm constructs its cocoon, an interval of from three to five days being required to complete its imprisonment in the envelope. In order that the silken strands may not be subjected to the danger of breakage by the moth emerging from the cocoon, the cocoons are steamed till the inclosed insects are dead. After this the silk may be wound off.

Hawaii's Rubber Industry.

The rubber industry in Hawaii is still in the experimental stage, but experts believe the opportunities for profit are going to be large. Preliminary experiments by the government indicate a high yield from even young trees. Over 400,000 rubber trees have been planted in the islands, and still other plantations are being established.

THE JURIES DIDN'T AGREE

By Max Adoler.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Box Sent in Its Own Alarm.

Box 22 of the Haverhill (Mass.) fire alarm system had a fire all by itself one morning recently and sent in its own alarm, followed a few minutes later by another alarm. There was great excitement for a time, as gas blew up through the box from conduits and bursting into flame shot high into the air, melting the contact points in the box and doing other damage. The cause of the fire was a break in a trolley wire.

WHEN THEY MET



HE young woman on the front seat of the automobile gave a decided tug to her veil.

"No," she said, "you can't care very much or you'd remember a little thing like that!"

"Well," suggested the young man, anxiously frowning over the steering wheel, "if it's so little what's the use of making a fuss over it?"

"It may be small in one way—but not in another!" corrected the young woman with dignity. "I can't understand it! You say you didn't remember in the least how you felt when you first saw me—or where or when it was!"

"You see, it's as if I'd always known you," exclaimed the young man, brightly. "I don't remember anything before that!"

"In that case you'd remember the beginning!" insisted the young woman, in sad triumph. "It just shows that our first meeting meant nothing to you!"

"Why, I remember all about it!" burst forth the young man. "Of course I do! You had on a dress with pink roses on it and it was at Molly Frost's at a card party exactly three winters ago!"

"The young woman drew as far away as the width of the seat would allow and gazed at the scenery in absorbed interest. Though she said nothing the young man felt the frost in the atmosphere, even through his leather coat.

"Wasn't it?" he demanded, with a falling inflection heroically positive. The young woman coughed. "I wonder if we'll get out to the house on time?" she murmured as if to herself.

"Wasn't it?" demanded the young man sternly, almost running over a log in his absorption.

"I suppose you've forgotten," said the young woman with elaborate indifference, "that three winters ago I was in Europe and also that I never laid eyes on Molly Frost in my life till last December."

The young man increased the speed of the machine. "Well, anyhow," he said firmly, "it was a dress with pink roses and somebody wore it!"

"I've no doubt of it," said the young woman sweetly. "She certainly made a strong impression on you, since you recall her after all these years. I don't blame you, in view of that, for forgetting such a trivial occurrence as being introduced to me—"

"As if I could mix you up with any one else!" protested the young man, plunging desperately. "I—I just did that to tease you, Annette!"

The young woman surveyed him coldly. "Did you?" she asked with suspicious calmness. Then smiled. "What a joke!" she murmured. Presently she demanded: "Well, then, joking aside, when was it first met?"

The young man stopped the machine with a jerk and getting out some tools, crawled part way underneath it and began pounding. "I thought something was wrong," he called in muffled tones.

After ten minutes of this he emerged with an air of relief. "Guess we'll get along all right now," he said, jauntily. "Fine day for a ride, isn't it? Did you notice—"

"When was it?" repeated the young woman in even tones.

The young man bent low over the wheel and swallowed hard. "It was after you got home from abroad," he said with a positive air.

"Yes?" prompted the young woman. "At a dinner at the Smiths—" The young man felt danger in the silence which followed this attempt. "No, no; I mean the theater party Howardson gave—eh? Remember the chinchilla coat you wore then?"

"My furs were ermine," murmured the young woman with indifference. "And I wasn't at Mr. Howardson's party because I had the grip at the time. What's the use of pretending that you remember when you don't at all? Why don't you just say that the first time you met me I made no impression whatever upon you among the crowd of really interesting people and you didn't notice me especially? Why not be honest?"

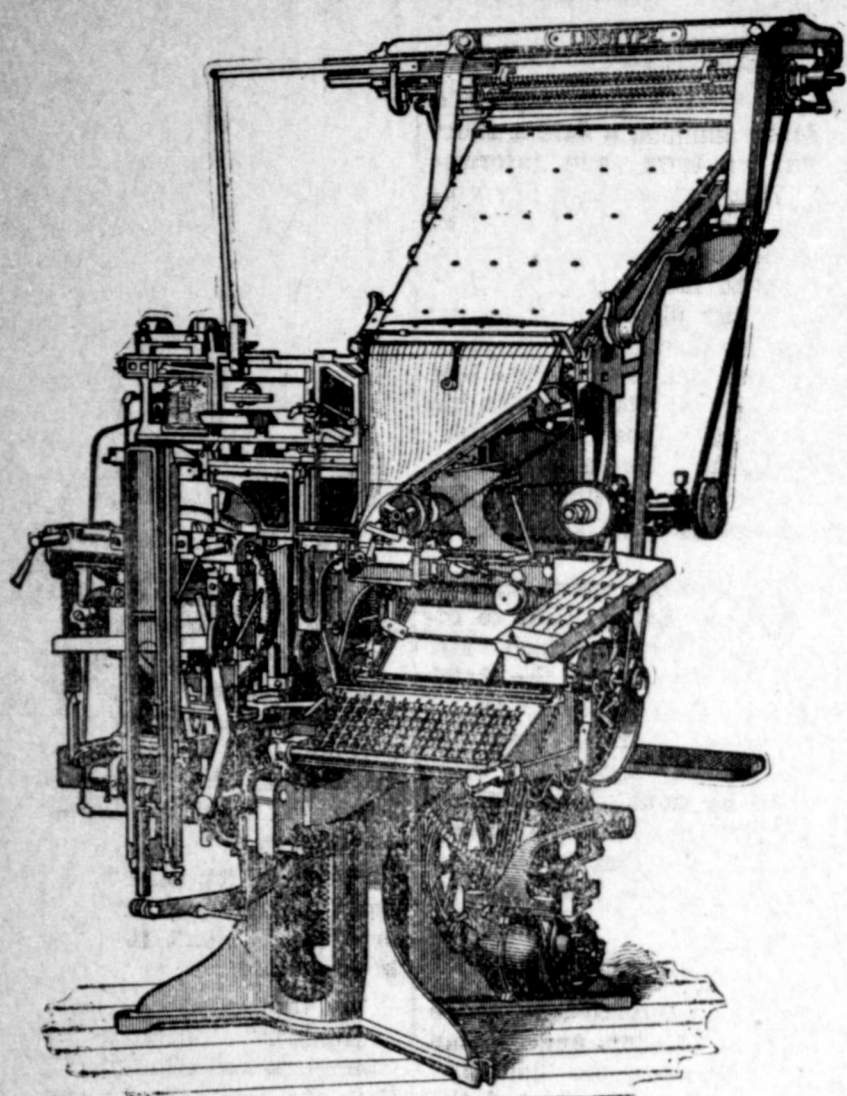
"Of course I noticed you!" protested the young man, still clinging desperately to the romance expected of him.

Then he threw down his shield and gauntlet and turned on her. "Well," he said doggedly, "when and where was it we really met? I do seem kind of mixed on the subject! When was it?"

The young woman turned her head away and gave her veil another twitch. Then she looked at him and from behind the ensbrooding chiffon came a subdued and helpless chuckle. "I don't know," she confessed. "I haven't any more idea than you have, Tommy!"

"Well, if you haven't got a lot of nerve!" gasped the young man after he had comprehended. "And grilling me like that for forgetting!"—Chicago Daily News.

Where The Leader's Type is Set



The above cut shows a picture of the new linotype machine installed in Ballinger by W. E. Bennett. The machine was put in operation Thursday, and set some of the matter printed in this issue of the paper. With the help of the machine we will be able to give our readers a much better paper.

