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Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. The only Dry Goods House in Ballinger Giving Automobile Tickets

Let Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. help You get a Six Hundred and Fifty Dollar Auto. See the beautiful Car in Our Window



It will be given away Absolutely free by several merchants of Ballinger all exclusive in their respective lines. The only Dry Goods house in is, Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. Buy your Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes and Millinery here and get auto Tickets. We will not only sell you Dry Goods etc. at the lowest possible price consistent with quality. But we will give the most up-to-date stock of dependable merchandise ever shown in Ballinger. Who knows but you will be the lucky Party securing the valuable prize.

Clothing

The man we sell clothes to,—we're glad if he's an exacting man, because he has a natural right and business here. It is because we sell clothes made by the House of Kuppenheimer the kind that withstand the most searching criticism and because our stock includes so many patterns and designs, such a variety of sizes, that no matter what a man's taste may be, no matter what his figure, his suit is here. The man we sell clothes to—he's a satisfied man every time, and he carries with him our binding agreement that satisfaction will last. Our word stands back of every Kuppenheimer model. We guarantee satisfaction from first to last.

Kuppenheimer Suits with our guarantee range in price \$25.00 \$22.50 \$20.00 \$18.50 \$15.00 Others at \$12.50 \$10.00 \$8.50

Men's Furnishings

Eagle Shirts

Always ahead of time on the shirt question showing advance Style designs that we control exclusively. Distinctive patterns that will give harmony to your spring dress plain bosom and pleated to at \$2.00 \$1.50 and \$1.00 others at 75c and 50c

Neckwear

If it's a long Four-in-hand, Ascot, Stock, or Bat we have it. If its just out, then its here. We keep in touch with all the new things in neckwear. We show the new things first. Immense showing of spring ties \$1.00 75c 50c 25c SPECIAL—2 nice wash four-in-hand ties worth 25c each 2 for 25c

Hats

Spring hats have bloomed. The gathering of handsome spring hats for men now in our store is complete. The Hawes and Stetson in all the correct shapes and are recognized the world over as the best. Hawes sold only by us at \$3.00. Stetson immense showing at \$10.00, \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$4.50. Others at \$3.00 to \$1.00

New Spring Oxfords

For Men, Women and Children

All the latest styles and Leathers all the best values at the lowest prices. All sizes and width etc.

We have shoes for every member of the family, grandpa down to little Harry. Among our patrons we number many families. Where we shoe every member because they know where to come for the best shoes, shoes



of comfort for elderly people; shoes of style and durability for the middle aged; shoes made for strenuous wear and adopted to the young feet of the boy or girl. We call special attention to our men's and boys work shoes. Better shoe making and better leather were never put into shoes at our price. We have them in all leathers. It will be worth your while to test us. Stacy Adams all Leathers \$6.00 and \$5.00 The Famous Walk Over at \$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.50 Craddock Terry Shoes \$5.50 \$2.00 and \$1.50

Free Auto Tickets

At the Store Ahead

Ballinger



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TWO SITES AND BIG BONUS

Offered for Stat Normal. Ballinger Will go the Limit and Use Her Strongest Effort to Win

The resolutions passed at a recent mass meeting was not the strongest thing that Ballinger has to offer for the State Normal. No. Ballinger men with land and cash are talking right out in meeting and their talk has the right kind of ring to it.

J. F. Currie, J. N. Adams, W. B. Currie, D. Reeder and R. A. Dickinson are interested in seeing the normal located on the West of Ballinger and they have made an offer of 25 acres of land and a cash bonus of \$5000. This looks good to the Business League, and the League has aid "thank you, gentlemen, we will book your offer, and let you hear from us at the proper time."

It seems that this started the ball to rolling and the further it

rolls the larger it gets, and Judge C. H. Willingham walks up to the Business League and says, "Listen, gentlemen. I will give you 60 acres of land, a fine building site, and \$5000 in cash, and \$1000 for water supply and put the stone on the ground." Now, that sounds good to the Business League too, and Judge Willingham's liberality has been recorded and the Judge will be given an opportunity to talk again at the proper time. This site of 60 acres is about one mile from the court house.

CITY TAPS NEW LAKE.

The water in the lower lake at the pump station was getting a little low and the upper lake was drawn on his week for a supply. The upper lake contains a large volume of water, sufficient to run the city for several months, and had not been drawn upon up to this week. The flood gate was open Wednesday evening and the water is now running from the upper lake and filling the lower lake.

THREE STORY NEW BANK

Directors Decide to Add Third Story to Meet Demand for Office Room.

The plans for the new building for the Farmers & Merchants State Bank have been changed so as to take in another story, making the building three stories high. The second and third story will be fitted for office room and will be furnished with every convenience.

Several new brick layers were added to the force of hands yesterday, and more will be in next week, and building will progress at a rapid rate on this building. It is the first three story business house to go up in town, and will be a beauty.

For every ten cents spent with the Leader on advertising, job work and subscription we give you one chance in the auto contest.

BALLINGER GETS TWO OUT OF THREE.

The local fans had the pleasure this week of seeing Ballinger ball players defeat San Angelo in two games out of three. Monday's game was a very good game, notwithstanding that four scores were made in the first inning by each team. Each team got down to business and made the game from then on interesting. As usual the four runs were accredited to errors. Dupree was in the box for Ballinger and Connor worked behind the bat up to the sixth inning when he sprained his ankle and was relieved by Mills. Robinson pitched for San Angelo and Baker caught. Score 5 to 4.

The second game was played in a slow drizzle rain, which delayed the game for a few minutes, but was a very pretty game and went to Ballinger by a score of 5 to 2. The Ballinger boys won this game by straight old ball playing, having the best of the visitors at every point on the diamond. The visitors worked hard and did their best, but could not connect with the ball a sufficient number of times and at the pro-

per place to win. Batteries—Ballinger, Stanford and Mills; San Angelo—Miller and Standifer.

Things turned in the third game and San Angelo run in two scores in the first inning and two in the third, while Ballinger left the game at the close of the ninth inning without a score to their credit. Griffin was in the box for Ballinger to begin with and was not at his best, and the visitors landed on him for several good hits and this with poor support lost the game for the home team. Connor, the right-thrower, being crippled and out of the game for a few days makes the team weak in an important place. Mills, who is relieving him, is a good catcher, but on account of a bad arm can not throw the ball, and the visitors learned that it was no trick to steal a base occasionally. Dupree relieved Griffin in the third inning and by good support held the visitors down and did not allow them to score after the third inning. Jackson and Standifer were on the striking line for the visitors.

OIL MILL CLOSES DOWN.

After one of the most successful runs in the history of the oil mill, the Ballinger cotton oil mill closed down Tuesday night at one o'clock. As has been their usual custom, the management of the mill will give the hands and a few friends a barbecue tomorrow, and with the assistance of Jim Henderson, who has been feeding cattle here for the past season, the barbecue tomorrow will be a grand success.

S. A. GASTON HURT.

S. A. Gaston, who lives about five miles from Ballinger on Valley creek was painfully hurt in a runaway while returning home from town last Friday evening. Mr. Gaston was knocked down and run over by the buggy and several ribs broken. We are glad to report that the accident is not a serious one and that Mr. Gaston is getting along nicely.

Have your printing done at the Leader office and win the auto.



MILLINERY

The saving is great during the month of May. Hundreds of hats have been sold since the season opened, yet the ranks are unbroken. There is no weakness in the collection. We keep the new things coming in constantly, never allowing our store to be just out as you frequently hear. Plenty of ultra-stylish creations, plenty of conservative hats, plenty of "in between" styles, plenty of hats at every price on the scale between \$1.50 and \$10.00. What price do you wish to pay? What new style do you prefer? Your style at your price is here. The hat that belongs to you is certainly in the immense collection and it will be our pleasure to help you to it. Even though you have purchased it will pay you to come again and look. Come any way.

HIGDON--MELTON--JACKSON COMPANY

Notice

To customers who offered suggestions for HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON Co.'s five and four dollar Ladies' shoe that they have installed for the coming fall. "After careful consideration of the many appropriate suggestions offered for the five and four dollar shoe that will be installed by HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON Co., our Mr. Moore, who covers the southern states, writes us that he has selected the following names: "The pride of Ballinger", for the \$5.00 shoe, by Mrs. S. M. Byrd, and for the \$4.00 shoe "Perfect Fit" by Mrs. Harry Scott. The first name is to get as a prize \$10.00 worth of muslin underwear and the second name \$5.00 worth. Thanking th who helped to make this a success, we remain, VAL DUTTENHOFER & CO., Cincinnati. The ladies will call at Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. and get the prizes.

Guion & Doose

John I. Guion Arthur Doose
Successors to M. D. CHASTAIN

Staple and Fancy Groceries

We want your butter, chickens and eggs, and will pay you the highest cash market price for your produce.

Public scales installed at rear of building. OUR MOTTO: Best goods at live and let live prices, courteous treatment and appreciation.

Make our store your headquarters whenever you are in town. You are welcome.

Guion & Doose

Public Scales in Connection

STRENGTH

Your Hard Earned Savings

When kept in your pocket, you spend 'em. When kept in an old sock or mattress the thief steals 'em.

But When You Keep 'em in THE WINTERS STATE BANK of Winters, Texas

You give a check when necessary, and don't spend money on trifles, the thief cannot break through and steal it and if he did you are protected by Burglary Insurance and the long and honorable service of this bank to the people of Winters, precludes the possibility of a grafter among our officers.

You Know Us and Your Money is Safe

When you keep money in the bank, we know you, and when you need financial help we are prepared to give it.

Deposit Money When You Can With Borrow Money when You Need it From

THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT

If you are looking for the best things to eat in the grocery line come to us. Our stock is clean, up-to-date and well kept up at all times. We have what you want in the store. We give prompt attention to phone orders and make deliveries promptly. Give us a chance to prove it.

CHASTAIN & SIMPSON

PHONE 40.

THE BANNER LEADER

JOB WORK

CAN SIGNAL MARS;

COST, \$10,000,000

Send Flashes by Mirror and Cut Off the Light of the Sun.

Boston, May 1.—If somebody or several somebodies, will advance \$10,000,000 the earth-bond human race will be able to enter into communication with the inhabitants of Mars by next July—that is, if the carefully thought out plans of Professor William Henry Pickering, Harvard's famous astronomer, are practically demonstrated. July is fixed as the time, because the mighty planet then will be 5,000,000 miles nearer the earth than ever before.

Professor Pickering is confident that Mars is inhabited, and by a class being so intelligent that they will recognize the signal flashes from the earth and reply and reveal mysteries that mankind has been attempting to unfold for years.

The Harvard professor explains his method as follows: "My plan for communicating with Mars would necessitate the use of a series of mirrors so arranged so as to present a single reflection service toward that planet. These mirrors would have to be attached to one great axis, parallel to that of the earth, run by motors and timed so as to make a complete revolution every twenty-four hours. It would be necessary to have these mirrors occupy an area of more than a quarter of a mile in order to reflect a sufficient quantity of light to reach the Martians.

