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IS PROHIBITION THE REMEDY FOR THE LIQUOR EVIL?

WHEN AND WHERE HAS PROHIBITION SUCCEEDED

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"Never," "Nowhere," answer the brewer and bartender to the two questions implied in the caption of this article. "Always and everywhere," says the temperance enthusiast: meaning, of course, whenever and wherever it has been tried. Neither answer is found to be true to the facts when the case is examined broadly and with the spirit of an investigator and not of an advocate.

"Prohibition will not prohibit," is the oft-repeated assertion of the license advocate and the saloon defender, and it is a statement hardly worth considering and certainly not worth denying. A gun will not shoot, an axe will not chop, a sewing machine will not sew, and a scythe will not cut grass, are all propositions that nobody cares to dispute, and are all out of the same fountain of wisdom as the assertion that prohibition will not prohibit. To be sure, a soldier can shoot with a gun, a housewife can sew with a machine, and a farmer can cut grass with a scythe—the soldier the woman and the farmer being quite indispensable to the several operations.

It need scarcely be said that a prohibitory law placed on the statute books of a State will not destroy the liquor traffic, but it does provide a weapon whereby public officials are able, if they are so disposed, to reduce the traffic to a minimum, and to suppress the open and public sale altogether.

The disposition of officials and of party leaders, the political influence of liquor men, the state of the public conscience, the activity of temperance organizations and the presence or absence of other issues of absorbing interest all enter into the problem we are considering. Nobody who is honest will contend that prohibition is always a failure, and nobody with courage enough to admit the truth will insist that it is always successful.

Illustrations of success and of failure are neither few nor difficult to find. Michigan, the State in which the writer resides, furnishes a conspicuous example of a prohibitory law which, in many parts of the State, was permitted to be a dead letter during most of twenty years it was upon our statute books. From 1855 to 1875 the law forbade the traffic, and yet saloons abounded, with only now and then a spasmodic effort to enforce the law. But what a period for the experiment! What was going on from 1855 to 1875? It was a time of "Bully" Brooks and John Brown, and Harper's Ferry, and Bull Run, and Gettysburg, and Appomattox, and assassination, and carpet-baggers, and reconstruction. Nobody, save the liquor men themselves, was given much attention to the liquor traffic. Patriotic citizens were absorbed with other and tremendous anxieties.

"Prohibition is a Demonstrated Success"

But this paper is to deal with successes and not with failures, and the writer is willing to assert as susceptible of proof, that prohibition throughout the entire country, whether Statewide or by county option, is at the present time a demonstrated success, feared, and hated and misrepresented by the men engaged in the liquor traffic, and efficient in reducing the evils of a ruinous trade far beyond the restraining power of any license system.

The reader's attention is directed to two curious and important facts, as connected with the oft-repeated statement that prohibition is not successful. The first of these is that it is the friend of the saloon and not its foe who insists

that prohibition is a failure with the active opponents of the traffic are ready to testify that prohibition, though not a perfect remedy, is fairly successful and constitutes the most efficient means yet devised for curtailing the evils of the traffic.

Has anybody heard of a Methodist Conference, or a Presbyterian Synod, or a Baptist Convocation, or a Congregational Assembly, or an Anti-Saloon League that has gone on record against prohibition because it is a failure? Does anybody know of a temperance organization that is opposed to prohibition and in favor of the license policy? Is it not a curious fact that those who want prohibition to prohibit, who generously give time, and money, and effort to secure its adoption, who have no selfish end to serve in obtaining it, are unanimous in saying that it yields satisfactory results, while those at whose business it is aimed rise up, and, with one voice, pronounce it a dismal failure?

Practically every Protestant denomination in America is on record for prohibition, and every liquor organization has declared it a failure. All our religious papers are asking for it as a wholesome and practical cure for a National evil, and all the trade journals of the liquor traffic denounce it as a failure. Whenever a prohibition contest is on, be it in state or county, the ministers, the white ribbon women, the Christian workers and the best people are found solidly arrayed in behalf of the reform, because they believe it both right and workable; while the worst people, both male and female, unite in opposing it and denounce it as a failure. Those who are trying to ruin the liquor business are all in favor of prohibition, and those who defend and protect the traffic are all against it. And all this looks much like furnishing two groups of witnesses to testify that prohibition does prohibit.

The second peculiar thing about this charge of failure is that anti-prohibitionists insist upon testing a prohibitory law by standards that nobody thinks of applying to any other statute. Are prohibitory laws successful in preventing altogether the evils at which they are aimed? Do they go before, in a sort of John-the-Baptist fashion, anticipate criminal intent, and stop crime before it occurs? They certainly do nothing of the kind—but what law does? We prohibit murder, but kill one another at the rate of ten thousand per annum; we pass laws to prohibit larceny, and forgery, and fraud and house our thieves and swindlers in penitentiaries that are crowded to suffocation; we forbid petty crimes and misdemeanors, and our police courts are clogged by considering the cases of those who break the laws. Why shall this particular legislation be required to do what no other law is expected to accomplish?

Our contention is that prohibition succeeds because it is effective in reducing to a minimum the evil at which it is aimed. To prevent crime in something no law can accomplish. To reduce an evil to limit its power, to drive it into the dark, to compel its perpetrators to operate in secret, doing the least amount of harm, with fear of detection and punishment: that is what prohibition can do, and does do wherever it has had a fair trial.

How The Law Has Benefitted Maine.

When we come to a specific answer to the question as to where prohibition has succeeded one is certain to think of the Pine Tree State. For nearly sixty years prohibition has been the policy of Maine. After the traffic had

been outlawed in the State for more than thirty years the people in 1884 put prohibition into the Constitution by a vote of more than three to one. Shall the sober verdict of this New England State be treated as devoid of value? Did the people of Maine know what they were doing when, by an overwhelming majority, they put prohibition beyond the reach of the legislature by imbedding it in the organic law of the State?

Are we to accept the dictum of a drunken saloonkeeper, or the resolution of a Brewer's Congress, in preference to the calm and dignified statements of Neal Dow, and James G. Blaine, and William P. Frye, and Eugene Hale, and Lot M. Morrill, and a dozen Governors, and College Presidents, and Congressmen, and Judges all of whom in half a century of testimony, say the law has wrought most wholesome results? Does Governor Fernald know what he is talking about when he declares the law is a success? Can we set aside as idle words the strong and repeated assurances of ex-congressman Littlefield when he tells us of the success of prohibition in his home state?

Maine has more bank depositors than voters, and this is not true of Massachusetts nor New York, nor Pennsylvania, nor any license State. Her bank depositors are, per capita, five times those of Pennsylvania, seven times those of Illinois and nine times as large as those of Ohio.

In New York seventeen of each one hundred families own their own homes: in Maine the number is forty-nine.

Maine has fewer criminals and fewer paupers in proportion to population than any license State in the Union. The Louisville "Evening Post" directs attention to the fact that in 1908 that city had forty-seven homicides while the whole state of Maine had but three. The "Post" in commenting on this disparity of numbers says: "In Maine there is a law prohibiting all traffic in liquor."

Maine spends, per capita more money for teachers and less for police, courts and jails than any license State of the forty-seven.

Throughout the interior of the State of Maine the liquor traffic is practically unknown. In the larger cities it is carried on secretly and in a small way, just as other crimes are committed.

Anti-prohibitionists are fond of calling attention to the number of United States tax receipts issued in Maine for the sale of alcoholic liquors, and would have us believe that each receipt stands for a saloon. Nothing of the kind is true. Druggists and "town agents" selling for lawful purposes must pay the Federal tax, and of those who pay the tax, intending to sell unlawfully, not one represents a saloon—as that institution is known in license States. Many a poor wretch who pays the Government tax, either before or after his apprehension by the local authorities, is put out of business before he counts as one saloon, running for a whole year, when he appears in the literature of the Liquor Dealer's Protective Association.