Society Gossip

Beau Nots Entertain

The many young men friends of the Beau Not Club were formally requested to attend an "at home" dinner with Miss Ellie Ward, on the evening of the 22nd.

The young men, though highly flattered at receiving an invitation, had vague doubts as to their knowledge of the proper use of forks and spoons. However, by eight-thirty, all the guests were assembled and the dinner announced.

The doors being thrown open, the dining room presented an elegant profusion of cut glass, ferns, and Pink La France roses. A massive bouquet of pink carnations presented to the club by James Morgan and Hamil Ward graced the table. From the chandelier massive streamers of pink and green were looped to each corner of the table.

Place cards, with hand painted bow nots in the corner solved the difficulty of seating.

Miss Lois Crews as president of the club and Mr. Hamilton Ward acted as hostess and host. The menu cards were as follows:

Oyster Soup, Cracker, Red Snapper, Potatoes a la princesse, Corn, Chicken Croquettes, Olives, French Peas, Celery, Potato Chips, Tongue Salad, Almonds, Cheese Balls, Fruit Sandwiches, Orange Ice Verniques, Cafe a la Francaise.

At ten o'clock the dinner being over the merry crowd assembled in the spacious parlors and reception hall. The young men then informed the young ladies that they had arranged for a ball at the rink in honor of the Beau Nots. Dancing and other merriments held the crowd until a late hour. The young men expressed deepest appreciation for an invitation to the swellest affair of the season. Those present were Misses Lois Crews, Elie Ward, Willie Allen, Armour McGregor, Dossia Suhre of Illinois, Helen Miller of Houston, Georgia Vaughn of Mo., Ruby Cardiff of Houston, Helen Crosson, Mamie Gregory, Florence Westbrook, May Johnston and Lee Plummer. Messrs Hamilton Ward, James Morgan, Tom Watkins, Bob Nor-

man, Cecil Gleen, Jim Grant, Bruce Creasy, Jim Lawrence, Archie Crews, Robert Stanton of New York, Lee Malone, Alex Saunders and Hal Wilson.

A Surprise Party

Mrs. Dan Moser invited a number of friends to assemble at the office of the Central Hotel on Tuesday afternoon and in a body surprised Mrs. Jo Wilmeth on this her -th birthday.

The Honoree "had forth no spies out to learn their drifts" and as she opened her door in response to a knock and was greeted by so many of her friends one could easily discern that she was not feigning surprise.

Mrs. Wilmeth's apartments are admirably adopted for an occasion where the fullest expression of hospitality can be manifested from a social view point.

Dainty score cards were distributed and Mrs. Moser requested each guest to write there on Why a woman doesn't like to tell her age? Reasons too various and numerous to mention were given and half had not been told.

Following this commenced the lively contest of progressive 42. Four tables doing service for the players.

After the games a delicious salad collation with an ice was served.

The following were present: Mesdames J. O. Grundy, Geo. Griffin, Jno. Weeks, J. J. Erwin, M. A. Traylor, H. H. Thomson, R. L. Maddox, Jack Nagle, R. B. Creasy, J. G. Douglas, R. L. Bennett, J. O. Roots, I. L. Hobby, Clara Miller, D. Reeder, W. B. Halley, H. Zdaril, J. R. McVey, C. P. Shepherd, Will Carrol, J. T. Dawson and Walter Buck.

Mystic Weavers

Mrs. Edwin Day was hostess on Wednesday afternoon for the Mystic Weavers, a congenial band of friends whose organization was perfected years ago and whose meetings continue to grow in interest and pleasure from time to time.

Mrs. Day's pretty home is admirably arranged for the entertainment of her friends and upon

entering an atmosphere of genuine hospitality prevailed for the entire afternoon, and a merry time, indeed, each spent as they busily worked at their needle work, at which all were adepts.

Ere adieux were said a delicious menu consisting of pine apple sherbert and cake was served.

With the closing shades of evening the guests departed with many pleasant remembrances of the afternoon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Will Dunlap two weeks hence.

Miss Lola Brown Weds.

Dr. Edwin Meeker, of Lawton Oklahoma, came here last Saturday and on Sunday evening at 2:30 was married to one of Ballinger's best girls, Miss Lola Brown.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's uncle, R. P. Kirk, in the presence of a few friends and the relatives of Miss Brown. Rev. Z. J. Amerson, of the Ninth Street Baptist church, performed the ceremony and for an hour, or until train time, the happy couple were entertained by their friends.

At 3:30 Dr. and Mrs. Meeker left for Lawton, where Dr. Meeker is a practicing physician with a good practice.

Miss Lola has been making her home in Ballinger for the past ten years, and has a host of friends here who wish for her a life of happiness. She has taught several successful schools in the county, and has been teaching the Spring Hill school for the present term, having resigned about two weeks ago.

The wedding is the culmination of an acquaintance made while Miss Lola was visiting in Lawton last summer.

Resolutions Norton Lodge I. O. O. F.

Whereas, the Giver of Life has called to its reward the spirit of our beloved Bro. M. I. Rayburn.

Therefore, Be it resolved that we the members of this lodge assembled here to give expression of the highest esteem in which the deceased was held by us, That in his death, the wife has lost a faithful husband, the children a loving and devoted father, a father who was ever at command of his children and our lodge has lost an efficient and zealous member. That the community has suffered irreparable loss.

Resolved further more that a copy of these resolutions be handed the bereaved family. A copy be spread on the minutes of our lodge and a copy be furnished the Banner-Leader for publication.

T. J. McCaughan, } Com.
J. R. Holloway
T. M. Wilson

The Jew in Ivanhoe.

The Jews in the twelfth century were a much persecuted race. Upon the slightest and most unreasonable pretenses, their property was taken from them and given to some of the nobility. The kings and princes persecuted these people solely for their money. A story of King John, and a wealthy Jew whom he had in his power will illustrate the attitude of the ruling class towards the Jews at that time. The King had the Jew's teeth torn out one by one, until when half of his jaw had been pulled out, the latter consented to part with his money. In spite of the oppression of the nobility, the Jews accumulated vast amounts of money, and it is probable that this very oppression increased the avarice which was a common characteristic of the Jews at that time.

Isaac, the Jew, in Ivanhoe, is one of that unfortunate race in England. A perpetual conflict exists between his avarice and his better nature. His strong natural affection and his sense of gratitude are frequently pitted

in this story against his love of gold. Sometimes one prevails, sometimes the other.

In the first incident in which the Jew figures, his better nature prevails. Ivanhoe assists the Jew, whose life is threatened, to escape from Rotherwood. After Ivanhoe conducts him safely through the woods he so far overcomes his stinginess as to provide Ivanhoe with a horse and armour to be used in the tournament; not, however, without an admonition to be careful in the use of the borrowed property.

Later when Gurth brings the money from Ivanhoe, in payment of the horse and armour, avarice gets the better of Isaac. He is very jolly, as Gurth counts the money out. But while he recounts it, a terrible struggle takes place between his desire to reward Gurth and to keep all for himself. He starts several times to return some of the money, but checking himself each time, he jerks his arm back and in the end does not give up a cent.

In the castle of Torquilstone, natural affection prevails, in the terrible struggle Isaac undergoes. Front-de-Boeuf threatens to torture Isaac, unless he supplies a large sum of money. The Jew refuses. When, however, he learns that his daughter, Rebecca, is in the hands of Brian, in the frantic grief, he offers to give up all his wealth.

"Take all that you have asked" said he, "Sir Knight—take ten times more—reduce me to ruin and to beggary, if thou wilt,—nay, pierce me with thy poinard, broil me on that furnace, but spare my daughter."

This shows that he loved his daughter better than himself and his money. He was willing to give his life rather than to see Rebecca in the hands of Norman nobles.

