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The Officers of THE First National Bank

Wish for every man, woman and child in Runnels county and Ballinger a happy and delightful Christmas, and a contented and prosperous New Year.

To their friends and customers everywhere they desire to extend their sincere gratitude for the liberal patronage given them during the year just closing, and to solicit a continuance of this confidence and support for the coming year and all the future years.

For more than TWENTY-THREE YEARS this bank has SUCCESSFULLY, FAITHFULLY and SAFELY served a steadily increasing clientage. Through PANICS and PROSPERITY it has gone steadily on, willing and able at all times to meet the requirements of its customers. Its recent consolidation with the Citizens National Bank gives it assets of MORE than one MILLION dollars and places it among the strongest banks in the West. Its large capital stock and shareholders liability are a guarantee of its SAFETY and ABILITY, and its list of officers and directors insures competent and satisfactory service to all. No account is TOO SMALL to escape the personal attention it should have and no account is TOO LARGE for us to handle.

Let us be YOUR BANK in the future. We are engaged in NO OTHER BUSINESS and have nothing to look after except the interests of our customers.

No trouble to accommodate you, or to take care of your valuable papers, or to have you to make yourself at home in our bank. SINCERELY,

M. A. Traylor,
Active Vice-President
The First National Bank.

J. N. BELL DROPS DEAD ON BALLINGER STREET

Was En Route From Santa Anna to Bradshaw to Spend Holidays With Relations--Accompanied By Wife.

J. N. Bell, of Santa Anna, sank to the sidewalk in front of the Hall Hardware Co. store on Hutchings avenue at 9:30 this morning and died before a physician could reach him.

Mr. Bell, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Ballinger yesterday on the delayed Santa Fe train en route to Bradshaw on a visit to G. L. Bailey, Mr. Bell's brother-in-law. They arrived here too late to catch the A. & S. train for Bradshaw, and spent the night at the Reed hotel, expecting to go out to Bradshaw on the two-thirty A. & S. train this afternoon. Mr. Bell came down town this morning and was complaining with a pain over his heart, and called at the Walker Drug Co. to consult a physician, and returning to the hotel when he was taken by death.

When he sank on the sidewalk Voekel was the first to get a doctor, and follow-

ing the request for a doctor the man gasped his last breath. Mrs. Bell, who was at the Reed hotel, was notified of the death of her husband, and gave instructions to notify relatives at different places, and the remains were removed to the undertaking parlors of the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. and prepared for shipment.

Deceased was a stranger in Ballinger and when he first sank to the sidewalk it was some time before he could be identified. A man passed along a few minutes after the death who stated that he had seen the deceased at the Reed hotel, last night, and this led to the identification. The news of the death rapidly spread over the town and a large crowd viewed the remains before they were removed to the undertaking parlors.

The body was shipped to Bradshaw this afternoon for interment.

SANTA FE OFFICIALS WERE HERE TODAY

Col. Love Member of Party Who Pass Through Going West. Inspecting Trip.

The official family of the Santa Fe passed through in their private car yesterday, and aboard the same train was Col. R. A. Love, the promoter of the Sun Flower. It is now a foregone conclusion that the Santa Fe owns the Sun Flower, and Col. Love recently severed his connection with that road after the sale of same to the Santa Fe people. Col. Love gave out a statement recently while in San Antonio, that he would build a road from that place to connect with the Santa Fe at some place between Brownwood and San Angelo. Whether his association with the Santa Fe officials on this trip is significant of anything or not we must guess, but his recent trip to San Antonio, his story given out there and his traveling over the country with the Santa Fe people may develop in something that will be of some interest to Ballinger and we should keep our ears to the ground, and be ready to talk business to Col. Love if he comes Ballinger's way.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd left Thursday for Toyah, and a Holiday visit with relatives.

CHAISTMAS TRAVEL THE BEST EVER

Many People Going to See Their Wives' Kinfolks. Many Visitors Here.

Notwithstanding that some will continue to knock and cry "hard times," the railroads are taxed to the limit to handle the Holiday travel. Every train in and out of Ballinger is crowded with people. Both the Santa Fe and A. & S. report business good—all they can handle with any degree of promptness. The trains are late on account of the heavy travel and express business. Nearly a carload of baggage was loaded at Ballinger on the afternoon train yesterday. Many people left for the old states and different points in this state, and the same rush and jam was experienced at this afternoon's train, and, yet, we hear some say that times are hard.

VAUDETTE CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS.

The Vaudete will be closed until Saturday, when a splendid show is promised. Manager Christie cancelled a bill he didn't like, and lost a booking, it appears.

W. M. Smiley, of Winters, was a business visitor to Ballinger Thursday.

BALLINGER ENDORSED FOR SUMMER NORMAL

Teachers' Institute Favors this City for Normal Location and Prof. Wilson, of Miles, as Conductor.

After quite a bit of discussion, the county institute of teachers, passed a resolution Thursday morning indorsing Ballinger as the place for a normal next summer. While this action is not necessarily final, and must be approved by State Superintendent Bralley after January first, still the vote omens well for this city, and very likely means that Ballinger will be favored with the normal. That Ballinger appreciates this honor, and will do her part by the teachers if they return here for a summer school, goes without saying.

By a unanimous vote the institute favored Prof. R. N. Wilson,

of Miles, as conductor of the normal, or teacher from this county should the normal go to another county. This honor is fully merited by Prof. Wilson, and gives perfect satisfaction to all.

The program for Thursday did not lack in interest, and a large range of topics was considered. The teachers have been doing faithful work, and the result of the meet is eminently satisfactory both to the teachers and the Superintendent. The program will be completed by noon Friday, and the institute will adjourn for the Holidays, after a week of strenuous, though successful, study and work.

FT. WORTH LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT.

Special to The Banner.
Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 23.—Cattle received 2,500; hogs 4,000. Steers steady, tops 4.60; cows steady, tops 3.60; calves steady, tops 5.00; hogs lower, tops 8.15.

COMMITTEE DECIDES COOK'S CLIMB FAKE.

New York, Dec. 23.—Report of the committee which investigated Dr. Cook's claims to having reached the summit of Mt. McKinley, will be submitted tomorrow. Committee admits that proof is lacking to substantiate Cook's claims.

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 Migual 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.

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.

J. W. RABY.

That overcoat of yours can be made to look as good as new by having it cleaned and pressed and a new velvet collar put on—get Morehead to do it for you.

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

Miller Mercantile Company

Groceries, Ranch Supplies,
Vegetables, Fruit

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

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GOOD THINGS TO EAT

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

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PHONE 40.

Laxative for Women Free

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

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

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

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

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

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, who will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 500 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

WHAT OTHER DRIVERS THINK OF AUBURN

In mixing and mingling with the visiting autoists last night the Bulletin man came across C. P. Henley, who is selling the Marmon and Cole "30" cars, and discussed the great contest with him for a few moments. Mr. Henley is acting as observer, and from Mineral Wells to Brownwood rode with Skeet Hall in the Auburn. Speaking of the performance of the Auburn, he said: "I was not very favorably impressed with the car when first I was assigned to it, and could see visions of 'stick-up' in the first muddy lane we came to, but I want to go on record as saying that I have changed my mind. Ten miles out of Mineral Wells we came to a creek in which there were several feet of water. Skeet hit the water under full headway and the little car ploughed its way almost across before the engine went dead, which of course it must under water. Within ten feet of the bank we got out of the machine and pushed it to the edge of the water and on the first crank over the engine was going again, and after that we were either bucking water from three to four feet deep or else going through mud from eight inches to axle deep. Frequently our axles were dragging on the top of the ground. The roads were so very heavy that we had to go on slow speed for forty-one miles. We reached Breckenridge within schedule time. Out of that town we had twenty-six miles of Texas blue gumbo to buck. This gumbo county lies all the way to Albany. To give you some idea of how dreadfully hard and sticky it was, we passed several freight wagons stuck in the mud and abandoned and also passed one single buggy that had been abandoned. The little two-cylinder pulled us through all right. From Albany we had smooth sailing all the way to San Angelo and Brownwood. It was something like a race track when compared to the roads we had passed over, and the way that Auburn did putground behind it, showed it to be in a class all by itself when it comes to two-cylinder cars. I sell two good cars and know what I am talking about."

Just at this juncture George Clark, the race driver, who is steering the Jackson over the run, and who says he will reach Fort Worth this afternoon ahead of all cars, stepped up and said: "I hear there are some of you Brownwood people going to Ft. Worth to see Skeet come in, and

I want to drop you a tip, and that is that you will have to leave mighty early to reach Ft. Worth in time to see "Old Skeeter" come a buzzin' into the Panther City. He is as daring as any of them and handles his car with all ease. I don't believe there is another car on the market that is equal to the Auburn as a roadster, and by George, I want to tell you that you have got to slip it to the driver, for Skeet gets the best there is out of the car."

The Auburn car is sold by the Hall Machinery Co., and the one in the endurance contest is an exact pattern of the one owned by Dr. L. P. Allison. It has a speed rate of 45 miles an hour and goes over all kinds of roads. The Hall Machinery Co. naturally feels proud of the way the little roadster performed and hopes it will come out with colors flying at the end of the race, for if talk counts for anything it is to be a race from Brownwood to Ft. Worth.—Brownwood Bulletin. d&wt

KNOX AND CARNEGIE TILT AT BANQUET

After Exchange of Sallies Matter is Smoothed over and Banquet is Without Further Incident.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A sensational tilt at the Latin-American banquet given Friday night by John Barret, director of the Bureau of American Republics, has just leaked out. This occurred between Andrew Carnegie and Secretary of State Knox over our policy toward Nicaragua.

The list of guests contained many distinguished names, including besides those named, Sect. Knox, Senator Root and the diplomatic representatives of all the states of Central and South America, excepting Nicaragua. According to the plans laid by Director Barret but two speeches were to be made. One by Senator Calvo of Costa Rica, dean of the Latin-American diplomatic corps, and the other by Mr. Carnegie, the guest of honor.

That this program was not strictly adhered to was because Mr. Carnegie, in the course of his remarks, criticised the policy adopted by Secretary Knox for the settlement of the revolution in Nicaragua and contrasted it unfavorably with the policy of his predecessor, Senator Root. He took occasion to personally compliment Mr. Root upon his successful efforts for the maintenance of peace and concord in the Central and South American Republics.

It appears that Secretary Knox resented the criticism and comparisons made by Mr. Carnegie and said, it is understood, that his remarks on the Nicaraguan situation were unwarranted and uncalled for. Subsequently the matter was smothered over and the event ended quietly without further incident.

CURES BLOOD, SKIN DISEASES, ECZEMA.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scurf, eczema, itching, risings or bumps, swelling or separating sores, scabby, pinky skin, ulcers, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists \$1.00 per bottle. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of blood or skin diseases, as it cures after all else fails. Sold in Ballinger, Texas, by the City Drug Store. 52t

Do You Get Up With a Lame Back?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

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

Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been thoroughly tested in private practice, and has proved so successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root, and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.

When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Home 619 Swamp-Root, Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles are sold by all druggists. Don't make any mistake but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Miss Maggie Cockrell

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CALL ON J. P. MORGAN.

New York, Dec. 21.—This afternoon J. Pierpont Morgan received in his library Col. George G. Brackenridge of San Antonio, Hon. Hampson Gary of Tyler and Judge A. W. Terrell of Austin, regents for the University of Texas, who are here to select an architect for the new library building of the State University at Austin.

President Mezes accompanied them and viewed the treasures of Mr. Morgan's library gathered from every corner of the world.

The regents have just returned here from Washington, where they inspected the more notable buildings of the capital. The regents will probably leave for Austin tomorrow.

IT'S A CRIME

to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious, chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels.

Happiness is but another name for perfect health. Use Prickly Ash Bitters and be happy. It keeps the vital organs healthy and well regulated. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

Miss Stout, teacher in the Ballinger schools, went to Huntsville this afternoon.

W. E. HAYLE

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Half Soleing 35 to 60c per pair
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A cure guaranteed if you use PILE SUPPOSITORIES. Dr. J. B. Stone, Graduate School, Stateville, N. C., writes they do all you claim for them." Dr. J. B. Stone, N. Y., writes: "They are the best." Dr. H. D. McGill, Chicago, writes: "In a practice of 25 years, I have not equal yours." Price, 50 CENTS. Sold by Druggists. MARTIN RUDY, LENOIR

Sold in Ballinger by The Wall CALL FOR FREE SALES

"Mound City Paints me a trifle more, but—!"

GIVE YOU A GRIP ON THINGS.

An Account with Farmers & Merchants State Bank affords something more than a safe depository for your funds: It brings you in contact with men of affairs; it entitles you to valuable advice in money matters; it helps you to run your business or your personal affairs smoothly; it gives you a grip on things; aids you financially when aid is needed. And these services are extended to All of the Bank's Customers regardless of the volume of business transacted. We cordially invite you to consult us at any time about any banking matter in which we can be of service to you.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Ballinger, Texas

The non-interest-bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank will be protected by the depositor's guaranty fund of State of Texas, on and after the first day of January, 1910.

TEXAS BANKS ARE FULL O' MONEY

Total Deposits on Nov. 16, Last, Footed up the Sum of \$40,119,164.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—The department of banking and insurance today made public a condensed statement of the financial condition of the 450 state banks and 52 trust companies of the state at the close of business November 16, which shows a most flattering condition for these institutions. The statement shows that from September 1, when the last statement was given out, to Nov. 16, individual deposits have increased \$10,406,231, the total deposits on November 16, being \$40,119,164.

This great increase is due to the gathering and marketing of the cotton crop of the state and also to other favorable conditions.

Today's shipment also shows a total reserve of 49.3 per cent of deposits, while the law requires only 25 per cent, and the statement also shows 12.5 per cent of demand deposits in actual cash in banks while the law only requires 10 per cent. The total resources and liabilities of all state banks and trust companies aggregate \$70,946,907.

CHRISTMAS AT THE 8TH STREET CHURCH

Holiday Services Will be in Charge of the Primary Sunday School and Presbyterian Brotherhood.

Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday School will be entertained with a Christmas tree. Every child in the primary department will receive a present off the tree, and each child will bring a present to go on the tree for the poor children at the evening entertainment, when the Presbyterian Brotherhood will have charge of the service, and deliver the baskets provided for the poor and needy of the town. The Presbyterian Brotherhood raised \$100 in cash to buy Christmas for the poor, and a committee is at work selecting the goods most needed by the list of families to be provided for. In these families, when needed, substantial comforts will be provided, and Santa Claus will not overlook the children who otherwise would have no Santa Claus.

Sunday Night's Service.

This service will be under the direction of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, and an interesting program will be carried out. A special musical program will be arranged, including a duet by Mrs. Joe Wilmeth and Miss Willie Allen. Dr. J. H. Grant will make a talk on Christmas, and S. P. Hathaway on New Year Resolutions, and there will be others to take part that will make the program interesting.

Misses Alva and Bertha Van Pelt returned on the delayed train today from Milford, where they are attending school and will spend the Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van

J. B. Alvis left this afternoon for Goldthwaite to spend days with relatives.

STATE SUES TO RECOVER LAND

Law Validated Patents and Locations, but Judgment was Obtained Before Law was Passed.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 23.—Special Assistant Attorney General L. A. Dale today prepared and filed papers in a suit styled State of Texas vs. E. M. Powell, in trespass to try title to recover 1,212 acres of land in Wichita county. The question involved is new; in fact, the Attorney General's Department is unable to find an exact authority in point in the decision of any of the states of the Union.

The land in controversy was patented by John Wheat in 1882 under the Confederate script act. Powell is an assignee, and claims by virtue of his chain of title. The act under which the land is held required that in locating it an equal amount must be located for the state and must be contiguous or adjacent to that to be taken by the grantee who is having his own plat located.

It is claimed in this case that the land was not contiguous, therefore the original grant is void. 1895 the state instituted suit to recover the land and obtained a judgment in the District Court, but the Twenty-fifth Legislature validated all patents and locations where the grantee had failed to locate the state's portion adjoining his own. The state now claims that the validation could not go behind the judgment of the court; that the judgment of recovery must stand. Had there been no contest in the courts or adverse judgment rendered, the validation by the Legislature could not have been questioned, but the District Court judgment in favor of the state presents an entirely different phase, it is contended by the attorney general. It is a question of law, and the case will be argued in the near future and sent to the Supreme Court for final determination as soon as possible.

MANY RULERS SLAIN TO-DAY

Startling News That Many Prominent Persons Over the World are Slain Same Day.

Special to The Banner: New York, Dec. 22.—Cablegrams received here today give startling news of assassinations of prominent people all over the world. The Prime Minister of the Korean Cabinet was stabbed to death in Seoul; Karpoff, Chief of the Russian Secret Service was killed by a bomb at St. Petersburg; Arthur Jackson, a prominent Indian policeman was killed by Natives in Bombay, and the Prime Minister of Roumania was killed in Bucharest.

PROS WIN SUIT AT FLORESVILLE.

Special to The Banner. Floresville, Tex., Dec. 22.—The prohibitionists won today in a local option injunction suit, in the case entitled S. J. Short vs. H. L. Ganger, by which county stays dry. Appeal has been made and saloons remain open.

MADRIZ WILL RESIGN IN FAVOR OF ESTRADA

Revolutionary Leader Will be Elevated to Presidency—Friendly Relations With U. S. Government will be Resumed.

Special to The Banner. Washington, Dec. 23.—The State Department today informed the Texas News Service that advice has been received from Nicaragua that President Madriz, who was recently elected to succeed Zelaya, will abdicate in favor of Estrada, who is defeating government forces at every turn. The Madriz abdication will please the United States government, and when Estrada assumes reigns of government friendly relations with Nicaragua will immediately be resumed. Reparation for the murder of Groce and Cannon will still be required, however.

