

MISS MARY THOMPSON LEADS PIANO CONTEST

Miss Hattie Black Makes Greatest Gain in Votes Since the Announcement of Last Count.

A comparison with the announcement of the votes of last week shows that our contestants are hustling for votes. Many thousands of the ballots have been turned in, and the standing of the candidates have in many instances undergone marked changes. It will be noticed that Miss Mary Thompson, of Hatchell, now heads the list, with a grand total of 43,415 votes. Miss Pearl

Sandlin still holds second place with a total of 40,245.

Miss Hattie Black has made the greatest gain since the last count, having to her credit an increase of 8,800 votes. Miss Thompson follows with an increase of 7,525. We are anxious to have pictures made of the girls in the contest and will consider it a special favor if they will bring us photographs at once.

Miss Mary Thompson,	Hatchell	43,415
Miss Pearl Sandlin,	Ballinger	40,245
Miss Dorris Wynne,	Ballinger	38,545
Miss Hattie Black,	Ballinger	35,300
Miss Dona Armstrong,	Ballinger	30,125
Miss Joe Davis,	Hatchell	29,445
Miss Celeste McMinn,	Ballinger	24,020
Miss Morie Moore,	Ballinger	22,695
Miss Oris Cole,	Ballinger	22,650
Miss Jessie Osteen,	Ballinger	20,980
Miss Ola McMillan,	Ballinger	19,525
Miss Ella Cole,	Winters	18,950
Miss Maggie Taylor,	Norton	17,525
Miss Bettie Feist,	Rowena	16,000
Miss Minnie Thompson,	Wingate	13,700
Miss Annie Gresham,	Ballinger	12,100
Miss Della Walker,	Hatchell	11,435
Miss Katie Belle Gregory,	Ballinger	11,320
Miss Bernice Little,	Maverick	11,000
Miss Maud Cooper,	Guion	11,000
Miss Hazel Barr,	Ballinger	11,675
Miss Emma Williams,	Ballinger	10,000
Miss Georgie Singletary,	Miles	9,500
Miss Artie Morgan,	Tokeen	8,500
Miss Sadie Wyatt,	Truitt	8,500
Miss Josie Glenn,	Marie	8,500
Ballinger High School,		7,880
Miss Agnes Stacy,	Ballinger	7,175
Miss Angelina Gallia,	Rowena	6,500
Miss Jessie Lamberth,	Winters	6,300
Mrs. J. T. Lawrence,	Ballinger	6,000
Miss Mary Sue Spill,	Ballinger	6,000
Miss Beulah Montgomery,	Miles	6,000
Mrs. N. F. Norris,	Ballinger	5,880
Miss Katie Collins,	Ballinger	4,880
Miss Luella Baggett,	Ballinger	4,375
Miss Minnie Rider,	Winters	3,550
Miss Enla Halstead,	Ballinger	3,500
Miss Vera Lumpkin,	Miles	3,500
Ballinger W. O. W. Lodge,		2,490
Miss Alma England,	Bradshaw	2,375
Miss Eunice Lilly,	Norton	2,000

BALLINGER LANDS STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

Local Firemen Went to Temple this Week to Attend the State Firemen's Convention and to Bring Next Convention Here--Were Successful.

For some time there has been considerable activity among the local Fire Fighters here agitating the matter of having the next State Convention to come to Ballinger, and how well they have handled the matter is evidenced by a telegram Thursday stating that they were successful and have landed the first State Convention for Ballinger. They left here in dead earnest to get the next annual meeting of Fire Fighters and they proved equal to the occasion. Before leaving they had a thousand and beautiful badges printed, and several thousand cards which they used quite effectively. Some of our local orators and politicians left here Tuesday to assist the boys in the work, Mayor Kirk, County Attorney McCarver, and Hon. J. F. Maddox, being among the number.

Witchita Falls was the strongest contestant for the next meeting and the following telegrams from County Judge Griggs cut some ice in the matter:

B. W. Pileher, Temple, Texas. "I stood by Judge Yeager at Marlin and secured County Judges Convention for Wichita Fall for August. Will that city now return the favor? R. S. GRIGGS."

The following self-explanatory telegram from Mayor R. P. Kirk tells the story. It got in just at going to press time and too late to elaborate on, but brings the glad tidings anyway so here it is:

Daily Ledger, Ballinger, Texas. "Ballinger defeats Witchita Falls for 1911 Firemen's convention by a vote of 109 to 90. R. P. KIRK."

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN BUSY.

The question of removal of the iron fence that encloses the Court House lawns has at last been settled and the County Commissioners said the last word this week. The fence will remain down and thus will the grounds be greatly beautified. It was the intention of the court to let the fence remain in order to protect the trees and flowers from an occasional stray cow or horse that might run loose, but the citizens made an appeal to have the old land mark cleared away and their wishes have been granted.

The gardener will now have a better opportunity to carry out his plans for the beautification of the pretty lawn that has received so much of his attention for the last two years. The Court house yard will indeed be a spot now and can be enjoyed to a greater extent by our people and by visitors. It will serve as a public park that will indeed be alluring to those who desire to avail themselves of the many benches that will be placed there under the spreading elms and hackberry.

A. WOODEN DIED AT RED OAK MONDAY.

I. O. Wooden received a telegram last Monday just as he was preparing to leave for the State Firemen's Convention at Temple that his father, A. Wooden, had just died at Red Oak in Ellis

county. Mr. Wooden did not stop at Temple but hurried to Red Oak to be present at the interment of his father. Mr. Wooden Sr. has been sick for some time but he was thought to be improving until a short time before his death. The many friends of our fellowtownsman extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Wooden over the loss of his father.

MARRIAGE MILL.

The County Clerk issued the following license this week: J. M. Bul and Miss Laura Bradley; E. L. Ray and Miss Linda Walker; J. R. Lusk and Mrs. Gertrude Jones; Oscar Harber and Miss Mary Deans.

COUNTY SUPT. MAILED OUT CENSUS BLANKS.

This week Prof. Hagan was busy mailing out the scholastic census blanks to the different School Districts over the county. The blanks have been delayed for several days at the government print shop at Austin which is the cause of the delay in Prof. Hagan getting them mailed out. He asks that each person to whom they have been sent fill them out at once and return. Prof. Hagan is in no way responsible for the delay and is anxious that the blanks be properly filed as soon as possible.

Frank Maddox left Wednesday for Dallas on a business trip.

Miss Rosa McMillan,	Ballinger	1,160
Miss Myrtle Davis,	Hatchell	1,050
Maverick M. E. Church,		1,050
Miss Selma Lewis,	Crews	1,050
Miss Prebble Clark,	Miles	1,000
Miss Nellie Singletary,	Miles	1,000
Miss Nettie Smith,	Miles	1,000
Miss Lou Baker,	Miles	1,000
Miss Bonnie Shaler,		1,000
Miss Maggie Ashley,	Wingate	1,000
Miss Bessie Taylor,	Norton	1,000
Miss Leslie Holloway,	Norton	1,000
Miss Eva Lilly,	Norton	1,000
Miss Dale Williams,	Norton	1,000
Miss Clara Malone,	Winters	1,000
Miss Anna Baker,	Maverick	1,000
Miss Francis Higgins,	Ballinger	1,000
Crews M. E. Church,		1,000
Miss Edna Cordell,	Wingate	1,000
Miss Minnie Johnson,	Wingate	1,000

CONCRETE CAUSEWAY PRACTICALLY SURE

The Crossing of the Colorado River at the Foot of 7th or 8th St. Has Taken Tangible Shape.

The County Commissioners in session this morning accepted the proposition of Judge Willingham which embodied that he would allow the county the right to construct a roadway across his pasture to shorten the distance of two miles into and out of the city from the south.

The Commissioners accepted the proposition contingent upon the causeway or steel bridge being erected across the river at the foot of 7th or 8th street.

The cause way matter was thoroughly threshed out at the morning session and upon recommendation of Judge M. C. Smith Jo Wilmeth, C. A. Dooze, Judge Willingham, Jap Adams and others who appeared on behalf of the acceptance of the Willingham proposition and the building of the causeway or bridge across the river.

The manner of approaching the causeway and raising the funds which to construct it was the subject of much discussion. It was finally agreed upon the suggestion of County Judge Griggs and which was concurred in by members of the court, that the best manner of approaching the causeway or bridge proposition and at the same time provide funds for other general road improvements work would be through the means of a bond issue to be voted upon some time this summer by the citizens of precinct no. 1.

It was agreed that before the amount of the bonds to be issued could be determined that it would be more practicable to have engineers representing the various bridge and causeway companies come here and make soundings and measurements, draw plans for both a concrete causeway and steel bridge and furnish estimates on the cost of both bridge and estimate the cost of the structure to be adopted. The commissioners at the afternoon session passed the orders necessary to get the proposition in tangible shape and it is expected that engineers will be on the ground to furnish estimates. According to Judge Griggs the engineering work estimates, and plans can be secured by the county for practically no expense.

MRS. JOHNSON SELLS FINE HERD OF HEREFORDS

Mrs. Fannie Johnson has recently sold her fine herd of registered Herefords to L. P. Wood. This is one of the finest blooded herds of cattle in West Texas. The terms of the sale are p. t.

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More than three score of pretty girls are canvassing in every section of Runnels county, and there is no chance for you to escape. They will talk to you in a pleasant, lady-like way, but you will not be able to turn them away without giving them your subscription.

These girls are trying to win the handsome Clarendon piano and the other valuable prizes in our great contest. Make them happy by treating them pleasantly when they call on you, and add to their happiness by giving them your subscription.

The Banner-Leader girls are intelligent, earnest workers, and a large majority of them know no such word as failure, and they are going to put two thousand new subscribers on our list within the coming sixty days. Be nice to them when they call on you, and show your appreciation by becoming a reader of the best local paper published in this part of West Texas.

RACE MEET AT BRADY

MAY 26 and 27.

Brady, Texas, May 11, 1910.—Dear Editor: Please mention in your splendid paper that there will be held in Brady on May 26 and 27 a two days racing meet of the Brady Fair Association.

A large purse has been offered for each entry, so that horsemen from all over the state can afford to come and enter for the different purses.

The Frisco R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Preparations are being made to accommodate the great crowd which will be present.

Let every one come and see Brady and the splendid territory adjoining. For particulars address Brady Com. Club and Sec. Brady Fair Ass'n.

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BACK TO THE FARM.

Nine hundred million dollars' worth of agricultural products were exported from the United States in 1913, according to the bureau of statistics in the department of commerce and labor. Secretary Wilson says that the total value of our farm products for that year was \$8,776,000,000; so that a little more than 10 per cent of our farm products were sold abroad and the home consumers had to be content.

This is a healthy condition, but doubtless helps to explain the high price of provisions in this country. Secretary Wilson thinks the high prices are due to the fact that there are too few farmers and too many distributors, too many young men rushing to the city instead of staying home and tilling the soil.

"If we are to supply Europe as well as America with foodstuffs we must increase the number of farmers with the increase of our population and if farming is made and continues sufficiently profitable there will be no lack of farmers. The poor rewards of farming in the past have driven the farmer boys to other pursuits. There will be a cry of 'back to the farm' as soon as it is clear that there is money in farming commensurate with the toil which it exacts from those whose livelihood is the cultivation of the soil.—Philadelphia Press.

COMMON TATERS.

One morning a popular young minister was presenting his view upon an important subject under discussion, and insisting that he held certain things to be true, the commentators, notwithstanding. He contended: "I hold this to be true even though the commentators disagree with me—and again—I say even though commentators disagree with me.

At this point an old lady was seen to leave the church. On his way home the minister met the old lady bearing a basket. She stopped and handed it to him, saying: "Dear Brother, I heard you say that common taters disagreed with you, so I've brought you a basket of Virginia yams."—National Monthly.

PORK IN THE SOUTH.

