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# Banner-Leader.

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**POPE PIUS EXPRESS-ES REGRET.**  
 Special to The Banner:  
 Rome, Italy April 7.—Pope Pius today expressed that he failed to meet Ex-president Roosevelt, but did not venture to give an opinion as to Cardinal Merry Delval's action. The press of Rome and Paris predict today the down

## BASE BALL GAME HERE TO-MORROW

The Season Will Formerly Open Tomorrow When the Ballinger Sluggers Meet the Rowena Rubes.

I. O. Wooden has arranged to give the base ball enthusiasts of Ballinger a first-class game tomorrow. In response to a letter sent to the manager of the Rowena Club he received an acceptance and the base ball season will open tomorrow at Wooden Park. Reports come from Rowena that they have a strong aggregation and they have already had the advantage of several games this season.

Ballinger has local material and with a little more practice we will have a strong team. By all means steps should be made to place Ballinger on the sporting map of West Texas. In the line-up tomorrow will be some of our best material, and other new men with splendid base ball reputations will be in the game for Ballinger.

Ballinger has always made a splendid showing in our National sport and it is none too early to begin steps looking forward to a regular permanent organization. Tomorrow's game will give us a line on the local situation. The best way to encourage the sport here is to attend all games and stay behind the home team—win or lose.

We are not able to give the line-up for this initial game but we are confident that it will be sufficiently strong to handle the situation creditably.

## DIED FROM PISTOL WOUNDS

Special to The Banner:  
 Dallas, Tex., April 7.—Edward Taylor, aged twenty-six years, who was accidentally shot two weeks ago by his brother-in-law Dr. T. A. Summer, while the latter was cleaning his revolver, died this morning from the effects of the wound. He had been in the sanitarium here for treatment since the accident. His body will be sent to Snyder, Texas for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewell from north of Winters are in town today on a trading trip.

Chas. Ferguson returned today from a business trip to Ft. Worth.

### WOMEN

should deposit their funds in the bank and draw checks in payment of all their expenditures.

This method is a safeguard against paying bills twice, and is a satisfactory way of keeping a record of all transactions.

We make especial efforts to please the women and attend to their wants in a quick and satisfactory manner.

Deposit with us. In addition to being safe, it's a much more convenient way of doing business. You never have any trouble about making change in writing checks.

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### FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

The non-interest bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank are protected by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the state of Texas.

## LIST OF OUR CONTEST CANDIDATES

To Date Fifty-Two Contestants Are in The Race, Representing Almost Every Section of Runnels County.

That the people generally of Runnels county are interested in our great piano and gift contest is demonstrated by the large list of candidates who have been placed in nomination by their friends. Below we give a list of those who have been thus nominated, and a look at the list will show that the very best of girls of the county are in this contest. We desire to say that nominations are not yet closed, and if our readers have a worthy friend they would like to see win one of the valuable prizes, they will have time to get her in the contest.

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| Miss Artie Morgan        | ..... | Tokeen    |
| Miss Maud Cooper         | ..... | Guion     |
| Miss Sadie Wyatt         | ..... | Truitt    |
| Miss Jessie Osteen       | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Francis Higgins     | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Morie Moore         | ..... | Ballinger |
| Ballinger W. O. W. Lodge | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Hazel Barr          | ..... | Ballinger |
| Ballinger High School    | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Dona Armstrong      | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Oris Cole           | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Emma Williams       | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Vera Lumpkin        | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Prebble Clark       | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Nellie Singletary   | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Nettie Smith        | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Georgia Singletary  | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Winnie Perry        | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Jessie Lamberth     | ..... | Winters   |
| Miss Katie Collins       | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Ola McMillan        | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Lou Baker           | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Bonnie Shaler       | ..... | Miles     |
| Miss Bettie Feist        | ..... | Rowena    |
| Miss Angelina Gallia     | ..... | Rowena    |
| Miss Celeste McMinn      | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Mary Phillips       | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Doris Wynne         | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Mary Thompson       | ..... | Hatchel   |
| Miss Ella Cole           | ..... | Winters   |
| Miss Bessie Taylor       | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Eunice Lilly        | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Leslie Holloway     | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Eva Lilly           | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Della Walker        | ..... | Hatchel   |
| Mrs. M. F. Norris        | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Bernice Little      | ..... | Maverick  |
| Miss Joe Davis           | ..... | Hatchel   |
| Mrs. John Q. McAdams     | ..... | Winters   |
| Miss Maggie Setser       | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Hattie Black        | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Lela Holshouser     | ..... | Winters   |
| Miss Minnie Rider        | ..... | Winters   |
| Miss Dale Williams       | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Katie Bell Gregory  | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Rosa McMillan       | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Maggie Taylor       | ..... | Norton    |
| Miss Anna Baker          | ..... | Maverick  |
| Miss Alphia Caperton     | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Myrtle Davis        | ..... | Hatchel   |
| Mrs. J. T. Laurence      | ..... | Ballinger |
| Miss Mary Sue Spill      | ..... | Ballinger |

## EDWIN HAWLEY PLEASD WITH TEXAS CONDITIONS.

Special to The Banner:  
 Waco, Tex., April 7.—Edwin Hawley, of New York, head of the M. K. & T. railroad arrived here this morning with a crowd of other railroad officials. They spent an hour and thirty minutes here, leaving at ten o'clock for the south. He stated that he was well pleased with Texas.

## REUNION DATES CHANGED.

On account of the State Confederate Reunion being announced for August 14, 15, 19, the same as the Colorado Reunion will be held the 10, 11, and 12 of August, 1910. HUDSON, Dr. Committee.

## CATHOLICS TO SPEND \$150,000 AT WICHITA.

Special to The Banner.  
 Wichita Falls, Tex., April 7.—The Catholic church has just purchased an entire block of land here and will begin at once the erection of a school, hospital and other buildings to cost \$150,000. It is believed here that this move will bring Wichita Falls the headquarters of the new diocese which is to be created.

## SLIGHT CHANGE AMONG RAILROAD OFFICIALS.

Special to The Banner:  
 Galveston, Tex., April 7.—Robert B. Gordon, General Baggage agent of the Santa Fe has been appointed assistant Baggage agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and will remove to Topeka. J. B. Moore, of Amar

## TOUCH THE BUTTON THE WATER SPOUTS

City Council Figuring on Installing Electric Power for Pumping Water.

The city council has under consideration a proposition, which if put through, will save the city money and give better service in the water works system.

The light people propose to take the contract for a specified price to handle the water for the city; that is, to put it in the standpipe. The light company's plan is to use electric power, pumping the water by electricity, cutting out the fuel bill and the expense of an engineer or pump-er. The pump will be installed from the power house and all that will be necessary is for an inspector to visit the pump station once a day, or just as the occasion demands and inspect the machinery and see that every thing is running smoothly.

The pump can be started instantly, by a touch of the button, and will be a much quicker way to get full pressure in case of fire. With steam power it is necessary to keep up a fire, and a certain amount of steam all the time to be ready for quick work in case of fire. This is expensive, as fuel is no small item in this country, and the fuel bill for the city in the run of a year amounts to a great deal. (See city finance report elsewhere in today's Banner.)

The city council is investigating the proposition thoroughly before taking any action, and if no objection arises, the change will no doubt be made.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLARS TRANSACT BUSINESS

Special to The Banner.  
 Houston, Tex., April 7.—The Knights Templars of Texas convened in the Masonic temple today following a magnificent street parade. After the committees had been appointed, the meeting adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

Ft. Worth was today selected as the next convention city. S. P. Cochran, of Dallas, will be advanced to Eminent Grand Commander.

## \$20,000 LAND DEAL BALLINGER PARTY

A deal was closed between M. J. Stacy, person, W. L. Ell Godwin, all of which the latter men sell to Mr. Stacy 1315 acres of land located in Gaines county for \$15 per acre, or a total consideration of \$19,740. Mr. Stacy will remain in Ballinger and the land to sell again.

## TWENTY-TWO NEW CITY LIGHTS

City Council Passes Order Authorizing Installation of New Lights.

At a meeting of the city yesterday afternoon an order was passed authorizing the light mittee and city attorney to a contract whereby the city have more light at night.

The order was passed to the demand for more light the resident part of the town. The light plant proposed down three of the arc lights install in their place Tunsten lights and in a this the council will give the city 22 lights in resident part of the town on the railroad instead of three. lights will be located by the mittee, and will be placed they will be of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people.

This is going to make change in the appearance of Ballinger at night. It will be as a city upon a hill. don't think twenty-two scattered over the district of town will make things up, just wait and see.

## NOTICE

The statement of the National Bank on page 1 issue has an error in where will be found statement with the pro tion.

### AN ASSET IN YOUR BUSINESS

To be able to draw your check on a strong bank strengthens your financial position. It's an asset in your business. It makes for success. Every business man every farmer needs, at times, the assistance that alone can give him, and the way to make sure of it have an account.

It's something the small merchant and small farmer needs just as much as the big dealer and big farmer. This strong bank invites your business and is able to extend every proper financial assistance customers.

Mail Accounts Always Welcome.

Liberal interest on Savings Accounts and Time Deposits.

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

"The Bank That Does Things For You"

BALLINGER, TEXAS

Est'd. 1886 Capital and Surplus

The only bank in Ballinger under Government supervision

## 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.**

## 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.

## THE MAN ASSAULTS FIVE YEAR OLD GIRL

Makes Desperate Effort to Take Prisoner From Officers--Little Girl in Serious Condition.

The Banner, Tex., April 1.—A mob of hundred enraged citizens with revolvers and shot a desperate effort to capture the man over to the officers before they realized what he had done, and before the mob was organized, the officers only prevented the lynching by promptly carrying the prisoner to Ft. Worth. The child is in a serious condition.

her little children when the crime was committed. She phoned to relatives who came at once and captured Dyer before he could make his escape. The relatives turned the man over to the officers before they realized what he had done, and before the mob was organized, the officers only prevented the lynching by promptly carrying the prisoner to Ft. Worth. The child is in a serious condition.

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 J. O. Wilmet. Ballinger, Tex. wtf

## Free Child's Remedy

What mother is not looking for something that will help her children in the little ills of life, something for the stomach trouble and the bowel trouble? Long ago she probably has become convinced that a child cannot readily swallow a pill or a tablet, and that to "break them in half and crush them" is an annoyance; that usually they work too drastically, and are nauseating and too powerful for the little one's stomach.

Any mother who will take the trouble of sending her name and address can obtain a free sample bottle of a remedy that thousands of other mothers are using and now paying for. This remedy is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and the offer of a free trial bottle is open to any mother who has not yet used it. Having used it and convinced yourself that it is what you want, you can obtain it in the future of your druggist at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, just as so many others are doing, the free sample being simply to convince you of its merits. It is the best way to begin on it. Mrs. L. Davis of 187 W. Harrison street, Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Belford, 1710 Coke street, Louisville, Ky., both started with a free sample and now they write that they have never been without a bottle in the house since.

It is undoubtedly a great family remedy, as it is adapted to all ages, being mild and pleasant to take and yet thoroughly effective. It is especially the ideal remedy for children and women and old folks, who need something pure, mild and natural. It has the advantage of being a thorough laxative and yet contains tonic properties. Use it for the most stubborn constipation, indigestion, liver trouble, sick headache, sour stomach and such complaints with a guarantee that it will cure.

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. I 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.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF BALLINGER, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS at the close of business, Mch. 29th, 1910 RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$357,067.27
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	24,081.17
U S Bonds to secure circulation	112,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	31,000.00
Other Real Estate owned	10,227.35
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	30,313.12
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	6,210.14
Due from approved reserve agents	126,267.08
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	54,255.88
Legal-tender notes	5,625.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	807,547.01
Total	807,547.01

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	11,250.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	17,844.51
National Bank notes outstanding	111,250.00
Due to other National Banks	14,305.24
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	5,793.63
Dividends unpaid	25.00
Individual deposits subject to check	417,335.47
Time certificates of deposit	29,743.16
Total	807,547.01

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss.

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

R. G. Erwin, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 1st day of April 1910.

Annie Van Doren Notary Public.  
Correct:—Attest:

Tom Ward }  
D. M. Baker } Directors.  
M. A. Traylor }

## Recapitulation

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$381,148.44
U S Bonds	112,500.00
Bonds, Securities, Etc.	50,000.00
Banking Houses Furniture and Fixtures	39,000.00
Real estate	2,227.35
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas.	5,625.00
Cash in vault and other Banks	217,046.22
Total	\$807,547.01
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock (paid in)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	29,094.51
Circulation	111,250.00
Dividends unpaid	25.00
Bills Payable	None
DEPOSITS	
Banks	\$20,098.87
Individual	467,177.50
Total	651,522.58
Total	\$807,547.01

## 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.

## 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 mae deliveries promptly. Give us a chance to prove it.

## CHASTAIN & SIMPSON

PHONE 40.

## We Welcome Small Deposits

Did you ever think that a hundred small accounts make a bank stronger than a dozen large ones? That is one of our reasons for urging the man of limited means to transact his business with us.

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.

## THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas.

## WOMAN IS BEATEN BY UNKNOWN TRAMP

Hobo Angry Because She Refused to Give Him Money--Beats Her Until Senseless and Sets Fire to House.

Special to The Banner. Dalhart, Tex., April 1.—Mrs. Chas. Stanley, a prominent lady of this place, was attacked by a tramp at her home in this city this morning and beaten nearly to death.

The tramp appeared at the home of Mrs. Stanley, and demanded that she give him some money, which the lady refused to do. The tramp sprang at her, grabbing the woman by the throat, choking her and beating her into insensibility. Leaving the woman for dead, the tramp set fire to the house and fled.

Two carpenters, who were working near by, saw the fire and rushed to the house, going in they

found Mrs. Stanley on the floor and rescued her from the burning building. The home and practically all of the contents were destroyed by the fire.

The woman regained consciousness sufficient to tell the story of the attack, but has relapsed into unconsciousness, and is in a critical condition. A posse is searching for the tramp, and if caught he will no doubt be punished without the aid of a court.

## \$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

## W. E. SAYLE

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Will practice in all the Courts  
Office over the Ballinger State Bank  
BALLINGER, TEXAS

## R. S. GRIGGS,

County Judge  
Will practice in District and Higher Courts. Special attention given to deed writing, and examination of titles, etc.  
Office at Court House.

## M. C. Smith

.....ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.....  
Office up-stairs  
in C. A. Doose  
Building.  
Examining Land Titles

ought to gain in weight. Do 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.

## 200 HEBREWS LAND AT GALVESTON.

Special to The Banner. Galveston, Tex., April 2.—North German Lloyd steamship Frangfort arrived here this morning with thirty eight cabin passengers and 470 immigrants. Two hundred of these are Hebrews and will be cared for here by Hebrew immigration societies until they can settle in Texas.

## 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 advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liniment and the rheumatism will go leaving you as spry as a colt. Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.



*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.



# A. J. Stocklas

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

BALLINGER,

TEXAS.

## EVERYTHING LOVELY GOOSE HANGS HIGH

Boiling Over With Optimism  
The Banner Correspondent  
Writes of Splendid Conditions.

Editor Banner:

Ballinger, Texas.

The American hen is singing at the top notch of her voice. The old rooster cackles and he cackles.

The voice of the little well-horned yearling is heard screaming in the meadow.

The song of the plow-boy and the "gee-haw" and "g'long, g'long" is wafted across the field.

The "honk, honk" along the good roads reminds us that we "auto" be up and doing. The bluebird is whistling the first whistle of spring.

Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. The contented grunt of the large porker is worth a dime. The shrill nicker of the standard bred horse reverberates across the plains, and the plainsman rubs his hands in glee.

The indications are for more horses and better horses, more automobiles and better, more grunts and louder grunts from bigger hogs, and more moo-oings from better and bigger bees.

The big Southwestern plow has been sharpened, the cropzone and lifezone are being broadened and farming knowledge deepened and heightened. Knowledge is power and power moves the big plows that moves the circles of moist soil.

Worthless curs are being replaced with profitable sheep. The rums of contention formerly fed to mangy hounds and flea-bitten flees are now transferred to the pig pen, augmenting the meat supply, and making more desirable demand for "hot tamales."

Old ideas of antiquated farms are being dislodged, and the new

### Grand Lodge K. of P.

Convenes at  
BEAUMONT

April 25-28

Very Low Fares  
via



Round trip tickets to Beaumont on sale April 23, 24 and 25, and for trains arriving Beaumont morning April 26, 1910. Tickets will be limited to April 29, 1910, for return.

Thru Sleeper  
Ft. Worth to Beaumont  
Leaves Ft. Worth 8:45 p. m. daily.

W. S. Keenan, G. P. A., Galveston

## NOTORIOUS ROBBER MAY STILL BE ALIVE

Bill Carver Said to Be in Ranching Business in Old Mexico.

Is Bill Carver, the outlaw, alive and living across the borders in Old Mexico? Ask most any old timer of West Texas this and he will answer invariably in the negative. Notwithstanding this, there is afloat in San Angelo a rumor with a degree of firmness to the effect that the outlaw has never been killed, unless in the last two years.

A man supposed to be Bill Carver was shot four times and killed in Ogden's store at Sonora in March, 1902. Entering the store, revolvers in hand, Sheriff Briant, Deputy Davis and two other deputies, demanded this individual and another man, George Kilpatrick, his partner, to throw up their hands, believing them to be the parties who only a few days before, had committed a murder at Eden. The men refused, but reached for their revolvers. This was a signal for fire, and a fusillade of bullets instantly came from the officers' guns. Four shots entered the body of the man taken for Carver, and twelve shots struck Kilpatrick. Both were carried to the county jail, and Kilpatrick recovered, no bones being broken and no vital points being touched by the bullets.

The dying man was administered medicine, and he revived sufficiently to speak several words before death came. His dying words will linger for years with those who stood over his body. He muttered:

"You'll stand by me boys, won't you," and the physician seeking to gain information from the man answered back:

"Yes, what shall we do?"  
"Shell 'em! shell 'em!" was the reply, and, during the last few minutes of his breathing, he referred to his partners.

Although it was evident from these words that the man was a train robber, bank robber and outlaw—in fact, it was this confession that helped in the general belief that the man was Carver—the report says that it was another member of the Carver gang.

Neither of the men were recognized until several hours after the shooting. The officers did not know whether or not they had the right parties, but they fired under the belief that the man they killed was Wilson, the name reported from Eden as one of the men who committed the murder there. Kilpatrick was recognized in the jail, and later, when E. R. Jackson, the well known ranchman, pronounced the dead man as Bill Carver, Kilpatrick affirmed it. Carver had before been employed by Mr. Jackson, and, although the man's face was stained as a matter of disguise, Jackson declared that it was Carver. No one else around at the time was sufficiently acquainted with the man to recognize him as Carver.

Kilpatrick declared that it was Carver, and no one else at the time doubted it, but since reports from across the border have reached well known ranchmen of this country that Carver is there, and doing well in the ranching business. The dead man was not Carver, but another member of the gang, according to the report.

It might have been Carver who committed the murder at Eden, for that individual was known as a "dead shot" but it is said that, at the time the shooting occurred, Carver was in camp with other members of his gang on the outskirts of Sonora. The man at Eden was shot from a distance, and the aim was so unerring that no one other man than Carver could have handled the gun. Carver was known as the best shot

in West Texas.

The gang was in camp in Abe Mayer's pasture, and Kilpatrick and the man killed had gone to Ogden's store in Sonora after supplies.

During the stay of the gang on the Mayer place, Mr. Mayer discovered a quarter of beef missing, and afterwards, thought Kilpatrick he learned that Carver had watched them butcher the animal in the afternoon, and at dark he crept up to the smoke house and secured the quarter, taking it back to camp.

A number of times, the outlaws were seen riding over the range, and Mayer, who was here last week, related seeing him once.

Seeing a man on horseback riding through the herds in the afternoon, one of Mr. Mayer's cowboys mistook him for a neighboring cowboy and made a cut across the prairie in order to have a friendly chat. The outlaw saw the cowboy approaching, and, with his rifle, he waved a warning not to approach nearer. The cowboy discovered his mistake and riding to headquarters he reported the matter. Thinking that a raid was being planned on his cattle that night, a moonlight one Mr. Mayer gathered his boys and started off through his pastures in search of the rustlers. It was while on this search that he detected firing at Sonora. They then directed their course to the town, and arrived at the county jail before the supposed Carver died.

The rest of Carver's gang, and it is supposed Carver himself, deserted their camp on hearing shots, and left the country. The place where their camp was located is now known as Carver thick-  
el.

Carver was never heard of again until a short time ago, when the report from Mexico reached here. Several people of this section put considerable faith in the report that Carver was not killed, but is in Mexico.

He was being hunted at the time of the Sonora shooting. He was suspected of leading his gang during several bank robberies.—San Angelo Standard.

## WILL DUNLAP OFFERS TROPHY

Says He Will Give \$25 Silver Cup for Winner in Shooting Contest.

Yesterday there appeared in the Banner in the Norton notes the following item:

"The Norton Gun Club met last Saturday evening. It did pretty fair work, but not as good as usual. The Maverick Club is doing some nice work now. Perhaps Norton or Maverick, or both will challenge the Ballinger Club on the occasion of Norton's annual picnic."

Today Will Dunlap the President of the Ballinger Gun Club announced that he would give a \$25 silver trophy to the winner in a contest between Norton and Maverick if they want to have a gun shoot at the annual picnic to be held in Norton.

Mr. Dunlap is a champion clay pigeon shot and an all round sportsman and is offering this silver cup to stimulate interest in these two gun clubs.

If the winner of the trophy desires to contest with Ballinger for honors in a match it will be very easy to arrange it. Ballinger will be out after scalps when the gun season opens and we have a team here that will be pretty sure of winning everything in West Texas.

Mrs. R. S. Griggs and baby, Jennie Elizabeth, left yesterday afternoon to visit her father at Gatesville. Mrs. Griggs will be away for about ten days or more.

## THE FIRST PRIZE IS TEN DOLLARS IN GOLD

On May 2nd First Official Count Will be Announced and Ten Dollars Given Away to Leader in Contest.

We desire all the contestants in the piano contest to bear in mind that the first official count will be made on the second day of May, and the candidate ahead at that time will be presented with a ten dollar gold piece. This is worth hustling for itself, and will well repay any of the girls for the time they spend in canvassing for subscriptions.

Almost fifty candidates have already been entered by friends, and the contest is growing in interest every day. On next Friday we will print a complete list of the names of all the contestants. Notices will be mailed out to the young ladies who are already in the race, and we would suggest they call at this office of convenient and secure sample copies of the paper for canvassing purposes. During the contest we shall endeavor to keep all contestants supplied with all the sample copies they may be able to use.

The prizes that we are giving in this contest are well worth the time of any young lady in Runnels county.

A beautiful \$300 piano to go to the winner. Just think of it!

A hundred and twenty-five dollar rubber tire buggy who comes out second in the race. Isn't that worth working for?

A seventy-five dollar lot in the Cameron Heights Addition as a third prize. Isn't that going some?

Several other valuable prizes, including a life time scholarship in a business college. They are worth while!

Never before has there been such an array of valuable premiums given away in Runnels county. We do not expect to make any money out of the contest, but we do intend to double our present circulation.

Watch for the announcement of the names of the contestants next Friday. They will appear in both our publications.

## SEEKS DIVORCE DECREE TO SETTLE TROUBLES.

Today as a Banner reporter was making his court house rounds he found Squire Weeks trying to explain court proceedings to Mrs. Will Porter, a dusky matron that craves a divorce in order that she might again be happy. She was rather crestfallen when Squire Weeks informed her that she would have to wait until the next term of District court in order that her prayers might be heard.

Mrs. Will Porter asked if some immediate action could not be taken in order that her troubles might be assuaged? She said that "the feelin'" for a divorce was mutual between her and her once devoted Will. Troubles are not always little ones after all.

### TO MEMBERS U. D. C.

Editor Banner:

In regard to the letter of Mayor Kirk in your paper in reference to the re-organization of the local Chapter of U. D. C., will state that I received the letter from Mrs. Moore Murdock, State Organizer, telling me to let her know at San Angelo by April 12, what our chances would be for re-organization.

At this time my own affairs are about all I can handle and I feel that there are others who should be as much interested as I in this organization so I would suggest that all who wish to become members phone me (phone No. 145) and I will list their names, call a meeting and fix a place for them to

meet and thus find out the feelings of the daughters at this place in regard to re-organizing. In regard to this will say, that unless you will bring up your data and put in your application with that data for the approval of the State President you cannot appear as a charter member. Our chapter here contained 84 names enrolled, but only eleven ever filled out their papers. Please get up your papers and be ready and let me know during this week whether you consider the memory of your dead as worthy of being honored by your stamp of approval by thus striving to keep green the memory of their heroic struggle. Sometimes some will remark "I don't believe we should keep alive the memories." That's your offer to you to be the judge as to what you do or not, but allow me to ask, would you tell your father that struggle was now, I won't have anything to do with this, for you are wrong. We don't want to keep alive the bitterness, we simply want to honor our heroes. Come up and say whether you want to join us or not. And be sure to let me know this week. Mrs. Moore Murdock is one of the prominent officers in the State organization, a fine speaker, and in all patriotic work a leader. She was for years and for all I know is yet National President of the Dames of 1846, the descendants of the Mexican Veterans. Now when you read this go to the phone and let me at once know what you will do. Ballinger is twenty years behind the tiems in this matter.  
Mrs. C. F. Dickinson.

## COUNTY HOTEL SHORT ON BOARDERS

Adolph Wilke Tells Banner Reporter Unusual Story of Affairs at His Hotel.

Adolph Wilke the manager of the county hotel located in the court house square, is confronted with an unusual situation and it seems that his business has been decreasing lately and now he has an empty house. He says if the public desires to view his apartments that now would be a good time to do so as he has all doors wide open and anyone can go through without an attendant to swing open the iron bars for them.

