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BITUMINOUS MINERS TO STRIKE TONIGHT

200,000 Men Will Go Out Tonight at Midnight--Want Raise in Wages.

Special to The Banner:
 Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—It was announced at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers today that two hundred thousand bituminous miners will walk out at midnight tonight to stay out until they are given a raise in wage of five cents a ton.

Ft. Worth, Tex., March 31.—It was announced here today that in compliance with orders from headquarters all bituminous coal miners throughout the country will walk out tonight. It will result in about five thousand men quitting work in Texas and the mines at Thurber, Trawn, Bridgeport, Newcastle and several other places will shut down, and the miners will not resume work until the employers agree to increase the pay five cents a ton. The miners of the Texas district will meet in Ft. Worth Monday morning to discuss the situation. The Texas mines have a large supply of coal on hand at present and unless the strike continues a long time the employers of the state will not be injured.

C. U. PRESIDENT DENIES REPORT OF VOTING.

Special to The Banner.
 Waco, Tex., March 31.—President Clinton Lockhart, of the Texas Christian University today denied the report that the Dallas delegation had taken a vote of the students and that a majority favored the removal of the institution to Dallas.

G CATTLE DEAL AT MASON.

Special to The Banner.
 Mason, Tex., March 26.—Henry Hoester, of this city, purchased from John White, also of this place, 1500 yearlings for thirty-four thousand dollars, or \$20 per head, all high grade Herefords.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY JULY FOURTH

Work on Ward Buildings Progressing Nicely—Will Cost Less Than \$16,000.

W. B. Dunlap, who has the contract for building the two new ward school buildings, says the work is progressing nicely, and that while he has until August the 1st, under contract, in which to complete the buildings, he expects to get through with them earlier than that, and unless something happens to check the work, he will deliver the buildings to the school board by July 4th.

The roof is being put on the South Ballinger building, while the West End building was not started as early and the work is not so far advanced, but Mr. Dunlap says they both will be completed before his time expires. The two buildings will be modern structures, constructed out of the native stone, and will cost when completed, less than \$16,000. The two buildings are badly needed and will relieve the congested condition of the public schools for the next term. The rapid growth in Ballinger and increase in population has made it a difficult problem for the school board to provide room for the children, and the teachers have worked under great difficulties for the last two terms.

NEW OIL CO., CHARTERED.

Special to The Banner:
 Austin, Tex., March 25.—The Rusk Oil and Gas Co., was chartered today with a capital stock of \$50,000.

One of the most prominent organizers of the state, P. M. McKinney of Abilene will assist C. W. Holcomb, State Organizer of the Order of Owls at the W. O. W. hall tonight. Every applicant is urged to be present.

GOOD DEMAND FOR BALLINGER BUTTER

Local Creamery Turning Out Good Butter—Local Demand Consuming Supply.

The Ballinger Creamery is receiving cream from the neighboring towns, and Manager Hamilton informed the Banner man this morning that he was making an average of about one hundred pounds of butter per day, and the local market was taking all that he made. Up to date he has not been able to fill any outside orders. He can use a great deal more cream than he has been able to get. The farmers will have to be educated up to this new enterprise, and when they see what good money can be made in keeping a few head of good milk cows and selling every pound of cream they can bring in at from 25 to 30 cents per gallon, the creamery will get more cream. There is a ready market for the cream and you do not have to bring it in not knowing whether you are going to find a buyer or not, like you do when peddling butter. The creamery is in the market for all the cream that can be produced here. If you have a few head of milk cows you can afford to buy a separator and sell the cream, and feed the milk to your hogs. Not only make good money on cream at 30 cents per gallon, but at the same time raise hogs on the skimmed milk that will sell for \$10.75 per hundred pounds.

Properly patronized the Ballinger creamery will turn loose no small amount of ready cash in the Ballinger territory, and at the same time, make the man with a few head of good milk cows an independent living.

W. E. Bennett, the Contest manager for the Banner left yesterday afternoon for Brownwood on business.

WHEAT CROP TEN MILLION BUSHEL

That is the Estimate of H. B. Dorsey, President of the Texas Grain Dealers.

Special to The Banner.
 Ft. Worth, Tex., March 31.—H. B. Dorsey, president of the Texas Grain Dealers Association today declared that the rain throughout Texas the last two days will make a wheat crop of ten million bushels in Texas for 1910. He said that if the rain had been delayed much longer the results would have proven disastrous to the crop.

WILL FIGHT FOR BLOOD

Ballinger and Angelo Ball Tossers to Have it Out Saturday and Sunday.

The baseball games Saturday and Sunday between San Angelo and Ballinger promises to be a genuine exhibition of the way the national games should be played.

Manager Lowrie, of the locals, has selected a line-up which will go into the game Saturday with a determination to win, and to duplicate the victory on Sunday. His players have evinced a tendency to play together well, and individually they all look good.

The Ballingerites are in a like mood, according to reports from Ballinger, hence the contest must be an active one. The eyes of West Texas fans are turned toward the opening games of the season as an indication of future success, and with this fact in view both teams are going in for blood next Saturday and Sunday after noons.

Managers in several other West Texas cities which will participate in the season's events are corresponding now with a view to arranging definite schedules. Each team is anxious to meet the other team in this part of the state that aspires to the West Texas championship, and before the championship is decided baseball games worth while will be played.

Many players of note have turned their attention from the Texas and other Southwestern leagues this year to play with independent teams, and several representatives of professional experience are included in the list of players with the cities which will cross bats with San Angelo this year. Lowrie himself has several men on his string capable of holding positions with the Texas Leaguers, and he is proud of the bunch.—San Angelo Standard.

CARDEN GETS THREE YEARS IN PEN

Man Who Killed Former State Ranger Geo. Stanford is Convicted of Manslaughter.

Special to The Banner:
 Austin, Tex., March 31.—The jury in the trial of W. P. Carden, charged with the murder of former state ranger, George Stanford last October, today returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and assessing his punishment at three years in the penitentiary. The jury was out twenty-three hours.

Carden's brother, Tom, was cited for contempt of court, it being alleged that he had threatened the bailiff who summoned the jury.

COTTON SWINDLERS GET AWAY WITH \$100,000

Moody & Company, Galveston Cotton Dealers Lose \$27,000--Other Firms Swindled by the Men.

Special to The Banner.
 Bowie, Tex., March 31.—Charged with swindling W. L. Moody & Co., cotton dealers of Galveston, out of \$20,000 Gaston Alexander and E. D. Hudspeth of this city are being sought by Sheriff Bailey of Montague County. He is armed with warrants but will have to obtain extradition papers from Washington as Alexander has been traced to Paris, and Hudspeth has gone to Nicaragua.

The swindle was perpetrated two weeks ago and it is believed the total amount received by the swindlers will reach an hundred thousand dollars.

Alexander and Hudspeth were partners and wired Moody in Galveston that they had eight hundred bales of cotton to send and asked how much money would be advanced. The Galveston firm wired back that the usual amount would be advanced if the bales were of usual weight and quality. The deal was then closed and the Bowie men received a large sum from a local bank, which was authorized by Moody. When the shipment reached Galveston it was found that the bales averaged about two hundred pounds instead of five hundred and fifty as claimed, and there were only four hundred bales shipped, defrauding the company out of \$27,000.

It is claimed that several other firms lost by similar operations of the Bowie men.

ROBT. GOODFELLOW IN THE RACE FOR SHERIFF.

Robt. Goodfellow and G. D. Hinds, of Coleman, are in Ballinger on business today. Mr. Goodfellow informed the Banner man that he was in the race for sheriff of Coleman county. Sheriff Futch is also in the race and the sheriff's race in Coleman county promises to be the warmest ever pulled off in that county.

DR. DOUGLAS BUYS AUTO.

Dr. J. G. Douglas is the latest victim to the auto fever. He purchased a runabout Maxwell Monday, and has learned to skim over the ground in double quick time. Autos are becoming as numerous in Ballinger as delivery wagons.

R. T. Williams, R. A. Nicholson and Judge R. S. Griggs returned Monday evening from a trip out west, where they went to look after some land matters.

BANKING BY MAIL

A few weeks ago we ran a series of advertisements on "Banking by Mail" and a number of people who live out of town opened accounts with us by mail. They find it safer and much more convenient to let Uncle Sam's Messengers bring their deposits to the bank than to keep their money at home and be without the service that a good bank can render them.