Notwithstanding its many natural advantages for pork production, the South imports or buys a considerable percentage of the porcine meat which it uses. It does not so much matter that the South spends its good native money outside of its own borders—that is commercially permissible and even wise in a republic; the trouble is that the South fails of its proper agricultural development by indifference to pork production.

An abundance of cheaply and easily grown feeds, plenty of fresh, pure water and outdoor weather during most of the year, to say nothing of the forest and woods feeds, such as nuts, which abound in large quantities, make most of the agricultural South quite an ideal country in which to produce a superior quality of pork. Not only should that sec-

tion produce every pound of its swine meat, but it should have pork to sell. It should have a large surplus every year.

Cotton is losing its grip in many parts of the South. It has impoverished the soil and demoralized agriculture. Its day is done so far as the old ruinous one-crop system (which it introduced and maintained) is concerned. Mixed farming involving live stock is slowly gaining introduction in the more progressive communities. Where this rational system has been long enough tried to yield definite results it has paid, and farmers are adopting and pursuing it with intelligent enthusiasm.

It is so easy to make a living in a country blessed with natural advantages that the mass of farmers in the South do not make the most of their opportunities. While many of them are convinced that they could make money raising hogs, they are "getting along" without going into the business, and so long as "well enough" satisfies they are not likely to try new systems unless energetic means are employed to interest them. It is not enough to prove to a man, by use of figures and wordy arguments, that he can make production pay hand somely; nothing less than object lessons will move him. Show him how, put the evidence before him, and he will inwardly resolve to try it.

What the South needs in order to awaken its latent ability among its farmers is an object lesson presented in a practical way by a practical man. Every county and indeed every town ship, should have a demonstration or object lesson farm on which pork making should be thoroughly exploited in connection with mixed farming. Boards of Agriculture and Experiment Stations should cooperate in establishing such farms. Railroads and other large corporations could and should be interested in such a movement.—Contributed for Publication.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Don't raise mongrel chickens. Just as much feed and care is required for them as pure bred fowls, and the latter are certainly the best and most attractive.

Pullets that are early hatched should not be subjected to the forcing process during the summer months. Their frames should be kept growing as long as possible.

Green bone fed to growing chickens as well as to full grown fowls, is a valuable creator of blood, muscle and strength, and it cannot be beaten as an egg producer.

Sour or mouldy food should never be given to chickens. Bowel diseases are liable to result from it, causing more damage than the saving on food would amount to.

Setting hens should have a ration of whole corn, charcoal, grit and water, and should be dusted thoroughly with lice killing powder every week, the last time about three days before the eggs are expected to hatch.

An ideal place for hens to run

in connection with the hen house, is the shed under the barn where the cows have been fed. They pick up many seeds and do well with such a range.

A little charred corn twice a week will keep the combs of the hens red, and the plumage glossy, which means plenty of eggs.

It does not pay to buy hens just because they are Wyandotts or Leghorns or Minorcas. The particular strain amounts to more than the name. It is so with all kinds of fowls or stock about the farm.

It is a good plan to provide plenty of nests for hens to lay in. When there are not sufficient hens are apt to quarrel and fight for their possession, and in the scuffle eggs are broken, which are eaten by the hen.

FARMS PRODUCE HALF CAPACITY.

The High Cost of Living is the Result of Under-Production, Says Secretary Wilson.

St. Louis, May 7.—That the farms of the United States are not producing half what they should because of lack of practical education among farmers was the explanation of the high cost of living problem offered by Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson in an address at the Farmers' Union rally.

Secretary Wilson received a mixed greeting from the largest audience that has yet attended the sessions. A motion, that the delegates arise when the secretary entered was voted down with cries of "He's better than we are."

When he appeared about half the audience stood up, while others shouted, "Sit down."

He was roundly applauded at the conclusion of his address, however, and presided at the remainder of the session.

"I believe that the solution of the cost of living problem lies in good hands," Mr. Wilson said. "The farmers are awake, and no country is in danger when this is the case. I have investigated charges that the farmers have combined to put up prices and rob the community, and have found that they are not true.

"In the past the manufacturers asked no questions as to the continued fertility of the soil, and no effort was made to educate the farmer or his son, while the education of the farmers soon to leave the farm went on apace. Manufacturing will not succeed without an abundance of food at reasonable prices, and now that the farms in the East have fallen way below the standard of productivity, the manufacturers are waking up to the danger of under-production.

"Of the fourteen states of the Mississippi Valley, not one is producing half the crops it should, because the farmers have not been taught scientific farming. We can, and will, ultimately, double every crop we are growing and at the same time care for a population of 200,000,000 people. When we've done that the agriculturists of that day will show how to double the crops again.

"The government is straining every effort and is accomplishing wonderful things, but there remain other things to be done.

"The farmer must be educated. We must keep our young farmers on the farm. Immigrants who have lived on farms should be placed on farms when they come to this country. We need agricultural teachers."

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WE SHOULD CONSERVE OUR MANHOOD.

Address before the Conservation Congress, Ft. Worth, Texas, by Prof. A. Caswell Ellis.

In agriculture the conservation of our soil fertility, the improvement of our seeds, the introduction of crops adapted to our soils and climatic conditions, the harvesting, the preservation and manufacture of the products of our farms, all demand educated brains and skilled hands. The history of growth of the agricultural and manufacturing industries in other states and countries shows that they have flourished best where the schools were the best. Massachusetts and New York spend from \$30 to \$40 a pupil on education, while Texas spends \$13, with the result that the better educated citizens of those states produce each year about twice the amount per capita that our Texas citizens do in spite of our vastly better natural resources. Wisconsin has supported a great dairy school and experiment station for years with the result that her highbred cattle and her splendid butter and cheese are shipped into all the earth, and produce \$50,000,000 of wealth each year for the state. How much more can great Texas do when she adds education to her superior natural advantages. In Illinois the state spends \$100,000 a year on experiments in agriculture at her university. By one piece of work on corn breeding and cultivation these experts have increased the annual yield of that state 45,000,000 bushels. The South was losing over \$40,000,000 a year from cattle fever and the results of quarantine. Now a large part of this was saved by the discovery of the cause of this fever by the experts and the ticks have been absolutely cleared out of 100,000 square miles of territory and all quarantine there abolished. It is only a matter of a few years and the application of a little education when ticks and tick fever will be a thing of the past, as yellow fever is now in Cuba, and as malaria is in Panama.

We have to educate practical botanists and plant breeders and animal breeders to develop plants better suited to our dry western land, and to our sandy post-oak land, and to our rich, moist river bottoms, to breed up animals that thrive in our summer heat and mild winters and yet can stand our sudden changes and long drought.

Every school in Texas should teach some of the principles of agriculture, and all the city schools should teach some of the fundamentals of industrial occupations, and turn out each year hundreds of thousands of boys and girls with well informed, keen minds and skilled hands. Then every high school in the state should teach some of the agricultural, industrial and domestic branches giving us each year several thousand better trained foremen for our farms and factories.

In addition to this, we need about four great agricultural colleges, or institutes, that are better equipped for agriculture than our present struggling A. & M. College, in order to turn out each year several hundred experts to go on our ranches and farms and direct intelligently the building up of our forests, the bringing up of our fields and the production and marketing of our crops. And still above these practical experts there should be somewhere in the state a small group of highly educated, independent, original experimenters, who could devote their lives to experimentation with new plants, new methods of cultivation, of harvesting, of preserving and of utilization. When we have these, and not till then, can we really know what we have here in Texas to conserve, and how to conserve it. Let us do what we can now for conservation with our

limited knowledge, but let us also plan now as Germany and Japan and Wisconsin and New York and Massachusetts and other great countries have done for a greater future, by supporting in liberal manner the necessary public school system to give us intelligent workers, and the equally necessary higher educational institutions to give us an abundance

of experts and leaders to conserve and increase our great resources.

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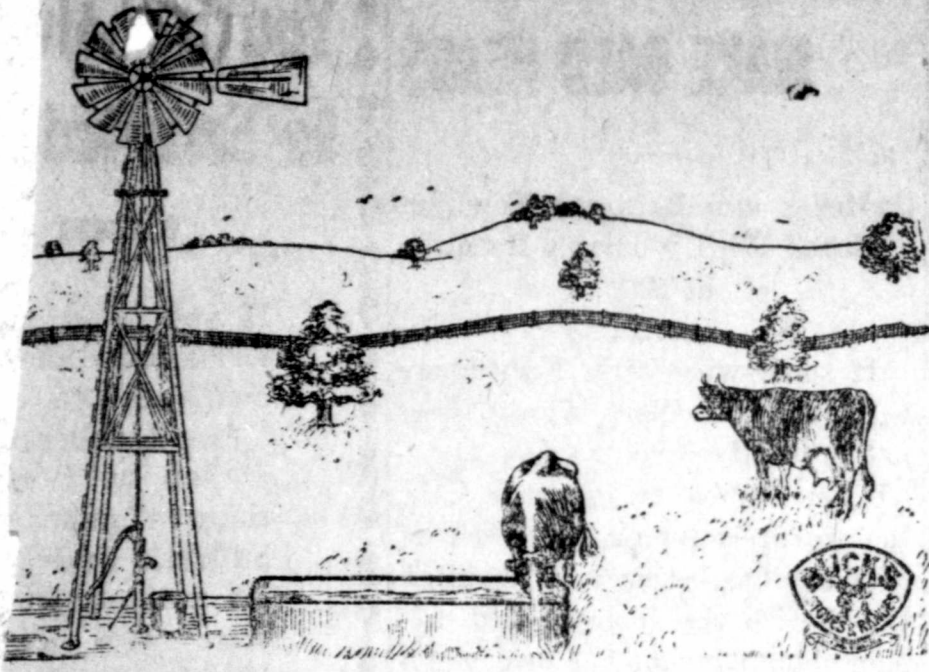
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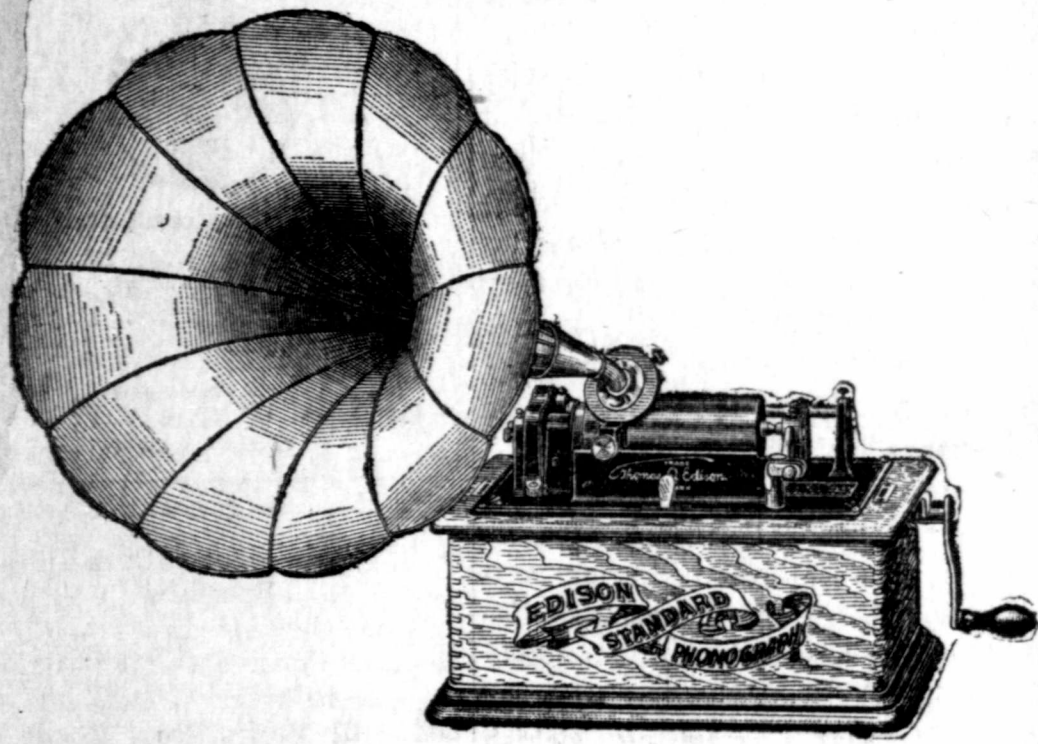
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NOTICE OF SALE OR REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION.