Throughout the story, Isaac arouses sometimes our contempt and scorn, but more often our pity. We sympathize with him and are willing to believe that the circumstances of that age are responsible for whatever is mean and low in his character.

EDWARD SPILL.

—In Ballinger High School Monthly.

Kodak work finished promptly at Bartlett's Studio. tf

The great wonder of the world, (?) the fortune teller is gone. She left on short notice to protect her health, having received notice that the climate was unhealthy.

J. D. Norwood and little girl Sarah visited Santa Anna yesterday. Mr Norwood looked over some business matters while little Sarah visited her aunt, Mrs. V. L. Grady.

THE NEWSPAPER GUY

I see a man push his way through the lines
Of cops where the work of the "fire fiend" shines.
"The Chief?" I enquire—but a fireman replies:
"Oh, on! Why, that's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man walk through the door of a show,
Where great crowds are blocked by the sign "S. R. O."
"Is that man the star that no ticket he buys?"
"Star nothin'! He's one of these newspaper guys."

I see a man start on the trail of a crook,
And he scorns the police, but he brings him to book.
"Sherlock Holmes?" I inquire—some one scornfully cries:
"Sherlock H——! Naw' he's one of dese newspapare guys."

And some day I'll pass by the great "Gates of Gold,"
And see a man pass through unquestioned and bold.
"A saint:" I'll ask and old Peter'll reply:
"No, he carries a pass—he's a newspaper guy."

—Benjamin Seoville.

The water question in Ballinger is the perplexing question with the city council. Ballinger is located right in the forks of the Colorado river and Elm creek, and has sufficient water to supply a city of one hundred thousand people, and more, but our people are a little particular about what they drink and are clamoring for a quality of water. Several plans are under consideration. One is to experiment with the lake proposition west of town, and another is to put down a test well in the sand hills south of town. E. L. Rasbury says he will be one of the ten men to make the experiment with the well proposition, and if they are successful in getting water the city repay them, and if not the ten men lose. This is a liberal proposition on the part of Mr. Rasbury, and it might solve the problem now worrying the minds of the aldermen. The people are demanding better water, regardless of cost, and it is hoped that nine other men will call Mr. Rasbury's hand and the test made.

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And with it we want your confidence. We sell nothing at cost, but make a profit on everything we sell. Our motto is courteous and fair treatment and one price to all.

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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.

Ninth Street Baptist

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Morning Subject "The True Worshiper." Even subject "Abiding in the Vine." At the morning service, infidelity, skepticism, and the higher critics will be dealt some heavy blows. At the evening service the security of the believer will be portrayed.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.

Z. J. Amerson.

Methodist

Sunday School at 9:45. Come and bring some one with you Preaching at 11 a.m. Subject "Gods Call to Men."

Junior League at 8 p.m. Senior League at 4 p.m. Preaching at 7:30 p.m. subject "Memory can be Forgot." Strangers and new people have a special invitation. Special music.

J. A. Biggs

Eighth Street Presbyterian

The usual services will be held Sunday. The Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a.m. The pastor will preach at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The morning subject will be "Philip, The First Missionary" and all who are interested in the Sunday School Lesson for the day are invited to hear this sermon. The evening subject will be "How Much is a Man Better Than a Sheep?" At the evening hour, Mr. Dickey will sing. All are most cordially invited to attend these services.

Kid gloves cleaned or dyed, ostrich plumes, kid slippers, silks and tissues made to look as good as new. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor and Hatter.

Mrs. D. E. Sims of Paint Rock, is here the guest of Mrs. George Vaughn and others.

JOYFUL NEWS FOR WEAK MEN



To Men Who have Drugged in Vain, To Men Who Have Been Robbed by Quacks, To Men Who Have Lost Faith in Everything;

To Men who are weak and debilitated, not only from the effect of drain upon the vitality, but from excessive drugging and dosing, from ruining the organs of the body with poisonous chemicals; to those whose faith in doctors and remedies of all kinds has been destroyed by the failure of every remedy that has been tried—to all those who are sick of medicines which never cure, I say

STOP DRUGGING
STOP DOSING YOURSELF.

Nature calls for new strength, and you will never be cured until you supply that strength. I have demonstrated during my twenty years of successful application of vegetable treatment it is the only thing on earth that will restore organs, and you must use it to be cured.

TISSUE SOLVENT

Many wonder what Tissue Solvent is. They have heard of its great cures and virtue in removing enlargement, invigorating weak and wasted organs of the body and restoring lost vigor to weak and debilitated men. But what is it? They know it cures invalid men and makes the eye and mind bright. They have seen it cure where all else had failed. But what is it? Tissue Solvent is not a drug, it is not a chemical, but it is made from a certain part of a certain animal and has never been known to fail to cure.

FREE OF CHARGE

To all calling within ten days. Many of you who have been taking medicine and so-called treatments for months will be almost cured by a few of his new treatments. Very chronic cases will require a somewhat longer time, but it makes no difference, you will be treated scientifically until you can say I AM CURED.

Under no circumstances will I accept a professional fee for examination from any patient applying within ten days.

Are you nervous, dyspeptic, weak in the stomach, constipated? Do you have that tired feeling that we find so prevalent here, which does not pass off until about 4 p.m.? Do you have spots floating before the eyes, palpitation of the heart, shortness of breath, headaches, neuralgia, shooting pains in the chest, back hips or ankles? Have you liver, kidney, stomach or bowel troubles, piles or constipation? Have you asthma, bronchitis, weak lungs or consumption? Are you in pain from rheumatism, lame back, sciatica, lumbago, locomotor ataxal weak kidneys? Are you afflicted with deafness or noise in the ears? Have you catarrh of the nose, throat or breathing organs? If so, there is quick relief in store for you by calling upon or writing to

DR. J. ROBERT MAYHEW
SPECIALIST

LINGER, TEXAS

IN RAPE BUILDING

Doctor is giving consultation and examination absolutely free to all who call within ten days. Call or write today.

Freighter's were here from Winters yesterday hauling out tables and equipment for a pool hall at Winters. Winters is fast passing the stage of a village.

J. F. Coffield and son, J. F. Jr., of Rockdale, are the guests of friends here and looking after property. These gentlemen own a nice body of land in the Rowena country.

Everybody likes good biscuits, and Albatross and Light Crust flour makes the most delicately delicious biscuits and cakes you ever saw, and they are so tender and fine grained too. You don't have to pull and tug to get the biscuit apart. They break open as easily and evenly as can be and display the rich white surface just right for spreading. Don't that make your mouth water and we can't even begin to describe how good they are. You must try for yourself, its easy enough. Just have A. L. Spann & Co. to send you a sack of Albatross or Light Crust flour and we promise you that if it doesn't make the kind of biscuit we have attempted to describe, you can have your money back. Thats fair, isn't it? A. L. Spann, General Merchants. 24-4t

A PINK PILL

for stout people is sufficient for one dose, provided the pill is the one we put up and guarantee. Why swallow a handful of patent pills to get the results of ONE OF PEARCE'S PINK LIVER PILLS. Try them. Price 25c.

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DOCTOR BROOKS ADDRESSES SCHOOL

His Theme is Resemblance Between Pupils and Plants. Reference to Luther Burbank.

Dr. Brooks, President of the Baylor University at Waco, was in Ballinger on February fourth to assist in the laying of the corner stone in the new Carnegie Library. He visited the High School before he left, and made a talk which will long be remembered by the pupils as one of the most inspiring that they ever heard.

The theme of his talk was the resemblance between pupils and plants. This was brought out in the story of Luther Burbank. He was a boy who did not have a very good education, and was employed in a factory to make rounds for chairs. His salary was three dollars per week, and his board cost three dollars and a half per week. He soon saw that he was not going to get rich at this, so he invented a machine that enabled him to earn sixteen dollars per week. Shortly after this, he was taken ill, and the doctor told him that he would have to get out in the open air. This was very discouraging to him, naturally. He did not give up, however, as some people would have done; but went to the country and raised potatoes. Every season he would pick out the very best and keep them back for seed. This he continued for several years, and at the end of this time he had the most perfect potatoes ever produced. These were put on the market as the Burbank potato.