The average man thinks of our Uncle Samuel as a pretty severe customer who brooks no trifling with his revenue regulations, but such is not the case. He is an easy going old gentleman who quite frequently turns up, after the local authorities have discovered the culprit, and proceeds to collect his twenty-five dollars from one who has already learned that the way of the transgressor is hard. The bootlegger may have been caught in his first violation and may never

try it again, but he counts one in the report of the revenue collector. The Ordinary "Saloon" is Unknown.

The writer is not dependent upon hearsay evidence, but has made repeated and careful investigation in many parts of the State. Unlawful sales do occur, but the total amount sold is insignificant in comparison to the sales in license territory. The saloon, as known in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, is not to be found in Maine. You may walk the streets of Portland, or Bath, or Bangor, or Augusta, or Lewiston, looking for the screens, the frosted windows, the barrels, the bottles, the beer signs, the external and familiar evidences of the saloon, and you will look in vain. Cultivate a loafer on the street corner, get chummy with a porter in a cheap hotel, make yourself solid with an ill-favored hack-driver, and, for a consideration, you may be conducted, as was the writer, down into a cellar, through a foul smelling lavatory, and into a "joint" all of whose stock-in-trade could quite easily have been packed into a couple of suitcases.

A keg of beer which had been secreted in an outhouse, a tin can found concealed in a hollow wall and yielding lukewarm "booze" through a rubber tube, a brace of whiskey flasks worn under the outer garments of a woman, an coffin filled with bottles of beer packed in straw, were all exhibited to the writer by a Portland sheriff as most convincing proof that they do not "sell liquor in Maine just as they do in New York."

As these paragraphs are being penned there lies before the writer a letter of recent date from one of Portland's leading manufacturers, E. T. Burrows, in which that gentleman assures me that it is still true, as on the occasion of my last trip to Portland, that the open saloon and the open sale of intoxicants, as carried on in license States, are unknown in Maine.

No sensible man will claim that prohibition annihilates the traffic and no honest man can investigate the practical working of prohibition in Maine without coming to the conclusion that with all its limitations and imperfections, it accomplishes in large measure what it is intended to do, and reduces the evil of intemperance far below the limit gained by the most perfect system of "regulation" ever devised.

Kansas Rigidly Enforces Prohibition.

"The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be forever prohibited in this State, except for medicinal scientific and mechanical purposes." So reads section 10 of Article 15 of the Constitution of Kansas, said section having been adopted by popular vote in 1880. In 1881 the Legislature passed a prohibitory statute which, with various subsequent amendments, is still in force and constantly increasing in favor.

During the first ten years after the adoption of prohibition the enforcement of the law was attended with many difficulties, and in such cities as Leavenworth, Atchison and Kansas City the open traffic continued in defiance of law and the authorities. But all this has been changed and a new spirit prevails in the Sunflower State. Kansas City, Kansas, a town of 100,000 population just across the State line from Kansas City, Missouri, was the last to fall in line, but now even Kansas City is without a saloon. Attorney General, Jackson, ably assisted by C. W. Trickett, attacked the situation with vigor and won a complete victory over the lawless element. Two hundred "joints" were put out of business. The mayor of the city and the county attorney were both ousted from office because of failure and refusal to do their duty, and with the full support of the Governor, the law officers of the State administration won a signal victory to the great satisfaction of the best people of the commonwealth.

Upon a recent visit to Topeka, the capital of the State, the writer spent an afternoon and evening in a fruitless search for one of the "joints" which the trade journals of the liquor traffic tell us are run-

ning on every corner. If there is a saloon or a "joint" in Topeka it is so well hidden that a stranger is not likely to find it.

During the first three years after law enforcement began in Kansas City its banks more than doubled their deposits, business of all kinds increased, and, in proportion to its size more new buildings were erected than in any other city in the United States.

In November, 1908, Governor Hoch said that Kansas was free from saloons and was enjoying an era of "wonderful prosperity." During the entire preceding year more than half the counties in Kansas sent no prisoners to the penitentiary, and one-third of the counties were without a prisoner in the county jail or a pauper in the poorhouse, while the bank deposits averaged more than \$100 per capita.

A liquor paper is on my desk upon a single page of which I find three flings at the failure of prohibition in Kansas.

By the side of these foundationless flings, which are accompanied by no attempt at proof, put the report of a great meeting held in Topeka on October 8, 1910. Judge S. H. Allen, formerly of the Supreme Court, presided. Addresses were delivered by seven gentlemen, including the Reverend Charles M. Sheldon, the author, and Mr. E. L. Copeland, Treasurer of the Santa Fe railroad. A series of resolutions was adopted, for the purpose of encouraging the campaign for prohibition in Missouri. I quote therefrom as follows: "We, the citizens of Topeka, and Kansas, in mass-meeting assembled, do hereby proclaim: First that there is not a saloon in existence within the borders of Kansas. Second, that the prohibitory law is as well enforced in Kansas as any other law on our statute books, and far better enforced than high license laws in any other State."

Then follow declarations announcing the beneficent effects of prohibition upon business, education and morals. Let it be kept in mind that these public announcements were made less than four months ago by 4,000 representative citizens of Topeka who would scarcely be willing to send out false report. Whom shall we believe—the hirelings of the liquor traffic, or the mass-meeting of Kansas freemen?

Governor Stubbs, the present Kansas Executive, in answer to the charge of the liquor men that saloons exist in Kansas, gave out the following reply: "If any brewer or distiller can show me a saloon or open 'joint' in Kansas I will close it at once, or resign."

Increasing in Popularity in Other States.

Limitation of space make it impossible to discuss in detail the situation in North Dakota, and Georgia, and Alabama, and the other States that have adopted

State-wide prohibition. In North Dakota the law has been on the statute books for twenty years and is well enforced. The Southern prohibition States have had a shorter experience, but furnish a abundant evidence that law enforcement is gaining ground, and that prohibition is increasing in popularity.

What One Local-Option County Has Done

A single specimen of county prohibition is all that space will permit. With more than half the territory of the United States under some form of prohibition what can be said about Calhoun County, Michigan, can be matched by hundreds upon hundreds of counties in thirty local-option States. This county has been "dry" since May 1, 1909. At that time two breweries and about eighty saloons were forced to close their doors. Battle Creek, an enterprising city of 30,000 population; Albion, a college town of 6000; and Marshall, the county seat, with over 5000 population, are the principal centers in the county.

Industrial and moral conditions have greatly improved, business in all legitimate lines is better, retail merchants report increased sales and more prompt collections of accounts, crime has decreased, and taxes have not been advanced; while happiness and thrift mark many homes formerly under the shadow of want and misery.

The Honorable John W. Bailey, Mayor of Battle Creek, says: "It has been an entire success."

The county sheriff says: "It is an immense success, morally and financially." The Honorable Walter H. North, Circuit Judge, enumerates the doleful prophecies made by the "wets" during the campaign, and adds: "None of these predictions have come true. Taxes are no higher. Business is good. The law is being rigidly enforced. Four-Fifths of the merchants in the county report improved conditions due to banishing the saloon and nobody but the former dealers in drink—and a fair proportion of their patrons—has a word to say against the 'dry' regime. In Calhoun County prohibition prohibits."

The conclusion of the whole matter is: That prohibitory laws are not more difficult of enforcement than other laws; that they are likely to be enforced wherever officials find a strong public sentiment in their favor; that such sentiment is on the increase and is likely to continue; and that, taking the country as a whole, prohibition is prohibiting as never before in all our history.—Ladies Home Journal.

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Is It Prophecy?

In adopting a "slogan" all parties, classes or clans have heretofore chosen one whose stirring and martial sound meant that the results could be celebrated with psalms of victory. Surely our Anti friends were sleeping when they adopted for their watchword saying of a trembling conscience-stricken wretch, facing disgrace, defeat and death. He knew the end was there and it was the last desperate and despairing wail of a dying wratch.