AGENT POCKETS MONEY AND LEAVES

Special to The Banner. Waco, Tex., Dec. 17.—Special officers of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Co., and the Wells-Fargo Express Co., are still searching here today for J. W. Bates, railroad agent at Riesel, who mysteriously disappeared since the discovery of the loss of one thousand dollars consigned to the First State Bank at Riesel, yesterday by Citizens National Bank of Waco. It is alleged that the money was received by Bates, and he has skipped with the cash. Bates recently came from Houston.

RUNNELS COUNTY LAND DEALS

A. H. Glascock to P. J. Barron, one residence and lot in Wilke Addition to Ballinger and lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 9 in College Heights, \$4,200 cash. William Glass to A. H. Glascock 140 acres on Valley Creek. Consideration \$4,200 cash. J. H. Dodd to H. C. Bronson, residence and lots 1 and 2, block 46, original townsite of Ballinger, \$1200 cash. D. Reeder to T. W. Severance 7 acres improved land on Los Arroyo road. \$1200 cash. These deals were made by the K. V. Northington & Son agency.

LUBBOCK LAD IS KILLED

Special to The Banner. Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 21.—Geo. Edwards, the little son of C. C. Edwards of this city, was instantly killed here accidentally by the discharge of a shot gun in the hands of his brother yesterday. Part of his head was torn off. George was giving the weapon to his brother with the barrel pointing toward himself when it was discharged.

WANTS WEATHER BUREAU AT BROWNSVILLE.

Special to The Banner. Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative Garner, of Texas, today announced that he will introduce a bill in Congress providing for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to establish a weather bureau station at Brownsville. Garner says that he has assurance of the passage of this bill.

FAMILY SUFFER FROM GAS LEAK

Special to The Banner. Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 22.—Chas. Condrey, wife and four children were injured by an explosion of gas at their home today. Mrs. Condrey and ten year old daughter are dying. Plumbers neglected to replace cap over the pipe, and room filled with gas and became ignited when fire was started in the stove. L. Harris was injured in rescuing little girl from the burning home.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS 9,362,222 BALES

For the Same Period Last Year, 11,900,565 Bales Were Ginned.

Special to The Banner. Washington, Dec. 20.—Government reports submitted today show 9,362,220 bales of this season's cotton crop ginned up to December 13. For the corresponding period last year, 11,900,565 bales were ginned.

FROZE TO DEATH IN SNOW BANK

Special to Banner. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.—Chas. Wark, age 71, of San Antonio, who was found frozen and face downward in a snow drift here late last night, died early this morning with regaining consciousness. Physicians worked several hours with him.

OKLAHOMA CITIES WITHOUT HEAT

Special to The Banner. Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 22.—A big leak sprung in the natural gas line main between Oklahoma City and Edmond this morning, and Oklahoma City and Shawnee citizens shivered in the cold. On account of a broken water main, Oklahoma City is also suffering for water.

NEW MEXICO'S GOVERNOR.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of William J. Mills of East Las Vegas, N. M., to be Governor of New Mexico.

NIGHT RIDERS JURY REACHES NO VERDICT

Ten to Two for Conviction—The Cases Continued—Bonds \$20,000 Each.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The jury in the case of the State vs. Garrett Johnson and Arthur Clear, alleged night rider leaders, charged with the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin, filed into Judge Jones' courtroom at noon today and reported that they could not possibly agree on a verdict. The jury stood ten to two in favor of conviction. Jurors Farley and Batts held out to the last for the defendants. Each juror was polled and expressed his conviction that no verdict could be arrived at among the present members.

Judge Jones then discharged the jury and held the two defendants on their present bond of \$20,000 each, and the cases were continued.

It is now generally conceded here that it will not be possible to secure another jury to try these men in this county. An effort will be made at the next session of the legislature to obliterate the county lines of Lake and Obion counties, to change the place of the killing of Rankin in the latter county, thus changing the venue. It is announced that no further trial of indicted night riders will be entered into at the present term of court.

VICTIM OF MILLS DIED LAST NIGHT

Special to The Banner. Waco, Tex., Dec. 22.—Constable Edgar Williams, who was shot by Lewis Mills, a negro, at Rosebud Monday night, died suddenly last night. He was apparently recovering up to within an hour of his death. He will be buried this afternoon. He leaves a wife and three children. His slayer, Mills, was hung by a mob.

JOHNSON IS EASY SAYS JEFFRIES

Special to The Banner. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 22.—When James J. Jeffries arrived here this morning for exhibition tonight, he declared, "Johnson would not have a ghost of a show in the coming fight," and after whipping him he will retire from the ring for good. He expects to enter business in California.

OFF TO EASTERN MARKETS.

Ben L. Art, manager of the Great Eastern Bargain store, will leave tomorrow for the East to spend the Holidays, and while away will visit St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Detroit and a number of other places. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Art and while in the East Mr. and Mrs. Art will buy the 1910 spring and summer goods for the Great Eastern Bargain store. They expect to be away from Ballinger about one month.

Miss Stella Routh came in today from Colorado City, where she is teaching, to spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Routh.

AUTO BURNED IN STRANGE MANNER

Special to The Banner. Waco, Tex., Dec. 23.—A big automobile of B. H. Barnard's, of China Springs, mysteriously burned four miles from this city last night. The car overturned, and Barnard left it to secure help. On returning shortly afterward, he found the machine destroyed. He is unable to determine whether the car was destroyed by a vandal or by a gasoline explosion.

NEGRO HUNG BY ENRAGED MOB

Special to The Banner. Rosebud, Tex., Dec. 21.—City Marshall Williams, believed to have been fatally wounded late yesterday, by a negro, Coke Mills, who afterwards was lynched by a mob, will likely recover. Town quiet and no arrests as yet. Williams attempted to arrest the negro, who fired on him. Mills was jailed, but afterwards a mob stormed the jail, seized and hanged him.

WORST SLEET IN HISTORY

South Texas Experiences the Most Severe Weather Ever Known.

Special to The Banner. Floresville, Tex. Dec. 21.—Sleet has been falling here steadily for the last twelve hours, and the ground is completely covered. The trees have been damaged and the orange crop will be put to a severe test. Cattle are suffering greatly. This is the worst sleet storm in the history of South Texas.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of Letters Advertised Dec. 18, 1909.

Bloom, Mose
Brown, Mrs. and Mrs.
Corley, Mrs. May
Curry, Melvin
Davis, Hugh
DeRussey, Miss Frances
Engler, J. M.
Franklin, Mrs. Emma
Nichols, Mrs. Laura
Onerson, Lon
Sing, John
Warren, Miss Ada
Walker, W. E.
Werdsen, L. E.

Mexican Letters.

Jose Garez Gonzales
Pioquinto Juarez
Luciano Carigo
Jesus Janado Esquibel
Jesusita Estrada.
Toribio Torrez
Franco Gueseara Faz
Tenaro Peres Lorolla.
When calling for the above please say advertised and give the date of list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington.
HENRY A. CADY, P. M.

While they are alive minimize your friend's faults, and magnify their virtues as you will do when they are dead.—Houston Chronicle.

A poet is measured by the height or depth of his verse.

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News items appreciated. Phone 27.

POLITICS.

Frequently we are asked regarding this or that candidate, and as to our position on issues in the oncoming campaign. As we see the matter, it is yet too early to worry overmuch about next year's campaign. A number of candidates have already announced for various state offices, but interest centers in the gubernatorial race, and the governorship will be the pivotal point of the contest. The Banner believes it probable that that race will narrow down somewhat, and feels sure such should be the case. It is certainly true that at present the issues are badly mixed, and the average voter would be sorely perplexed in attempting to ferret out the candidate who most nearly represents his views.

Within a very few months the situation will undoubtedly clarify, and it shall be the business and pleasure of The Banner to faithfully chronicle all the facts regarding all factions, that would prove of interest to the public.

As to our personal views on men and issues, they too will be frankly expressed, and reasons assigned therefor. But bear in mind once and for all, The Banner will be the organ of no man or set of men, and whatever opinions we may have will be all our own, to be approved or criticised by our readers, as the case may be.

Truly, The Banner desires to be "a paper for all the people." Not that we hope or expect to please all; for we do not always please ourselves. But we do wish to be fair, just and fearless, and treat those who differ from us with the same regard and fairness that marks our relations with our warmest friends. And we will assign here no higher motive for this course than that of dignified, twentieth century journalism. It is the business of each individual to formulate his own ideas, and certainly The Banner will not fail to appropriate the privilege of independent thought and fearless expression. Today, we had rather help carry the road bond issue than help elect a governor, and prefer a big grain crop to a thriving crop of candidates.

Cold weather makes it imperative that all poor people be carefully looked after. No one should suffer from hunger or cold in Beautiful Ballinger.

The large number of Christmas weddings cause our bachelor editor to feel more lonesome than ever.

In attacking those newspaper men Judge Poindexter made the big strategic blunder of his campaign.

Members of the teachers institute are invited to visit The Banner office at any time, and will be cordially welcomed.

And now the fiends of fashion are reported to be busy on a new spring hat that will be a real "stunner." But perhaps its price alone would give a stunning effect.

When hogs are selling for eight and a quarter or better, the average farmer wishes he had raised a few. It is not too late, though, to make good next year.

The Paint Rock Herald for the current week comes out in a new 8-page, home print form, and is a newspaper creditable alike to its publishers and the enterprising city it represents.

Here is the most revolting joke of the season. A subscriber doesn't like an article in The Bloomington Bluffer, so he wades in and scatters type awhile, to play even. As he can't pay the piper he pies the paper. Awful, is it not?

Judging from the united effort on the part of the Ballinger churches to provide for the needy there is no excuse for anyone going hungry in Ballinger. Ballinger will do the right thing by those who are in want in her midst.

King Leopold, of Belgium, has passed away, and the press is full of honeyed tributes to him. Ourselves we think even death should not furnish an excuse for lauding the man guilty of such crimes as those committed by his permission in the Congo Free (?) State.

Despite the cold, a warm welcome will greet you at any time our city's churches. The trip to church may be unpleasant, tomorrow, but the service will more than repay you. May we suggest that you attend?

Easy to Buy Hard to Beat

It isn't often that you can secure such big bargains in Real Estate but we have three or four splendid offers in farms which it will pay any man with a little ready capital to investigate.

RARE OPPORTUNITIES

These farms can be bought for a few hundred dollars down and the balance in payments to suit purchaser. Now is the time to secure a farm of your own. Interested parties should see us at once.

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

COTTON SEED MEAL AND HULLS

Is the Best and Cheapest Cow Feed on Earth. Bring a Load of Seed and Exchange for Meal and Hulls. We will give you 2,600 lbs. of Meal and Hulls, sacked in 100 pound sacks ready mixed for feeding, for one ton of Seed.

THE BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.

Uncle Sam Supervises the Union and Strength Represented by First National Bank

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CAPITAL \$200,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS OVER \$750,000.00
We are not liable for the Deposits in any other Bank.

"The Bank That Does Things For You."

THE CATTLE ROUNDUP.

Once more we meet for a season of pleasure,

That shall smooth from our brows every furrow of care, For the sake of old times shall we each tread a measure,

And drink of the lees in the eyes of the Fair,

Once more let the hand-clasp of years past be given;

Let us once more be boys and forget that we are men;

Let friendships, the chances of fortune have risen

Be renewed and the past come smiling back again.

The past, when the prairie was big and the cattle

Were as "scary" as ever the antelope grew—

When to carry a gun, to make our spurs rattle,

And ride a "blue streak" was the most we knew;

The past, when we headed each other for Dodge City,

And punched up the drags on the old Chisolm trail—

When the world was all bright and the girls were all pretty,

And a fellow could "mav-riek" and stay out of jail.

Then here's to the eyes that like diamonds are gleaming,

And make the lamps blush that their duties are over;

And here's to the lips where young love lies a-dreaming;

And here's to feet light as air on the floor;

And here's to the memories—fun's sweetest sequel—

And here's to the night we shall ever recall—

And here's to the time—time shall know not its equal—

When we danced the day in at the Cattleman's Ball.

—H. D. C. MacLachlan, Amarillo, Texas.

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

Health is Worth Saving and Some Ballinger People Know How to Save it.

Many Ballinger people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor remain in danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is a Ballinger citizen's recommendation:

"J. S. Collins, carpenter, Ballinger, Texas, says: Upon two occasions Doan's Kidney Pills have

relieved me when having trouble from my kidneys. These organs seemed to be my weakest spot and whenever I caught cold, it was sure to settle there, causing a dull ache through the small of my back. The kidney secretions also became too frequent in passage at such times, and obliged me to get up during the night. When Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me, I procured a box at the Walker Drug Co., and soon after beginning their use, I found that they were just the remedy I required, as I was greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar manner is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. 14-2t

CHRISTMAS TIME.

Christmas Bells are ringing,

"Christmas time is here,"

Little folks are singing,

"Santa Claus is near."

Just heaps of dainty toys,

Shining new and bright,

Are waiting girls and boys,

Good old Christmas night.

And lots of pretty things,

Funny shapes and sizes,

That dear old Santa brings

Little folks as prizes.

In great stores are gleaming

From their showy places;

While big grins are beaming

On sweet baby faces.

Little folks are fixing

Socks of many hues;

And big men are mixing

Many colored shoes.

When Santa takes his ride

He'll fill the stockings tight

Right by the chimney side,

Good old Christmas night.

—ADA B. WALKER.

Let us make you a nice winter suit to your measure—at \$12.50 and up. Morehead, the Tailor.

Our farmers should raise more battleship hogs and Uncle Sam should build fewer real battleships.

We clean and press clothes every day in the week except Sunday—give us your next job.

Of all the opponents of the road bond issue we haven't heard a one that could give a reason for opposing the issue. There's none to give.

HYPODERMIC TORTURES.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Hypodermic injections of salt water or chile sauce, or in extreme cases, a mixture of both, was a form of torture attributed to President Zelaya of Nicaragua by Marshal O'Neil, civil engineer and soldier of fortune now in this city.

O'Neil went to Nicaragua to look after the construction for a firm that had obtained a railroad concession. With other Americans he engaged in a plot for the invasion of Nicaragua from Honduras. The conspirators were arrested. They were released later, however, which prevented their being shot to death.

Eighteen men and women were arrested later in connection with a new conspiracy. When they refused to confess, hypodermic injections of salt water and then chile sauce were administered until the eighteen admitted guilt and were then put to death.

O'Neil says Nicaraguans estimate Zelaya's fortune at from twenty to sixty million dollars. He describes Estrada, leader of the insurgents, as superior intellectually to Zelaya and a man of progressive ideas which he imbibed as a youth when he visited this country.

Estrada, he says, has been wounded twenty times and is scarred and crippled as the result of his battles.

Old hats made new at Morehead's.

MR. FARMER HERE IS A BARGAIN.

1 Ideal Deering Mower.
1 Standard Cultivator.
1 John Deere Riding Planter.
1 Standard Stalk Cutter.
1 Mould Board Turning Plow.
1 Double Disc Plow.
All for sale at a bargain. See S. N. ALLISON.
Ballinger, Texas. w14-4t

Ladies send us your skirts or suits to clean and press—We guarantee our work.
Morehead Tailoring Co.

We are in the market for several car loads of thrashed red top cane seed, milo maize and Kaffir corn. Producers and dealers that are interested please write us. Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas. w14-4t

Cotton at fifteen cents on cause old Santa to visit child in this section.

MRS. BERTA LA RUE FOUND DEAD IN COURT HOUSE

Body Found in Room on Second Floor Saturday Morning--Bottle Strychnine and Note Told The Story.

The lifeless body of Mrs. Berta La Rue was found in an upstairs office of the Runnels county Court House Saturday morning, about 10 o'clock, by Janitor Adolph Wilke. The presence of a small bottle of strychnine near by told its own tragic story, and a note in the handwriting of the deceased gave full instructions as to funeral arrangements. The note was directed to H. Giesecke of the Giesecke-Bennett Abstract Co., with which Mrs. La Rue had been connected for some time, and the request was appended that its contents be not made public. Mr. Giesecke showed the note to only a few, and the purport of the letter was regarding her affairs, and a request that Mr. Ostertag embalm her body and ship to Athens, Texas, her old home, and where her relatives live.

That the deed was committed only after deliberation seems to be certain. No sufficient reason for such a deed can be discovered, although she was said to have suffered with heart trouble. She was last seen Thursday evening rather late, and all indications point to the fact that the deed was done Thursday night. The position of the body showed that death came after a struggle, and

this bears out the indications that strychnine was taken. The deceased had purchased two bottles of chloroform at the Walker Drug Co., on the 15th inst., but evidently the drug was not used. Coroner W. H. Weeks held an inquest, and came to the decision that deceased came to death by poison, self-administered.

Mrs. La Rue severed her connection with the Giesecke-Bennett Co., with which firm she had been for a number of years, Thursday morning and, we understand, was to begin work for the Bennett Abstract Co. in a few days. After leaving the Giesecke-Bennett Co. office she went to her room at the home of A. H. Van Pelt, and it seems that she took something to make her sleep, and was at her room a good part of the day. She came to town again in the afternoon of Thursday, and visited a number of places and seemed to be in as good spirits as usual, and did nothing to indicate that she contemplated taking her own life. She paid a number of bills around town, and solicited some subscriptions for The Daily Banner. She was an active candidate in The Banner Diamond Contest, and expressed a desire

especially to win the tailor made suit which is to be given away Monday. She made the statement several times that she was anxious to win the suit as she needed it, and did not need the diamond, but was going to try to win both. She was holding back several thousands votes to be voted today or Monday morning, and would have had enough to place her nearly ahead, if not ahead. She was in The Banner office late Thursday evening and turned in a three month's subscription and received the votes due her. These votes were found in her pocket-book with the dead body.

The remains were shipped this afternoon to Athens, Texas, as per request, and her trunk will also be sent. Mrs. La Rue was a member of the local Friend-in-Need Society No. 2, and carried a \$500 policy in favor of her son. She also carried a \$1000 old line policy made to her estate.

Those who were most closely associated with Mrs. La Rue in her daily life say that her life was above reproach, and her end was not brought about by any scandal, and no motive can be attributed as a cause for the rash act. Her greatest fault was extravagance. She was industrious, but never did lay aside anything for a rainy day, and it might be said that her financial affairs were not as she would have had them, but her insurance money will more than meet any obligations she made while in this world.