This is the first time since Mr. Wilke has acted as jailor for the county, covering a period of nineteen months, that he could have open house. The jail was cleaned yesterday and it is probable that the manager of the popular rooming house will have a few days in which his responsibility will be very small. And Mr. Wilke seems to be happy over the loss of his regular boarders. He still has a couple of transients that will take rooms with him at night but during the day they are help-lawn.

An empty jail speaks well for Runnels county, and we are proud to beautify the court house of our law abiding citizenship. However this is First Monday and if Mr. Wilke does not have a few calls for rooms before the day is over a remarkable thing will have happened. There will be an unusual flow of John Barley-Corn today as Saturday was election day and today some of our rusties may celebrate his good feeling over the recent good rain.

### REMEMBER

We try to please at the City Barber Shop, in fact we want your business—satisfaction guaranteed at all times. Hot and cold baths. The shop that is operating five chairs with five as good barbers as can be found in the city. We want your business.  
JIM McWHIRTL, Prop.

## GIGANTIC SWINDLER RUNNELS BOY

Former Runnels County Boy  
Swindles Ft. Worth Bank to  
the Extent of \$40,000.

In last Monday's Daily Banner appeared a special out of Ft. Worth telling of a gigantic swindle perpetrated by one R. W. Montgomery, who by forgeries and alterations in abstracts and on fraudulent vendor lien notes, obtained from Ft. Worth banks and one or two other banks in Texas \$40,000.

It has developed that Montgomery was formerly a Runnels county boy, and was raised near Content, in this county, and is well known by a number of the timers here. His father, C. Montgomery, lived near Content for a number of years, and moved to Abilene where he is now living. He was a stockman and still owns some land in the Content country, and it was on this land that young Montgomery negotiated his swindle.

He operated his first scheme by having an abstract of his father's land near Content made. The abstract showed a deed of trust which the elder Montgomery had executed in borrowing \$5000 on the land. Young Montgomery removed this deed of trust and inserted in its place a deed from his father to him, and later a deed from him to some other man, in which young Montgomery retained a number of vendor lien notes aggregating about \$9000. These notes were of course manufactured by him and were fraudulent.

He sold \$4000 worth of the notes to the Traders National bank of Ft. Worth, or at least borrowed money on them, and \$500 to J. B. Wilson of Fort Worth.

The abstract which Montgomery altered and made to appear that the title of the land had been in his name, was made by a Ballinger Abstract firm, and the parties who let Montgomery have the money on the fraudulent vendors lien notes, sent the abstract here this week and asked the firm that made it to tell wherein it had been changed. The work of Montgomery in changing the abstract was very rough and was easily detected as the sheets inserted had instead of the printed name of the abstract firm the name written in with a type writer, and instead of the printed ruling on the sheet the ruling was drawn with a pen. The Ballinger firm promptly replied showing what transfers had been removed from the abstract and the bogus transfers that had been added in their place.

As stated above Montgomery is well known by quite a number of Ballinger citizens and was here the early part of this year on business, and spent the day here shaking hands with his old time acquaintances, and seemed to be in the best of spirits, and in a prosperous condition, and those who knew him best little dreamed that he had a scheme up his sleeve by which he would operate such a gigantic swindle.

Montgomery was in Kansas City at the time of the disclosure of the swindle, where it is said he went to float a loan of \$10,000 to finance some of his real estate propositions. He had been in Kansas City for the last few weeks, and the disclosure which terminated in the filing of complaints began about two weeks ago when a note for \$8,250, bearing the name of W. P. Fischer and C. M. Montgomery, was presented by R. W. Montgomery at the National State Bank. Officers of the bank showed the note to Fischer, who denounced

it as a forgery.

R. W. Montgomery had left town a few days before the note was sent out to his father, C. M. Montgomery, who lives at Abilene, and whose name as well as that of Fischer had been forged. The elder Montgomery immediately protected his son by signing the note and returned it to the bank.

Following this came a letter from Montgomery, which reached Ft. Worth Sunday. It was addressed to his sales manager, C. W. Harris and read as follows:

"My Dear Harris—the jig is up here. I can't make a deal and to put it in a few words, I am ruined and more than ruined, because I have secured money from the banks on names I had no right to use. There are just three courses open to me, take my medicine, put an end to it all and be through, or clear out. I don't feel that the first two will profit the people I have defrauded anything, so when you get this I will be out of the United States and will make another start. I am young enough to make another fortune, and as sure as I live I will pay off every cent that I owe. I have the ability and I won't be easy any more.

### Leaves Without Money.

"Of course I owe more than I ever told you of. Could I have held on six months longer until we could have realized something I could have pulled out, but it was not to be. I need not tell you that I have lived in hell for the last two years. You can know that for yourself. I am not dissipated in any way, am not crooked by nature, but you know a drowning man will catch at any straw and I did not know the risk I was running until it was too late. I have been tempted a hundred times to put an end to it all, but I have felt it would do no good to do this. My property, if right-

ly handled, ought to pay out.

"I enclose a list of my debts and I want you on receipt of this to go to them and tell them the plain truth. (I mean the banks), and make them a proposition to get together and let you work it all out.

"This is the only way to save themselves. In the present shape of things if they don't do this they will all lose their money. I want them to get all possible out of it for themselves and no one else can do what you can. If they take up the indebtedness on the Terminal addition it will net a nice sum. I haven't gotten away with a cent. I just have enough money to get me out of the country and that is all.

"As I said before, all the money I received went into my businesses. None was squandered. Make and keep a list of all my debts, both large and small, because some day I will pay them off. I don't suppose that you and I will ever meet again, because I never expect to again set foot on United States soil until I can clean up.

"One of the hardest things for me is the fact that I have provided nothing for my wife. Thank God, her folks can spare for her. No man ever had a wife that was better to him, or made him happier than mine, and you can feel for yourself just what it means for me to think that I have disgraced her and lost her. Tell her to hold the 200 acres unplanted on Pecos river as her homestead. Most of my stuff is community property and she has certainly earned it. I don't believe I have been the same for the last six months. Tell my father not to pay out a nickel, as he is not responsible for any of my paper. He can't pay it all, and I don't want him to pay any. I never had a man with me, Charlie, that suited me as you have, but it was a bad day for you when you came to work there. Lose no time when you get this in laying the proposition before my creditors. If they are willing to allow you to close it out gradually and surrender the paper as paid off, do it for my wife's sake, but if they do not (do all you can to get them together, because this is the only way they can save themselves), close up and turn them over.

"Before we part I want to again tell you what I never had a better friend than you have been to me. So far as I am concerned I know I am guilty, and the scandal could hurt me any more, but for my poor little wife's sake, do all you can to hush it up. I would give twenty years of my life to save her the pain. I will be out of reach before this reaches you, so for once and all time, Good-bye.

"R. W. Montgomery."

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

### LANDSCAPE GARDENING ON COURT HOUSE LAWN.

Gardener Adolph Wilke has been busy for the last few days with the northwest corner of the court house square which he is transforming into a beauty spot.

A walk has been laid out from Hutchings ave. to the jail and trellis frames have been put up arching over a portion of this new walk. The principal summer flower beds will be in this corner of the lawn. Shrubs and grasses are being planted which will add much to the beauty and appearance of the grounds during the flowering season.

Mr. Wilke is taking great pains with the trees, lawn and flowers about the court house and he wishes the people to assist him by not walking over his flower beds and beating out paths across the lawn.

Mrs. OLA I. WARD,  
MARY PHILLIPS,  
ANNIE McKINNEY.  
Committee.

### NOTICE FARMERS.

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times as evidenced by the following statement of Rev. Father Brennan, a noted astronomer:

"On the sun," said Father Brennan, "there is a turmoil and tumult which is awful. On Monday I saw four spots sweeping across the orb, and at noon Tuesday there was a vast spot in the center of the sun, a yawning gulf 6000 miles in diameter. A sun spot is caused by a solar cyclone which whirls across the face of the sun with immense velocity. At last the rotary energy of the whirl wind hurls its fragments of incandescent gases for hundreds of miles into space. Like a tree uprooted in a tornado, quantities of soil cling to the roots of the cyclone. The hole made by the convulsion is what we call a sun spot. The force exerted is shown by the fact that these cavities are something like 100,000 miles across." Father Brennan says the upheavals of the sun are the cause of a magnificent display of aurora borealis beheld in Chicago Tuesday night, for the first time in three years.

Fullly 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.

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### IN MEMORY OF LITTLE VINTON MOORE.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has removed from the house of our beloved Sovereign, Mary S. and C. C. Moore, their little son, Vinton, and,

Whereas, in His untimely death we are reminded of the uncertainty of this life.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Members of Ballinger Grove No. 613, desire to extend our most heart felt sympathy to the family and bereaved ones of this little one.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Sov. Mary S. and C. C. Moore and a copy be furnished our local papers with request to publish same. Also a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Grove.

Mrs. OLA I. WARD,  
MARY PHILLIPS,  
ANNIE McKINNEY.  
Committee.

### NOTICE FARMERS.

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### MOVED.

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### REV. FENDER RETURNS HOME SICK.

Rev. Geo. W. Fender, who went to Brownwood Tuesday evening to attend the meeting of the Brownwood Presbytery, returned home last night, returning before the adjournment of Presbytery on account of being sick. Rev. Fender was not well when he left Ballinger, but thought he felt well enough to go and would be all right by the next day. He is confined to his bed today.

Rev. Fender was elected as a delegate from this Presbytery to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church U. S. A., which meets in New Jersey some time in May.

### OLD RING IS DEAD.

Ike Wooden came to town yesterday looking a little sad, and had some of his friends to believe that he had lost a good friend or a member of the family. And it developed that Ike had lost a good friend—one who stays with man when all others forsake him.

Old Ring is dead. No more shall we hear his deep tones as he warns the festive coons to skidoo, and the little wild cat to take near cuts for the tall timber. The chicken eating cayote could give testimony also to old "Ring's" unerring scent when after his master had set the steel traps and started to make his rounds next morning. "Ring" always preceded him, and if the unsuspecting cayote had stepped into the trap and carried it away with him on his foot, "Ring" proceeded to round him up in short order.

"Ring" had lived sixteen years and his master always paid his poll tax, and when the faithful old dog had to give up the ghost his body was cremated, as his master could not stand to see his bones go to the dog cemetery.

W. W. Gibson, manager of the Ballinger Transfer Co., is shipping his household goods to Sweetwater today, where he goes to take charge of the Sweetwater branch of his company. The family will follow in a few days.



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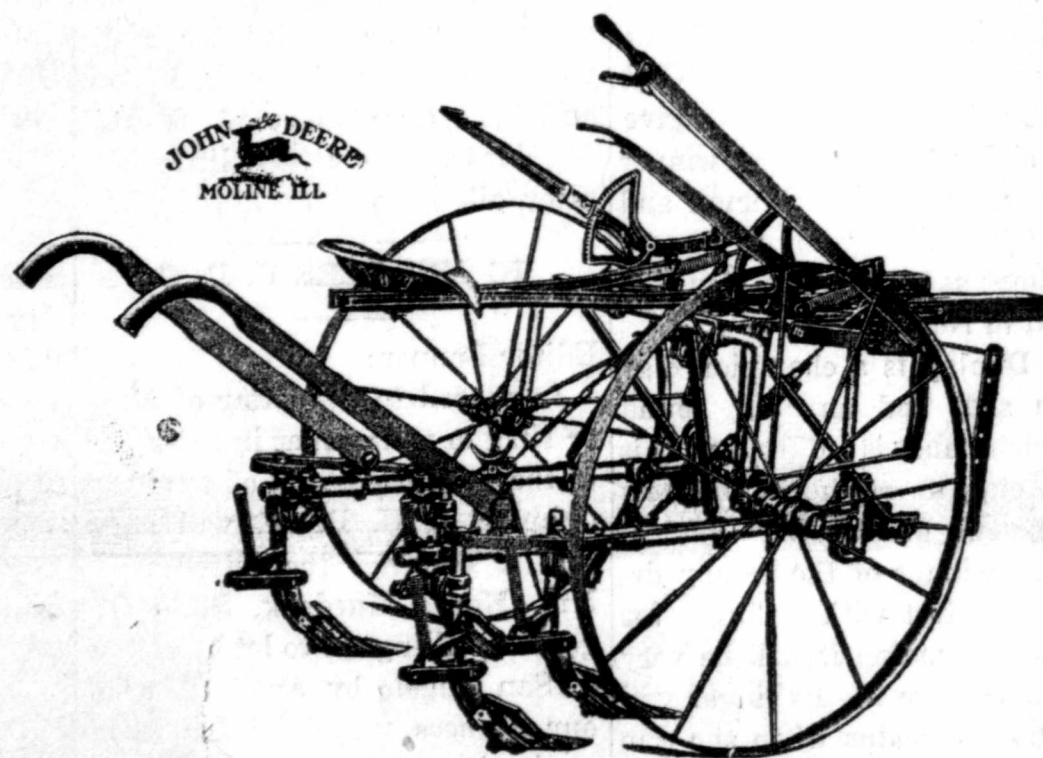
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**LOCAL RAIN FALL TWO AND HALF INCH**

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Special to The Banner.  
The rain fall at Ballinger since Thursday morning amounts to two and one-half inches. Reports from other places in the county say that the rain is good and that the fall was heavier at other points than at Ballinger. Parties here from Norton today say that at least three inches fell there. Hatchel received more rain than fell at Ballinger, and there is not a spot in the county that can complain now on account of being dry. Everybody has been blessed with a good slow three days rain, with showers at times hard enough to put the streams on the move, and put a fresh supply of stock water.