This is to notify all persons concerned that under and by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the District Court of Coleman County, State of Texas, dated May 10, A. D. 1910, and directed to the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels county, Texas, and placed in my hands for execution, commanding the sale of the hereinafter described real estate to make the amount of a judgment rendered in said court on the 25th day of April A. D. 1910, in favor of The First National Bank of Coleman, Texas, against T. P. Weathered, Gus Weathered and C. A. Hemphill, and in favor of C. A. Hemphill against said Weathereds on cross-bill in cause No. 1334 styled First National Bank of Coleman vs. T. P. Weathered et al. that I did on the 12th day at 8 o'clock a. m. of May, A. D. 1910 levy upon the hereinafter described real estate and that I, J. P. Flynt, Sheriff of Runnels county, Texas, will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on the First Tuesday in June, same being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1910, in front of the court house door of Runnels county, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, in satisfaction of said judgment and costs as well as the costs of executing said order of sale, which real estate and premises are described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels county, Texas, and being 100 acres of land out of the E. T. R. Co. Survey No. 148, patented to H. A. Thompson, beginning at a stone mound in the S line of 148, 408 varas E of its S W corner; thence E 476 varas to S E corner of the 160 acre tract known as the Geo. Long place; thence North with fence 1160 varas to the N E corner of same S M at corner of fence; thence W at 547 varas to Elm tree marked X on east bank of Elm Creek 559 varas to center of creek; thence S at 47 varas E bank of Elm Creek to Hackberry brs. E 1 1-2 varas and Elm tree bears W 1 1-2 varas at 160 varas on top of hill a stone in ground for corner marked W & D from which a mesquite 6 in. bears N 8 1-2 E 21 3-4 varas thence E 83 varas stone in ground marked W & D; thence South 1000 varas to place of beginning, containing 100 acres.
J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
By W. T. Padgett, Deputy.

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The Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 2nd day of May, 1910, published in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 13th day of May, 1910.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral..	\$126,635.97
Loans, real estate.....	3,167.22
Overdrafts.....	17,519.57
Bonds and Stocks..	0
Real Estate (banking house).....	50,338.72
Other Real Estate...	0
Furniture and Fixtures	5,631.42
Due from Approved Reserve	
Ag'ts. \$46,662.43	
Banks and Bankers, subject to check..	26,882.77
Cash Items	665.67
Currency	15,572.00
Specie	2,294.94
Other Resources as follows: Guaranty Fund.....	3,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$298,370.71

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,423.95
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check.....	17,427.96
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	177,456.30
Cashier's checks.....	62.50
TOTAL.....	\$298,370.71

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels. We J. F. Currie, as Pres. and J. Wilmeth as Cashier of this bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. F. CURRIE, President.
J. WILMETH, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed before me this the 6th day of May, A. D. 1910.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
A. E. WOOD, Notary Public.
Runnels County Texas.
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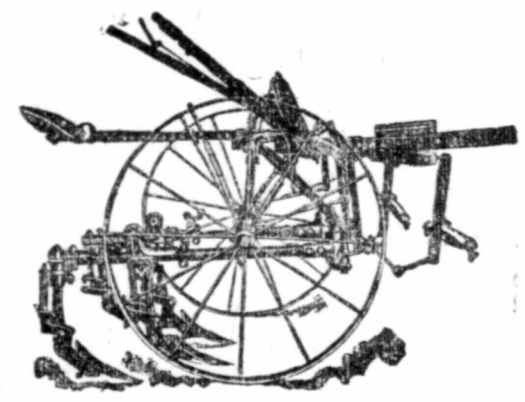
LITTLE FOLKS GIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

A group of little girls consisting of Misses Wood, Lucile, Martile and Josephine Bridwell, Helen Massey and Mamie Smickle, gave a most enjoyable program Friday night, April 29th, to an audience consisting of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell, Mrs. W. B. Wood, Miss Pearl Worsham, Mrs. and Mrs. W. S. Bridwell, Master Frank Bridwell, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. O'Bryan.

The little folks did themselves much credit, carrying out their different parts without a slight mistake. Miss Martile Bridwell playing the part of the Prince in Cinderella, was an exact likeness. Miss Josephine as Cinderella was also a special feature. The duet by Misses Martile, Bridwell and Helen Massey was also a pleasing number. The Recitation and Reading by Misses Lucile Bridwell and Virginia Wood, were very generously applauded. The tableaux were special features, being made by covering a light globe with pink canvas, causing a regular tableau effect. The admission fee charged was either fruit or candy, and the little folks received a bounteous supply for their efficient work.

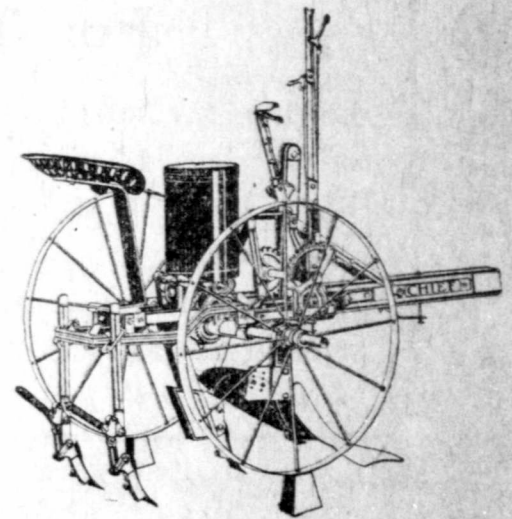
The following was the program:
Indian Chorus.—Six Little Girls.
Recitation, "When Pa Begins to Shave."—Miss Lucile Bridwell.
Solo, "Pilgrim Band."—Martile Bridwell.
Play, Scene from Cinderella.—Josephine Bridwell as Cinderella and Martile Bridwell as The Prince, with Helen Massey and Mamie Smickle as Sisters, Lucile Bridwell as "God Mother."
Tableau, "True to the Flag."—Four little girls.
Duet.—Helen Massey and Martile Bridwell.
Reading, "West Texas."—Virginia Wood.
Recitation, "Evening Tide."—Martile Bridwell.
Tableau, "The Prince Waking the Sleeping Beauty With a Kiss."—Helen Massey and Martile Bridwell.
The program was carried out well and the little folks are to be congratulated. These things should be encouraged as it gives the little folks something to do and besides is very beneficial to them. Parents should encourage such moves and the children will certainly profit thereby.

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In order to make room for new goods daily arriving we have determined to put on a sale on our entire line of CLOTHING, HATS, SHIRTS and GENTS FURNISHINGS. Our stock is new, complete and strictly up-to-date. No shop worn stuff but the best that money can buy. Remember we carry everything in wearing apparel for the man. Familiarize yourself with this store, its stock, and its way of conducting business. We aim to inspire our customers with a feeling of confidence, to win and hold your patronage by courteous and attentive treatment. We'll make you a frequent visit here for we'll treat you right. Be sure and visit our store during this sale. You'll find some radical reductions outlined here. We must remove our present stock to make room for more goods we have purchased and are expecting to arrive daily.

**Sale begins Saturday May 14th and ends Saturday May 28th
IF YOU MISS IT YOU LOSE MONEY**

Remember only fifteen days matchless merchandise Bargains. Come early and secure choice. Everything in the house reduced in prices for this sale.

Clothing	SHIRTS	Shoes
\$30.00 and \$27.50 H. W. W. Suits\$22.50 25.00 H. W. W. fashion ..\$19.50 \$20.00 Suits well worth \$25.00 only\$16.50 A Beautiful selection of Fancy Greys and Blues Reg. price \$16.50 and \$15.00 only\$11.95	Just what you want in pleats and plain White and Fancy collection. Our Regular \$2.00 values \$1.59 Our Regular \$1.75 values \$1.39 Our Regular \$1.50 values \$1.19 Our Regular \$1.25 values 94c Our Regular \$1.00 values 78c	Our correct shape Shoe Reflects style, fit and quality from ever point of view. They are correct shape shoe regular price \$5.00 only\$4.15 Our Regular \$4.00 values \$3.30 Our Regular \$3.50 values \$2.95

Trousers	Hats	Hosiery
\$7.50 Trousers\$5.98 \$6.50 Trousers\$5.15 \$5.00 Trousers\$3.95 \$4.00 Trousers\$3.35 \$3.00 Trousers\$2.35 \$2.50 Trousers\$2.15	You can find any thing you want in our line of well selected Hats. Our Regular \$6.50 values \$5.25 Our Regular \$5.00 values \$4.15 Our Regular \$4.00 values \$3.30 Our Regular \$3.00 values \$2.40 Our Regular 2.50 and \$2.25 val- ues\$1.95	Half Hosiery and Neck wear at almost your own price. 50 cent Ties only40c 35 cent Ties only23c 50 cent Men's Hose only40c 35cent Men's Hose only23c 25 cent Men's Hose only19c 20 cent Men's Hose only14c 15 cent Men's Hose only10c

Underwear	Gloves	Jewelry
Big Bargains in Wilson Bros and COOPER STYLES too numerous to mention stock arriv- ing daily.	For dress driving-or work Our Regular \$3.00 values \$2.20 Our Regular \$2.50 values \$1.95 Our Regular \$2.00 values \$1.59 Our Regular \$1.50 values \$1.19 Our Regular \$1.00 values 84c	Articles that will cost twice the amount any where else. \$2.00 Scarf set and Cuff But- tons.....\$1.30 \$1.50 and \$1.25 Scarf sets and Buttons98c \$1.00 Scarf set and Cuff But- tons.....75c 75c Scarf set and Cuff But- tons68c

SPECIAL PRICES ON CLEANING, PRESSING, HATTING AND DYEING DURING THIS SALE.

For The Ladies	For The Men
Skirts cleaned and pressed 75c, regular price 1.25, 1.50 Skirts pressed 50c, regular price 75c to 1.00 Skirts dyed 1.00, regular price 1.50 We are now prepared to do as good dyeing as any of the larger cities like Dallas, Houston or St. Louis. Re- member these prices last 15 days only.	Suits pressed for 50c, regular price 75c Suits cleaned and pressed \$1.00, aegular price \$1.50, \$2 Suits dyed \$2.00, regular price 2.00 to 5.00 Trousers dyed 1.001.50 Hats cleaned and blocked 1.00, regular price 1.50 Bring all your old clothes and hats and get them fix- ed up. Satisfaction guaranteed. These prices will last 15 days only.

We have been trying for three long years to get a first class hatter and dyer. We have now secured one of the best in the state in the person of Mr. W. C. Kirk, of St. Louis, a man with 20 years experience While this sale lasts we will make you very low prices on Cleaning, Pressing and Hatting.

Clothes Enter Into Most Business

There are probably a dozen occasions in a year when a real business advantage is either won or lost because of the clothes you wear. On any one of these occasions the money at stake would be more than the cost of the best suit or "outfit" you ever owned. Make your purchases of us and rest assured you will be dressed in correct style. We strive to please and please to stfive.

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SWITCHES AND RATS MAKE BALD HEADS

Switches and Rats are Working
Havoc With Woman's Natural Hair.

If some wiry little Frenchman or clever New York woman does not presently invent a new method for women to do their hair, the world is facing the prospect of a baldheaded race of femininity. Perish the thought that woman should invent her own method and make it sanitary and comfortable, for she will not. Some hair dressers in Paris or New York thinks up a monstrosity and plants it upon a chorus. Forthwith it spreads to the remote quarters of the globe and from the shop girls, who enlarge on it to the "first ladies of the land" it spreads, even to the remote districts of Texas.