If you live at a distance and have not yet opened an account with us, we would be glad to have you become one of our mail depositors.

Pass and check books will be forwarded to you by return mail upon receipt of your first deposit.

Liberal interest on Savings Accounts and Time Deposits.

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The only Bank in Ballinger under United States Government Supervision.

SIX MEN PERISH IN OKLAHOMA COAL MINE

Special to The Banner.
 Oklahoma City, March 31.—Six men were killed in the mine of the Great Western Coal and Coke Mining Co., at Wilburn today by a terrific explosion which hurried the men in a mass of debris and ruins.

The men were on duty at night and were leaving the mine this morning, and as they were com-

ing out of the slope the explosion occurred, and the roof of the mine caved in, burying all the bodies. Five of the bodies have been recovered.

The dead are George Beeler, Ben Kauffman, Bill McMass, Fred Cunningham and William Paton. All four of the men leave families.

YOU DO NOT MEAN TO BE CARELESS

but is it not thoughtless to neglect safeguarding your money that you have worked hard for. What would its loss mean to you?

You do not care to lose any though you may have a fortune besides, and should it be all you have its loss would be a hard blow. The Farmers & Merchants State Bank makes a business of keeping your money securely. Our vaults are fire and burglar proof, and we carry insurance besides.

Absolute protection against fire or burglary and it don't cost YOU one cent. Simply deposit your money with us and use it as you see fit, and this protection is yours.

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Free Liver Remedy

It is well to stop a physical ailment at the first signs of its approach, and that is especially true of liver trouble, which can eventually give rise to so many serious complications. Many have liver trouble and imagine it is indigestion, and hence take the wrong remedy.

When the liver does not store up sufficient gastric juices it becomes sluggish, and in this way disturbs the stomach and bowels, with which it is supposed to work in harmony. Then comes the sallow complexion, the pimply face, the dull pain in the forehead, the thinning of the blood, etc. A very quick and sensible way to stop the trouble as well as to cure it is by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which contains ingredients especially intended to promote the activity of the liver.

Among the many thousands who have written the doctor about the results achieved with his remedy, and who are glad to make the facts public so that others can help themselves, are Mr. J. A. Kennedy, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. S. A. La Rue of Smith's Grove, Ky., and many others. These, like thousands of others, started the use of Syrup Pepsin with a sample. If you will send your name and address you can also obtain a free trial bottle. This will prove to you that liver trouble is promptly cured with this remedy or money will be refunded. Having tried it you can then buy it in the regular way of your druggist at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, and the latter is sufficient for an entire family.

This remedy is a vast improvement over cathartic tablets and salts, which only do good for the time being. Syrup Pepsin is permanent in its results, is pleasant to take and does not gripe. It is especially good for all those who cannot stand a violent purgative.

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 postal card or otherwise. For either request the doctor's address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, R. 500 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

FARMERS' UNION FIGHT ENDED

Texas Farmers Will Have Independent Union, But Will Work With National.

Ft. Worth, Tex., March 26.—Following the notable fight within the ranks of the Texas Farmers Union over the movement to secede from the National association the controversy came to an end today when President W. T. Loudermilk announced the canvas of the referendum vote, by which the Texas Union will retain its new state charter but will still remain with the National organization of which C. S. Barrett is president. This vote was polled by all the locals in Texas under the instructions of the state convention which met here last January.

Loudermilk urged the union to accept the result of the vote and to build up the union in harmony. Loudermilk has long wanted to secede but now that the majority has ruled other wise he will work for the success of the national organization.

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

TO REMOVE 30 VETERANS FROM HOME

Confederate Home Board to Remove Thirty of Home's Inmates to Make Room for More Decepsit.

Special to The Banner.
Austin, Tex., March 28.—The John B. Wood Camp of Confederate Veterans yesterday afternoon voted down the resolution to endorse the action of the Confederate Home Board which decided to remove about thirty veterans from the home. The board took this action to make more room for applicants more decrepsit than some of the present inmates. Many indignant expressions concerning the board's action will result. It is thought that the home will be enlarged at once, making the withdrawal of the veterans only temporary.

Governor Campbell says he has received no report from the board, and he will not discuss the affair at this time.

John Leonard and L. F. Wade of the Coleman Advertiser were here Sunday en route to Bradshaw to help install the new paper at that place.

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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We Welcome Small Deposits

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Large accounts are welcome too, for it is our purpose to serve all the people.

It matters not what amount of money you have to deposit, we will accept it at this bank. We welcome the small depositor, we extend to him the same consideration and courtesies accorded all of our patrons. Our customers all know this.

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WILL DUN THRASHER.

All those having maize, millet sorghum which they want threshed please take notice that my thrasher will run march 29th.
26-2 R. W. GILLIA

TO OUR PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

We are now permanently located with the Golden Rule Drug Store. (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. Knox, 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 internal treatment. All that is needed to afford relief is the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Give it a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the quick relief which it affords.

NEGRO ATTACKS DALLAS WOMAN

Woman is Beaten and Robbed—Lynching Probable if Assailant is 'Captured.

Special to The Banner:

Dallas, Tex., March 26.—Mrs. Joseph Hengy, aged twenty-five was brutally attacked and beaten by a negro in the suburbs this morning. She was knocked down, robbed of her purse and threatened by a negro man who brandished a knife. Her screams frightened the black brute who ran and escaped. Following the recent lynching of the negro Allen Brooks, the people of this city threaten violence should the negro be caught.

LOVERS.

of good health should prevent sickness. Instead of letting themselves get sick and the ntry 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.

TRUCK OF DYNAMITE HITS STREET CAR

Accident Occurs in Heart of Business District of Ft. Worth, But Dynamite Did Not Explode.

Special to The Banner:

Ft. Worth, Tex., March 28.—What is considered a miraculous prevention of a holocaust occurred here this morning when a truck loaded with one hundred and fifty pounds of dynamite collided with a Polytechnic street car in the heart of the business district. The force of the impact knocked the truck twenty feet, but the dynamite failed to explode. Besides A. J. Anderson, who was riding on the truck being slightly hurt in the collision, no one was injured, but if the dynamite had exploded the loss of life and property would have been immense.

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

Mrs. R. P. Conn and children returned Sunday from a visit to Brownwood.

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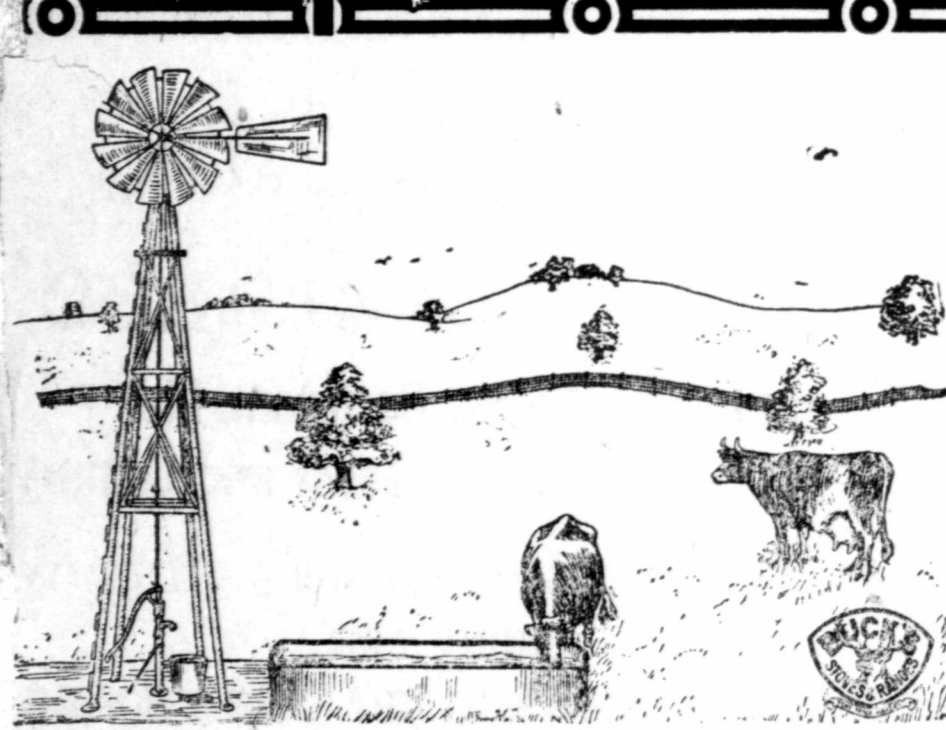
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Name of town where you market your poultry.

