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## ZELAYA ORDERS TROOPS TO SHOOT AMERICANS

All Americans in Nicaragua Ordered Shot Immediately When Captured--Uncle Sam Expected to Get Busy.

Special to The Banner:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has ordered his troops to shoot every American fighting with Estrada's revolutionists, and kill every American captured according to advices received here this morning. The dispatches were addressed to the State Department and came from Panama.

Decisive action by the department is expected hourly in view of the arrival yesterday of additional American battleships in Nicaraguan waters.

The present crisis is the result of the shooting of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon, after they had been captured by Zelaya's soldiers. Zelaya claimed that the Americans were spies, but the department has learned that they were regular commissioned officers in Estrada's army and should have been treated as prisoners of war.

The American government has declared its intention of holding Zelaya as personally responsible for the murder of the two men and a few days past sent several ships to Nicaraguan waters to further protect American interests. It is thought the arrival of the ships yesterday caused Zelaya to give this order to shoot Americans captured.

## BABY EATS POISON HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Eighteen Month Old Baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summitt in Serious Condition.

The little eighteen months old baby of Mr. Frank Summitt, who works at the McWhirter barber shop, had a very narrow escape this morning from eating medicine containing poison.

The child had been sick for some time, but had recovered sufficiently to be up and to play around in the room. While the mother was out of the room the child got hold of a box containing medicine tablets which were not to be used internally and which contained poison. When discovered the child had one of the tablets in its mouth, a part of which had dissolved and had been swallowed by the child. By removing the medicine from the child and quick work on the part of the physician the child's life was saved.

It was a close call for the little fellow, and if the mother had been a moment later in reaching the child, the poison medicine would have perhaps accomplished its deadly work.

Dr. W. B. Phillips, of the State University, stopped here awhile Friday, en route home from the Texas Congress.

Rev. D. E. Heaton, of Miles, was here Thursday attending the Sunday School Convention.

## PRaises DIAZ BUT ROASTS THE MUCKERS

Former Ambassador Thompson Gives Expressions of His Sentiments.

City of Mexico, Dec. 9.—Praise of President Diaz and of his country, and words of injunction to Americans in Mexico to help all they can the great men of the country in their efforts to make a still greater Mexico, were the features of an address delivered at a banquet here tonight by David E. Thompson, who a few days ago retired from the office of American ambassador to this republic.

Mr. Thompson spoke at a banquet given in his honor this evening by the American Club. He made the following references to President Diaz:

"Probably no American knows better than I the changes that have come to this country in a quarter of a century; probably no American knows as well as I the cause.

"My four year's intimate relation with the president of Mexico makes the cause of the evolution that has come to this country under him as clear to me as the sun, namely, his sincerity, his honesty of purpose, his utter devotion to his country, his straightforward honesty in dealing with individuals and objects. Could I, or any other man, fail to love and honor a man who never unjustly inflicts a hurt on any individual, cause, or thing? Such qualities as these, has made Mexico's president a noble man of God."

**Roasts Muckrakers.**

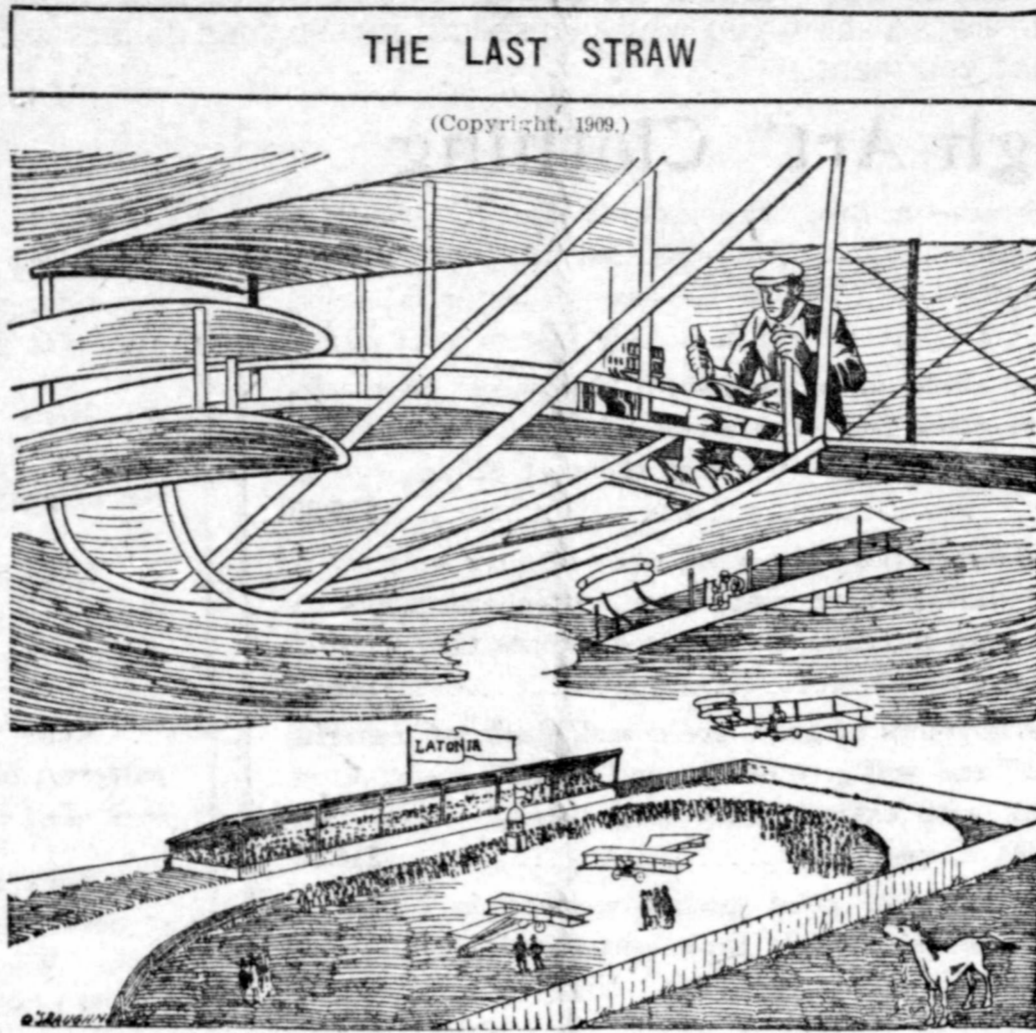
Mr. Thompson referred to recent articles slandering Mexico, and in regard to them said:

"No number of slanderous articles of character I have read can do more than make fools of soft-headed readers who do not know Mexico and her builders. Those of us who know Mexico understand the intentional cruelty and the baseness of such articles. The proof of my statement is in the dozens of letters I have lately received from illiterate persons, making demands that all sorts of things be done to President Diaz and his government because of his conduct of Yaqui question. I venture the belief that any Yaqui ever sent to Yucatan preferred this sentence to death, which is what his conduct and crimes merited. The Mexican government has been more kindly in saving these bloodthirsty Indians than justice demanded."

## DALLAS YOUNG LADY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Special to The Banner.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 9.—Miss Mabel Holliday, aged 21 years, this morning attempted suicide by shooting herself. The bullet took effect in her breast, but is not necessarily fatal.



Since Latonia, Ky., has permitted aeroplane races on its famous course the last sacred citadel of the horse has been invaded by the enemy.

## PLANS FOR BETTER WORK MADE AT CONVENTION

W. N. Wiggins, of Dallas, Discusses Means of Increasing Sunday School Attendance and Efficiency.

The attendance at the County Sunday School Convention, which met at the Methodist church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, was not large, although the interest manifested was decidedly encouraging. All churches of the city were represented, and in the afternoon delegates from Miles and Winters were seated, and local attendance largely increased.

The feature of the day was the address of Mr. W. N. Wiggins, of Dallas, state worker for the Texas Sunday School Association. Mr. Wiggins divided the work of Sunday Schools into three departments, ingathering of pupils, winning of souls and training of members for service. "Persistent, united effort will do wonders in the way of uplifting our schools, and the more we learn of the value and need of the work, the greater our inspiration to do our part in the matter," asserted the speaker.

Mr. Wiggins referred to Marbury, Ala., and said that in that small town, every inhabitant was enlisted in the Sunday School Army, with one exception. "This person left town, and may have moved to Ballinger," laughingly asserted Mr. Wiggins. The speaker then referred to Bonham, Texas, where 80 per cent of the population attend Sunday School. He ascertained that Ballinger's attendance was about 20 per cent of our population.

"I have heard of some schools being willing to go on from year to year, merely holding their own," concluded the speaker, "but I wish to say that we should never be content in holding our own until Christ holds the rest." A number of other helpful talks were made during the afternoon, and tonight an address by Mr. Wiggins will be offered, the subject "A Trip to the Holy Land." A large attendance is expected tonight and Friday.

## CRUSHED UNDER HIS OWN ENGINE

Denison, Dec. 9.—R. Nemic, fireman on the south bound freight train on the M. K. & T. railroad, was crushed to death last night near Whitesboro, when Engineer J. Cox started his locomotive. In the absence of Cox Fireman Nemic crawled under the engine to close the ash pan when Engineer Cox returned and started to move the train into the switch. Nemic was dragged through the hot cinders and crushed. His brothers live at Hillsboro.

Lee L. Shield, the Santa Anna banker, was here awhile Thursday on business.

Tom J. Kellam, of Coleman, had business in the city Thursday.

## BUYS COTTON FROM ROBERT LEE FIRM

W. C. Penn, of Ballinger Secures Five Hundred Bales From McCullum, Reed & Co.

W. C. Penn, of Ballinger, purchased Wednesday from McCullum, Reed & Co., of Robert Lee, 500 bales of cotton, at private prices. Of the lot, 277 were stored in the local cotton yard, and these will be shipped to Ballinger today for compression.

Cotton receipts to the date number 2,440 bales at the public yard, and 120 at the Farmers Union warehouse, a total of 2,560 bales for the season.—San Angelo Standard.

W. S. Turner, of Brownwood, arrived here Thursday on a business trip.

J. I. Huffman, of San Angelo, was in the city awhile today.

## W. J. BRYAN'S TEACHER STRANDED IN BALLINGER

An Old Lady, a Stranger Here, Without Money--Says She was Formerly Bryans Teacher--Goes to Relatives.

## FORTY MILLIONS FOR WATERWAYS

Matter Will be Discussed in National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—When the sixth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress opens here today Col. S. W. Duncan of Dallas will offer a resolution giving a new phase to the proposal to issue bonds on account of waterway improvement. Col. Duncan does not propose a bond issue directly for waterway projects. In brief his plan is as follows:

That Congress appropriate \$40,000,000 a year for waterways out of the general revenues, and should there any year be a deficit in the treasury, Congress shall issue bonds for the maintenance of the army and navy.

Col. Duncan, who has canvassed the matter among members of Congress here, finds that the proposal meets with general approval being indorsed by congressmen who are opposed to issuing bonds for international improvements. The Texas delegation to the Congress met at the Raleigh hotel tonight to discuss the general waterways situation and indorse the bond issue proposal. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 o'clock this morning, when nominations will be made for such officers on the board of directors and such committeemen as Texas is entitled to. C. S. E. Holland of Victoria was elected chairman and Roy Miller of Corpus Christi, vice-president of the delegation.

The members of the Texas delegation who have already reported here for the Congress are: Col. S. W. Duncan and R. E. Cowart, Dallas; Mayor Lewis Fisher, Walter Gresham and H. H. Haines, Galveston; C. S. E. Holland, Victoria; W. S. Davidson, Beaumont; J. R. Baker, Waco; Roy Miller, Corpus Christi; Capt. S. Tallaferro, R. M. Johnson, F. W. Heitman, Adolph Boldt, Col. Ike Standifer, J. S. Cullinan, Sam W. Swinford, J. C. Gaston, C. C. Oden, D. E. Garret and J. N. Murphey, Houston.

## EIGHTEEN ABOVE AT FORT WORTH

Special to The Banner. Fort Worth, Dec. 9.—The temperature here this morning registered eighteen degrees above zero, three degrees lower than yesterday's record. This is the lowest temperature of the season. Fair conditions continue.

## NEARLY FREEZING AT GALVESTON.

Special to The Banner. Galveston, Dec. 9.—Temperature here this morning registered thirty-five degrees. This is the coldest weather here this season.

An old lady, giving her name as Breedlove, feeble and with only a short time to remain in this world, arrived in Ballinger yesterday from San Angelo, and is at the Mater hotel without money with which to buy food or a place to sleep.

From what we can learn, the circumstances that brought the lady to Ballinger are about as follows: She was living at Enrid, Oklahoma, from which place her sons, who are not men of means, moved to Lubbock, Texas, going through the country in wagons. She received a message from San Angelo that her daughter, who was living near that place, was sick, and she came out here to see her daughter, and shortly after reaching San Angelo the daughter died, and Mrs. Breedlove buried her after which she had no money left. She came to Ballinger and went to the Mater hotel, where she made conditions known, and she will no doubt be looked after by the ladies of the town, as well as the charity committee.

Mrs. Breedlove is an intelligent old lady, and the fact that she has become an object of charity embarrasses her, but we feel sure that she will not suffer for friends in Ballinger. She says that she was at one time a school teacher in Illinois, and W. J. Bryan, who has been so prominent in politics for a number of years, went to school to her.