SAN ANTONIO MAN SUICIDES

George Wittich Hangs Himself While at Galveston.

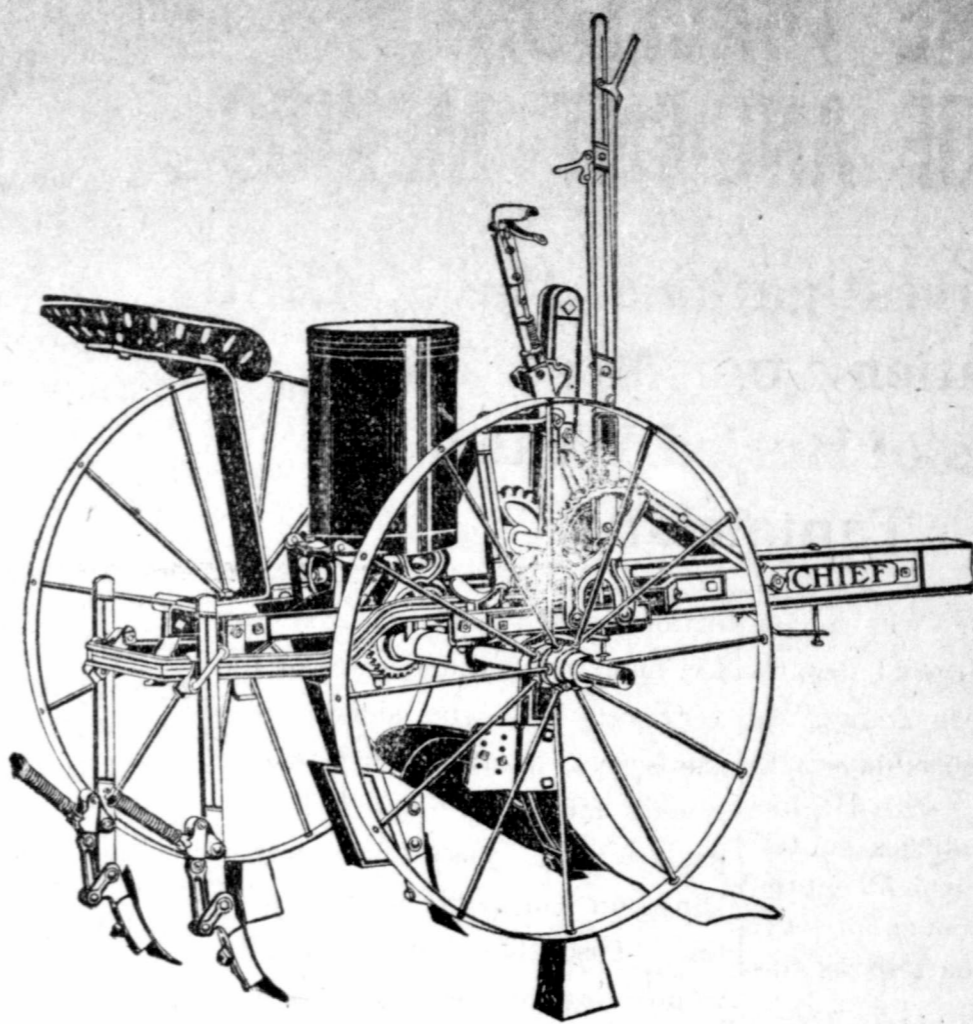
Special to The Banner. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 17.—A man about fifty years of age, believed to be George Wittich, of San Antonio, was found dead this morning. His body was hanging underneath the approach from the beach to the Boulevard at Tremont street. The only means of identification is a shareholders pass to San Antonio bearing the name.

8-HOUR LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Special to The Banner. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 17.—The state law enacted by the last legislature, providing an 8-hr. work day for telegraphers, was held invalid in decision handed down here late yesterday afternoon, by the court of Civil Appeals. The court contends that the state law conflicts with National statute which provides a 9-hour day for train dispatchers. This opinion upholds Judge Hightower, of Trinity county, in deciding suit against T. & N. O. railroad.

5,000 woolen samples for sale—at Morehead's.

The Rock Island "Chief" Planter



Is The Surprise Of The South

READ THIS:

Southern Rock Island Plow Co., Dallas, Texas.

Nov. 12, 1909.

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

TO OFFER REWARD FOR MURDERER

Texarkana Citizens Want Campbell to Offer Reward for Murderer of Meagher.

Special to The Banner. Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 18.—Remands from both the state and the citizens of Texarkana will be offered for the capture of the murderer of Mike Meagher, the wealthy banker who was killed in San Antonio if a request to be forwarded to Gov. Campbell is granted. Meagher left his estate worth two hundred and forty thousand dollars to the city for a charity hospital. The citizens are determined to apprehend the murderer if possible and will offer a large reward for his capture.

A NOTE FROM DR. FOWLER.

During my recent illness I have received so much kindness from neighbors and friends in and around Ballinger I must use the columns of our kind press to reach and thank you all. I must publicly thank Drs. Halley, Love and Douglass for their neighborly care and highly efficient professional work. There are many other names I would like to mention, but there would be no place to stop. I have had the prayers, sympathy and kind words and helping hands for every need. Friends, you have done much for me. I thank you, every one. W. W. FOWLER.

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

NOTICE.

Not having out a regular collector, we adopt this means of requesting all parties indebted to us to call and settle same by January 1. Drs. Fowler & Douglass.

SAUSE FOR ALARM.

Loss of Appetite or Distress After Eating Symptoms That Not be Disregarded.

Appetite is just a natural desire of the system for food necessary to replace natural body waste. Loss of appetite or stomach distress after eating indicates indigestion or dyspepsia. Over eating is a habit very dangerous to a person's good general health, and insatiable appetite is a common symptom of diabetes.

It is not what you eat but what you digest and assimilate that does you good. Some of the strongest, heaviest and healthiest persons are moderate eaters.

There is nothing that will create more torbuefldr ldrdrdu ate sickness or more trouble than a disordered stomach, and many people daily contract serious maladies simply through disregard or abuse of the stomach.

We urge everyone suffering from any stomach derangement, indigestion or dyspepsia, whether acute or chronic to try Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets, with the distinct understanding that we will refund their money without question or formality, if after reasonable use of this medicine they are not satisfied with the results. We recommend them to our customers every day, and have yet to hear of anyone who has not been benefited by them.

We honestly believe Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets to be without equal. They are made from the prescription of a physician who devoted his time and study to the treatment of stomach troubles. They give very prompt relief, stimulating the secretion of gastric juices, strengthen the digestive organs, aid to good digestion and assimilation, regulate the bowels, and promote nutrition.

We urge you to try a 25-cent box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets which give 15 days treatment. At the end of that time your money will be returned to you if you are not satisfied. Of course, if chronic cases length of treatment varies. For such cases we have two larger sizes, which sell for 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at our store—The Rexall Store.—The Walker Drug Company.

You'll have to hurry if you want that new suit to wear Xmas—and you had better get Morehead, the Tailor, to make it.

ABILENE WEATHER OBSERVER KILLED

Abilene Man Accidentally Met His Death Saturday.

Special to The Banner. Abilene, Tex., Dec. 18.—Capt. J. W. Watson, for many years the government weather observer here, aged sixty-two, and the second oldest man in point of service, was instantly killed here this morning by falling down the steps leading into the basement of the government building. His head struck the cement floor and his skull was fractured. His wife found the body a half hour later.

NOTICE.

The Citizens National Bank of Ballinger, located at Ballinger in the state of Texas, is closing up its affairs. All note holders and others, creditors of said Association, are hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the Association for payment. R. G. ERWIN, Cashier. Dated Nov. 8, 1909. w10-87

MRS. JOSEY'S FATHER IS DEAD.

H. M. Josey received a telegram today, stating that the father of Mrs. Josey, who resided at Livingston, Texas, had died. Mrs. Josey had been visiting at Houston and at once left for Livingston.

FOR SALE.

32 second had coats in good condition to be sold for charges. These coats were cleaned, pressed and repaired, and the owners have never called for them. Morehead Tailoring Co.

Just received 50 pair misfit pants that we are selling at \$2.50 and up. Morehead, the Tailor.

W. B. Eskridge is here to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Eskridge was formerly connected with the Santa Fe at this place. He is the present agent for the Santa Fe at Lillian, Texas.

Going to dress up Xmas—better order that suit today—see Morehead and save four or five dollars

Miss Lucile Reeder came home from San Antonio last night to spend the holidays with her parents.

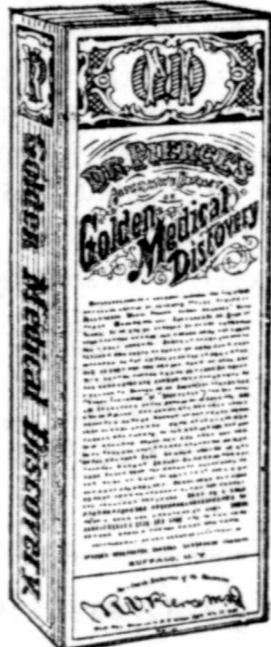
Stomach Blood and Liver Troubles

Much sickness starts with weak stomach, and consequent poor, impoverished blood. Nervous and pale-people lack good, rich, red blood. Their stomachs need invigorating for, after all, a man can be no stronger than his stomach. A remedy that makes the stomach strong and the liver active, makes rich red blood and overcomes and drives out disease-producing bacteria and cures a whole multitude of diseases.

Get rid of your Stomach Weakness and Liver Laziness by taking a course of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—the Great Stomach Restorative, Liver Invigorator and Blood Cleanser.

You can't afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a medicine of known composition, having a complete list of ingredients in plain English on its bottle-wrapper, same being attested as correct under oath.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate Stomach, Liver and Bowels.



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Mercantile, Dwellings, Barns and Live Stock, Both in Town and Country.

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TREASURE TRADITION OF ANCIENT MEXICO

Recent Investigations Have Lent Stimulation to Mose Olden, Stories of Buried Wealth In Tamaleland.

H. M. Stroter, Jr., who is connected with the editorial department of the "Mexico Today," is spending the Christmas days with his parents in the city. He has many wonderful stories to tell about Mexico, with which country he has fallen very much in love. One of his stories he tells as follows:

"Recent discoveries of ancient documents found in a steel chest hidden in a cave near Cuernavaca, Mexico, has awakened a new hope in the breasts of those who have been searching for the buried fortunes of the conqueror, Hernandez Cortes. Mexico is full of stories of wealth which has either been buried to prevent it being discovered and taken by the bands of robbers and revolutionists, or hidden by those same bands in order to escape detection. In many cases this treasure was taken from the convoys as it was being carried to the seaports to be exported to Spain. Some of the treasures have been found and more will likely be, as the conditions and methods of searching for it are improved. So much truth is believed to exist in the many stories told, as to bars and coin, both gold and silver, that have been buried or concealed in caves or old buildings, that the matter has been given serious attention by those who have an opportunity of getting possession of some of the documents that profess to be authentic and to indicate, though often with too great a lack of precision, the location of the store.

"Up to the beginning of the last century this country was not a very safe place for either life or property, and it was universally the custom for the inhabitants to bury whatever capital they possessed, which in many cases was very large, either in the walls or floors of their houses or in the patios or solares belonging to them. For the sake of safety, they would keep the hiding place a secret even from their nearest relatives, relying perhaps on being able to advise them on their death bed. It often happened, however, that death took them unawares, either from its very sud-

denness or while absent from near kin home or in the absence of the very relations who should hear the secret, so the money would remain hidden perhaps until the property had passed into other hands, in course of renovation of the house the hidden wealth would turn up, or, as sometimes happens, someone deeper with a knowledge of the underlying cause, takes the house or property and discovers the lost secret. Large amounts of money are also believed to exist in some of the haciendas formerly occupied as receiving centers by the different orders, but some of which are now in ruins. It is explained that when the orders were banished out of the country they did not have time more than to close their deposits and could take nothing away. After the passing of the reform laws they could not, as bodies, own properties and the treasures, if found, have averted to the government. In some cases the Indians living on the hacienda or in the adjoining village claim to know that such treasures exist, but jealously guard the secret and will permit no intrusion in search of the treasures.

"In the early days and until a comparatively recent date some parts of Mexico is invested with bands of robbers a verndrdllll bands and revolutionists, of who the former made frequent and in many cases successful raids on the large convoys which carried the wealth exported by the viceroy to the coast on its way to Spain. A large number of such convoys went over an old road which passed over the peak between the City of Mexico and Vera Cruz, over the mountain range not far from the peak of Orizaba and which is now practically abandoned."

REGULAR SERVICES AT RUNNELS CHURCH.

There will be regular preaching services at the Runnels Baptist church, the first Sunday of each month at 11 a. m., and each Saturday before at 3 p. m. w14-4t W. P. CROW, Pastor.

BROWNWOOD CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY

Well Known Citizen, Prominent Veteran and Church Worker Passes Away.

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 22.—Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock J. S. Burns, who had been confined to his bed and room because he did not feel well for the last few days, died very suddenly with heart failure. His wife was at home with him and he passed away so quietly that her attention was not attracted until she called to him and received no answer. Mr. Burns had been feeling badly for three or four days, but today thought he was much better, and was expecting to get up and dress himself late in the afternoon.

The deceased came to this country a number of years ago and first settled at Milburn, where he was engaged in farming, merchandising and the milling business. About ten years ago he came to Brownwood and during his residence here has been giving some attention to farming and contracting and building. He was a member of the Methodist church, a teacher in the Sunday School, and in fact has been identified with the church for a greater portion of his life. Altogether he was a very lovable character and a good man. He was a Confederate veteran, member of Camp Stonewall Jackson, and a man prominent in the lost, though glorious cause.

The deceased is survived by a wife and several children, among whom are Rev. Hal Burns, Lightner Burns, and two daughters who are teachers.

CITATION.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. C. Woodward by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at a regular term of the Justice's Court in Precinct No. 1, in Runnels County, Texas, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 954, wherein Geo. Q. McGown is plaintiff and S. C. Woodward is defendant and petition alleging that the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$170.90 for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant by the Currie Grocery Co. as shown in verified itemized account filed in said cause; and that the plaintiff is now the owner and holder of said account, which is long since due and unpaid.

Herein, fail not, but have before said court on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1910, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of December A. D. 1909. W. H. WEEKS, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas. w14-4t

NEGROES ROB TWO MEN IN DALLAS.

Special to The Banner. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.—Two bold holdups took place here last night. Two negro women are under arrest, charged with the robbery. Robert L. Jones, a white man, was robbed of \$100, which was later recovered. Morris Garonzik, a white man, returning home late last night, was also held up by two negroes. Watch and money were taken; no arrests.

Begin getting your list of New Year resolutions ready now. They are harder to make than to break.

SUSPECT ON THE BRAZOS.

Galveston, Dec. 22.—Through messages sent by the United Wireless telegraph a man believed to be the one alleged to have robbed the Wells-Fargo Express company of a package containing \$1000 in currency at Reisel last week has been located. The man wanted is believed to be on board the Mallory liner Brazos, which sailed for New York Saturday.

Detectives representing the express company traced their man to Galveston, arriving Saturday afternoon after the Brazos had sailed. Learning that a man answering his description had taken passage on the liner Sunday afternoon the detectives, through C. D. Campbell of the Galveston wireless station communicated with Captain Evans of the Brazos, sending a description of the man wanted. Today answer came back from Captain Evans that he had located a man, the description fitting him perfectly, claiming his home in Canada. When the answer was received the Brazos was 450 miles off Galveston, delay in the answer being due to the time it took Captain Evans to search through the passenger list.

Following receipt of the information the detectives through Chief or Police Perret, wired the authorities of New York to meet the boat and place the man under arrest.

OKLAHOMA OFFICER CHARGED MURDR

Special to The Banner.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 21.—Levi Rogers, deputy constable at Braggs, Okla., was today arrested charged with shooting Chas. Carpenter, whom he attempted to arrest Saturday, for larceny. Carpenter died today.

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 Wilmeth, Ballinger, Tex. w14-4t

SAN ANTONIO MAN STRUCK BY BURGLAR.

San Antonio, Dec. 21.—Awakened by a noise at home this morning, J. C. Hughes aroused and turned on the lights to investigate, when he was struck on the head by a burglar. The intruder escaped with \$125.

DEMAND AND SUPPLY.

Chicago Tribune. The fact may have no necessary bearing on the cost of living, but more than 75,000 immigrants, most of them bringing good appetites, landed in this country in the month of October.

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

Mrs. Ralph Willingham went to San Angelo Tuesday, for a visit with friends.

COLDEST WEATHER FOL TEN YEARS

Special to The Banner.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.—Following two hours of heavy snow, the coldest day in five years broke here this morning, the temperature going down seven above zero. In exposed parts of the city thermometers registered six above at seven o'clock. The coldest temperature last year was fifteen above. Reports received here from all over Texas indicate that the day is the coldest of many years. Flurries of snow and sleet are reported as far south as Floresville. The coldest point in Texas today is Abilene, where the temperature is only two above.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Galveston last night and today experienced the coldest weather of the season. The thermometer registered thirty-one degrees.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The mercury today dropped to ten above which is the coldest weather experienced this season. The snow in Northeast Texas and Southern Oklahoma is the heaviest in many years.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Following are the temperature reports received from various points in the state today: Dallas, nine degrees; Childress, 10; San Antonio, 24; Ft. Worth, 7; Abilene, 2; El Paso, 10; Waxahachie, 9; Paris, 10; Galveston, 31; Big Springs, 6; Texarkana, 9.

H. C. Travers, of Ballinger, is in the city to accept a position with the First National Bank. Mr. Travers has been engaged with the Ballinger State Bank heretofore, and is a splendid young gentleman, whom San Angelo is delighted to have become a citizen.—San Angelo Standard.

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

HOW MUCH DID THE SHOEMAKER LOSE?