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All work guaranteed at Ballinger Photo Co. wtf

GOATS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

145 Finely Bred Angora Nannies Killed on Jo Ross Ranch in Sutton.

In reporting last week that the rain had fallen on the Jo Ross ranch, we thought it was good news and good luck for Mr. Ross, however it happens that during the storm of Thursday night the lightning struck near his camp of nannie goats and killed 145 head and also, probably, caused a great decrease in the number of kids expected. The nannie camp was about 2 miles from the headquarter ranch and besides killing the goats, set on fire one cedar tree and made kindling wood of two others. The Mexican herder while not visibly injured received such a shock that he has not been able to tend to business and cannot sleep at night. The loss is estimated by Mr. Ross to amount to at least \$1000. These goats were as good as any in the state, being finely bred Angoras. Mr. Ross was in Sonora Tuesday looking for another herder. The rain which fell was very little.—Devil's River News.

RAIL ROAD CHARTER APPROVED.

Special to The Banner:
Austin, Tex., March 25.—Attorney General Lightfoot today approved the charter of the Gainesville-Oklahoma and Western railroad, with headquarters at Gainesville. Capital stock \$100,000. The new road will run south to Bridgeport where it will connect with the Rock Island and New Orleans on the Red River.

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. 23-13
MRS. C. GALLISON.
1001 11th st. Balinger, Tex.

DUBLIN ATTORNEY COMMITS SUICIDE

Special to The Banner.
Dublin, Tex., March 28.—Jesse D. Conner, a well known attorney of this city committed suicide at his home here this afternoon by drinking carbolic acid. He had been despondent for some time. He was forty years old and is survived by a wife and seven year old son. He lived about an hour after taking the dope.

CONE JOHNSON COMING TO BALLINGER.

It seems that Ballinger is to be favored with speaking dates from the entire quartette of candidates for Governor. It has been announced here today that Cone Johnson will speak in Ballinger April 22. The other candidates will be here on dates to be determined later.

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.

BALLINGER MAN BARELY ESCAPES DEATH

Electrician, Chester Cherry Receives Terrible Shock From Live Wire Today--Safety Strap Kept Him From Falling.

At nine-thirty this morning as Chester Cherry was making some connections with the wires of the Ballinger Electric Light Co., at the Winkler corner on 8th St., and Hutchings Ave., he received about 600 volt shock which passed through his body. He gave a few faint cries of agony and his falling body pulled him loose from the pliers which had accidentally touched a 1100 volt live wire. He was at the top of a 30 foot pole, and had he not had his body strapped to the pole with his safety strap, he would have fallen to the rock pavement below.
Many citizens who were nearby came to Cherry's assistance, and it looked at first as if the accident had proved fatal, as he hung, apparently lifeless to his safety strap thirty feet above the side walk. E. L. Rasbury telephoned the power plant to stop all currents and three men climbed to the electrician's assistance. It looked as if he were going to fall despite the safety strap and a big mattress and several large quilts were secured and held directly beneath him.
It took several minutes for Cherry to recover sufficiently to be helped down and when he descended his face was pale and lifeless. Hundreds of people gathered and Dr. Grant examined the injured man who was carried into the Lankford building that had been vacated for some interior improvements.
Dr. Grant reported that his pulse were regular and that the accident would not prove fatal. This, however, did not satisfy the anxiety of the large crowd that gathered in front of the Lankford building.
As we go to press this afternoon Cherry is resting easily and will probably recover from the severe shock in a few days.
The unfortunate man is of robust physical strength and has a wonderful amount of resistance and his life was probably saved because of his robust nature. He will weigh about 175 pounds and is 28 years old. He is unmarried and has a large number of friends here who have shown their deep sympathy and who will rejoice at his early recovery.

KILLED NEIGHBOR OVER LAND TITLE.
Special to The Banner.
Tulsa, Okla., March 25.—John Hughes, a well known farmer, five miles south of this place was shot and killed this morning by his neighbor, L. H. Giles, following a dispute over land titles. The men were until recently the best of friends. Two bullets entered Hughes' head. Giles rendered to the officers self defense.

No Alum No Lime Phosphate

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Makes the food of superior healthfulness and finest quality

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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
No man ever won riches without making use of a Bank.
No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity—A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.
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News items appreciated. Phone 27.

Why not have an Elks Club and a Country Club for Ballinger.

What do you think about the Fire and Inspection Marshal for Ballinger?

Let us boost Ballinger from every angle—but mind you it is constructive boosting that we council.

That conventional smile of Willie H. Traft is beginning to fade—its wrinkles, Teddy is coming.

Any husband, no doubt wonders where the hair his wife wears comes from, but if he is a wise husband he is still wondering.

The spring poet is waiting for it to rain perhaps—he is not so tremendously in evidence as usual at this time of the year—but don't worry.

No marriages have been reported in air-ships, but nevertheless it is a sure fact that some people that marry are "up in the air."

The baseball heel fly is beginning to buzz around the nether extremities of the horse-hide devotees, and pretty soon we may expect a lively caper round the four-legged lot in Ballinger.

Jones county has recently perfected an organization similar to the one made in Ballinger during the Road Overseers Convention.

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)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3.
JOE TURNER.
J. M. ADAMS.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
J. E. McADAMS.

Ballinger may be short on some things, but the fire demon gets in his work on regular schedule time.

That thousand feet of new fire hose was placed on the fire wagon Wednesday, and came in good place at the big fire Thursday.

It is highly probable that ere another twelve months, all the progressive counties in the state will follow Runnels county's lead.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Our sale which started the 26th, has far exceeded our greatest expectations, both in volume of business as well as in the number of people who have visited our store during sale. Every since opening hour there has not been an idle minute with us and without any exaggeration whatever our business has been phenomenal. Never has a sale given such universal satisfaction—never have the people of Ballinger witnessed such wonderful and indescribable cyclonic price-cutting.

Just as we told you, just as we advertised, people came from the four corners of the country; they came in wagons, autos, buggies and every other conceivable way and the way they carried away good staple merchandise was a sight never to be witnessed by the population of Runnels county. It is a marvel and truly marks a new epoch in value giving. Since opening our sale we have received marked out and placed on our counters at our grand reduction prices all our men's and boys' summer clothing, underwear, straw hats, as well as ladies tailored suits, skirts, muslin underwear, and thousands of yards of up-to-date dress goods, both in wool and cotton. Never have you had the opportunity of such a large selection of first-class, dependable merchandise at such slaughter prices.

Now, we are not advertising a QUIT BUSINESS SALE or a COST SALE, but we do claim to sell you merchandise at prices never seen in this country before and we stand behind every claim we make, whether it be on paper or in the store. This is no humbug or lottery, but saving is sure and every purchase is guaranteed to be just as represented or money cheerfully refunded on demand.

To enumerate all our prices would be almost an impossibility and would take the combined efforts of all the printers in several counties, so will simply say: Every article in entire stock goes in this sale, so take time by the forelock and come at once before stock is broken and while the sale is in full blast.

Bear in mind we have no old stock or shelf-worn goods to offer you, but a nice clean stock of new merchandise at prices that are bound to please you; so throw aside all prejudice, use the practical sense with which nature has endowed you and come where you can save from 20 to 50 per cent on every purchase.

Don't be misled, but come to the right place which is Rosenwaser & Levy's, Ballinger, Texas. W. W. Moore, Sales Manager. 2911

FOR COMMISSIONER.

J. E. McAdams, the commissioner from the Token, Truitt and Winters precinct, has yielded to a petition and will be on the primary ticket for re-election to the office of commissioner. Mr. McAdams has made a splendid commissioner and will no doubt be elected again.

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

JOE TURNER ANNOUNCES FOR COMMISSIONER.