"Even with such a powerful apparatus as is proposed, the reflected light would not be apparent to the naked eye, but by the use of a powerful telescope the signal from the earth could be discernable. Looking down from Mars this reflection would appear like a small point of light upon the surface of the earth. Supposing with such a signal in operation, he began a series of flashes cutting off the sun's rays for an instant and then throwing on the reflection again, repeating this at irregular intervals, following, say, the telegrapher's code of dots and dashes. I have no doubt, that providing there were intelligent people on Mars, the light would at once attract attention and would lead eventually to an answering signal. Once we received such an answer, the rest would be comparatively an easy matter of establishing a code and transmitting messages."

Professor Pickering stands ready to furnish a method, painstakingly and carefully worked out, for actually talking to the Martians in case the coming proximity of the planet reveals their existence. On this point he says:

"If there were people on Mars who had advanced as far as man has, and who were provided with telescopes as powerful as we today possess, they would easily perceive our signals and would undoubtedly recognize and answer them. If a means of communications was thus opened we should no doubt learn much about the planet—in fact, it could be so arranged eventually that we would be able to talk with the Martians as we communicate with each other today."

Liver Trouble Remedy Free

Any intelligent person can be his own doctor in the ordinary case of liver trouble, for the symptoms cannot be mistaken. If the white of the eye becomes yellowish, if the skin becomes sallow, if pimples and blotches appear, if the bowels do not move, if you have sick headache, if you are bilious, you may be sure that your liver is torpid or inactive.

The quickest and surest remedy yet found for the cure of liver trouble or any of its symptoms is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great herb laxative compound. This wonderful remedy is not only a laxative, but a tonic as well. It will start the flow of gastric juice, thereby soon enabling the liver to do its work naturally. A bottle of this great liver remedy can be bought of any druggist for 50 cents or \$1, and in many cases a single bottle has cured a chronic case.

For example, John W. Lee, 619 S. Pennsylvania ave., Indianapolis, Ind., had a stubborn and very long-standing case of liver trouble, with pimples, blotches, jaundice, etc. It cured him. Mrs. E. Finchum, Jackson, Ky., says the same of it. Thousands of families keep it in the house against just such an emergency, as you can never tell when some member of the family will need a good laxative.



In order to have you or any other sufferer from the liver make a test of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin without personal expense, Dr. Caldwell will send you a free test bottle if you will send your name and address. The sample will show you how pleasant it is to take, how gently it works. It will start you on the cure of your trouble and convince you that you have found a cure. That is the object of the sample, and the doctor urges you to send for it today.

W. O. W. LODGE GROWING.

Eight new members were received into the Ballinger camp during the month of April, making a total of 308. The attendance through April was as follows:

April 3, 27 members, 7 visitors.
April 9, 59 members, 9 visitors.
April 16, 43 members, 7 visitors.
April 23, 73 members, 7 visitors and 21 circle members.

April 30, 38 members, 7 visitors. There are a great many W. O. W. members in Ballinger who hold their membership elsewhere. They are invited to join the Ballinger camp. Get your transfer and be one of us. With the large membership the hall should be full at every meeting. The camp needs your help. The big log-rolling is to be held here in August and every member should do his part towards making the occasion a great success. Get in the band-wagon; help push and do your part.

A. L. Spann & Co. The Produce People, buy Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys, Etc., and pay CASH. Sells best goods and sell 'em for less. One trial will convince you. Call on us. 1m

NEW SCHOOL FOR ROWENA.

Robert E. Downey, editor of the Rowena Review, was here Monday, and dropped in to pay us a visit. He said the school bond election at Rowena, last Saturday carried unanimously, not a single vote being cast against the issue. Good for Rowena, as this will give that district good educational advantages.

WINTERS MAYOR HERE.

Mayor Copeland, the first mayor of Winters, was here Tuesday. Mayor Copeland met with the Ballinger city council and took down a few dots on the way to run a city government. The prosperous and growing town of Winters with a good set of officials and with the creation of a city government that town will take on new life.

FIRE STATION MOVED.

The city purchased the fire station from the volunteer fire committee and have had same moved from the Joe Hardin lot to the city hall lot on Ninth Street. The care of the fire team is still in the hands of Bob Browder, but under the direct expense of the city, the city employing Mr. Browder as driver and paying for the feed, etc., while before this has been done under contract.

A. L. Spann & Co. The Spot Cash Store wants your trade and will treat you right. 1m

NEW MEAT MARKET

Everything new. Nothing but first class beef butchered. All we ask is a trial. Phone 170.

Eighth Street Opposite Kinzers **A. S. LYON, Prop.**

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

The Metropolitan Cafe invites you to dinner next Sunday. Don't fail to be on hand.

C. J. Green, who is with the Reeves Printing Co. at Ballinger, is in the city today, having been called here on account of his sister's illness. Mr. Green is a practical printer and a pleasant gentleman. He is relieving his brother, Stuart, at the Bulletin office for a part of the time while that young man is at the bedside of his sister, Miss Helen, who was operated upon Saturday night for appendicitis.—Brownwood Bulletin. (Monday.)

The Metropolitan Caffe served a good fifty cent dinner for a quarter. Are you from Missouri?

DO THIS IN CASE OF FIRE.

It has been suggested that the ordinance relating to irrigation during a fire be enforced. It is against a city law to irrigate while fire is raging in town. When you hear the fire alarm you are expected to cut off the water, and thereby stop the pressure. Do this and you may escape the cost of a fine.

J. R. CURRIE DEAD.

J. R. Currie, a Concho county citizen, died at San Angelo, Monday and was buried at Paint Rock. Deceased was a cousin of W. B. Currie, of Ballinger, and had many friends and acquaintances here.

Hall Hardware Co.

Carry at all times a complete stock of Hardware, House Furnishings, Stoves and Ranges, Perfection Blue Flame Oil Stoves, Bath tubs, Laboratories, Sinks. Plumbing work promptly attended to. Sole Agents here for the following well known lines of Standard Implements, Dandy Wind Mills, Schuttler and Studebaker wagons, Columbus and Staver Buggies and Hacks.

We Solicit Your Orders.

Hall Hardware Co.

We Can Do Your Repairing

It makes no difference what you want repaired—an automobile, stove, bicycle or anything—we are in shape to give you the very best work possible at

Low Prices

We have bought the Ballinger Installation Co.'s stock, and will now make very low prices on Dishes, Cooking Utensils, Stoves, etc. Come to see us.

T. S. LANKFORD

Notice to Road Overseers and Road Hands

Following is an order passed by the Commissioners' Court on April 27th, 1909:

"Ordered by the Court, that all persons in the County subject to duty on the public roads be allowed to pay the exemption fee of \$3.00 for the year 1909 on or before May 15th, 1909, and the County Judge is instructed to mail a copy of this order to each and every Road Overseer in the County at once, and have a copy published in each of the Ballinger papers for two issues of same."

If any desire to pay said exemption fee, they may pay same to the Commissioner of the Precinct in which they reside, or to the County Treasurer, taking receipt therefor.

R. S. GRIGGS, County Judge, Rannels County, Texas.

WOODMEN MAKE SETTLEMENT.

W. J. Wilkinson, clerk of the New Home Woodmen Camp, was in Ballinger Monday and while here received a check for \$1000 from the Woodmen Insurance order for Mrs. Margaret Beddo. It will be remembered that J. P. Beddo was hurt some time in the early spring and died March 26. The death claim was paid on April 26, less than a month from date of death. Mrs. Beddo will use the money to pay off debt on her home north of Ballinger.

Light Crust Flour is better than any other Texas flour, extra fine for light bread and biscuits and all kinds of pastry.

HERE IS RELIEF FOR WOMEN.

If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb relief from Woman's ills, try Mother Gray's "Australian-Leaf." It is a safe, reliable regulator, and relieves all Female Weaknesses, including inflammation and ulcerations. Mother Gray's Australian-Leaf is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 50 cents. Samples sent FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

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.

RUNNELS LOSES GOOD CITIZEN

Uncle Johnny Sells His Place Near Mazeland and Will go West to Hunt Cheaper Land

F. B. Kimbler was in from the Mazeland country, and made the Leader office a pleasant call. He reported that his neighbor, John Ballew (Uncle Johnny) had sold his place and would give possession immediately and go West prospecting for cheaper land, and settle down and wait for it to grow in price, just as he has done in Rannels county.

"Uncle Johnny" has done much for Rannels county. He came here with confidence in the country and made good. He was found preaching the good things in life continually, and always looked on the bright side of life. His writings have appeared in nearly every paper of any consequence in the State, and quite a number of other States, and as a booster he has no equal.

Uncle Johnny owned 240 acres of land, and sold it for \$27 per acre. He bought the land in its unimproved state and had made a splendid farm out of it. We regret to see him leave and hope he will not find anything that will suit him better than Rannels and will come back and continue to live in the best land in the world.

A Happy Father.

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby. McGee's Baby Elixer will make the child healthy, soothe its nerves, induce healthy, normal slumber. Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach—all teething babies need it. Pleasant to take, sure, and safe, contains no harmful drugs.

Price 25 and 50c per bottle. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

FOR SALE.

Two god stallions, one jack and some first class registered Jersey bulls. Address Guyre, Bros. Breeding Stables, Bangs, Texas.

A Smile

is a pretty hard thing to accomplish when you're blue, bilious and out of sorts. There is a sure cure for all kinds of stomach and liver complaints—constipation and dyspepsia. Ballard's Herbine is mild, yet absolutely effective in all cases.

Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

THE OLD FOLKS GO TO SCHOOL.

Responding to the invitation of Prof. Pearce, principal of the Mazeland school, almost every one in the community visited the school Friday, April 30, and it was a most pleasant and profitable day. A splendid program was rendered, consisting of speeches, songs and recitations by the pupils and speeches by the young sages of West Rannels. Hon. Overton L. Parrish, Mr. Bonds and other spoke on the general uplift in country life, religiously, educationally, socially and financially, and the delightful harmony prevailing. Teachers, pupils and patrons seem determined to get the best results possible one is forced to the conclusion that Mazeland is going to keep well up, as one of the best communities in one of the best counties in all Texas. The teachers have had the work well in hand and splendid discipline and thorough work is evident. Prof. Pearce delivered a lecture to the advanced classes, calculated to urge them on to the greatest possible effort and to store up knowledge so essential in future life. He believes in school all the year, and thinks instead of children laying down their books during vacation they should have extended lessons given at end of regular term and meet as often as practicable, say at least once or twice a month, and make report to the teachers, if possible, if not to some advance pupil they might select, of the work accomplished. Let this be a school day as much as any day in the regular term. This strikes us as being a practical idea, and should be adopted by every country school. Of course many schools would be deprived of their teacher by this foolish idea so prevalent of changing every year, many times caused by unwarranted criticism by people complaining of frivolous things, and who are wholly incompetent to judge. Get good teachers and then co-operate with them in every way possible, and if you have a complaint go direct to the teacher.

A VISITOR.

A superb selection for wedding presents at Brewers, the jeweler.