A shoemaker sold a pair of shoes to a stranger for \$5, receiving a \$10 bill in payment. Not having the change he took the bill to a druggist and got two \$5 bills for it. He gave the stranger the shoes and \$5 in change. Later the druggist discovered the \$10 was a counterfeit and compelled the shoemaker to redeem it.

How much did the shoemaker lose?

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

Mrs. D. C. McCaleb and baby came down from San Angelo this evening to visit at the home of Judge Jno. I Guion.

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

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.
A SAFE, CERTAIN RELIEF FOR SUPPRESSED MENSTRUATION. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Ballistic! Guaranteed, or Money Refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, to be paid for when relieved. Samples Free. If your druggist does not have them send your orders to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANGSTON, PA.

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We repair bicycles, guns, phonographs, motor cycles, do key fitting. Give us a trial
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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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Is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.
Some carry keys, other who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. Listen!
No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank
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We offer you our bank and its facilities to help you
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Makes the most nutritious food and the most dainty and delicious

ROYAL Baking Powder
Absolutely Pure

No fretting over the biscuit making. Royal is first aid to many a cook's success

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION for BUSY BUYERS

You WILL buy during Christmas,—you WILL spend the dollars. Then why not do so in a “safe and sane” manner and spend your dollars here where ONE big round dollar has the purchasing power of TWO elsewhere? The time is short. The opportunity is passing. Act wisely and buy now

A few only of our trade getting, business-compelling offerings:—

<p>Our line of Men's and Boy's Clothing the celebrated “KIRSCHBAUM” make, with a style and fit unapproachable. Offered at less money than the ordinary kind.</p>	<p>Ladies' Suits, Wraps, and CLOAKS—the dependable kind, All fine and fair values at the marked price—but we offer you your choice at 33 1-3 per cent less than this. The same proposition for Children's Coats and Cloaks.</p>	<p>But on Millinery We will go one step further. Any and every Ladies' Hat in stock at 50 per cent discount—just 1-2 off. The style is here. The value is here. But the price is practically eliminated.</p>	<p>We offer you our popular “Wunderhose” for Ladies, Children, or Men at \$1.00 per box—but we go further and absolutely guarantee that you can wear these four months without the necessity of mending.</p>	<p>Our line of Red Cross Shoes for Women is full and complete and you know that “RED CROSS SHOES ARE BETTER.” These are only a few of the sensible and desirable articles we sell. Call and see the others.</p>
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We have enjoyed a pleasant and profitable Fall and Winter trade and for this we are indebted to our friends and customers and extend our hearty thanks for your favors. But from now till January 1st, we bid farewell to everything in the shape of profit and offer you the opportunity of supplying your Christmas needs at prices as low as we purchased these goods. It a fair proposition. WE can afford to sell. YOU can afford to buy—at the price.

Let's Get Together

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year, Respectfully,

Ballinger Dry Goods Company

ALF. COGSDALL KILLED AT ABILENE

News reached here this morning giving an account of the killing of Alf Cogsdall at Abilene between four and four-thirty o'clock yesterday afternoon. From the best information obtainable we learn that Mr. Cogsdall had recently sold out his business at Abilene and had some dealings with Felix Jones, a real estate man, which led up to the difficulty. It seems that Cogsdall and Jones had had some trouble and Cogsdall later visited Jones' office, and there was no witness to the killing, Jones being alone in his office when Cogsdall called on him. Jones used a 45 calibre automatic gun and the wounds in Cogsdall's body showed that he shot him five times before he fell. After killing Cogsdall Jones walked out of his office and surrendered to the officers, but refused to make a statement. Jones' coat was cut in several places in the back, and while he made no statement this left the impression that Cogsdall attacked him with a knife. The officers rushed to Jones' office but Cogsdall was gasping his last breath when the officers reached his side, and he died without uttering a word. Cogsdall formerly lived at Winters and was acquainted in Ballinger, and regardless of his faults, he had friends here who will regret to learn of his death. He was a man that had experienced a great deal of trouble in his account of his overbearing manner when under the influence of whiskey. When sober he was a clever man, and made deals with everyone he came in contact with. He had no fear of a fellow man and was a man who was ever ready to fight for his way in business dealings.

NOTES OF COUNTY TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

In one respect Prof. J. C. Taylor resembles Hon. W. J. Bryan. Both are men of ideas and have the courage and voice to express them.

Prof. P. L. Stone seems to have been trained up to chairmanship, and carries out his difficult part precisely like an old-timer.

Prof. C. Staff has ideas peculiarly his own, although on occasions he shares them with his fellow members.

Prof. C. D. Garrett asserts he was teaching before most of the other teachers were born. He is indeed young for his age.

Someone yesterday referred to Prof. R. N. Wilson as “the gentleman from Miles.” We object. He is of and for all Runnels county now, and we trust for years to come.

There is lots of room for more visitors, and Supt. Hagan says all are welcome. The fact that Prof. Hagan authorizes this statement makes its meaning perfectly clear.

There are more ladies attending the institute than gentlemen, showing Runnels county trustees to be a levelheaded lot, after all. But men teachers remain longer in the service. “There's a reason.”

WOODMEN TREE FULL OF GIFTS.

The Christmas tree at the Opera House last night was full of pretty and useful gifts, and the distribution included all the little folks present. Many were present and a most interesting program was carried out.

The tree and program were arranged by the local Woodmen Lodge, and reflects much credit on that enterprising order.

YOUTH ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE HUNTING

Special to The Banner.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 23.—News reached here late last night of the accidental killing of the 14 year old son of John Lee, which occurred in the Eola Community about 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The Lee boy, with his twelve year old brother and the 14 year old son of J. A. Fisher were out hunting when he met his death. His two companions rushed to the house immediately after the shooting, and reported according to the information received here over the telephone late last night.

The Fisher and Lee families reside on the Wirt Wyatt farm, three miles south of Eola.

DIED THIS MORNING.

Mrs. J. W. Steely died at her home at 709 Ball avenue this morning at 6:40 o'clock, after a lingering illness of several years.

Deceased leaves a husband, who is foreman at the Home Steam Laundry, and five children. Mr. Steely moved here from Brownwood about eight months ago, and has made many friends who sympathize with him in the loss of his wife.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral and same will be conducted from the residence tomorrow at ten o'clock, and interment will be made in the Ballinger cemetery.

MUD AND SLUSH DE- TER FT. FORTH SHOPPERS.

Special to The Banner.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 23.—A slow rain is falling here today. Mud and slush are causing great inconvenience to Christmas shoppers.

BOND ISSUE LOST.

The voters in the bond issue election Saturday voted down the question, and the Ballinger precinct will not spend \$100,000 for good roads, not now at least.

The vote:
Ballinger: for 173; against 88.
Runnels: for 1; against 40.
Norwood: for 0; against 39.
Pony Creek: for 10; against 16.
Fuzzy Creek: for 4; against 4.
Total: for 188; against 187.
As will be seen by the vote there was very little interest in the election, less than one-half of the voters going to the polls.

The bond issue carried by one vote, while it requires a two-thirds majority to authorize the issuance of bonds.

LUTHER IS APPOINTED PENITENTIARY AGENT.

Special to The Banner.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Dec. 23.—J. L. Luther, formerly of this city, received information today that he had been appointed state penitentiary agent, and should assume duties on January first. Luther was agent for ten years, but was removed when Campbell became governor.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT DEMAND GOOD ROADS

The Postal Department is Threatening to Discontinue Free Mail on Account of Road Conditions.

Postmaster Cady is in receipt of a notice from the Postal Department asking for a report on the road conditions here, stating that if the roads are not kept up the rural mail routes will be discontinued. We judge from this that some report has reached the department that the roads are not just what they should be. This move will affect the farmers more than any other class of people, and a peculiar feature of it is that it will effect the farmers who

went to the polls last Saturday and voted against the road bonds. Rural route No. 1, running south out of Ballinger carries mail daily to something like one hundred families, out of that one hundred families only fourteen votes were polled for the bond issue last Saturday.

The Department has spoken, and it means business, and says if the roads are not put in better shape, the free mail routes will be cut out.

Bargains in town lots, houses, farm and ranch property. 78-14 M. D. Chastain & Co.

Miss Harwood, one of the Ballinger teachers, went to Tennessee Saturday afternoon to spend the holidays.

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For the Close of the Old Year

we have made special purchases and now offer matchless buying opportunities in a big line of Fresh Groceries, Candies, Nuts, Etc., and the line compose the value that will point your best judgment to our store. We thank you for past favors and solicit same in the future.

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Phone 274 _____

And have that Suit Cleaned and Pressed for Xmas.

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The Tailor and Hatter

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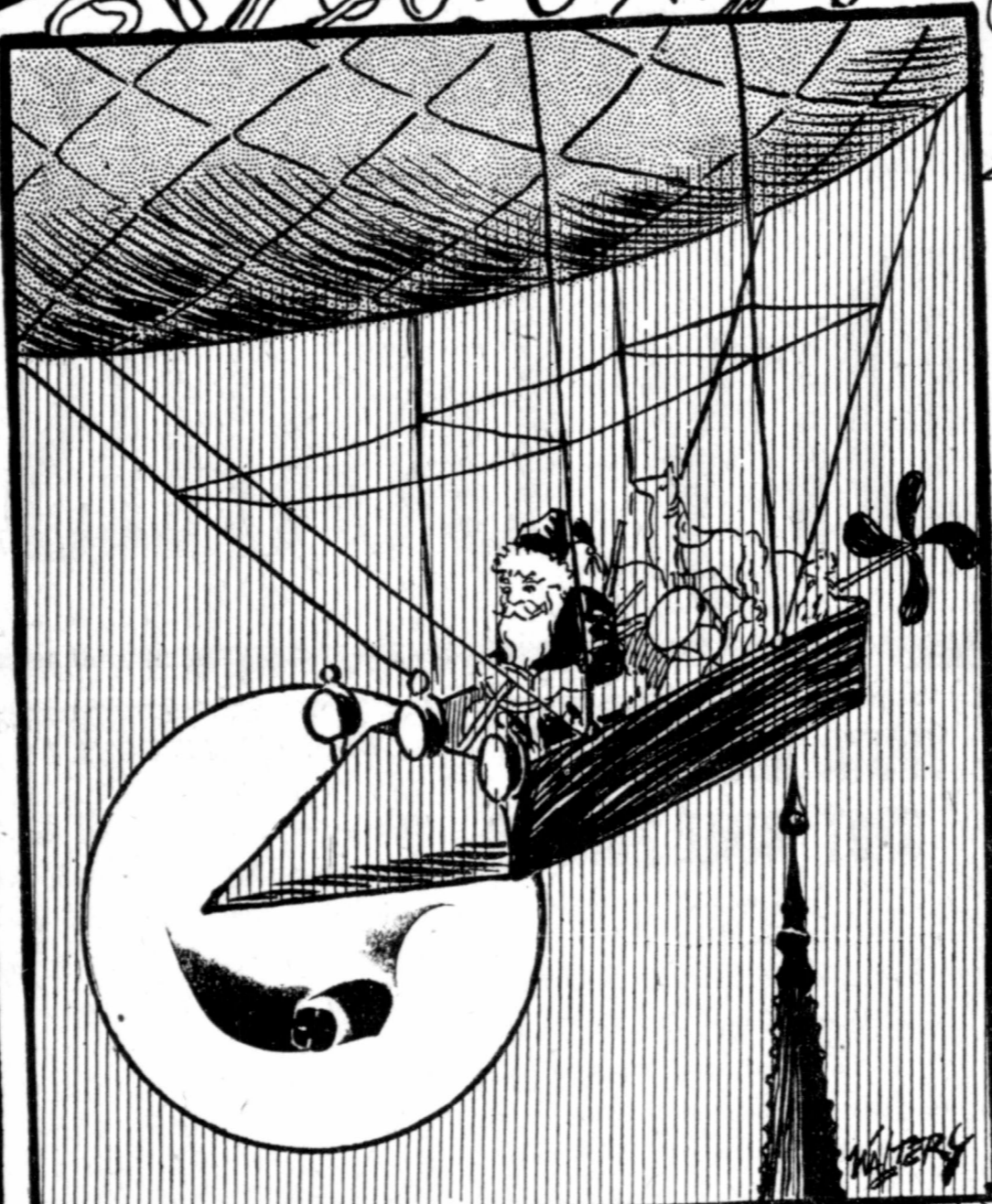
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The Globe Store

Wishes its customers and friends A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and requests that you look us up when you want real values in Merchandise at rock bottom prices.

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Regular Meals 3 Times a Day. Warm Bread at All Times. All Kinds of Short Orders Served Promptly.

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Fresh Meats of All kinds

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Try Our Xmas Cakes

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The Store that saves you money on Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats and Clothing.

Call and Inspect Our Goods

MADE MONEY IN RUNNELS COUNTY

D. E. Caudle Will Tell the Good News to His East Texas Kin Folks.

D. E. Caudle, accompanied by his wife and three children, left this afternoon for their old home at Lufkin to spend the holidays. "No sir, I am not going to stay," said Mr. Caudle. "I owe what I have to this country. I came here several years ago, a mighty poor man. I had a wife and eight children and thirty-four dollars in cash when I landed in Ballinger, and I am a little better fixed than that today, and I made it farming right here in Runnels county."

Mr. Caudle has been renting land this year from Dr. Fowler, but he owns some Ballinger property, and has money to his credit in the bank. He carried along some advertising matter and will try to show the people in the boll weevil district how much better they can do if they will come to Runnels county.

Keep the bowels open if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

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

Ballinger Lumber Company

CITY MEAT MARKET

R. A. NABOURS, Proprietor.

GOOD MEAT is the kind you appreciate when eating. OUR MARKET then is the place you should patronize when buying as we handle only the BEST.

Anything you want in Fresh or Cured Meats, Sausage etc. Prompt delivery if you phone your orders to No. 185.

CITY MEAT MARKET

Pure Water

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.

See or phone

Arctic Light & Fuel Co.

Phone 312

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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.

QUITE CORRECT.

Hon. Jno. F. Maddox, of Ballinger, was elected president of the West Texas Development Congress at San Angelo last week. He is a brother to our fellow-townsmen, C. W. Maddox. The honor is well deserved and J. F. will do the association and himself credit by the able manner in which he will discharge his duties in this capacity. The next meeting of the organization will be held at Stamford.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Your property may burn up or blow away, but you are all right if you have seen M. D. Chastain & Co. for insurance. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

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TEACHERS DISCUSS IDEAS AND METHODS

Institute Work Grows in Interest—Valuable Ideas Advanced.

Many ideas, theories, methods and practical suggestions are resulting from the Teachers Institute, and each session increases in interest. Despite the cold weather, the session is warm, and quite a lot of good is bound to be accomplished by the meeting.

Tuesday's session opened with a few remarks by a visitor, after which the regular program was taken up. "Vexing Problems of Discipline," was ably discussed by T. H. Dyer, Miss Lola Phillips and C. Staff. This subject evoked much discussion, some of the problems mentioned being the use of tobacco by pupils, whispering and lack of ambitious effort.

"Should Boys and Girls be Permitted to Play Together on the School Grounds?" was discussed by J. C. Taylor, John Shield and Miss Josie Glenn. Various viewpoints were taken of this matter, and some good ideas advanced in their support.

"Supplementary Reading," was handled with especial reference to the common school work, by T. L. Huggins, Miss Kate Guion and Mrs. Lela Hill.

"Why I am a Teacher," proved a question fraught with meaning to all, and in the range of reasons given were suggestions worthy of presentation. Maud Shelton and G. C. Beard led in the discussion.

Other questions discussed during the day were as follows:

"What Preparations Should Teachers Make in Order to Promote the Best Interests of the Pupils?"—G. L. Myers, Ada Waller and Evelylin Hammon.

"Different Methods of Teaching Reading and How to Teach Them."—Nettie Mills, Jessie Secret and Bess Watson.

"Should a Pupil Master the Alphabet Before Entering the Second Reader?"—R. J. Beard, M. J. Stephenson, O. L. Parish and Ada White.

"The Proper Organization of the School. And How it Should be done."—R. L. Thompson, T. G. Clay and Miss Annie Glenn.

"The Most Urgent Needs of the Common Schools, and How to Obtain Them."—Doc Pearce, Bearney Glaze and Kate Cameron.

"Opinions of the Institute as to the Consolidation of Rural Schools."—J. N. Key, leader.

"Do Teachers Depend too Much Upon Text Books?"—R. L. Carlton, Laura Johnson and Lynett Brown.

CHILDREN

Who have worms, who are sickly, restless or irritable; those who eat too much sweet stuff, who suffer from colic or irregular bowel movements, will grow strong, rosy and cheerful under the cleansing and invigorating influence of

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As a corrective for disorders in the stomach or bowels, for clearing the complexion and promoting appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits, it is unequalled. Good for either sex and all ages from five years upwards.

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

Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

BIG BLAZE AT SANTA ANNA

Santa Anna, Tex., Dec. 17.—Between the hours of one and two yesterday morning the McHorse livery and feed barn was discovered a solid sheet of flames. Cries of fire and pistol shots aroused the entire town and very soon a great crowd was at the scene, but too late to save anything.

The horses were stabled in sheds back of the main building and were let out the back way and no live stock were lost in the conflagration. The entire contents of the main building were destroyed, including buggies, hacks, harness, etc. The only article saved was a feather duster.

For some time grave fear filled the minds of the people for the other business houses adjoining but the absence of any wind, and water supplied from several large tanks near the buildings made it possible to confine and control the fire. Several wooden buildings, the Melton hotel and old P. O. building were in great danger from falling sparks for some time but a sharp lookout was kept on these structures and no damage was done.

Nothing is now left of the stable but the bare stone walls blackened by smoke. The insurance carried, if any, was very light and the owners will sustain almost a total loss.

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FEDERAL COURT GRANTS INJUNCTION.

Special to The Banner. Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 21.—Federal Judge Cotteral today granted a temporary injunction to the M. K. & T., Santa Fe, Rock Island, and Frisco roads, restricting the Oklahoma auditor from collecting state gross revenue taxes. If the roads finally win, it will mean the loss of thousands of dollars to the state annually.