Burbank now moved to California where his attention was attracted by the common field daisies. These he began to grow thinking that he might make a more delicate daisy out of them. Each year he picked out a few of the most perfect, and saved the seed for planting. At the end of twelve years he had what is now known as the "Shasta" daisy.

In the same way, Burbank worked with the common cactus, and after a few years he grew the thornless cactus, a valuable food for cattle.

As Burbank improved plants, so do teachers improve students. They cut away the bad habits and cultivate those that are good. They train, and cultivate them and work with them as Burbank does with his plants, and the result is a splendid, useful man or woman. Pupils who will not submit to be worked with in this way will grow up like weeds, and will be of little use in the world.

A piece of clay could be shaped and painted until, at a distance, it could not be told from a Burbank potato. Some people are like this; they look all right off at a distance but when you come up close to them, they are only painted-over potatoes.

Changing pupils from one school to another is like transplanting plants. If you set out a plant, and then in a few days pull it up to see if it is growing, and set it out again in another place, it will never amount to anything. The same thing is true of a student who is moved about. A boy goes home and tells his father that he does not want to go to school and that he does not like the teacher. His father then sends him off to another school. He soon gets dissatisfied there, comes back home, and is then sent off again to some school. When he comes back again he is only a painted-over potato, and not a real Burbank.

It takes time to make a perfect plant and a perfect man. Burbank did not make a "Shasta" daisy out of a common field daisy in three or four years. So with

a student. A capable, intelligent man can not be made out of an ignorant, helpless boy by sending him to school one year, or two years. It took Burbank twelve years to make his daisy, and it surely will take no less time to make a man.

HORACE HAWKINS.

—In Ballinger High School Monthly:

Indian Ball Team Coming.

The Chickasha Indian base ball team will be here next Friday to play the local ball team. The game has been matched and the boys are out practicing in order to be in trim for the Indians when they get here.

The Indian team is a strong aggregation of ball players. Every man on the team plays good ball and the Ballinger boys will no doubt get all they bargain for when they cross bats with the red skins. The game will be called about three o'clock and the usual admission will be charged.

Worth Moore of Miles is here on business this evening.

Mrs. J. J. Erwin returned home last Saturday from a visit to Austin.

Ed Schawe is seeing the sights in old Mexico this week. He took advantage of the cheap rate and went to Monterey.

Dr. R. A. Dickson went to Laredo and Monterey last Saturday.

Joe Spoonts was among the excursionists to Mexico last Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Ostertag accompanied by her niece, Miss Ostertag, of Iowa, went to Mexico last Saturday.

R. A. Risser and son, R. A. Jr., returned from the New York market Wednesday. They bought a big line of spring goods and are receiving some of them this week.

E. C. Seitz of Brownwood has been here this week visiting at the home of W. T. Padgett.

Give us a trial when others fail. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor and Hatter.

S. P. Hathaway bought two lots from Dr. W. A. Gustavous, located on Seventh street, and will build a nice home.

T. J. Starkey moved to his place in West End, this week, to give possession of the place he sold to W. B. Ray.

H. Zdaril and A. J. Zappe steamed up their autos last Saturday and carried Judges John I. Guion, C. H. Willingham, and Ben Long, R. P. Kirk, Jack McGregor and W. J. Miller to Paint Rock to meet with the citizens of that place and talk rail road. Paint Rock people want a rail road and the Ballinger committee assured them that Ballinger was ready to cooperate with the Paint Rock committee and lend all assistance possible in securing the extension of the road from this place.

New York's Growth in Wealth. New York city's land values are increasing faster than the total value of the entire output of all the gold and silver mines in the world.

Making Work Noble.

Any sort of work is noble, the degree of nobility depending upon the care with which it is done.—Syracuse (N. Y.) Journal.

Georgia Sentiment.

No matter how rough the road to heaven is you'll feel the more like enjoying your rest when you get there.—Atlanta Constitution.

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 grunted: "Fristance, 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.

Want Column

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

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

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

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

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

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE—Three Color Smith Premier, practically new. Will sell for bargain. See Sledge at Banner-Leader office.

LOST—A fancy work hand bag, containing a pair of spectacles, some lace and a white waist. Finder please return to Mrs. W. J. Miller.

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

WANTED—to rent a three or four room house near the business part of town, and get possession at once. Call on J. M. Robertson at Jackson & Robertson bicycle shop.

WINTERS PROPERTY—4 room house on 5 acre lot; well, windmill, barn good orchard, right in town, for sale at a bargain. Dr. Fred Tinkle Winters Texas, It.

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. Hyllon Texas. 9t.

Estrayed—Feb. 22, Black horse on Brady road. White faced, about 13 hands high, branded I, on left and same brand on right side. Will pay \$2 to any one who will bring horse to A. L. Spann & Co store, Ballinger, Texas. Pablo Cadena. 1t

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.

FARM FOR RENT—Will give entire crop to man for breaking 150 or 200 acres, or more sod land near Ballinger. The land is the very best and is now ready to break. A good proposition for some man with teams. Call at Banner Leader office for particulars or see W. T. Routh.

DECLARED WORSE THAN CANCER.

Of the Two, Pangs of Toothache Are Less Easy to Bear.

"You of the younger generation," said the dentist, severely, "don't appreciate the importance of the conquest of toothache that dentistry has made."

"Toothache is the worst torture that ever afflicted mankind. Its pains—'lancinating' they are technically called—are worse than the pains of cancer. Worse than cancer; that is the truth; I have heard it from physicians, I have heard it from three old people whom cancer finally killed. They all said that the pain of cancer at its worst was mild beside the pain of the worst toothache."

"Toothache drove DeQuincey to opium-eating. DeQuincey, too, says in his 'Opium Eater'—like all dentists, I have the passage by heart:

"No stronger expression of toothache's intensity and scorching fierceness can be imagined than this fact—that, within my private knowledge, two persons, who had suffered alike under toothache and cancer, have pronounced the former to be, on the scale of torture, by many degrees the worse. In both, there are at times lancinating pangs—keen, glancing, arrow radiations of anguish; and upon these the basis of comparison is rested—paroxysm against paroxysm—with the result that I have stated."

Money Well Spent.

Health is an important factor to the people of New York city and the public treasury expends \$6,300 each day in looking after it.

Patience.

If a man were only as patient in business as he is in fishing what couldn't he accomplish.—Detroit Free Press.

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

Miller Mercantile Company

Groceries, Ranch Supplies, Vegetables, Fruit

A large host of satisfied customers patronize this store daily. If you are not among this list you are missing some good things. Fair treatment, prompt delivery.

Miller Mercantile Company

PETITION FILED IN BANKRUPTCY

Davis & Co. with Assets of \$6,500 and Liabilities of \$10,000

We reported a couple of weeks ago that Davis & Co. had placed their business in the hands of a receiver, making Judge J. W. Powell, receiver. This did not satisfy some of the creditors, and at the instance and request of three creditors, to-wit: Woodson, Smith Hat Co., at Kansas City, Mo., R. M. Chapman Mfg Co., of Houston, Texas, and Harris-Lipsitz Co., of Dallas, Texas, Harris and Shepherd filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against Davis & Co., Thursday of last week. U. S. Marshal Hodges of San Angelo, was here Saturday and served the paper on the president of the company.

The liabilities are about \$10,000 with assets of about \$6,500. W. E. Sayle was appointed receiver and took charge of the books, etc., Monday of this week. There are something like thirty or forty creditors to participate in the proceeds of the estate.

Every phone in Runnels county is connected with phone No. 264.

Walter Fox is opening a barber shop in the Roark building, just completed on Hutchins Ave.