Prices are right at Bartlett's Photo Studio.

TOM OSTEEN, THE OLD RESTAURANT MAN.

I am now prepared to feed the people with the best to eat. Will be glad to have all my old friends and customers call and see me, and I invite everybody to eat with me. New place, everything new on the corner under the opera house. Will provide special ladies room.

TOM OSTEEN.

CUT LOOSE

From Former Ways AND GET BUSY

"Don't put off until tomorrow what you ought to do today" applies to Real Estate. If you are "waiting" today for some profitable investment for your money just as you "waited" several years ago, you will find the other fellow snapping up the big bargains.

BEGIN NOW

Get out of that "waiting" frame of mind and take hold of something that's good, safe and a money maker. Let us show you some properties which will double your money within a few years.

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

Ballinger, Texas

Bad Attack of Dysentery Cured.

"An honored citizen of this town was suffering from a severe attack of dysentery. He told a friend if he could obtain a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, he felt confident of being cured, he having used this remedy in the West. He was told that I kept it in stock and lost no time in obtaining it, and was promptly cured," says M. J. Leach, druggist, of Wolcott, Vt. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

A LETTER FROM THE JAIL.

Ballinger Jail, April 4, 1909. Banner-Leader:

Parson Z. J. Amerson visited the Ballinger jail Sunday afternoon. His visit was highly appreciated by the boys of the jail. He preached a fine sermon and one that the boys paid attention to. The boys would like for him to come to see them every Sunday. He touched several of the boys' hearts, and they say they expect to live a better life. Prisoner Walker, who is in jail for selling whisky, was converted, and Prisoner Monroe, who is confined for robbery, was also converted. There is no doubt expect to live a better life than the jail, and they say that they will try to meet their friends all there.

J. R. CUNDRIFF.

Editor's Note—Mr. Cundriff is in jail for horse stealing. His note to the public is published with pleasure. Our sympathy goes out to any man that is in trouble. There were eight prisoners in jail to hear Rev. Amerson last Sunday, and the two mentioned in the letter of Cundriff, say they have realized the error of their way, and will live a better life.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. Store Special Agents.

G. B. Renfrow

Dental Surgeon

IN NOYES BUILDING On Eight St.

Over Bennett Abstract Co.

B. H. PATTERSON

Experienced and Competent PIANO TUNER

Expert in Action Regulation and Repairing. I have had many years experience in my work and guarantee to do only first class work and give satisfaction in every case. I am locating permanently in Ballinger and want the upkeep of your instrument.

PHONE 27 or call at Banner Leader office.

Send your name and address for my late catalog of SHEET MUSIC.

B. H. PATTERSON, BALLINGER, TEXAS

LOW FARES to COLORADO and to PACIFIC COAST

Santa Fe Agent will quote fares, open to all, and explain train service, for the following events:

GEN'L ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Denver, Colo., May 26-June 1, 1909.

CONVENTION U. S. NAT. GUARD ASS'N, Los Angeles, Calif., May 17-19, 1909.

ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION, Seattle, Washington June 2-October 14, 1909.

CONVENTION NAT. ASS'N RETAIL GROCERS, Portland, Oregon, June 2-5, 1909.

NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION Portland, Oregon, June 25, July 2, 1909.

REUNION B. P. O. E., Los Angeles, Calif., July 11-17, 1909.

Write for our very interesting literature on Colorado and California.

W. S. KEENAN, G.P.A., G.C. & S.F.Ry.

Galveston



GLUCKSMAN - Imported German Coach Horse

Will make the season at B. F. Kemp's place 4 miles north of Ballinger on Winters road. Will be in Ballinger Saturday and Monday of each week. Terms \$20. payable Oct. 15th. Return privileges. Mares cared for at Kemp's at a reasonable charge.

THE BANNER-LEADER

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C. B. TRYON, Mechanical Manager

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.

June 29th is the date; Ballinger will celebrate.

As a rule things will not grow in dry weather. This does not apply to Ballinger. Look at the new houses going up.

As soon as the work of taking the census is completed we advertise to the world the exact size of Ballinger. The directory people now have this work well in hand.

"The umpire did it," is the excuse the San Angelo Standard offers for the "Chalk Eaters." Just any old excuse to keep the Chalk Eaters from feeling humiliated.

Mosquito season is about here and Brownwood will have a hard time protecting the West Texas Normal locating committee, in case they should visit that town. Mosquitos are very dangerous and it may be that the committee will not visit Brownwood at all.

Ballinger is in the midst of a great revival. All the churches have united and are fighting satan and sin as one strong army of Christian workers. This is the kind of an effort that counts, and it is safe to say that Ballinger will be a better town spiritually after this meeting closes. "In union there's strength."

A clean Ballinger means a healthy Ballinger. If your part of the town is not clean it may be the part of the town that is sickly. Get busy and join the throng that promotes health, wealth and happiness by cleaning up and keeping clean. The first thing you know the marshal will call on you, and he will be backed up by the board of health.

That is a pretty lot of resolutions those Ballinger people adopted regarding the West Texas Normal, and if resolutions will secure it, that school is therein.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Thanks; but we will produce the proper stuff to back up the resolutions. Those resolutions are backed by the entire citizenship and all the wealth of Ballinger.

The legislature put things in a muddle of a mess by not submitting the prohibition question to the voters of Texas. The result of their action will place a straight democratic-prohibition ticket in the field at the next election and the issue will be drawn in some counties even down to the constable race. It is a foregone conclusion that this issue will eclipse all others in the next governor's and legislative race. The people will speak in a way that can be heard; no doubt.

Another eye-sore is gone from Ballinger's main street. The little shack that stood adjoining the Miller Mercantile Co. store on Hutchins Avenue has been moved away to give place to a modern stone business house. The little old wooden shack has stood as a landmark for a long time, and if it could talk it would tell some sensational things, and cause some of the best-thought-of young business men in Ballinger to blush with shame.

Those two new school buildings to be built this summer will make work for the laborers and will solve the room question that has been so perplexing to the school board during the past term. The children can all go to school all day, and will not have to be sent home at noon to give room for others. We are increasing in population at a rapid rate, and it is safe to say that those new buildings will be well filled when they are opened to the children next September.

In a few days now; when some one asks you in what part of town you live in, you can say, "I live at number so and so, on West or East so and so," just as the case might be. When the work of numbering the town is completed, things will be ready for the city directory that is to follow, and when you want to locate any one, all you have to do is to get your directory and look them up. We are getting to be a city, and if we hurry up a little we can buy San Angelo's street car outfit in a short while and invite the "Chalk-eaters" down to ride with us.

Thousands of acres of cotton have been planted and all that it takes to make thousands of bales is a good rain some time during the month of May. Some say we can make a good crop if we get rain by the 15th of June, and we can if all conditions from then on are favorable. The farmers have their land in fine shape, and the crop will come in a hurry when it does start. Things are always done for the best. If the ground had been moist, and the cotton that has been planted had come up, the cold would have killed the crop and the farmers would have had to re-plant, and seed would have been worth 50c a bushel—just old common, cotton seed, and you can see where the farmers would have lost. As it is they are not out anything yet, and have had time to get their land in good shape.

Cone Johnson, of Tyler, has announced as a candidate for governor. Mr. Johnson is out early, thinking, perhaps that the early bird gets the worm. He has many friends, who have stayed with him through thick and thin in his political battles in the past, who regret to see him come out, and think that his political ambitions could have been better satisfied in the campaign four years hence. Mr. Johnson was the leader of the anti-Bailey faction, but that will cut very little figure in the coming campaign. The question that promises to eclipse all others in the next governor's race will be the prohibition question and the bank guarantee law. Unless the bank guarantee law is settled before the spring elections, the prohibition question is not very probable. Indications are that the bank guarantee law will pass from the governor's desk.

Oklahoma has a reputation that is not very complimentary. At least a part of that State has that reputation. A short time ago a mob robbed the jail at Ada, Oklahoma, of four white men and hung them to the rafters in a barn. A grand jury investigated the mobbing, but failed to indict the lynchers, which goes to show that the sentiment in that country is in favor of mob violence. A great country to live in, but we prefer peaceful Ballinger, where no crime is committed that will cause the people to rise up and go the limit in meting out vengeance.

A negro was lynched at Tyler last Friday for assaulting a white girl, and on Tuesday another negro attacked a white girl, knocking her unconscious with a bottle. This all occurred in Tyler, and goes to show that a negro has no fear of death in any form when he can accomplish his damnable crime. This question seems to be the most perplexing one the white people of this nation have to contend with and the crime is increasing at an alarming rate.

UNION REVIVAL GREAT SUCCESS

Good Preaching, Large Crowds, Much Interest Growing Better.

The union revival at the skating rink started on schedule time last Sunday morning. Rev. Lockett Adair was detained in Fort Worth and did not arrive until Wednesday noon. Rev. Newton S. McClurkan, of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived Saturday noon and had charge of the services until Mr. Adair came in. Mr. and Mrs. Howell arrived Tuesday at noon, and have charge of the music.

Large crowds have been present at all the night services and the day services have been well attended, and are increasing in attendance with each service. Services are being held at ten o'clock in the morning and at 8:15 at night. Cottage prayer meetings are being held every evening in the residence part of the town. A young ladies prayer meeting is held every evening at the Methodist church, a boy's prayer meeting at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church and a girls prayer meeting at the First Baptist church. This order of services will be carried out throughout the next week, and services will be held on the streets some time during the afternoon each day of next week.

One must hear Rev. Adair to appreciate his work as an evangelist, and the effort he is making to put satan and sin to the bad in Ballinger. He preaches in a plain, practical way and the sinner who heeds not his message has a heart of stone, and as the evangelist expresses it "is on the road to hell."

ALBATROSS

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MRS. JULIA McMINN SERIOUSLY ILL.

Mrs. Julia McMinn is seriously ill at the sanatorium. Mrs. McMinn was operated on last week, and is not doing as well as the physicians desire since the operation. This makes the second operation Mrs. McMinn has been compelled to undergo within the last year, and her many friends will regret to learn of her serious condition. She is a sister to Judge R. S. Griggs.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels. By virtue of a certain Pluries Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Tom Green County, on the 22nd day of April 1909, by Jas. B. Keating, Clerk of said Court against H. H. Pearce and H. D. Pearce on a judgment rendered in said court June 25, 1908, for the sum of thirty four hundred and ninety six and two-one hundredths (\$36492.02) Dollars, and interest at 10 per cent per annum from said June 25th 1908, and costs of suit, in cause No. 1721 in said court, styled San Angelo National Bank versus H. H. Pearce and H. D. Pearce (jointly and severally), and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt as sheriff of Runnels county, Texas, did on the 5th day of May 1909, levy on certain real estate, situated in Runnels county, described as follows, to-wit:

All of lots numbers seven (7) and (8) eight in Block No. Seven (7), all of lots Nos. one (1) and two (2) in block No. eleven (11), lot No. fourteen (14) in block No. twelve (12). All of block No. thirty-eight (38), block No. forty-six (46); the east half (e 1-2) of block No. fifty-three (53) each and all of the lots and blocks situ-

A HOUSE OF MANY NAMES

Serves for Shelter for the Good and the Bad and Gives Way for the New

The photographer was called into service last Saturday morning to make a picture of the little wooden shack on Hutchins Avenue, which has stood from the beginning and furnished shelter for various kinds of businesses. The little shack was fire proof beyond a doubt. Last summer when the building which adjoined, or was a part of it, was destroyed by fire, this little building was hardly scorched. Ike Wooden says he has seen it almost ablaze several times, but it would not burn.