The weather reports show that practically the entire state has received good rains, and conditions every where are very promising for a splendid year. The fruit crop is good, and many think that we have passed the danger period and there will be no more cold weather.

**SANTA FE WILL BUILD TO OZONA**

Lometa Extension Will Not Stop at Paint Rock in Concho County.

San Angelo, Tex., April 1.—The extension of the Santa Fe out of Lometa is not to stop at Melvin or Eden or for that matter at any point near there is the general belief. The report that the extension will be made further West as soon as Eden is reached is given credence. The extension, it is said, is to be made to Eldorado and thence to Ozona or from Eden to San Angelo. The proposed line from Eden to Ozona is an entirely new project of the Santa Fe. Such a line would penetrate a good territory and prove a splendid paying proposition. The belief that further extensions

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are to be made is based upon the fact that the Santa Fe is constructing yards at Lometa that will be large enough to handle a great deal more traffic than will be carried over the ninety miles of track between Lometa and Eden.  
Nearly five miles of track will be included in the Santa Fe yards which are to be built at Eden and the roundhouse and shops are to be of considerable size also. Graders are now at work on the yards at Lometa. This grade will be large enough to accommodate five tracks of nearly a mile in length. There will also be a big roundhouse.

Railroad men take this as an indication that the road is contemplating a lengthy extension out of Lometa. Officials of the Santa Fe in remarking on the enormous grade being made at Lometa say that it is for future use.

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News items appreciated. Phone 27.

Who said it didn't rain in Runnels county?

Constructive forces should be applied to every needed improvement in Ballinger.

The court house lawn has a very happy, smiling countenance today.

A Fire and Inspection Marshal for Ballinger is no editorial myth.

Twenty-two new lights will make Ballinger loom up like a city upon a hill.

All we need to organize that fair association is for some man to start the move. Others are waiting to follow.

The sweetest music to the ears of the farmers in many months was the croaking of the frogs last night.

Some people are so vain in their false pride that they never learn that they are detestible fools.

Get that oat bin ready for the big oat crop the recent rains will make. A little hail insurance might be worth while, if you have a good oat crop.

It is surprising how much a town can do when pressure is applied. Unsurmountable obstacles that stand in the path of city progress can be overcome by an all-together push.

A little get-together push will push a big improvement along. Cooperative forces make the wheels of progress go round.

Trade with the merchant who advertises. You get new goods and pay less. If you don't believe the statement investigate, and you will see.

One would judge from reading the Bulletin that Brownwood was in the midst of a gusher district. That town has oil in the ground all right, but so far very little of it has come to the top.

That Y. M. C. A. building can be secured if the right steps are taken. The Business League understands the plan, and will no doubt push it.

The cold spell in the early part of March knocked some of the early fruit, but the crop is good, and the general opinion is that we have passed the danger period. It is a mighty good time to put in, at canning, to handle the surplus.

## 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.

Now since the State Fair has offered a special prize for milo maize, the West Texas farmer can go the East Texas farmer one better.

The Commissioners' Court are a little "cross ways" on some of the proposed improvements for the court house park. Some are in favor of such improvements and some are opposed.

Be true to your ideals, even if you go to the devil for doing so—but the chances are that if you follow your best impulses and ideals the devil will not have much use for your kind.

Just keep on keeping on in a constructive way and the needed improvements will eventually take concrete form.

Press the button and the water will begin to spout is the way things will be done in water circles, when the new electric pumper is installed.

The East Texas prohibition election was a very dry affair, the pros carrying every box in Harrison county, the county sits of which is Marshall.

The dates for holding the Old Soldiers Reunion at Paint Rock have been changed from August 17, 18, 19 to August 10, 11 and 12. The state reunion will be held on the 17, 18 and 19, and for this reason the change.

The season for early closing of business houses is here. All the stores should be unanimous in selecting an early hour for closing and give the employees a chance to recreate before the short night deprive them of that pleasure. We suggest that some one start the

Since the good rain Mayor Kirk has instructed his marshal to arrest any man he found without a smile. Smile now, and avoid trouble. A smile is the best protection against trouble any time.

Reports say that the wheat and oat crops are looming up and the yield promises to be better than was at first thought. Such conditions prevail all over the grain growing section of Texas.

The beautiful court house park would look a great deal better of the old iron fence was out of the way, and it is to be hoped that the commissioners' court will reconsider the matter when they meet Monday, and order the fence removed. It is not an ornament by any means, and serves no purpose for any good.

If the pros win in the gubernatorial campaign, it will require some fuss to do it. There are three pro candidates in the field and they all have a certain following and will split the vote, while the anti vote will go almost solid for the anti candidate. It is certainly a waste of time and money and a great detriment to the cause for the race to go through with the vote split. Defeat is what it means.

Jere Lillis, the Kansas City banker who received a world wide reputation recently in smart-set circles of Kansas City, is now in San Antonio, but it all reports are true there is no necessity on this account for any husband of the Alamo city to closely guard their homes.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We infer from the above that the Bulletin editor thinks Capt. Jere has been changed into quite a different man and is now perfectly harmless.

The prevention of one big fire would pay the salary of a Fire and Inspection Marshal in Ballinger. Every flue in the city should be inspected by a competent officer. Building restrictions should be imposed and enforced. Especially do the flues in the residences that have been standing for a number of years need to be carefully inspected. The city may unconsciously become an accomplice in crime—if fires are a crime, and we believe they are. The individual and the citizen are not to blame as much as the defective flues.

The Banner is convinced that a Fire and Inspection Marshal is purely a question of civic economics and we would like to see the placing of a competent man in our roster of city officials take concrete form. Today we have an article from the Insurance Field, agent "The Crime of Fire." Every citizen should read this article and think over the situation and draw his own conclusions about the matter.

The city council did the proper thing when they passed an order authorizing 22 new lights in the residence part of the city. Ballinger people like light better than darkness, and it makes a city beautiful. The contract with the light plant makes the cost small.

For newspapers to engage in petty controversy is anything else but constructive boosting; it is hot air slush instead, and should be indulged in as little as possible. Of course if the pinch hurts no one would judge it greatly amiss if injured pride can soothe itself by a little editorial extravaganza.

If a Fire and Inspection Marshal were an impossible office in our city roster the Ban

ner would not advocate the plan of having such an officer, but instead we do not see how we can afford to not have a competent man to fill such a function in our civic growth.

Many recent fires were caused by a defective flue—in fact over 50 per cent of the fires in Ballinger can be traced to the same cause. It was only by the quick work and ready assistance of some neighbors that the house was saved at such a small loss. A Fire and Inspection Marshal could render invaluable assistance in preventing these numerous fires. Why not have such an officer for Ballinger?

We sometimes tire of political extravaganza and intrigue, but we should never tire of doing the things to make Ballinger the beauty spot of Central West Texas, and the liveliest town in the Lone Star State.

A town is either going to stand still or move. The stand-still town, the dead town—is a place to steer clear of. There are two ways for a town to move—either forward or backward. The town that is moving backward is not as hopeless as the stand-still, because people will break loose from the former. We like to live in a place that is marked with a hustling enterprise spirit. Ballinger is progressing, but with greater effort we could make her quicken her pace a little and make our chances better in the West Texas Marathon in city building. We need more industries. The cotton mill would form a nucleus around which would be grouped numerous other manufacturing industries. Can we afford to be inactive in securing this cotton mill?

## ABOUT THE MAN WHO WILL LECTURE.

In speaking of J. Frank Smith, who is to lecture here next week, Dr. Goe. Turett, of Dallas says:

"For a dozen years it has been my joy to know quite intimately, Rev. J. Frank Smith, D. D., of Dallas; and my appreciation of him as a man, as a citizen, and as a fellow worker in the Kingdom of God has steadily deepened with the passing years.

"He is a man of unusual training and breadth of vision. He has traveled extensively over three continents. He has been an earnest student of man, books and events, for years. His broad, practical training in the school of experience, together with his years of technical training in the foremost Universities of both the South and the North, has given him the most splendid preparation for the notable service that he is now rendering his fellows. His pastorate of thirteen years in the same pulpit in Dallas, has increasingly taught him the glorious beauty of service, and the keen pleasure of a genuine friendship and an unselfish love for his brother.

"The messages he speaks from the lecture platform, are growths the results of years of careful gleanings, and are delivered to his hearers with the purpose, not only to please, but also to inspire hearts to nobler living.

"Any community will be most fortunate for the privilege of hearing the message of this signally gifted man."

GEO. W. TRUETT.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Beginning on April 1st we will raise the price of beef. This is made necessary on account of the cost of getting good cattle for the market. Please take notice and govern yourself accordingly. 911f ED AND WILL GLOBER.

# CITY SECRETARY LUSK MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

## Secretary's Report for Year Ending February 28th, 1910 Shows City's Financial Condition.

J. R. Lusk, city secretary, submitted the following report to the City Council in session yesterday afternoon, and same was approved by the Council:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Ballinger, Texas.

I have the honor to report as follows for the year ending the 31st day of January, 1910:

### GENERAL FUND.

Bal. Feb. 1, 1909	\$4,206.20
Rec'd from Adv. Tax	4,812.86
Rec'd from Occ'p. Tax	1,019.35
Rec'd from Fines	87.25
Rec'd from Dog Tax	39.00
Rec'd from Pound	58.30
	\$10,222.96

### Disbursements

Officers Salary	\$1995.00
Lights	757.25
Attorney's Fee, Damage Suit	400.00
Salary and Exp. Fire Station	1232.70
One Fire Horse	200.00
Lot in Block 9, (City Hall)	800.00
All Block 79	150.00
Office Rent	120.00
Court House Park	595.50
Crematory Expense	823.54
Miscellaneous Expense	1656.19
Balance February 1, 1910	1502.28
	\$10,222.96

### SPECIAL WATER WORKS FUND

Bal. Feb. 1, 1909	\$1498.52
Rec'd Water Rents	9705.50
	\$11204.02

### Disbursements:

Fuel	\$2378.29
Improvements	2124.12
Salaries	2088.50
Miscellaneous Expense	1743.79
Transferred to Other Funds	950.00
Balance February 1, 1910	911.37
	\$11,204.02

### STREET AND BRIDGE FUND

Balance Feb. 1, 1909	\$3907.69
Transferred from Gen.	200.00
Rec'd from Adv. Tax	2709.38
Warrants Outstanding	874.24
	\$7691.31

### Disbursements

Sewer Pipe for Culverts	\$ 202.38
Street Sweeper	347.50
Opening Streets	330.00
Paid on Street Machinery	1045.00
Street Work	5766.43
	\$7691.31

### WATER WORKS (INTEREST and SINKING FUND)

Balance Feb. 1, 1909	\$6271.13
Rec'd from Adv. Tax	4515.06
	\$10786.19

### Disbursements

Interest	\$3257.60
Balance February 1, 1910	7528.59

Total receipts for the year ending February 1st, 1910, \$22946.70. Total paid out for the year ending February 1st 1910, \$28,904.29.

Bonds Outstanding, W. Wks.	\$29000.00
Street	20000.00
Total	\$49000.00

Other Indebtedness (St. Mch.)	4871.00
40x120 ft. lot 20, blk 9	1600.00
	\$55471.00

### PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY.

Water Works System Estimated	\$42,000.00
55 Acres Land Near Dam	11,000.00
25 Acres Land in City Park	1500.00
Block 77, (City)	1000.00
Block 79 (City)	500.00
Lot in Block 9 (City Hall)	3000.00
Fire Department	3500.00
Street Machinery and Tools	4000.00
	\$56,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
J. R. LUCK, City Secretary.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of March A. D., 1910, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., versus E. B. White, L. G. Bills, Ben S. Long, I. Z. Brown, Lewis Alexander and R. P. Conn, No. 1015, 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 May A. D., 1910, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being Lot No. 3 in Block No. 95 in the First Railroad Addition to the town of Ballinger, as same appears on the map of town and addition made by Thos. King, Engineer, now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas. Levied on as the property of R. P. Conn, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$561.90 in favor of Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co., now transferred to J. A. Long, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand and seal, this 5th day of April A. D. 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.  
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy.

**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 5th day of April 1910, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said Court, against August Maass, Sr., et al., and in favor of Mrs. Auguste Floege for the sum of six thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight and 27-100 (\$6,768.27) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1045 in said Court, styled Mrs. Auguste Floege, vs. August Maass, Sr., et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of April, 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows:

1. 320 acres of land off of the end of a tract of 640 acres owned by W. C. R. R. Co., Survey No. 159, the said tract being fully described as follows:

Beginning at a fence corner 20 feet S. and 23 feet E. of the original N.W. corner of Survey No. 59 in the name of the W. C. R. R. Co.; thence E. following fence 932 varas to fence corner; thence following fence 219 varas to fence corner; thence 20 feet to take and mound on E. B. line of said Survey No. 159; thence S. with said line 714 varas to stake and mound in said line for S.E. corner of this 320 acre tract; thence W. 1936 varas to stake and mound under fence for S.W. corner of this tract; thence N. following fence, crossing branch 3 varas to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of said August Maass, Sr., et al., to Maass, Martha Maass, Meta Maass, Emil Maass, Willie Maass, Ida Maass, Adolph Maass, Luisa Maass and August Maass, et al., and on Tuesday, the third day of May, 1910, at the Court House door of Runnels County, 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 above named defendants, 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.