The Banner-Leader is authorized to announce as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Joe Turner, of Norton. Mr. Turner is a young man, well qualified for the office of commissioner. He has had sufficient experience in public matters to make him ambitious, and competent to perform the duties of commissioner. He hesitated at length before entering the race, and it was through the strong solicitation of friends that he decided to permit his name to be announced and agreed to serve, if elected to the best interest of the people of his section of the country, as well as the people of the entire county.

Mr. Turner is a son of J. R. Turner, and moved to Runnels county five years ago from Hill county. He will make a good commissioner

MOVED.

I have moved my tin shop to the new rock building next to the fire station, and will be glad to have your sheet metal work at the new place. 82-6w4

FRANK WOODEN.

THE CIRCUS.

an acrobat finds it necessary at all times to keep his muscles and joints supple. That is the reason that hundreds of them keep a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment always on hand. A sure cure for rheumatism, cuts sprains, sore throat, lame back, contracted muscles, corns bunions and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

J. M. ADAMS FOR RE-ELECTION.

J. M. Adams, commissioner from Precinct No. 3, has agreed to serve his people another term provided they want him. Mr. Adams has only served his precinct but one term, but has made a faithful officer, and looked well after the interest of his people. He has had experience by the one term he has served to fit him for giving better service during the next administration and for this reason in particular his people have asked him to serve them again. He has been tried, and the people know what he is as an officer, and he will no doubt receive a good vote at the primary election.

DINNER AND BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Catholic church will serve dinner, commencing at eleven o'clock Saturday, April 2nd at the rooms of the Ballinger Business League. In the afternoon of the same day, a bazaar will be given, where useful articles such as aprons, bonnets, kimonas, etc., will be on sale. The generous patronage of all is solicited. Price of dinner will be 25 cents. w2t.

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 sock of this flour. Guion & Dose sell it. 28-2

ANOTHER BIG PRIZE IN PIANO CONTEST

A Lot in Cameron Heights Addition to be Given Away to the Third Contestant in Contest.

That general interest is being created by our big piano contest is evidenced by an offer we are able to make to our readers this afternoon. Mr. E. E. Burns, sales manager for the Cameron Heights Addition to Ballinger, came in and informed us that he wanted in on our premium proposition to the extent of a seventy-five dollar lot.

This addition has recently been placed on the market, and the sales to date have been very satisfactory to those who have charge of the enterprise. Cameron Heights Addition is in the north part of Ballinger, and is an ideal place for suburban homes. Mr. Burns as an additional inducement will give 25 free votes on every dollar paid in cash on the purchase of lots in this addition.

Lot number 15, in Block number 18, is the prize to go to the one getting the third greatest number of votes in our great subscription getting contest. Think of it, girls! A lot in this addition that will probably some day be worth many hundred dollars. It will be deeded to the winner at the close of the contest, and is a prize worth working for. Ballinger real estate is as good for an investment as gilt edge bank stock.

This is indeed the greatest contest ever put on in Runnels county. Just think of it!

A three hundred dollar piano.
A hundred and twenty-five dollar rubber tire buggy.
A seventy-five dollar lot.
All these, and a number of other

valuable prizes. And they are all to be given away absolutely free to those who will spend some of their time soliciting subscriptions for this paper.

The total value of the prizes already offered amount to six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

We are going to put our papers into every home in Runnels county. It is not reasonable to suppose we are going to make any money out of the proposition, but we do expect to double the circulation of our publications. The profits will be given to the young ladies who assist us in this work. Girls, you may never have another opportunity like this. Don't you honestly think it is time to be hustling.

1-4 of Pound a Week

at least is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Price 25c and 50 cents.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

DIARY AND POULTRY FARM—25 acres within a mile of our house, good new four room house well, 2 acres garden spot, 14 acre Johnson grass. This property can be had at a low price. Half cash remainder any time to suit purchaser. No trade. See P. Truly. 89-2

LOST—Storm apron to hack between Hatchel and Orien Fin please notify J. A. Patterson Ballinger. d1

If prices and quality count will trade with A. L. Spann & They sell it for less. d

I have moved to the brick building on Eighth street. 8 T. S. Lan

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

\$27.00 GIVEN AWAY.

Have paid \$102.00 on new piano in Ft. Worth at \$8 per month and will take \$75.00. Will be shipped when desired prepaid. May pay on better one if you desire. If interested address Mrs. C. S. Bowden, Box 302, Ballinger, Tex.

FOR SALE—A Columbus buggy and phaeton, horse, harness and saddle. How much will you give me for them? Apply to J. Q. McAdams, Winters, Texas. 291

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. wtf The Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Many Roofing Fail

at the laps, the cement poor. The lap cement with TEXACO ROO makes the joints also secure. It will pay you vestigate if you intend roofing.

MADE ONLY BY

The Texas Company

General Offices: Houston T. W. TURNER, Agent Ballinger, Tex.

Style and Finish



in style, in fabric, finish, fit and price are made here to your order just as well as the Fifth Avenue tailors are supposed to turn out work. We are carrying a fine stock of new goods in light and dark shades, stripes, figures and mixtures and all the new effects. These we make up from your selection and guarantee you a perfect fit. We take the most infinite pains in the try-on, and you will be satisfied with the way we finish the suit.

Men's Furnishings Merchant Tailors, Steam Cleaning and Dye Works BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Cameron Highths Addition

Lots \$75.00 to \$125.00 each.
\$10.00 down, \$7.50 per month.

NO Interest ! **Graded Streets**
Taxes. ! **and City Water.**

Buy a Lot today and watch your money double in a few months.

We are giving one of these lots away in The Banner Piano Contest, and will give twenty-five free votes with every dollar you turn in to us on first payment on lot. Remember you get 25 free votes on every dollar in cash you pay on these lots.

M. J. Stacy, Owner,

PHONE 461 712 1-2. HUTCHINGS AVE.

FOR CATARRH.

icine Free in Every Case
Where It Fails to Relieve.

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T. S. Lankford,

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to women suffering
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A KNOCKER

is a man who can't see good in
any person or thing. It's a habit
caused by a distorted liver. If
you find that you are beginning
to see things through blue spec-
tacles, treat your liver to a good
cleaning out process with Bal-
lard's Herbine. A sure cure for
constipation, dyspepsia, indig-
tion, sick headache, biliousness,
all liver, stomach and bowel trou-
bles.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

If it is bargains you want, see
T. S. Lankford. 89-2 w1

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

SILVER LACE WYANDOTTS.

Eggs for setting from thor-
oughbred Silver Lace Wyandott
chickens at 50 cents per setting
Leave orders with J. W. Francis
at Miller Mercantile Co., or write
J. H. Powers, Winters, Texas. wt.

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.

Eminent Authorities Say
that out-door exercise is needed
by the American people. That's
all very well, but, how can people
with rheumatism follow that ad-
vice? The answer is very sim-
ple—use Ballard's Snow Lin-
iment and the rheumatism will go,
leaving you as spry as a colt.
Gives quick and permanent re-
lief from rheumatism, neuralgia,
lame back and all pains.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

RAIN REPORT SAYS GENERAL.

We are indebted to the tele-
phone people for a report on the
rain. They report rain all over
the county, and the fall about
like that in Ballinger. A slow
steady drizzle, the kind that
sinks into the ground and is stor-
ed away for making a crop.

A fairly good rain is reported
at Brownwood and along the San-
ta Fe between here and that
place. Abilene has not had rain,
at least it had not rained there
up to this morning.

While the rain has not been
heavy it is sufficient to be of great
benefit to small grain and grass.
J. A. Patterson phoned The Ban-
ner from Hatchel this morning
and stated that it was raining at
that place and that the fall would
benefit small grain, and make
early grass.

PRESIDENT TAFT TO ADDRESS FARMERS

He Accepts Invitation to Attend
National Farmers Union Con-
vention in St. Louis.

Special to The Banner.

Washington, March 31.—Presi-
dent Taft today accepted the in-
vitation extended him by Presi-
dent Barrett of the National
Farmers Union to address the
Farmers' convention at St. Louis.
This meeting will be held May 20
to the 28.

A number of Ballinger boys
went to Rowena Sunday where
they played a game of base ball
with the Rowena boys, the game
resulted in two scores for Rowena
and eight for Ballinger.

For fishing tackle see T. S.
Lankford. 89-2 w1

COTTON SEED EXPERIMENT PURPOSE

Congressman Smith Sends Seven
Sample Sacks for a Test.