We can get a lesson from the story of this old lady, and none of us can tell what the morrow will bring us, and we should not turn a deaf ear to the worthy objects of charity.

Later: The old lady left for Bangs on the evening train where she has relatives.

## \$20 FOR LAND UNDER FORCED SALE

An Index of True Value of Runnels County Dirt is Shown in Forced Sale Price.

A man with a few hundred acres of good land in Runnels county is no pauper by any means, and the man that thinks real estate in this part of the universe is not valuable stuff can get a few dots from this that will give him a different idea. It is a well known fact that anything sold under the hammer will not bring anything like its true value, or half the amount. Nevertheless in the sale of a number of tracts of land sold by the sheriff Tuesday, J. N. Harris, of Miles, bought a half section of land in the northwest part of this county, paying \$20.00 per acre, spot cash for the same.

Land that will produce a bale of cotton to the acre—just a hundred dollars worth of the fleecy stuff, if you please, is valuable land and will ever be.

Mrs. Ed S. McCarver went down to Brownwood Thursday for a short visit with friends.

# Big Clothing Feast



With December we bring to you a Real Feast of Clothing Values, and you will be the loser if you don't invest in these suit values—we have a well selected stock to choose that Xmas suit from, suits that fit and have that individual style so much desired—that is a characteristic of the suits we are offering in these special values. Come to us and we believe we can show you why you should invest your dollars with us and you won't be worried to buy if you don't find what you want.

## “High Art” Clothing

Made by Strouse & Bro., who make a line of high-grade clothing at popular prices. You will find the workmanship to be as good as the best. The fit: we have them for the stout, lean and regular, and can fit you in a color just to your liking.

\$25.00 Suits, made in hard-finished “all wool” worsteds, in colors of dark steel grey with stripe of olive, coats are cut full and pants made roomy. We sold them at \$25.00, special at **\$19.85**

\$22.50 Suits, warranted to be wool, color of olive with interwoven stripe of darker color, coats have button trimmings on sleeves, made in long roll three-button sack. Suits that we sold at \$22.50, a special at **\$18.45**

\$20.00 Suits in colors of grey, green and black, of material that is “all wool” and will give service and hold its color. Coat three-button sack with extra quality serge lining. Suits that we sold at \$20.00, a special at **\$16.95**

\$18.00 Suits, made of good quality worsted in colors of sage and London smoke. Style three-button sack coats, full peg top pants, a nobby young man's suit. Made to sell at \$18.50 our price, a special at **\$14.95**

\$15.00 Suits of unusual merit, made of striped velour in color of light brown with a stripe of olive green, a real novelty in a serviceable suit. Worth the price of \$15.00, a special at **\$12.95**

## Men's Suits

There is a possibility that you do not want to pay as much for a suit as the prices listed on the other side, but it makes no difference what you want to pay we can sell you a suit that will give extra good wear.

Mens Suits in three-piece garments, coat, vest and pants, lined with good serge lining, coat is three-button sack in winter weight. A serviceable suit at the price of **\$4.95**

Mens Suits made of one-half wool worsted, in winter weight, three-piece suits in colors of dark grey, suits that are extra values and worth \$12.50; an exceptional value at **\$6.95**

Mens Suits made of good quality worsted in many dark patterns, in heavy winter weights, cut in style of three-button sack, full lined with serge lining, an extra value at **\$7.95**

Mens Suits in many dark patterns of worsted, in colors of dark grey and brown, in solids and stripes, style three-button sack. We have your size and can fit you. Suits that sold at \$16.00 to \$17.50, an exceptional value at **\$8.95**

Mens Suits cut from good quality winter worsted in dark colors, style three-button sack. Suits that sold at \$17.50 to \$20.00, a special price of **\$9.95**

## Why Not Buy That Overcoat Now?

There isn't a reason why you should be without one of these nice warm garments when you can buy one cheaper than a doctor's bill. If you come to us for an Overcoat or Rain coat, you'll find just what you are looking for. A big stock of both coats for dress or service, and every one at a price that has the value in the garment. Read the list of prices. Come and look at the coats.

### Rain Coats

An exceptional line of these nice garments that will serve a double purpose, and if you are caught in the rain it will shed the water.

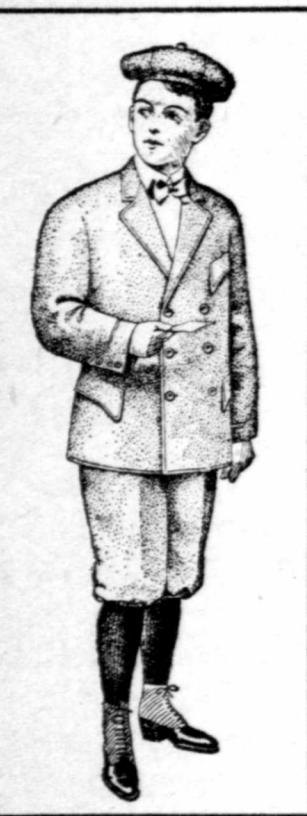
- \$20.00 Cravenetts at **\$16.95**
- \$17.50 Cravenetts at **14.95**
- \$15.00 Cravenetts at **12.95**
- \$12.50 Cravenetts at **10.95**

### Heavy Ulsters

The heavy kinds that have the broad 8-inch collars made of heavy Kersey, in colors of grey and black, and lined through and through with big vent in back.

- \$15.00 Heavy Weight Overcoats at **\$10.45**
- \$10.00 Heavy Weight Overcoats at **8.95**
- \$9.00 Heavy Weight Overcoats at **7.45**
- \$8.50 Heavy Weight Overcoats at **6.95**

\$6.50 Boys' Oversoats at **5.35**



### Christmas Presents for the Boys

Why not buy the boy one of these suits that are extra well made, for boys will be boys and it takes a good suit to stay with them. Suits made by “Lord Baltimore” are the stay satisfied kind that you can pin your faith to, as to the workmanship, and every garment is cut full and roomy. They will make the boy a Xmas present that will be serviceable.

\$5.00 Boys Suits made of heavy weight velour in colors of dark brown and dark grey, coat has button-trimmed sleeves, pants are cut full in Knickerbocker style, a special at **\$4.25**

\$6.00 Boys Suits, cut very full, sleeves are trimmed with buttons and tabs, padded shoulders, style double breasted with Knickerbocker pants that are cut full and roomy, value at **\$4.85**

\$6.50 Boys Suits, made of good quality hard-finished worsted, in color of olive green with a stipe of darker, a nobby suit with trimmed sleeves and fancy flaps on pockets, Knickerbocker pants, worth \$6.50, a special at **\$5.45**

\$7.50 Boys Suits, made of an “all wool” velour in color of green and two tone effects, a real novelty high-grade suit, cut very fancy with Knickerbocker pants, a suit that we warrant to hold its shape, a special at **\$6.15**

Your Boy Will Appreciate One of These Suits For Christmas

### Tailored Suits and Jackets

Last week we advertised our Ladies' Suits at reduced prices, and the people were not slow to realize the values we were offering, but we still have a well selected stock to draw on. These garments are made by “Fabian” and are real tailored garments that hold their shape after being worn. You will find all the leading shades of Greens, Greys, Rose, Reds and Blues. Come take a look at these garments.

#### SUITS

Come and look at these well-tailored garments, it will be a pleasure to show you the merits of the line, and why you should buy here. You won't be worried to buy—come, you are welcome.

- \$20.00 Suits reduced to **\$16.35**
- 18.50 Suits reduced to **14.95**
- 17.50 Suits reduced to **12.95**
- 15.00 Suits reduced to **11.25**
- 12.50 Suits reduced to **9.95**
- 7.50 Suits reduced to **5.95**

#### JACKETS

Ladies Jackets and long coats in many styles of the long form fitting, empire, full loose backs in plain, fancy and braided effects, do not buy until you have looked at these garments.

- \$16.50 Jackets reduced to **\$11.95**
- 15.00 Jackets reduced to **10.95**
- 12.50 Jackets reduced to **9.85**
- 10.00 Jackets reduced to **7.85**
- 8.50 Jackets reduced to **5.15**
- 7.50 Jackets reduced to **4.98**



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Blankets Comforts  
Light Weights Heavy Weights Full Sizes  
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## WINTER GOODS

Overcoats Caps Gloves Shawls Etc  
Things You Need Now to Keep Out The  
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# THE WINKLER DRY GOODS COMP'NY

## PURCHASERS W. P. OIL CO. REFUSES MAKE AFFIDAVIT

**S. W. Fordyce Declines to Make Known His Associates--Pierce Interested in Deal--Sale May be Nulled.**

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Dec. 8.—S. W. Fordyce, of St. Louis, who yesterday purchased all of the Texas property of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. for approximately one and a half million dollars, today refused to make known his associates, and it is reported that the state will require Fordyce to make affidavit, declaring that he and associates have no connection with the Standard Oil Co. or the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. It is believed that Fordyce will refuse to make such affidavit, and this will renew the fight in the anti-trust suit which has attracted so much attention.

It is claimed that Fordyce has been a business associate of H. Clay Pierce for many years, and it is said he is buying the property for Pierce.

Pierce, who was acquitted of the perjury charge yesterday, is still here, and has not yet made plans for his departure. Fordyce today told Robert Eckhart, receiver, that he would probably make a tour of inspection of the property just bought. The court has not yet entered the final order of sale, the entire time of the attorneys and court being taken up in discussing the point of whether Fordyce shall be required to make full cash payment or permitted to give notes. The claims

of the Clem Oil Co., of Dallas, which has suit pending against the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., and which seeks to have six hundred thousand dollars of the purchase money set aside has not been heard.

## TEXAN INDICTED IN NEW ORLEANS

Special to The Banner.

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—H. Wall, reported to be a resident of Texarkana, was indicted here today under a true grand jury bill alleging that he obtained money under false pretense through true charge was the obtaining of "goods."

The charge grows out of a complaint made by Santo Oteri, who alleges that Wall gave him a check for six hundred and fifty dollars and Oteri states that the check was protested. The check was given in payment for a shipment of bananas to Floresville. The goods were delivered and shipment made but the money was not to be had on the check, hence the charge and indictment.

FOR RENT—Furnished 20-room hotel close to business part of town. Good proposition for right party. Phone 423. d94-2t

## AUTO ENDURANCE CONTESTANTS IN BROWNWOOD

It was 12:45 o'clock when the two-cylinder Auburn, driven by Skeet Hall in the Star-Telegram automobile contest, poked its nose into Center Avenue, and behind the car came a string of local automobiles filled with cheering people, who had been out to meet and escort the car into town. The Auburn was acting as pilot car for the train of cars in the great contest and left San Angelo one hour ahead of the others, which left that city at 7:30 o'clock. The trip from San Angelo was made in 5 hours and 45 minutes, actual running, but the car was on the road 6 hours and 15 minutes by reason of a compulsory stop of 30 minutes at Coleman, which was included in the schedule. The schedule time between the towns of San Angelo and Brownwood was 7 hours and 31 minutes, but all of the cars arrived ahead of schedule time. The pilot car and Skeet Hall were the center of attraction on the streets about 1 o'clock, and the hour an hour and half wait for the other cars passed quickly.

### Auburn Holds its Own.

It is a source of much satisfaction to Brownwood people to know that the Auburn, two cylinder, handled by the Hall Machinery Co., is holding its own in the contest against the larger and more powerful cars. Its success has been little short of marvelous, and has given the Hall Machinery Co. ample room to talk "Auburn" to the prospective buyers. Mr. Crow, who is manager of the contest for the Star-Telegram, says the Auburn made the run from San Angelo without a stop and that the little car and Skeet Hall are there with the goods. C. P. Henley, who accompanied Messrs. Crow and Hall as observer, is loud in his praise of the performance of the Auburn. He says it was a revelation to him.

When the Auburn got within three miles of the city it was met by some three or four Auburn cars and it led the sister cars a merry pace into town.

Brownwood is proud of the Hall Machinery Co. and the Auburn. Brownwood Daily Bulletin, Dec. 3rd. d1t-w1t

### 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 Sixth day of October, 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said Court against L. G. Strawn for the sum of One Hundred Three and Thirty One Hundreds (\$103.30) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1005 in said Court, styled W. S. Morehead versus L. G. Strawn, et al and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of December, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in the Morehead Addition to the town of Crews, as the same appears on the map of said addition now on file in the office of County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, in Book 45, page one of Deed of Records; said addition being a part of the San Miguel survey No. 72, and levied upon as the property of said L. G. Strawn. And on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1910, 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 Lot at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the

property of the said L. G. Strawn, 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 weekly newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of Dec., 1909.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff Runnels County.  
By W. T. PADGETT, Deputy.

J. M. Edwards, chief clerk in the state treasurer's office, arrived in Ballinger Sunday and will be here until about Wednesday on business. Mr. Edwards was formerly a citizen of this place, at one time being local agent for the Santa Fe, and later connected with the Citizens National Bank. He said things were moving along nicely at Austin, but expresses himself in a way that leads us to believe that Ballinger might become his home again, some day.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

## GEOLOGIST SAYS COAL IS FOUND IN RUNNELS

**Scientific and Structural Geologist Says Coal and Oil are Found in Paying Quantities Under Runnels and Coleman Soil.**

O. L. Anderson, a well-known geologist, has been in West Texas some days examining geologic formations, and has the following to say with reference to the status of oil and coal that underly Coleman and Runnels county soils: "I have just made an examination of the Northern, Northeastern and Central portions of Coleman county, and find the marine and carboniferous formations coalense at a point slightly east of the center of that county on a line running almost due north and south with a slip off of the marine formation to the east both in the northern and southern parts of the country.