Get a Monitor Windmill from Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

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

NEW CORN FOR THE SOUTHWEST.

Scientific American.

Last year a small lot of shelled corn of a kind new to this country was sent to the department of agriculture from Shanghai. It proved to have qualities that may make it valuable in breeding a corn adapted to the hot and dry conditions of the Southwest. The plants raised in the test averaged less than six feet in height, with the average of twelve green leaves at the time of tasseling.

The ears averaged five and a half inches in the greatest circumference, with sixteen to eighteen rows of small grains. On the upper part of the stalk the leaves are all on one side of the stalk instead of being arranged in two rows on opposite sides. Besides this, the upper leaves stand instead of drooping, and the tips of the leaves are therefore above the top of the tassel. The silks of the ear are produced to the point where the leaf blade is joined to the leaf sheath, and they appear before there is any sign of an ear except a slight swelling.

THE CORRECT TIME

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia, or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure.

Coffees and Teas, fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted.—Miller Mercantile Company.

MASS MEETING AT ROBERT LEE

Citizens Ratify Bonus Proposition and Attend to other Details Relative to Railroad.

Robert Lee, Tex., Dec. 20.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Robert Lee and from all parts of Coke County was held at the court house Saturday for the purpose of ratifying the bonus proposition made by E. G. Hammock, general manager of the Colorado & Concho Railway Company.

There was but little speech making after the proposition was submitted and adopted, as follows:

That Robert Lee and Coke county are to raise a bonus of \$50,000, \$15,000 of which is to be in real estate and the remainder in cash, to be paid when trains are running.

The Colorado & Concho Railway Company obligates and binds itself to begin construction no later than June, 1910, and to complete the road not later than October 15, 1911.

The charter has been read and men of means are sut ing and lending substantial aid in raising the bonus.

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WIGGERS CAPTURE SPOON THIEVES

Strangers Work Scheme on Bal-
lenger Eating and Drinking
Houses. Pay for the
Goods.

The officers arrested three strangers yesterday for stealing spoons from the Cline restaurant and the Crown saloon. The strangers would go in and buy something to eat, and while eating would fill their pockets with spoons, and would practice the same game when drinking in the saloon. The scheme was caught on to and the officers notified. When the parties were apprehended by the officers some of the stolen goods were found on them, which was proof sufficient. One of the parties had a pepper box in his pocket, which led the officers to believe that the thieves had been operating at other places, as no box had been missed from the Crown or Cline's.

The thieves adjusted the matter with the law and went on their way perhaps to search for greener fields.

THE COTTON CROP.

The new cotton report issued last week placing the cotton crop of this year at 10,088,000 bales brought about some important

changes that will have its bearing on the trade of the world. This report showed yield 300,000 bales under the lowest estimate, and the effect was startling. Cotton went up at a bound of twenty-five to forty points, and settled at 16 cents, which marks the highest record since war times. That this phenomenal price is not temporary, but is regarded as settled and stationary is proved by the significant action of the Bank of England, which lowered its discount rate one-half of 1 per cent. This is the greatest evidence which could be given of confidence in both home affairs and in the permanency and stability of the industrial and trade situation of the world.

In the shortage of the cotton crop this year Texas is a heavy loser by at least one-half. While Georgia and the Carolinas are the only cotton raising states which will realize the highest prices in years on a full crop. Louisiana's cotton crop was almost a total failure, while Arkansas and Oklahoma were greatly curtailed. A leading cotton journal commenting on the high prices of cotton says: "It is doubtful whether cotton ever goes much lower than the present figures. Boll weevil is a constant menace in many states and farm lands are shrinking in size every year, while the consumption in cotton is growing more in proportion." There is also a factor in holding cotton to its present prices no less potent than the increasing consumption,

and that is the fact that the effort of foreign countries to produce this staple has never proven more than a partial success. The experiments in Egypt, India and Australia, while showing that cotton could be produced, has shown that owing to conditions which could not be controlled, it could never be depended on as a continuous source of supply. The effort in these countries and central and south Africa is perfunctory, and so far as any rivalry or competition in the production of the world's greatest staple is concerned the south will enjoy a monopoly for all time to come.—Austin Statesman.

WACO MAY LOSE TEXAS LEAGUE BERTH

Special to The Banner.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 22.—Charles Sanger and C. J. Globber are today making a strong fight to save the Texas League baseball franchise for Waco. The time allowed by the board of directors of the team expires at six o'clock this evening, and if the city cannot arrange to retain the franchise by that time, it will be sold to some other place.

Oscar Routh and Curtis Norman returned Sunday from San Antonio to spend the holidays with their parents. The boys are attending Peacock's Military School at that city.

A Merry Christmas

AND

Happy and Prosperous 1910 To All!

We thank our friends and customers for the liberal trade they have given us in 1909, and trust they will continue to come to the Big Store for their wants in

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HELLO, SANTA CLAUS!

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CONFERENCE REPORT WAS GROUNDLESS

Special to The Banner.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 22.—All efforts to confirm published reports that an important conference between Attorney General Davidson's friends and himself, reported to be here today, have proven futile. Men mentioned as participants deny knowledge of the matter. It was reported that conference would arrange to sacrifice Cone Johnson, gubernatorial candidate, for the sake of Davidson. Cullen Thomas and J. E. Cockrell, named among the conferees, are out of the city. Geo. W. Riddle said he knew of no such meeting and that he believed the report to be groundless.

It is not believed that Cone Johnson will withdraw, as he has already entered too strenuously into his campaign.

ELDORADO GETS ROAD.

Special to The Banner.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 18.—The citizens committee, of Eldorado, signed the contract yesterday for the extension of the Orient road from this place to Eldorado. The citizens of Eldorado were called on to raise a bonus of one hundred thousand dollars, and they raised \$113 more than that amount.

Work on the road will start within a few days, and is to be completed within twelve months.

Miss Bess Young left Saturday afternoon for her home at Itasca to spend the holidays and arrange for the coming wedding.

Mrs. J. W. Francis returned from a visit to her daughter at Calvert today.

MARRIED OVER TELEPHONE. NOTORIOUS FORGER

Special to The Banner.

Pecos, Tex., Dec. 22.—With the minister performing the ceremony twenty miles away from them Kyle Lovegay and Miss Dorathy Flowers were married last night at Toyah, Rev. H. M. Smith of this city using the telephone to unite the couple. The couple stood in the Toyah telephone station clasping hands and holding the receivers to their ears and listening to words twenty miles distant which made them man and wife.

GIVEN 14 YEARS.

Special to The Banner.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—John L. Collins, self-confessed forger who tried to obtain \$500 by bad checks and who operated in Dallas, was today sentenced to 14 years in Louisiana penitentiary. Collins was arrested here a week ago. He admitted passing bogus paper in Alabama, Texas, California and Colorado.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Present Representative on This District Talks for Man Says He Will Win.

Hon. Brown F. Lee, representative from this district passed through Sunday evening, en route to the Stockmen's convention at Ft. Worth. He got off the train at Ballinger to see some friends. He was approached by the writer and asked if he would be in the race for representative.

At first Judge Lee did not answer our question directly, but said he did not know, but was considering the matter.

He stated that he had been a very busy man for the past few months, being a member of the penitentiary investigating committee, and had allowed his personal affairs to get behind, and as soon as he caught up with his work he would decide. When informed that the people here were anxious to know whether he would be a candidate or not, Judge Lee said, "Well, to tell the truth of the matter, I expect to announce soon. I have about caught up with my work and will make my announcement."

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an alias execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Tom Green County, on the 16th day of February A. D. 1910, by the Justice of the Peace thereof, in the case of L. H. Brightman vs. C. W. Seuddy, No. —, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in April A. D. 1910, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Runnels County, Texas:—1st. Being 325 acres of land out of the N. E. corner of a 1280 Sur. known as Abst. 456, Sur. 541, originally granted to Jno. Jacob Taylor, Cert. 1446, patented to M. T. Johnson, July 27, 1855, by Pat. No. 80, Vol 7, more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the original N.E. corner of said Sur. 541; thence S. 75 West with the original N.B. line 1334 varas; thence S. 15 east with N.B. line of a public road 1376 varas to corner; thence N. 75 E. 1334 varas to stake in original E.B. line of this survey; thence N. 15 W. 1376 varas to beginning.

2nd. Being 148 acres of land out of a 374 acre tract, a part of the Wharton Co. School Land Sur. No. 509, conveyed to W. H. Rogers by R. L. Williams by his deed of date March 5, 1906, received in Vol. 47, page 267-8, Deed Records of Runnels Co. Texas; said 148 acres described as follows:

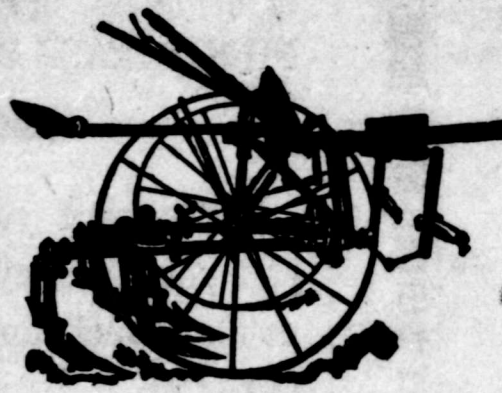
Beginning at the S.W. corner of the said 374 acre tract; thence E. 1104 varas; thence N. 845 varas; thence S. 81 1-4 W. varas to rock set in ground in W. line of said 374 acre tract; thence S. 7 1-2 E. 677 varas to place of beginning.

3rd. 46 acres of land, a part of Sur. No. 56 1-2 patented to C. H. Willingham on Sept. 11, 1901, by Pat. No. 272, Vol. 21, and described as follows:

Beginning at the S.E. corner of said Survey No. 56 1-2, as indicated by the decree of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, Oct. term 1904, in cause No. 690, of R. L. Williams vs. J. T. Billups made and entered in Vol. 23, p. 553, of the Minutes of said court; thence N. 657 3-4 varas stone mound on top of mountain for N.E. corner of this tract; thence S. 81 1-4 varas; thence S. 593 varas; thence E. 426 varas to the place of beginning.

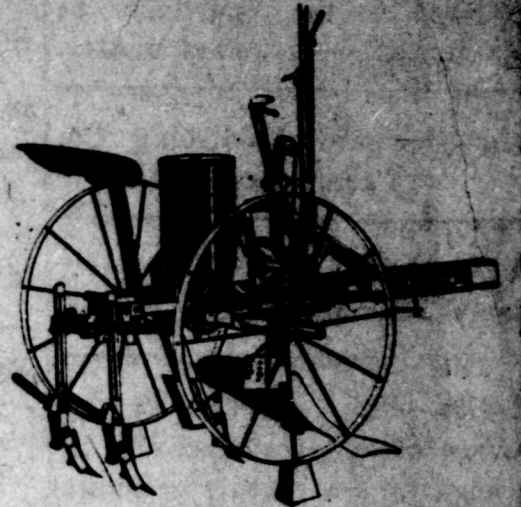
4th. Being 240 acres of land

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of the S.W. corner of Sur. No. 233 of 4605 acres in the name of R. M. Williamson, located by virtue of Cert. 3, Abst. 494, described as follows:

Beginning at the stone mound, same being the N.W. corner of a 160 acre tract now owned by R. M. Smith on the west line of the said R. M. Williamson Sur. No. 233, at a distance of 969 varas North of the original S.W. corner of said R. M. Williamson Sur. No. 233 on the north bank of the

Colorado river; thence north following a fence 1946 varas to a stone mound for N.W. corner of said 340 acre tract; thence east 950 varas to stone mound for N.E. corner; thence south 3917 varas to a stone mound on the north bank of the Colorado river for S.E. corner of this tract; thence 19 varas up the Colorado river to a stone mound for corner on the north bank of said Colorado river; thence north 953 varas with boundary line of said B. M. Smith

760 acre tract to a stone mound; thence west with the north line of said 60 acre tract 931 varas to the place of beginning levied on as the property of C. W. Seuddy, to satisfy a judgment amounting \$96.93 in favor of L. H. Brightman, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this day of February A. D. 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff
D. L. BAKER, Deputy.

That Thompson came in today from Angelo.

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News items appreciated. Phone

Lossback and knockers retard the growth of any city.

It will soon be St. Patrick's day "early in the morning."

Is it really possible after all, that Peary has been "Cook-ing" us?

A good motto with regard to all public improvements "Hurry Up!"

Base ball season is almost here and Ballinger will have no team, we fear.

Perhaps the men who ride in airships may eventually soar as high as the present price of hogs.

While we are praying for rain, let's also send a request to Jack Frost, and ask him to stay out of this country until next winter.

Jack Frost was in evidence this morning, but the general information we get is that there is no more to fruit.

It is a little early this morning on the 27th of March, makes a heavy dry day early.

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not attend ing at Tay- ment of bad and bad roads.

hing at Houston, Sunday. eeden said, "There is no hell." This should be reing to the inhabitants of that city.

The sewerage company is laying a new main, and the city council should enforce that city ordinance, and give Ballinger a cleaner town.

We must elect three aldermen. So far only two names have been handed in that have agreed to serve. We would like to have some nominations.

Some new building improvement is planned in Beautiful Ballinger every day, and plans are carried out every day. A steady substantial growth for a greater Ballinger.

Quite a number of country people visited the rest rooms yesterday. The Business League desires to make visitors to Ballinger feel at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Banner-Leader will publish in this column the names of candidates for the various offices until the primaries, and of the successful candidates in the primaries, until the election.

Cash in advance must invariably be required, before any announcement will be made.

For District Clerk: MISS MARY PHILLIPS.

For Tax Assessor: MIKE BOYD. W. T. CALDWELL. W. O. MOORE. FRANK STUART.

For County Superintendent: E. L. HAGAN (re-election).

For Sheriff: J. P. FLYNT (re-election)

For County Attorney: Edward S. McCarver (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector: J. EDWIN DAY.

For Justice of the Peace: W. H. WEEKS, (Precinct 1.)

For County Clerk: J. (Buck) SHIELDS. OVERTON L. PARRISH.

For County Judge: R. S. GRIGGS.

For Constable: B. W. PILCHER, (Re-election.) BEN F. ALLEN (Precinct 1.)

For County Treasurer: T. J. STOCKS (Re-election)

A Boston expert warns women to wear wire rats in this hair if they do not wish to get bald. What's the difference, most of the hair the average woman now possesses is artificial.

We can't refrain from saying again, that you read it in the Banner today, and other papers tomorrow. In doing this we are also reminded that 35 cents per month is mighty cheap for a telegraph newspaper.

Whether or not Mars is inhabited does not worry us nearly so much as the fact that our country should be more largely inhabited by prosperous agriculturists, and our untilled acres put in cultivation.

Another question, who will walk up and sacrifice themselves for school trustees? We want four good men, practical business men, men with no axe to grind or prejudice in their bones. Men who have the best interest of the Ballinger school at heart.

The Business League will banquet the road overseers and county commissioners free on March the 22nd, and any others who wish to attend can buy tickets, as the League has authorized the sale of 75 tickets. Every business man in Ballinger should attend.

It has been suggested that we publish a list of the membership of the Business League, and also a list of the business men in Ballinger who are not members. A good idea, just to let the people know who are joining in the work for a greater Ballinger.

The patrons of the Ballinger school could afford to go down in their pockets and cover the school campus with a carpet of bermuda, and then come out ahead on their shoe and clothing bill next winter. It is folly to allow the children to wear out

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JIM MCWHIRTER, Prop.

CITY BARBER SHOP

shoes and clothing on the rocky campus, to say nothing of the beauty of the proposition. Let's get busy.

Every man in Runnels county, and especially those close to Ballinger can now make money with a few good milk cows. Cream will bring from 25 cents to 30 cents per pound in Ballinger every day in the week, and in the meantime, hogs can be raised from the skimmed milk that will bring \$10.50 per hundred pounds. Surely the opportunities of the farmer are all that could be asked for.

The Banner-Leader suggests that we cut out the word "boost" and substitute the word "work" in lieu thereof. Alright, how will "Work Beautiful Ballinger" sound?—Runnels County Ledger.

We acquiesce when it comes to a matter of sounds. "Work Beautiful Ballinger" does not sound as pleasing to ears attuned to harmonious cadences as the alliterative "Boost Beautiful Ballinger." However city-building is something more than making pleasant sounds or writing beautiful couplets. If placing Ballinger in the front ranks commercially and industrially and attractively were a matter of editorial extravaganza we would fill our pages with the best we could produce—but alas, however, unbeautiful the term may sound, after all, we must work if we would have a beautiful Ballinger.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

The Sanitary Sewerage Co., is laying 1000 feet of main up the alley between Seventh and Eighth Street. They are doing their part towards making a healthier Ballinger, and the citizens should be enterprising enough to make the necessary sewerage connections to make Ballinger a pure spotless town. Let's be up-to-date and not forty years behind.

COUNTRY CLUB—WHY NOT?

Why do not the citizens of Ballinger build a Country Club and make the grounds attractive to the busy business man can have a place to go and spend a week end occasionally with his family? A Country Club could be easily built and maintained at a very small cost to a large number of people, and it would afford a splendid place for each member to spend a few quiet hours each week.

There are many ideal places near the city that would make an ideal location for a building and grounds. Then, too, the social benefits from such an institution would be a worthy factor for the promotion of, continued

esteem and fellowship of our citizenship.

THE GRADUATE.

A young soul fedges forth from High School or college graduation full of false optimism and foolish fancy about the worlds he is going to conquer. After his pride gets a few hard bumps he becomes conscious that life is not all rose-hue, and rainbows and sunsets.

Nature is not going to plow his fields for him nor take one whit of the drudgery from his work. If he survives the crash of his flimsy ideals—survives serenely; if he will roll up his proverbial sleeves and apply himself assiduously to whatever task may be his portion; if he will get his head above the clouds of false theories where the sun shines; then he may claim to be of some use in this world, and to be an optimist—but not till then.