Just now a fashionable woman, be she thin, looks like an elongated exclamation point (the larger portion of her being at the top), or like a new lead pencil with a large rubber on the end of it. A stout woman might have a full grown cabbage for a head for all the artistic merit there is in her coiffure.

Time was when a woman fainted with mortification when anybody, even her dearest woman friend, found out that she wore a switch. Now the girls remove their switches at picnics, right in front of their suitors, that said suitors may see what perfectly good hair papa bought for them and remember the criterion established.

Besides women buy hair with no discrimination. What if it doesn't match the wisp of nature's own, growing upon their pate. They may have real hair as fine as silk and the switch they buy is like a horse's tail. Just so it is something near the original color what can the difference in texture matter.

Besides in their hurry to supply the enormous demand for false hair, the manufacturers, or mattress makers, or whoever supplies the hair, have taken to carelessly dyeing their productions with the result that a startling sickish green effect is obtained in the sunlight when the bareheaded girl ventures forth without her top-piece.

Specialists who have studied the question, declare that our next generation will be entirely bald. Having contemplated with more or less resignation the outlook for masculinity, it won't be any strain on the fancy to picture women flitting about shy hirsute adornment and though they won't like it, for it takes away from them their best excuse for killing time, you can't scare them now with threats of how switches and rats, not to mention those little mouse traps of wire they are wearing, will ultimately make them bald.—Fort Worth Record.

THE COLLEGE'S GREATEST GOOD.

Yale News: Of the answers by seniors to what has been the "greatest good" derived from college, published recently in the News, there appeared to us to be one reply which, in particular, went to the root of matters, and which, far remote from the realm of the usual or trite, contained a flash of something penetrating and incisive in the way of an idea. "The development of a capacity for hard, sustained, enduring, orderly effort implying foresight and self-abnegation; the ability to plan my work and then to work my plan."

For the trick of hard, sustained effort must be learned some time by all who mean business, and, unless a man proposes to disintegrate gracefully in eternal leis-

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

ure, he must somehow or other boost himself over the dead wall of intellectual apathy. "Tis no sin for a man to labor in his vocation." the illustrious Falstaff himself once pointed out; and the capacity for labor may as well be acquired early, the rosy dawn of things. "A man accustomed to work is equal to any achievement he resolves on, and for himself, necessity, not inspiration, is the promoter of his muse." For in the bustle and swiftness of the business world or elsewhere, mediocrities tower by sheer pushing ability and working power. And the acquisition of this precious elixir is not so much a by-play of college life as it is the one fundamental integer.

FREE LOTS.
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A new town in the famous alfalfa, fruit and vegetable (irrigated) district of the great Pecos Valley. We are going to give away a limited number of these beautiful lots to help advertise and build up one of the best little cities in the Pecos Valley. For particulars write Terminal Townsite Company, 303 Flatiron Bldg., Ft. Worth, Texas. 35-4t.

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**SCHOOL EDUCATION
ONLY HALF BEGUN**

Theodore Roosevelt at Khar-toum: One closing word. Don't make the mistake, those of you who are young men, of thinking that when you get out of school or college your education stops. On the contrary, it is only about half begun. Now, I am 50 years old, and if I had stopped learning if I felt now that I had stopped learning, had stopped trying to better myself, I feel that my usefulness to the community would be pretty near at an end. And I want each of you, as he leaves college, not to feel, "Now I have had my education, I can afford to vegetate." I have been given a great opportunity of laying deep the foundations for a ripe education, and while going on with my work I am going to keep training myself, educating myself, so that year by year, decade by decade, instead of standing still I shall go forward, and grow constantly fitter and do good work and better work."

It is being generally conceded that the Banner-Leader's piano contest is the most interesting

thing today in Runnels county. All the world admires a hustler. Let your friends know that you are in earnest about winning the piano, and they will be only too glad to assist you.

HAIR HEALTH

If You Have Scalp or Hair Trouble, Take Advantage of This Offer.

We could not afford to so strongly endorse Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and continue to sell it as we do, if we were not certain that it would do all we claim it will. Should our enthusiasm carry us away, and Rexall "93" Hair Tonic not give entire satisfaction to the users, they would lose faith in us and our statements, and in consequence our business prestige would suffer. Therefore, when we assure you that if your hair is beginning to unnaturally fall out of if you have any scalp trouble, Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will promptly eradicate dandruff, stimulate hair growth and prevent premature baldness, you may rest assured that we know what we are talking about.

Out of one hundred test cases Rexall "93" Hair Tonic gave en-

tire satisfaction in ninety-three cases. It has been proven that it will grow hair even on bald heads, when of course, the baldness has not existed for so long a time that the follicles, which are the roots of the hair, had not become absolutely lifeless.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is vastly different from other similar preparations. We believe that it will do more than any other human agency toward restoring hair growth and hair health. It is not greasy and will not gum the scalp or hair or cause permanent stain. It is as pleasant to use as pure cold water.

Our faith in Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is so strong that we ask you to try it on our positive guarantee that your money will be cheerfully refunded without question or quibble if it does not do as we claim. Certainly we can offer no stronger argument. It comes in two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain it only at our store,—The Rexall Store. The Walker Drug Company.

BEWARE OF FAKE RUBBERS.

I am now with the Crown Barber Shop and will continue my Rubbing treatment for rheumatism, neuralgia, etc. If you feel

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HERE IS A BARGAIN.

A party wants to trade 140 acres of fresh upland, every acre tillable and 90 acres in cultivation two good four room houses, fine water, good orchards, bearing this year, located six miles from Longview, for land in Runnels county. This place is in a fine neighborhood, good school and society. Can give the very best references. This is a bargain offer, and any one wanting to trade good land in Runnels county should not fail to investigate. For further particulars and owners name call on or address The Banner-Leader, Ballinger Texas. w-tf.

Miss Dona Armstrong and Miss Merle Truly left Wednesday noon to visit friends at Miles for a few days.

P. H. Charnquist, accompanied by his wife and baby, left for Brady Saturday to spend a few days with relatives.

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

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HELP FIGHT FIRE IN BALLINGER

LADIES BAKE A CAKE AND HELP YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We wish to apprise the ladies of Ballinger of the fact that we are going to hold a Cake Baking Contest—a contest sure will meet the approval of all the ladies. There are no rules or restrictions of any kind to this contest, except in the matter of shortening. Use one-third less Cottolene than butter in your shortening. It is better and cheaper than butter. You may bake any kind of cake you desire, either plain or loaf, and upon Tuesday, May 17th, 1910, before 3:30 p. m. you enter your cake at the Ballinger Opera House where it will be judged by five disinterested ladies in your town.

We are giving this contest for the benefit of your Fire Department and to acquaint the ladies of Ballinger more familiarly with that peerless shortening COTTOLENE. Anybody in Ballinger is eligible to this contest and the lady who enters her cake in this contest may rest assured that her cake will be judged on its merits only, and will not be affected by partiality from the judges.

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The four best cakes the judges deem best, cooked with the peerless shortening Cottolene will be awarded the following list of prizes, which were donated by the live wire grocers of your beautiful little city, Ballinger: Radford Grocery Co., Walker-Smith Co., Guion & Doose, J. O. Mixon, B. Dornberger, Miller Mercantile Co., Cash Grocery Co., Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

FIRST PRIZE.

- 1 sack Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co's Am'n Beauty Flour
- 1 sack Walker-Smith Co's Bell of Wichita Flour
- 1 lb Radford Grocery Co's Maxwell House Brand Coffee
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best Royal Blue Plums
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader Brand Tomatoes
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold Brand Corn
- 1 can Cash Grocery Co's Jack Frost Brand Baking Powder
- 2 Packages Radford Grocery Cos Frank Baker brand Cocoanut
- 1 Pkg Miller Mercantile Co's Chase & Sanborn's Seal Coffee
- 1 pkg Miller Mercantile Co's Chase & Sanborn's Empros Tea
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best Strawberry Beets
- 2 can J. O. Mixon's Gold Brand Preserved Raspberries
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Petitio Pais Peas
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Pork and Beans
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best brand Snowball Cauliflower
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best brand Spinach
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Preserved Blackberries
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Dumping Apples
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Preserved Strawberries
- 1 pkg N. K. Fairbank Co's Fairy Soap
- 1 pkg N. K. Fairbank Co's Gold Dust
- 1 lb Walker-Smith Co's A1 brand Coffee
- 1 lb Walker-Smith Co's Circle 3 brand Coffee

SECOND PRIZE.

- 1 sack Walker-Smith Co's Bell of Wichita Flour
- 1 sack Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. Am'n Beauty Flour
- 1 pkg. Miller Mercantile Co's Chase & Sanborns Seal Coffee
- 1 pkg. Miller Mercantile Co's Chase & Sanborn's Empress Tea
- 1 can Cash Grocery Co's Jack Frost brand Baking Powder
- 1 can Radford Gro. Cos Maxwell House brand Coffee
- 2 pkgs. Radford Gro. Co's Frank Baker's Premium Cocoanut
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Corn
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Preserved Raspberries
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Tomatoes
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Petitio Pois Peas
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best brand Royal Blue Plums
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best brand Strawberry Beets
- 1 cake N. K. Fairbank Co's Fairy Soap
- 1 pkg. N. K. Fairbank Co's Gold Dust
- 1 pkg. Walker-Smith A1 brand Coffee
- 1 pkg. Walker-Smith Circle 3 Coffee

THIRD PRIZE.

- 1 pkg. Radford Gro. Co's Maxwell House brand Coffee
- 2 pkgs. Radford Gro. Co's Frank Baker Premium Cocoanut
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Pork and Beans
- 2 cans B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Preserved Strawberries
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best brand Snowball Cauliflower
- 2 cans Guion & Doose's very best brand Spinach
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Preserved Blackberries
- 2 cans J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Dumping Apples
- 1 sack Walker-Smith Co's Bell of Wichita Flour
- 1 sack Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Cos Am'n Beauty Flour
- 1 can Cash Grocery Co's Jek Frost brand Baking Powder
- 1 cake N. K. Fairbank Co's Fairy Soap
- 1 cake N. K. Fairbank Co's Gold Dust
- 1 pkg. Miller Mer. Co's Chase & Sanborn's Seal brand Coffee
- 1 pkg. Miller Mer. Co's Chase & Sanborn's Emperor brand Tea
- 1 pkg. Walker-Smith A1 brand Coffee
- 1 pkg. Walker-Smith Circle 3 Coffee

FOURTH PRIZE.

- 1 sack Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co's Am'n Beauty Flour
- 1 sack Walker-Smith Co's Bell of Wichita Flour
- 1 pkg. Radford Gro. Co's Maxwell House brand Coffee
- 1 pkg. Miller Mer. Co's Chase & Sanborn's Seal brand Coffee
- 1 pkg. Miller Mer. Co's Chase & Sanborn's Emperor Tea
- 1 can Cash Grocery Cos Jack Frost brand Baking Powder
- 1 cake N. K. Fairbank Co's Fairy Soap
- 1 pkg. N. K. Fairbank Co's Gold Dust
- 1 can Guion & Doose's very best brand Snowball Cauliflower
- 1 can Guion & Doose's very best brand Spinach
- 1 can J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Preserved Blackberries
- 1 can J. O. Mixon's Gold brand Dumping Apples
- 1 can B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Pork and Beans
- 1 can B. Dornberger's Crusader brand Preserved Strawberries
- 2 pkgs. Radford Gro. Co's Frank Baker Premium Cocoanut
- 1 pkg. Walker-Smith A1 brand Coffee
- 1 pkg. Walker-Smith Circle 3 Coffee

The cakes will be cut and judged Tuesday afternoon, and will be auctioned off Tuesday night, May 17. Every one invited to attend the sale and help the boys. The money obtained from the sale of the cakes go to the Ballinger fire fighting boys. This contest is being gotten up by the Fire Boys with the assistance of F. Reichstetter, special representative of the N. K. Fairbank Co. Chicago. If not thoroughly understood phone your Grocer.