The carboniferous formations with fresh water indicating, which is the strata indicating coal properties hugs this, running principally to the west and northwest. Under this section are three coal stratas, the first probably appearing in all sections near the top of the ground and consisting of an unfinished rotten shale of no value, wherever found, except in isolated spots. Underneath this, at a depth of 7 to 9 hundred feet in this part of Runnels county may be found a strata running from five to seven feet in thickness of bituminous formation and of a good grade. The third strata lies too deep for profitable mining and is probably overtopped by an oil bearing strata of Trenton rock or shale oil bearing sand that is highly impregnated with gas. This is found in Coleman county

at from 1000 to 1200 feet and dips to the north and west at from 10 to 15 feet per mile, which should place the oil bearing strata here from 1600 to 1800 feet below the surface.

The second strata of coal indicated is in a dip which shelves off towards the south and east with an incline of from 33 to 40 feet per mile in a northwest line.

The whole country is underlaid with lodes of the coarser metals at depths too deep to mine profitably but frequent blowouts of copper, iron and sulphur formations are seen which lead the unthinking to believe that such can be found in lode formation at or near the surface. Such a condition would be an accident, and whether or not it existed could only be ascertained by close examination of the the lodes of seams of coal bearing strata passes near here and unless some unheard of geological conformation is evidenced bears thro' this section of country at the depth indicated. Farther on to the south the dip occurs that carries this bed out under the Gulf of Mexico bed and on into the Andes.

An article dealing with the geological conditions upon which these statements are based would be too long and cumbersome to include in this, nor would it be germane to the article to enter into the reason concerning the increase in thickness and depth of strata to the north and west, even into Alaska where 50 to 100 foot veins are found."

## NEW MEAT MARKET

Every new and modern. We do everything possible to keep our place of business clean and sanitary. We butcher only first class beef and you may be sure that anything you get of us is first class in every respect. Let us show you that we are right

Eighth Street  
Phone No. 170

**A. S. LYON, Prop.**

## Cash Cash Cash

Notice One and All

On and after March 1st 1909, I will put my Business, on a cash basis to one and all, no favoritism shown.

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Royal Baking Powder is the greatest of time and labor savers to the pastry cook. Economizes flour, butter and eggs and makes the food digestible and healthful

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**

Makes most healthful food  
No alum—no lime phosphates  
The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

# The Golden Rule Drug Store

THE NEW DRUG STORE

Just opened in the **Katy Building** a complete assortment of New and Up-to-date Holiday Goods every Article Fresh and New, just from the **Factory** and the price is right.

**DOLLS, DOLLS**, all sizes and kinds except the poor ones. Fine Box Candy the **Ramers** line, the kind the Girls like. Hand Painted China, Medallions, Fancy Pictures, and Mirrors, Toilet Sets, Novelties of the latest style.

**DRUGS, DRUGS**, when you need drugs you need the Best and this is the kind we handle, and the only kind. Prescriptions filled by a competent Registered Pharmacist and they cost you less. Try our Prescription Department for yourself.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and soliciting a share of your patronage, we are,  
Yours respectfully,

## THE GOLDEN RULE DRUG STORE

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Pay your poll tax.

The new year will soon be here and with it comes a bunch of office seekers, no doubt.

Talk good roads! Now is the time to talk, and soon will come the time for intelligent action.

Ballinger boosters are at San Angelo in full force today, to do their share of boosting for West Texas.

A little cold spell now and then is acceptable to all, and endured cheerfully. Punch the fire and keep talking.

Politics is a game that pleases the politicians more than the people. People prefer peace—and prosperity.

The man that attends strictly to his own business is generally the man that can't count his friends on his fingers.

A Massachusetts lady speaks fifty-four languages. It is needless to say that she is, and will remain single.

Permit us to mention the fact that our cotton receipts have almost reached 10,000 bales. And there's 5,000 more to follow!

Every business man should line up for the Business League and help do things. "In unity there is strength." Also wisdom.

It is an unwise plan to wait until Dec. 24th to do your Christmas shopping. It spoils the day and ruins your disposition. Trade today.

War with Nicaragua is highly unnecessary, and there should be some satisfactory solution of the matter without resorting to lethal weapons.

We lost one subscriber yesterday because he thought we should not boost our home town, and secured fourteen new ones who like that sort of a thing.

Give us the man who does not forget, the little sack of nuts, candy, etc., that brings joy to the little folks at home, in preference to the man who sports his fine cigars, cold drinks, etc., but has not the money to spare to remember his little ones at home. The former expenditure is not wasting money, as some people contend. The parent who has taught the little folks to expect nothing from him in the way of little tokens usually carried home in the little paper sack, has not only robbed his little ones of much pleasures but has cheated himself out of pleasures that can never be made up later.—Sweetwater Reporter.

### EXCHANGE COMMENT.

Sitting at the seat customers we hear considerably more of one Leob than we did when he was merely the goat for what Teddy did and what Teddy didn't.—Ft. Worth Record.

Any man that has the proper metal will do better when placed on his own responsibilities than when merely obeying orders from others. Leob is a pretty good, sort, and would doubtless been a muck-raker if he hadn't been a Republican and didn't need the money.

No man becomes rich by inactivity. No town can grow unless her citizens grow with her. Take a long breath and you feel better, the result of expansion. Let the old town expand a little for the sake of her feelings.—Coleman Advertiser.

Wise words, well written. Industrious men and pushing towns go together. For towns, unlike Topsy, don't merely "grow." They are built; and it takes money and men to do the work.

The Texas exhibitors who won prizes at the Chicago Live Stock Show would have captured awards of equal it had been a beauty show. When it comes to prize winners, Texans are the original blue ribboners.—Dallas News.

Were the exhibitors in question ladies? If so, they would have captured all the beauty prizes without half trying. But if they were men—and say, weren't they now?—They would have had as much show of winning the blue ribbons the anti Cannonists will have of shaking Uncle Joseph. For Texas men are brawny, brave and capable, but certainly they claim no dower of beauty. The ladies of the Lone Star have a corner on good looks.

Secretary Knox called President Zelaya of Nicaragua everything that was kin to vituperation even to the fourth degree and then rubbed it in by kicking his representative at Washington out the back door of the White House and sending a fleet of warships to little Nick. A long and bloody war is imminent between the two powers.—Comanche Chief.

Because a few innocent men were killed is no reason why thousands of others should be slain on fields of carnage. Our national honor can be maintained, thousands of lives saved and a horrible war averted if our State Department handles this crisis properly. May our flag ever float in the breezes, unsullied and unshamed, but let bloodshed and conflict come after arbitration fails it all.

The "one-idea" man in Texas politics is a one-sided nuisance. It is entirely permissible to be a prohibitionist, in fact, many call it commendable if one's convictions lead that way, but the man who would subordinate the education of our children, the support of our eleemosynary institutions, the control of our ranger force, the development of our vast resources, the building of railroads and canals, the expansion of our commerce, the promotion of manufacturing, the progress of our cities and towns and communities and the creation of industries for the employment of our people to the work of reforming drunkards through the doubtful experiment of statewide prohibition stands for retrogression and dry-rot rather than for live Christian progress.—Austin Statesman.

'Tis pity, 'tis true that the proposition has bubbled up and promises to be the paramount issue in the campaign. There are both prohibitionists and antis that would fill the bill, but in overlooking other important issues, it is possible to elect a man that would fall short of making the kind of governor Texas needs at this particular time.

We don't believe the great body of prohibitionists throughout the state are going to be misled by the catch vote scheme of the Hon. R. V. Davidson, as candidate for governor. There was a time not many years ago when the pros might with impunity have accepted a man who individually was opposed to the great principal they advocate, and who was willing to let them have a fighting chance; but not so now. They have grown strong enough to take care of themselves without invading the enemy's camp to find a man for governor. Texas will either be a state-wide or a straight out anti.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Just so; we have the utmost contempt for a man who tries to straddle the fence on any question, and it may be that Mr. Davidson has some good planks in his platform, no doubt he has, but we prefer to vote for a man who is an avowed enemy to a cause than one who pretends to be a friend, and yet has a record that proves right the opposite. Davidson's scheme to catch pro votes will no doubt work on some, but will mean victory for the man who runs through as a straight anti.

The Ballinger bunch at the Development Congress will be heard not only from much speaking but from what they say.

You have had ample time to prepare for winter, and don't look sour just because winter has caught you unprepared. Smile, it is more profitable.

### A SUCCESSFUL CONGRESS.

The West Texas Development Congress has not yet completed its labors; in fact, its work has only commenced, yet The Banner feels justified in the statement that the Congress is in every sense of the word a distinct and far-reaching success. Its foundation stone is the long-felt need of West Texas for a broader cooperation, and the delegates attending the first session are fully cognizant of the requirements of our section, and are ready to devote their time, talent and money in the endeavor to hasten the better era that even now is dawning. Recognizing the varied industries, purposes and ambitions of the people they represent, members of this assembly have approached every subject in a spirit of patriotic liberality, and breadth of viewpoint, and have conducted their deliberations along parallels of wise and earnest thought.

That this movement will broaden in its sweep and gain in momentum until it percolates all portions of West Texas, and becomes a dynamic force of tremendous strength for the grander, more glorious West Texas is the sincere belief of The Banner. And to the end that these purposes may be achieved, The Banner tenders its humble, yet willing, efforts and service.

### A CREAMERY WILL PAY.

W. B. Kendrick, living south of the city, has received his first weekly check for the delivery of cream to the Tyler creamery. It amounted to \$32.70. We are informed that Mr. Kendrick milks about seven cows. His son attends the public schools of this city and delivers the cream before going to school. Mr. Kendrick expresses himself as being delighted with the price received for his cream saying that it brings him more than if he were to churn the milk and sell the butter. The history of Mr. Kendrick's dealings with the creamery are borne out by men all over the country who patronize a creamery. Without exception they get more money by selling to the creamery than they can possibly do by attempting to

sell butter themselves.—Tyler Courier-Times.

A creamery is one of the best industries that can be added to a town and the cooner the Ballinger creamery is put in operation the better. And not only the town, but all the county will be helped. This Tyler man received over \$30 for the cream from the milk of seven cows, and then lost very little time from his regular farm work. Add to this the skimmed milk he got back which makes excellent fattening food for hogs, and the real benefits of the creamery to the country man can be readily seen. Let us have our creamery please.

### ZELAYA AND FOLLOWERS TO FLEE FROM COUNTRY.

Special to The Banner. Washington, Dec. 7.—According to information received here this morning from Americans in Nicaragua, leaders of the Zelaya administration are perfecting plans to seize all their riches and spoils and flee from the country. Zelaya will find it a difficult matter to get away on account of the American officers who would immediately pursue him as the Washington government is determined to hold him personally responsible for the murder of Groce and Cannon.

Miss Vivian White returned to her home at Coleman, Tuesday, after a visit to Miss Maggie Sharp.

Attorney W. E. Sayle, of this city, returned Tuesday from a trip to Ft. Worth.

Mrs. S. D. Williams returned Tuesday from a very pleasant visit with relatives at San Angelo.

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## Full Car of Holiday Goods

We have in transient a large car of goods bought especially for the Holiday trade. In this car we have some fine Parlor Suits, Dining Room Suits, Fancy Art Dressers, Music Cabinets, etc, put up in odd pieces for Christmas presents. We want you to see these before you buy a present for a Christmas Gift. :: ::

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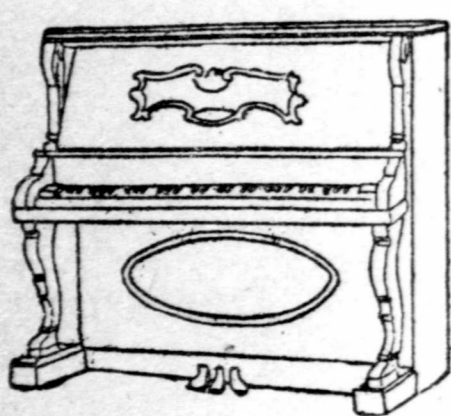
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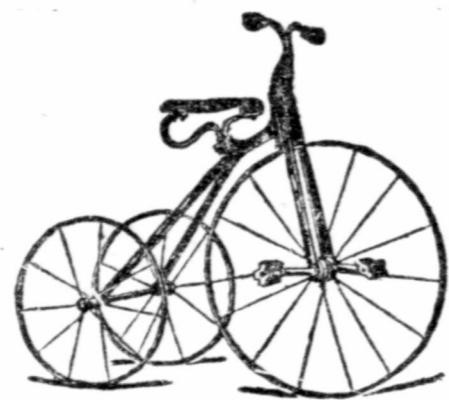
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Folks we can supply the hard to of Presents for the Grown People ks, Manicure Sets, Smoking Sets, To appreciate you must come see.