Listen and see the application the first prophecy was, as affecting McBeth himself, that he would be thane of Cawder, second that he would be King of Scotland, but that the sons of Banquo would in time sit on the throne, third that he need not fear no man born of woman, nor should he ever vanquish be until Birnam Wood should to Dunsinane hill come impossible of fulfillment was McBeth's idea. And for the fulfillments of first two prophecies he steeped his hands in the blood of King Duncan, murdered Banquo and made the desperate effort to murder his sons, McDuff's wife and little ones that no obstacle might remain to oppose him in his ill fed ambition.

But McDuff was the man who fulfilled the words "for none of woman born" and when he and his army were opposed to McBeth they lopped the branches from "Birnam Wood" thus hiding their numbers and marched against McBeth. The bloody handed ad conscience smitten king could not survive this, and acknowledging his death and defeat in the words "Lay on McDuff, and damned be him that first cries 'Hold, enough!' went down to death.

Friends, thou has elected to choose for your slogan the cries of defeat, the third prophecy is to be fulfilled and McBeth, (whiskey) the foe of the innocent, of the Men of the Women, of the Boys of the Girls and the innocent children of Runnels county is about to be laid low by McDuff, (prohibition). The spirit of God is here leading, and the sheaves of victory are perching on the banners of McDuff. Is it not Prophecy? Is it not the breath of defeat? The right shall triumph, and the ruin that has devastated our fair land so long shall be ground under the heel of reform. Yea, friends is not your slogan itself the acknowledgment of the desperateness of your cause, or was it only ill advised? May he be a true prophet who uttered the words. May the words rebound on the foe of mankind as it did on McBeth.

PROHIBITION! PROHIBITION!

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On last Thursday afternoon Mabel Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer, celebrated her third birthday by entertaining a number of her little friends with their mothers, at the club rooms.

Each guest brought with them a token of love for the tiny hostess which she received with the grace and appreciation of one beyond her years.

The mothers enjoyed several games of forty-two, while the little ones entered with enthusiasm into their various childish amusements. A delicious salad course was served after which the birthday cake was cut. The cake was emblematic of good luck being in the shape of a horse shoe and decorated with colored candies and three burning tapers.

This party will long be remembered by the happy participants for all present pronounced it a delightful occasion.

The register was presided over by Mrs. J. F. Currie and contained the following names: Mrs. G. W. White, G. W. White, Jr., Mrs. Asa Cordill, Billie Cordill, Margaret Cordill, Mrs. J. T. Dawson, Raymond Dawson, Mrs. C. Grant, Josephine Grant, Olivia Grant, Mrs. R. A. Risher, Irene Risher, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, Evelyn Shepherd, Mrs. Geo. Holman, Francis Holman, Mrs. J. H. Grant, Asa Grant, Thelma Grant, Mrs. Ed O'Kelley, Hamond O'Kelley, Mrs. R. O. Walton, Orand Walton, Mrs. Joe Wilmeth, Joe Brice Wilmeth, James Dudley Wilmeth, Mrs. R. A. Terry, Margaret Terry, Bernice Terry, Helen Brewer, Mrs. Betty Boyle, Mrs. J. F. Currie and Mrs. W. F. Walker of Austin.

OXINE ITEMS.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will bring in a few notes from our village.

The fine rain has shortened the farmers faces so much that they can get a shave for a quarter less.

Several of our young folks are going to take part in the Crews Literary Society.

J. H. Hilliard is building a new addition to his house since the rain. If it were to come another rain there is no telling what would happen.

Wood McKissack purchased himself a fine buggy horse from M. M. Hilliard. The writer has of learned exactly what he paid for it but it was right around two hundred dollars. Look out for "Woodie."

Jess Durden has gone to fattening up his buggy horse, says he is going to get him a new buggy better look out some body is going to have to do something with these Oxine boys.

D. J. McDaniel one of our leading citizens, had the misfortune of getting kicked by one of his mules. It didn't hurt him, but the mules foot.

We are glad to report that Jarn Morrison is up out of a spell of sickness.

The singing at Mr. Hilliards last Sunday night was enjoyed a large crowd.

The big dam that has been erected across the creek held its own with the recent flood and Oxine has a fine lake of water which will

afford lots of pass time for the young folks such as fishing and boating. As soon as Oxine gets a railroad and a \$20,000 hotel it will be one of the greatest health resorts in Texas.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Frederick Behrens, Gustav Theissen, the unknown heirs of Gustav Theissen deceased; Joseph Dentz, the unknown heirs of Joseph Dentz, deceased; James R. Sweet, the unknown heirs of James R. Sweet, deceased; Z. W. Moore, the unknown heirs of Z. W. Moore, deceased; Herbert E. Ball and the unknown heirs of Herbert E. Ball, deceased; F. P. Bartlett and the unknown heirs of F. P. Bartlett, deceased; J. F. Wellington, Jr., and the unknown heirs of J. F. Wellington, Jr., deceased; and H. E. Ball and the unknown heirs of H. E. Ball, deceased; whose places of residence, respectively unknown to Plaintiff, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County to be held at the Court House thereof in Ballinger, Texas, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1911, the same being the 6th day of March A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of December A. D. 1910, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1256 wherein William W. Farmer is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Frederick Behrens, Gustav Theissen, the unknown heirs of Gustav Theissen, deceased; Joseph Dentz, the unknown heirs of Joseph Dentz, deceased; James R. Sweet, the unknown heirs of James R. Sweet, deceased; Z. W. Moore, the unknown heirs of Z. W. Moore, deceased; Herbert E. Ball, and the unknown heirs of Herbert E. Ball, deceased; F. P. Bartlett and the unknown heirs of F. P. Bartlett, deceased; J. F. Wellington, Jr., and the unknown heirs of J. F. Wellington, Jr., deceased; and H. E. Ball and the unknown heirs of H. E. Ball, deceased, Defendants, and said petition alleging:

That on or about the 1st day of June, 1908, while plaintiff was so lawfully possessed of said land holding the same under the title hereinbefore pleaded, the said defendants unlawfully asserted, and are now unlawfully asserting some pretended claim of title in and to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said lands and disturbed his peaceable possession thereof, to his great damage.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays that defendants be cited by publication, in manner and form as required by law in such case made and provided, to answer herein and that on dual hearing hereof he have judgment against the defendants for the recovery of title to said lands and that said cloud so cast thereon be removed, and that he be quieted in his possession thereto, and for all cost in this behalf expended, and for general relief.

STONE & WADE, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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Byrnes Sur. No. 581; Thence east 221 varas a stone mound, the n. e. corner of said Byrnes Sur; Thence South 515 varas a stone mound in the E. B. line of said Byrnes Sur; Thence east 1364 varas, a stone mound, the s. w. corner of a 57 acre tract conveyed to W. F. McShan for the s. e. corner of this survey; Thence north at 631 varas pass the s. w. corner of the Seitmman Sur. No. 99, at 1179 varas, a stone mound on the south bank of the river, same being the n. w. corner of said survey No. 99 and the n. e. corner of the F. Behrens Survey No. 100; Thence up the river with its meanderings to the place of beginning.

That plaintiff and those whom he claims has been so seized and possessed of said tract of land, in actual peaceable and adverse possession thereof under title by deeds duly recorded in the deed records of said Runnels County, Texas, having paid all taxes due upon said land up to the date of the filing of this suit and in actual peaceable and adverse possession of same, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using, claiming and enjoying the same for a period of more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiffs' said title to said land has long since been perfected by the five years Statute of Limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

Plaintiff further alleges that he and those under whom he claims, has been in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using, claiming and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiffs' said title to said land has long since been perfected by the ten years Statute of Limitation, herein pleaded and asserted.

That on or about the 1st day of June, 1908, while plaintiff was so lawfully possessed of said land holding the same under the title hereinbefore pleaded, the said defendants unlawfully asserted, and are now unlawfully asserting some pretended claim of title in and to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said lands and disturbed his peaceable possession thereof, to his great damage.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays that defendants be cited by publication, in manner and form as required by law in such case made and provided, to answer herein and that on dual hearing hereof he have judgment against the defendants for the recovery of title to said lands and that said cloud so cast thereon be removed, and that he be quieted in his possession thereto, and for all cost in this behalf expended, and for general relief.