This building has been used for a saloon, a meat market, a racket store, a cold drink stand, a grocery store, a restaurant, a gambling house. Many fights have occurred in the little shack, and we understand that one killing occurred in the building when it was being used for a saloon.

When the domino game was so popular I. O. Wooden was running a cold drink and confection stand in the building, and the grand jury billed him for allowing the boys to play domino for the treats. On a cold night in February, while W. T. Swink was using the building for a confectionery and grocery store, an attempt was made to murder him. A man by the name of Brewer called Mr. Swink up at night to buy some goods, and while Swink was waiting on Brewer, Brewer struck him on the back of the head with a stick of wood. Brewer was arrested and after being placed in jail went crazy and escaped punishment on that ground.

The historical little old building is now a thing of the past. It was torn away yesterday to give room for the handsome store building that is to take its place. The workmen are now at work making the excavation for the foundation for the new building.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, On the 25th day of April, it pleased the Lord in His infinite wisdom and mercy to call from this earthly pilgrimage to her home in Heaven, Mrs. Laura Alma Hudson, the mother of our beloved and much appreciated pastor, Rev. M. E. Hudson, taking from him one whose tender and affectionate council and persevering love can never be replaced.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the membership of, Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger. That we extend to our bereaved pastor and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour, assuring them as they journey near "The Valley of the Shadow of Death" that our prayers go with them and that even in life's logic exit there is the sweet consolation that the sainted mother is with God the Father, Who doeth all things well;

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Hudson and family that same be entered upon the minutes of the society and that copies of same be furnished each of the local papers with a request for publication.

MRS. M. C. COX,
MRS. J. O. MIXON,
MRS. J. B. ALVIS,
Committee.

Notice to Water Patrons of City Water Works.

All consumers have the first 7 days of each month in which to pay their water rents, and if not paid within said time the water will be cut off and not turned on again until all water rents are paid, together with a penalty of ONE DOLLAR. Any consumer of City water or any other consumer who shall turn on the City water after it has been cut off for failure to pay water rents will be fined TEN DOLLARS.

Any person using the City water for irrigation purposes without first paying the rates prescribed, or who uses the City water for irrigation purposes out of hours, or who uses said water for irrigation on Sunday will be fined TEN DOLLARS.

Whenever a fire alarm is given every pipe service connected with the water works system shall be immediately closed and kept closed until the fire is extinguished. Any user violating this regulation will be fined TEN DOLLARS.

The above will be enforced to the letter.

J. R. LUSK,
City Secretary.

BALLINGER FED STEERS BRING FANCY PRICES.

Jim Henderson shipped six cars of Ballinger fed steers to Fort Worth first of this week, and topped the market on price. The steers averaged 1043 pounds and brought \$5.35 per hundred, or a round price of \$53.71.

Mr. Henderson shipped five cars of Ballinger fed steers to the Fort Worth market yesterday. They were in splendid condition and he expects another good price for this last bunch.

CITY ORDINANCE.

An ordinance to regulate the running of automobiles and motor vehicles within the territorial limits of the City of Ballinger, and providing penalty for violation of same.

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

Section 1. No automobile or motor vehicle shall be driven or operated at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour upon any public road, street or alley within the territorial limits of the City of Ballinger.

Sec. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

R. P. KIRK,
Mayor of the City of Ballinger.

Attest:
J. R. LUSK, City Secretary.
Passed May 4, 1909.

PRIZES AWARDED.

The Higdon, Melton Jackson Co., offered a \$10 prize and a \$5 prize for the best name for two new styles of shoes they have just put on the market. The names submitted were sent to the shoe manufacturers and they selected the names. Many ladies tried for the prizes, and many good names were offered for the shoes. The \$10 prize was awarded to Mrs. S. M. Bird for the name of "Pride of Ballinger," and the \$5 prize to Mrs. Harry Scott for the name of "Perfect Fit."

Eugene Risser returned yesterday from a business trip to Dallas. Mr. Risser reports that it was raining in Dallas when he left there at eight o'clock Wednesday night.

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SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

BY MISS HERMIA SMITH

MR. AND MRS. J. K. HUTTON ENTERTAIN.

The week end was given a social brilliance by the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutton Friday evening, having a double charm and interest, as it was in honor of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hutton, of Dallas, and formally opened their artistic home on Eighth Street.

With such a spacious and elegant home and such a wealth of lovely blossoms, combined with the gracious cordiality of the host and hostess, a social affair could not be other than beautiful. The reception suite and entire lower floor resembled a garden along the Italian Riviera, so perfect and profuse were the beautiful roses that filled the dainty crystals and porcelains de chine and handsome brass bowls and jardiniere on cabinet, mantel, pedestal and buffet, the rich blossoms blending exquisitely into the vieux-rose tones of the handsome draperies, while stately palms and rare exotics grouped about the staircase and window seats.

Twelve tables were placed in the reception suit for "Forty Two," however the games were precluded by a formal reception.

The guests being met first by the hostess, in an elaborate white lace costume with diamonds, and then the host who introduced guests to the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hutton.

Mrs. Hutton wore a Princess picture gown of white mousseline over taffeta.

The next in the receiving line was Miss Hattie Hutton, in a dainty white lingerie frock inlaid with bebe Irish lace, who in that bon-vivant way of hers, that makes her at all times refreshing, presented the guest to her cousin, Miss Georgia Scott, who wore an elaborate costume of green messaline.

Mr. M. Kleberg gracefully ended the receiving line.

Mrs. W. A. Norman presided over the hand painted register book, and the guests registered in beds of spring posies.

Space cannot be given to the elegant costumes worn by the guests, however they looked as if they might have stepped from a set during the Napoleonic reign, so pretty and artistic were the gowns. The ladies were the wittiest of our city and the gentlemen were our most prominent citizens, who give a decided ripple to the social sea when they dip into its frothy foam.

At the close of several daintily scored games of "Forty-Two," the tables were spread with lace cloths, and delicious Marischino cream and cake was served.

Those who had the special privilege and rare pleasure of attending this delightful function, were:

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McVay.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maddox.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Winkler.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce.
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Melton.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker.
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jones.
Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin.
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Vaughn.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller.
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Princee.
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miller.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmeth.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeder.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Risser, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Carrol.
Mrs. Hope.
Mrs. La Rue.
Mr. M. Kleberg.

MRS. J. O. GRUNDY ENTERTAIN.

Mrs. J. O. Grundy was indeed a Richmond field Tuesday afternoon when she snatched Ballinger society out of its card thrall and set it back for an afternoon on its literary throne.

At the appointed hour the home of Mrs. Grundy took on a fashionable air and literary atmosphere, being filled with beautiful millinery and modes which crossed lances with the array of talent in a literary contest.

Pink carnations and spingeri were used in gorgeous clusters about the room, which gave an inspiration to thought, a necessity at this delightful affair.

The guest were given papers upon which were written quite a number of very difficult historical questions.

Mrs. U. P. Melton was the successful contestant, having answered the largest number of questions.

Another contest followed on Shakespeare's Richard II and King John. As there were eight members of the Ballinger Shakespeare Club present, only these entered this contest. About twenty questions were propounded by the hostess to these eight ladies and not a single question was missed by these Shakespearean scholars, and for their ability, each was presented with a beautiful carnation.

Miss Hermia Smith then sang "For This" by De Koven.

A delicious salad course with pineapple ice added to the illuminated flashes of wit and wisdom, eloquence and eulogy which followed.

Those present were Mesdames K. V. Northington, L. E. Bair, Jim Patterson, J. Y. Pearce, R. W. Bruce, R. A. Risser, Jr., U. P. Melton, T. W. Robertson, S. S. Princee, Tom Ward, D. Reeder, F. C. Miller, J. F. Currie, J. J. Erwin, T. J. McCaughan, F. D. Futch, Ed Futch, A. F. Voss, J. I. Guion, Jr., and Misses Bula Baker, Minnie Lewis, Dossia Suhre, Kate Guion, Ellie Ward and Hermia Smith.

KINDERGARTEN ENTERTAINMENT.

The pretty and picturesque old custom of "Crowning the Queen of May" was charmingly revived by the Kindergarten pupils Saturday night, the first of May, on the beautiful lawn of Mr. Tom Ward.

It was one of the most charming and admirably coached children's productions ever given in Ballinger.

About thirty talented little children participated, under the direction of our able kindergarten teacher, Miss Franc Baker.

Mamie Weeks, a dainty little beauty, was chosen Queen of the "May" and Master Minor McVay, a handsome youth was chosen as king.

The evening was beautiful, being bathed in the soft silvery moonlight, and fete lanterns and strings of incandescents flashed among the trees of the beautiful lawn.

The May pole dance was given and the little tots went through the dance and poses, to the strains of sweet music, with as much grace, ease and understanding as lilliputian celebrities.

It was also a financial success that the artistic merit of the performance deserved. The Mothers' Club served cream and cake, which added to the financial feature.

The proceeds will be used for necessary improvements on the kindergarten.

FORTY TWO CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Oscar Pearson entertained the "Forty Two Club," which has recently organized, Tuesday afternoon at her pretty home. Vases of roses and potted ferns decorated the living room where the tables were laid for the players, and the flowery, fragrant and cheery aspect of the interior put to shame the weeping elements without and was doubly enjoyed in contrast. The games kept up with great zest from six to six, when the tables spread with dainty while most delicious

and banana cream was being served, there was a run of toasting and graceful tributes to the charming hostess for affording a most pleasant afternoon for the club.

Those present were Mesdames H. Zdaril, Will Dunlap, E. L. Hagan, Robinson, H. Winkler, John Weeks, Sam Baker, J. R. McVay, J. G. Douglass, John Hopkinson, G. M. Vaughn, Geo. Pearce, G. W. Bair, Warren Lynn and Lucy Townsend.

PUPILS RECITAL.

The pupils of Mr. J. M. Dickey gave a recital Saturday night at the First Baptist church, which commanded the interest and applause of the music-loving people of our city, and gave evidence that Ballinger is indeed growing musically. The appreciation manifested was general and the participants should feel grateful and Mr. Dickey, their teacher, congratulated upon the success of the recital. Each and every pupil displayed excellent interpretative insight, technique, pose, style and tone qualities.

The program was very choice in selection and introduced several selections and the artistic way in which they were handled was but another evidence that the recognized reputation of Mr. Dickey, as a voice builder, has been deservedly earned.

Mrs. Dickey's work as an accompanist added greatly to the evening.

A PORCH PARTY.