## Y DRUG STORE

### ENGINE EXPLODES KILLS TWO MEN

Special to The Banner:  
Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 6.—Engineer H. F. Ellis and Fireman J. J. Saunders were instantly killed today at Gerlock, Oklahoma, when the boiler of engine drawing Santa Fe freight train at full speed, exploded. Ellis' body was thrown three hundred feet and Saunders' seventy-five feet.

Fresh car Albatross Flour just received. You know it's the best. Only \$3.80.  
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A. F. Roberts, the Winters druggist, was a visitor to this city Sunday.

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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., and it cured him. Mrs. B. 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.

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

### FT. WORTH CITIZEN INJURED IN WRECK

Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 4.—O. R. Menefee, a wealthy lumberman and former president of the Ft. Worth Fair Association, was seriously injured this morning, and his son and daughter slightly hurt, when the auto in which they were riding skidded against a post at the railroad crossing, on South Main Street. Menefee was badly cut, and suffered a bruised arm and shoulder. The machine was totally demolished.

Sheet music, string instruments, phonographs and records. Ballinger Music Co.

### FARMER FROM MISSISSIPPI FLEECE

En Route to West Texas, Young Man is Held up at Ft. Worth.

Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 6.—A. W. Gary, a young farmer from Mississippi, who was here en route West Texas, is today searching for two confidence men who represented the post office to be a "pool betting hall," and fleeced him of fifteen dollars.

Gary formed the acquaintance of the two men in the railway station and accompanied them to the postoffice. He was told that the clerks in the mailing room were handling bets and race returns. Gary entrusted fifteen dollars to the fake bookmakers who hurried to the rear corridor to place the bet. He appealed to the police when they failed to return.

Nice up-to-date stock of popular sheet music at Ballinger Music Co. dlt-wtf

Old instruments, horses or cows taken in exchange for new pianos or organs. Ballinger Music Co.

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New Company.**

Plans which have been forming for several weeks past were put into concrete form Saturday night with the organization of the Ballinger Loan Company, which has for its purpose the loaning of money on West Texas farm and ranch securities.

Such an institution has been long needed in Ballinger and West Texas, and as there are no other concerns of like nature in this section of the broad Empire of Texas, the gentlemen behind it are to be regarded as pioneers, blazing the way to greater development and prosperity. The company is organized with a capital stock of \$50,000.00 and Eastern financial connections formed whereby ample funds may be secured should their own capital prove insufficient to meet the demand. These funds will be loaned on lands in Western Texas, in conservative amounts, proportioned to the land values, at the lowest possible rate of interest, and will be used in the purchase of gilt-edged vendor lien notes and in the taking up and extending of purchase money notes for those who are purchasing and improving homes in this section, and who, for any good reason, have been unable to meet their obligations thereon; a feature which will be a vast help and benefit of the home-builders of the country.

The company begins its career with ample means, and a list of

the officers and members is an all-sufficient guarantee of its prosperity and success, as well as of the great good it will do. The officers are A. H. Van Pelt, President; B. B. Stone, Vice-President; Paul Trimmier, Secretary-Treasurer, and these gentlemen, together with Gus Noyes, C. R. Stephens, R. R. Russell and M. A. Traylor, form the directorate.

In order that it may have the title records at its command and be in a better position to more readily accommodate its friends and customers while at the same time protect themselves, the new concern has taken over the plant of the Bennett Abstract Co., which is one of the most complete and perfect abstract plant in the state, and will carry on the abstract business as one of its most important departments.

Col. R. L. Bennett, who built the plant, and who has the reputation of being more familiar with the titles and records of Runnels county than any other man, has been secured as manager of the abstract department, and will give his whole attention to the abstract business, and the Bennett Abstract Company will continue to serve its friends and customers in the same manner as heretofore.

The new company having been successfully launched, bids fair to be a credit to its organizers and the friend and champion of

the home builders of Western Texas who may find themselves in need of help.

## ARE MICROBES IN YOUR SCALP?

**It Has Been Proven That Microbes Cause Baldness.**

Prof. Unna of Hamburg, Germany, and Dr. Sabourand, the leading French dermatologist, discovered that a microbe causes baldness. This theory has time and again been amply verified through research experiments carried on under the observation of eminent scientists. This microbe lodges in the Sebun, which is the natural hair oil, and when permitted to flourish it destroys the hair follicles and in time the pores entirely close, and the scalp gradually takes on a shiny appearance. When this happens there is no hope of the growth of the hair being revived.

Dandruff is a contagious disease, which is largely due to a destructive microbe, which when left to pursue its course causes itching scalp, falling hair and baldness. Dandruff is caused by the microbe affecting the glands which produce the sebaceous matter, which latter then unnaturally dries up and scales off.

We have a remedy which will, we honestly believe, exterminate the microbe, promote good circulation in the scalp and around the hair roots, tighten and revitalize the hair roots and overcome baldness, so long as there is any life left in the hair roots.

We back up this statement with our personal guarantee that this remedy called Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will be supplied free of all cost to the user if it fails to do as we state.

It will frequently restore gray and faded hair to its original color, provided loss of color has been caused by disease; yet it is in no sense a dye. Rexall "93" Hair

Tonic accomplishes these results by making every hair root, follicle and pigment gland strong and active, and by stimulating a natural flow of coloring pigment throughout the hair cells.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is entirely free from grease or sediment, is exceedingly pleasant to use and will not gum the hair or permanently soil the clothing or pillows.

We exact no obligations or promises—we simply ask you to give it a thorough trial and if not satisfied tell us and we will refund the money the money you paid for it. Two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain it in Ballinger only at our store.—The Rexall Store. The Walker Drug Co.

### SHERIFF FLYNT A GOOD LAND AGENT.

About twenty land sales were consummated today when Sheriff Flynt sold at public auction to the highest bidder as many tracts of land. Various prices were paid, and up to the time of going to press the sale was still in progress and we could not get the total consideration, but it will run up into the thousands. Different parties bought in the land all of which was sold under the hammer.

### FARMER USES SHOT GUN TO END LIFE.

Special to The Banner.  
Terrell, Tex., Dec. 7.—Joe Bennett, a farmer living seven miles south of Terrell, shot himself to death with a shot gun at eight o'clock Monday morning. He leaves a wife and several small children. It is supposed that brooding over business troubles caused him to commit suicide.

### NEARLY ZERO WEATHER IN OKLAHOMA.

Special to The Banner.  
Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 7.—The mercury stood three above zero here this morning. This is the lowest it has gone this winter. It is reported that the cattle on the range are suffering severely from the wintry blasts.

### MONEY TO LOAN.

We will make liberal loans on your land, take up and extend vendor's lien notes, or will buy vendor's lien notes. Can get quick action. BROWN BROS. Austin, Texas. Write or call on Jo W. Smith, Ballinger, Tex. wtf

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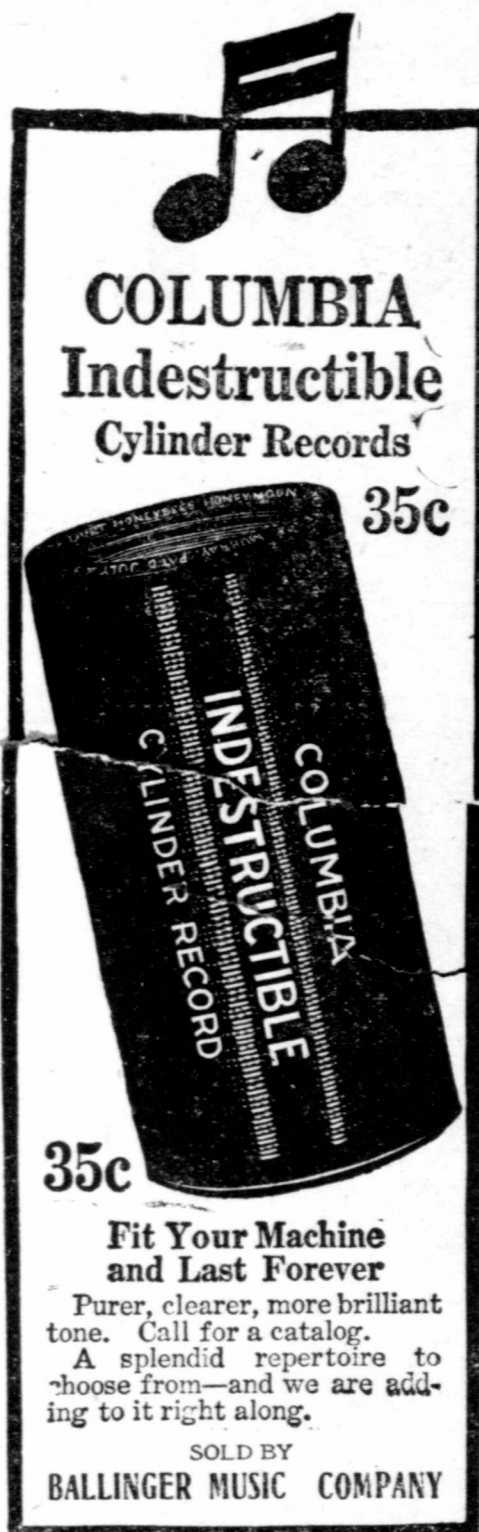
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## THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WEST

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homes of ten million farmers, their fields with white cotton, waving with grain. Hear the shriek of the locomotive in every direction, listen to the factory whistle calling man to happy, remunerative labor, view the thousand and stock farms with the cattle, gentle, soft eyed wealth producing, the horses clean of limb, fancy of movement, pleasure giving, gaze with wonder eyes upon cities beautiful, towering buildings, paved streets, parks and fountains, boasting of a quarter million population. Then it will be no marvel to see the Dallas News, the Galveston News, the Houston Post, the San Antonio Express and the Ft. Worth Record seeking homes in Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene, Brownwood, Stamford, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, El Paso, Dalhart or any other city of the Great West.

These are not dreams to pass with the darkness of night, but are visions of the future, realizations of this Congress.

## LA., NEGRO GETS DEATH SENTENCE

Convicted of Murder, Dash Mitchell is Sentenced to Hang.

Special to The Banner.  
Shreveport, La., Dec. 4.—Dash Mitchell, colored, charged with murdering another negro, was convicted this morning in the district court in session at this place and sentenced to hang. Several members of the jury which sentenced Mitchell were on the jury which recently sentenced J. C. Fulton, white, to life imprisonment for the murder of John Howard, another white man.

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## The Gateway to Success

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

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

## The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

# COMMERCIAL CLUB A FACTOR IN WEST TEXAS DEVELOPEMENT

Address Delivered Before West  
Texas Development Congress  
by Homer D. Wade, of  
Stamford, Texas.

A Commercial organization is essentially a business concern. If conducted otherwise it is a failure to begin with. It is a clearing house for everything that is for the upbuilding of the town and country, and should be the center from which everything for the upbuilding of the town and country should radiate. Commercial organizations concern themselves with the material development of the community, but other agencies should be employed to serve the distinctive moral and intellectual interests.

Natural advantages are the greatest benefit to our West Texas towns. The town or community that depends upon its natural resources, without any effort to develop and exploit them, can only hope to reach a modest degree of success. The town that is organized is therefore turning things up. I said a moment ago that a commercial organization was a business institution. I repeat the sentiment and say that no business concern can succeed unless it has a financial standing and financial and moral backing.

The town that is in the race for commercial supremacy in West Texas must have some one to guide its destinies, and it therefore is incumbent on such a town to find such a one, and to do it must expect to pay the price. When it brings itself to this conclusion its citizenship must rally morally and financially to this view and with the realization of the necessary co-operation, it will push forward, and not before.

#### Plan of Financing.

A plan of financing should be adopted, that is as far as possible, equitable to the participants thereof. I think perhaps the nearest approach to this is the regular membership fee small enough to let any man who is interested in the development of the town become a member, and large enough that it will have a material bearing upon the financial standing. This membership fee adopted, there should be a graduated subscription. In the town of Stam-

ford, where it is my pleasure to act as secretary of the commercial club, our subscriptions range from one dollar per month per member to \$75 per month per firm. This gives us an income of about \$500 per month, and this amount to adequate for the maintenance of the club's headquarters the payment of the secretary and his assistant's salary and a fair sized fund for exploitation, entertainment, etc.

#### Co-operation a Necessity.

I believe that every citizen who earns a livelihood in a town should be willing to invest something in the development of that town and should be made to realize that his earning capacity is in proportion to the development of the town and section. I insist that the enterprising people of a town or community should patronize only the enterprising people of their class. To put it in another way, I believe in reciprocity. The man who will not invest in the upbuilding of his town, either for selfish or other reasons, has no right to expect and should not receive the support of those who are devoting their time, energy, effort and means to the upbuilding of that town. This co-operative spirit should not be confined simply to the men, but should permeate the entire citizenship.

#### Women's Efforts Helpful.

In my experience and observation I have found that the most valuable asset in this connection is the organized co-operation of the women, and as an example of this I point with pride to the fifteen miles of concrete sidewalks and fourteen blocks of paved streets in my town as a monument to the organized efforts of the ladies of the town. Their especial help is desirable in civic improvements, and in dispensing hospitality, entertainments, etc.