STONE & WADE, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 30th day of December A. D. 1910.

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PONY ECHOES.

The Banner-Leader is a welcome weekly visitor in a great number of homes down this way.

The booms of the anti faction in their first skirmish at Balliger of last week was not heard at Pony Creek, but was read however as detailed in the Banner-Leader. It seemed that those Booze fighting promoters would like to dictate to the ministry of this county what they would have them to preach. We are justly proud of the God loving men that fill the sacred desk. We believe that they get their calling from a higher source than the saloon element. The two factions are usually termed Pros and Antis, but to this writers mind the issue is true Christianity against sin, vice and immorality and I justly believe that if every true christian man and woman boy and girl will do their whole duty, as sure as there is a God in Isarel the saloon will "go" on the 16th of March.

Church services at Union was rained out Saturday and Sunday. Ira L. Sims, Pony's leading spirit and enterprising merchant, and gin man has consumated a deal whereby Pony is soon to have a telephone system connecting with the metropolis.

Miss Belle Bigby, of South Carolina, is visiting her brother, J. W. Bigby. Mr. Bigby had not seen Miss Belle in nineteen years.

Miss Addie Burks is visiting Eliza Boothe this week. Last Friday night this county was visited by another soaking rain. This was a "trash mover," and now Old Runels is herself again. No more "doubting Thomases."

Messrs. Bakston and Caudle owners and operators of the red Mule and the two wheel "hoodlum" went over the river on last Friday visiting and to their surprise a ten foot head rise of the river had them out off. The boys are looking, longing, waiting and watching for the receding of the raging billows to make their return.

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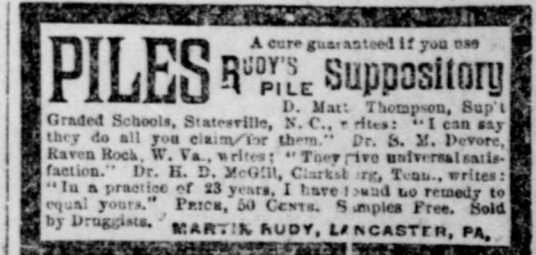
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THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Geo. Berry, the unknown heirs of Geo. Berry, deceased, Henry Berry, the unknown heirs of Henry Berry, deceased, Mrs. Henry Berry, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Henry Berry, deceased, William Eichelberger, the unknown heirs of William Eichelberger, deceased, Temperance Eichelberger, the unknown heirs of Temperance Eichelberger, deceased, Chas. S. Eichelberger, the unknown heirs of Chas. S. Eichelberger, deceased, A. Eichelberger, the unknown heirs of A. Eichelberger, deceased, Eliza Eichelberger, the unknown heirs of Eliza Eichelberger, deceased, Etie Eichelberger, the unknown heirs of Etie Eichelberger, deceased, Jim Clements, the unknown heirs of Jim Clements, deceased, J. A. Clements, the unknown heirs of J. A. Clements, deceased, O. C. Bivins, the unknown heirs of O. C. Bivins, deceased, whose place of residence is unknown to plaintiff, hereinafter styled defendants, and for cause of action herein plaintiff would allege as follows:

That heretofore, to-wit, on or about Jan. 1st, 1911, plaintiff was then and is now lawfully seized and possessed, holding the same by fee simple title as hereinafter stated, the following described tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being 172 acres of land out of the N. E. corner of the George Berry Survey, Abstract No. 24, Cert. 79, described as follows: Beginning at the original N. E. corner of said survey a rock set in the ground in the middle of the Pumphrey and Wingate road; thence S. 60 degrees W. 1620 varas with N line of Berry Survey; thence S. 30 degrees E. 636 varas to stake in the north line of J. E. Sneed 240 acre tract, thence N 60° E 575 varas to N. E. corner of Sneed tract; thence S. 10 degrees E. 155 varas; thence N. 66 degrees E. 215 varas; thence N. 20 1-2 degrees W. 149 varas; thence N. 64 1-2 degrees E. 468 varas corner in East line of Berry Survey, the N. E. corner of Wheeler 121.6 acre tract; thence N. 802 varas to the place of beginning.

That plaintiff and those under whom he claims, have been seized and possessed of said lands, under deeds duly recorded in the deed records of Runnels County, Texas, having paid all taxes due upon said land up to the date of filing of this suit, and in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit and that plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the five years Statute of Limitations herein pleaded and asserted.

Plaintiff further alleges that he, and those under whom he claims, have been in the actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the ten years Statute of Limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

That on or about Jan. 1st, 1911, while plaintiff was so lawfully seized and possessed of said land, holding the same under title hereinbefore pleaded, the said defendants herein, asserted and are now asserting some pretended claim of title in and to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land and disturbed his peaceable possession thereto, to his great damage.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays that defendants be cited by publication, in manner and form as required by law in

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JOE HARDIN

112 9th St., Ballinger, Texas

NEW HOME NOTES.

Everyone is wearing a broad smile since the good rains. Some of the farmers are sewing spring coats.

Clyde Hayden, who has been sick with pneumonia is almost well.

Rev. Hubbard, of Blanket, filled the pulpit on the second Sunday, his regular preaching day and delivered two very fine sermons. He took for his text Sunday morning, "What lack I yet?" Math., 19-20, and Sunday evening, "And his name was wonderful." Isia, 9:6.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was not any Sunday school Sunday morning.

Mrs. Pink Craig, who was operated on for appendicitis, last Tuesday, is doing as well as could be expected.

Little Niva Starks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Starks, is sick at this writing. We hope she will soothe well again.

Mr. Hilliard, of Oxine, was a visitor in our community Monday and Tuesday.

Most of the farmers of New Home have and are supplying themselves with a telephone they are fixing to keep up with the news. Friday is going to be a great time with the New Home School Eagle Branch School will be with them and the two schools will give a joint program, and will also spell. They will also have a program prepared for Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Salmon, of the Jameson community, were visiting in our community Monday.

Rev. Lee Hart will preach Saturday at eleven o'clock and Sunday night and Sunday at eleven and Sunday night, if being his regular preaching day.

PROHIBITION RALLY AT MILES

The first rally during the campaign was held at Miles Tuesday night of this week, when an enthusiastic crowd met at the opera house.

Jas. B. Kornegay, precinct chairman, of the Miles precinct, called the meeting to order, and called upon Rev. Ewing, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Miles, for the invocation.

A number of Ballinger pros were present, and Rev. Nichols, of Ballinger, delivered a speech that was heartily applauded. The song "Runnels County Dry" had reached Ballinger and the large audience joined in singing it with a great deal of enthusiasm. The Miles citizens who are in favor of putting the saloons out of Runnels county are in this fight to win and Miles will roll up her usual good majority for prohibition.

On with the battle—Saloon or no Saloons?

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Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 11th day of January A. D. 1911.

Mary Phillips, Clerk.
18-St District Court, Runnels Co.

ANCIENT NEWSPAPERS.

From a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, dated Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1890, and containing an account of the death of Geo. Washington, we quote the following advertisement:

FOR SALE, A Stout, Healthy, Active NEGRO WENCH.

Any person inclined to purchase may know the particulars by applying to JOHN SCHOONMAKER, jun at Rochester, November 3, 1799.

Would any intelligent citizen infer from the above ancient advertisement that the law against slavery couldn't be enforced at the present time.

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Following is a list of the presiding officers appointed by the Commissioners Court, which said presiding officers will preside over and manage the election on March 4th.