TREE PLANTING

Ft. Worth is establishing an enterprise that is destined to be very popular and unquestionably it will be profitable. The city will establish a tree nursery and supply the Ft. Worth public with shade and ornamental trees free of charge, the only obligation being that those who get trees set them out and care for them.

Such a move would meet with a warm reception here and if the Business Men's League want to spend a little money for a great and lasting good they could start a tree nursery in South Ballinger and furnish trees to all who would put them out. The Ballinger people have already gotten the tree planting habit and such a stimulus as the above enterprise would be of a greater benefit than we can now estimate.

PLEASANT DREAMS.

It is pleasant to dream and dream, when the dreams are very agreeable topics. Here is the way the Coleman Advertiser man has been telling of his pleasant expectations:

"Why in ten years we expect to have Santa Anna, Valera, Silver Valley and Gouldbusk inside the corporation and by 1930 our south front will be the Colorado river.

"Street cars will be running to Ballinger and Brownwood, and Rockwood and Trickham will be factory districts because of their oil fields. There will be talk of moving the State House to Coleman in 1950 and as it is the center of the State no doubt the moving will take place by 55. The people that own property in Coleman will be millionaires and spending their winters in Southern France, and making the trip

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The special issue of the Ft. Worth is not on tomorrow's paper yesterday's paper. This rate is given day, March 17, as looking up the S for this issue.

If reports are true bell will make his present campaign. he is not a candidate.

It is expensive to the quicker the school covered with bermuda quicker we can look ourselves square in the face and say that we have done the right thing by our children.

The commissioners could find a buyer for the old iron fence around the court house, and it is an eyesore, and should be removed by all means, and the front ornamented with a cement walk.

SNAP SHOTS.

The driver of the water wagon is the patientest person in the world. He waits for years for some of his passengers to get on.

In Kansas City the beeves who would go joyriding with other men's wives, must keep their eyes skinned for the butcher knives.

Woman is fond of all sorts of candy and all sorts of taffy.

Did Mr. Cudahy take Mrs. C. for a battling Nelson?

"I can decline the verb 'amo,' said Cleopatra, "but I can't decline candy."

The old fashioned Patriarch who owned cattle on a thousand hills now has a grandson who can't buy a beefsteak.

About the surest thing in this world is the belief of a married man that if he were a widower he could marry again.

The kind of a man who can have a 4-year-old son and not brag on him would yawn in the face of fortune while she was trying to be entertaining.

There is a monkey in Dallas that carries a cane, wears white kid gloves and smokes cigarettes. But he doesn't pretend to be a man.

If it is true that all flesh is grass the cold storage vaults are probably full of hayseeds.

Maybe the reason a woman is always uneasy about the buttons at her back is because that is where other women talk about her.

STRAIN TOO GREAT.

Hundreds of Ballinger Readers Find Daily Toil a Burden

The hustle and worry of business men,

The hard work and stooping of workmen,

The woman's household cares, Are too great a strain on the kidneys.

Backache, headache, sideache. Kidney troubles, urinary troubles follow.

A Ballinger citizen tell you how to cure them all.

J. A. Cole, Thirteenth St., Ballinger, Texas, says:

"I had a pain across the small of my back that kept me in misery for months. It was especially severe when I stopped or lifted

ed a box from the Walker Drug Co. The first few doses relieved me and by the time I had taken half the contents of the box, the distress in my back had entirely disappeared. There has never been any return of my trouble." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

PRODUCE HOUSE MOVED.

W. W. Womack has moved his produce business to the Bob Wilmeth stand next door to Walker-Smith & Co. He is in the market for all your chickens, eggs, turkeys, etc.

GALA CELEBRATION

and CARNIVAL

BALLINGER

One Whole Week

Mar. 21-26

Benefit Fire Department Attractions Furnished by

THE LACHMAN SHOWS

The Highest Class Amusement Company en Route.

Everything to Please Nothing to Offend.

10 BIG ATTRACTIONS

FREE Attractions and Band Concerts, Afternoon and evening.

INVITED TO BALLINGER

...ing doing in Ballinger every day next week. It is on Tuesday the Road Overseers Convention will be held at the Business League and Mayor of the city, I want to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to visit our office for several days, as our guest. Never before in the history of the merchants in Ballinger made so great an effort to bring the people of Runnels county by purchasing such goods, and they are offering unusual inducements. You can save money by coming to Ballinger to do business. It is the very thing to send your friends to Ballinger. It is the very thing to send your friends to Ballinger. It is the very thing to send your friends to Ballinger.

...of any service to you, just let it be known, and we are glad,

R. P. KIRK,
Sec. Business League.

fat (the part is based) 6.4 pounds.
At 28 cents per pound per day \$1.79.

Or, per month, 30 days, \$53.70.
Or per year, 12 months, \$644.40
An average of \$64.44 for each cow; being the cost of ten ordinary cream separators.

Now should the owner of the cows decide to make his cream into butter, the figures would be as follows:

20 gallons milk per day, at 8 pounds per gallon 160 pounds.

Containing 4 per cent butter fat (from which the butter is made) 6.4 pounds.

To which must be added about 5 per cent to cover salt, etc, in making butter, gives a total (in butter) of about 7.4 pounds.

Sold at 20 cents per pound (low price) per day \$1.48.

or per month, 30 days, \$44.40
Or year 12 months, \$532.80, or being the worth of ten good cows.

All of this is made possible by the use of a cream separator.

In addition to the actual money made from the cream out of the milk from ten cows, the farmer has the skimmed milk left, for feed is about as valuable as the whole milk, as the cream or fat can be added in the different kinds of meal in any quantity desired. With these figures do you wonder that milk and butter stand second in all the money producing commodities of the United States? The Northern farmer known this—he knows we are sleeping on our rights, and is sending to Texas 1,000 cars of butter annually. He is the man who gets the money to which you are entitled; he has a cream separator. The figures named above are verified by hundreds of farmers in this state whose names can be secured, and can be worked by any farmer or farmer's wife who is willing to buy a Sharples Tubular Cream Separator and make the experiment.

We carry Sharples Tubular Cream Separators in Ballinger. They are the simplest machines built, easy to understand, easy to clean and guaranteed to do the work for which they were intended.

The Missouri Milling Co., will pay the highest market price for maize, kaffir corn and cane seed. 79-1 wtf

RANKIN SAYS THEY ARE SCATTERED.

This morning this correspondent started out to interview Dr. George C. Rankin on the gubernatorial situation in North Texas. Every question the correspondent put to the doctor the latter countered Scotch fashion by asking another.

Finally the correspondent and the doctor got down to business. "So you want to learn what I know about the political situation in North Texas?" said the doctor. Continuing: "Did you ever in mid-September go hunting for birds in the marsh lands when the fog was on the ground and as the fog lifted just a little bit descried a covey of birds cautiously sifting the earth for worms and fire into them? There is a scattering of birds, wasn't there? Well, that describes the prohibition situation in North Texas at this time. The birds are scattered. Quote me on the birds, but on nothing else."

That was all Dr. Rankin would stand for in the way of an interview, and he stated that he was prepared to trust the correspondent to do him full justice in the quotation.—Dallas Correspondent in Houston Post.

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NEWSPAPERS AND THE CHURCHES.

The general modernization of religion—which is more significant than any definite bit of news—is being shown this spring by remarkable turning toward the newspapers for co-operation. The churches are joining hands with the press. It seems to have lately dawned upon the leaders of organized christianity that, after all, the only way to reach the people is through the newspapers. To that end the concerted movement of the home mission boards openly made an expenditure for advertising, one of the principal items of its budget. No enterprise, be it college, Young Women's Christian Association of the Laymen's Missionary movement, thinks of doing without a publicity adjunct.

The most conspicuous and successful general use of the newspapers as a religious agency is the case of the Unitarians. These "liberal churches accept as their mission the promulgation of certain great truths. They say with extraordinary breadth of vision, that their real success lies in leaving other churches and societies in general, rather in adding to their own denomination. So, to reach the whole public—or so much of it as their names will command—with their message, they

have been carrying on for some time a systematic advertising propaganda.

This consists of reading notices inserted in a list of daily newspapers at regular advertising rates, in which is set forth, not the distinctive claims and merits of Unitarians, but its essential message. "The paragraph Pulpit," as it is called, is written by various leaders of the liberal churches. Frequently the secretary of the publicity department of the Unitarian denomination, the Rev. Charles W. Casson, writes the little sermon himself. The enterprise is regarded as one of the missionary activities of the denomination and is so supported.

More frequently is the practice of furnishing to the press, for free distribution, vows of religious activities. The press agent is now a part of the many religious organizations. Usually, to differentiate him from the man who is boosting theatrical interests, he is called a "publicity department." As such he issues frequent bulletins to the papers, supplies information to the newspaper men who handles the press end of the convention of his organization.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

WHAT THE CIRCUS MAN MIGHT HAVE SAID.

John W. Gates, millinaire steel and oil magnate, in company with his son, Charles W. Gates, Mayor D. C. Pfeiffer of Porth Arthur, James Hopkins, H. R. Woodworth and C. G. Smith, a New York broker, spent yesterday in Houston, leaving this morning for Port Arthur, the home of Mr Gates.

Preceding Mr. Gates was the rumor that he had committed himself by saying that the big spurn whale captured off Sabine Pass would not leave Port Arthur waters. This was in the face of a Beaumont man's offer of \$1500 for the aquatic animal, which gave the impression that the millionaire circus promoter was about to add another animal to his collection.

A reporter trailed the magnate through yesterday's rain and chilly wind for a short while, but efforts to gain an interview were fruitless.

If he had been seen it is probable he would have said:

"Yes, I bought the whale. I never owned one and I wished to experience the novelty of possessing the biggest animal on earth. You see, a whale is really connected with the oil business, in which I am extensively engaged, it being the first and one of the largest producers in the world.

"But to get away from commercialism, I wanted that whale because it was a whale and the biggest one in captivity. You see, it is not the first time I have been accredited with possessing an

aquatic animal as upon several instances it has been said I owned an octopus. They are slimy creatures, though, and distasteful to me since the Sherman act; but this big good-natured whale with a three-foot hide plastered with barnacles just took my fancy."

As a matter of fact, Mr. Gates did not buy the whale nor make any offers for it, although it is believed that he is in sympathy with keeping it near Port Arthur. The board of trade of that city has taken the matter up and will make overtures to Captain Cot Plumb for the amphibian.—Houston Post.

DON'T BE BALD.

Almost Any One May Secure a Splendid Growth of Hair.

You can easily find out for yourself if the hair needs nourishment, if it is thinning, getting dry harsh and brittle, or splitting at the ends. You simply have to pull a hair from the top of your head and closely examine its roots. If the bulb is plump and rosy it is all right; if it is white and shrunken your hair is diseased and needs nourishment.

We have a remedy for hair troubles that cannot be surpassed. It has a record of growing hair and curing baldness in 93 out of 100 cases where used according to directions for a reasonable length of time. It will even grow hair on bald heads if the scalp is not glazed and shiny. That may seem like a strong statement—it is, and we mean it to be, and no one should doubt it until they have put our claims to an actual test.

We are also sure that Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will completely eradicate dandruff, prevent baldness, stimulate the scalp and hair roots, stop falling hair and grow new hair, that we personally give our guarantee to refund every penny paid us for Rexall "93" Hair Tonic in every instance where it does not do as we claim or fails to give entire satisfaction to the user.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is as pleasant to use as clear spring water. It is perfumed with a pleasant odor, and does not grease or gum the hair. We have it in two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1. We urge you to try Rexall "93" Hair Tonic on our recommendation and with our guarantee back of it. You certainly take on risk. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at our store—The Rexall Store. The Walker Drug Company.

A Mild Splurge.

"Wife, if business continues good—"

"I can have a new spring hat, can't I?"

"I was going to say that we would get little Johnny an Easter egg."

BALLINGER GIRL HIGHLY HONORED

Miss Maryatt Smith Captures the Highest Honors in St. Mary's College.

Miss Maryatt Smith, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. M. C. Smith, of this city, and who is attending St. Mary's College in Dallas, has been awarded the highest honors of the school. The school awards a three hundred dollar scholarship each year to the pupil making the best record in studies, deportment, etc., and the following letter from the the Bishop of the school explains what Miss Maryatt has accomplished, and her many friends in Ballinger congratulate her and rejoice with her on this high and deserving honor.

Following is a copy of the letter written by Bishop Garrett to Miss Maryatt, and which was forwarded by Miss Maryatt to her father:

Dallas, Texas, March 15-10.
Miss Maryatt Smith,
St. Mary's College.
Miss Smith:—

It affords me very great pleasure to inform you that by your industry in your studies and high character, you have won a scholarship for next session.

This scholarship is strictly the reward of merit; its value is three hundred dollars for the session and it runs to graduation.

Wishing you all happiness and good success, I remain,

Faithfully yours,
BISHOP GARRETT,
President.

Call at my office 712 1-2 Hutchings Ave., and let us tell you about Cameron Heights. 79-3
M. J. STACY.

Jas. E. Brewer left yesterday afternoon for Jasper county on business. He will go down to Port Arthur to see the big whale.

We are in the market and will pay the highest price for milo maize, cane and kaffir corn. Missouri Milling Co. 79-1 wtf

Mrs. A. P. Holman and little daughter, came down from San Angelo yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. Geo. Vaughn.

A. L. Spann & Co., pay the highest market price for your produce, chickens, eggs and butter wanted all the time. See them before you sell. 79-2 w1

B. B. Hamilton left last Saturday for McGregor on a visit and will return tomorrow.

Patronize home people and eat Missouri Milling Co., flour. Every sack guaranteed. For sale by Guion & Doose. 77-3

Price Maddox came in from the ranch Sunday and joined the Ft. Worth excursionists Sunday evening.

Why buy flour made in some other town when we guarantee the Missouri Milling Co., flour to be as good and better. 77-3
GUION & DOOSE.

City Marshal McKay came in today from Ardmore, Dallas and other places north and east. Jack reports that this section of the country is in very good condition as compared to the places he visited.

Plant a dollar in Cameron Heights, the prettiest part of Ballinger. 79-3
M. J. STACY.

An Added Attraction.

"You say the church attendance is improving?"

"Yes; a fashionable milliner has opened her door with a fine window display."

A. L. SPANN & CO.

High patent flour \$3.15
20 lbs rice \$1.00
8 lbs. good coffee \$1.00
Bulk dry packed kraut per pound 4c
Small size oat meal 25
25 ct. oat meal 20
7 bars soap 25
Cow feed cold pressel cake per 100 lbs. \$1.50
Bran \$1.50
Chops \$1.55
Oats 65
Corn, \$5 to 88c owing to the grade
Hay per bale 50
Shorts \$1.65
Cotton seed \$1.50
3lb table peaches 15
3 lb. pie peaches 10
3 lb apricots 10
3 lb. pears 15
3 lb. grapes 15
3 lb. plums 15
3 lb. tomatoes 09
2lb corn 7 1-2
Corn, best 10
2 lb. Blk berries 8 1-2
3lb kraut 10
3 lb hominy 09
2 lb pineapple, grated 15
2 lb sliced 15
2lb Eng peas 7 1-2
1 lb Pink salmon 09
1 lb best salmon 08
Vienna sausage 07
Pottedham 03
Dr Hughes B. P. 15
Calumet B. P. 15
Evaporated peaches box 8 1-2
Evap. peaches less quan. 09
Raisins per kg. 7 1-2
Currants 8 1-2
25 lb. prunes \$1.25
Evap. Grapes 16 lbs. \$1.00
Soap, box
Large size Cottoline
Sm. size Cottoline
P. & F. Syrup 10 lb
P. & F. Velva 10 lb
P. & F. Royal sorg
Blue Ribbon sorg
Syrup de la Cute
Kiawa syrup 70
16 gal. dry packed kraut & enamel
Tinware, glassware and enameled ware at cost.
Garrett snuff, 2 for 45
Honest snuff, 2 for 45
\$35, 7 drawer automatic, drop-head machine \$23.50
\$30 7 drawer sewing machine drop head \$20
\$27, 5 drawer drop head machine \$17.50
Kelly axe handles 85
When buying goods be sure to tell our clerks, you want goods as advertised or still better, bring this ad.
We make the price and deliver the goods too.
Every thing we sell guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money back asked.

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A. L. S & C

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

LIST OF LETTERS ADVERTISED.

List of letters advertised for the week ending March 12th 1910.

Austin, Will.
Allen, Mrs. Tom.
Bowie, Mr. Cain.
Bookfield, Mrs. John.
Curry, Miss Beula.
Irby, Mr. Cleaborn.
Markowitz, Mr. Louis.
Nelson, Mr. Jack.
Whittle, Miss Avis.

When calling for the above letters please say advertised.

HENRY A. CADY,
Postmaster.

Miller Mercantile Company

Groceries, Ranch Supplies,
Vegetables, Fruit

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

Miller Mercantile Company

CREAM! CREAM!
WANTED-- 1,000 Gallons
See S. A. B. HAMILTON
For Particulars.
Ballinger, Tex.

SEE
LEE MADDUX
Fire Insurance
Mercantile, Dwellings, Barns and Live
Stock, Both in Town and Country.
Over Bennett Abstract Company.
PHONE 508

COTTON SEED MEAL AND HULLS

Is the Best and Cheapest Cow Feed on Earth. Bring a Load of Seed and Exchange for Meal and Hulls. We will give you 2,600 lbs. of Meal and Hulls, sacked in 100 pound sacks ready mixed for feeding, for one ton of Seed.

THE BALLINGER COTTON OIL CO.

Your Attention is Called
to TEXACO ROOFING the kind that
gives satisfaction on any kind of building.

Familylite Oil

will keep your home cheerful on the stormiest night—best oil for lamps.

The Texas Company

OFFICES: HOUSTON, TEXAS
TURNER, AGENT AT BALLINGER, TEXAS

Free Sample Aids Old Men

The sudden change from years of activity of both body and mind to the quiet of later years causes the human system to undergo many changes, chief of which is in the digestive organs.