One of the gayest affairs of the week was the porch party given by the Beau Not Club Tuesday night at the home of Miss Ellie Ward.

It was what might be called a Romeo and Juliet picnic luncheon as it was set and served on the balcony of the beautiful Ward home, with the railing so trellised with vines and abloom with flowers that it resembled a woodland bower.

Having had a delightful shower in the afternoon, the evening was balmy and beautiful with fair Luna smiling her fairest.

The party was tuned up to the highest spirit and the picnic supper was enjoyed to the fullest both in point of appetizing viands and a merry time.

After which the party spent an hour at the Vaudette, enjoying a splendid picture show.

Those who enjoyed this delightful evening were:

Misses Lois Crews, Lee Plummer, Kate Guion, Florence Westbrook, Mae Johnson, Ellie Ward, and Misses Alex Saunders, Hamil Ward, Claud Stone, Bob Stanton, Cecil Glenn and Jimmie Morgan.

MISS DELIA DAY ENTERTAINED.

Miss Delia Day, who is a most attractive acquisition to society was "At Home" to the "Sans Parle" club, Wednesday afternoon with cards, followed by a six o'clock dinette.

It was one of the prettiest and decidedly most pleasant events of the week.

In decoration it was dainty, the

white and gold scheme (the club colors) being carried out through the daintily served course of chicken salad, potatoe chips, pickles, tomatoes with mayonaise sandwiches, cheese straws tied with the club colors, and lemon ice.

Elaborate score were used for the game "Five Hundred," and after a merry-go-round of six games, it was rounded up with Misses Louise Orgain and Katie Ray Ward in the lead for score. Those present were: Misses Mae and Mira Pinn, Neil, Irene and Kate Guion, Katie Ray and Ellie Ward, Louise Orgain, Annie Van Doran, Hattie Hutton, Hermia Smith and Mrs. J. I. Guion, Jr.

MYSTIC WEAVERS DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED.

One of the most graceful events of the season was the entertainment given by Mr. R. L. Bennett, Wednesday afternoon from four to seven complimentary to the "Mystic Weavers" and a few other invited guests.

Mrs. Bennett is a favorite in social circles and a function given at her home could be no other than a great source of pleasure. The hostess' home was fragrant with Spring's sweetest blossoms, roses and pansies dividing favors in the crystals, which seemed especially fitting for the chat over the dainty hand work of the guests.

Refreshments consisting of angel food and ice cream was served and the hours flew by on the golden wings of pleasure.

Those present were: Mesdames R. B. Creasy, J. F. Currie, Edwin Day, Will Dunlap, J. J. Erwin, J. W. Francis, W. B. Halley, A. S. Love, W. A. Norman, C. S. Miller, W. J. Miller, Dan Mozier, Jr., J. R. McVay, S. S. Princee, D. Reeder, Oscar Pearson, M. C. Smith, H. Winkler, R. O. Walton, Joe Wilmeth, John Weeks, Tom Ward, E. A. Trail, J. N. Tipton of Menardville, Wilton Sledge, — Payton, Warren Lynn, Lucy Townsend, R. S. Griggs, Otto Voss, J. C. Brazelton, W. A. McClinton, R. A. Risser, Jr., W. S. Morehead, W. F. Buck, D. Dornberger, B. B. Stone, R. A. Terry, S. A. B. Hamilton, Geo. Pearce, K. V. Northington, John Hopkinson.

The prettiest combs and hair ornaments you ever saw at Jas. E. Brewers.

Judge and Mrs. John I. Guion left Monday for Fort Worth in response to a message stating that their daughter Mrs. De McCaleb was quite sick.

FREE—A map with the best paper in the county. Call at the Banner-Leader office.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce are planning to leave about the middle of the month for a visit to Alabama, where Mr. Bruce has a brother and other relatives. They will be gone about a month.

Subscribe for the Leader and get ten chances at the auto.

CASH GROCERY CO.

J. T. DAWSON, Proprietor and Manager

Whether you come or send your smallest child, your neighbor or a written order, the price is the same

One price to all and that's Cash

Red Bird.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Kodak work finished promptly at Bartlett's Studio.

Judge C. P. Shepherd went to Brownwood yesterday to act as one of the judges in an oratorical contest between six colleges.

If your appetite is hard to please, take it to the Metropolitan Cafe.

R. L. Spann & Co. handle the best goods and don't deny it. Make a profit on all they sell, but a mighty small one. Turn over stock often and keep fresh clean goods and sell for cash.

Mrs. Jo Wilmeth and baby left yesterday for a visit to Dallas, Paris and other places.

Theo. Platow, of Travers, Texas, is here this week prospecting. He said his country had received a good rain and things were looking up a little. H. Giesecke carried Mr. Platow to Abilene first of the week, making the trip in an auto.

Let J. L. Chastain write your fire insurance. He has a list of good companies. Phone 401.

We feed the hungry and send them away pleased. Metropolitan Cafe. Near the depot.

If your health needs repairing, go to a doctor; if your teeth need repairing, see a dentist; but for all other repairing go to T. S. Lankford.

We are glad that Mrs. John Lovelass, who recently returned from Temple where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, is getting along nicely, the operation having been successful performed.

I have no advise to give you, but if you want your property protected with a good insurance policy it is to your interest to see me.

J. L. CHASTAIN, Phone 401.

What's the use of spending Sunday morning over a cook stove when you can take the family to the Metropolitan Cafe and get the finest things on the market to eat. Sunday dinner is only 25 cents.

N. H. Henson, of the Truitt country, was here Monday. Mr. Hinson says he has about 100 acres planted in cotton and is ready for a rain.

Red Bird.)

I. L. Dietz went to Marlin yesterday, where he will spend a few weeks for the benefit of his health.

Go to T. S. Lankford for all kinds of repairing. New dress goods sold for the least price.

W. A. Gustavus & Son.

Chas. S. Miller returned from a business trip to Austin, yesterday.

Bob Prator was here from Brownwood, shaking hands with his many Ballinger friends.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

D. Reeder and M. A. Traylor made a business trip to Winters, Wednesday.

Pay that dollar to the Leader and win the auto.

Ed Stone of Garden City, is here visiting his son, Judge B. B. Stone, and looking after business.

One of the largest stock shoes in Ballinger.

W. A. Gustavus & Son.

F. B. Kimbler was here from the Mazeland country, first of the week. Mr. Kimbler made the Leader office a pleasant call. He says things are on a stand still in his neighborhood. The farmers are all up with their work, have their cotton planted, or at least a good part of it, and are waiting for rain to bring it up.

Subscribe for the Leader and get ten chances at the automobile.

Bartlett's Studio is the home of good photographs.

If you want a good map of Texas, the United States and the world, and want the best paper in the county, call at the Leader office. The map is free.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd left on the auto Tuesday for Abilene and went from there to Reeves county on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Luckett.

Automobiles, bicycles, stoves, saddles and harness repaired at T. S. Lankford's

Watch! All right, we have them from \$1.00 to \$100.

JAS. E. BREWER.

Red Bird.

Mr. H. A. Cady is expecting his two daughters, Misses Ruth and Evadney Cady of Chicago, to arrive Saturday. Miss Ruth will visit during the summer months and Miss Evadney will make her home with her father.

Our bid for your repairing is using the best tools by the best workmen and delivering your watches and jewelry in the best possible condition.

JAS. E. BREWER.

New Spring Hat pins at Jas. E. Brewers.

Mrs. R. O. Roots and sister Miss Bulia Beale left Tuesday. Mrs. Roots going to Corsicana to attend the State meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Miss Beal has gone to her home in Sulphur Springs, where Mrs. Brooks will visit before returning home.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed, none better.—Miller Mercantile Co.

Staple and fancy groceries at rock bottom prices. W. A. Gustavus & Son.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder

No alum, no lime phosphates

As every housekeeper can understand, burnt alum and sulphuric acid—the ingredients of all alum and alum-phosphate powders—must carry to the food acids injurious to health.

Avoid the alum powders

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels:

By virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Runnels County, on the 19th day of April,

1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said court against J. C. Preston and S. A. Knopfi for the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty Nine and 46-100 (\$389.46) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 598 in said court, styled O. F. Burford vs. J. C. Preston, et al., and placed

in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 19th day of April 1909, levy on certain real estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

Being a one-tenth undivided interest in one-half of 160 acres of land, known as survey No. 115, in the name of W. G. Preston, and granted to him by virtue of an affidavit of W. G. Preston made before County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, October 11, 1881, situated on the waters of Jim Ned Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, and situated about 25 miles N. E. from Ballinger, Texas; said land known as the W. G. Preston, Pre-emption survey, and levied upon as the property of said J. C. Preston.

And on Tuesday, the 1st day of June 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. C. Preston by virtue of said levy and said execution.

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

Witness my hand, this 19th day of April 1909.

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

Full line of Chase & Sanbourn Coffees and Teas, fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted.—Miller Mercantile Company.

LETTER TO H. C. PARROTT, BALLINGER, TEJAS.

Dear Sir: Suppose you are growing an acre or two of cabbages; where'll you get your seed? The price of Long Island seed is \$2 lb; the Germans send over tons of 'cabbage-seed' 50c lb.

Most gardeners buy the German seed; of course, you know they wouldn't pay \$2 for cabbage seeds, when they could get it for 50c. And that's how people do about everything.

Careful people buy the smallest package of each, count-out 100 seeds of each, and grow them a week in a hot-house; then count their plants. They've got 100 Long Island plants and 10 German.

How, do you think, the Long Island cabbage-seed-growers account for that? They'll tell you the German seed is mostly turnip, which looks like cabbage, but isn't.

Why didn't the turnip-seed grow? The Germans had killed it, baked it. What did they bake it for? Dead seeds tell no tales.

There's a whole business in killed seeds. A dealer can get all the dead seed he wants, that look like cabbage and something else; he can mix 'em with actual seeds, a pound to an ounce, and sell you your seeds at whatever profit he likes to take.

The same with paint; you can paint with whitewash or paint, poor paint or good; you can pay your painters \$3 a day for brushing it on. But whitewash is whitewash, poor paint is poor paint, and good is good.

You'd better buy good, and pick-out your good by the number of gallons it takes to cover a job; least gallons, best paint; least gallons, least cost by \$5 a gallon; least gallons, most wear.

Better buy Long Island seeds, but try 'em first. Better buy Devco, but try it first.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVCO & CO.

We sell diamonds. Jas. E. Brewer, the jeweler.

No 6757.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER, STATE OF TEXAS at the close of business, April 28, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$276,469.42
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	69,069.60
US Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc	51,150.85
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	25,000.00
Other real estate owned	1,7324.68
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	11,919.76
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Saving Banks	5,921.15
Due from approved reserve agents	150,749.57
Checks and other cash items	3,145.89
Notes of other National Banks	16,250.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	161.90
Specie	32,639.55
Legal-tender notes 1500	34,139.55
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
Total	766,302.37

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	12,366.46
National Bank notes out standing	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	28,201.06
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	5,507.37
Individual deposits subject to check	392,239.12
Demand Certificates of Deposit	360.85
Time certificates of deposit	2,627.51
Total	766,302.37

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss.