Second, the country prospers as the town prospers and vice versa. Therefore, there should be the fullest co-operation between the town and country. This can be given in securing good roads, en-

couraging diversification, securing the location of enterprises that will bring money to the farmers; also encouraging intense farming, better seed, in fact better farming in every sense of the word as well as encouraging educational environments.

Third, every town should feel that as its neighbors prosper it will prosper, and therefore the spirit of town rivalry should be encouraged and promoted. On the other hand, town jealousy should be decried and discouraged in every sense of the word.

Fourth, every town should look to its better part by the town by encouraging its trade and adding to its capital, than by reaching out after another such concern, that would put the one on the ground out of business.

Make the enterprises you have grow before encouraging others of a like nature to come into your town and section. In other words the promulgation of the doctrine of patronizing home industry will be a very strong asset when reaching out after new enterprises. Do not understand me to say that I oppose working for new enterprises. Neither do I object to encouraging competition, but oftentimes better service can be given and greater results can be obtained by giving support to the enterprises a town already has.

#### About Bonuses.

In undertaking to get new enterprises, the commercial organization should attempt to get those that would be first of benefit to the town, and section, they should get those for which there is a field. For an enterprise to fail in a town discourages others. In this connection I think too many towns are too grasping. They show this by their large bonuses for small enterprises, and the results are that they encourage the bonus idea, and furthermore, they give hope to unreliable investors, whose only object is to secure the bonus. The professional bonus hunter should be put out of business. Summing up this question, permit me to urge that the commercial organizations of West Texas decide for themselves what enterprises their towns need and can support, and what enterprises would do well in their particular sections. Having decided this question, let them go after these particular enterprises, offering such inducements as the merits of the various enterprises would warrant, and no more.

#### Organizations Vary.

Commercial organizations, like other business concerns, are of different kinds. There are commercial organizations in name only, the perennial organization and the live organization.

The organization in name only hurts a town in this way: The investor or homeseeker writes the organization, and in getting no re-

sponse, or in getting a response that means nothing, is naturally disappointed, and the entire town and country gets the credit of the same; or it happens that the investor visits the town at his own expense, and when he arrives there he finds no one to give him information or the intelligence that he desires, and he becomes a knocker to that town. Inactivity in a town from an organization standpoint is always hurtful and it is better that the town should have no such organization than to have one that exists in name only.

Summing up briefly, organization and co-operation are the foundation stones for the town and community development, and the town that is in the race for supremacy in West Texas must realize this: The best interests of West Texas can only be subserved by live organizations, proper co-operation with each other, and by these means showing to the world the advantages, resources and possibilities of this section, and the sooner the organizations of the West get the idea that their success is dependent upon their own efforts, co-operation and organization, the sooner will the West take its rightful place as the best half of Texas, and the world will know that the West is in the middle of the road for progress and prosperity.

#### THE VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL.

The Ladies Home Journal: We did not like it exactly when Ferrer the Italian historian, after his American visit of last year, said that "rural America is a vast expanse of unbeautiful village communities." But we could not deny the accusation. Of course we have here and there, picturesque clusters of homes, but take the average American village and it is straggling, unkempt, disordered—not only unbeautiful, but positively ugly. If there were any reason why this should be so it would be one thing, but there is not. Every village can be beautiful—if the people only have the proper spirit. One woman with the right spirit and the requisite energy and tact can make the ugliest village beautiful. Think of what it would mean to every face of America if one woman in every American village would make up her mind that her village was to be the most beautiful one in the neighborhood. We talk much of the "uplift" of communities, and we talk on a large scale. But the only "uplift" that amounts to a row of pins is that which begins with the effort of some single individual in a community. And the single individual is generally a woman. Where women are content with their surroundings it is man-nature to accept things as they are. Men derive their aspirations for better living from women. There is not a group of men, however impossible they may seem at first glance, who can remain indifferent where a woman or a group of women are determined on having as much order and beauty as they can have within their scope of possibility. No man can withstand a woman when she really sets out to influence him. If our village women could only realize this fact, awaken their latest qualities and use their influence that God has given them to make their spots on the earth as beautiful as possible, America in a very short time would not be accused of having "a vast expanse of unbeautiful village communities." The opportunity for women with time on their hands are unlimited in this work.

#### DIED.

At the residence of her brother Jobe E. Wright, Monday evening, Dec. 6, at six o'clock, Miss Vidella Wright, age 34 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. M. E. Hudson from the residence, 1200 Hitchings Avenue this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## Points Worth Knowing

The non-interest-bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank will be secured by the depositors guaranty fund of the State of Texas, on and after the first day of January 1910. This plan has been almost universally adopted by the State Banks throughout Texas and is known to be a sure and solid plan of guaranty. Further information will be furnished upon request. : : :

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Winters, Texas.

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The Carlsbad of America, where Life Giving Waters Flow. Marlin Hot Water is stronger and hotter than the famous Carlsbad, Germany water. The analysis showing its chemical properties to be almost identical but twenty-five (25) per cent stronger. Marlin Hot Water is a sure specific for Rheumatism, Stomach Troubles and all Blood diseases. Thousands are testifying to remarkable and phenomenal cures effected. Round trip rates year round on all railroads, good for sixty days. Excellent hotel accommodations. Good boarding house facilities. Rates from \$5.00 a week to \$3.00 per day. For further particulars address

## Marlin Commercial Club, MARLIN, TEXAS.

## 360,000 POUND WOOL DEAL

Wool Growers Storage Company  
Sells Their Holdings for  
\$70,000.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 6.—Caldwell Palmer, representing Jeremiah Williams & Co., of Boston, this morning bought the wool holdings of the Wool Growers Central Storage Co., amounting to three hundred and sixty thousand pounds. No figures are given out as the price per pound, other than it sold, on a scoured basis, at the same price, landed in Boston, as the Kerrville wool. Herefore the Kerrville wool has been bringing about two cents per lb. more than San Angelo wool.

The Wool Growers Central Storage Company probably realized from the three hundred and sixty thousand pounds between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

The shipment of the fleecy staple bought by Mr. Palmer will likely begin the early part of the coming week.

This sale cleans up all of the fall clip in San Angelo, aggregating three-fourths of a million pounds.

## WIND UP THE OLD YEAR RIGHT.

T. F. Hogan, the optician, will be with the Walker Drug Co. from Dec. 20 to 22. Better wind up the old year right by calling on him and having him fit your eyes with a pair of the celebrated toric Kryptok glasses, with which you can see perfectly both near and far. All corrections guaranteed two years. Don't forget the time and place w10&17 d11&18

Why buy elsewhere when you can get it here just as cheap? Ballinger Music Co. wtf Mon daily.

## \$20,000 REAL ESTATE DEAL YESTERDAY

One Large Deal and Three Smaller Ones Made by C. A. Doose & Co.

C. A. Doose & Co. sold to a party who has been a resident of this county for twenty-two years, and who requests that his name be not published, 640 acres of land on Valley Creek, out of the H. C. Wylie ranch at \$25 per acre. This party has seen land advance here from \$2 to \$25 and \$50 per acre, and he no doubt sees a higher price coming.

Doose & Co. also sold to C. Ulrich, of Williamson county, 120 acres of raw land out of the R. K. Wylie ranch at \$17.50 per acre. And to J. L. Buff, of Coleman county, 86 acres out of the Houghton-Robinson ranch at \$17 per acre. To J. T. Cook, of Brown county, 110 acres out of the Houghton-Robinson ranch, at a total consideration of \$1994.50.

All this land will be improved, houses built, and converted into farms, which means more trade for Ballinger.

## HOME BURNED.

The Mirror is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. M. L. Jackson of Ballinger in which she states that they lost their home.

all household goods were saved Oct. 24th. The fire was caused by a defective flue. Whether that the cause was insisted on as the cause, she only responds to many use them in their homes.

J. T. Cook

## Ballinger Steam Bakery

W. T. PADGETT, Mgr.

We bake the best Bread, Pies and Cakes and deliver to any part of the city. Everything about our Bakery is clean and kept in the best sanitary condition. We will appreciate your business. Phone 165.

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*Christmas Display*

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Our New Stock is **Full of Attractions** to buyers who appreciate superior and really desirable Holiday Gifts of the latest designs and best quality.

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We want to **Show You**, because seeing is more Convincing than hearing and we want to convince you that we have the best stock of suitable

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But Come and let US show you,  
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ALL ARE EQUAL. The large depositor and the small one alike meet with courteous treatment and the business of both is given careful, painstaking attention. We realize that our interests are mutual. We need your patronage, and you need the good banking service enjoyed by every one of our customers. We

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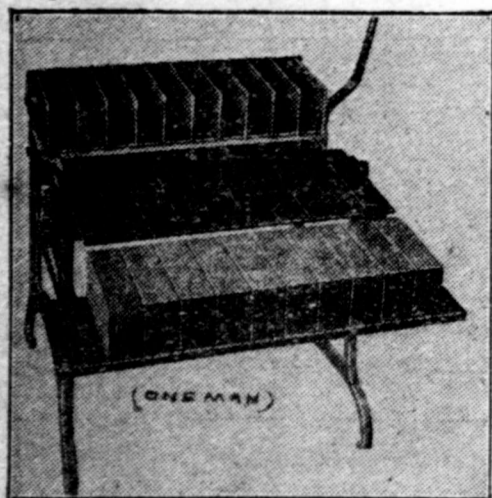
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Drinking pure water is the only way to avoid sickness during hot weather. We make pure distilled water and deliver in five gallon bottles. Will sell you a water book and you can order as you need it.

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## PERMANENT ORGANIZATION OF WESTERN CONGRESS

Temporary Officers Made Permanent. To-day's Program of Vital Interest--Banquet to be Given To-night.

Special to The Banner.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 7.—Tuesday's session of the West Texas Development Congress was attended by perhaps two hundred delegates, and many visitors, and the program as rendered was of vital interest.

The Committee on Credentials reported that 122 delegates registered Monday, representing 24 counties west of the 98th meridian. They recommended that all later arrivals register and be permitted to take part in the proceedings. This was adopted unanimously.

The committee on permanent organization recommended that the temporary officers be made permanent, and their report was accepted. These officers are: W. T. Bartholomew, President; Homer D. Wade, Secretary and R. P. Kirk, Sergeant-at-arms.

At 10:30 o'clock Hon. J. A. Arnold, President of the Commercial Secretaries' Association, delivered his famous illustrated lecture on Texas. His address bristled with facts and figures showing the possibilities of our state, and was heartily enjoyed by attending delegates.

C. B. Metcalfe, the San Angelo farmer, followed with an interesting talk on farming, and showed what could be done in West Texas by the introduction of intensive methods.

W. B. Phillips, of Austin, spoke on "Our Coal Resources," and M. L. Swineheart, of Pecos, talked interestingly on "Irrigation," referring especially to conditions in the Pecos valley.

In the afternoon Judge Chas. E. Davidson, of Ozona, spoke of the wool growing industry, and showed how improved methods would aid the growers.

Hon. James Callan, of Menardville, President of the Texas Cattle Growers' Association, addressed the Congress on the cattle industry, and his effort was a strong exposition of this great industry in which Texas leads.

A. H. Martin, of El Paso, spoke on railroad building; Hon. Hatton W. Summers, of Dallas, discussed the kind of immigration the West needs, and Judge J. P. Stinson, of Anson, spoke on practical road building. This closed the Program for afternoon, and the assembly adjourned until Wednesday morning. A big banquet will be held at the armory barracks tonight, in honor of visiting members.

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### CHOKED TO DEATH

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptoms of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup.

Otis Hearne was among the Winters people who transacted business here Monday.

You may do worse; you can't do better than to buy a mattress made at home. Ballinger Mattress Factory.

J. W. Babb, of Ft. Worth, was here Monday on business.

The largest line of Winter Lap Robes in the city. Just received Call at R. L. Shaffers and see them.

Mrs. Dougal Cameron returned Monday from a visit to home-folks at Talpa. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Ollie Evans, who will visit her several days.

Always say to your grocer: "Remember I want Ballinger Mill flour" and that you will have no other.

Troy Simpson, who is attending Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, visited relatives in the city Sunday and Monday.

### POSTED KEEP OUT.

My place on Valley creek is posted and I give fair warning to all trespassers to stay out. Positively no fishing, hunting, cutting timber, gathering pecans, or trespassing in any way will be tolerated. This means everybody and I will prosecute those who violate this warning.

wtf J. W. RABY.  
Lester Freeman and T. Grimes were up from Talpa Monday.

### WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write to Dr. Pierce and receive free the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience—a skilled and successful specialist in the diseases of women. Every letter of this sort has the most careful consideration and is regarded as sacredly confidential. Many sensitively modest women write fully to Dr. Pierce what they would shrink from telling to their local physician. The local physician is pretty sure to say that he cannot do anything without "an examination." Dr. Pierce holds that these distasteful examinations are generally needless, and that no woman, except in rare cases, should submit to them.

Dr. Pierce's treatment will cure you right in the privacy of your own home. His "Favorite Prescription" has cured hundreds of thousands, some of them the worst of cases.

It is the only medicine of its kind that is the product of a regularly graduated physician. The only one good enough that its makers dare to print its every ingredient on its outside wrapper. There's no secrecy. It will bear examination. No alcohol and no habit-forming drugs are found in it. Some unscrupulous medicine dealers may offer you a substitute. Don't take it. Don't trifle with your health. Write to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Dr. R. V. Pierce, President, Buffalo, N. Y.,—take the advice received and be well.