Witness my hand and seal, this 6th day of April, 1910.

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

sale in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of April, 1910.

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

**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 6th day of April 1910, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said court, against Marie Brown and Doc Brown, and in favor of G. H. Youngblood, Alma Whittington, Mary Francis Adkins, Lucretia Spoon and Willie Virden, for the partition of the property described below, and costs of suit, in cause No. 1051, in said Court styled G. H. Youngblood, et al., versus Dulcinea R. Youngblood, et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, on the 6th day of April, 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, and personal property situated in Runnels County, described as follows to-wit:

1. 49.8 acres of land out of the Adolphin Floyd Curvey No. 519, Abst. 192, Bounty Warrant 8091, patented to Dolphin Floyd Nov. 9, 1851, by Letters Patent No. 902, Vol. 6, said 49.8 acres being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the W. line of Survey 519 above described, which point is 358 3-4 varas N. of the S.W. corner of Survey 519; thence E. 950 varas to a stake for corner; thence N. 294 3-4 varas to a stake for corner; thence W. 950 varas to a stake for corner; thence S. with the W. line of said Survey 519, 294 3-4 varas to place of beginning.

2. One gray horse about 14 1-2 hands high, named Paddie, and one bay mare 15 hands high, about 3 years old, and levied upon as the property of said plaintiffs and defendants above named, and on Tuesday, the third day of May 1910, at the Court House door of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m., and four p. m., I will sell said property at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said plaintiffs and defendants above named, by virtue of said levy and order of sale.

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

Witness my hand this 6th day of April, 1910.

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

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 31st day of March, 1910, by R. A. Terry, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of seventy-seven and 20-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Mrs. C. E. Blount, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1118, and styled Mrs. C. E. Blount vs. J. W. Powell, et al., placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of April 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, and all of lot No. 5 in Block No. 2 in the Thomas Addition to the city of Ballinger, and levied upon as the property of J. W. Powell and M. L. Page,

and that on the first Tuesday in May 1910, the same being the 3rd day of said month, 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., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. W. Powell and M. L. Page.

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

Witness my hand, this 4th day of April 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.  
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 31st day of March, 1910, by R. A. Terry, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of four hundred and eighty-seven and 89-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of S. L. Hicks in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1136, and styled S. L. Hicks vs. J. Webb, M. E. Harrell, and W. H. Rogers, placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of April 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots No. 7 and 8 in Block No. 26 in the town of Truitt, Runnels County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. Webb, M. E. Harrell and W. H. Rogers, and that on the first Tuesday in May 1910, the same being the 3rd day of said month, 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., by virtue of said levy and order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. Webb, M. E. Harrell and W. H. Rogers.

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

Witness my hand, this 4th day of April 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.  
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 31st day of March, 1910, by R. A. Terry, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of sixty-nine and 24-100 dollars, and costs of suit, under a judgment for the foreclosure of this lien, in favor of W. B. Wood, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1074, and styled W. B. Wood vs. Tom Downs, placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of April 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being lots No. 9 and 10 in Block No. 5 in Fairview Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Thomas Downs, and that on the first Tuesday in May 1910, the same being the 3rd day of said month, 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., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Thomas Downs.

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

Witness my hand, this 4th day of April 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.  
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy.

**NO REASON FOR DOUBT.**

A Statement of Facts Backed by a strong Guarantee.

We guarantee immediate and positive relief to all sufferers from constipation. In every case where our remedy fails to do this we will supply it free. That's a frank statement of facts, and we want you to substantiate them at our risk.

Rexall Orderlies are a gentle, effective, dependable and safe bowel regulator, strengthener and tonic, that are eaten like candy. They re-establish nature's functions in a quiet, easy way. They do not cause any inconvenience, griping or nausea. They are so pleasant to take, and work so easily, that they may be taken at any time. They thoroughly tone up the whole system to healthy activity. They have a most beneficial action upon the liver.

Rexall Orderlies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. That's why we back our faith in them with the promise of money back if they do not give satisfaction. Two sizes: 12 tablets 10 cents and 36 tablets 25 cents. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at our store—The Rexall Store. The Walker Drug Company. wlt

**JUDGE POTTER TALKS ON OWLDOM**

Prominent Lawyer From Merkel Delights Big Crowd With Splendid Address.

For some time the people of Ballinger have been expecting Judge W. T. Potter, one of the ablest lawyers in West Texas to visit our city and deliver an address upon "Owlism." Several things have happened to delay Judge Potter's visit but last night he was here and well did he sustain his reputation, that had preceded him as an entertaining speaker and a man of profound thinking.

The W. O. W. hall was crowded with Ballinger Owls and several that do not belong to the local order to hear the splendid address. Judge Potter is an orator of the highest ability and coupled with his strong personality he made a decided hit with his hearers.

The Judge's eloquence was interspersed with compelling humor and the address was able, optimistic, spicy and splendid. He stressed the fact of the fraternal spirit of mankind not to be delayed, but that laughter, love and "Kingdom of Heaven on earth" should be the modern spirit and prevail.

The entire tone of the talk was one of healthy optimism. Generous applause punctured Judge Potter's remarks. He is an enthusiastic Owl and his address was highly helpful to the Ballinger nest.

**RACE RIOT FIGHT IN CAPITOL CITY**

Negro Struck Boy With Rock And Precipitated Race Riot--Negro Surrounded and Beaten Nearly to Death.

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., April 7.—A race riot occurred here last night during the celebration of the recent city election and nearly resulted in the death of H. Jackson, a negro.

The riot was started by Jackson striking a white boy with a rock. The negro was quickly surrounded by three or four hundred people and was beaten and choked nearly to death.

Police Chief Laughlin called on the state militia which was taking part in the celebration by giving a sham battle, but found it impossible to break the mob. The police finally succeeded in getting hold of the negro and a line was formed across the street by which the officers spirited the negro away.

The celebration was in honor of the vote ratifying the contract for the new dam that the commissioners recently made.

**PROMINENT CAPITALIST VISITS BALLINGER.**

Wm. Bregg, president of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Co., and also president of the U. S. Saving Mortgage Co., and Messrs. Woodward and Huntington, of Connecticut, spent the day here yesterday looking over the country. These gentlemen represent considerable capital and they expressed themselves as being highly pleased with this country, and stated that their firms were looking for investment opportunities and would turn some of their money loose here.

**NEED NEW FIRE PLUG IN WEST END.**

The fire yesterday at P. E. Trully's home brought out the fact very forcibly that a fire plug is needed in that part of the city. A two inch water main has been laid along 9th street to West End but no plug has yet been put in.

If a new plug were placed at the corner of 9th and Broad Sts. it would afford splendid facilities for protection of the new ward school house that is just about completed. Also there are 15 residences within a short radius of this point that can hardly be reached with the usual amount of hose carried upon the fire wagon.

**THREE OSCEOLA FIRMS ARE ROBBED**

Burglars Break Into Three Stores But Only Get Three Hundred Dollars.

Special to The Banner.

Itasca, Tex., April 7.—A gang of burglars entered three stores at Osceola, a small town four miles from here last night. They cracked the safes, rifled the cash drawers and took some merchandise. They secured about three hundred dollars. Officers are today scouring the country for the thieves. Cowley & Smith, T. R. Gillespie and the Osceola Mercantile Co., were the firms robbed.

Miss Valenti, Ballinger Loan Co., visit to homefol

**WEST END FIRE LATE YESTERDAY**

P. E. Trully's Residence Catches Fire From Burning Soot.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon the home of P. E. Trully caught fire in the rear roof from burning soot in the kitchen flue. The fire alarm was quickly turned in and the firemen began hurrying to the scene. Mr. Trully's residence is nearly a mile from the business section of town and by the time the wagon reached the place the flames had been extinguished by the use of a small garden hose and the ready assistance of an impromptu bucket brigade, composed mainly of the workmen of the new school building in the adjoining block.

The damage to the building was slight, but the furniture was damaged some, in being hastily removed to the street. It was fortunate indeed that the fire was put out so quickly, because the hose carried on the wagon was not long enough to reach the house from the nearest plug. West End is badly in need of water mains for better fire protection.

**FREIGHT WRECK ON M. K. & T., ROAD**

Care Splintered and About One Hundred Cattle Killed Near Denton.

Special to The Banner.

Denton, Tex., April 7.—A broken rail caused a wreck on the Missouri Kansas and Texas road about seven miles north of this place today. Seven care and the caboose went into the ditch. Between eighty and one hundred head of cattle were killed.

No persons were injured, but all traffic over the road has been delayed and the wreckage may not be cleared until late tonight.

**PREPARING FOR LABOR CONVENTION**

Special to The Banner:

Galveston, Tex., April 7.—B. Spencer, secretary of the Texas Federation of Labor, arrived here today to complete arrangements for the State Labor Convention, which meets here April 12.

**PROMINENT ANGELO LADY GRANTED DIVORCE.**

Special to The Banner:

Ft. Worth, Tex., April 7.—District Judge Swain today granted a divorce to Mrs. Ona Lintz, age seventeen years, daughter of Felix Mann, a wealthy stockman of San Angelo. The girl and Lintz who is an actor eloped some time ago, but after they had been married only half an hour the bride's father found her and took her home, and immediately set to work to secure a divorce.

The White Mountain refrigerator has a world wide reputation for purity, cleanliness and economy. A system of cold dry air circulation. Sold by the Oster-tag Furniture Co.

# \$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 \_\_\_\_\_

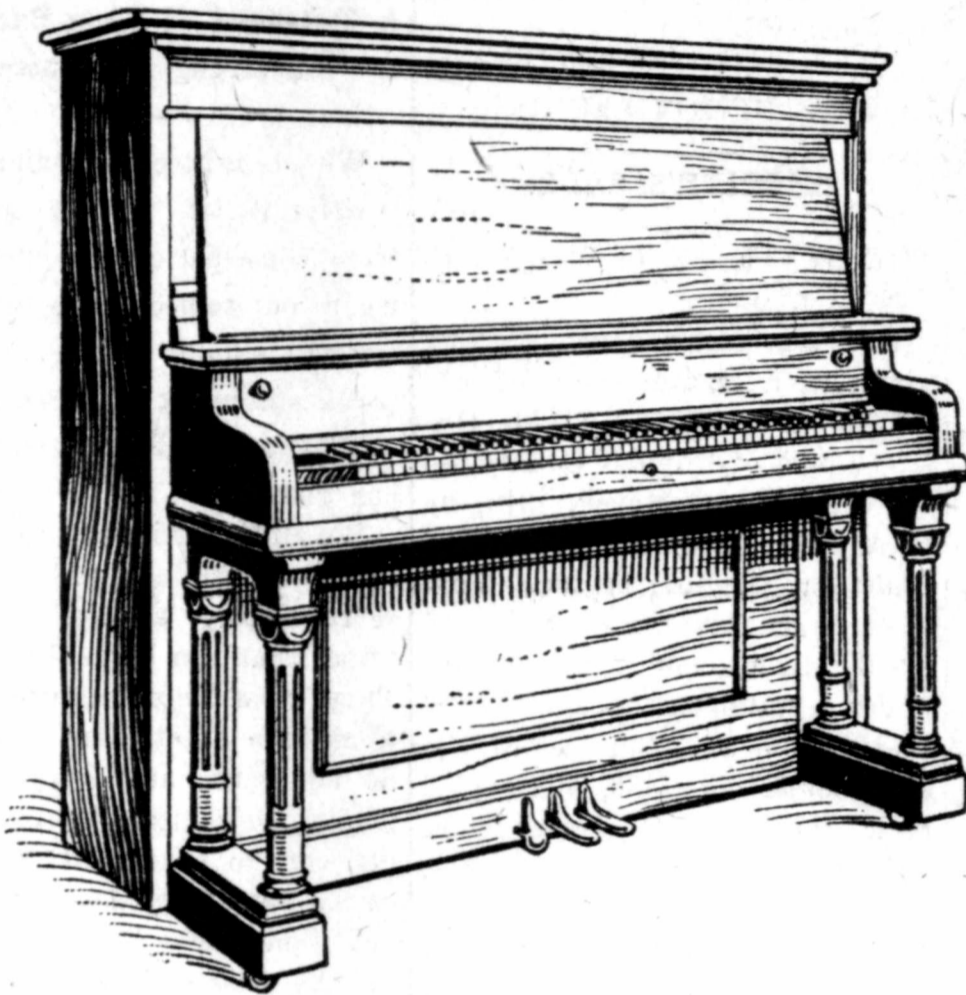
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

of the publisher.  
11.—A committee of reputable 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: \$75.00 Lot in Cameron Heights Addition by M. J. Stacy.