A pie pan given free to each purchaser of COTTOLENE up to and including Tuesday, May 17, 1910.



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News items appreciated. Phone 27.

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.

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 and Tax Collector:
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.)
W. L. TOWNER.

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.

A. W. SLEDGE RETIRES AS EDITOR.

With this issue of the Banner-Leader, A. W. Sledge retires as Editor and the duties as Editor will be undertaken by Howell G. Knight, who has been Associate Editor for the past several months.

Mr. Sledge retires from the firm by mutual agreement, he having sold his stock to the management some weeks ago, and the paper appreciates the splendid work done by him during his four years as Editor, and whatever he undertakes in the future he carries the good will of the Banner-Leader, and in respect to his ability as a newspaper man we wish to make this statement; that during his administration as Editor he has maintained the high standard that we think should always characterize every newspaper and with his push and industry he has placed the Banner-Leader in the front rank of Country Weeklies in Texas and the paper will feel the loss of his influence and personality, and whatever vocation or position he may fill in the future, it is the wish of the Management that abundant success will crown his efforts.

The Management.

VALEDICTORY.

Having recently sold my interest in the Banner-Leader to the other members of the firm, I am with this issue severing my connection with the paper, and, as has long since been the custom, as retiring editor I must have a farewell say.

For four years, short of one month, I have had editorial charge of this paper and during that time my work has been pleasant, and profitable. Under all circumstances I have done what I deemed right, regardless of consequences, and exerted my best energies for the upbuilding of Ballinger and Runnels county, and, I think, given the news in a fair and impartial way. I am well aware of the fact that I have not pleased every reader of the paper, and realize that this is impossible for anyone to do under any circumstances.

To those who have found in me any fault I can only excuse my short comings by saying there is none perfect—we all have our faults.

Whether merited or not, I have enjoyed the friendship and support of the best people of Ballinger, regardless of creed and politics and the paper has prospered by such support.

In stepping down and out I do so with that degree of regret that always accompanies any change where the business associates have been pleasant and one has become attached to the business. But, I have plans well underway, that, when perfected, will be more remunerative to me, and, which I am glad to say, will keep me in Ballinger.

Having lived here seventeen years I have seen the town change continually until today Ballinger is conceded to be the best town in Central West Texas. I have witnessed the wonderful development in the past, and seen in the future a greater era of growth and development, and I expect to remain in Ballinger, rear my children and share in the adversities and prosperity.

Howell G. Knight, a product of Runnels county, and a young man of exceptional ability, and especially fitted for newspaper work, will succeed me as editor, and I feel that I am leaving the paper in safe hands.

In retiring I wish to thank my many friends and patrons of the paper for their support and for all favors and every courtesy extended me during my connection with the paper and bespeak for my successors your loyal support, feeling that they will give you value received in every business transaction and will appreciate any favor that you may see fit to show them.

Yours truly,
A. W. SLEDGE.

A WORD TO THE READERS OF THE BANNER-LEADER FROM THE NEW EDITOR.

With this issue of the Banner-Leader I am entering upon the duties of Managing Editor. For some months I have been acting in the capacity of Associate Editor and have become familiar with the policies of the paper and the general tenor of its ideals. I have found the work pleasant and am thoroughly pleased with the prospects for a useful and profitable future. I realize the possibilities and the function of the weekly newspaper in the growth and development of the immediate section where it is located. But in order to do the greatest good to the greatest number of people such an institution as I represent must have the sympathetic support of its patrons—and this support has, in the past been gratifying.

In assuming my new duties I wish to say that the general policies of the Banner-Leader will undergo no material changes. I will give my best efforts to the work of my choice, and in gratifying my personal desires in this particular field of journalism, I shall endeavor to make the paper welcome wherever it goes, and to give it individuality.

To the many friends and readers of the Banner-Leader over the entire county I wish to extend an invitation to call at our office and get acquainted. I would be glad to have the news and views of our readers from time to time in our columns. The Banner-Leader stands for the best interests and for the progressive development of this section of the State. We will ever be ready to do that which is for the betterment and improvement of Ballinger and Runnels county.

With heartiest Best Wishes to every reader and friend of the Banner-Leader, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
Howell G. Knight.

Ira Hobby, W. A. Jackson, A. F. Voss and J. L. Allen of Colorado constituted a fishing party that spent a few days in the Lea-Day vicinity this week. They report plenty of fish and fun.

The ladies of the Episcopal church gave an ice cream social on the Courthouse lawn Thursday evening which was a splendid success. The High School band furnished the music which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

W. R. Casey of Cleburne, representing the Anderson Scale Co., was in the city Thursday and Friday.

FOR SALE—125 good steer yearlings. W. W. Walker, Belton Texas.

Dr. Love went to Dallas Tuesday to attend the State Medical Association that met in that city during the week.

A communication from Dr. Halley who has been in New York for some time taking a Post Graduate medical course states that he and his party composed of Mrs. Halley Misses Bertie and Halley Baily will sail from New York on the 14th instant for home. They will arrive here about the 20th.

A fishing party composed of Harry Scott, wife and children, J. A. Dancor, Emery Williams and sons, Mrs. Corbett and daughter, Miss Rose, and son Pat, Dr. E. R. Walker and "Uncle Lawrence" have just returned from a two weeks outing on the Llanos and Paint creek. They all report a delightful time.

PROGRAM OF 5th SUNDAY MEETING.

Of Fairland Association, To Be Held with Lone Star Baptist Church Crews, Texas, to Begin Friday Before 5th Sunday in May, 1910, 7:30 P. M.

Introductory Sermon by Eld. E. C. Gray, Subject 'The Two Covenants.' Alternate, D. M. White. Saturday, 9:00 A. M.—Devotional Service by W. T. Reese.

9:30—Will God's Children prosper while out of duty—Eld. Dowell and A. D. Richey.

10:00 A. M. Is it to the best interest of the Cause of Christ to divide Fairland Association into Eastern and Western districts, or is it better to form a new association in the bounds of Coleman County?—Elds. W. J. Priddy, G. L. Morris and D. W. White and W. N. White.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by Eld. A. W. Sledge. Eld. Dowell. Noon—Dinner on the grounds. 1:15 P. M. Devotional Service by W. P. Cusenberry.

1:30 P. M. Duty of Church to Pastor—Eld. J. J. Burk and Eld. Dowell.

2:00 P. M. Duty of Pastor to Church—W. T. Reese and A. D. Richey.

2:30 P. M. What are the evidences to the preacher and people of a call to the ministry—Eld. W. J. Priddy and E. C. Gray.

3:00 P. M. Church Discipline by Henry Evans and Thos. Branscum.

3:30 P. M. Is there any difference in the plan of Salvation under the law dispensation and under the gospel dispensation—Elds W. N. White and Dowell.

4:00 P. M. Question Box.

4:30 P. M. Meeting of Executive Board.

7:30 P. M. Preaching by D. W. White, subject 1 Thess. 2:14. Alternate Eld. G. L. Morris.

Sunday 10:00 A. M. S. S. Work—W. T. Reese, A. D. Richey Eld. W. N. White.

Sunday 11:00 A. M. Sermon on Missions by Eld. T. W. Harness Alternate, Eld. G. L. Morris.

Sunday 3 P. M. Preaching by Eld. W. N. White, alternate Eld. John Reed.

7:30 P. M. Sermon by Eld. Thomas Branscum, alternate Eld. Cook.

C. P. Colbert and A. L. Kirk, Committee.

J. C. Preston, brother of H. C. Preston of this city, came in Thursday night from Belton on a business visit.

Miss Pearl Sandlin went to Paint Rock Wednesday to visit friends there for a few days.

Mrs. Luther Gressett left for Lampasas Wednesday to visit her parents for a few days.

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Mayor Kirk went to Temple Wednesday to assist the boys in landing the Firemen's Convention for 1911.

Gus Patison who has been the census enumerator for the Talpa district passed through here Thursday on his way to his home in Winters, having just completed his enumeration work.

REV. HUDSON OFF ON BALTIMORE TRIP

Monday afternoon—Rev. M. E. Hudson left as a delegate from the First Baptist church of this place, to be present at the Southern Baptist Convention which convenes at Baltimore Md. this week. On the trip Rev. Hudson will attend the World's Sunday School Convention at Washington D. C. He will be out of the city for several days on this trip.

MRS. MARY L. SAUNDERS PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

We are pained to chronicle the death of another of Ballinger's old and respected citizens, Mrs. Mary L. Saunders, wife of J. C. Saunders, at the family residence May 6th surrounded by her entire family.

Mrs. Saunders was born in Howard county, Mo., July 19th, 1833. Shortly after the removal of her father's family to Texas she was married to J. C. Saunders on Nov. 12th, 1856. She was the mother of three children, Mr. Edgar Saunders, Mr. W. M. Saunders of Arizona and Mrs. H. L. Bacon of this city.

For more than twenty years Mrs. Saunders had lived in Ballinger and was well known among the older citizens. She had been confined to her home for a number of years by reason of failing health and for the past few months she was confined to her room. Yet she was a patient sufferer and when the time came for her to go she expressed a readiness to depart and be with her Savior. Her death was calm and peaceful as one going to sleep.

Her death results in the breaking up of one of the old homes of our city. Such changes should remind us all that we too must soon change residence. May death be to each the gateway to a better life in the world to come.

Her remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The numerous floral tributes testified to the love and respect in which she was held.

We extend to the bereaved family sincere sympathy and condolence.

MAVERICK MOVINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Odum spent a few days the past week at Blackwell and Ft. Chadburn.

Prof. W. W. Wooten has stopped fishing for a few days to visit friends and relatives; at Crews.

Mill Mollie Slaughter returned home Sunday from near Miles where she has been teaching for the past winter. Her school closed last Friday. She brought home a nice hand painted and burnt wood box presented to her by the school children as a token of their appreciation.

The Gun Club had another shoot last Saturday but did not do as well as usual.

Mr. Lee Little and Miss Lizzie Borders went to Ballinger to take the examination for teachers and we hope they both passed all O. K.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stuart passed through Maverick last Friday evening going to the picnic at Marie.

Mrs. Smith of Moro has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. R. Little at Maverick this week.

Everybody is busy here now looking for rain and watching Halley's comet. W. R. Mine.

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The Bank of Tenaha, versus A. T. Rider, W. A. Ramsey, and G. W. Hanson, No. 2468, 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 first Tuesday in June A. D. 1910, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels county, in the town of Ballinger the following described property, to-wit: Beginning at the South West corner of Block No. 80 in the West End Addition of the town of Ballinger, Texas, in Runnels county, thence East to the South End corner of said Block; thence North along the East line of said Block to a point two-thirds of the entire length of said Block; thence West parallel with the North and South boundary line of said block to a point in the W B line of said block; thence South with the W B line to place of beginning, containing four acres, more or less, levied on as the property of A. T. Rider, W. A. Ramsey, G. W. Hanson, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$244.77 with interest thereon from the 10th day of March 1910 at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 11th

day of March A. D., 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.

By D. L. BAKER, Deputy

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels county, on 11 day of May A. D. 1910, by the Clerk thereof in the case of G. M. Reid versus Winters State Bank et al, No. 1139, 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 1st Tuesday in June A. D. 1910, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels county, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property to-wit: West one-half of lot No (1) One in Block "E" Murray's East End Addition to the town of Winters in Runnels county, Texas.

All of above described lot except 100 feet square out of N W corner of said lot will be sold first but if proceeds of same shall not be sufficient to satisfy said judgment and all costs in full, then the said 100 feet square out of N W corner of said lot will be sold. Levied on as the property of E. W. Gee and J. Alton Smith, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$631.50 in favor of G. M. Reid and Winters State Bank and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 12th day of May, A. D. 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.