B. F. Wiley returned from Dallas yesterday where he had been for several days on business.

Rev. Geo. W. Fender is in Fort Worth on business connected with his church work, and visited his father at Rockwall.

Conservatism is frequently only another word for old fogyism. The conservatism that clings to the old, for sentiment's sake, when ability is gone; that is suspicious of the new and unknown because of its strangeness; that resists change and resents innovation on general principles, is of this sort. Such conservatism has ever thrown stones in the path of the world's progress. Inventors, reformers, and seers, have been laughed at, and snubbed and imprisoned and tortured by the conservatives since the world was begun. Nevertheless they continue to improve, to invent, to discover. The compelling hold that Truth gets upon the individual seals it stronger than this disapproval of an old fogy world. And well that it is so; for, otherwise, no progress, no improvement, only Chinese stagnation.

On the other hand, conservatism is an instinct, ingrained in the very fiber of the race, and having a necessary part to play in its salvation. It keeps the world from losing its head, and running too madly after new gods. It clings to the old anchor until time and the world-stress have proved the security of the new ones, which are cast out by the venturesome craft, seeking anchorage farther down the stream of civilization. So it is a prudent instinct and the world needs it, and couldn't get along without it, yet, a pity that the world's progress should be impeded an instant by its play. —In Ballinger High School Monthly.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Baldwin were here from Atoka last night visiting their sons.

HORSE AND BUGGY STOLEN FROM STABLE

Stranger Hires Horse and Buggy From Rock Livery Stable and Forgets to Return.

A man giving his name as Jones—just common Jones—called at the Rock Livery Stable in Ballinger Wednesday evening about three o'clock and hired a buggy to drive out in the country. He told the livery stable man that he wanted to go out about four and a half miles and would return in a couple of hours. The livery stable man gave Mr. Jones (?) the best outfit in the stable, a new \$135 buggy which he had just bought and a good horse.

It seems that said Jones was just a little bit absent minded and forgot to return. It was learned that he went east from Ballinger, and the officers got in behind him and succeeded in locating him at Valera, in Coleman county, where Sheriff Futch of Coleman arrested him on a charge of horse theft and placed him in the Coleman jail. Sheriff Flynt went down yesterday evening and accompanied Jones back to Ballinger and gave him rooms in the Ballinger jail.

Jones was a horse trader what you read about on the first Monday. He had traded horses three times when the officers found him, making three trade in less than two days.

Neil Litchfield Trio

Laughter is an emotion, is as hygienic as water and light. The mission of the Neil Litchfield Trio is to make people healthy and happy by making them laugh. Their entertainment serves as a delightful leaven to the heavier and more philosophical numbers of the Course. While primarily a humorist, Mr. Litchfield also recites—his selections running from the highly dramatic to the intensely humorous and pathetic. After his college course at Cornell University he took several special courses of instruction with the best teachers of elocution and platform art in the United States, thoroughly fitting himself for a public reader, which profession he followed for many years.

Mrs. Litchfield, who has had years of experience on the platform as an entertainer and violinist is a close second to her husband.

Miss Abbie Litchfield ably presides at the piano, and gives a true to life personation of Amanda Green, in the closing comedy.

The latter half of the entertainment is the special feature, Down at Brook Farm. This rural comedy playlet has been given over 3,500 times in the United States, Canada and Europe. It is clean and refined in character and without doubt, is the funniest comedy on the Lyceum platform today. This attraction will be at the opera house March 2nd, 1909.

Chas. Madden who was formerly connected with D. Reeder in the lumber business at this place, has returned to Ballinger and again associated himself with the Reeder-Hutton lumber yard. Mr. Madden has been living in Oklahoma since leaving Ballinger. We are glad to have him and his estimable family with us again.

J. T. Witcher, of Brownwood has located in Ballinger and opened a hide, fur and seed buying house. Mr. Witcher will be in the market for all the hides, furs and cotton seed he can get.

W. E. Ballew, at one time connected with the White Store was here yesterday. He has been living at Fort Worth for the past year. We are glad to report that he will move back to Ballinger in about a month.

Sole by Druggists. Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

energy and cheerfulness. a tired, nervous, half-stick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health. A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

If you are bilious, jaundiced, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, dizziness, you need

WHEN YOU FEEL BAD

CITY DRUG STORE, Special Agents

HARDWARE HOUSE CHANGES HANDS

Takes in New Capital and Incorporates Scott Mack Interested

We reported last week that Scott H. Mack had purchased an interest in the hardware firm of Van Pelt & Kirk. The work of invoicing was completed this week, and the deal finally closed up. The deal causes a little change in the name of the firm and will hereafter be known as Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.

The company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$30,000 all paid up. The officers are B. C. Kirk, president; A. H. Van Pelt, vice-president; Dan Van Pelt, treasurer; Scott H. Mack, secretary and general manager.

A. H. Van Pelt holds a nice block of stock in the company, but will not take an active interest in the business. He will retire from business and take a much needed rest. The business will be in the hands of Mr. Mack, Mr. Kirk and Dan Van Pelt. These gentlemen are all thorough going business men, are well known and popular throughout the county, and will no doubt enjoy a splendid business.

For the present the company will handle the present line of goods, implements, vehicles and general line of hardware, but they expect to add a general merchandise line to the business some time in the future. The building fronting on Hutchins Avenue will be made two stories high to give more room for the new line.

Van Pelt & Kirk also have a house at Bronte. This is owned exclusively by A. H. Van Pelt and is not included in the deal.

H. H. Hodge, who has recently acquired an interest in the Winters Enterprise was here Wednesday to have some new material for the plant hauled out. \$1500 worth of new type, presses, etc., will be added to the Enterprise plant, and Winters will get a good paper from the hands of Eason & Hodge. Mr. Hodge is a splendid newspaper man and Winters is to be congratulated.

J. W. Powell says he has the John F. Drew home on Ninth street for sale at a bargain. Also he has other houses for sale, at prices and on most any kind of terms. See him if you are in the market for a home.

Dr. G. W. Johnston returned from Wolfe City Monday, where he went to close a deal for a drug store. He purchased the business and left his son in charge.

J. L. McWhirter went to Winkler county Monday to inspect some school land he was the successful bidder on.

Hats, Hats, Hats.

Old hats made new in 2 hours. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor and Hatter. Phone 264.

BLOODY FIGHT AT COUNTRY DANCE

Two Young Men Cut Each Other With Pocket Knives

Nicholas Cotten and Frank Williams were brought to town last Friday night to have wounds dressed. The two young men were attending a dance at the home of Frank McShan when they became involved in a difficulty. Both were pretty badly cut around the neck and head. One of the young men was smoking in the house when the other asked him not to do so, and the fight followed. The dance had just started and the disturbance put an end to the merriment.

U. P. Melton is at home from the dry goods markets. Mr. Melton purchased a big bill of goods to augment the larger bill bought by his partner, and the two shipments together will fill the Higden-Melton-Jackson Co's. house with new goods.

The Neil Litchfield Trio, the Popular Entertainers, who are to give the next entertainment in the Lyceum Course present one of the most novel and genuinely humorous entertainments in the Lyceum. It is surprise after surprise from the opening to the closing number. If you want to laugh go and hear the Neil Litchfield Trio. At opera house March 2nd, 1909. Reserved seats 75c, general admission 50c, school children 25c. Seats on sale at Walker Drug company.

T. D. George who has been with the Higginbotham, Currie Co., for the past year, will begin work with the Hub on the first of March. Mr. George is a fine dry goods man and will be a good man for the Hub.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pearce are here from Robert Lee this week. Mr. Pearce came down to look after some real estate and Mrs. Pearce came along to visit friends.

Robt. McGregor came in from St. Louis yesterday where he bought dry goods for the Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

For All Kinds of CEMENT WORK

At reasonable prices an First-Class work see

J. H. Stalcup

Curb and Walks A Specialty

MANAGEMENT

The success of a bank and the safety of the funds intrusted to it depends upon a judicious administration of its affairs. Every active officer of the Winters State Bank is a practical banker of long experience.