Fourth prize: \$50.00 Scholarship in Business college.

Fifth prize: \$25.00 Violin by Walker Drug company.

Sixth prize: \$25.00 Washburn Guitar by Ballinger Music company.

Seventh prize: Prize given by Asa cordill, article and 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. Some one is going to get this beautiful piano, and the other valuable prizes to be announced within the next few days, and the way to win is to get into the contest without delay. Call on the Ballinger Music Company and see the beautiful instrument Now On Display. Fill out the nominating blank to be found on this page, and see that your favorite gets an early start. Call at this office and let us talk to you about the greatest voting contest ever pulled off in Runnels county. Watch for our announcement of the names of merchants who will give you free votes with every dollar you spend at their stores. For any further information, come to see us, write us, or call us over the phone. Address all inquiries to

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## THE COMET'S SCHEDULE.

In order that the Banner readers may know when the visitor is expected to be where it can be viewed with the unaided eye, and just where to look to see it, we reproduce the information recently given out by an east Texas astronomer:

April 4th Halley's comet will rise 50 minutes ahead of the sun and four degrees and thirty minutes north of the sunrise point, being on this date at the upper edge of the twilight line in the early morning and the rising earlier each morning until May 10, when it will rise two hours and twenty minutes ahead of the sun. It will then return toward the sun again rising later each morning. On the 18th of May it will set nearly with the sun again, and on May 20th the comet will set one hour after the sun sets and one degree north of the sunset point, and on May 30th the comet will set three hours and fifty minutes after the sun sets and eighteen degrees and twenty-five minutes south of the sunset point. The Comet will be visible to the naked eye from April 4th until June, except when too close to the sun at inferior conjunction, May 16 to 20, and will be very bright April 30 until May 30 and will continue visible to the naked eye in the evenings until June 30. It will then recede for several months until it entirely fades away. With our telescopes we shall continue to see it two months later than with the naked eye.

Mrs. Emily S. Ledyard, a native of North Carolina, now living in Nashville has been for several years confined to her chair through a crippling fall, but her eyes are as clear as a bell, and she carries her eighty-three years as a crown, not a burden. Through newspapers and magazines she keeps well abreast of the times in science, politics and literature and her interest in current events never flags. Her stories of the things we regard as necessities which she has seen, either discovered or invented sound like fairy tales of science. "Gas electricity, steamboats and railroads, telephones and telegraphs and even sewing machines and watches, and the countless number of other things the human hand has torn from the arms of invisibility.

In the lights of the present excitement over Halley's comet, and the predictions of Flammarion, the French astronomer and science-brother, Pickering, and that all animal life will be destroyed by the suffocating of the cyanogen gas of its tail is composed, her recollections of the comet on its last appearance are especially interesting. She says that she thinks it was early summer, but that for weeks the sun did not appear at all—some days were very dark, and on others "the darkness was on the face" of the sky so heavily that even at night lights were necessary. Negroes and the superstitious whites said that they had "gone out," and would never shine again. They held prayer meetings and camp meetings, when the preacher would exhort the people to repentance, as the end of the world was coming.

After a few days of unusual gloom, suddenly at about the sunset hour the clouds were drawn up like a curtain and there in the west, about half way between horizon and zenith, was the blazing comet! It seemed to span the heavens and was like a fiery sword against the sky. The head was surrounded by a glowing nebula and seemed the handle to the frightful Sword of Vengeance! In the mountain districts of North Carolina, where Mrs. Ledyard lived, the whites and negroes alike were appalled by the wonderful sight. Many men threw themselves with shrieks upon the ground, tearing their flesh and hair in the agony of fright. Those well prepared for the last journey shouted and sung hymns; the more careless or evil disposed, feeling their unpreparedness to meet the judgment that seemed so near groveled in their fear. Many went mad and had to be placed in confinement or in asylums. Her father's housemaid, who was a nervous woman anyway, was so crazed with fear they had to confine her to prevent her doing herself personal injury.

The excitement throughout the country was intense. Near Boston a sect of Adventists hastily donned their ascension robes and went to the top of the nearest hill, where they sat in circles on the ground waiting the summons to "come up higher."

The comet came unheralded for newspapers were few, and magazines fewer. It was seen first in Europe, but as there was no telegraphic communication between Europe and America in those days and as rapid transit was unknown the news of the fiery visitor did not reach here until after the western sky was lurid with its threatening glow.

Mrs. Ledyard says, to the best of her recollection, that the comet was visible for a week or ten days, always with the same appearance of a fiery sword; then disappeared as suddenly as it came, but, for years afterward the negroes lived in terror of its return, and its coming again was the "bogeyman" used to frighten bad children into good behavior. Mrs. Ledyard is eagerly anticipating the coming of the comet, which she feels is a personal acquaintance. She has no fear of the dangers it may bring as she says it did no harm before and she does not believe it will do so now.

**Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets** invariably bring relief to women suffering from chronic constipation, headache, biliousness, dizziness, sallowness of the skin and dyspepsia.

## CARLOAD OF HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.

Special to The Banner.  
Wichita Falls, Tex., April 5.—A carload of twenty-two fine blooded horses consigned to the G. M. Griffin stock farm at Clinton, Okla., were burned to death in the railroad yards here this morning. All but three of the horses were incinerated. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## POSTED.

Our lands on Colorado river and Valley Creek, six miles west of Ballinger are posted. No fishing, hunting or camping permitted. Keep out.

93-12t JO WILMETH.  
30 8t B. B. STONE.

Jo Wilmeth is in Brownwood attending the meeting of the Brownwood Presbytery, as a delegate from the Ballinger church.

T. O. Tidwell and family returned today from Marlin where they have been for some time, because of Mr. Tidwell's ill health.

Medicines that aid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

## READY TO TAKE STOCK IN FAIR

Chas. S. Miller Proposes to Subscribe \$3,500 Worth of Stock in County Fair Association.

"I would like to see that move to organize a fair association put through," said Chas. S. Miller to the writer this morning. "I think it would be worth a great deal to Ballinger, and would encourage stock raising and our agricultural interests."

Mr. Miller owns 65 acres of land just across the river west of town. The land fronts on the river and also on Long Branch and is an ideal place for a fair ground

No. 3533  
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS at the close of business, Mch. 29th, 1910**

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and Discounts	\$357,067.27
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	24,081.17
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	112,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	31,000.00
Other Real Estate owned	10,227.35
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	30,313.12
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	6,210.14
Due from approved reserve agents	126,267.08
Checks and other cash items	3,715.58
Notes of other National Banks	5,750.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	646.40
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	42,643.90
Legal-tender notes	1,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,625.00
Total	807,547.01

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	11,250.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	17,844.51
National Bank notes outstanding	111,250.00
Due to other National Banks	14,305.24
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	5,793.63
Dividends unpaid	25.00
Individual deposits subject to check	417,335.47
Time certificates of deposit	29,743.16
Total	807,547.01

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss.  
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
R. G. Erwin, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 1st day of April 1910.  
Annie Van Doren Notary Public.  
Correct:—Attest:  
Tom Ward }  
D. M. Baker } Directors.  
M. A. Traylor }

**Recapitulation**

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and Discounts	\$381,148.44
U. S. Bonds	112,500.00
Bonds, Securities, Etc.	50,000.00
Banking Houses Furniture and Fixtures	39,000.00
Real estate	2,227.35
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas.	5,625.00
Cash in vault and other Banks	217,046.22
Total	\$807,547.01

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital Stock (paid in)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	29,094.51
Circulation	111,250.00
Dividends unpaid	25.00
Bills Payable	None
DEPOSITS	
Banks	\$20,098.87
Individual	447,078.63
Total	\$807,547.01

**THE ADVANTAGES OF COUNTY FAIRS**  
Ballinger is Sleeping on the Proposition. Our People Should Get Busy.

Don't forget we are to have a county fair this fall, and that we are to take every prize at the fair on farm products this year. We can do these very things and they are worth doing. Let everybody resolve and keep resolved on these things.—Tyler Courier-Times.

A county fair for Smith county and the prizes at the Dallas Fair are two good things for the people of that county to remember. But if Smith county takes every prize at Dallas she will surely have to get up and hustle, for a whole lot of the biggest things ever seen or heard of in the way of farm products will be there. The Dallas Fair will open from Oct. 15 to Oct. 30. Be ready for it.—Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

The Banner has been boosting a fair for Runnels county, but we have about concluded that it will take high-life and dynamite to move the Ballinger people. Ballinger has never failed on anything she has undertaken yet, but we are forced to confess that she is a little slow in undertaking to do some things that could easily be put through. We have heard half a dozen men say within the last few days that they would take stock in a fair association, and with the natural resources and wealth of Runnels county, and the fine stock, poultry and agricultural products there is no reason why a fair would not be a success.

It is no trouble to get a crowd to Ballinger for most any little occasion. Our railroad facilities are such that we can draw a crowd from adjoining counties, and with cheap rates we can bring hundreds of people here from all over the State. For the last few years we have had the reunion for our annual attraction, but this has gone to Paint Rock for this year and promised to San Angelo for next year. Are we going to sit down and wait for this to be handed around and returned to Ballinger in two or three years hence? And, at the same time, let every other little town in West Texas pull off some big show, advertise and get the cream of the immigration. We say no. Ballinger must wake up, and get in line for greater things. We have the men with the money and the ginger to make a fair a success,

**FT. WORTH LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Tex., April 7.—Cattle received 3000; hogs 2000. Cows closed steady, tops 5.40; calves steady, tops 5.50; steers higher, tops 7.00; hogs steady, tops 10.45.

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and the move will be pushed. Lampasas has a fair that pays. Abilene has a fair that pays. Angelo has a fair that pays. Llano has a fair that pays, and we could name many other towns not as large as Ballinger, and that has nothing like the advantages Ballinger can boast of, and Ballinger is going to take the lead. Watch us.

## MEXICAN GIRLS FIGHT DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Special to The Banner.  
San Antonio, Tex., April 4.—Sustanna Mesa and another Mexican girl by the name of Hernandez, fought a duel with knives in the west side of the city today, and both were slashed in such manner that death will be the result with both. The quarrel was over a love affair, both girls being in love with the same man.

## COTTON SWINDLER FIGHTING FOR RELEASE.

Special to The Banner.  
Los Angeles, Cal., April 4.—E. D. Hudspeth, the Bowie, Texas cotton swindler, who was arrested here Saturday, is fighting for release in habeas corpus proceedings today. The case was called this morning, but no decision will be reached before this evening. Hudspeth's partner, Alexander, has been arrested in Paris, France. They are charged with swindling Moody & Co., out of \$20,000 on a cotton deal.

## WESTERN UNION OUSTER SUIT REVERSED.

Special to The Banner.  
Austin, Tex., April 6.—The Texas Supreme Court today reversed the decision of the lower courts in the ouster suit brought against the Western Union Telegraph Co., because the company refused to pay the State a one hundred thousand dollar fee to do business in Texas. The Supreme Court bases its decision on a decision of the federal Supreme Court which held a similar law passed by the Kansas legislature, unconstitutional.

## MINERS AND EMPLOYERS FAIL TO COMPROMISE.

Special to The Banner.  
Ft. Worth, Tex., April 6.—The scale committee of the joint conference of the operators and miners failed to reach an agreement today and the miners will probably remain out for two or three months or until the Southern Interstate Coal Operators Association meets, and agrees to grant the increased wages demanded.

# The Great Easter

SPECIAL

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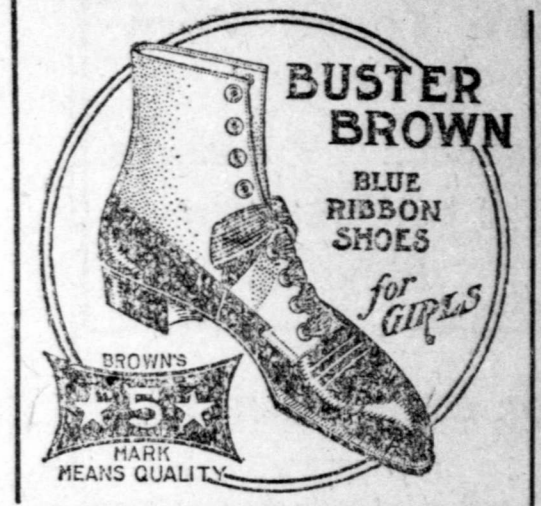
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## NORTON NOTES.

The recent rains have drawn all the wrinkles out of the old farmers' faces, and have ushered in the busy crop season. We have the best season we have had since the spring of 1908.

Perhaps almost half of the oats of the community were killed out during the winter, but those that survived are now looking fine.

As a result of the high price of feed, the farmers are devoting a larger acreage to corn, maize and kaffir corn this year.

The Methodist parsonage is nearing completion and Rev. Rape is expected to occupy it next week.

The Norton school was closed about two weeks ago on account of illness of the principal, Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson has been very sick, but is much improved.

Cap Barnett and his mother, Mrs. Allie Barnett, started to Arizona recently on a prospecting tour. If the trip had verified the claims set up by a western agent, it would have resulted in the removal of a number of our best citizens to that country, but while en route they met some people from that particular locality, and at El Paso, they made extended inquiry with the result that they are now back at home and are more favorably impressed with the merits of Runnels county than ever before. They went no further than El Paso.