John Maddox received seven
sacks of cotton seed from con-
gressman Smith today, with in-
structions for Mr. Maddox to
turn the seed over to the farmers
who would agree to plant them
with the best of care and culti-
vate the crop, and make a fair
test of the seed. The seed are a
very fine variety, and Mr. Mad-
dox will distribute them out
among the farmers who obligate
themselves to give the seed a fair
test.

Remember your dollar goes far-
thest at Spann's dw2

OIL BOOM REACHES TO BALLINGER

Ballinger Citizens Visit Coleman
Oil Fields and Inspect Well
and Investigate.

The spouting oil well at Trick-
ham in Coleman county is be-
coming pretty well advertised and
the oil fever is contagious, and the
fact that a man has had oil on
his clothes before does not in any
way embarrass him. Some of the
Ballinger citizens have a faint re-
collection of an oil boom that ex-
isted at Beaumont several years
ago, and there are several hun-
dred dollars of money in holes
down at Beaumont.

Judge J. W. Powell, who is
president of a coal and mining
and development company in
Coleman county, left at noon for
Coleman where he goes in re-
sponse to a phone message tel-
ling him to come down. Judge
Powell did not know what his
company wanted with him, but
perhaps there is something doing
for the company since the oil
gusher has been brought in.

Jack McGregor, Eugene Risser
also went down at noon today
and will visit the oil well for
themselves.

M. A. TRAYLOR HONORED.

A recent issue of the Chicago
Banker, a bankers magazine pub-
lished in Chicago contained a half
tone photo of Mr. Traylor, Presi-
dent of the First National Bank
of Ballinger, together with a write
up of Mr. Traylor's bank. The
picture was a splendid one of Mr.
Traylor and appeared on the front
page of the magazine. Quite an
honor to our fellow citizen and
banker, especially so when we
stop to consider the prominence
of the magazine, and its wide cir-
culation.

PAINT ROCK GETS CONFEDERATE REUNION

Committee Met in Ballinger Today
And by Unanimous Vote Selects
Paint Rock.

The executive committee of the
Colorado-Concho Confederate
Veteran Association met in Bal-
lenger at two o'clock this after-
noon to select a place for holding
the next Old Soldiers Re-union.
Coleman was represented by Com-
rade Albright, San Angelo by Col.
Nasworthy and supported by
Judge W. T. Bartholomew and
Mayor Paul, Paint Rock was re-
presented by R. C. Tillery and
about twenty-five other citizens.
The Ballinger committeeman
was M. E. Hudson, Coke county
by H. D. Pearce.

Over two hours was devoted to
the applications and bids for the
reunion, all of which carried with

them just anything the old sol-
diers wanted.

Ballinger Not an Applicant.

Ballinger made no fight for the
reunion, but in a strong speech by
Judge Guion he endorsed Paint
Rock, and asked the committee to
make that place unanimous.

This the committee did, and the
reunion will be held on the Con-
cho river near Pain Rock.

The reunion has been held in
Ballinger for a number of years,
and the Ballinger people thought
it best not to try for the reunion,
hence no effort was made to get it.

The committee set the dates for
the reunion 17, 18, and 19 of
August.

\$175,000 PAID FOR 5,000 AGED STEERS

Geo. P. Robinson of Kansas City
Buys 5000 Head of Steers
From Different Parties.

San Angelo, Tex., March 29.—
Five thousand head of aged steers
4s and up, were involved in deals
to the amount of \$175,000, which
have been transacted in San An-
gelo the past few days through
H. H. Sparks, livestock agent of
the Orient.

George P. Robinson, vice-pres-
ident of the Robinson-Coffield

Commission Company, of the Kan-
sas City Stock yards, was the pur-
chaser, and he arrived in San An-
gelo Monday morning to ship the
cattle to the Jim Hunt pastures
near Henrietta, Oklahoma.

The steers were bought from the
following parties, but the prices
paid and other details are kept
private: Sol and Abe Meyer, the
Val Verde Land and Cattle Co.,
R. E. Jackson, John I. Chambers,
J. D. Sugg and Caleb Barron.

Fifty carloads of these steers
left San Angelo over the Orient
Monday afternoon, and the entire
consignment is booked over this
road for shipment by the 31st of
March.



The Spring Suit!

Won't You be Settling the Question this
Week?

Settling the question, means with you determining which line affords
the most style and service for the money you want to invest. The
question has already been solved in the splendid line of

Blue Ribbon Clothes

We are showing the very best values obtainable
in Men's Suits at \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20 and \$22.50.
We want you to come in and see them. Come
whether you are ready to buy or not. :-: :-:

We are showing a New Spring Line of

**Shirts, Underwear, Hosiery, Belts, Straw and Felt Hats, New
Line of Men's Trousers and Boys' Suits**

EXTRA SPECIAL!

One Special lot of Summer Suits carried over from last season. One
two and three suits of a kind, sizes 33 to 42, mostly in the medium
sizes, all on one table for your convenience. Come and see them. We
offer you choice of this lot at **HALF PRICE.**

WINKLER DRY GOODS CO.
BALLINGER, TEXAS

\$600 GIVEN AWAY!

The Above Amount Will Be given in Prizes by the Daily Banner and The Weekly Banner-Leader.

This paper has inaugurated the most liberal popular voting contest ever offered to the people of this section. In this contest prizes aggregating more than six hundred dollars will be given absolutely free to the young ladies or institution receiving the largest number of votes. The grand prize is a **Three Hundred Dollar Clarendon Cabinet Grand Piano**. In addition to this beautiful piano, other prizes amounting in the aggregate to six hundred dollars will be donated to contestants in this wonderful contest. Read every word on this page and you will understand thoroughly why we make this unparalleled proposition.

Nomination Blank GOOD FOR 1,000 VOTES

Only one nomination ballot will be credited for each Contestant.

I hereby nominate, as a Contestant in the BANNER PIANO CON-

TEST. M. _____

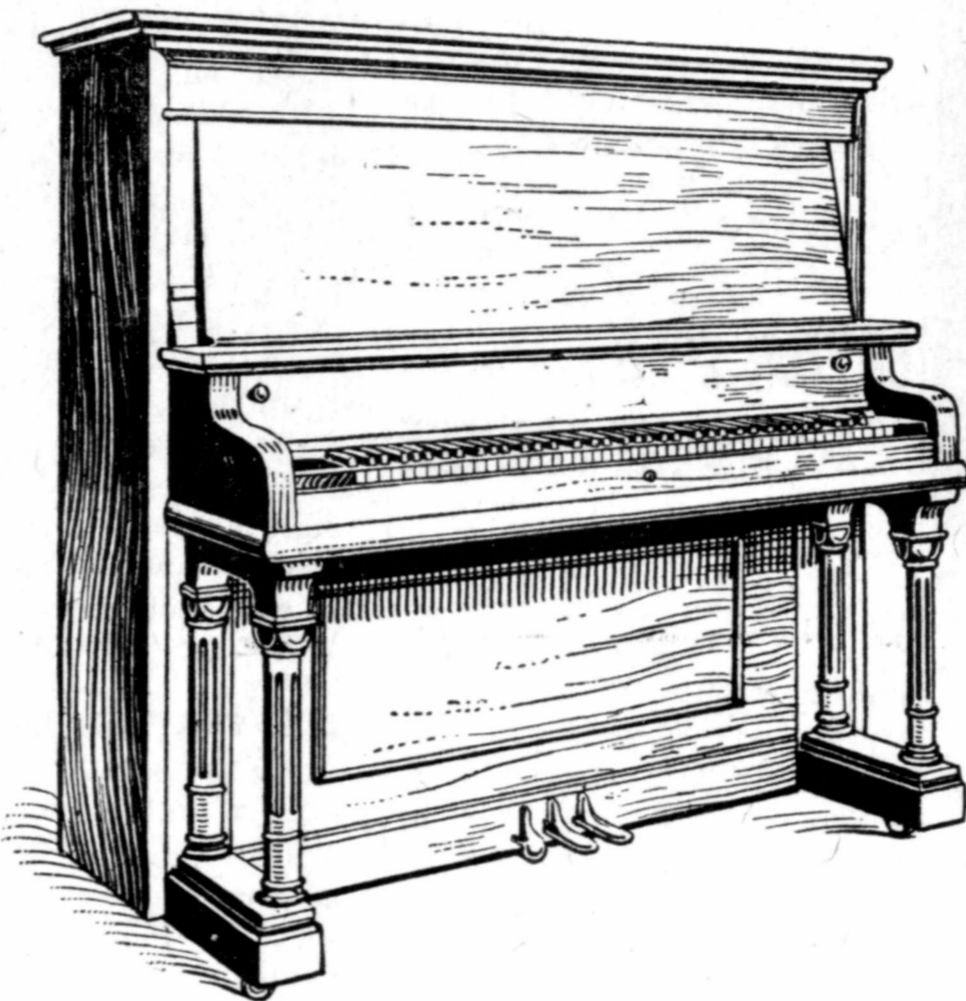
Address _____

Date _____

Signed _____

All nominations must be signed by the party making them but the nominator's name will positively not made public or known to any one except the manager of the contest.