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

R. G. Erwin, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
Tom Ward }
J. McGregor } Directors.
M. A. Traylor }

Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 29th day of April, 1909.

Annie VanDoren, Notary Public

Recapitulation

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$276,469.42
Demand Loans (Cotton)	69,069.60
US Bonds	100,000.00
Other Bonds	51,150.85
Bank Building Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Real Estate	17,324.68
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas.	5,000.00
Cash in vault and with banks	222,287.82
	\$766,302.37
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock Paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Profits	37,366.46
Circulation	100,000.00
Re-discounts	000.00
Bills Payable	000,000.00
DEPOSITS:	428,935.91
	\$766,302.37

The End of the World

should it come tomorrow would fully 1-3 of the people suffering with rheumatism of either slight or serious nature. Nobody need suffer with rheumatism for Ballard's Snow Liniment drives away the trouble, relieves the pain instantly and leaves the user as well and supple as a two year old.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN.

Just as the Leader was going to press last Friday evening the fire alarm called the boys to the home of C. J. Lynn in College Heights. A strong wind was blowing from the northwest, and on this account the little blaze that was destroying the barn of Mr. Lynn caused considerable excitement. However, the boys were soon on the scene and prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining property.

Mr. Lynn lost his barn, a new buggy, two saddles and about \$40 worth of feed. The origin of the fire, like the majority of them, is unknown.

SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES.

Allen's Foot-East, a powder. It cures painful, smarting, nervous feet and ingrowing nails, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's a certain cure for sweating, callous, swollen, tired, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Do not accept any substitute. Trial pack FREE. Address Allen S. Co., 100 N. Y.

GETTING READY FOR FREE DELIVERY

Contract to Number Ballinger Streets and Houses Awarded, and Work Now in Progress.

The street committee, acting upon the authority invested in them by the city council, have issued circulars instructing the people to have their houses numbered, and the streets will also be numbered, preparatory to the free mail delivery. Messrs. Hudson and Walker representing the Kansas City Numbering Co., are here superintending the work.

The plan followed by these gentlemen in numbering meets the approval of the postal department, and when this work is completed, we will be in a position to talk business to Unele Sam. Mr. Walker remarked to a Leader reporter that Ballinger could easily meet all the requirements to get free mail delivery. As to sidewalks, he said, your town is ahead of some others I have worked in. "I notice that you are building cement sidewalks, and where there is no cement sidewalk there are natural walks, and your town is clean and seems to be right up-to-the-front in most respects. We use a system of numbering that will stand and will not cause confusion in the future," says Mr. Walker. "We count 30 feet to lot for business districts and 50 or 60, just as the lots are laid off, for residences and when the vacant lots are built on they can take their number without conflicting with the numbers that have been put up."

Whooping Cough.

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane, of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to anyone having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss, of Durand, Mich. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

FARMERS' WAREHOUSE AT WINTERS.

A committee from the Farmers' Union met with the Winters Commercial club last Friday night, and submitted a proposition looking to the establishment of a Farmers' Union cotton yard and warehouse in Winters.

Several members of the Union whose names are given the Commercial club agree to establish the yard and warehouse in Winters. Just another link to bind town and country together, and we sincerely hope the proposition will be promptly met. The farmers all over the Winters country are beginning to look to our town as their future market and it behooves the town people to do everything reasonable to show them we want and will appreciate their business.—Winters Enterprise.

The Most Common Case of Suffering

Rheumatism causes more pain and suffering than any other disease, for the reason that it is the most common of all ills, and it is certainly gratifying to sufferers to know that Chamberlain's Liniment will afford relief, and make rest and sleep possible. In many cases the relief from pain, which is at first temporary, has become permanent, while in old people subject to chronic rheumatism often brought on by dampness or changes in the weather, a permanent cure cannot be expected the relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost. 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Walker Drug Co.

A. L. Spann & Co. says that everything that goes out of their store must give perfect satisfaction. They are more than willing to make anything right that you don't find so and no questions asked.

Boys Will Be Boys.

and are always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds. Don't neglect such things—they may result serious if you do. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment accordingly to directions right away and it will relieve the pain and heal the trouble. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by J. Y. Pearce.

DR. U. E. G. DYER

Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.

Office over Bennett Abstract Co., Ballinger

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.
A Safe, Certain Remedy for Dysmenstrual Sufferers. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Satisfaction guaranteed or Money Refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, so be paid for when relieved. Samples free. If your druggist does not have them send your order to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

PILES RUDY'S PILE Suppository
A sure guaranteed if you use RUDY'S PILE Suppository. Gradal Schmitt, Brainerd, N. C. writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. E. M. Dwyer, Boston, Mass., writes: "They give natural satisfaction." Dr. H. D. MOORE, Clarkburg, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 25 years, I have found no remedy to equal yours." Piles, 50 Cents. Samples Free. Sold by Druggists. MARTIN RUDY, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co. CALL FOR FREE SAMPLE

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The House Moving Man.
I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.
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Drinking pure water is the only way to avoid sickness during hot weather. We make pure distilled water and deliver in five gallon bottles. Will sell you a water book and you can order as you need it.
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Phone 312
BALLINGER, TEXAS

CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK- LY.
Mothers who value their own comfort and the welfare of their children, should never be without a box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, for use throughout the season. They break up Colds, Cure Feverishness, Constipation, Teething Disorders, Headache and Stomach Troubles. THESE POWDERS NEVER FAIL. Sold by all drug stores, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. A trial package will be sent FREE to any mother who will address Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.

Before the FIRE or After?
When are you going to find out whether the fire insurance you have paid for is really good or not—before the fire or after the fire, which makes it due and payable? You cannot change it after the fire. It will be too late then, but before the fire you can at no extra expense have your policy written or examined by ERNEST PLUMMER, who is an experienced judge of insurance matters. It's as important to know, as it is to have a competent man attend to your insurance business, as it is to have a competent abstract man attend to your land titles.

In the long run, IT WILL PAY YOU to have ERNEST PLUMMER attend to your insurance business for you.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.
Beautiful home, brick business house and stock of groceries with well established trade, in one of the best and fastest growing towns in East Texas, for sale or will trade for property in any good Western town. If interested, write at once to HUGH CARNEY, Atlanta, Texas. 2tpd
Silver polish will make your silver look like new. 25c at J. E. Brewer

When You Think
Of the pain which many women experience with every month it makes the gentleness and kindness always associated with womanhood seem to be almost a miracle. While in general no woman rebels against what she regards as a natural necessity there is no woman who would not gladly be free from this recurring period of pain.
Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well, and gives them freedom from pain. It establishes regularity, subdues inflammation, heals ulceration and cures female weakness.
Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter, free. All correspondence strictly private and sacredly confidential. Write without fear and without fee to World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y.
If you want a book that tells all about woman's diseases, and how to cure them at home, send 21 one-cent stamps to Dr. Pierce to pay cost of mailing only, and he will send you a free copy of his great thousand-page illustrated Common Sense Medical Adviser—revised, up-to-date edition, in paper covers, in handsome cloth-binding, 31 stamps.

Equipment Comes First
Skill can do the work, but it takes the equipment to turn out skillful work. We have both equipment and skill, and our shop turns out the BEST. Why? Because we have the best equipped shop in Ballinger, combined with skillful labor. We have the best carriage painter in this section of the state. We do the best horse shoeing. If you want the best go to the shop prepared to do the best. That's us. A modern shop and experienced workmen combined give you the very best.
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YOU CAN GET THEM FROM US
Buster Brown's
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GUARANTEED STOCKINGS
FOR MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD
The Best-Looking, Best-Feeling and Best-Fitting as well as Best-Wearing 25 cent Stockings made. They are sold four pairs in a box at ONE DOLLAR PER BOX
and we will replace FREE any pair that wears to holes in heel or toe within four months from date of purchase. Let us show them to you—show you how to stop the drudgery of darning.
WINKLER DRY GOODS CO. EXCLUSIVE AGT.

JONES, WALTON & COMPANY
The Hardware and Implement People of Ballinger
We want your business and will give you value received for every dollar you spend with us. We sold 55 Sanders Disc Plows during December and January. Are selling Lone Star Cultivators, R. I. Special Sulkies, Weber Wagons and Yale Buggies and Hacks every day.
In short, we have anything you need in Hardware or Implements.
We do Pipe Work and solicit your patronage in this line.

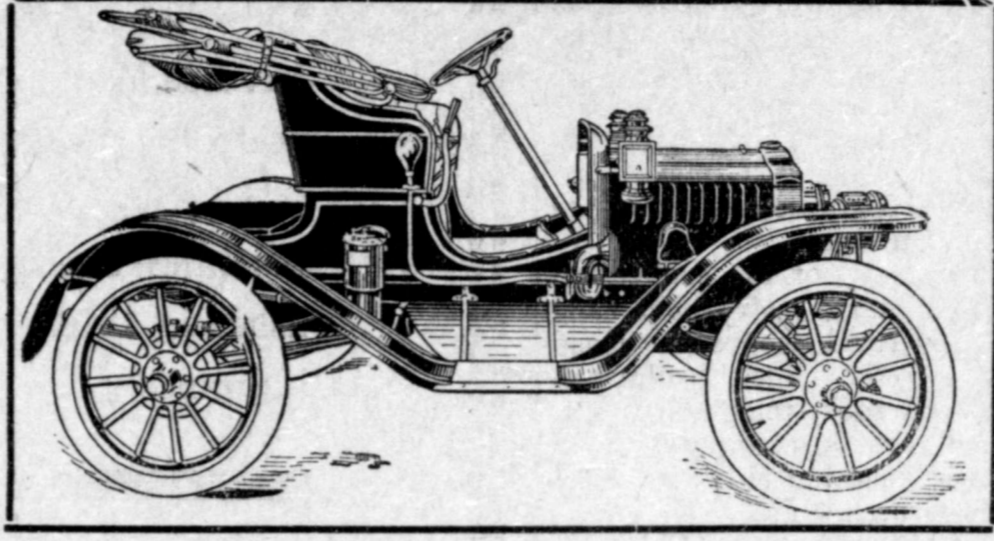
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AFTER BUSINESS

The Gateway to Success
is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.
Some carry keys, other who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. Listen!
No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank
No man ever won riches without making use of a Bank. No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity—A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.
We offer you our bank's facilities to help you.
The Ballinger Savings Bank & Trust Co.

This Attractive and Reliable Maxwell Automobile

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1909 Model Runabout of Best Design and Durability, with a full Equipment.



\$650.00 Automobile with Horse Power and Speed to follow any Car Made.

The following reliable Merchants are giving tickets, one of which will on the first Monday in September get the above AUTO FREE. When you trade with these Merchants they will give you tickets to sign and deposit in their Boxes. On date stated these boxes will be opened and name on ticket drawn gets the Auto Free.