By W. T. Padgett, Deputy.

Given under my hand, this 11th

SOCIETY NEWS

All Society News to Miss Smith. Phone No. 11.

MOTHERS' DAY.

Under, in this busy world... Mothers' Day... the evening of life is fast... and who have borne... tired folded hands are... for the summons which... unto them a morning of... day.

...of eulogy should be... upon those who wore a... in sweet remembrance of... hers' who have been laid... the soil and are resting... realm where the rainbow... fades.

...that held us close when... child-hearts bled with grief... at kissed the brine-drops... our grimy, callish cheeks... at watched our footsteps... a fondness past belief... the loving message that a... flower speaks,

...it is the memory rising at... thought of you, as the... driven snow-flakes... love your love inspires... now the lessons that in... food we were taught of you... the incense rising from... praise-fanned altar fires.

...that heard our wailing... all others slumbered... lly.

...that toiled unendingly and... that never tired, that... that will be loyal though... hole world hate us roundly... hat gave, though in return... tile you required,

...no paltry payment on the... endless debt we owe you... other, look across the years and... see our simple token!

In its sweet fragrance read that... tardily we know you, Take... from it the message that... long since we should have... spoken."

BIBLE CLASS AND TEACHERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENJOY PICNIC

The members of the Bible class and teachers of the First Presbyterian Sunday School enjoyed a delightful picnic Wednesday afternoon.

At six o'clock the guests assembled at the home of Mrs. H. Zdaril and were immediately transferred by hay wagons to the City Park, where a most delightful supper was spread. While participating of this sumptuous repast including fried chicken and ice cream, fun never ceased to bubble running fast from beginning to end, and being illuminated by flashes of wit and wisdom.

After the supper had been given ample justice, impromptu speeches were in order, all graciously responding except Mr. Zdaril who is never able to speak after a supper like the one he had just eaten. The members of the class and teachers are: Rev. J. D. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zdaril, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Turpe, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Northington, Mrs. Bessie Brown, Mrs. Geo. Vaughn, Mrs. M. C. Smith, Mrs. Lucy Townsend, Miss Anna Van Doran, Miss Estell Underwood, Miss Maggie Underwood, Miss Armor McGregor, Miss Irene Guion, Miss Neil Guion, Miss Elenor Hamilton, Miss Turpe, Miss Hermia Smith, Mrs. John Bogle, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mr. M. W. Leader, Mr. Morriri Winkler, Mr. Ivan Hamilton, Mr. Ralph Erwin. The crowd was chaperoned by Masters Clarence Smith and Harry Lynn.

MRS. H. C. PARAMORE ENTERTAINS

One of the dressiest forty-two functions of the week was given by Mrs. H. C. Paramore Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Paramore is a hostess whose entertaining is always commensurate and this party added another laurel to the hostess cap, for the games not only had the style and dash of her affairs, but was most beautifully set among La France roses which filled bowls and vases and the four-in-hand dash was tooled with charming grace. After the games the tables were shorn of the dominoes,

spread with laaees and a luncheon fit for the gods was served, supplemented with iced dainties.

Miss Mary Louise Paramore favored the guests with several well rendered piano selections.

Those fortunate in receiving an invitation were: Mesdames H. Giesecke, U. P. Melton, Holt Smith, Frank Maddox, Blazdell, Oscar Pearson, Lee Norman, J. G. Douglass, Audie Gustavus, R. B. Creasy, Sam Baker, Lee Maddox, Tom Robertson, Josie, Wade, H. Zdaril, Williams, M. C. Smith, Sayles, W. G. Bair, Miss Robueck of Haskell, Miss Hermia Smith.

MERRY FISHING PARTY TO THE CONCHO.

A merry fishing party will leave town Friday morning for the banks of the Concho. They will be stocked with all the necessaries for a great time, that they might gain strength of body, peace of mind and rest from the ceaseless routine of city life, and where, while seated on Mother Earth waiting for the fish to bite, the friendly gnats might surround them while the dear little mosquitoes sing "Home Sweet Home" and the "red bugs" leave little souvenirs of love and devotion in bumps all over their physical anatomy and the gentle (?) rays of Old Sol concentrate on their heads, and at night lie down beneath the moon-lit heavens and feel creepy things crawling around them and listen to the mournful cry of wolves and the nightly vigil of the hoot owl and other nocturnal prowlers. Oh! but they will have lots of fun for there is so much enjoyment in camping out, "don't you know?"

Those who will constitute the party are: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roots, Mrs. Lucy Townsend, Miss Beulah Beal, Mr. Ralph Erwin and an African cook.

HARBOR-DEAN WEDDING.

Mr. Oscar Harbor and Miss Mary Dean were married at the home of Rev. G. W. Fender Tuesday night, Rev. Fender performing the ceremony and sent the young couple on their way rejoicing.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dean of this city, and is loved and admired for her many noble traits of character. And the groom is one of our most popular and worthy young men. May the love of these young people grow richer and more beautiful as the years pass into eternity.

CARTER-JACKSON WEDDING.

The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson was the scene of an exceedingly pretty and interesting wedding on Wednesday at high noon when Miss Ida Mae Jackson, of Lometa, a sister of Mr. Jackson, was married to Mr. J. W. Carter of Colorado City.

By agreement Miss Jackson, accompanied by her mother met her fiancé here, where the happy union took place. This was one of the most fashionable home weddings that has ever taken place in our aristocratic city. There is no bridal gateway more fitting than that of a home wedding, where the coronation of wifehood seems most blessed.

For this happy occasion the house was put into an exquisite floral decoration, pink and green being the color scheme which proved a triumph of taste, so pleasing, so refreshing that everything seemed to tell the story of love. The parlor was transformed into a bower of pink carnations and sweet peas, while strings of dainty ferns wandered with careless grace over lace turturians and electrolier.

The bride and groom preceded by the matron of honor, Mrs. W. A. Jackson entered the parlor where the relatives and intimate friends had assembled, and where stood Rev. Bandy, a man of God, who linked together the lives, hopes and aspirations of this young couple.

After the vows had been blest, the bride and groom led the way into the dining room, which was fragrant with sweet peas which were banked on mantel and buffet, and the handsomely polished dining table, was centered by a slender crystal of pink carnations on a cluny center piece. An elegant buffet luncheon was served.

The bride looked beautiful in a tailored cloth of gold with gloves, shoes and hat to match. The bride is an accomplished young lady and well known in our city,

having visited here a number of times.

The groom is a stranger to us, but is said to be a very fine gentleman and worthy the fair bride he has won.

The health and happiness of the couple was tossed off with a rain of rice and roses, as they departed on the A. & S. for Colorado City, their future home.

FORTY TWO CLUB ENTERTAINS.

The premier function of the week was the entertainment given by the Forty Two Club Tuesday evening for their husbands. It was given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker. This home which always wafts the fragrance of a charming flower garden was put into a special floral dress to greet the guests, it was indeed a *jardin des fleurs*, so profuse was each artistic room with blossoms which added spice to the go and gayety of the games of "forty-two." Mrs. Baker filled her position as hostess in her usual clever manner and gave impetus to the charm and dignity that stamp all affairs of the Forty Two Club.

At the close of many interesting and enthusiastic games Mr. W. A. Norman was found to have made high score.

Delicious ice cream and cake was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zdaril, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Paramore, Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hagan, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stone, Dr. and Mrs. J. Y. Douglass, Miss Maggie Sharp, Dr. W. W. Fowler, Mr. Whit Patterson, Mr. Scott Mangum.

NORMAN-HICKS WEDDING.

The friends of the contracting parties were surprised to hear that Mr. John Norman of Paint Rock, and Miss Christine Hicks of Dallas, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents in Dallas Sunday afternoon. Those who knew of the engagement looked for the marriage soon but were not quite expecting the event to occur at the time it did.

They reached Ballinger Monday and were met by relatives and accompanied to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wade where an elegant dinner awaited them. The couple were the recipients of many congratulations from numerous friends.

The bride is a charming and attractive young lady and the groom is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Paint Rock, having lived there all of his life.

We wish for them a long life of happiness.

AN AU REVOIR TO SINGLE BLESSEDNESS.

On the sun-set side of Elm creek Down by the dam—there's lover's retreat. Where loving eyes off' have met And dreamed of love ere' the sun had set.

On Wednesday, in the locality and about the hour above indicated, a number of devoted couples met to pay their last respects to the gallant Knight, Mr. Elmer Shepherd, who is tired of treading life's path alone, therefore will depart this state of single blessedness at an early date. The crowd went into executive session for the purpose of seeing what was the best step to take in such a serious matter as losing a credulous Romeo from the social ranks, which is against the peace and dignity of Ballinger's social dominion.

While they pondered, seeking to solve the question involved, an unexpected and indescribable sound pealed forth and in their bewilderment they soliloquized, whether it be the warblings of whinehat or the croaking of Poe's Raven, their mental anguish being appeased when the weird sounds were found to be the eloquent voice of Mr. Tom Watkins offering a prayer that Elmer might be daunted by frenzied blackness of the night, and henceforth the thunders roared and the lightnings flashed, but Elmer remained unchanged. The farewell supper was spread, elaborately served in two courses, the first course being fried bacon, onions, pickles and lightbread; the second course, ice cream and devil's food.

While homeward bound, in order to give an impressive close to the honoree's state of single blessedness, the fiery steed became frightened and the thought of such a disastrous calamity that was about to befall the social circle of our city, and made an attempt to wreck the wagonet in which was seated the innocent ones as well as Mr. Shepherd. All the damage however being done was their breaking loose and getting out in a wire fence and the occupants of the wagonet compelled to walk home, however, they all proved to be good pedestrians, and on their way home a decision was reached that the offense which the young man was charged be dismissed and that he be permitted to break his own neck as soon as possible.

Those present were Misses Ver-na Moser, Willie Allen, Ada Allen, Beulah Beal, Jimmie Riggins, Katie Bell Gregory, Mammie Gregory, Margaret Floyd, Ethel Trully, Delia Day; Messrs. Howell Knight, Russell Byrd, Harry Simmons, Ross Winn, Tom Watkins, John Thurman, Elmer Shepherd, Carl Dunn, Kirkpatrick, Bogle, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence.

MRS. R. B. CREASY ENTERTAINS NEIGHBORS.

Mrs. R. B. Creasy's "At Home" to her neighbors Thursday afternoon added another pleasant affair to the string of spring doings she is giving at her beautiful and attractive new home. The dainty lace curtains were loosened, so that both the spring's sunbeams and zephyrs could wander in at will.

The big living room had the glow and go of a casino with its bowls of Meteor roses and its bunch of pretty and witty women.

Forty-two was the main feature of the afternoon's diversion. Refreshments of chicken salad potato chips, sandwiches, dill pickles and ice tea were bountifully served. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Lovelace.

Those fortunate in living close to Mrs. Creasy so as to receive an invitation were: Mesdames Payton, Head, Voss, Griggs, Fender, Chastain Hathaway, Sewell, George, Gustavus, Claud Lynn, Josie, Brown, Nixon, Farris, O'Kelley, Dan Moser, Oscar Pearson, J. F. Currie, James, Paramore, Blazdell, Lovelace, Misses Stokes and Patison.

LUSK-JONES WEDDING.

The marriage of Mrs. Gertrude Jones and Mr. Robert Lusk was quietly celebrated at the home of the bride's parents Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy, Monday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. G. W. Fender officiating.

In the parlor where the ceremony was performed the floral treatment was simple but chastely beautiful, being attuned to spring time with a profusion of

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roses, whose sweet fragrance floated with the melody of love.

The bride wore a handsome going away gown of Catawba chiffon broadcloth with a black picture hat swept by a willow plume. Only a few intimate friends were present to witness this happy union. They left immediately on the A. & S. for a month's visit to Amarillo, Adrian, Sherman and other North Texas points, and will be "At Home" after June 15th.