Be first to nominate Winner and get \$5.00 in Gold



FREE VOTING COUPON

25 Votes ————— 25 Votes

This Free Coupon is Voted For _____

These votes cost you nothing, and you should clip them from the paper, write the name of your favorite, and see that they reach this office before the 15th of April.

The Clarendon Cabinet Grand Piano

Is no "Cheap John" piano made to give away, but is a piano built by the Haddorff Piano company for the trade and is sold in Ballinger by the Ballinger Music Company who back the instrument up to be first class in every respect with a guarantee. The Ballinger Music Company have sold several of these instruments since opening their house here, and we refer you to Mrs. Dr. Bolyn or to Mrs. August Vogelsang. The regular price of the piano is \$300 and that is what it cost us. Following is a description of the piano which will be on exhibition at the Ballinger Music Company's:

The design is along plain lines and, and is prepared to fill a demand for just such a piano. The scale is entirely new, being designed with the purpose of producing plenty of volume, and still retaining its purity of tone. It contains seven and one-third octaves with three unisons. Three pedals. Patent noiseless pedal action. Rock maple tuning pin block. Full iron plate. Overstrung bass. Imported music wire. Ivory keys and an action guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. Case is hardwood double-veneered inside and out. Full swinging music desk with square panel. Grand fall board. Furnished in Mahogany. Height of piano, 4 feet and 9 inches. Width, 5 feet and 4 inches. Depth, 2 feet and 4 inches.

Contest Rules

- 1.—This is a popular voting contest in which the young ladies or any lodge, church or school of this county are eligible. The contest will be conducted upon strictly honorable methods, and the lady receiving the greatest number of votes during the contest will be declared the winner of the beautiful piano.
- 2.—Other prizes in addition to the piano will be offered during the contest, thus guaranteeing a valuable prize to the ladies who solicit subscriptions.
- 3.—A list of the contestants will be kept standing in the paper after the first official count, in which will appear the standing of each candidate in this contest.
- 4.—After votes are deposited in ballot box, same cannot be trans-

ferred to another candidate.

5.—Contestants must collect full subscription price for paper in order to be entitled to votes on same.

6.—The editor will not assist you in making a selection of your choice among the contestants. This is a matter you must decide for yourself.

7.—The ballot box will be kept in this office until one week before closing of contest, when it will be placed in one of the banks to be kept there until the final count is announced.

8.—Date of closing of contest will be announced at least two weeks prior to close of same.

9.—It does not cost anything to vote the 25-vote coupons appearing in the paper during the early part of the contest.

10.—The free paper coupons will be discontinued at the option

11.—A committee of citizens shall conduct each official count during contest.
12.—Additional classes of votes may be added to this contest if deemed advisable by the publishers, or to modify these rules if deemed necessary.

Votes will be given on subscription only to either the Daily Banner or Weekly Banner-Leader on the following scale:

For 35 cents paid on subscription	100 votes
For 50 cents paid on subscription	200
For \$1.00 paid on subscription	600
For 2.00 paid on subscription	2500
For 3.50 paid on subscription—Daily 1 year	5000
For \$5.00 paid on subscription—Weekly 5 years	7500

SPECIAL PRIZES

- Second prize in contest: \$125.00 buggy by Higginbotham-Currie-Williams.
- Third prize: \$50.00 Scholarship in Business college.

- Fourth prize: \$25.00 Violin by Walker Drug pany.
- Fifth prize: \$25.00 Washburn Guitar by Ballinger Music company.
- Sixth prize: Prize given by Asa cordill, artical value to be announced later.

This Contest Is Now Open

The ballot box can be found at the Banner office, where you may deposit your votes for your favorite. One is going to get this beautiful piano, and the other valuable prizes to be announced within the next days, and the way to win is to get into the contest without delay. Call on the Ballinger Music Company see the beautiful instrument Now On Display. Fill out the nominating blank to be found on this page, ar that your favorite gets an early start. Call at this office and let us talk to you about the greatest voting test ever pulled of in Runnels county. Watch for our announcement of the names of merchants who wi you free votes with every dollar you spend at their stores. For any further information, come to see us, us, or call us over the phone. Address all inquiries to

CONTEST EDITOR, Care Banner-Leade

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Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

You Will Always Be Satisfied

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

Ballinger Lumber Company

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

Just Received

A large stock of Edison Phonographs and Records. Also have a full stock of Pianos, Organs, Columbia disc Phonographs, Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins, Accordions all kinds of Strings and extras for any musical instrument. Good assortment of Late Songs, Rags and Teachers music for Piano, Violin etc., Mail orders promptly filled. Make our store your resting place when in the city. **BALLINGER MUSIC CO.** TURBEVILL BROS. Prop. **BALLINGER, TEX.**



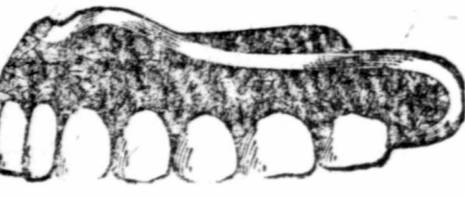
WE Like the Children, and our studio is theirs while they are with us. By making them feel at home we secure pictures of them that are natural—true to life. Bring on that little one of yours to us NOW. **Ballinger Photo Co.** **J. H. Wilbourn, Prop.**

Family Recipes

The valued family recipes for cough and cold cures, liniments, tonics and other remedies have as careful attention, here as the most intricate prescriptions. Our fresh, high grade drugs will help to make these remedies more effective than ever. Right prices are also assured.

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All details looked after
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BALLINGER, TEXAS

OIL NO LONGER FLOWS AT TRICKHAM

Nevertheless, One of the Prominent Oil Companies Offers to Take Stock at Par Value. A Daily Banner reporter was at Santa Anna this morning, and while there had an interview with Editor G. W. Faulkner, of the Santa Anna News, and from him obtained the following information relative to the oil strike at Trickham. The oil has been flowing outside of the eight inch casing, and this casing goes down to a depth of less than one thousand feet, it is evident that the oil-bearing sands are at least within a thousand feet of the surface. The oil is a fine grade of lubricating oil, something similar to that found in small quantities in and about Brownwood, and is considered very valuable. Up to yesterday the flow was continuous, neither increasing nor decreasing in volume. Those who made careful calculations estimated that the flow was equal to about two barrels per hour. Today, however, the news comes from Trickham that the well was no longer flowing, but the cause is unknown. Some were of the opinion that the well had become clogged, and would not flow until the casing was removed. Preparations are being made today to draw out the casing, and the result it may have upon the well is anxiously awaited. It seems to be the general impression among those who have visited the well that the interruption of the flow is merely caused by the clogging of the aperture, and that as soon as this is opened again that the oil will rush to the surface in greater volume than before. One man, who claims to have had considerable experience with oil wells, says he does not believe the well will flow when the casing is removed, but that it will prove a valuable pumping proposition. The most important thing thus far connected with the find was the visit yesterday of representatives from several of the oil companies of the state. The representative of the Texas Oil Co., made a careful examination, and it is rumored today that the company has offered to pay per value for all the stock that has been issued by the local oil company owning the well, amounting to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and guarantee the holders an additional twenty per cent dividend upon their holdings. A continuous stream of visitors are visiting the well and looking over the situation. Scores of Brownwood people were out yesterday and Saturday, and every train through Santa Anna unloads prospectors from various sections of the state who are interested in investigating the oil find. The developments of the next few days are anxiously awaited.