Miss May Files returned to her home at Itasca Sunday, after a visit to Mrs. Dr. J. G. Douglass.

Get a Monitor Windmill from Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

Mrs. Jno. F. Maddox went to Ovalo Sunday to visit for a few days.

Always say to your grocer: "Remember I want Ballinger Mill flour" and that you will have no other.

We are in a position to advance more money per acre on land than any loan company doing business in this part of the state. We can take care of your land notes. We loan money at 8 per cent and charge you nothing for making your abstract of title.

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

### TRUITT SCHOOL OPENS TODAY.

The Truitt Public School opened this morning with Prof. T. T. Neal in charge, ably assisted by Miss Lena Waller. This is one of our strong county schools.

Miss Jessie Armstrong, of Rowena, returned home Saturday after a pleasant visit with the family of Ben S. Long, of this city.

W. Meeks, of Winters was here Monday on business.

# SANTA CLAUS Wants to see all the Children in Ballinger and Runnels county at KINZER'S



Our Store is a Solid Bank of Toys—a veritable Toyland.

- Dolls,
  - Doll Houses,
  - Doll Furniture,
  - Doll Tea Sets,
  - Doll Trunks,
  - Doll Go-Cart,
  - Toy Trains
  - Automobiles,
  - Wagons
  - Fire Wagons
  - Milk Wagons
  - Hobby Horses,
  - Merry-Go-Rounds
  - Drums,
  - Horns,
  - Whistles,
  - Flutes,
  - Balls,
  - Blocks,
  - Rubber Toys,
  - Rattlers,
  - Toy Wash Tubs,
  - Washboards,
  - Clothes Pins,
  - Toy Barns,
  - Toy Houses,
  - Noah's Ark,
  - Horses,
  - Cows,
  - Dogs,
  - Animals,
- For the older folks we have some nice presents in
- Chinaware,
  - Manicure Sets,
  - Collars and Cuff Boxes,
  - Comb and Brush,
  - Sets, Albums, Etc.

Your dimes will buy a lots of Christmas at Our Store. It's real headquarters for Santa Claus this year at

# KINZER'S

# Great Half Price Sale of Millinery

EVERYTHING AT HALF

The Most Important Sale ever held in Ballinger and the First of its kind where you have been invited to come and select anything you want in Millinery at Exactly Half Price.

Trimmed Hats, Choice of them all at Half Price



All Misses' and Girl's Trimmed Hats at Just One Half

In Short Everything in the Millinery Stock at Half Price. We have Hundreds of the Choicest Hats in Ballinger as Low as \$1.50 Now 75c; as High as \$15.00 Now \$7.50. Could you wish for anything better right here when you need a Hat most, to say nothing of the many parties, etc. you will attend during Xmas, when a good looking Hat will come in nicely.

## Everything Will Be Sold At Half Price

Tomorrow, FRIDAY, will be a Busy Day regardless of the Weather, so come early and make your Selections, before the big crowds come. Rules Governing Sale: Positively No Hats Charged--None Sent Out On Trial. Every Fur in the House will be Sold at 25 to 33 1-3 per cent Off Regular Price

## Special - Reduction News From The Ready-to-Wear Section - Special

	Remarkable indeed are the Special Prices made for the last days of December. We intend making a Busy End to a Busy Month. Suits, Dresses, Coats and Waists at Great Reductions. An opportunity to save Big Money during December.			
	Ladies' Suits	Dresses	Skirts	
	Choice any \$35.00 Suit	Choice any \$25.00 Dress	Choice any \$12.50 Skirt	
	\$24.95	\$19.95	\$9.95	
	Choice any \$27.50 Suit	Choice any \$22.50 Dress	Choice any \$10.00 Skirt	
	22.45	18.45	7.95	
	Choice any \$25.00 Suit	Choice any \$20.00 Dress	Choice any \$8.50 Skirt	
	19.50	15.98	6.90	
	Choice any \$22.50 Suit	Choice any \$18.50 Dress	Choice any \$7.50 Skirt	
	16.95	14.80	5.95	
	Choice any \$20.00 Suit	Choice any \$16.50 Dress	Choice any \$6.50 Skirt	
	15.45	12.95	5.20	
	Choice any \$18.50 Suit	Choice any \$15.00 Dress	Choice any \$5.00 Skirt	
	14.95	11.95	3.98	
Choice any \$15.00 Suit	Choice any \$12.50 Dress	Choice any \$4.00 Skirt		
11.95	9.95	3.20		
Choice any \$10.00 Suit	Choice any \$10.00 Dress	Choice any \$3.50 Skirt		
8.95	8.95	2.88		
Choice any \$8.50 Suit	Choice any \$7.50 Dress			
6.98	5.95			

We Urge You to be On Hand Friday and Take Advantage of the Reductions

### Prices on Suits and Overcoats have Dropped---Drop In and SEE

Choice of any \$25.00 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	\$19.50
Choice of any \$22.50 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	17.95
Choice of any \$20.00 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	15.95
Choice of any \$18.50 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	14.85
Choice of any \$15.00 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	11.95
Choice of any \$12.50 Suit or Overcoat in House at .....	9.95
Choice of any \$10.00 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	7.95
Choice of any \$8.50 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	6.90
Choice of any \$7.50 Suit or Overcoat in the House at .....	5.95

Why Not do Your Xmas Shopping Here? Many Xmas Suggestions--Read

Suspenders	Umbrellas	Fancy Vests	Smoking Jackets	Linen Sets	Cuff Buttons
Bath Robes	Silk Hose	Sweaters	Hand Bags	Napkins	Scarf Pins
Pajamas	Suit Cases	House Slippers	Silk Hosiery	Handkerchiefs	Silk Waists
Dress Gloves	Linen Handkerchiefs.	Head Scarfs	Duster Racks	Scarfs	Kid Gloves
Mufflers	Hats	Shoes	Laundry Bags	Furs	Felt Slippers
Neckwear	Shirts	Overcoats	Pin Trays	Muffs	Crochet Slippers
				Lounging Robes	Down Quilts
<b>Buy Your Xmas Goods Now and we will Deliver Any Time You Say</b>					

# Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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# W. H. DAVIS' BIG REMOVAL SALE

On Saturday, Dec. 11th, will begin one of the most terrific Bargain Battles of Modern Times

## And There's A Reason

We positively are going to move this Stock to other quarters the first of the coming year, and this

## BIG REMOVAL SALE

will mean the Saving of many Dollars to you. A Sale where every attractive feature in buying and saving money will overshadow all other retail events and Jumped Up Sales greater in proportion, and more marvelous in Values. Every Department in this Store, will lean towards you with its Burden of Bargains. No man, woman or child can afford to miss this most unusual opportunity to economize. The whole Store will be ablaze with Bargains and "The Cold Winds are whispering buy up Your Winter Supplies.

## Remember The Place--The House That's Going to Move

The Big Cash Store

# W. H. DAVIS

The Big Cash Store

### BOND ISSUE TALK FROM THE FARMERS

**Farmers Almost Unanimous for Bonds--Some do not Understand The Issue--Favorable Expressions.**

Saturday week, Dec. 18th, voters of the Ballinger precinct will pass upon one of the most important questions that ever came before a people--the good road question. As is well known, by perhaps every voter in the precinct, a move is on foot to issue one hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds for the purpose of building roads. It is a foregone conclusion that the question will carry and by a good majority. The Banner man obtained the following expressions from a number of farmers, who are perhaps more directly interested in the good roads move: "I signed the petition," said B. F. Kemp, "and of course will so vote." W. W. McElroy said "yes, I

will vote for bonds, because we need the roads, and I know of no better way to get them, and we will get out of working the roads." Mr. McElroy laughed when referring to the road working. Lon Mapes, one of the heavy tax payers of the precinct, said he was in favor of the bond issue, but wanted to know more about the matter in reference as to how the money would be used. "I am perfectly willing to bear my part of the burden," said Mr. Mapes, "but I want some of the benefit, and want to see the money properly proportioned out on the different roads of the district." We feel safe in saying for the benefit of Mr. Mapes and others, who take this view of the question, that the commissioner's

court will see that the money is proportioned out on all the roads, and that every voter in the district will be benefitted accordingly.

"I will vote for the bonds," says N. J. Wardlaw. "But, I tell you what I am opposed to. I am not in favor of building another bridge on the Colorado river so close to present one. I think it would be a better plan to double the width of the present one and if this is not done someone will be hurt, or probably killed, as the travel over that bridge now makes it almost impossible to cross there at times without a long wait, and it is very dangerous. Put me down for the bonds." J. H. Walker says he has not paid much attention to the question, but what he did know about it was not in favor of the issue. "I think I will vote for the bonds," said S. B. Whittsey. "The people out my way are not taking any interest in the election now." Eddie Pope said he didn't know how to vote; did not understand the question but was for good roads.

### ONLY 28 PER CENT IN CULTIVATION

**Runnels County Offers Homes for Thousands of People. Much Land Undeveloped.**

The Texas Commercial Secretaries Association have just compiled the data and published an outline map of the state showing the number of acres of land in each county in the state and the number of acres of land in cultivation in each county. This map is supposed to be accurate, or nearly so, and it gives information that is surprising to the reader. The map shows Runnels county to be composed of 496,720 acres of land, and of this amount there is only in cultivation 190,000 acres or a little more than one fourth of the land in the county, or to be more accurate 28 per cent. Of course a certain per cent of the land not in cultivation is range and not tillable, but Runnels county offers homes for thousands, and some of the best land in the county is yet in its raw state. The farmer can not perhaps find a county that offers better opportunities, taking all things into consideration than Runnels.

J. N. Harris, of Miles, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

### DOES IT PAY TO RAISE HOGS?

**When Hogs Bring \$50 Per Head There is no Reason Why Porkers Don't Pay.**

The Banner has from the beginning advocated hog growing, and the farmer with a sufficient quantity of land to raise a little feed stuff can make money raising hogs. Those who have tried have made money. On Monday of this week a party sold two hogs in Ballinger that netted him \$100, and this morning, E. King, who lives on C. A. Doose's place seven miles east of town, brought in a pig that brought him over \$35. The hog Mr. King sold was raised on milo maize, weighed 423 pounds and brought 8 1-2 cents per pound. Read this, Mr. Farmer, then ask if raising hogs pays! Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Schuehard, of Menardville, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuehard.

### SANTA FE EXTENDS CHARTER IS FILED

**Extension to be From Lometa to Point in Concho Co. Passing Thru Several Counties the State.**

Austin, Tex., Dec. 8.—The attorney general's department yesterday afternoon, through Assistant Attorney Gen. Walthall, approved an amendment to the charter of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, which amendment was also filed in the state department. The amendment provides for an extension of the main line commencing at a point near Lometa, in Lampasas county, thence through the counties of Lampasas, McCulloch and Concho to a point about five miles north of the southwest corner of Concho county, a distance of about 103 miles. Although it is not specifically stated in the amendment, it is understood that the Santa Fe will tap the Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley railway at Brady in McCulloch county,

which road has to all intents been absorbed by the Santa Fe.

### PIERCE WILL BID IN WATERS PIERCE SALE

Special to The Banner. Austin, Tex., Dec. 7.—According to reports, H. Clay Pierce will be a bidder in the sale of the Texas property of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. While his company was ousted from the state, there is no objection to Pierce as an individual buying the property and doing business in Texas. A number of oil men from Houston, Beaumont, and other cities are here to bid in the sale of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., the Security Oil Co., the Navarro Refining Co. and bars of the Union Tank Line. These companies were convicted of violating the anti-trust laws of the state and their property will be sold this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Tom Ward and daughter, Miss Ella and Miss Neil Guion are in San Angelo visiting while Congress is in session.