## FT. WORTH DIVORCE RECORD.

Divorce petitions filed during March exactly match the record established in February, as many petitions for separation being filed as for all other causes combined. During the month 130 suits were filed and 65 of these were divorce petitions. During the month of February 122 petitions were filed, 61 being for divorce.

The proportion of divorce petitions to marriage licenses issued is smaller than for February. In March 120 licenses were issued, which means almost two marriage for every divorce. In February the divorce petitions were 61 against 88 marriage licenses issued.

Heretofore the proportion for Tarrant county has been one divorce for every three marriages. —Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

Mrs. S. M. Byrd has recovered enough from her recent severe illness to be able to be up for the first time today. She has been in bed for more than a week.

## 200,000 DOLLAR CATTLE DEAL

Sol Meyer Sells 7000 Head in Sutton and Schleicher Counties.

San Angelo, Tex., April 6.—Disposing of 7000 head of cattle, leasing his land in Sutton and Schleicher counties, and resigning as general manager of the Val Verde Land and Cattle Co., Sol Meyer has practically closed out his interests in West Texas, and will reside hereafter in Denver.

Robert E. Gatewood, a cattleman of Cleburne, signed papers Monday with Mr. Meyer for the purchase of 7000 head of cattle—steers and stock cattle—several hundred of mules and horses, and contracted for a five year lease on the Meyer ranch in Sutton and Schleicher counties, comprising 54,000 acres of patented land, and three leagues of school lands. This transaction involved considerably over \$200,000. Mr. Meyer is at his ranch this week making preparations to transfer the property to Mr. Gatewood.

Abe Meyer is the new general manager of the Val Verde Land and Cattle Co., succeeding his brother. The properties of this firm comprise over 300 sections of land, and thousands of herds of cattle.

## THIEVES STEAL 2,500 HEAD SHEEP

Terrell County Ranchman Loses \$12,500 Worth of Sheep at Hands of Bold Thieves.

San Angelo, April 4.—Twenty-five hundred head of sheep have been stolen from the Terrell county ranch of A. G. Anderson, and aggregate rewards of \$1,000 have been offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

Notice was received this week by Orient and Santa Anna officials here of the theft, it being the supposition of Mr. Anderson that the person or persons stealing the animals would endeavor to ship them out of the state.

The sheep were all bred ewes, and were removed from pastures enclosed with wolf-proof fences. They are described as large, heavy animals, not shorn last fall, and bearing the brand AA. Mr. Anderson's ranch is near the town of Free, Terrell county. The flocks were valued at \$12,500 or more.

## FARMER CAPTURES A NEGRO BURGLAR

Special to The Banner:

Chickasha, Okla., April 6.—Joseph Hahn, a German farmer, residing near this city had a hand to hand encounter with a negro burglar early this morning. The negro had entered his house, when Hahn attacked him. The farmer finally overcame the intruder, and held him until the arrival of officers. Hahn suffered a slight wound when the negro shot him, the bullet grazing his cheek.

## OBITUARY.

Norton, Texas.

On the morning of March 19th, 1910, the messenger of death knocked at the door of Mr. and Mrs. John Snellgrove's home and took little Mitchell, their baby boy, aged one year and four months to live with the angels.

Another home has been robbed of its jewel; another flower budded on earth has been transplanted to blossom in heaven.

It is sad to give him up, to see him snatched like a flower from this life, but we know there is one more jewel in heaven waiting and watching at the beautiful gate beckoning papa and mama to come to a better world, where they shall some day meet their little Mitchell, who is safe in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

May a gracious Father draw the father and mother's hearts very close to Himself an comfort them as no earthly friend can.

Little Mitchell is pure and lovely. He has left your home for aye, But with the Angels now he's dwelling, In that land of endless day.

Papa, mama all your sorrows, All your heartaches, God can feel, But in sweet submission lovely, He will all your sorrow heal.

Darling Mitchell, he had his mission,

In this world of grief and pain, God in His wisdom loaned him to you, God in His love recalled him again.

—A Friend.

R. E. Truly came down Sunday to spend a few hours with his family here.

## DALLAS WOMAN KILLED BY DRUG

Special to The Banner:

Dallas, Tex., April 5.—Mrs. J. W. Lindlay fell to the floor while preparing the evening meal last night and when friends rushed to her assistance she could only whisper "carbolic" before she died. A small empty bottle which contained poison has since been found in the house and as this bottle is an exact duplicate of one from which she had been taking medicine it is believed that she swallowed the poison by mistake.

## CITY ELECTION TAME AFFAIR.

The city election held yesterday for the election of three aldermen was a very tame affair.

There was no opposition to the ticket, only three names being on the ticket, and the vote was almost unanimous for B. C. Kirk, M. A. Traylor and J. A. Weeks.

Francis Holliday went out to Hatcher Monday afternoon.

## WILL HANG NEGRO FRIDAY, MAY 13

Special to The Banner:

Dallas, Tex., April 4.—Judge B. B. Seay, today in the criminal district court, sentenced Bubber Robinson to hang on Friday, May 13th, for the murder of Frank Woolfork. The murdered man was a white farmer. The court of appeals have been exhausted and only the action of Governor Campbell can save the negro's neck.

## MORE THAN 2 TO 1 FOR POINDEXTER.

Chas. Furgason, who is a very enthusiastic Poindexter man, struck a crowd at the Walker Drug Co., store Saturday and took a straw vote on the gubernatorial race. The vote was as follows: Poindexter 11, Colquitt, 5, Davison, 4, Johnson, 0.

Mr. Furgason lived a neighbor to Judge Poindexter for a number of years, and he never lets an opportunity slip to say something good for the man.

Ben Sisk left Monday for his home at Paint Rock, after a short visit here.

M. W. Leader spent Sunday in San Angelo, returning home Monday afternoon.

## 100 NEW MEMBERS JOIN CONGRESS

Texas Conservation Congress Does a Goods Day's Business Today.

Special to The Banner.

Ft. Worth, Tex., April 6.—One hundred new members were obtained by the Texas Conservation Congress at today's meeting. Papers of a technical character were read.

The Texas Irrigation Congress an organization similar to the Conservation Congress, at its today's meeting adopted resolutions urging the appointment of an irrigation commission of ten members to draw up some needed Texas irrigation laws and submit them to the legislature.

## PROMINENT BANKER DEAD AT BEAUMONT.

Special to The Banner.

Beaumont, Tex., April 7.—A. L. Williams, age forty-four, president of the Gulf National Bank, and prominent in the industrial development of Beaumont, died at 7:30 this morning.

## COMMISSIONERS COURT REPORT

Transact Important Business in Special Session Monday and Tuesday.

Judge Griggs gives out the following report of business transacted during the special session of the Commissioners' Monday and Tuesday.

An order was given to sell the Runnels county school land in Pecos county.

They declared themselves in favor of the result of the election held last Saturday in Mazeland school district to increase the special school tax from 20 cents to 50 cents.

An order was passed to build a cement curb on Strong Ave., and 6th St., thereby completing the curbing around the court house square. A dirt and gravel walk will be put down now, and later when funds are more plentiful for improvement of this kind a cement walk will be laid.

They passed an order for the removal of the wooden closets.

An order was passed to open up a road 2 1-2 miles long from Pearce school house on Va Creek to the Robert Lee and linger road. The parties on road have concluded to do the road bed and build the fence. The county will furnish posts and wire for the two miles of fence and one half mile for two fences.

The proposition made by land owners was so liberal is the reason the Commissioners' accepted it at this particular time.

The Court appointed eight no road overseers to take the place of parties who were heretofore appointed for the current year but who have legal excuses not to serve.

## BOARDING HOUSE FIRE KILLS MAN

Special to The Banner:

Waco, Tex., April 6.—Dunham was burned to death by a fire which destroyed a boarding house on Austin street early morning. Dunham fought desperately to escape the flames. His body was found in the hall with his hands clutching clothing. The building belonged to J. C. Riley and the loss amounted to eight thousand dollars.

Deputy Sheriff Bonds, who was here today a short

W. B. Martin, returned from a trip to Winters.

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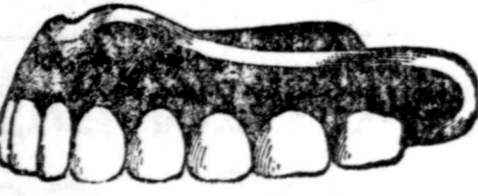
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BALLINGER, TEXAS

**LIGHTENING STRIKES ANGELO HOME**

Home of J. N. Farquhar, Badly Damaged by Lightning Last Night.

San Angelo, Tex., April 2.—During the electrical storm in San Angelo Friday night, a bolt of lightning struck the residence of J. N. Farquhar, 921 Crenshaw ave., played havoc in general with the structure and came near striking Mrs. Farquhar.

Entering the building through the kitchen flue, the protruding part of which was demolished, the lightning raced through four rooms, and administered more or less damage to each.

Mrs. Farquhar was sitting in the kitchen within two feet of the cook stove with another woman when the blast struck the house. The stove pipe was torn down, and dozens of cooking utensils were knocked from the wall before it left the room, but the ladies failed to receive even a shock.

In the next room the lightning struck the telephone wire and the wall was set in a blaze. The ladies recovered their surprise within a few minutes, and the fire, being in full view from their seats they quickly extinguished it with water before any damage was done. The telephone wire was snapped in two, and parts of the telephone box damaged.

The bed room was the next visited by the lightning, and here a disastrous fire would have resulted but for the alertness and vigilance of the occupants of the house. The bed was in a blaze, but, before the flames made any great progress, they were extinguished by water.

Another room was entered with out being seriously damaged, but before the lightning left the building it pierced the ceiling and the roof three times.

Two large holes in the earth back of the mouse were made as the bolt left the roof.

The building was struck no less than ten times, and but for the rain which had thoroughly soaked the structure, a wooden one, it would have probably been burned to the ground.

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**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

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1001 11th St. Balinger, Tex.

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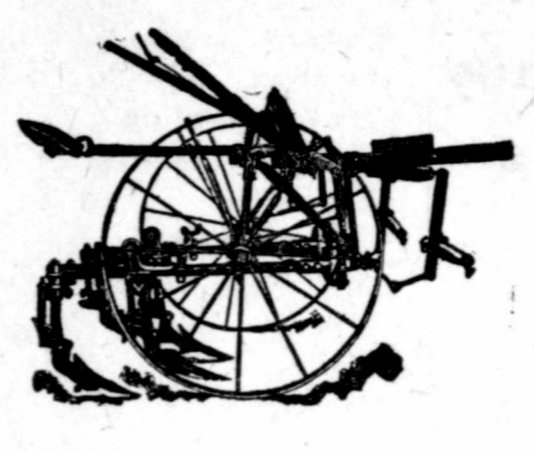
People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

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:

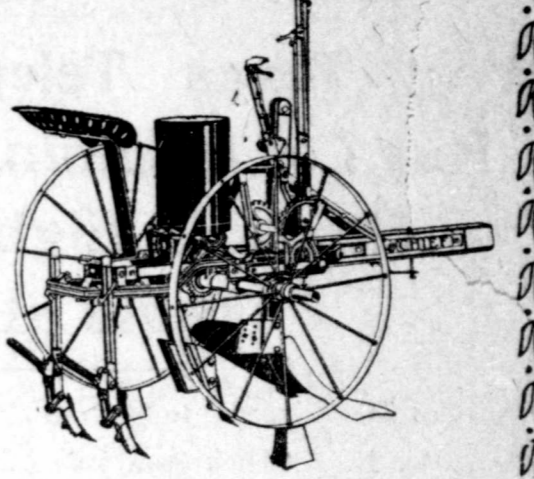
J. S. Collins, carpenter, Ballinger, Texas Says: "Upon two occasions Doan's Kidney Pills have relieved me when having trouble from my kidneys. These organs seemed to be my weakest spot and whenever I caught cold, it was

**The Rock Island Lone Star Cultivator**



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The Rock Island Lone Star Cultivator and the Rock Island Chief Cotton and Corn Planter are high-grade implements, honestly made, sold at an honest price and that price is within the reach of every farmer who raises cotton and corn. These implements have been used in all parts of Texas and never yet have failed to satisfy.

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**MOVEMENT FOR GOOD ROADS**

All Southern States Making Effort to Secure Good Roads.

Southern Good Roads, a monthly magazine published at Lexington, N. C., for the purpose of encouraging the good road movement by keeping the public informed as to the amount of progress that is being made in the various Southern States has compiled statistics showing the total amount of bond issues for road building voted on in each state of the South from March to September, inclusive, in 1909. In this list Texas stands at the head with \$5,000,000. Other states follow in the order named: Tennessee \$3,000,000; Georgia, 2,110,000; Oklahoma, \$1,750,000; North Carolina, 1,640,000; Florida, 1,600,000; Mississippi, 310,000; Louisiana, \$208,000; Kentucky, Arkansas and South Carolina have nothing to their credit, though it is to be presumed that road building was not entirely neglected in those states. The grand total for the seven months period is \$17,956,000. It will be seen that Louisiana is tenth with only three below it.