It becomes harder and harder to get the bowels to move promptly and regularly and in consequence many elderly men suffer not only from the basic trouble, constipation, but from indigestion, headache, belching, sour stomach, drowsiness after eating and similar annoyances. It is first of all necessary to keep the bowels open and then to tone the digestive muscles so as to get them to again do their work naturally. A violent cathartic or purgative is not only unnecessary but harmful, and something mild will do the work just as well.

After you have got through experimenting with salts and pills and waters of various kinds, and have become convinced that they do only temporary good at best, then try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a mild, gentle, pleasant-tasting laxative tonic that is especially adapted to the requirements of old people, women and children, and yet is effective enough for anybody. Your druggist, who has handled it successfully for a quarter of a century, will sell you a bottle for fifty cents or one dollar, but if you want to make a test of it before spending any money send your name and address to Dr. Caldwell and he will gladly send you a sample bottle free of charge.

This remedy is rapidly displacing all other forms of medication for the cure of stomach, liver and bowel trouble, and families like Mr. O. P. Wisler's of Bycamore, Ill., and Mrs. Carrie Culler's of 225 N. West, Dame street, South Bend, Ind., are now never without it in the house. They have tested it and know its grand value to every member of the family.

Dr. Caldwell personally will be pleased to give you any medical advice you may desire for yourself or family pertaining to the stomach, liver or bowels absolutely free of charge. Explain your case in a letter and he will reply to you in detail. For the free sample simply send your name and address on a postpaid card or otherwise. For either request the doctor's address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, R. 500 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

Shows Our Citizenship to be Law
Abiding and Peaceable—A
Word of Warning.

To the Honorable John W. Goodwin, Judge of the 35th judicial district of Texas:

We your grand jurors empaneled for the March Term of District Court 1910, Runnels County, Texas, beg to submit the following as our report.

We have been in session six days and have returned into your court three bills for forgery, one bill for burglary, one bill for swindling, one bill for theft and one bill for violating the local option law, making a total of four felonies and three misdemeanors.

We have carefully examined into violations of all kinds throughout the county and are glad to say that our county is composed of law abiding citizens and very few violations of any kind.

We regret however to report that we find there has been perpetrated throughout our country on transients on our unsuspecting citizens, considerable violations in the way of swindling the principal nature of which the disposition of illegal land notes to our citizens; hereby warn them to be on the lookout for such sharpers. These violations have in every instance been so complicated, generally being land notes on land situated in other counties with many indorsements on the notes, that it has been impossible for us to ferret out same.

We have visited our county jail and find it in fairly good condition and wish to make no further recommendation than that the jail be furnished with a bath tub and prisoners be required to take regular baths. We find the condition of the court house much improved under the new arrangement and wish to compliment our County Judge on condition of same and our janitor on the most excellent condition in which he keeps the court house grounds.

We wish especially to compliment all local officers for the manner in which they look after and dispose of misdemeanor violations thereby relieving the grand jury of much work and the county of great expense.

We wish to thank your honor and all officers for courtesies extended us while engaged in our work, and trust that our work may prove satisfactory to your honor and the people generally.

Respectfully submitted,
H. GISECKE,
Foreman of Grand Jury.

GOOD THINGS

If you are looking for things to eat in the country come to us. Our stock is up-to-date and well kept. We have what you want in store. We give prompt service to phone orders and deliver promptly. Give us a try and prove it.

CHASTAIN & SIMPSON

PHONE 40.

More Bank Talk

A CHECKING ACCOUNT is a good thing, but is not the only thing to be considered in the selection of your Bank.

ABSOLUTE SAFETY, COURTEOUS TREATMENT, ABILITY AND INCLINATION TO ACCOMMODATE should be taken into consideration. With an unbroken record of four years' adherence to this policy, we solicit your business, large or small. The oldest and largest Bank in Winters -- one that has stood the test.

THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas.

LOVERS.

of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and the try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel troubles.

A. Levy, of Rossenwasser & Levy went to Ft. Worth on the excursion Sunday.

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 Wilmeth, Ballinger, Tex. wtf

Miss Olga Schawe is visiting in Ft. Worth, having gone down on yesterday's train.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! w12-52t

Mrs. A. Robinette left today for a visit to Brownwood.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are safe, sure and reliable, and have been praised by thousands of women who have been restored to health through their gentle aid and curative properties.

Fire and tornado insurance written in the best companies by M. D. Chastain & Co. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

L. M. Richardson of Miles was here awhile today en route to Abilene.

CURES BLOOD, SKIN DISEASES, ECZEMA.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scurf, eczema, itching, risings or bumps, swelling or separating sores, scabby, pinky skin, ulcers, bone pains, catarh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists \$1.00 per bottle. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of blood or skin diseases, as it cures after all else fails. Sold in Ballinger, Texas, by the City Drug Store. 52t

E. V. Bateman returned today from a visit to San Angelo, Bronte and Sweetwater.

A Specialty.

Harris & Shepherd, —ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW—

Corporation,
Collections,
and Land
Litigation
Specialties

OFFICE OVER BALLINGER
STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.
BALLINGER, - TEXAS

M. Kleberg, Jr.

Attorney-at-Law

Ballinger, - - Texas

Office over Ballinger State
Bank and Trust Company

B. F. Allen

The House Moving
Man.

I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.

Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

WILL DUN THRASHER.

All those having maize, millets or sorghum they want to sell please take notice that my train will run March 29th.
26-2 R. W. GILLI.

TO OUR PATRONS AND PUBLIC.

We are now permanently located in the best companies by M. D. Chastain & Co. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank. (8th Street, Katy Building.) Where we will continue our practice as before. Special attention given Electric X-Ray and general office practice.

DR. I. N. THOMPSON.
Kodak finishing at Ballinger Photo Co. wtf

Prof. Stone of Winters, was in Ballinger Sunday a short time.

\$10 REWARD.

For the recovery of English setter bird dog, brown and white and had no collar on. Disappeared from Ballinger on February 29th 26-2

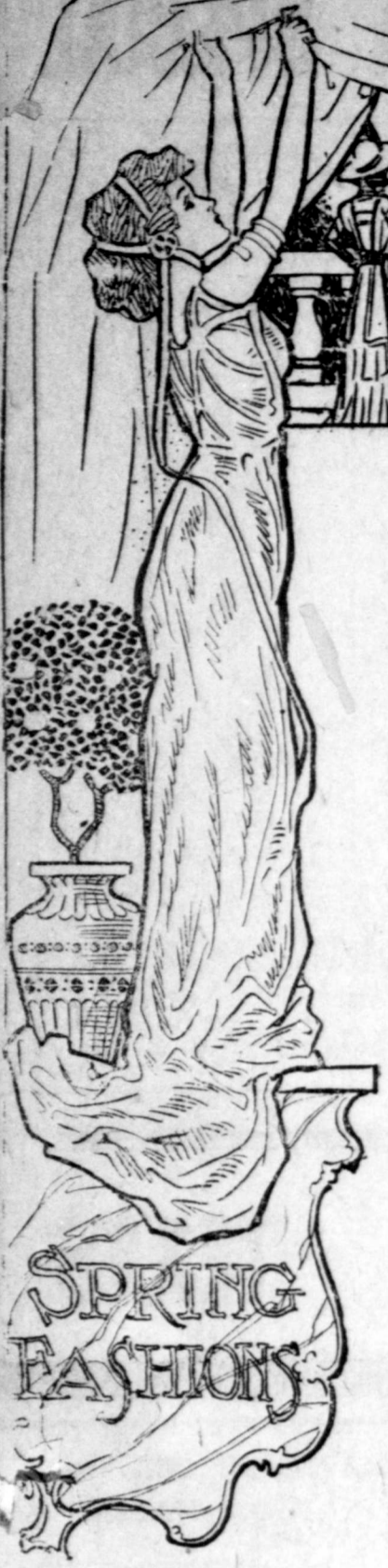
W. W. CARROLL,
Ballinger, Texas.

NOTICE FARMERS.

I have the Mebane cotton seed for sale. Apply to W. T. Knoles, Coleman, Texas.

Fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism is simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, neither of which require any treatment. All that is needed to relieve is the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Give it a trial. You will be pleased with the quick relief it affords.

SPRING OPENING



EASTER MILLINERY

BEAUTY AND STYLE ARE NOT THE ONLY ATTRAC-TIONS. OUR LOW PRICES MAKE OUR MILLINERY DE-PARTMENT DOUBLY AT-TRACTIVE : : :



GREATEST SHOWING

OF NEW SPRING MER-CHANDISE EVER SHOWN UNDER ONE ROOF. IF IT'S NEW YOU'LL FIND IT HERE. LOW PRICES AND HIGH QUALITY MAKE BUYING A PLEASURE.



SHOE DEPARTMENT

Great line of Pumps, Strap Sandals, and Oxfords for Women who want Service, Comfort and Style in Shoes. We want you to see them.

THE NEW TAILORED SUITS

Are models of smartness and beauty. We present a wide range of choice in tailored suits this season. Styles are particularly becoming. The coats are much shorter--generally 26 to 30 inches. Skirts are pleated, some have tunic or apron effects. Materials are many--all serviceable and handsome. There are many new colorings and designs of great attractiveness. Come and see the correct suits for Spring in an unrivaled display and note the prices--values also are the most desirable

NEW DRESSES OF RARE BEAUTY

The New Styles are remarkably beautiful. Here are dresses for all occasions ranging from simple cotton dresses to elaborate silk costumes. The normal waist line is well established in the new dresses and double skirts are in evidence. We have gathered a thoroughly representative and extensive assemblage of the new styles and offer splendid values

New Fashionable Waists

We present a complete range of New Styles, including Simple Tailored effects, Fancy Lingerie Styles and Elaborately trimmed waists. You'll find here the correct styles and unusually good values.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Outfitters for All Mankind



SPRING SHOWING MEN'S AND BOYS CLOTHING---EXTRA SPECIAL

At D. Reeder's All the latest Style as to the make-up, quality and price. We show the College Brand in range of prices from \$20 to \$40.00. Gold Medal Suits for Boys \$5.00 to \$12.00.

Special Purchase Spring Suits. 200 all Wool Worsted Suits made to sell from \$15 to \$20, every one a 1910 model, you can buy them at \$10 Cash. Sizes 33 to 48.

\$2.00 for \$1.00. 200 pairs of pants made to sell for \$4 to \$6; complete range of styles blacks, blue serges and novelties in sizes from 30 to 48 waist. We have what you need at your choice of lot \$3.00 per pair.

Boys' Suits, Extra Pants and Tub Suits 25c up to best. Boys Shirt Waists, best Madras, Fast Colors 35c. White Pique Waists Collars attached, all snappy styles, 75c value for 50c. :-:

Call to see Hats for Men and Boys—and all New Specialties

We are late in receiving some of our specialties. Come to see us

High Grade Pants. Slims, stouts and regulars. College Brands. \$5.00 to \$6.00.



ROYAL BRAND

BALLINGER

D. REEDER

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DAVIDSON CAMPBELL'S CHOICE FOR GOVERNOR

Gov. Campbell Will Support R. V. Davidson Indirectly--Says He Will Defend Administration.

Special to The Banner.
Austin, Tex., March 21.—When Gov. Campbell takes the stump in the gubernatorial campaign it is expected he will not only attack the administration, but will urge the election of R. V. Davidson. Governor Campbell was asked the direct question today whether he would be in favor of Davidson or not. He would only say that he would defend the administration and his policies advocated during the campaign which is taken to mean that he will aid Davidson indirectly anyway. Gov. Campbell said he had received a large number of invitations from over the state to speak on campaign issues. If he engages in campaign actively it will be noted departure from his habit of taking little or no part in faction fights. It is reasonable to expect that the governor is anxious for Davidson's election in order to get support in case he, Campbell, should try for Senatorship.

would be satisfactory to them. Sweeney and Happal left for their homes at El Paso this evening.

MARSHAL SHERIDAN COMPLIMENTS CITY.

City Marshal Sheridan, of Brady, has been in Ballinger today and has been shown around over our town by Mayor Kirk and City Marshal McKay.

Marshal Sheridan came up to investigate our dumping ground system and to look around generally. He expressed great surprise that Ballinger was so big and beautiful. He says we have the cleanest, best groomed city he has ever seen.

We appreciate these words of praise and commendation, and yet we have just begun to grow and beautify our town.

HIGDON MELTON JACKSON SON CO., OPENING.

Yesterday the formal spring opening of the Higdon Melton Jackson Co., was held, and it was indeed a grand display of the latest in Easter and spring offerings. The decorations were profuse and exceedingly attractive. The show windows were artistically arrayed with some clever canvas printing made especially for the event.

A large and interested crowd were in attendance and expressed their delight at the splendid display of spring millinery and ready-to-wear garments. The very latest models in all lines were shown.

From 3 to 10 p. m., a string orchestra helped to furnish harmony to the occasion. The success of the opening was highly satisfactory to the progressive firm.

COL. MORGAN JONES IN CITY TODAY.

Col. Morgan Jones owner of the Abilene & Southern R. R. came in today from Abilene to inspect some switch improvements that have recently been put in connecting the A. & S., and the Santa Fe. Col. Jones only spent the time between the trains here, re-

turning on the two o'clock train. Mayor Kirk invited him to remain over until tomorrow, but he stated that business was calling him back to Abilene, and that he would be back soon and spend two or three days in Ballinger.

HIGGINBOTHAM CURRIE WILLIAMS CO., OPENING.

The above progressive firm is having their Spring opening today. A Banner man called and found a galaxy of fresh "springy decorations" in all the show windows and in the Millinery and dress goods departments. The decorator has succeeded in creating "something different" in the display art—it is indeed refreshing to mingle amid the ostrich plumes, picture hats and peach blossoms.

The millinery department is in charge of Miss Bertis Davis, assisted by Madams J. D. Robinson, B. F. Thompson and R. T. Williams. All ladies that attend the opening will be presented with a souvenir gift. Orchestral music will be rendered from 3 to 7 p. m.

PROS WIN IN TWO COUNTIES.

The result of last Saturday's local option election in Wood and Llano counties was in favor of the pros. Wood went dry by 137 votes and Llano by 59 votes.

SAN ANGELO FANS LINING UP.

The San Angelo base ball enthusiasts will soon be in the field with a good team. \$500 dollars per month has been secured to defray the expense of maintaining the team, and Angelo will go after the scalps of all the teams in West Texas. Judging from the present status of things in Ballinger, the San Angelo team will not get to visit Ballinger unless they play the High School team.

Sam Warring went to Fort Worth this afternoon.

JOHN CURRIE JOINS BANK FORCE.

John F. Currie has severed his connections with the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., and will be found with the F. & M. Bank as active president.

Mr. Currie retains his interest with the big store, but will not be on the pay roll, and will devote his time to the affairs of the bank.

H. C. SAMPSON IS ACQUITTED

Mr. Sampson, Former Employee of the Santa Fe Judged Not Guilty by Jury.

There has not been a case in court here for some time that has created more interest locally than the one in which H. C. Sampson was charged with embezzling funds while in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad at Ballinger. The young man has a host of friends here who are glad to learn of his vindication by law. Mr. Sampson's friends and all who knew him have maintained unanimously the opinion that he was not guilty, but that it was one of those cases where charges had to be preferred against someone and because of the defendant's responsible position in the handling of the moneys of the Santa Fe here, it fell to his lot to stand the brunt of the charges. Below we give a brief history of the case.

Sept. 10, 1908, Mr. Sampson commenced work for the Santa Fe railroad here in Ballinger as cashier. That being the year of the enormous cotton crop in this section, the depot force was too small to handle the business. The passenger and freight receipts during the fall months ran from \$60,000 to \$87,000 in October. Technically Mr. Sampson was supposed to handle and account for all this money, but as a matter of fact, owing to the lack of sufficient help everyone of the other nine employees of the railroad Co., collected had access to all the money received during the day and night. Several of the employees were stangers here and have since left the service of the Santa Fe, and have left the country as well—at least one of them was charged by the railroad company with being a defaulter and was compelled to pay the railroad company several hundred dollars which they claim he defaulted about that time.

Owing to the amount of work the force was not able to make the daily balances and reports to headquarters as they were supposed to do, and frequently no balance was made and no report sent in for a week at a time, during which ten to fifteen thousand dollars was on hand and no balances made. A local cotton buyer shipped out five cars of cotton with reference to which another clerk made out five way bills. This clerk in making up a record from these way bills entered three of

them C. O. D. shipments and only two as prepaid.

Samson in making up his books five days later copied the mistake and charged up only a part of the freight paid for the shipment and the railroad company claimed that he embezzled the balance and indicted him for it. On trial the railroad company failed to show that they did not get all money that passed through Samson's hands. But if they did not get it then nine other men had the same opportunity to take the money that Samson had.

The reason the case has attracted so much attention here is because of the splendid character and reputation of the defendant. There has not been a man found in town who believed the defendant was guilty. After the trial Mr. Sampson was the recipient of many congratulations from his friends and those who knew him.

The law firm of Stone & Wade represented the defendant.

Mrs. H. R. Bradford is visiting at the home of J. R. Holiday at Hatchell.

RECEIVER RELEASES I. & G. N. ROAD.

Special to The Banner.
Austin, Tex., March 15.—T. J. Freeman, receiver for the International & Great Northern railroad is here today to confer with the state railroad commission relative to taking the line from the hands of a receiver. Arrangements will be completed this afternoon.

J. A. ARNOLD COMING TO BALLINGER.

J. A. Arnold, president of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, goes to Ballinger March 22 to deliver a lecture before the public highway commissioners and road overseers of Runnels county, who convene in that city on that date. Mr. Arnold will take as his subject "Good Roads" and accompany the lecture with illustrations.

At least 135 road officials will be present. Ballinger is taking the initiative on the improvement of roads and is endeavoring to wake up a general interest throughout West Texas.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

S. J. Carpenter went east to Brownwood today on business.

W. J. Coulson, the Coleman druggist, is visiting John Weeks and family today.

RECEIVES LETTER FROM MAIDEN FAN.