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Dornberger & Hopkinson	Groceries
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Union Barber Shop	W. B. Fox, Prop.
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Katy Cafe	Restaurant
Katy Bar	Saloon
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Jones, Walton & Co.	Hardware and Farm Supplies
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Buy your
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,
County of Runnels.
By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable Court of Runnels County, on the 9th day of April, 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said court against S. A. Dunn and Rebecca Cope for the sum of Two Hundred and Nine (209.00) Dollars, interest and costs of suit, in cause No. 986 in said Court, styled John Hoffman vs. S. A. Dunn and Rebecca Cope and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of April, 1909, levy on certain real estate situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of April, 1909, levy on certain real estate situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

All of that certain lot, parcel or tract of land lying and being situated on the north side of the C. & S. F. Co. right of way out of section No. 161 E. T. R. R. Co. some being four acres of land, beginning at the fence corner the W. Corner of the Hoffman 200 acre tract out of survey No. 1 E. T. R. R. Co. Thence East, 265 varas to a rock mound, Thence north 49 1-2 E. ast. 12 3-10 varas to a rock mound under fence to north boundary line of public road for Southeast corner of this survey.

Thence north 74 1-2 varas rock mound for N. E. corner. Thence West 278 varas to large rock mound for N. W. corner. Thence south 82 1-2 varas; being same as conveyed by John Hoffman vs. Dunn.

Said order of sale was issued in accordance with a certain judgment rendered by said court in said John Hoffman and Rebecca Cope on the 2nd day of 1909 for said sum of \$209.00, with interest from that date at 10 per cent per annum, and costs of execution and levied on said S. A.

Dunn and Rebecca Cope. And on Tuesday, the first day of June 1909, at the court house door of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M., I will sell said property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said S. A. Dunn and Rebecca Cope, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

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

Witness my hand, this 6th day of May 1909.

J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
By JNO. B. PARKS, Deputy.

BALLINGER BOY LEADS IN CONTEST.

The Saturday evening Post is offering several cash prizes to the boys selling the largest number of copies of the Post. The prizes are offered under different classes, being arranged according to the population of the country where the contestants are located. Cecil McMinn, the little son of Mrs. Julia McMinn, is in the lead under his class. The prize is \$100 in cash and is worth working for. Cecil will appreciate the favor for any and all help you can give him.

Feed your cow Jersey Cream Cow Feed—cotton seed meal and hulls mixed in the right proportion, put up in 100 pound sacks. Manufactured by the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. 4t

See Morehead, the Tailor.

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

DON'T BE BALD.
If there is any vitality in the hair roots Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will positively grow new hair and cure baldness. We want you to try this preparation at our risk. We'll return the money you paid us if you are not entirely satisfied. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00.
The Walker Drug Co., The Rexall Store.

A TALE OF THE "WIRELESS"

By W. F. Smith.

"My, but it's a rough night," observed Squire Simmons, as he strolled into the brightly lighted smoking room of the Ananias club. "It seems to me the weather may isn't up to his job. His bulletin this morning predicted 'fair and warmer,' and to-night it's blowing and snowing, and getting colder every minute. I see by the papers that the wires are down everywhere. Wonder how he'll know what kind of weather we're to have tomorrow?"

"He won't have any trouble on that score, I reckon," replied Captain Brandie, tapping the ashes from his pipe and refilling it, "the wireless 'll help him out—the new station was finished yesterday, I'm told."

Prof. Meggs drew his chair up a little closer to the hearth. "Touching on such subjects, how would you like to hear a true story about the 'wireless'—one that proves truth is stranger than fiction?" he asked.

The squire smiled skeptically. "Si," he said, "I'm always ready to listen to a good story, but I've read so many and heard so many lies about the 'wireless' that I'm afraid even yours might be a chestnut. You can tell it, but I warn you that if it's a stale one we'll all drink a toddy on you."

The professor merely smiled, and stretched himself out comfortably in his arm chair.

"Two years ago," he began, "when I was teaching school in Verdantville, a small village up the Allegheny valley, a dapper and diamond bedecked chap hit our town. He was a first-prize faker, a direct descendant of the Biblical celebrity whose name this club perpetuates, and he had a scheme that stamped him as a smooth-bore fool."

"At that he might have made money by it, seeing as there's one of his kind born every minute, but unfortunately for the faker he ran up against a friend of mine, a fellow named Bill Blandel, too early in the game."

"So that you can the better understand how it all came to pass I'll have to enlighten you about Bill. Bill was a jolly sort till he got married. But he got hitched up wrong. His wife proved to be the most churlish woman in Verdantville, and just naturally enjoyed making Bill's life miserable. Whenever he'd express an opinion she'd cross it and start arguing, and before Bill could say more'n a word or two she'd grow indignant and would bring skillet and pans and other cooking utensils into the argument,

and they'd most always land somewhere on Bill.

"Of course, that soured his disposition, for such treatment showed him that he'd miscalculated about his affinity. But being of church-going stock Bill bowed to the burden put on him by wedlock, and one day when Mrs. Blandel got so angry that she took a fit and died in it, Bill actually cried. I kind of think, though, that he wept for joy, for when he and I were riding home from the burying ground on the day his wife was laid away, Bill said to me tearfully, 'Si, this is the happiest day of my life.'"

"Now about the faker—he told Bill that this wireless telegraph invention is the eighth wonder of the world, and that he was working for a hundred-million-dollar company that had a wireless station on one of the Egyptian pyramids where messages were received constantly from St. Peter about the people up above. He said his company was utilizing the messages in making books, directories, as it were, with all the angels' names in them, showing where each angel was from, how they were feeling and how they were passing the time. He vowed his company was preparing such a directory for every city and

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.

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".

LOST—One Jersey cow 6 year old, crumpled horns branded —x— on left hip, bush off tail cut off. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery of her. S. E. Jones, Millersview, Texas. 4t

WANTED—Two men boarders \$3.00 per week, rooms next door for lodging. Mrs. Storey, Ninth Street. Close in.

LOST—on April 17th in Ballinger or on Pumphrey road ladies black rain coat, boys coat, light with brown stripes. One child's red plush cloak. Return to Leader office. J. H. Tucker.

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.

J. Y. Pearce
The Leading Druggist

Light Crust Flour is better than any other Texas flour, extra fine for light bread and biscuits and all kinds of pastry. 1m

WHEN YOU FEEL BAD

If you are bilious, languid, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

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 a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

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Farmer's Union Co-Operator and Farm Journal 1 year	\$1.00
Fort Worth Semi-Weekly Record 1 year	1.00
Banner-Leader, 1 year	1.00
Large 3 sheet Wall Map and Atlas	1.50
Total	\$4.50

Any farmer can get the four at the Banner-Leader office for

\$2.50

Country Life Commission

Guthrie, Okla., May 5.—The Southwestern Interstate Commission on country life opened its convention here today, with hundreds of delegates in attendance and with the most flattering prospect of success for the two-days' meeting. At the opening meeting representatives were present from Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Kansas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. They were welcomed on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma by Governor Haskell; on behalf of the teachers by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Evan D. Cameron and by Mayor Barnes on behalf of the City of Guthrie.

The purpose of the convention is to inaugurate a strenuous campaign for rural progress. Good roads, trolley lines, suburban steam railroads, telephones, rural mail routes, country literary societies, debating clubs and similar institutions are among the aims of the campaign. This convention is intended as a preliminary to the National conference of governors relating to the same subject and, it is expected, that separate conventions in the interest of this movement will be held in the several states after the close of the present convention.

The list of speakers who will address the convention upon various topics related to the movement, includes among others Superintendent J. E. Clark, Santa Fe, N. M.; Congressman Scott Ferris, of Lawton; Superintendent George R. Cook, Little Rock; President J. C. Hardy, Mississippi Agricultural College; Prof. Claude L. Scott, Weatherford, Okla.; President A. Ross Hill University of Missouri; Hon. James S. Davenport, Vinita, Okla.; Superintendent R. B. Cousins, Austin, Texas; Prof. Chas. N. Gould, University of Oklahoma; Catherine M. Cook, Denver, Colo. Supt. T. H. Harris, Baton Rouge, La.; Hon. J. Y. Callahan, Enid,

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We retain all Companies formerly represented by Lee Maddox & Co. and your policies are in full force and will be look after at expiration. Mr. Lee Maddox is no longer connected with our agency, he having sold out to us. We are the oldest Insurance agency in town, Established in 1886. See us for your insurance.

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women are especially warned that there are many fake curios in Europe and other places, and women who are traveling are considered fair prey as a general thing. In most places there any persons who can be relied upon to give true information in regard to these things, and women should trust to their judgment.

Spread out the thunder into its single tones, and it becomes a lullaby for children; pour it forth together in one quick peal, and the royal sound shall move the heavens.—Schiller.

By the Window Route.
"Here comes that new author. I know he is going to read his latest story to me. Open the window! Better to fall two stories than hear him read one!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Unselfish Devotion Difficult.
How easy is the thought in certain moods of the loveliest, most unselfish devotion! How hard is the doing of the thought in the face of a thousand difficulties!—George MacDonald.

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Stomach bloated with gas! Heart beat irregularly! Are you constipated? Tongue coated! Blood rush to your head! Head ache! Do you vomit! Is your skin yellow? Is your stomach painful? I can cure you to stay cured!

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With all the symptoms of weak nerves, brain exhaustion, palpitation of the heart, tired, worn-out broken down and discouraged. All feebleness cured under written guarantee.

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to an operation. You can be cured without the use of knife of constipation, displacement, inflammation of the uterus or ovaries, which cause nervousness and often insanity.

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Married and Single.

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

Heat in Match's Flame.

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

One of Life's Little Tragedies.

He seized her, drew her to him, and deliberately struck her. She made no sound. Again, and yet again, the brute repeated the blow, and still she gave no sign of suffering. But when, with rapidly growing anger, he struck her for the fourth time, she shrieked aloud—and her head flew off. She was only a match.—The Bohemian.

Immense Nugget of Gold.

A placer claim in Calaveras county, California, yielded in 1857 a lump in which there was quartz, that, when pounded up, gave a return of 161 pounds of gold, valued at \$38,920.

Daily Thought.

Men grow old more quickly from having nothing to do than from overwork. A running machine will keep bright for years. An idle one will soon rust out.—Anon

Must Practice the Right.

To be engaged in opposing wrong affords, under the conditions of our mental constitution, but slender guarantee for being right.—Gladstone.

Patience.

Patience is not much of a virtue when it is utilized for the purpose of teaching a dog to hop on three feet.

Luckily It Isn't.

If happiness were bought at groceries there would be more complaints than ever about short weight.

A Word from Jesh Wise.

"A woman with a love of a hat naturally has a love of a husband."

Word from Br'er Williams.

"Even in de summer time," says Brother Williams, "it's a good idee ter have a steam heater in de meetin' house, kaze it puts de sinners in mind er what's ahead of 'em!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Seeing Things Squarely.

So live that you may look every man squarely in the face. You will see many hideous things, but if there be one or two fair you will be wholly requited.—Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.

New York's Many Clocks.

Time is apparently of more importance in New York than in any other city, for the city displays more public clocks than London and Paris combined.