AGED WOMAN SERIOUSLY BURNED

Grandma Turner May Die From Burns Received When Home Was Destroyed. Special to The Banner. Santa Anna, Tex., March 19.—(Later) Fire Thursday evening destroyed the handsome residence of J. Frank Turner and fatally injured his mother. Mrs. Turner was about eighty years old and had been in feeble health for several years so that the burns she received, although they would not have killed a person of normal health proved fatal to her, her death occurring last night. Mrs. Turner was an old settler and was known over a wide extent of territory. Her sons J. Frank, and Fred W. Turner are among the most progressive business men of West Texas. The residence which burned was the most handsome home in Santa Anna. It was built about three years ago and was valued at about \$6000. Warren Cherie, of Aberfoel came in today to be with his brother, who was caught on the electric wire last Saturday.

AGED MAN KILLED
BY S. P. TRAIN.

Special to The Banner. San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—Theodore Sobieski, age seventy died here this morning from injuries received last Wednesday when a Southern Pacific engine run over him, cutting off both legs.

WEATHERFORD MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Special to The Banner: Weatherford, Tex., March 26.—W. H. Hubbard is lying at the point of death at his home fifteen miles south of the city as a result of injuries received when his team ran away. He is prominent farmer of this county.

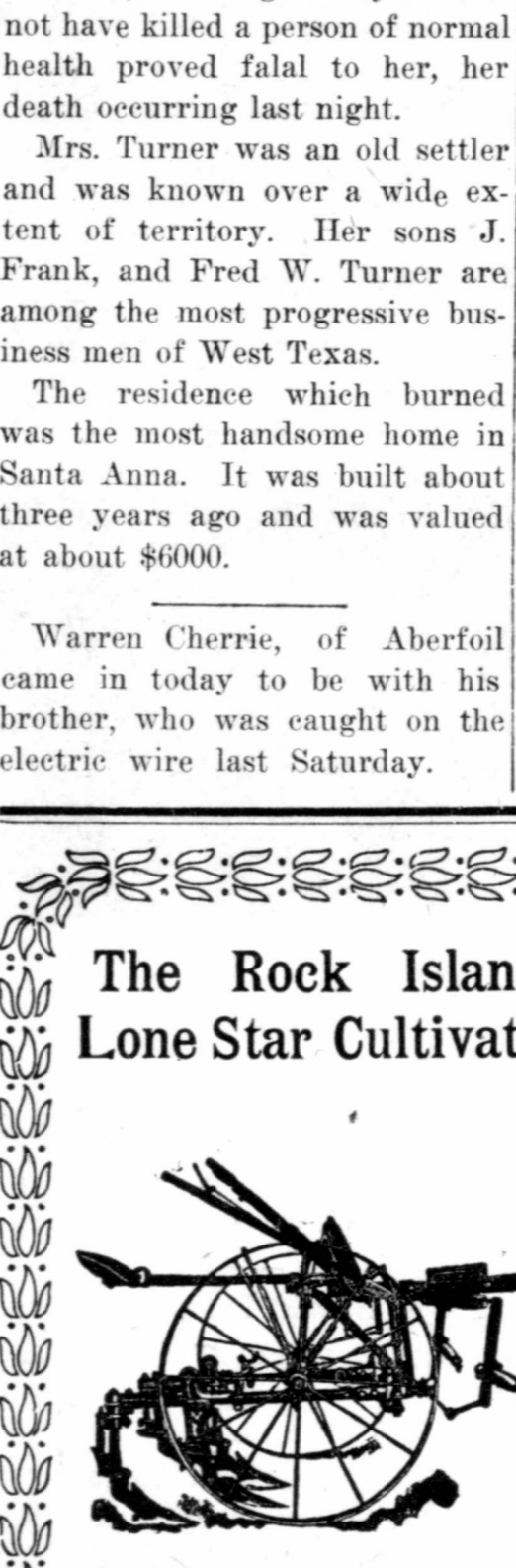
Neighbor of Yours

as well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism. We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, erick in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballards Snow Liniment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds. **ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING LOCAL OPTION LAW.** Special to The Banner: Waxahachie, Tex., March 25.—Dan Leighton and S. N. Croich were arrested at Ennis today charged with taking orders for whiskey in local option districts. The lowest fine on conviction is four thousand dollars and ninety days in jail.

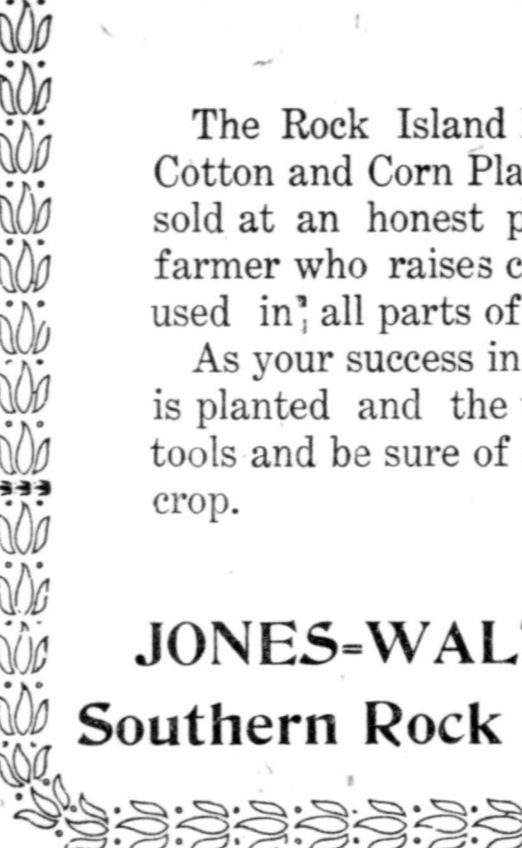
DANCE HALL BURNS 250 PERSONS PERISH

Horrible Holocaust in Hungarian City--250 Sunday Night Dancers Burned to Death. Special to The Banner. Vienna, Austria-Hungary, March 28.—Fire broke out in a dance hall in the town of Oahaditen in Hungary, last night, causing the death of 250 persons. The dance was in progress and the merry dancers were dancing to the strains of sweet music, not dreaming of danger when the building was discovered to be on fire. When the fire which had gained good headway, was discovered, a panic ensued and many people were trampled to death, becoming so confused they could not find their way out of the hall. After the panic, the roof to the building fell in, burying 250 people under the debris.

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OFF TO DEVIL'S RIVER ON HUNTING TRIP. Today Warren Bair, Jimmy Taylor and Everett Hardgrove

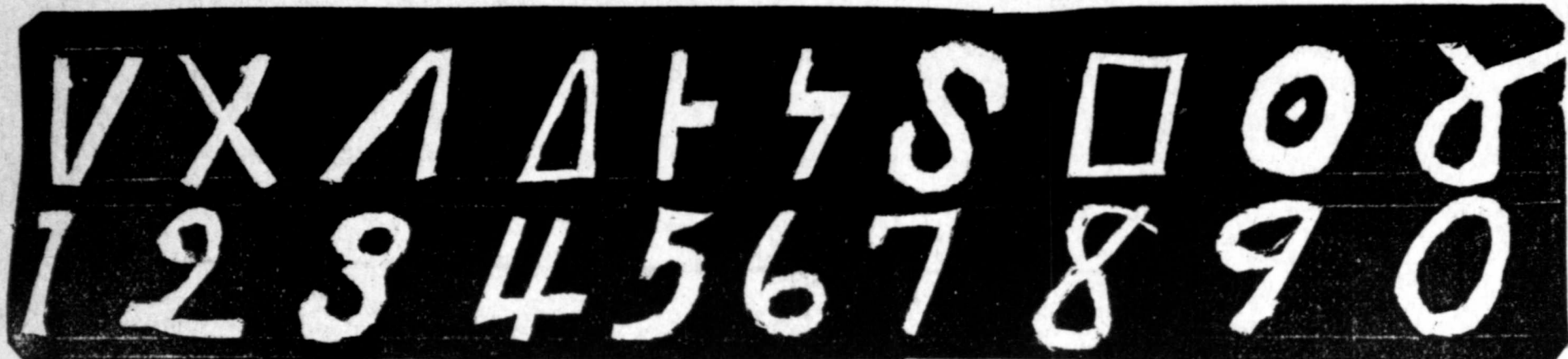
left in a hack for the Devil's River country to recuperate and hunt. They will be indefinitely, and are well ped to have a good time. **SWITCHMAN KILLED AT TEX** Texarkana, Tex., Ma. Will Burgess, aged thirty Texas & Pacific switch killed in the local yard locomotive hit him, kn thirty feet. He died a later.