Its Directors are well known men selected for their business ability and financial standing.

The strength of this bank lies not alone in its capital, surplus and resources, but in the responsibility of the men who conduct its affairs.

THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas.

Spring Opening

Pants Made in 6 Hours; Suits From 2 to 10 Days

Over 5,000 All-Wool and Worsted Samples to Select From.

OUR MADE-TO-MEASURE CLOTHES ARE MASTERPIECES OF THE TAILOR'S ART



That's why we make that bold claim. Let us take your measure, and when your suit is finished if you find that in any way the quality, the style, the fit and the workmanship are not as represented, we don't want you to take the suit.

The truth of these utterances has taken root in the minds of the discriminating men who are visiting our tailoring department daily, and as the result we have been very busy.

Suits Made to Measure, \$15.00 and Upwards

Our stock is large and varied and we are showing the latest creations of spring patterns, in all the latest colors of imported and domestic cloth.

The really newest things in colors for this Spring are Oyster Gray, Olive and Green Mixtures

The only up-to-date steam cleaning and dye works in West Texas. We have not stopped at ordering the very latest machinery to make old clothes new, but we have also secured the services of the most thoroughly experienced man in the State.

Old Hats Made New in Two Hours

A. J. STOCKLAS
BALLINGER'S ONLY TAILOR

Phone No. 264.

Next to Walker Drug Co.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE PASS BILLS

The Commissioners Court Fix Tax Rate Fix Salaries. Other Orders Passed

The Commissioners Court has been in session this week and considerable business dispensed with.

Ex-officio Salary.

The court fixed the salaries for the various officers for the ensuing terms as follows:

County Judge, \$1,200.
Supt. Pub. Ins. \$1,400.
County Clerk, \$200.
District Clerk, \$550.
Sheriff, \$500.

Court Accepts Plan.

The plans for remodeling the court house were accepted, and the architect notified to advertise for bids. The plans when carried out will give the interior of the court house quite a different appearance. The entire building will be remodeled throughout. The auditorium will be reduced in size, two offices being cut off on the south side, and the Judge's bench moved to the north side, and a balcony put in. The building will be heated with steam and an up-to-date sewerage connection installed. The improvements will cost about \$5000.

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Our Tax Rate

The Commissioners Court in session this week, fixed the tax levy for 1909 as follows: County ad valorem, 11 cents on \$100. Road and bridge 12c on the \$100. Court house and jail 7 cents on the \$100.

Managers of Election.

It is ordered by the Commissioners Court that the following named persons be, and they are hereby appointed election managers for the ensuing year:

Ballinger—Paul Trimmer, J. R. McVay, H. A. Massey, J. T. Dawson.

Runnels—E. B. Walker, G. R. Cunningham.

Norwood—B. F. Clayton and T. W. Martin.

Crews—A. E. Wilkerson, L. G. Strawn, W. S. Moorhead, A. L. Kirby.

Content—M. C. Bright, F. M. Curry.

Antelope—W. J. Gardner, R. A. Yeats.

Winters—J. Hood, A. L. Roberts, W. H. Rodgers, Ben Spill.

Cochran—John McNeil, Carl Vogler.

Pumphrey—R. L. Mosley, S. H. Puckett.

Wingate—W. P. Hawkins, M. T. Hensley, J. A. Street, Emmet Guin.

Dry Holow—W. F. McKown, Henry Clark.

Maverick—D. W. Turner, L. Overman.

Norton—J. B. Carlton, H. E. Petty.

Pearce School House—S. A. Gaston, F. Mountz.

Rowena—M. Feish, G. Schumann, J. H. Neas, F. F. Ernst.

Miles—W. P. Buttery, J. L. Atwell, John Brooks, T. M. Scott.

New Norton—J. H. Yarnell, Jake Stubblefield.

Truitt—W. H. Seals, J. F. White.

It is to Laugh

The Lyceum Course will fill the bill with the Neil Litchfield Trio at the opera house Tuesday evening, March 2nd, 1909.

No better press notices are given to any entertainment of its class than those bestowed upon the Neil Litchfield Trio by the principle newspapers from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They stand at the top notch with the best. The Litchfield entertainment has met the popular demand of the Lyceum public for something ludicrously funny, but without artistic and refined.

Reserved seats 75c, general admission 50c, school children 25c. Seats on sale at Walker Drug Co.

Flower pots all sizes at Kinzers.



Young Men

want their clothes to be up-to-the-minute in all the proper "kinks" and ideas. They can be sure of authoritative styles if their orders are placed with

The Globe Tailoring Company Of Cincinnati

The Globe fashion pictures show what's right in novelty effects for Spring and Summer. You can see these pictures and The Globe's entire line of woollens at our store. The smartest suitings of the season are here.

W. S. MOREHEAD
Tailor and Hattee



Sometime, Somewhere,
Someone "May"
Make an Abstract
"as Good as"

THE BLUE-BLACK ABSTRACT

NEVER, ANYONE, ANYWHERE
will make a better one.

GIESECKE-BENNETT COMPANY

Giesecke, Pres. Chas. S. Miller, Vice-Pres. Jno. F. Maddox, Sec.

R. A. RISSER & CO.

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LADIES READY TO WEAR DEPARTMENT

We have enlarged this department and can safely say that a more complete assortment will not be found anywhere. We extend to the ladies a cordial invitation to call and see the many new novelties we are showing. And we also wish to assure them that we have in stock anything shown by the catalogue houses in or out of the state and will gladly compare prices. Any garment sold by us will be fitted and altered free of charge. All garments are beautifully made and are guaranteed to fit perfectly.

SUITS AND DRESSES

Messaline and Foulard Dresses—Colors, copenhagen, cawtaba, wisteria, navy blue, and reseda green. Princess style, prices 15.00 to **\$35.00**

All Linen Coat Suits—Colors, white, lavender, copenhagen, blue, etc. Beautifully made, coats 38 to 40 inches long, trimmed with Baby Irish laces and bandings. Skirts to match. Prices 10.00 to **\$20.00**

All Linen three piece Suits consisting of Princess dress and coat to match. Prices, 15.00 to **\$35.00**

Lingerie Dresses—Colors, light blue, pink, lavender, ecru, smoke grey, and white. All made in one piece of French Lingerie and beautifully trimmed with fine Mechlin, Val and Baby Irish laces. Prices 3.00 to **\$35.00**

Lingerie Three Piece Suits—All colors, Princess dress with beautiful lace coat to match. Prices 15.00 to **\$35.00**

SHIRT WAISTS

Messalines—Colors, light blue, white and lavender. Prices 5.00 to **\$10.00**

Nets—made over silk, colors white, ecru and smokes. Prices 3.00 to **\$10.00**

Lingerie and Lawn, white only, prices 75c to **\$8.50**

All Linen, white only, plain and embroidered. Prices 2.50 to **\$10.00**

Glasgow Linen. Prices 1.25 to **\$2.00**

LADIES NECKWEAR

The new Dutch collars in lace, embroidery, and linen. The new stock collars, colors, lavender, pink, light blue, white, etc.

New Windsor Ties, embroidered in all colors. The new Tabs and Tab Bows.

Messaline and Satin Bows in every color. We show nearly 200 styles of collars.

LADIES GLOVES

Silk Gloves, embroidered and plain, short or long. Colors tan, wisteria, old rose, reseda green, dark green, light blue, lavender, smoke grey, cawtaba etc. Will be displayed March 8th or before.