Precinct No. 1 at Ballinger—C. R. Crews.
Precinct No. 2 at Ballinger—J. R. Holiday.
Precinct No. 3 at Ballinger—J. Clayton.
Precinct No. 4 at Ballinger—L. G. Strawn.
Precinct No. 5 at Tolken—F. M. Curry.
Precinct No. 6 at Truitt—W. H. Seals.
Precinct No. 7 at Walters—J. Hood.
Precinct No. 8 at Antelope—W. J. Gardner.
Precinct No. 9 at Pumphrey—R. L. Mosley.
Precinct No. 10 at Wingate—Jno. Dunn.
Precinct No. 11 at Baldwin school House—W. L. Sowell.
Precinct No. 12 at Wilmeth—W. E. Puckett.
Precinct No. 13 at Coehran—W. W. Poe.
Precinct No. 14 at North Norton—D. W. Turner.
Precinct No. 15 at Marie—J. Black.
Precinct No. 16 at Maverick—J. B. Carlton.
Precinct No. 17 at South Norton—J. D. Miller.
Precinct No. 18 at Pearce school House—S. A. Gaston.
Precinct No. 19 at Brookshire school House—E. A. Brookshire.
Precinct No. 20 at Miles—W. P. Buttery.
Precinct No. 21 at Rowena—M. Feis.
Precinct No. 22 at Olin—Wm.

Haltreann.
Precinct No. 23 at Pony Creek School House—Jno. Bigby.
Precinct No. 24 at Ballinger—Paul Trimmer.
R. S. Griggs, County Judge Runnels County, Texas.
Feb. McWilliams, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.
J. E. McAdams, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
J. M. Adams, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.
C. N. Craft, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.
Revs. Holmes, Nichols, G. W. Fender and H. M. Bandy were in Miles on business Monday.

Misses Rose and Bessie Corbett attended the funeral of their friend, Miss Lucile Hale at Talpa Tuesday.

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Hereafter when your time expires you will receive notice with an invitation to renew, but if we do not hear from you within a reasonable time, we will take this silence as an evidence that you desire the paper no longer, and your name will be dropped. This arrangement, we are sure, will meet with the approval of all of our subscribers, as we have been asked to do this by a large number heretofore.

A wet February forebodes a "Dry" March, so note it.

Keep a cool head, a warm heart and a steady nerve and we will win this election, "world without end."

Another good rain means almost a certain grain crop and promises enough moisture to get up cotton and feed and this means half the battle.

The Anti-Prohibition Committee came out this week in a "proclamation" stating their position, but it is "dehorned" and hence there is no harm in it. In their closing paragraph they close with a pathetic appeal to "leave us alone," but they do not say one word about the open saloon, whether it is a good thing or not. By innuendo it is a defense of the saloon, but is couched in such smooth oily language that you have to infer some of its intended meaning. If I were fighting for a thing, I would, at least, mention some of its good qualities.

The freeze of the past few days is thought to have killed the greater part of the fruit crop, but we hope that some will be left, as this country is especially adapted to

PRECIOUS VOTING DAY.

By C. G. Shutt.

(Tune—Nothing but the Blood of Jesus)

What can stop the whiskey curse?
Nothing but prohibition
What can fill the drunkard's purse?
Statewide prohibition.

Chorus:

Oh, precious be the day,
No other course I know
To put the curse away
But Statewide prohibition.

What can keep the town from shame?
Nothing but prohibition.
What can save the drunkard's name?
Statewide prohibition.

What can stop the orphans' cry?
Nothing but prohibition.
What can make the whole State dry?
Statewide prohibition.

What can clothe the drunkard's wife?
Nothing but prohibition. (What can save the drunkard's life?
Statewide prohibition.

What can stop o'er half the crime?
Nothing but prohibition.
What will save the boys in time?
Statewide prohibition.

A LIBELL ON THE AUTO

West Virginia sent a new man to represent her in the United States Senate last week. It so happened that the new Senator reached the capitol the ship-subsidy bill was to be voted on, and the battle waxed fierce and warm. The new Senator, however, wanted to see the town, and just as soon as he had taken the oath of office and secured a place on the pay roll he hurriedly left the senate chamber for an automobile ride. While he was seeing Washington in his auto the vote on the ship subsidy was taken and the bill was passed by one vote. The West Virginian was against its passage. And so we are to have ship subsidy and all on account of an auto. All doubtless remember that it was an auto that caused the Gudahy-Billard tragedy at Kansas City last year, if Mrs. Gudahy is to be believed. Verily, the auto is playing an important part in the affairs of this old world.—Honey Grove Signal.

The editor of Honey Grove Signal has become soured by the use of too much buttermilk. In the next issue of his paper he will doubtless say that an automobile caused the downfall of Rome and the destruction of Pompeii. If Senator Martin had not been seeing Washington in an automobile he would have used a carriage. Mrs. Cudahy's excuse was about the same that Eve gave when she laid the apple business on poor old overworked Adam.—Cleburne Daily Enterprise.

"Umph," the editor of the Enterprise either has a little one lung Ford, or is on a deal for one. But maybe he wants to let the people know that he has seen an Ancient History, or Caesar, or has looked through the Bible.

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COMMITTEES.

M. A. Traylor, chairman of the Fireman's Mass meeting, gave out the following committee: J. F. Maddox, Jno Weeks, Joe Wilmet, J. McGregor and R. P. Kirk. This committee will take charge of the soliciting of subscriptions. This committee will also appoint the committees on reception, on homes, entertainment and other committees considered necessary to add to the success of the convention.

Mr. Traylor will confer next Tuesday with the state officers of the Fireman's Association as to the best methods of adding to the pleasure of the men while here.

Miss Douglass Fox is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Walter Parker and Mrs. Queen, of our city.

J. L. Chastain is among our new recruits to the Banner-Leader.

Mrs. Sam Baker spent a few days this week in Talpa visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton after a visit to their son, B. B. Hamilton returned to their home at McGregor, Saturday.

A FIRST MONDAY IN COLEMAN TOWN.

Many Fine Animals on Show, Some Trading, Mule Buyers did Good Business.

First Monday, to this writer at least, was a revelation. There's a difference in first Monday in Coleman and some other towns this scribe knows.

There were some stock in Coleman First Monday that would not bring fancy prices on the Fort Worth market, but every animal seen on the street was of some use, and none were ready for the bonnyard just yet. It is different in some places. Go away from home a few miles on First Monday and you may see animals put on the block and sold for \$1.25 that are high at the price and the man who buys is almost ashamed to lead them through a public street. Nothing like that in Coleman.

Some of as fine mules as ever were seen in any Texas town were here, some of them were sold at fair prices; there were a number of fine specimens of stallions as may be found in any country. The percherons and other magnificent draft stock, Standard bred and others were fine and the showing is a credit to the intelligent management and selection of local stock people.

The people? Why the Lord never made a finer, healthier looking bunch and every one of them was as sober as any judge.

First Monday in Coleman, to sum up is the best ever.—Coleman News.

Coleman is a Dry town you know and First Monday people are sober in that kind of a town.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced the following examinations to be held in March and April: Stenographer, Typewriter, Bookkeeper, Watchman, Messenger, Electrician, Draftsman, Teacher Trained Nurse, Civil Engineer, Physician, Pharmacist, Elevator Conductor Plate printer Press Feeder and others. These examinations will be held at Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Greenville, Houston, San Antonio, San Antonio, Tyler and Wichita Falls, in Texas and at Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Lake Charles and New Orleans, in Louisiana.

The commission has been and is making unusual efforts to secure applicants and eligibles for positions in the government service among the Southern States, and the young people of Texas are especially invited to consider the opportunities for lucrative employment offered by these examinations. Persons qualified in stenography will find it an easy matter to secure early employment, and all persons who may be attracted by the above mentioned examinations should write for applications to Mr. H. A. LECHE, P. O. Box 829, New Orleans, Louisiana.

E. E. Woodsin returned Friday from Burleson, where he had been called by the serious illness of a sister, who died and was buried last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Nixon returned Friday night from visit of over a month to their old home in Georgia. They had a grand time while gone and enjoyed the trip very much, but are very glad indeed to be back home.

RUNNELS ITEMS.

After the long suspense, the hearts of the farmers have been gladdened by the fine rains of the past week. The oats and wheat are flourishing.

Miss Mollie Currie spent Wed. night with Miss Luella Pape. Mrs. Criag was taken last Sunday to Drs. Love & Halley's Sanitarium. Her friends are hoping for her speedy recovery.