A few weeks ago an article appeared in the Review named the Rowena Bachelor's Club, and stated that Chris Seyer was secretary. Of course the article was just in fun, but a certain young lady in an Oklahoma town didn't know this. A few days ago Chris received a letter and upon opening it found it to be from a young lady who had read the Review and being matrimonially inclined.

The letter states that the writer has seen twenty-five summers and prefers to correspond with a Woodman of the World. The letter will very likely be answered.—Rowena Review.

FIRE BOYS THANK J. H. WILKE.

The fire boys say they overlooked the most important part of the fire last Sunday morning, and that was to express thanks to J. H. Wilke for some good stimulants, better known as "life preserver."

The boys came out of the fire wet and cold and it being Sunday morning the stimulant joints were closed, when Mr. Wilke came to their rescue.

FRANK GERNGROSS RESIDENCE BURNS.

Tuesday evening a black smoke was noticed which seemed to be several miles east of town. Thinking perhaps that it might be a residence and that they might be of assistance in subduing the flames, Halameick and Hanz climbed into their auto and in ten minutes were at the scene, which proved to be Frank Gerngross' farm house eight miles east of Rowena. Efforts put forth to control the flames but proved useless, as the wind was blowing a strong gale. We are unable to learn the cause of the fire.—Rowena Review.

A. C. Hargrave left for Blackwell today in response to a message stating that his mother was quite ill at that place.

Prof. S. P. Stone of Winters, was a visitor to the city today.

R. B. Creasy returned today from a visit to San Angelo.

A. L. Phillips of Abilene, was here awhile today on business.

Ruth Grundy came in from San Angelo today for a visit with friends.

TEMPLE NORTHWESTERN CHARTER APPROVED.

Special to The Banner.
Austin, Tex., March 16.—Attorney General Lightfoot today approved the charter of the Temple Northwestern railway company which proposes to build a road from Temple to Corsicana, a distance of about one hundred miles. The capital named is one hundred thousand dollars. Incorporators are G. W. Wilcox, A. F. Beatty, John Cole and others.

EL PASO CITIZENS VISIT SECRETARY KNOX.

Special to The Banner.
Washington, March 16.—Representative Smith, Mayor Sweeney, J. A. Happal of El Paso conferred with Secretary Knox this morning in regard to the Chemical zone dispute. General Anson Mills, of the International Bounties Commission, was present. Mr. Knox assured the Texans that the matter would be adjusted immediately and that the settlement

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Parker County, on the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1910, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Baker Paston & Company (a corporation duly incorporated) versus A. A. Ash, I. M. Ash and S. A. Hughes and J. B. Hughes and W. F. Borders, jointly and severally. No. 4444, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff Sales, on the First Tuesday in April A. D. 1910, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property to-wit:

Being all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels County, Texas.

First tract, being 66 1-2 acres of land out of the North end of the C. H. Willingham Survey, No. 56 1-2 known as abstract No. 1360, and patented to said Willingham on Sept 11th 1901, per letter patent No. 272, Vol. 21.

Second tract, being 239 acres of land out of Wharton County School land Survey No. 509, known as Abstract No. 499, and patented to Commissioners of Wharton County on Oct. 27, 1854, per letters Pat. No. 296, Vol. 11. Said two above described tracts of land composing 305 1-2 acres of land and being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stone mound, set in the S. B. line of Survey No. 516 in name of Wharton County School lands. The same being the N. E. corner of said survey, No. 56 1-2. Thence West 410 varas, pass the N. W. corner of said survey No. 56 1-2 and crossing the E. B. line of survey No. 509 at 1756 varas a stone mound for the N. W. corner of this tract, with 7 1-2 degrees E. 1065 varas to a stone mound for the S. W. corner of this tract; thence North 81 1-4 E at 1571 varas, cross the E. B. line of survey No. 509 and W. B. line of said Survey No. 56 1-2 at 1991 varas a stone mound set in E line of said survey No. 56 1-2 for the S. E. corner, of this tract, thence north with the E. B. line survey No. 56 1-2 distance of 874 varas to the place of beginning, being the same 305 1-2 acres of land set out by

metes and bounds in deed from R. L. Williams and wife, N. L. Williams to Mrs. I. D. Ash, dated May 27, 1907, recorded in Book 58, page 22, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which deed reference is here made for a full and better description of said two tracts of land.

Said two tracts of land levied on as the property of A. A. Ash, I. M. Ash, S. A. Hughes and J. B. Hughes and W. F. Borders, jointly and severally to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2188 94-100 with interest thereon from the 10 of May 1909 at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, in favor of Baker Paston and Company, (a corporation duly incorporated) and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 5th day of March A. D. 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff
By W. T. Padgett, Deputy

EGGS FOR SETTING.

I have eggs for sale from my prize-winning White Plymouth-rock chickens. Call and see my chickens and get eggs. \$1 per setting.

MRS. C. GALLISON.
1001 11th st. Balloinger, Tex.

Hugh Stinson of the Wingate country was in town today and reports the crop conditions fairly favorable in his section.

A Neighbor of Yours
as well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism. We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crack in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's Snow Liniment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds.

Geo. E. Sanders who formerly lived here but now at Lampasas, returned home Sunday afternoon, after a few days visit. He says Ballinger still looks good to him.

Your property may burn up or blow away, but you are all right if you have seen M. D. Chastain & Co. for insurance. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Tax Assessor Day went up to Winters this afternoon to interview the citizens of our neighboring city.

J. W. Caldwell and little daughter were here from San Angelo Sunday, the guests of N. T. Guest.

NEW HOTEL FOR BALLINGER

Fifteen Rooms Being Added to Seerest Boarding House.

Mr. Geo. Speidell who owns the property recently known as the Seerest Boarding House, on the East side of the court house square is adding 15 new rooms to the original eight, and is making all the necessary improvements for an up-to-date hotel and boarding house.

An awning will be placed across the entire front of the building and cement walks will be laid the entire length of the block in front of the new building.

G. A. Speidell, son of our fellow townsman will take charge of the new building the first of the month. Mr. Speidell and wife have had fifteen years experience in the hotel business in St. Louis which qualifies them well for the enterprise here.

RACE SUICIDE.

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these death are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dyspepsia, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies.

Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

H. Vandevanter went tot Fort Worth Monday evening to attend the Stock show.

A SWOLLEN JAW.

is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether its caused by neuralgia, tooth-ache or accident, Ballard's Snow Liniment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. The great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds—any and all aches and pains.

JERSEY CREAM COW FEED.

Meal and hulls mixed, put up in 100 pound sacks, only 90 cents per sack. The best and cheapest cow feed on earth.

Robert Gardner of Santa Ana was here a few hours Sunday afternoon.

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Do your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you get relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Remedy and you will be pleased.

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

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The House of Many Sales

Where you will always find rare and unlooked for bargains in all departments. The big store with the Bright Red Canvas Covered Front. We have no show windows but we deliver the goods. **The Price is the Thing in this store where you can make one dollar do the work of two.** Be sure and read the following: All our Spring and Summer Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Muslin Underwear, Hats, Etc., to be included in

THE GREAT MONEY SAVING SALE

Now going on. Everything marked in plain figures. One price to one and all and that the lowest. Read a few of the following Great Money Saving Prices:

Visit Our Bargain Table of Shoes Before Leaving the Store	Ladies Embroidered Linen Waists 98c	Good Domestic 5c	Ladies' Supporters 23c	Children's Supporters 9c	Seven to 13 inch Embroidery 5c to 10c
	Dress Gingham 6c	Lace Curtains \$1.49	Cotton Checks 5c	Men's Work Shirts 33c	Men's Suits, the \$10.00 to \$12.50 kind \$4.49
	Lace Dresser Scarfs 12c	Window Shades Cloth 23c	Ladies Voil of wool Skirts, assorted colors \$2.79	Apron Checks 5 1-2c	
	Ladies Embroidered Handkerchiefs 6c	Ladies' Embroidered Petticoats \$1.29	White Table Linen Coverings, 2 3-4 yds. 98c	Linen Napkins 5c and up	Boys' Suits At Money Saving Sale Prices
	Ladies Black Petticoats 69c	Percals 6 1-2c		Bed Spreads 98c	

The Low Prices on our Ladies' and Children's Muslin Underwear, Embroideries, Etc., will surprise you. We carry a full and complete line of Brown's 5 Star Shoes for Men, Ladies and Children at the **Great Money Saving Sale Prices.** New Spring Clothing in all the latest styles and cuts to be sold at the Greatest Money Saving Prices ever heard of in Runnels County. Don't fail to attend this **GREATEST OF ALL MONEY SAVING SALES**

GO WHERE THE CROWD GOES

The Great Eastern Bargain Store

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YOUNG NEGRO HAS TROUBLES

Sol De Vaull Does Not Take Kindly to the Position of Foster Father.

Sol De Vaull, a prominent negro boot-black here is having some peculiar troubles this week and it is all because he has had the guardianship of three small colored children suddenly thrust upon him. Sol is not married yet and he finds the function of foster father to two little ladies and a boy of dusky color, aged respectively seven, five and three, too great a tax upon his time and incipies.

Just a week ago a gentleman of color from San Angelo came to town and placed three small children in Sol's care telling him he would return the next day and the little pickanninnies to their grandmother who said lived in Oklahoma. Sol was a little bit about assuming the duty but finally consented.

Days passed and the father of the return, Sol began to feel his paternal instincts were not right for bringing up children. He began to be restless and in a perturbed state of mind.

One day Sol sought the soothing office of the law. He does not believe his foster father is strong enough to return the child Sheriff Flynt so.

He has not heard what the court's decree will be in this matter, whether it will be an estate sale or public auction. How he believes that Sol should be relieved because three children impare his chances of matrimony, should he be thus inclined.

SIDENT TAFT IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

Special to The Banner: Chicago, Ill., March 17.—President Taft today participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and wore a shamrock sprig. He is the guest of the Irish Good Fellowship Club while in the city.

FOR SALE—High Columbus run about, practically new. Cheap. 77-3 w-1 R. G. ERWIN.

BANK FORGER ARRESTED IN OKLAHOMA.

Shawnee, Okla., March 16.—A man named Blagg was arrested here today charged with cashing a check for \$200. He signed the name of a former employe of a bank in Chicago, and will be taken to trial.

VINTON MOORE DEAD.

We are again reminded that death is no respecter of persons; and the young must die as well as the old. It is sad to see a little boy, bright in his studies at school and in the bloom of health cut down so suddenly.

Such was the taking away of Vinton Moore, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore, who died this morning at 2:45 at the sanitarium.

Vinton was apparently in the very best of health up to last Saturday night. He was out all day Saturday, as usual with his playmates and made no complaint of being ill until Saturday night, when he was suddenly stricken with a pain in his side, which proved to be appendicitis.

He was removed to the sanitarium and an operation performed. Other complaints interfered with his recovery and death was the victor, leaving a heart-broken mother, father, brothers and sisters.

The funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the residence on Strong Ave., at four o'clock, and the remains of a bright little boy laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery.

No words from human lips can heal the wounds of the broken-hearted, and He, who doeth all things for the best must rule.

NEGRO SHOOTS DALLAS POLICEMAN

Special to The Banner. Dallas, Tex., March 17.—Patrolman Cooper was shot and wounded this morning by a negro in the eastern part of the city. Cooper was trying to arrest the negro when the negro used a shot gun. The officer's cheek was grazed by the load from the shot gun. Cooper returned the fire, but the negro escaped.

J. C. CULLINAN IS RAPIDLY IMPROVING.

Special to The Banner. Houston, Tex., March 16.—Reports received this morning from the bedside of J. C. Cullinan, president of the Texas Oil Co., who was shot by H. W. Glass, say that he spent a restful night and has no fever this morning. It is believed that he will rapidly recover. Glass who was arrested on a charge of assault on murder has been released on bond.

Get the other fellow's prices, then comes to headquarters. A. L. Spann & Co. dw2

MOTION MADE TO RELEASE McCUE

Prosecuting Attorneys want to Back Off and Come Again.

Special to The Banner.

Ft. Worth, Tex., March 17.—County Attorney Lewellen, of Dallas today filed motion in the District Court to dismiss Frank McCue, charged with the murder of Earl Mabry at Dallas over two years ago.

County Attorney Roy of Fort Worth, Joins in the motion.

McCue has been tried three times, the jury in each trial disagreeing. McCue's attorneys will fight the motion to dismiss and have asked postponement, for if McCue is released he will be immediately re-arrested on the old charge which it is said is already drawn up.

WEST TEXAS PICTURE MEN

Ballinger Man Elected Secretary of Photographers Association.

Abilene, Tex., March 17.—Today's the second and concluding session of the Photographers Association was held as usual in the Knights of Pythias hall. The meeting was called to order by Alonzo Phillips of Lorraine, chosen as temporary chairman. J. H. Wilbourn of Ballinger was made temporary secretary.

A special feature of today's session was a social meeting at the studio, where a royal good time was had from eight-thirty to ten-thirty.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Merkel in September.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

L. B. Clinton and Miss Lizzie Butts.
R. N. Ensor and Mrs. Willie Peoples.

You get nothing but fresh flour if you buy from Guion & Doose. They sell the Missouri Milling Co. product. 77-3

Miss Hattie Miles came in from Winters and Hatchel and will visit her sister, Mrs. J. D. Norwood.

Rev. Hudson left yesterday afternoon to attend the Sunday School convention in Dallas.

DISTRICT COURT PRECEEDING SLOWLY

The case of Tolar vs. Golden is still taking the time of the court. Yesterday the plaintiff rested and the defendant used the time taking testimony. The preliminaries will be finished very likely this morning and the case will probably be argued this afternoon.

You can buy a lot in Cameron Heights with small payment down. Your investment will grow.

M. J. STACY.

John Bigbee is spending a few hours in town today. He has just returned from the Ft. Worth convention, and says the town is too full of people for them all to have a good time.

Sam Brookshire of Benoit was in Ballinger on business today.

GRAYSON COUNTY OLD CITIZENS DIE

Two Pioneer Citizens Die the Same Day—One is 94 Years Old.

Special to The Banner.

Sherman, Tex., March 17.—Two pioneer citizens of Grayson county died today, within a short time of each other.

Mrs. Elvira Jennings died early this morning. She was 94 years old and lived on the same farm north of Sherman for 72 years.

Joe Meadow died just before noon today. He was one of the most prominent men in the county, a brother-in-law of the late Judge D. E. Bryant. Meadow was also an old citizen of Grayson county and lived near Pottsville for 66 years.

Mayor Geo. S. Graves of Miles, returned home today at noon after a brief visit in our city.

The demand for Missouri Milling Co. flour grows larger every month. It is used by scores of the best cooks in Ballinger and vicinity. Made from selected Missouri Valley wheat in one of the most up-to-date mills in the state, it is uniformly good. You will never know the delights of wholesome pastry and bread until you try a sack of this flour. Guion & Doose sell it. 77-3 w-3

W. L. McClure of Miles is in the city today.

Harley Hines, of Abilene, was here today.

CHARLEY CAMPBELL PLEADS GUILTY

Was Fined \$90 and Ninety Days in Jail as the Aggregate Penalty.

The finals of the case that caused considerable comment last week, was today disposed of in Judge Grigg's court. Charley Campbell who was living with a negro woman and stealing for a living plead guilty in three cases of petty larceny; one for theft of stealing a bundle of laundry from Mr. Allen; one for stealing a lot of clothes off the clothes line belonging to an Indian woman.

After pleading guilty to each of these charges, Judge Griggs fined Campbell \$5.00 and cost for each accompanied with a 30 days jail sentence. The aggregate of this fine will be about \$90 and 90 days in jail.

After the decree was made by Judge Griggs, Campbell told a few things that he had not disclosed. He said his true name was Charley Cambal and that he was originally from Kentucky but came here from Waco.

He said that he was a good hand at work and that "nobody could beat him doing nothing," which is probably true. He had been in Ballinger two weeks but had only worked one day. The rest of the time he was living with a worthless negro woman and stealing.

He said he didn't know where he was going to ship the goods, that he had boxed up, but he thought he and "Pearl" might go to Coleman. Pearl is the negro woman. No charges were brought against her. Campbell should feel that he has gotten out of a bad mix-up very lightly. He will have to leave this town when his jail sentence expires if he wishes to ply his trade.

I. H. Ferguson, Jr., of Miles after spending a few days here returned home today.

Mr. John H. Simmons of the Ballinger Marble Works, is unusually happy today, because of a fine boy that came to live in his home yesterday.

Everett Hardgrave left on the noon train today for Brownwood. He will join the Ballinger crowd there and go to Dallas to be at the Sunday School convention.

Mrs. Jack Guy and little daughter returned to their home at Talpa today at noon.

Will Meeks and sisters, Misses Maggie and Emma, were up from Talpa today.

ECHOES FROM BLOODY BATTLE

Mississippi Soldier Writes of Bloody Battle in Letter to Nephew.

In a letter to the writer, G. W. Sledge, of Mississippi, mentions the letter of John T. Williams, recently published in The Banner, and says:

"The letter on the first page of your paper of March 11th, from John T. Williams, of Tatum, Texas, was real interesting to me. I was there. Was in Stanford's battery, but we could not use our artillery without killing our own men. I never saw so many killed in five hours and in such piles during the whole four years I was in the war. The Locust grove in front of the breast works was cut down and splintered to pieces with bullets. Gen Wood ought to have been shot for forcing such a fine brave set of soldiers in to such a slaughter pen, and have so many good brave men butchered, when he could have flanked them and saved his men. I believe in some places the blood in the ditch was one and two inches deep the next morning after the battle.

"The letter in your paper is more than I have seen from the battle of Franklin since the war. I guess it was such a bloody affair it wouldn't do to publish much of it.

"We appreciate the Banner you send us very much, and we let the school teacher have it to read often. He owns property in Texas and thinks there is no county so great as Texas."

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