They were the recipients of many elegant presents, especially were they remembered by the ladies of the Christian church.

Mrs. Jones is one of our most charming women, and Mr. Lusk is a man of social position and high business integrity.

May the love that made these hearts as one, grow stronger, richer and more beautiful as the years pass into eternity.

And Master Oscar Zappe, a handsome youth, was chosen as King. The old time but ever graceful Minuet was one of the most thoroughly enjoyed and artistic features of the program.

The entertainment was also a financial success that the merits of the performance deserved. The proceeds will be used for the Kindergarten improvements.

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KINDERGARTEN ENTERTAINMENT.

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

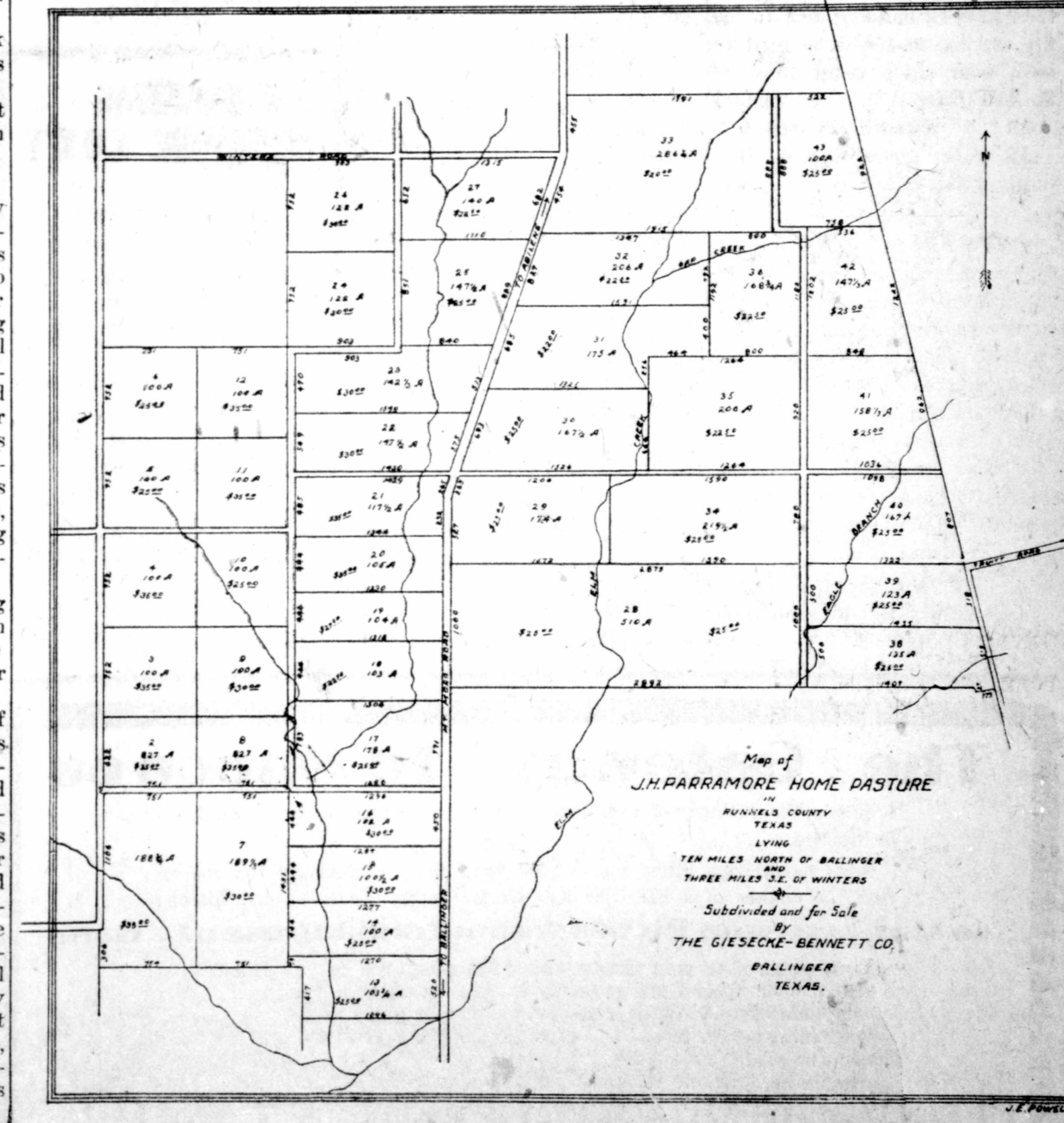
It was indeed a charming and admirably coached children's production. About thirty talented little children participated, under the direction of our able Kindergarten teacher, Miss Frank Baker, and her worthy assistant, Miss Lois Crews. The May pole dance was given and the little tots went through the dance to the sweet strains of music, with as much grace, ease and understanding as lilyputian celebrities. Little Miss Meriam Patterson, a dainty beauty was chosen Queen of the 'May'

The rain of Wednesday afternoon was some what spotted over the Colorado Concho Valley. From long distance telephone we are informed that it rained at Winters, Bronte, Benoit, Rowena, Miles, San Angelo and Paint Rock. At Bronte the rain was a regular waterspout, and was light at San Angelo and Paint Rock, but between Ballinger and Paint Rock

REPORT OF RAIN.

The rain of Wednesday afternoon was some what spotted over the Colorado Concho Valley.

From long distance telephone we are informed that it rained at Winters, Bronte, Benoit, Rowena, Miles, San Angelo and Paint Rock. At Bronte the rain was a regular waterspout, and was light at San Angelo and Paint Rock, but between Ballinger and Paint Rock



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TELEPHONE TALK.

I desire to say to the farmers and others interested in Rural telephones in Runnels and adjoining counties, that I would be pleased to get in touch with all communities wanting rural telephone systems, a letter to me will bring full information with reference to cost of operation, cost of equipment, etc. Write me for anything you want. My services are free to you.

Yours truly,
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No home should be without music; nothing adds more to pleasure and happiness than a nice piano or organ. Every home owes this to its children. Buy one from the Ballinger Music Co.

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The aches and pains of a bad back are mostly due to sick kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys.

They have made many a happy home in Ballinger.

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

FOR SALE—A one-acre lot with good store-house 54x20 feet, with counters and shelving, a 3 room dwelling with fine well of water, at the little town of Maverick, close to one of the best school buildings in Runnels county. A splendid opening for a mercantile business. Consideration \$475.00. The store alone is worth it.
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NOTICE.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS:

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels county, on 11th day of March A. D. 1910, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Joe Vancil versus J. A. Griffis and G. W. Wilder, No. 1142, 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 June, A. D. 1910, it being the 7th day of said month before the Court House door of said Runnels county, in the town of Ballinger the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Runnels county, Texas, being 105 by 67 1-2 feet out of Lot No. 1, Block D, Murray's East End Addition to Winters, Texas, fully described in deed from W. H. Rodgers to J. A. Griffis levied on as the property of J. A. Griffis and G. W. Wilder, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$877.80, with interest from the 11th day of March, 1910, at 10 per cent per annum in favor of Joe Vancil, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of April, A. D. 1910.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff,
By **W. T. Padgett, Deputy.**

NOTICE.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 8th day of March A. D. 1910, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of C. N. Craft versus J. J. Carter, T. J. Forgey, M. H. Forgey and W. A. Forgey, No. 1114, 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 June A. D. 1910, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels county, in the town of Ballinger the following described property, to-wit:

Being the S W 1-4 of Survey No. 152, patented to J. H. Miller assignee of F. G. Ford patent No. 618, Vol. 15 and being W. Co. R. R. Co. Certificate 28-13 and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the original S W corner of said survey 152 thence north with West boundary line 950 varas to stake for the N W corner of this tract; thence East across said section No. 152 950 varas to stake for N E corner of this tract; thence South 950 varas to stake in original S B line for the S E corner of this tract; thence West with the original S B line 950 varas to the place of beginning. Containing 160 acres of land, said property being located in Runnels county, Texas, levied on as the property of J. J. Carter, T. J. Forgey, M. H. Forgey and W. A. Forgey, to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$2,953.50 with 10 per cent interest per annum from the 8th day of March, 1910, in favor of C. N. Craft and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 23 day of April A. D. 1910.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff,
By **W. T. Padgett, Deputy.**

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captures the Convention with speech "Our Profession." Was one of the three Texans honored on the program. Mr. Traylor with few preliminaries spoke as follows.

Century Dictionary defines profession as "the calling or occupation, which one professes to stand and to follow." Under this definition it would seem anyone posing before the public as a banker should be entitled to claim the distinction of being a profession, and claim such distinction should be able to discuss his chosen work in an expert manner; and yet I find that many of us have acquired professional knowledge in exactly the same manner as Sen. Blackburn of Kentucky qualified as an expert on the Tariff, it would indeed be a task for properly present our professional relations to the social and economic conditions of our country. ardent admirer on one occasion after listening to a brilliant speech by the Senator, approached another equally enthusiastic follower of Blackburn and asked how it was that Blackburn seemed such an expert on the tariff question, since he had never expressed him as being much of a student. "No," replied this unusually wise voter, "Blackburn never spent any time reading books or theorizing, he simply found out what his constituents wanted and then got it." Many of us, I am inclined to think, are far more interested in ascertaining and providing for the desires and whims of our customers than we are in establishing and maintaining higher and better standards for our worthy calling. For this reason, not only do we who profess to be bankers suffer in the estimation of the critical public, but the institution of banking itself is brought under criticism and suspicion.

Herbert Spencer in his interesting essay, "The Origin of Professional Occupation," pictures the Egyptian nation of ancient times ignorantly worshipping the mystic and mysterious medicine man of their day. He sees education and enlightenment as it advances strip the medicine man of his supposed supernatural power, and sees him performing his cures through the agencies of the discovered remedy applied to the known disease. He sees the medicine man of ignorance and superstition become the physician of intelligence and civilization. He tells us that because the priests of three thousand years ago were supposed to possess definite knowledge concerning past transactions and traditional usages and laws they had become the advocate and judge, the father and forerunner of the lawyer of today. The lawyer, priest and physician became the first trio of professionals, and following the evolution of time he discovers the accumulated knowledge of science applied to many hundreds of useful and profitable professions.

In discussing Spencer's earliest discovered three great professions Oliver Wendell Holmes in his "The Poet at the Breakfast Table" in which he offers his general estimate of the doctor, lawyer and minister, says, "The lawyers are the cleverest men, the ministers the most learned and the doctors the most sensible." The learned writer does not, however, favor us with his estimate of the more recent professional, the banker.

Place, position, environment

constitute the individual bankers field of opportunity and determine his duty and responsibility. The position of the banker in the social, financial and political world has not always been what it is today. Time was when the banker was regarded as a mere trafficker in money, a shaver of notes and a buyer and seller of exchange. The scourge of the money changers from the Temple was the Divine indictment of their kind, while the fearful penalty of the pound of flesh was predicted for those who owed him aught. He was feared by the weak, hated by the strong, and distrusted by all. Socially, he was the autoeratic cold, cynical and austere. In the religious world, he was the opponent of the priesthood, the persecutor of the disciples, the human camel to whom the eye of the needle was impossible. Politically, he was a freebooter, the briber of the tax gatherer, the corruptor of the Courts of Kings, and the despised enemy of society.