Miss Pearl Nunn was in Ballinger Wednesday shopping.

Arthur Pape is painting his house and needs someone to keep it in order. Now is your chance girls. Mr. Ellis is preparing for the spring storms by fixing up a nice storm house.

ROBERT GOODFELLOW.

Ex-Sheriff, Goodfellow, of Coleman county, has received one of the plums being distributed by Gov. Colquitt and we think it was well bestowed. Mr. Goodfellow, while Sheriff earned an enviable reputation as an officer and this seems to have won him his new place that of Warden of the Risk penitentiary at a salary of \$3,000 per year.

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The details of the Agricultural Census for 1910 have not been completed but sufficient progress has been made in compiling the report to justify the conclusion that Texas will lead in per cent of increase in number of farms 1910 over 1900. This is the item that has been disappointing to a great many of the older agricultural states and as farm production is Uncle Sam's test of prosperity, it is regarded here as one of the utmost important classifications that will be developed by the present statistics. Of the states so far reporting Illinois leads with an increase of five per cent and other states line up with lesser figures. Throughout the entire country, the reports show an alarming shift of population from the rural districts to the cities, but no such unrest exists among the Texas farmers. In Texas they have the good fellowship which the big hearted cow boys left as a heritage to the country and the pioneer hospitality which made the Jives of Sam Houston and Stephen F Austin illustrious, predominates throughout the rural districts and is one of the charming features of farm life.

In 1900 Texas had 286,654 farms valued at \$906,237,083, but the Immigration agent has been bringing farmers to Texas by train loads and the showing that the state will make in the number of farms in 1910 will be a pleasant surprise to all Texans.

The total population increase of the state was 27.8 per cent and a reliable forecast is made that Texas farms will show at least 12 per cent increase.

The December report of the Texas State Board of Health which is just out, shows that during the month of November there were 4336 births in Texas, and of this number were 57 sets of twins and two sets of triplets. There were 1908 deaths during the same month giving an increase in Texas' population during one month of 2428 persons. This is a good start for 1920 census showing and if the stork will continue at this rate activity, Texas will easily climb to fourth place in the list of states.

The health department reports show that 17 people lived past the age of ninety and three of them past the age of 100. It must also be borne in mind that the Health Department is not to secure complete reports and their figures probably represent 50 or 60 per cent of the total.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ballard, Mrs. J. W. Swofford and H. H. Ratchford spent last Thursday in the city.

THE RUNNELS COUNTY NATIONAL BANK VOLUNTARILY LIQUIDATES.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Runnels County National Bank on Feb. 11, it was decided to place the Bank in voluntary liquidation. The deposits were assumed by the Miles National Bank and J. O. Roots of Paint Rock, was as liquidating agent.—Miles Messenger.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM is Ballinger is a perplexing one, but we can offer a suggestion that will save that wife of yours a great deal of work, and that is to buy your bread already baked from me, J. T. Dawson, for almost the cost of the flour and the other ingredients. 21-4.

SANITARY BREAD is what we offer for sale, and that which is made and baked by experts. Let us supply your needs and convince you that it is better to buy your bread from me than to do your own baking. J. T. DAWSON

FOR SALE—Milk cow with young calf. Phone 88, one long, short, long ring.—Guss Nunn.

DR. TURNEY VERY LOW.

Dr. Turney who has been quite seriously ill the past week is not any better today. Dr. M. L. Turney, and family of Bronte, and Rev. Geo. F. Korngay and family of Talpa, are here at his bedside. Dr. Finis Turney and wife of Robert Lee, arrived late this afternoon by way of auto. As the Signal goes to press (8:30 p. m.) Dr. Turney is very low.—Blanket Signal.

Mrs. John Lovelace returned from Wingate Thursday where she went to attend the funeral of her friend, Mrs. H. F. Smithson.

DIED.

Mrs. N. F. Smithson died at Wingate Wednesday and was buried Thursday at that place. These people have resided at Wingate a long time and are well known citizens of that place and of this county. Their many friends sympathize with the husband and little ones, one of them a babe a few hours old.

DIED.

A Mrs. Johnson, who lived in a small house on Broadway, near West End, died Saturday night of pneumonia. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Holmes Nichols with burial in city cemetery.

These people are in needy circumstances there being a mother and two daughters and their little children still remaining.

AT SANITARIUM.

Little Artie Hensley of Wingate accompanied by her parents and Dr. Boone, was brought in from that place to the Halley & Love Sanitarium for treatment last Thursday. We trust the little girl will soon be restored to health.

FOR SALE!

A two burner blue flame oil stove with oven, in good condition original cost \$9.00 can be bought for \$3.00. Apply at Banner-Leader Office. tf.

C. A. Doose returned Sunday night from a business trip East.

Boy Burnes is visiting Goldthwaite friends this week.

What your tailor?



Nothing more clearly illustrates a man's personality than the clothes he wears. If you desire a style peculiarly your own, you should have your Spring clothes made expressly for you by

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Then you'll be sure to get clothes that fit and serve you well and that distinguish you from the rest of the crowd.

Choose one of their Spring fashion ideas and Woolens at our store and get measured today.

See
W.S. MOREHEAD
The TAILOR
Ballinger, Texas

Mayor Kirk spent several days in Austin on Normal business this week.

Miss Maurice Truly is visiting her parents at Coleman this week.

A. S. Garrett went to Red River county Saturday afternoon to wind up business matters for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tad Richards were in the city Monday.

DROWNED AT BEN FICKLIN.

L. S. Faucher, a prominent irrigation farmer at Ben Ficklin, Tom Green county, was drowned Saturday in the North Concho. He saw a fine cow struggling to make it to the bank and plunged in to assist her when the current seized him and he and the cow were swept over the dam together. A Mexican, who saw the tragedy but could not help gave the alarm and search was made immediately, but body still unfound.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard, of Abilene, who had been visiting his friends Nick Stallworth down the river, returned home Monday. He called on the Banner-Leader while here.

John Simmons, of the Fuzzy Creek community, was in town Saturday.

W. J. Davis returned home from Coleman Sunday, where he had been to attend the funeral of his sister.

J. W. Godwin is home from Ardmore, Okla., where he has been the past season buying cotton.

J. S. Patterson returned this week from Louisiana, where he has been selling horses.

PLAINVIEW HOTEL.

Mrs. A. L. Clark, of Santa Anna has leased the Plainview Hotel the property of J. F. Currie, and will take charge at once, and be ready to receive boarders and take transients, March 1st.

Mrs. Clark comes to Ballinger well recommended having been engaged in the Hotel business at Brady and Santa Anna.

The Plainview Hotel is new large, convenient, and commodious and with good management will receive a fine patronage from the start.

NOTICE!

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas in the matter of Brown & Company Bankrupts. In Bankruptcy No. 137.

To the creditors of Brown & Company, a partnership composed of J. O. Brown and Dixie L. Parrott, of Valera, in the county of Coleman, and District aforesaid bankrupts.

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1911, the said Brown & Co., J. O. Brown and Dixie L. Parrott were duly adjudged bankrupts; and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at my office in Brownwood, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1911, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupts, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Brownwood, Texas Feb 14th 1911. A. E. Wilson, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Spill, of Winters, returned home Monday after a pleasant visit to relatives at this place.

Mrs. J. I. Jones returned to her home at Killeen Saturday. Her husband died at Dr. Hale's last week.

A. Levy and A. Rossenwasser, who have been looking after their branch store in Sweetwater, returned home Monday over the A. & S.

FRUIT PROBABLY KILLED.

The freeze Sunday night killed all the garden truck not covered up and it is believed by most that the fruit is killed, although some believe out. It is sincerely to be hoped not, as this is a great fruit region when not killed.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN.

Since our last issue Old Runnel certainly has received another good rain. It began raining about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and continued till Saturday morning raining about 1-2 inches, making about 55 inches of rainfall so far for Feb. an unusual thing for this section, and it means much for the grain crop and early planting. Verily, all things come to him who will but wait.