LADIES AND MISSES SKIRTS

Voiles—Fast colors, all wool, prices 10.00 to **\$16.50**

Fancy Worsteds, Panamas, Serges, etc.—100 different styles, colors cawtaba, taupe, lavender, tan, smoke grey copenhagen blue, navy blue, brown, cream, wisteria, light green, bottle green, olive green and black. The cloths in these skirts in quality, coloring and design are simply beautiful, and it will be well worth your time to grant yourself the pleasure of looking them over. Prices 3.50 to **\$12.50**

Wash Skirts—Colors, white, tan, lavender, navy, wisteria, cawtaba, copenhagen and navy blue, trimmed with "set in" bandings of cluny and baby Irish laces, all fast colors.

Glasgow Linen Skirts 1 25 to **\$3.50**

All Linen Skirts 5.00 to **\$7.50**

THE NEW LACE COAT

Made entirely of lace and net, handsomely braided and trimmed with dainty Mechlin and val laces. Prices 15.00 to **\$30.00**

Gause Lisle Hose in the following colors, lavender, pink, light blue, reseda green, tan, oxblood, smoke grey and copenhagen blue. Will be displayed March 8th or before.

RUCHINGS

Fifty different styles of ruching in plain, Persian net, mull, chiffon, Point de Spret etc., in 25 different colors including gold and silver tinsel effects.

PARASOLS

The new Directoire Parasols, colors, lavender, pink, wisteria, cawtaba, old rose, light blue, copenhagen blue, etc. Over 25 colors and color combinations. Will be displayed March 8th or before.

LADIES BELTS AND BELTINGS.

Elastic Belts in new designs and colors to match any skirt or waist. Washable belts in wisteria, old rose, cawtaba, light blue, pink, tan, grey, navy blue, copenhagen blue, etc.

THE WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & CO.

Ballinger, Texas

Missionary Rally.

At the Board meeting Tuesday it was decided to hold a missionary rally with the First Baptist Church of this place beginning at 8 p. m. on Thursday April 1st and continue for three days. The missionary elect is requested to be on the field by that time and to meet with us.

This is a step in the right direction. Runnels County is largely a missionary field. There are large communities all over the county where strong churches can be built up if the gospel is once planted in them. Our county is fast filling up with settlers, many of whom are not Christians. We must greet them with a loving gospel message

and let them know that they are among a God loving and a God fearing people.

The program of the rally will appear in good time. Let every body who loves the Lord attend this meeting. The good people of Ballinger will take care of you and make you have a good time.

Z. J. Amerson
Recording Secretary Board.

Ballinger's Gain.

The Rockdale colony at Ballinger, Texas will be further augmented when Dr. G. B. Renfrow leaves here early next week for that city, where he has established a dental office. Dr. Renfrow has been a citizen of this place for the past 13 years, and has

made a host of friends in this and surrounding country. Dr. Renfrow came to Rockdale soon after he graduated from the Philadelphia Dental School with the degree of D. D. S. and has constantly practiced his profession here ever since. He is a most affable gentleman and will readily adapt himself to the ways of the open hearted people of the west. We are indeed sorry to see him leave us, as he is one of Texas, and we have no hesitancy in commending him to those people. The doctor has an estimable family which will be a valuable addition to the society of their newly adopted home.—Rockdale Reporter.

Dr. Renfrow has opened one

of the most up-to-date dental parlors in Ballinger that the town has ever had, and is now in a position to do work for those wanting first class work. He extracts teeth without "hurting" and his method for treating teeth is the latest. Call and see him.

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.

MAY WIPE IT OFF THE EARTH

A Simple Home-Made Treatment Said to Overcome Rheumatism.

Few people here know that you can cure that dread American disease, rheumatism, with just common, every-day drugs found in any drug store. The prescription is so simple that any one can prepare it at home at small cost. It is made up as follows: Get from any good prescription pharmacy Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost.

Rheumatism as every one knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter, which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles, causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

This prescription is said to be a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys, and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and backache.

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 RANNELS 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 Rannels County, to be holden at Wingate, Texas in said Rannels 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. Schmoltd, 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, Rannels 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, Rannels County,
Texas.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF RANNELS) By virtue of a certain Alias Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Rannels 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 M. Flynt as Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas, did on the Fourth day of February 1909 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Rannels County, described as follows, to-wit

All of Block Number Four (4) in Reeder Addition to the town of Ballinger, Rannels 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 Rannels 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 Rannels County.

Witness my hand, this Fourth day of February 1909

J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff Rannels 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.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR A GOOD STOMACH

This Offer Should Be a Warning to Every Man and Woman

The newspapers and medical journals recently have had much to say relative to a famous millionaires' offer of a million dollars for a new stomach.

This great multi-millionaire was too busy to worry about the condition of his stomach. He allowed his dyspepsia to run from bad to worse until in the end it became incurable.

His misfortune serves as a warning to others.

Everyone who suffers with dyspepsia for a few years will give everything he owns for a new stomach.

Dyspepsia is caused by an abnormal state of the gastric juices. There is one element missing. The absence of this destroys the function of the gastric fluids. They lose their power to digest food.

We are now able to supply the missing element—to restore to the gastric juices their digestive power, and to make the stomach strong and well.

We know that Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets will positively and permanently cure disordered stomach, indigestion and dyspepsia.

We want you to try them and will return your money if you are not more than satisfied with the result.

Price, 25 cents. Only at our store, or by mail, The Walker Drug Co.

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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 last 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.

We Always Have Fresh Vegetables

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The last years of life are the sweetest, and yet the most difficult to prolong. It is then that the greatest care is exercised in maintaining bodily health. But the chief care should always be with regard to the food you eat and whether you are digesting it properly. You should not allow yourself to become constipated.

No doubt you have tried salts and cathartic pills, purgative tablets, etc., and have come to the conclusion that they are violent in action and do but temporary good. Listen, then, to the voice of experience with regard to a wonderful and mild laxative, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It is not new, only we are trying to find new friends for it. A. A. Felts, of Johnston City, Ill., suffered from stomach trouble for six years and found his cure in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. His wife uses it too with success. We could name hundreds of others. Some heard of it first through neighbors or friends; others through the doctor's offer to send any sufferer from a stomach, liver or bowel complaint a free sample bottle for trial, without charge. If you will send your name and address he will send you a trial bottle direct to your home. If it proves itself as he claims then continue the treatment by buying a 50-cent or \$1 bottle of your druggist, as all of them sell it. Old people, like children, should look for purity, and it is well to mention that the purity of this remedy is vouched for with the U. S. government. Also, though a free bottle is sent to prove its merits, results are always guaranteed from the regular bottles bought of druggists, who will refund your money if it does not satisfy you. Send at least for the free test bottle today.

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. H. Caldwell, 509 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

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Tells Readers How to Relieve Indigestion in Five Minutes.

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Absolute relief from all stomach misery is waiting for you as soon you decide to begin taking Diapepsin. Tell your druggist that you want Pape's Diapepsin, because you want to be thoroughly cured of indigestion.

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Some Ballinger People May Wait Till It's Too Late

Don't wait until too late. Be sure and be in time. Just in time with kidney pills Means curing the back Before backache become chronic;

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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 quality is in every bottle of this remedy, and you get good results when you take it. Neglected colds often develop serious conditions, and when you buy a cough medicine you want to be sure you are getting one that will cure your cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures. Price 25 and 50 cents a bottle. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Don't Be Irritable.

"An irritated skin makes an irritable 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."

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.