## DR. PRICE'S

### CREAM Baking Powder

A Specialty for Home Baking



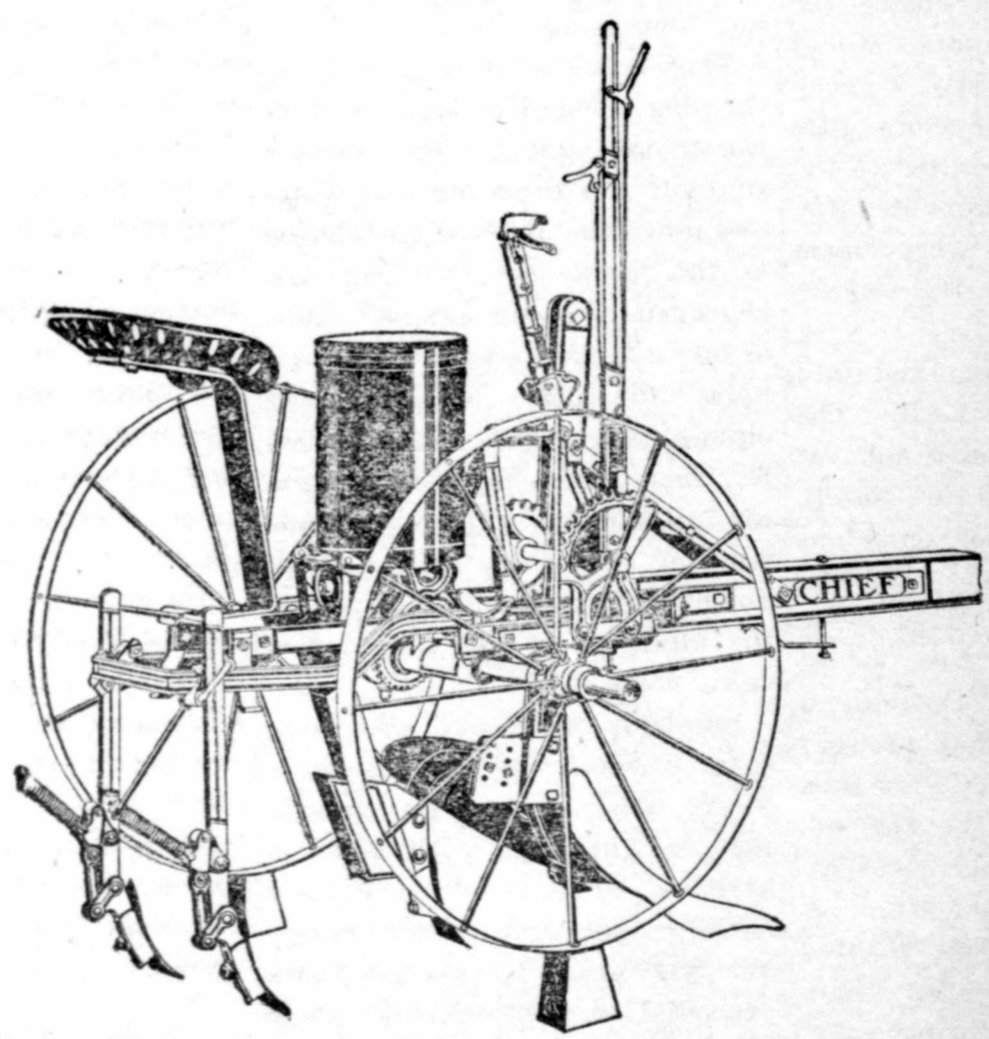
Fifty Years the Standard. Makes finest cake and pastry, light, flaky biscuit, delicious griddle cakes—palatable and wholesome.

Ingredients found in the low-priced baking powders are deleterious. The active principle is a mineral acid derived from sulphuric acid, oil of vitriol.

**NO ALUM**

**No Lime Phosphates**

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Southern Rock Island Plow Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen: I bought a Rock Island Chief Planter because I think it is the best planter I ever saw and I should have owned one forty years ago. I recommend the Rock Island "Chief" to any farmer who has use for a middle buster and planter. Yours truly, D. M. Wray, Route No. 2, Pittsburg, Tex.

See Jones, Walton & Co., Ballinger, about a "CHIEF"

**Southern Rock Island Plow Co., Dallas, Texas**

Nov. 12, 1909.



# Great Silk Sale - 15 Days Only

In order to sell our entire stock of **Silk and Satins** before Christmas we have decided to make prices that will make every Lady who visits our **Silk Counter** sit up and take notice

This Is Absolutely The Greatest Cut Price Silk Sale Ever Pulled Off In This Section  
**READ THE PRICES** They tell the tale

36 Inch Taffeta, Black, White, Navy and Red Only \$1.25 Quality sale price <b>75c</b>	27 inch Taffeta, in Black, White, Red and Green \$1.25 Value sale price <b>75c</b>	Black Peau De Soie 30 inch \$1.00 value sale price <b>60c</b>	Skinnners Satin 27 inch in Black, Grey, Navy White <b>75c</b>	One lot 18 inch Fancy Silks 75c to \$1.00 values <b>45c</b>
36 inch Black Taffeta \$1.50 Quality sale price <b>95c</b>	18 inch Taffeta in Grey, Green, Pink, 75c to \$1.00 value sale price on entire lot <b>45c</b>	36 inch Black Peau De Soie \$1.50 value sale price <b>95c</b>	36 inch Skinnners Satin sale price <b>95c</b>	China Silks all colors 50c values <b>37½</b>

Don't Fail to Give Us a Call its a Chance to Make Money on Your Silk Purchases

## Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Company

P. S. Select Your Christmas Presents Now.

### How The Chimes of Christmas Rang

An old legend says that there was in a city in Germany an old church in whose belfry were the most beautiful chimes in the world. No man or woman living had ever heard them ring, but each one had heard his father or grandfather tell of their wonderful beauty.

There was a belief among the people that the chimes would ring on Christmas Day if they brought their most precious gifts and laid them on the altar of the church. The king appointed the next Christmas for every man, woman and child in the city to bring their gift.

First came the king and laid his crown upon the altar. The people gazed in wonder and sat waiting expectantly; for surely no gift could be more precious than the king's crown. But the chimes did not ring. Then came a soldier and laid his sword upon the altar, but the chimes did not ring. A woman brought a beautiful dress, all of her own weaving and laid it by the soldier's sword, but there was no sound from the old belfry. A maiden brought flowers, planted and watered by her own hand, but still the chimes did not ring.

Now in the distant part of the city there was a little boy named Peter, who for weeks had been saving a few small coins for his gift. But at last he was on his way with these, his most precious gift, to lay on the altar. He had nearly reached the steps of the church when a whine made him look down on the sidewalk. There in the doorway crouched a little dog with a broken leg. What should Peter do? It was getting late. If he wanted to take the

dog home and bind up his leg, the church would be closed and he would lose his little chance to make the beautiful chimes ring. But another whine came from the dog. Peter took his hand from the pocket where the hard-earned money lay, picked up the dog in his arms and ran home as swiftly as he could. As he came to the door he called to his Brother Hans. "Hans, quickly take the money and run back to the church. Quickly, Hans! it may be closed and the chimes have not been rung."

Then he set to work binding up the dog's leg. His little brother ran to the church. The western sunlight was throwing long shadows down the aisles of the church as the people sat waiting, discouraged, hoping against hope as one gift after another was laid upon the altar and still the chimes were silent. Just as few left their places to pass out, giving up hope, a tiny boy came panting, breathless, up the steps, down the long aisle, straight to the altar where he laid a few small coins.

Suddenly from out the long silent belfry broke the most wonderful music—filling the church, the air, the city, with glorious harmony. People fell upon their knees in joy and thankfulness, men who had not prayed in years praised God, mothers held their little children more closely to their hearts. The whole city seemed caught up in Heavenly melody and held close to the heart of God.

And from a window in a distant part of the city little Peter's face looked out, its great longing changed into great peace. His own small gift had made the chimes ring out at last.

W. M. Kidd, a prominent Talpa merchant, was among the visitors to our city Tuesday.

### REMARKS

By Sandy Andy.

I wonder if you have any men of means, moderate or otherwise, here who are content for the other fellow to spend all the development money?

Did you know that such a man—the man who is willing to sit back on his dignity and allow his fellowman to put his hard-earned cash into bonuses and bonds to bring factories, railroads and kindred industries to the city is the worst kind of a parasite?

These industries make the increase of property values and the property pig who is able to bring himself to a state of innocuous quiescence and allow the other man to put up the money that brings the things that increase his values, without himself helping, had just as well put his hand in the other fellow's pocket and pull out the coin.

He is of the genus hog and the species thief that is absolutely of no benefit to man or earth and is a strange growth on the tree of commercial activity that should be taken off and thrown into a stagnant pool where he belongs—and this no matter whether he has a big bank roll or social standing or not.

### Where's She Goines?

There was a young maid of Des Moines  
 Whose locks were silken and floines  
 Its dressing each day  
 In a different way—  
 Made you wonder which way she was goines.

God bless the man who first invented seissors—he saved the editor's life and lengthened out his days—may his rest be sweet and

his days of peace be many.

If you want to know the man who is doing more—spending more time—and contributing more real hard cash for the upbuilding and advancement of your city than any other man, I will point you to the editor of your paper. He uses up more brain energy, gives more time gratuitously and actually invests more of his cash in pulling for your town than ALL the bankers in it. Now if you don't believe this just sit down and figure it out. He spends more mental potential and financial energy and exchange in one day than ANY of your merchants do in a month.

Now what are you going to do about that?

### THE SANTA FE ISSUES A NEW MAP.

The Banner is in receipt of a large wall map just issued by the Santa Fe showing the Santa Fe lines all over the United States. The map is a ready reference for those who want to locate towns along the Santa Fe and connecting lines, and is worthy a place in any office. It shows some of the proposed extensions of the road and the new lines now under construction. The Santa Fe extends from Chicago to California, and one remarkable feature of the new map is it shows the only construction now under headway to be in Texas. It shows the line from Lometa to San Saba, from Lubbock to Dickens, and shows the cut off line from Coleman to Texico, and the extension from San Angelo to Sterling.

N. J. Wardlow returned from San Angelo, where he took in part of the organization of the West Texas Congress.

### 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 8th day of December, 1909, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said Court, against A. T. Rider, D. S. Moore and Mary F. Moore for the sum of Seventy Five Hundred Sixty and 99-100 (\$7560.99) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 997 in said Court, styled W. L. Golden versus A. T. Rider et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of December, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

Being 205 acres of land lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, and being a part of the Marshall University survey No. 512, being Abstract No. 375, Certificate No. 9, Patent No. 367, Vol. No. 11, and being blocks Nos. one of 125 acres and six of 80 acres, as shown on map of subdivisions of said survey as made by C. S. Miller, now on file in the office of C. S. Miller, in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a rock pile made for the S. W. corner of said survey No. 512 and the S. W. corner of Block No. One, herein conveyed. Thence East 597 vrs. to stake for corner, being S. E. corner of Block No. One and the S. E. corner of the 205 acre tract of land herein conveyed. Thence North with West line of 10 vara strip left for road at 966 vrs pass the N. E. corner of Block No. One at 449 vrs. a stake for N. E. corner of Block No. 6, and the N. E. corner of the 205 acre tract of land herein conveyed. Thence West with the North line of Block No.

6,984 vrs. to West line of Survey No. 512, being the N. W. corner of Block No. 6, and the N. W. corner of the tract herein conveyed. Thence South 15 East with said West line of Survey No. 512 at 500 vrs. pass N. W. corner of Block No. One at 1500 vrs. to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of said D. S. Moore and Mary F. Moore. And on Tuesday, the Fourth day of January, 1910, 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 D. S. Moore and Mary F. Moore, by virtue of said levy and 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 weekly newspaper published in Ballinger, Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of Dec., 1909.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff Runnels County.

By W. T. PADGETT, Deputy.

"The banquet for mine," said genial Judge C. O. Harris, who nevertheless has worked as much for the Congress, exclusive of the banquet, as anyone attending it.—San Angelo Standard.

H. Charnquist, of this city, left Wednesday for a visit to relatives at Hutto, Texas.

Sam Jones, of San Angelo, was in the city Saturday, meeting old friends and acquaintances.

Miss Audra Sayre, of Talpa, was shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

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And By So Doing We Will be Known By You as THE CHEAPEST PRICED STORE IN WEST TEXAS.

## Special

We have just received a big shipment of Blankets, Comforts, Bed Spreads, Ladies Suits, Jackets, Mens' Suits, Overcoats, Mens', Ladies and Childrens' Shoes Embroideries, Laces Etc. TO BE Sold At THE GREAT SALVAGE SALE PRICES

Read a Few of the Many Bargains Offered You

Cotton Checks, In Fast Colors, sale Price <b>4 1-2c</b>	Outings, all Colors, Sale Price, per yard <b>5 1-2c</b>	Petticoats, black mercerized, extra full sizes, the \$1.50 kind, sale price <b>79c</b>
Spool Cotton, Sale Price <b>2c</b>	Overalls, with bibs and straps, Sale Price <b>24c</b>	Ladies Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 15c and 25c Kind, sale price <b>8c</b>
Men's Underwear, extra heavy, sanitary fleeced lined, Sale Price per Garment, <b>33c</b>	Men's Suits: \$8.00 Kind <b>\$4.98</b> 10.00 kind at <b>\$5.49.</b> \$12.00 kind <b>\$5.98.</b> \$15.00 kind <b>\$8.98.</b> 18.00 kind <b>9.98</b>	Children's Hose, fast colors, sale price <b>6c per pair</b>
Work Shirts, nice full sizes, 75c kind, Sale Price <b>33c</b>	Bed Spreads, colored and fringed, extra large size <b>Sale Price 98c</b>	Pins, sale price, per Paper <b>1c</b>

MENS' LADIES and CHILDRENS

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Bohemian and German Clerk in Attendance.

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## RAILROAD MAN STABBED TO DEATH

Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Dec. 9.—Lewis Young, age 27 years, employed in the M. K. & T. round house, was stabbed to death here this afternoon in an altercation with Frank Clark, brakeman on a freight train. Young was on a freight train bound for Hillsboro, when Clark attempted to eject Young from the train, and it is alleged drew knife on Clark, when Young resented it, and in the fight that ensued Clark stabbed him to death. Young was unarmed and was going to Hillsboro to visit his mother.

## MEXICAN REVOLUTION. IST IS REARRESTED.

Special to The Banner.  
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 9.—Inez Ruiz, a Mexican revolutionist, who was recently discharged here on a hearing before United States Commission for want of sufficient evidence to support the charge of inciting Mexican revolution, was re arrested today at instructions of United States Attorney Wickersham, of Washington, pending extradition. It is alleged that Ruiz participated in Catarine Garza's revolution twelve years ago, and was captured but escaped into the United States.