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.

**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 spectacles, treat your liver to a good cleaning out process with Ballard's Herbine. A sure cure for constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

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The greatest activity as noted has been in Texas and how liberal that state has been in the matter is shown in the voting of \$5,000,000 of bonds for highways since last March. There were victories and defeats also, but the twenty-four counties to which was submitted the proposition to issue bonds for road building, twenty voted favorably and only four unfavorably.

Tarrant county has been the leader in good roads in Texas and has already laid 400 miles of them.

Ellis county in Northern Texas has been voting bonds by precincts. In August it assumed \$420,000 and in September \$75,000 more. Galveston county, in the southeast has assumed \$500,000 for good roads. In the extreme west, El Paso county is pushing in every direction, even into Old Mexico, going in for the most refined forms of effort, asphalted macadam. Over sixty counties have, in the past seven months assumed obligations to carry forward good road efforts.

It will be seen therefore, that to keep up with the rest of the South, to enjoy the same advantages as its neighbors possess, Louisiana will have to show more activity than it has been doing in the matter of road building. Standing behind them in the mileage of good roads it will drop still further behind unless it shows greater activity than it has recently done. It began all right and with considerable vim some months ago, but the good roads movement has lately not made the progress it should have made. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**THE CIRCUS.**

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 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. For Sale

# \$20,000 TELEPHONE OFFICE BUILDING FOR BALLINGER

**West Texas Telephone Company  
Buy Lot Adjoining Mayor Kirk's  
Home on Eighth St. Will  
Build at Once.**

A deal was closed today in which Dr. R. A. Dickinson sells the lot known as the Mrs. Matthews place, located on Eighth street, between the home of Judge J. B. Wade and Mayor R. P. Kirk, to the West Texas Telephone Co., for a cash consideration of \$1,500. This deal is for the lot stripped of all the present improvements, Dr. Dickinson retaining the house and will move same off at once.

The West Texas Telephone Co., purchased this lot for the location of a central office and for their phone business, and as soon as the plans can be drawn and the contract let a nice building to be built either of stone or brick will go up on the lot, and the central office moved to same.

The plans for the new improvements, as given to The Banner will call for the building to set back considerable distance from the street, leaving a nice yard in front which will be beautified with a nice lawn, flowers, etc., and the cable leading into the building will be run under the ground, doing away with a lot of ugly poles and wires overhead.

The regular pay station, or substations will be maintained down town for the benefit of the public, but the headquarters and central office will be located in the new building.

We understand that this is the beginning of the long promised improvements the telephone company are to make, and that they will expend something like \$35-

000 or \$40,000 improving the local phone system.

## GOOD LITERATURE FOR OUR FARMERS

Several Hundred Copies Are With Secretary Kirk for Free Distribution.

Hon. J. F. Maddox who always has the best interests of our people at heart, recently wrote to Congressman Smith, for a supply of booklets to be distributed among the farmers of Runnels county. Yesterday Mr. Maddox received over 500 booklets and placed them immediately with Secretary Kirk of the Business League.

There are five different bulletins in the collection and each one will be of interest to every progressive farmer. These bulletins are for free distribution and if you desire a set, and cannot come to Ballinger, if you will make your wishes known to Secretary Kirk, they will be mailed to you free of cost.

Farmer's Bulletin, No. 174, is a complete and thorough treatise on Broom corn by Chas. P. Hartley. Below we give a list of contents:

- Introduction.
- Description of the plant.
- Groups.
- Varieties.
- Local factors governing the growing of broom corn.

Good seed the prime requisite of a good crop.

Importance of an isolated seed patch.

Quantity of seed required per acre.

Choice of fields.

Planting.

Time of planting.

Method of planting.

Harvesting.

Time to harvest.

Dwarf and standard varieties.

Tabling.

Cutting.

Hauling.

Sorting.

Thrashing.

Drying.

Bulking.

Baling.

Marketing.

Profits.

Disease and insect enemies.

Statistics.

Conclusion.

Bulletin No. 100 is a comprehensive discussion on "Hog raising in the South" by S. M. Tracy, M. S., who was formerly director of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment station.

"Pig Management" is the theme of Farmer's Bulletin No. 205, and deals with every detail of the "Pig Business." This valuable pamphlet was written by Geo. M. Rommel, B. S. A., Animal Husbandman of the Bureau of Industry.

industry of growing peanuts is and every phase of this important strongly presented. We give the following conclusions from this Bulletin on "Peanuts."

"The peanut is worthy of more general cultivation throughout the Southern States, especially in the boll-weevil district, where it will in many cases be found more profitable than cotton.

"The uses of peanuts as a general farm crop throughout the Southern States are becoming more numerous as a means of providing suitable forage for range stock during the short winter period.

"The demand for peanuts to be used in the preparation of human foods is constantly increasing.

"The United States is a heavy buyer of peanut oil that is produced abroad, while there are thousands of acres of waste lands in the Southern States that would produce enough peanuts to keep the cotton-seed-oil mills running and furnish more than enough oil for home consumption.

"The peanut is a soil builder and renovator. If included in the crop rotation and properly handled, peanuts are not exhaustive of soil fertility.

"While the average yield of peanuts is only about 34 bushels an acre, with proper methods a yield of 60 bushels of peas and 1 to 1 1/2 tons of forage may reasonably be expected. There are authentic records of yields of 160 bushels of Spanish peas, together with 2 tons of forage, per acre.

"The peanut vines, after the removal of the first-class peas, have a value practically equal to the cost of the field culture of the crop. An acre of first-class peanuts, calculating the yield at a ton of vines, worth from \$8 to \$10, and 60 bushels of peas, worth \$40 to \$60, will give an income of from \$48 to \$70. The cost of growing an acre of peanuts is variously estimated at from \$12 to \$25, including seed and fertilizers. These figures show a net return of from \$36 to \$45, which is above the average for the crop

as now grown in the United States, but decidedly lower than may be expected under favorable conditions and proper cultural methods."

## TALKED ABOUT BY ALL THE PEOPLE

The Great Piano Contest Inaugurated by this Paper is Most Interesting in Runnels County

Our great piano and subscription-getting contest is the most interesting thing today in Runnels county. Everybody is talking about it.

Never before has so many valuable prizes been offered by any publication in this section.

The Daily Banner and the Banner-Leader are both determined to double their present circulation, and in order to do this will give these valuable prizes to the young ladies of the county who will devote some of their time to canvassing for them.

Every dollar you collect on subscription to either of our publications gives you six hundred votes in the contest. A number of the merchants are giving away free votes with every dollar in cash spent with them. Tell your friends to secure these votes for you when they trade with these merchants.

These free votes can be had at the following places:

Higginbotham Currie Williams Company.

Agency Cameron Heights Addition.

Asa Cordill.

Walker Drug Store.

Ballinger Music Co.

We would be pleased to have all the candidates call at The Banner office and let us tell them all about the greatest contest ever put on in Runnels county.

### DALHART GETS MEETING.

Special to The Banner. Amarillo, Tex., April 7.—Dal-

hart won the contest for the next convention of the Panhandle Stockmen's association at day's session, which was held at the Grand Opera house.

The old officers were re-elected after which the president took part in opening Amarillo's newest plant, the Panhandle Packing Co. The racing events this evening were attended by six thousand.

## SANTA FE DEPOT TO GO UP FAST

Materials That Have Delayed the Work Have Arrived. Work Will be Pushed.

J. A. Gowen, contractor and builder of the new Santa Fe depot at Ballinger, informed a Banner reporter this morning that the work would be hurried along as some of the delayed material have arrived today. They have been tied up on account of window frames but Mr. Gowen is looking for them in tonight.

A Car load of vetrifed brick was received this morning and will be used in laying walks, drive ways and crossings around the new building. A bill has been received for the brick to be used in finishing of the inside of the stone structure. The work that will go in the depot will here in a few days.

The cost of the handsome structure will be about \$26,000. It will be a building that will be a credit to any town no matter what the size may be. The Santa Fe place her stamp of approval upon Ballinger by giving us such a splendid depot.

A large park will be placed from Broadway to Eighth street which will be in harmony with the fine building. Ballinger worked long for these improvements and we are to be highly rewarded now by receiving better than we had hoped for.

# More Than Six Hundred Dollars

Is being Given Away in our great Subscription-Getting Contest. Never before has there been such a generous offer made to the young ladies of Runnels county. These prizes will go to those who will put in a part of their spare time hustling for votes. Will you be one of them?

## THE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE: Clarendon Cabinet Grand Piano by the Banner. Value \$300.00. This instrument is now on display at the Ballinger Music Co's.

SECOND PRIZE: Rubber-Tire Buggy by Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. Value \$125.00. Ten votes with every dollar you spend there.

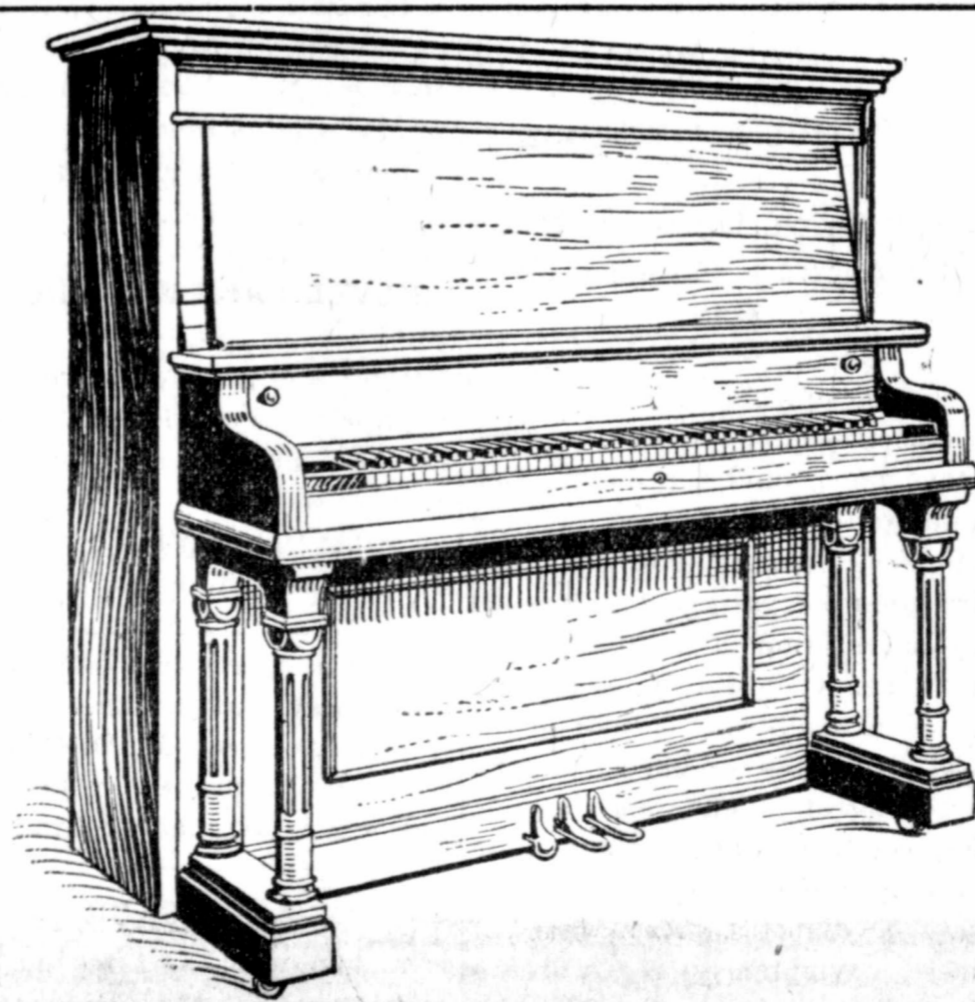
THIRD PRIZE: Seventy-five dollar lot in Cameron Heights Addition. Votes given with all lot purchases.

FOURTH PRIZE: Life-time Scholarship in leading Business College by The Banner. \$50.

FIFTH PRIZE: A twenty-five dollar violin by the Walker Drug Co. Here they also give you ten free votes with every dollar cash sale.

SIXTH PRIZE: A twenty-five dollar Washburn Guitar by the Ballinger Music Co. This company is giving ten free votes with every dollar cash sale.

SEVENTH PRIZE: Asa Cordill, The Jeweler, gives a handsome prize, and also gives ten free votes with every dollar cash you spend in his store.



## A TEN DOLLAR GOLD PIECE

THE FIRST OFFICIAL COUNT will be made on the second day of May, and the candidate who has the most votes at that time will be presented with a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. Are you going to try to win this prize? There is no reason why you should not be the winner. Show your friends that you mean to win, and they will be only too glad to assist you.

**Don't Forget The Votes:** Your special attention is directed to the fact that a number of the merchants are giving free votes with purchases at their stores. Every contestant should tell their friends about this and ask them to save these free votes for them. You should also ask your friends to save the free votes appearing in each issue of this paper for you. Be determined to win the first prize of Ten Dollars to be given on the Second day of May. Let "Hustle" be your motto, and you will be a winner.

## BALLINGER BANNER - LEADER