Little Mary Fleming, daughter of Supt. W. S. Fleming, has been quite sick the past week with an attack of tonsillitis, but is now able to be in school.

J. A. Cole is among our new recruits to the Banner-Leader this week.

Read our article on the front page. It is logical, convincing and unanswerable.

JOE BURNETT.

Joe Burnett, of the Skaggs-Burnett Co., of Winters, passed thru Tuesday enroute from Milan Junction, where he bought 900 acres of land, some months ago as a speculative proposition, and he was offered by Cameron parties a profit of \$11,500 on his investment, but refused the offer. He plans to cut his tract up in small farms and sell it out for truck farms and thinks there's not a spot in Texas as well suited to successful truck farming as the Milano country.

Sam Baker spent Sunday in Talpa.

Mrs. Harry Sharp and sister, Miss Minta Starkey, returned home from a visit to Paint Rock Saturday.

A DAY IN AMARILLO

Amarillo is the only place in a number of years that has gone back to the open saloons after having tried local option. But local option never had half a show in Amarillo. The local authorities particularly the Sheriff's department, never did but little to enforce the laws. Some of the Rangers first sent up there were no credit to the State, and, as a result, dives and joints practically had the right of way; but even then the antics had to colonize a herd of Mexicans in the territory and pay their poll taxes in order to get the saloons back. Even then it was by a small margin.

How are the saloons doing? Well, just as saloons always do! No need to have told me that they were there. The streets showed all the evidence necessary. Around their front doors the motley crowds could be seen, and profanity heard. Neither are they observing the law any better than aforesaid. They are violating its provisions just as they violated the local option laws. True we have a better class of local officers, but saloons know how to evade the vigilance of any sort of an officer. The people are already getting sick of them. No wonder.—G. C. R. in Christian Advocate.

Sunday was a pretty good day for wrecks on the Santa Fe, and yet in the two wrecks that occurred between Brownwood and Temple no one was hurt, although the property loss was considerable. The first wreck came near Zephyr when the tender of the engine pulling the morning passenger got off the track and bumped over the cross ties for a distance of several yards. The couplings held and a wreck was thus prevented. The passengers felt the jar and were uneasy but the train was brought to a standstill before any damage was done other than bearing up a considerable number of ties.

The second wreck was of a more serious nature and occurred at a point near Lometa, where nine freight cars went into the ditch. One of the cars wrecked was an oil tank and there was enough crude oil wasted to run a steam plant a whole month. Another car was loaded with syrup, and this too was spilled all over the ground. The whole of the nine cars were more or less demolished and their contents damaged.

Will H. Mayes was a passenger on the morning train and experienced the delightful sensation of expecting the coaches to pile up in a heap in the ditch. J. W. McFarland, coming from San Antonio, witnessed the freight wreck and says it was a bad one.—Brownwood Bulletin.

PROGRAM MOTHERS' MEETING.

Under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. at 4 P. M. Feb. 28, at the Christian church. Everybody invited. Leader—Mrs. Perkins. Bible Reading—Daniel 1st chapter. Leader—Mrs. Perkins. Health and Heredity—Talk by Mrs. Ray. Cigarettes—Talk by Mrs. Mack. Reading—Moses' death and burial. Deut. 34 chapter, 5th verse. Benediction.

HAPPY RESULTS.

Have Made Many Ballinger Residents Enthusiastic.

No wonder scores of Ballinger citizens grow enthusiastic. It is enough to make anyone happy to find relief after years of suffering. Public statements like the following are but truthful representations of the daily work done in Ballinger by Doan's Kidney Pills.

R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave., Ballinger, Texas, says: "My kidneys were badly disordered and I had to get up several times during the night to void the kidney secretions. My back ached a great deal especially over my left kidney and any over exertion caused sharp pains to dart thru me. The contents of two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., rid me of these annoyances. I take great pleasure in recommending this excellent kidney remedy to my neighbors."

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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

BY REV. W. BION ADKINS

"How Long Shall The Land Mourn" — Jeremiah 12-4.

Debauchery is always repulsive. Drunkenness is nauseating. Intemperance has no apostle today, so I will not use a space to combat a man of straw. The saloon is the devil's bank. The saloon is our national attempt to suicide. While the saloon remains open the gates of hell cannot be closed. Let hell be blotted out today, and there is material enough in any saloon-keeper and a barrel of whiskey to start another one.

During Christ's stay on earth He traveled Palestine over and over again. He saw the man born blind: the leper, the impotent man the man possessed of devils; but he never saw a drunken man or woman.

Oh! the influence of the liquor traffic. It has permeated every part of our national life. It has entered the church, it has entered the halls of Congress; it has entered the pulpit. So powerful! So powerful has the traffic been, it could put all opposition to flight silence the voice of the preacher, seal the lips of the lawmaker and tie the hands of the President of the United States. Whenever in the past, the church has cried out against the accursed traffic the brewery interests has said "hush, sh, sh, preach the gospel and stay out of politics." I am not preaching politics, but I am following my Master's example when He said, "I must be about my Father's business." Godfearing men and women have brought this great question into politics, and it will stay in politics until the cancer now eating out the heart of the nation is incinerated in the fire of public indignation. A saloonkeeper said to a preacher, "see here, I understand you've been talking to their citizens' league on poly ticks; you can't understand such subjects, and I'd advise you to come off and leave the government in the hands of us fellows, what make it a study, see?"

The liquor traffic is our national sin, because it is the only sin publicly protected by license.

This nation is responsible before God for making an evil business legitimate, and unless the traffic is stopped it will drag this nation down. Drink is America's Nation al sin and curse. It cuts down young manhood in its vigor and age in its weakness. It breaks fathers' hearts, and bereaves loving mothers. It makes wife widows, children orphans, fathers' fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence, embraces consumption. It countenances the liar, respects the thief. It violates obligations, reveals in fraud, horrors infancy, it burns up men, condemns women, detests life, curses God and despises Heaven. It defiles the jury, stains the Judge, poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and wipes out honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. It does all this and more.

It murders the soul. It is the son of villainies, the father of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the Devil's best friend and God's worst enemy. Whiskey has made three millions of America's paupers in five years. Who takes care of them? The men who made them paupers? No! they turn them over to the State and the church. You who are honest and virtuous have the bill to pay, and yet you are asked to believe that the men who lay the burdens upon us are indispensable to America's prosperity.

We are asked to go to the polls and vote to these men the privilege of going on in their work of multiplying drunkards, and orphans, and paupers and starvation and crime. It is a traffic in blood. Many a man puts his family in the dark to help the saloon pay its electric light bill.

Make it right to sell whiskey and you cannot prove that it is wrong to kill. The Devil will never be chained while the saloon-keeper is loose. The man who votes to retain the saloon is sharp-ening a knife for his own heart. Shall this curse devour forever? From 1880 to 1890, 21,384 deaths from yellow fever, 650,000 from alcohol. Yet we license alcohol and quarantine yellow fever. But says some weak minded creature

BANKER'S DISTRICT CONVENTION.

M.A. Traylor, D. M. Baker, of the First National Bank and T. J. Gardner, of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., and John Thurmon, of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank spent several days this week in attending the Banker's District Convention which convened in Brady Monday. They also joined an excursion to Ft. Worth. Judge B. B. Stone attorney for the First National also was one of the party and delivered an address on dividends.

J. H. Patterson returned home Sunday night from the East where he has been selling horses.

Mrs. Bertie Lynch is in St. Louis this week laying in her spring styles and getting ready for a big Spring and Summer trade.