Happily, such is not the case today. The evolution of the centuries has brought independent banker to his own, the free American Banker to the highest estate enjoyed by man. In the days of Spencer, it was perhaps the Doctor who came closer to the heart-throbs of mankind than any other not even the minister excepted. Into his ear was told the secrets of the fireside. He was the trusted confidant of the mother, the infallible adviser of the father, the hero and idol of the children. To me the man would be a curiosity who did not, as a child, long for the day when he might feel the pulse, look at the tongue and prescribe for the ills of his patient—the day when he might be a full-fledged doctor. And, while I would not today, were it possible, pluck one laurel from the wreath which childish fancy placed upon the brow of that noble profession, I feel that I can justly maintain that another has come to claim and share his place in the hearts and affections of his fellowmen; and that other is the banker. In the everyday relations of life, as we now see them, it is the banker who has become the oracle of the community. It is he whose counsel is sought, and whose advice is desired—and sometimes followed. In a social way it is perhaps the banker in the smaller towns and the country villages who comes in closest touch with the private affairs of his customers, and renders to the public the greatest service for permanent good. But whatever we may say of the country banker is only the early biography of the city banker, because from the ranks of the country bankers have come the masters of the profession, who today guide the destinies of many of our greatest institutions. And if history repeats itself, many of the privates in the awkward squads of today will be the generals of the profession tomorrow.

The country banker is the father-confessor of the rich, the poor, the joyous, the grieved, the high, the low.

"Such is my name, and such my tale, Confessor, to thy secret ear. I breathe the sorrow I bewail," is the daily heritage of him who wears the title of country banker. To him is first told the story of

splendid crops, of flourishing business, and brightest prospects. He is the first to hear the wail of withering droughts, of stagnant business, dire distress and darkest future. He is called upon daily to counsel with the rich, to assist the poor, to rejoice with the happy and to sympathize with the grieved. He is husband to the widow, father to the orphan, and guardian to the minor. Into his keeping is trusted the vast accumulation of the prosperous and the mite of the less fortunate. He is the custodian of the wealth of his community and the conservator of its peace and prosperity. He is called upon to, and performs with pleasure, every nature of service from the procuring of marriage license to the final arrangements with the sexton. He officiates at sometime in his career in every capacity from master of ceremonies at the opening of the Schultz Moonlight Garden to the conducting of lay services for Brother Jones. He is the factum—factotum when railroad promoters are to be subsidized, and he digs up the rest when educational institutions are offered for sale by the State. But through it all the conscientious banker goes cheerfully forward, seeing in every attention and preferment shown him an expression of confidence and esteem on the part of those he strives to serve. And it is this trust and confidence firmly established in the hearts and mind of the banking public which has always and will ever mark the dividing line between success and failure—success or failure for the banker as an individual, success or failure for banking as a business.

The first thing some of us were told when entering the bank as an employe was that "there is no room in banking for friendship or sentiment." After a few years' experience and some observation I can not bring myself to subscribe to such a doctrine. The blind friendship which is silent when it should counsel, and which condones when it should criticize is unworthy the name of friendship, and is entitled to no consideration in banking or elsewhere. The maudlin sentiment which blubbers when it should cuss and is helpless when it should fight never finds a home in the breast of a true man, and its possessor never occupies a position of trust or importance. But the friendship and affections which grow out of years of intimate association and satisfactory business relations between the banker and customer are assets whose values are not doubtful, assets which are not subject to the laws of supply and demand. They are assets the value of which does not change with the season, and which are not amenable to the fortunes of politics, the isms of religion, or the decrees of society. They are assets which any banker may have and which the successful banker must possess.

In very recent years much has been said and written concerning our banking system, its defects and imperfections. The eminent doctors of finance and of State, the alarmist and demagogue, have diagnosed the disease, and prescriptions for cure—all of certain and swift effect have flooded the land until it would seem that none but a novice or a fool would dare the suggestion of another remedy. Being entitled to qualify under both of these classes, I want to offer in two words what to my humble mind seems to be a simple and valuable antidote for the fever of agitation and unrest through which we are passing. Would not a very large dose, and liberal application of **sanity and honesty** be better for our patient? Sanity on the part of those entrusted with the handling of the concentrated wealth of the country as represented in the great reserve centers. Without criticizing in

any manner their action in the past, may we not ask them to permit reason, caution and prudence to prevail in the conduct of their institution? May we not suggest to them that dividends gotten at the cost of safety and security spell ruin irreparable, ruin not only to the individual banks over which they preside, but disaster for the banking business everywhere, with consequent shame and disgrace for the banking profession? Without questioning the honesty of the bankers of the country, town or city, may we not call upon them for the practice of greater frankness and sincerity in their dealings with the public? Will not such conduct breed a kindlier feeling and more faith and confidence on the part of the people? Of all the nostrums and concoctions proposed by dreamers and theorists, is not the establishing of an unquestioning faith and confidence in honesty and integrity of banks and bankers of more value than legislative enactment, State or National? To me there is but one answer, "Yes."

Our banking system may not be perfect. About it there may be such that is objectionable. To perfect it there may be much that should be added. Concerning such matters bankers themselves are divided. What the defects are, if there are defects, and what the remedy should be, I would not undertake to say. But this much I feel, and of this I am proud; the banking system of the Republic of the United States is the safest, sanest, soundest and most independent of any system that any Republic will ever have. If I read history aright, in no other country in the present or past have bankers enjoyed that measure of freedom and independence accorded the American Banker. The possession of this freedom and independence has made our system what it is; and whatever its critics may say of it, they can not deny that it has withstood the severest tests of the past and has financed the unequalled development of the greatest nation history has ever known. True, the system has undergone periods of great strain, times when its very existence seemed threatened with utter failure. But each session of distress has been a school for post-graduate work for every thoughtful banker, with the result that we have emerged from each succeeding session stronger and better equipped than before for meeting and handling the ever recurring periods of business depression from which no country on earth is immune. This growth towards perfection has always been slow, to be sure, but it has been ever forward and upward, keeping its proper pace with the country's growth. Is it too much to expect of the future a continued development and adjustment of our banking system, commensurate with the nation's progress? May we not confidently predict that the free American Banker who has builded such a splendid system of individual and independent banks, will as time goes on accomplish the perfection of his handiwork?

That we need some measure of currency reform no careful student of economics will deny; but in the light of past achievements and present conditions, I prefer that reforms come about through the process of evolution, rather than revolution. I am not one of those who believe and preach that the American people are not capable of great constructive legislation. The Shades of Andrew Jackson do not disturb me as I study the proposed reform measures, advocated by some of the ablest men of our profession. If time and investigation shall show these measures to be fraught with possibilities of the greatest good for the greatest number, then will our American courage and wisdom write them into laws. Until that

time, we who profess to be bankers should strive to the limit of our ability to strengthen and improve the splendid system handed down to us by our fathers, the system which is the living biography of the greatest class of men our country has known, the pioneer bankers of a pioneered republic.

Let us insist upon nobler ideals and demand higher standards of honesty and proficiency for the members of our profession. Let us eliminate from our ranks the class of bankers described in a banker's definition of a panic, which I recently heard. During the last session of nocturnal floor-walking indulged in by some bankers, a young hopeful, called by his admiring friends, "The Cashier" rushed into the den of a veteran fraternity man, who had had several post-graduate courses in similar schools, and said, "What is all this trouble about, what's wrong? You call it a panic, do you? I don't seem to understand you. Any way, tell me what on earth does a panic mean?" "It means nothing at all on earth, young man," replied the old chieftan; "but," said he, "if you will calm yourself and heed the definition, I will tell you what it means. A panic means a hell of a time for amateur bankers."

Speaking from positive and painful experience, I know that definition to be absolutely correct. The banking business is a poor field for the amateur. Except for the injury done our profession by the reckless and dishonest, in my opinion the profession suffers most because of inexperience and incompetency. Before entering the banking profession as in any other, special training and experience are indispensable to success, and I would especially recommend to those desiring to enter the profession that they heed the Moral of Otto and his Auto, for therein is a truth they well may learn.

Young Otto bought an auto, which he ought to not have done. Till he had studied fully how an auto ought to run; But Otto didn't do it, so he had himself to thank. That when Otto cranked the auto, why young Otto was the crank.

For Otto left the auto with the lever pushed to 'go', When he ought to have reversed it, with the power shut off, you know; So when Otto cranked the auto, the auto gave a jump. And landed Otto sprawling, with an automatic thump.

But Otto grabbed the auto as the auto autoed by. Then Otto and the auto adown the street did fly. And at a speed that auto the luckless Otto whirled. Like an automobile autoerat who thinks he owns the world.

While the auto-hating public stood and watched that auto rash: Till it ran against a lamp-post with a most terrific crash! Then they sadly laid poor Otto who had lost his auto zest, Where the autos cease from troubling, and the Ottos are at rest.

Now in this auto story, with its sad and fatal turn, There is a moral hidden, which we surely ought to learn. No Otto ought to auto.

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, in cause No. 1051, in said court, styled G. H. Youngblood, et al., versus Duleenia R. Youngblood, 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 and personal property situated in Runnels county, described as follows: to-wit 1. 49.8 acres of land out of the Dolphin Floyd survey No. 519, abst. 192, County 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 said 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 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 seventh day of June 1910, at the Court House door of Runnels county, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell 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 said Order of Sale.

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

WITNESS my hand this 6th day of May, 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas. 36-3 By W. T. Padgett, Deputy.

May Bargains are in Blossom

Bargains in Seasonable Apparel

Blossom here in a special sale that will attract the attention of economical buyers. The May Merchandise Movement begins here Tuesday May 17 and continues until June 1st.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR SUMMER WEARABLES

May Sale Prices Are For Cash Only

MAY BARGAINS Are in blossom in Our Ladies Dress and Suit Dept

Dresses which have excited much admiration for their beauty as well as value, are offered at price concessions which should make some lively buying in this department.

Here are a few bargains--we have others. Let us show you.

\$18.00	Silk Dresses,	May sale	\$13.95
15.00	" " " "		9.95
25.00	Lingerie Dresses		15.95
20.00	" " " "		13.75
15.00	" " " "		9.95
10.00	" " " "		7.95
7.50	" " " "		5.90

HOW IS THIS?

Bed Sheets ft in.
43

MAY BARGAINS IN STYLISH MILLINERY.

Of all the bargains that will blossom in this May Sale none will be greater than in the MILLINERY Department:

\$25.00	Pattern Hats,	May Sale Price	\$12.50
\$15.00	Pattern Hats,	May Sale Price	\$7.50
\$10.00	Pattern and Tailored Hats	May Sale Price	\$5.00
\$7.50	Tailored Hats	May Sale Price	\$3.75
\$5.00	Tailored Hats,	May Sale Price	\$2.50

CHEAPER THAN MAKING THEM.

Boys Blouse Waists at 25 and 50c
Boys' Wash Suits 75c to \$1.25

MAY SALE PRICES on Children's Dresses, assortment in both Style and Price very large. We want you to see them.

BLEACH DOMESTIC.

Yard wide soft finish Bleach Domestic, worth 10c, May Sale price 7 1-2c. Better get busy on this.

TOWELS.

At May Sale Prices.
Heavy Turkish Towels, 20 inches wide, 54 inches long, 9c at, 12 1-2c

MONEY SAVED on Embroidery and Lace; 500 yards Embroidery values up to 10c, May Sale Price3c

1300 yards Embroidery, values up to 30c, May Sale Price . . .9c
Take a peep at our Laces at 3c, 5c, and 9c. Greatest values ever shown.

May BARGAINS IN LACE CURTAINS

One and two pair of a kind, values up to \$2.50 a pair, choice . . .50c

Big May bargains In Ladies Linen waists

Values up to \$2.50, May Sale price
98 CENTS

Our lawn waists at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00 are values that you'll realize are money savers

May Suit Prices on Skirts

Attractive prices that make Buying a Pleasure.

Lot No. 1 Voile and Panama skirts values up to \$12.50 your choice **\$7.95**

Lot No. 2 Voile, Panama and Novelty skirts values up 8.50, May Sale price - - - - **\$4.98**

Lot No. 3 Panama and Fancy Novelty Skirts values up to \$6.00 your choice - - - - **\$3.95**

Wonderful Reductions In Ladies wash Tailored Suits

\$10 & \$12 values May sale price **\$6.95**

7.50 values May Sale price **4.75**

5.00 " " " " **3.75**

Special May Sale prices on Wash Skirts, ask to see them.

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