## HARRIGAL KING.

Last Saturday evening Mr. Charles Harrigal and Miss Dessie King called at the Methodist parsonage where they were united in matrimony by Rev. J. A. Biggs. The young people will continue to live in Ballinger.

Banner extends congratu-

## MONEY ELECTED LEADER MINORITY

Special to The Banner.  
Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Money, of Mississippi, was elected minority leader of the House of Representatives this afternoon, at a special caucus of the Democratic members.

## HUNTERS HAVE VERY HARD LUCK.

Jo Wilmeth made a business trip to Millersview yesterday and was accompanied by J. M. Edwards, of Austin, Will Dunlap and Hamil Ward, who went along to shoot birds. They made the trip in John Norman's auto, and on account of a couple of blow outs went to the bad, and the boys did not get the limit of the game. They only bagged 42 birds when they were entitled to one hundred.

## MORE ROOM FOR BIG BARGAIN HOUSE.

The partition in the store of the Great Eastern Bargain House has been moved out, and the shelving enlarged the full length of the store to make room for the arrival of new goods. These people have used printer's ink very liberally and they have enjoyed a splendid business, and are well satisfied with Ballinger.

Arno Schawe is at home from an extended stay in the Panhandle country, where he is interested with his father in some land.

Miss May Penn returned from a visit to San Angelo Thursday afternoon.

## HON. JNO. F. MADDOX PRETIDENT OF CONGRESS

### Ballinger Man Elected to Head West Texas Development Congress -- Next Meeting at Stamford, Texas.

Hon. Jno. F. Maddox, of Ballinger, was elected President of the West Texas Development Congress, which concluded its labors at San Angelo today. Other officers are:

L. M. Buie, of Stamford, Chas. E. Davidson, of Ozona and Geo. E. Webb, of San Angelo, Vice-President, and Lawson O. Daily, of San Angelo, Secretary. The election of each man was unanimous.

## HOGS GO HIGHER ON MARKET TODAY.

Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Dec. 9.—Hogs broke the record today when two sales were made at \$8.35. This is ten cents above yesterday's price.

A carload of rice-fed hogs were received today, the first ever offered on the Ft. Worth market.

## APPROPRIATION BILLS UP NEXT MONDAY.

Special to The Banner.  
Washington, Dec. 9.—The hearing on appropriations will begin next Monday. A bill prohibiting gambling on farm products will be urged by the Texas farmers, and will be pushed by the Agricultural Committee.

J. M. Edwards returned to Austin today.

## THE FIRST CANDIDATE TO VISIT BALLINGER.

Judge Jesse P. Yates, of Greenville, was here today meeting the people in the interest of his candidacy for the office of Associate Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Yates is the first candidate for a state office to visit Ballinger. He is a friend of Judge W. E. Sayle, of our city, and that means he will carry Runnels county.

## FT. WORTH LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT.

Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—Cattle received 3600, hogs 1500; steers steady, tops \$6.50; cows steady, tops \$3.50; calves steady, tops \$5.75; hogs higher, tops \$5.75; sheep steady, tops \$5.00.

## W. P. OIL CO. TROUBLE SETTLED

Special to The Banner.  
Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.—The state legal department announced this morning that any foreign corporation organized to take over and operate the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. property purchased by S. W. Fordyce, of St. Louis, will be required to make affidavit that such company is not affiliated with the oil trust. The rights of Fordyce as an individual will not be challenged. Fordyce called on Gov. Campbell today, but Mr. Pierce did not, and the entire party of oil magnates left in Pierce's private car at two o'clock for St. Louis.

## AGED MAN KILLED AT SAN ANTONIO.

Special to The Banner.  
San Antonio, Dec. 6.—J. S. Fiske, aged sixty years, of Oklahoma City, died late last night from injuries received in a collision in the local yards of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad.

## NOTICE

The members of the Ballinger Grove of the Woodmen Circle are requested to meet at the hall at three o'clock Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and practice for the unveiling ceremony of Mrs. Mary J. McAdams, which will take place next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Neighboring lodges are invited to attend the unveiling.

C. O. Harris was among the visitors to San Angelo who returned today.

## FORMER FEDERAL OFFICER CAUGHT

Charged With Making False Reports to Government.

Special to The Banner.  
Dallas, Texas, December 9.—Ulysses G. Copeland, formerly a United States Marshall, at Helena, Ark., who is wanted by the federal authorities on a charge of having made false reports to the government five years ago, was arrested in Greenville, La., last night and lodged in jail in Dallas today. He will be sent to Arkansas unless he can furnish a bond of ten thousand dollars.

## HOWELL KNIGHT RETURNS HOME.

Howell K. Knight, who has been in Dallas all the fall, closed his season's work at that place and returned home first of this week. He will spend the winter with his parents in South Ballinger. He has charge of the athletic department of the Dallas High School.

## MONEY TO LOAN.

Money to loan on farms and ranches. Vendor Lien notes taken up and extended at no cost to the borrower except the abstract. LEE MADDOX.

Ballinger, Texas. wtf

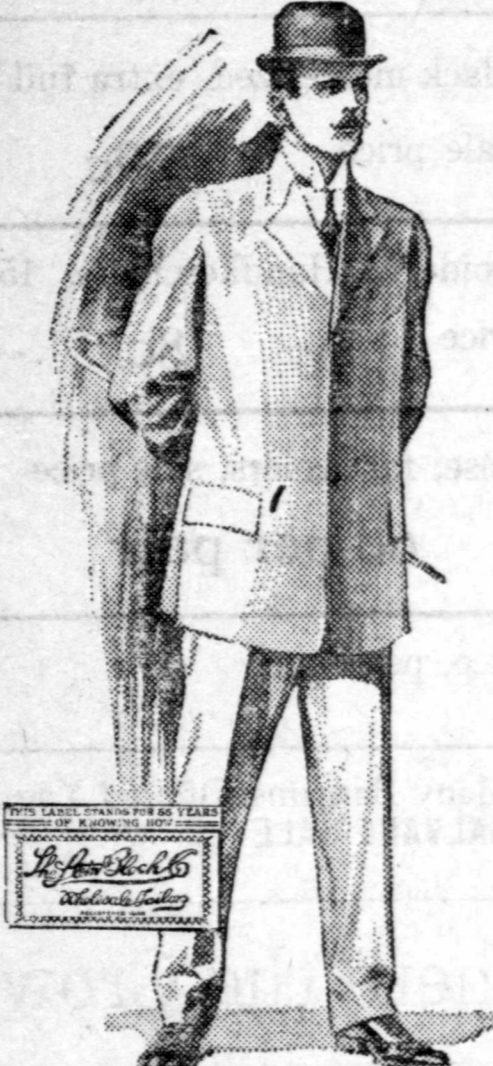
Just a little line-up: Rich Gordon, Chas. Snell, Jim McWhirter and Frank Summitt at the City Barber Shop. We want your barber work. JIM McWHIRTER, Prop. d96-3t wlt

Talk for road bonds, vote for road bonds.

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**LADIES SUITS.**

Lot 2. The new strictly tailored and fancy suits. Coats are 45 inches long, skirts are the latest plaited models. These suits are elegantly made and are lined with the best Satin linings. Values up to \$26.50, your choice .....\$18.00

**LADIES DRESSES.**

Lot 3. Moyen-age style and princess dresses made of Satin prunellas fancy worsteds, etc. Values up to \$18.00 your choice .....\$10.00

**CHILDRENS CLOAKS.**

Bear Skins and Plushes in all colors, Wavy, Curly and plain materials. Ages 1 to 6 years. Prices \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00. Also pretty line of childrens capes with hoods to match.

**LADIES KIMONAS.**

A fine line of new style long Kimonas, made of a good grade of flannelette, some are satin trimmed. Price \$1.50 to .....85c

**NECKWEAR.**

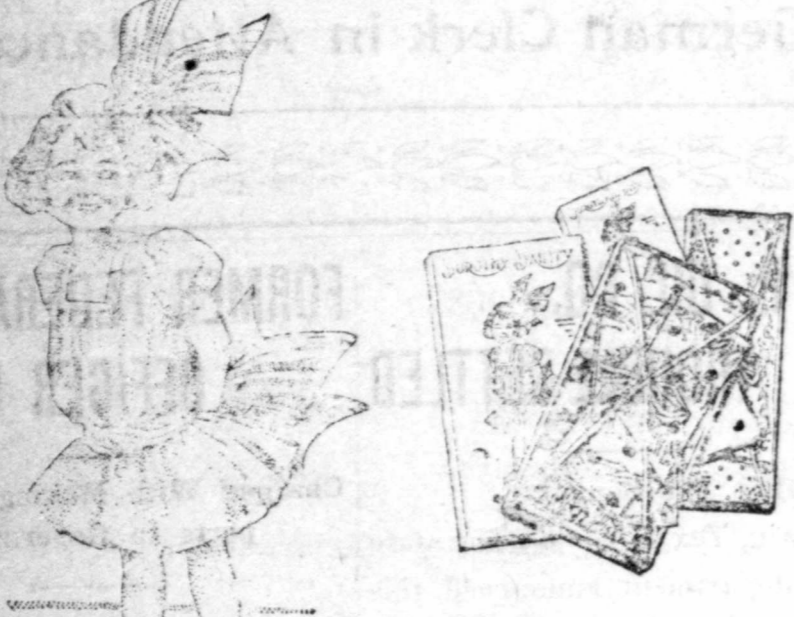
Embroidered linen collars in 25 different patterns, price 20c to .....15c  
Lace Bows price .....25c  
Chiffon Bows, Maline Bows, price.....25c  
Fancy Collars, 100 styles, your choice.....25c

**HEAD SCARFS.**

In all the new patterns and colors, 20 inches wide, 72 inches long. Values up to \$2.50, choice. \$1.00



No 1, No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5, No 6, No 7



**RIBBONS.**

A big stock of Holiday and Merry Christmas Ribbons, also beautiful Persian Ribbons. Any shade and width of plain ribbons.

A new shipment of the famous Dorothy Dainty Ribbon Sets for the little girl. Each set contains two hair bows and a wide sash in match sets.

**TIES.**

A swell line of ties in Christmas Boxes. Each tie is packed separately in a pretty little box. Values up to 75c. Choice .....50c

**MUFFLERS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.**

Silk Mufflers in all colors, all new designs, prices 5c to .....\$2.00  
Handkerchiefs in plain and initial, cotton, linen or silk. Also fancy handkerchiefs for making bags and aprons.  
Cotton Handkerchief with initial, price .....8 1-3c  
Plain white handkerchief, hemstitched, price.....5c  
Silk handkerchiefs, black or white, price 50c to ..\$1.50  
Fancy handkerchiefs, price 8 1-3c and .....12 1-2c

**STAPLE BARGAINS THAT ARE BARGAINS.**

Lonsdale Domestics, bleached, yard wide, 12 1-2c our price .....8 1-3c  
Pepperill Bleached 10-4 Sheeting, worth 30c, price 25c  
Solid Color Ginghams, worth 10c, our price.....7 1-2c



**OVERCOATS.**

A big line of New Cravenetted Raincoats, beaver and doeskin coats, Ulsters, in fact any style you may ant. Prices \$6.50 to .....\$25.00

**PICTURE FRAME BARGAINS.**

Oval Picture Frames, gilt or black, complete with back and glass, worth \$5.50, our price.....50c  
Square Picture Frames, in any of the following sizes, complete with glass and back, gilt and black: 5x7, 6x8, 10x12, 11x14, 10x16, 14x17, 14x20, prices 15c to 50c. Any one is worth 2 to 3 times what we ask. ONLY A LIMITED QUANTITY ON HAND.

**MILLINERY.**

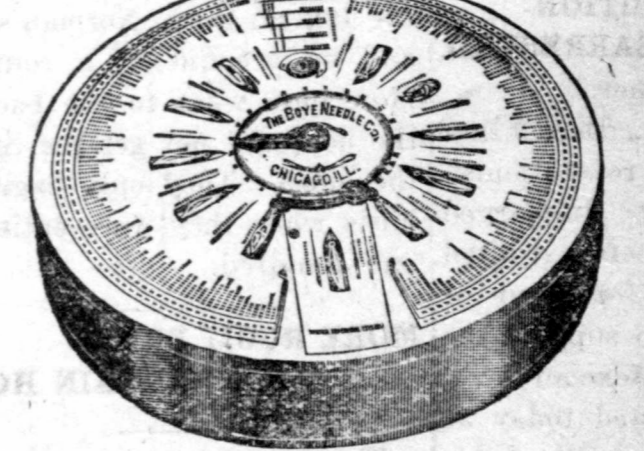
We are offering in our millinery big reductions. Every hat we have is priced so that it will go quickly.

**COME AND DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US. WE HAVE THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK IN THIS COUNTRY—AND ARE OFFERING IT AT PRICES LOWER THAN YOU WILL FIND SAME GRADE OF GOODS ANYWHERE.**



**LADIES CLOAKS.**

Lot 1. Ladies and Misses Cloaks in all colors, material elegant all wool Kerseys. Values up to \$12.50, your choice .....\$5.50



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