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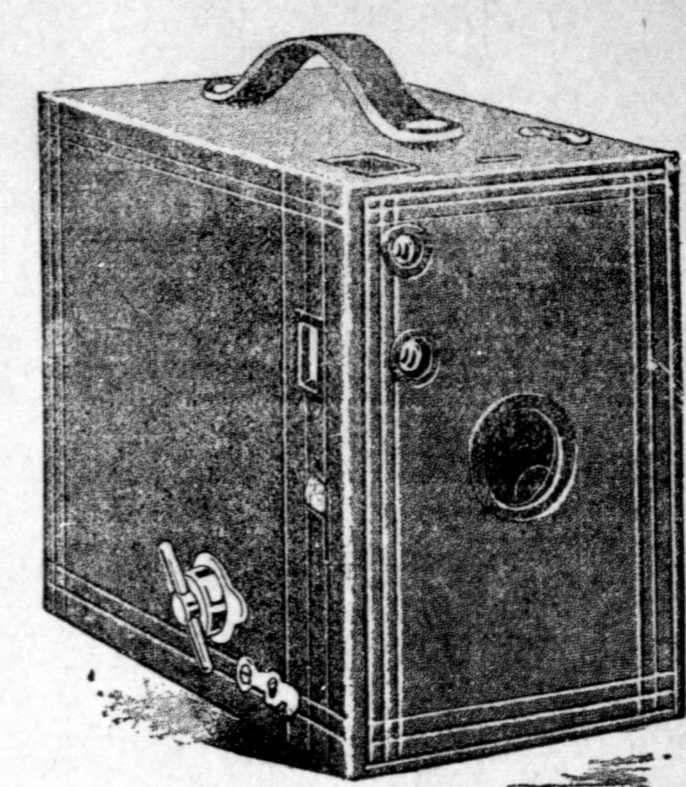
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FOR CITY MARSHAL:
TOM LIVELY
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See Kinzer for post cards.
See Morehead, the Tailor.
See the Jumbo ten cent table at Kinzers.

Prices are right at Bartlett's Photo Studio.
Mrs. Dr. Grant is visiting in San Angelo this week.

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

D. E. Caudle went to Goldthwaite on business Monday.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new home of H. H. Thomson, on Seventh Street.

J. R. McVay, the lumber man, visited Winters, Wednesday.

Pant made in six hours, A. J. Stocklas the Tailor & Hatter.

Pots for your flowers at Kinzers.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

J. R. McAdams has been quite sick again this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pape are at home to a fine boy that arrived at their home this week.

A. L. Spann & Co. the spot cash store wants your trade and will treat you right. 24-4t

Misses Helen Miller and Ruby Cardiff, of Houston, are visiting Miss Helen Crosson this week.

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

W. E. Barbee visited his brother at Eldorado, last Sunday making the trip in an auto.

Do You Like Good Biscuits and Cakes, Albatross and Light Crust flour makes them. For sale exclusively by A. L. Spann & Co. General Merchants. 24-4t

W. B. Ray is moving into his home on Eighth Street, recently purchased from T. J. Starky.

Chemical compound put up for all cleaning & dyeing purposes. See A. J. Stocklas the Tailor & Hatter.

N. J. Harsch, of Tennessee, is here visiting W. R. White and other friends.

A. L. Spann & Co. buys chickens, eggs, butter, etc. and sells you best goods for least money all the time. 24-4t

J. B. Fletcher, of Hamilton, will preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and night.

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

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Mrs. W. W. Chastain returned from a visit to Lampasas Tuesday.

Spot cash one price only. Bair & Conn. The Globe. 1t

M. A. Traylor, of the Citizens National Bank, went to Fort Worth last Sunday to attend the Bankers Convention and look after business.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

Luke Smith, of Rio Vista, spent Sunday and Monday here, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, visiting his children.

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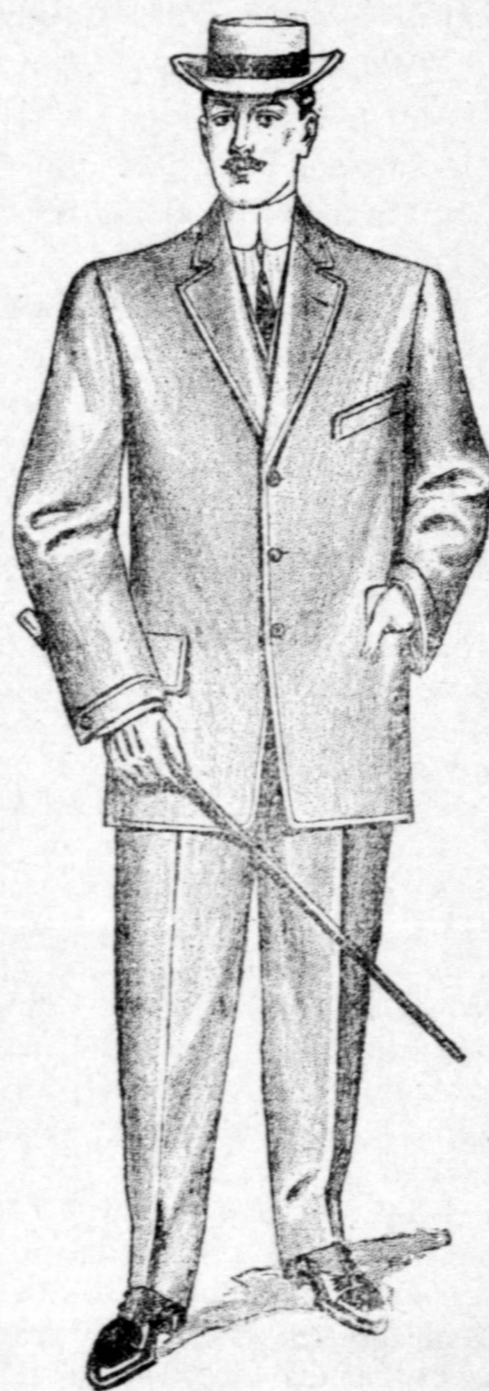
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Come in and take a look. It's a pleasure to show you.

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See Morehead, the Tailor.

J. T. Hollingsworth and T. J. Gardner visited San Angelo last Sunday, just to get a glimpse of a city.

\$1.00 in merchandise absolutely free at The Globe. Bair & Conn. 1t

Mrs. D. C. Dannelley and children left last Sunday for their new home in Fort Worth. Dillon moved to Fort Worth the first of the year.

When you think of good flour you will naturally think of Albatross and Light Crust for sale exclusively by A. L. Spann & Co. The spot cash store. 24-4t

Judge Jno. I. Guion is having some valuable improvements made at his handsome home on Eighth street. Concrete curb and cement walks are being built around his home.

One price only, spot cash.

The Globe. Bair & Conn. 1t

The foundation work for Doc Vancil's fine home has been completed and the barn built. Work on the house will commence in a few days.

A. L. Spann & Co. the new spot cash store sells all kinds of feed, chops, bran, oats, etc., and buys all kinds of country produce for cash and pays high market price. Look us up when in Ballinger. 24-4t

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.

Strictly cash. One price to all great or small and no favoritism. The Globe, Bair & Conn. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Bannon visited Mrs. O'Bannon's parents, Judge and Mrs. C. O. Harris, last Sunday.

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. 1t

W. L. Ellis returned from Round Rock, Saturday where he went to be with his family, who have been visiting relatives at that place. Mr. Ellis' little boy was quite sick with pneumonia, and was not able to return home, but we are glad to say was out of danger.

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

Sam Jones, of route 1, Winters, Texas, was in town this week and called to have the Leader sent to his new home. Mr. Jones and Miss Moss McNeil were married last Sunday, and Mr. Jones is starting married life right by ordering the Leader.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

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Man Dyeing at Stocklass Tailor Shop

May we dye for you? We dye to live, others live to die. The longer we live the better we can dye. We are doing the latest method of steam cleaning and dyeing. All work guaranteed. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor & Hatter.

When you want to buy your next bill of groceries, call on A. L. Spann & Co. and get their prices. If we can't do any business together we would be glad to meet you any way call, around and let's get acquainted even if you don't want to buy anything. Make our store your head quarters. You are always welcome.—A. L. Spann & Co. 24-4t

Dr. F. M. Hale has just returned from New York city where he has been attending Clinic Lectures for the past six weeks. He will locate in Ballinger and be associated with Dr. Grant in the practise of his profession.

Dr. Hale has been practicing Medicine at Crews the past or 5 years where he built a lucrative practice, and where he has many friends who join Banner Leader in wishing much success.