Truth is Victor IN THE GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE

The extremely low prices to be found at our sale has made for us the largest and best sale we ever had. Why not come and be a money saver by purchasing a few of our many specials: :- :- :- :-

We offer in our Closing Out Sale the following:
Searchlight Matches, 3 boxes for 10c. Loaded Shells 39c per box
\$5 "Nufangl" trousers, \$3.65. \$6 "Nufangl" trousers, \$4.25.
Silk Neckties at 19c.

As a Key to the Price, we print our Cost Mark for Reference:



BAIR & CONN

THE GLOBE

MEAT EATERS MUST DIG UP

Local Market Raise Price on Beef. Says They Have Been Operating at Big Loss.

The Globber meat market have a notice in today's paper notifying the public that beginning tomorrow their price on all beef will be increased. The price on pork will remain the same, 17 1-2 cents per pound.

A Banner man called on Mr. Globber this afternoon and asked why the raise and how much it would be. He stated that he had been operating his business at a loss for some time on account of the high price of cattle and the high price of feed, and it was a case of raise the price to meet the increased cost of getting the cattle for his market or go out of business. The price heretofore has been from ten to twelve and a half cents per pound for beef, and the increased price will make beef cost from ten to seventeen cents per pound, the best grade of steak selling for seventeen cents per pound.

The high price of all kinds of meats will necessitate decrease in the consumption of meats and cause the humane race to eat other kinds of food, and the result will no doubt be beneficial to the people.

CONFEDERATE HOME BOARD MET TODAY.

Special to The Banner: Austin, Tex., March 31.—The Board of Management of the Confederate Home is conferring here today over the removal of some of the able-bodied inmates from the home. The physician who supervised the recent examination said he found ten veterans able to work and support themselves. He recommended that they be given thirty days to find employment. It is said in some quarters that the expulsion of these veterans will not be permanent but only temporary.

First Monday, 10 yards apron checks ginghams for 38 cents, 10 yards to a customer only. dwlt Rosenwasser & Levy.

Just received a large shipment of Art Squares in all designs and grades. Come and get our prices on them. Ostertag Furniture Co.

A lady bought 12 of those counterpanes at Rosenwasser & Levy's for 98 cents. dwl

DIVERSIFY.

A dispatch from New Orleans says the spinners and speculators are already beginning to figure on the new cotton crop, but that every move is cautious because of uncertainty regarding the acreage.

This gives the planters a cue. At no time in southern history has it been more emphatically incumbent upon the Farmers' Union, and the southern farmers generally, to observe rigorous measures in holding the acreage to sensible bounds, while religiously practicing diversification.

It will avail nothing to hold down the crop, and then to send east and west and north for large sums for food for man and beast.

The way to avoid thus laying a mortgage on the unmaturing crop is to plant a bumper crop in food-stuffs and a modest crop in cotton.

Corn, poultry products and garden truck, not forgetting the other grains, are as readily marketable for money as is cotton.

The thing to do is to hedge cotton with diversification.

That way lies guaranteed prosperity.

For Saturday only 106 spreads at 84 cents at Rosenwasser & Levy's. dwl

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One Way Colonist Tickets on Sale Daily Mar. 1 to Apr. 15
Tourist Sleeper Galveston to Los Angeles every Tuesday.
Usual liberal stopover privileges. A postal will bring you detailed information and our de luxe booklet on California.
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Just arrived ladies dresses regularly \$7 dresses for \$3.98 at Rosenwasser & Levy's. dwl

ROAD OVERSEERS PICTURE

The picture made of the Road Overseers in convention here last week, by J. H. Wilbourne is now ready for those who want one. Mr. Wilbourne presented the Banner with one of the pictures, and one was also placed in the hands of the Dallas News correspondents and will be sent to the Dallas News.

LITTLE JABS AT TEXAS.

The Dutch are taking Texas. A lot of Hollanders have settled in the Lone Star State to teach the natives how to conduct truck farms.—Allentown Democrat.

John W. Gates announces that doesn't care to be governor of Texas. Gates and Texas are getting together on a lot of important subjects these days.—Cleveland Leader.

That letter which took thirty-five years to go from Philadelphia to Texas certainly displayed a lot of human nature in putting off the "inevitable searh" as long as possible.—Omaha Bee.

So it was "a big Texas democrat" who introduced the resolution to oust Uncle Joke Cannon. This seems at variance with W. J. Bryan's contention that Texas is utterly devoid of big democrats.—Manchester Union.

Down in Texas they are telling out a woman who has informed her husband that he need not buy a Easter hat as she is going up the one from last year. He awaits the lady in the museums.—Pottsville Journal.

PRICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Beginning on April 1st we will raise the price of beef. This is necessary on account of the difficulty of getting good cattle for the market. Please take notice and buy yourself accordingly. 911 FIDELITY AND WILL GLOBBER.

NORTH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Worth, Tex., March 31.—Received, 2400; hogs 3000; lower, tops 5.50; cows lower, tops 3.50; calves steady, tops 4.50; hogs lower, tops 10.60.

MARIE RE-TURNS TODAY.

Marie, manager of the Cosy Hotel today from a two weeks' absence from Chicago and other places. She will remain in her old home in Illinois for a couple of days before returning to her home in Texas.

ORDERS NEW SANITARY SWEEPERS FOR COUNTY.

Today Judge Griggs placed an order for three large sweeping brushes and five barrels of dustless Cedar Waxine to be used in the court house and jail. Every effort will be made to keep these two places in high order of cleanliness and sanitation. The new materials are not only sanitary but preserving to the floors.

First Monday, those who haven't had the opportunity to visit our store, a special offer for the purchase of \$2, gets 10 yards of calico for 39 cents. dwlt Rosenwasser & Levy.

MAKES GOOD MONEY FROM BROOM CORN

Coleman Man Gets Splendid Results from 3 Acres—Plants Dwarf Variety.

O. H. Kelly was in Coleman yesterday and left us a sample of broom corn raised by him on his farm near Coleman, and we want to say the sample was alright. Mr. Kelly tells us that he planted three acres of the dwarf variety and harvested a fine crop, with much less labor than it would take to work the same land in cotton, the crop when worked up into brooms will give him \$500 worth of brooms allowing \$200 for the handles and work he will still have \$300 from the yield of three acres of ground, besides having several tons of seed. He tells us that the farmers in his section would quickly take to broom corn raising if there was a factory close to handle the crop so we want a broom factory in Coleman.—Coleman Advertiser.

JUDGE L. B. HARRIS.

Lawrence B. Harris received notice today that he had passed the examination successfully for license to practice law.

Lawrence took the examination some four weeks ago before the Dallas Board, and on receipt of notice today that he was a full-fledged lawyer, he is feeling good. The Banner is always proud to note the success of a Ballinger boy, and we join his many friends in extending congratulations.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are so unmistakable that they leave no ground for doubt. Sick kidneys excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back aches constantly, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighed down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger of dropsy, Bright's disease or diabetes. Any one of these symptoms is warning enough to begin treating the kidneys at once. Delay often proves fatal.

You can use no better remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's Ballinger proof:

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 was greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar manner is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

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

BRIDGE MACHINERY WASHED AWAY.

Special to The Banner: San Antonio, Tex., March 31.—The Medina river rose fifteen feet this morning as a result of yesterday's heavy rain, washing away the engines and concrete machinery, which was being used in constructing a forty thousand dollar bridge near this city. The loss will amount to about a thousand dollars.

WILL MOVE TO MELVIN.

H. H. Kilpatrick will leave in a few days for Melvin, a new town on the Lometa extension of the Santa Fe about half way between Brady and Eden, where he will open a hardware store.

Farmers, Attention! Important!

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