Church Tower His Pulpit.

Sunday last being "Feast Sunday," the vicar of Selston, Rev. C. Harrison, hit upon the novel idea of preaching from the church tower. The greater part of the congregation seated themselves on the highway.

The reverend gentleman took as his text "The Builders and the Tower," and, possessing a strong voice, his remarks were heard distinctly by the large crowd of colliers and others gathered together, the weather being all that could be desired.—London Evening Standard.

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er Cotton Oil Co.

Elmer Simpson and wife left Sunday morning for Baird where they join the Southland Quartette in a tour of Texas and Oklahoma. Mrs. H. A. Newby accompanied them as far as Dublin, where they will spend the day.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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Almost everyone knows of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because of its remarkable health restoring properties. Swamp-Root fulfills almost every wish in overcoming rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night.

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NORTON W. O. W. WILL ENTERTAIN

The Annual Picnic of this Lodge Will be Held at Norton the Last Saturday

For several years it has been the custom of the W. O. W. Lodge of Norton to give an annual picnic on the last Saturday in May. Last year the picnic was postponed on account of the farmers being so busy in their crops and other obstacles that came up. This year the lodge will pull the picnic off on the dot, or at least they are making arrangements to that end. Norton has a good live lodge, made up of the best people in the world, and those who have attended these picnics in the past know what it means to go to a picnic at Norton. The Norton country is a fine country, and is settled by a prosperous class of farmers.

The program has not been completed yet, but one feature will be an Old Fiddler's contest, and another will be a baseball game. Remember the date and watch for further announcements which will be made in the Banner-Leader.

CITY DADS IN SESSION.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening at 2:30 and held forth until about five o'clock. Very little business of importance was turned off, but many things of interest were discussed and will probably be taken up later and pushed to completion. One of the things discussed was the opening up of two or three streets in West End.

The usual monthly accounts were allowed. Dr. E. R. Walker was appointed city health officer and Dr. Blasdel was appointed a member of the board of health.

The water committee was instructed to see about extending water mains to a certain section in West end and also to the new settlement in the flat South of the oil mill.

It was ordered that Dr. Walker be allowed expense money to attend the state meeting of the health physicians at Galveston.

Scavenger Todd was allowed \$5 per month for caring for the dump ground, burning trash, etc.

Todd was reelected scavenger for the ensuing year.

W. L. Smith was reelected water works superintendent.

It was ordered that the marshal's salary be raised from \$40 to \$50 per month.

The bids for city printing was opened and rejected, and more bids advertised for.

No. 14.
Official Statement of the Financial Condition OF THE
Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.
AT BALLINGER, STATE OF TEXAS
at the close of business on the 28th day of April, 1909, published in the Banner Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger State of Texas on the 7th day of May, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$111,385.33
Loans, real estate	26,489.14
Overdrafts	7,415.88
Bonds and stocks	000.00
Real estate (banking house)	18,000.00
Other real estate	000.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,359.40
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	65,866.31
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	11,064.83
Cash Items	481.84
Currency	22,700.00
Specie	6,371.44
Other resources as follows:	
Safety Dep Boxes	200.00
Total	\$274,334.17
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,589.44
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	16,899.92
Individual Deposits, subject to check	183,885.41
Time certificates of deposit	5,959.40
Demand Certificates deposits	000.00
Cashier's Checks	000.00
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	00,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Dividends Unpaid	0,000.00
Total	\$274,334.17

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, A. D. nineteen hundred and nine. Witness my hand and notarial seal, the date last aforesaid.
(seal) Jno. F. Maddox, Notary Public.
Correct—attest:
H. Giesecke }
C. O. Harris } Directors
G. M. Vaughn }

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,
County of Runnels.
By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County on the 7th day of April 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said court, against W. H. Trout for the sum of \$1591.83 and against the said W. H. Trout, T. P. Weathered, S. L. Hick and C. A. Parker for the foreclosure of Vendor lien on the hereinafter described property and costs of suit in cause No. 979 in said Court, styled H. Giesecke vs. W. H. Trout, T. P. Weathered, S. L. Hicks and C. A. Parker and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of April, 1909, levy on certain real estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

160 acres known as the South-east quarter of survey No. 19, abstract 446 originally granted to the Southern Pacific Railway Company by virtue of certificate No. 16,213 and patented to W. J. Hutches, assignee, April 8th, 1873, patent No. 426, Volume 6, said southeast quarter, being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the original S. E. corner of said Survey No. 19, thence west S. B. line of same 954 varas stake for corner, thence

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N. 990 2-3 varas stone mound for corner, thence east 954 varas, stone mound E. B. line of the survey for the N. E. corner of this tract, thence south 990 2-3 varas to the place of the beginning, situated in Runnels County, Texas.
And levied upon as the property of said Defendants, W. H. Trout, T. P. Weathered, S. L. Hicks and C. A. Parker.
And on Tuesday, the 4th day of May 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the Town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., I will sell land and premises at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said defendants, W. H. Trout, T. P. Weathered, S. L. Hicks and C. A. Parker by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in

the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.
Witness my hand, this the 1st day of April, 1909.
J. P. FLYNT,
Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
By J. A. DEMOVILL, Deputy.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
May is the month for taking the school census of each school district in the county. This is a very important matter; because if the census is not taken we fail to receive the state money due us. I have sent the census blanks to the trustees of each district, and should they fail to receive these blanks let me know at once and I will send another set of blanks.
E. L. HAGAN, County Supt.

Farmers Should Have Checking Accounts

Because it's the safest way for them to handle funds.
Because writing a check is the easiest way to make a payment.
Because, when they receive a check, or a note, in payment for cotton, grain or stock, Rural Free Delivery makes it a simple matter to mail it to the bank for collection.
Because, when they want to borrow money to harvest and market crops, or to buy new implements, they can be accommodated at the bank, if they have accounts.
This bank cordially invites farmers to open accounts. Come in the next time you are in town, or we would be pleased to have you open an account by mail.

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OUR GREAT MAY SALE



A Great Stock Reduction Movement Affording Remarkable Savings on Seasonable and Staple Lines.

Spring merges into summer. We must prepare for the long warm weather campaign. The first step is a general re-adjustment. Surpluses must be moved, broken lines and odds and ends which are the natural accumulations of lively selling, must be cleared away. A sweeping lowering of prices all along the line is our medium for reducing and "ship-shaping" stocks for the summer.



Those Who Appreciate True Economy Should Do Their Shopping here during the May Sale

The variety of merchandise now offered at big reductions covers a multitude of warm weather needs. Each price stands for a splendid saving—an unequaled value. Look around, if you will, but if you want the biggest value for your money, you are sure to confine your purchases to our store.

This incomplete list of May Sale Bargains will prove intensely interesting to everyone who delights in economy.

<p>Ladies Suits Must Go</p> <p>Clearance here shall be complete if phenomenal reductions are an inducement. Distinguished styles, matchless material, choicest colorings and superior tailoring are features of our Suits that have not changed though the prices are severely sacrificed at this sale. Thus:</p> <p>Price are for cash</p> <p>\$7.50 Suits in white and colors. May Sale price \$5.95</p> <p>\$10.00 white Linett Suits good value at 10.00 \$6.75</p> <p>\$10.00 Blue Suits, good grade May Sale price \$6.75</p> <p>\$15.00 Suits, in white and pink \$10.45</p>	<p>SKIRTS---Extra Reductions</p> <p>You will probably have to hurry to share in these remarkable offerings. One can always add another skirt or two to their wardrobe and many will do so now that we are offering new styles at so little to pay.</p> <p>\$3.50 Panama Skirts in navy blue. May sale price \$2.95</p> <p>\$5.00 Panama Skirts trimmed in satin folds \$4.45</p> <p>\$8.50 Panama Skirts go at the May sale for \$7.45</p> <p>\$6.00 Skirts trimmed with satin folds \$4.95</p> <p>\$10.00 Panama Skirts black only, sale price \$7.95</p> <p>\$8.50 Voile Skirts, May sale only \$6.95</p> <p>\$12.50 Voile Skirts, May sale only \$9.95</p>	<p>Ladies Summer Dresses</p> <p>You'll be cool and comfortable in one of these summer dresses and you'll find the May sale prices pleasant to pay. Dainty styles, fine sheer materials, handsome trimmings, as beautiful dresses as can be found anywhere but May Sale prices are the lowest in town.</p> <p>All \$2.00 Dresses go in May Sale at \$1.48</p> <p>All \$4.00 Dresses go in May Sale at \$2.95</p> <p>Big assortment of \$5.00 Dresses May Sale price \$3.45</p> <p>\$7.50 White Dresses, May Sale price \$5.95</p> <p>Big assortment in white and colored dresses, valued at \$12.50, your choice \$8.95</p>	<p>Wash Goods Reductions</p> <p>Gathered the largest wash goods stock we ever carried the May Sale towers high above all other events because of these superb offerings in sheer, summery, wash fabrics in white and colors.</p> <p>6½c Lawn values, May Sale price only 5c</p> <p>12½c values in striped Organdy only 10c</p> <p>Fancy Lawn Batiste 12½c values May Sale price 10c</p> <p>Extra wide Lawn, 20c values going in May Sale at 15c</p> <p>Linette suiting 12½c values go at 10c</p> <p>All 12½c Gingham goes in Great May Sale at 10c</p> <p>May Sale prices for cash only</p>
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<p>Short and Long Silk Gloves</p> <p>Big values at \$1.25 in long silk gloves all colors. Go in May Sale at \$1.00</p> <p>Good values in short Gloves Go in the May Sale at 50 and 75c</p> <p>Long Black Silk Gloves a bargain at \$2.00. May Sale \$1.50</p> <p>Let us save you money on your Gloves.</p> <p>Don't Pass our REMNANT COUNTER During this Sale</p>	<p>Muslin Underwear Under priced</p> <p>Your Summer Lingerie is here in all the charm of fine material and dainty trimmings. May Sale prices, make buying a pleasure.</p> <p>75c Skirts May Sale Prices</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>\$1.00</td><td>75c</td></tr> <tr><td>2.25</td><td>\$1.75</td></tr> <tr><td>3.50</td><td>\$2.75</td></tr> <tr><td>1.25 Gowns</td><td>95c</td></tr> <tr><td>2.00</td><td>\$1.65</td></tr> <tr><td>3.00</td><td>\$2.75</td></tr> </table> <p>New Style Corset covers \$1.00 \$1.50 \$1.75</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to buy muslin underwear.</p>	\$1.00	75c	2.25	\$1.75	3.50	\$2.75	1.25 Gowns	95c	2.00	\$1.65	3.00	\$2.75	<p>Big Reduction on Millinery</p> <p>\$5.00 Hats go at May Sale for \$3.95</p> <p>\$7.50 " " " " " 5.45</p> <p>\$10.00 " " " " " 6.45</p> <p>\$12.00 " " " " " 8.95</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to save money on the purchasing of your Hat.</p> <p>Big Lot of Bonnets some of these Slightly soiled 50c to \$1.00 Values go at 25c.</p>
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