J. J. Kuykendall and E. C. Barker, of Oklahoma, are in the city visiting the family of B. B. Westbrook.

and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird, and that among us too, amid all our splendour and luxury, there is a merchandise of the bodies and souls of men—I have no quarrel with any saloon keeper, I am his friend. My voice is not raised against the man who drinks or the man who sells. My voice is against the traffic. To the saloon keeper I will say, when you pour the beverage into the glass, in the foam at the top, in white letters, let there be spelled out to your soul "Beware." When the books of judgement are open and ten million drunkards come up to get their doom, I want you to bear witness that I, this day in the fear of God, and in the love of your soul, told you with all affection, and with all kindness, to beware of that which has already exerted its influence upon you and your family. Oh, if you could only hear this day, Intemperance with drunkard's bones, drumming on the head of the whiskey barrel the dead march of immortal soul, methinks the very glance of whiskey glass would make you shudder and the color of the liquor would make you think of the blood of the soul, and the foam on the top of the cup would remind you of the froth on the maniac's lip, and you would go home and pray God that rather than your children should become captives of the drink evil you would like to carry them out some spring day to the graveyard, and put them away to the last sleep, until at the call of the south wind the flowers would come up all over the graves sweet prophecies of the resurrection.

Liberty! as if liberty meant the unlimited power of doing wrong Liberty! as though liberty meant the leaving defenseless of poor be-sotted victims who have pale as the very will to protect them selves! The rights of the minority! as tough in these hard days the rights of the minority include the right to burden the sober the honest, and the thrifty, with the intolerable burdens entailed upon them by the crime, the infamy and wretchedness to which they inevitably doom the weakest and worst. You might as well talk of protecting the vested interests of a cancer, as protecting the existing condition of a system which gives 200,000 licensed saloons, many of them "seething hells of vice, immorality and crime. Many are crying out that trade is depressed, that it is hard even for honest men to make a living. Why is it hard? It is because we have to support in the United States 1,000,000 paupers, of which very few would have been paupers but for drink. It is because the nation spends every year in drink, a sum which would be enough to give each of these 1,000,000 paupers and annuity of \$900 a year. When one knows that under the very shadow of the greatest monuments of the faith of our fathers are places so tainted with sickening immorality as to be like great plague spots of temptation; when we see the poor so huddled together in foul streets that scarcely a public opinion in favor of charity is left among them and the young girl who has sold to the enemy of man, the eternal jewel of her soul, comes back without one touch of shame, with the baseborn child doomed in its turn to drink, and infamy, and death; when we know of the working of all these mysteries of iniquity; when amid the tide of being which surges past us in the streets we see so many base, miserable faces of the lost, so many who have sold themselves to drink and to the devil. When through the hollow clay of our civilization we watch the dribbling of these streams of tears and blood. Must we not admit that America too is in part a habitation of demons,

God has a balm for such a wound; but what flower of comfort ever grew on the blasted breath of a drunkard's sepulchre? Let me say to the voters of Runnels county: At the coming election do something to fill men's lives with greater brightness. Do something to relieve the lot of those who are cursed by the traffic. Do something to do away with the infinite misery that God never meant should exist. The peril of drink which hangs over hundreds and thousands of children is more frightful than death in any form and every man ought, to the best of his power, endeavor to save them from the curse inflicted by the liquor traffic.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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Preaching next Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Sunday school 9:45 A. M. Everyone invited.
H. M. BANDY, Minister.

W. F. Kelley was brought in from Coleman county Monday and placed in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, O. H. Kelley.

Will Globber left Monday for St. Louis where he will take in the sights for awhile.

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VETERINARY LOCATES HERE

Dr. R. T. Bolyn, late of Virginia, has arrived in the city and will make his future home. Dr. Bolyn is a veterinary surgeon and will practice his profession here. He is a graduate of Columbia University at Washington, D. C. and has had ten years of practical experience. Dr. Bolyn and Capt. J. A. Hanen were neighbors back in Virginia and it was largely through Mr. Hanen's influence that the doctor has come to Brownwood.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We always hate to give up a good citizen and would rather the doctor remained with us, but we wish him well wherever he may go.

KILLING AT EDEN.

While attending a dance at Eden Friday night Dewitt Craig was shot and fatally wounded by Fred Slaughter of that place.

The young men had previously had a fist fight at Brady a few days before. On entering the room at the dance they exchanged no words but each drew their pistol, Slaughter being the quickest to shoot.

Craig lived until 4:30 Saturday after making a brave fight for his life.

Slaughter at once surrendered and was taken to Paint Rock and from there to San Angelo for safe keeping.

Feeling is high at Eden, but is pretty evenly divided, no one seeming to understand the real cause of the trouble. Both young men were unmarried and about 25 years of age.

MISS LUCILE HALE.

This young lady the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hale was for quite awhile resident of our city and while here made many friends who will be grieved to know of her death. The family moved to Talpa last year where Miss Lucile has been rapidly sinking under the dread disease, consumption. She was just in the bloom of young womanhood and it is sad to think of having to go so soon. But the parents have the consolation that though she cannot come to them, they may go to her.

Mrs. Ebb Gathey and children returned home Monday from a visit to relatives and friends at Wiggath.

WAS THIS YOUR BOY?

Coming down Eighth Street at noon, Wednesday, I was in time to see a sight that chilled the blood. A long freight train was standing on the track, the engine tank being filled. The children just in time to be cut off from the south part of town one boy started under the train. Was he yours? Another little fellow was tempted to follow suit, but was persuaded by the wise council of an older boy not to do so. The question of climbing over was discussed by other children, but it was not done and in a few moments almost without warning, the train was again in motion. Cannot something be done to ward off what will inevitably be a tragedy some day? Whose business is this?

Don't forget I have the best list of farm bargains in the county. I have the best bargains in city property. I can rent you the house you are looking for.
DICKINSON REALTY CO.,
Banner-Leader Office.

DR. I. N. THOMPSON.

Dr. I. N. Thompson left Wednesday for his new home at Skidmore, Texas, where the best wishes of a host of friends follow him and his family. Dr. Thompson has the reputation of being a first class physician and his good wife leaves many friends here. May they prosper in their new home is the wish of the Banner-Leader.

CONDITIONS IN NORTH END OF COUNTY.

Already over three inches of solid water has fallen during February and still it pours. Some chronic are kicking about the wind and slush. We have had spring weather and grass was never so green at this season of the year. Peach and plum are in full blossom and the blizzard can scarcely hold his tongue. Doves are filling and cooing and the man who has made his nimble knees well acquainted with the furrow is filled with thrills of rapture and his ears which used to flop down like a hounds are now pricked up and set back for the smiles that "stay put." Some have planted small patches of peas and corn, and garden truck and looking green. Ah—Mr. — there is something good in prospect.

The outlook for small grain has not been so promising for many years and the acreage is exceedingly large. Some spring oats are being sown. Much feed will be planted and more attention given to fine stock. Farmers are standing on street corners asking "where can I buy some pigs to make my meat for another year?" Same applies to good mules. They are as high as a cat's hump. I could sell 100 pigs

today and 1,000 good mules could be sold in Runnels county. Good planting seed are also in brisk demand and some are offering one-fourth of all cotton seed produced for pure planting seed.

"Uncle Johnnie."

Free Dyspepsia

Sample

Sufferers from indigestion are waking up to the fact that peppermint lozenges, charcoal and "dyspepsia cures" are only makeshifts in the cure of so troublesome a complaint as chronic indigestion. What is required is something that will not only relieve but which will tone and train the digestive apparatus to again do its work normally, and these simple remedies cannot do.

There is something more to the cure of indigestion than sweetening the breath, and yet a remedy that only contains digestive ingredients will not cure permanently, as the basis of indigestion is poor bowel circulation, and that requires a scientific laxative. We know of no remedy that combines these requirements better than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which has been sold for a quarter of a century.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a laxative tonic, a scientific blending of natural ingredients for the cure of constipation, indigestion, liver trouble, sour stomach, sick headache and similar complaints. Its ingredients will so strengthen and tone the stomach and bowel muscles that they will again do their work naturally, and when that has been accomplished your trouble is over. Pannie McE., and they both found their cure with this remedy. They became convinced that pills and tablets, salts, "dyspepsia cures," etc., were at best only temporary reliefs. They first accepted Dr. Caldwell's offer of a free sample bottle, which he willingly sends to anyone having convinced themselves through the free sample, they bought Syrup Pepsin a dollar-a-bottle.

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

DIED.

The three year old son of Horace Maxwell, who resides 4 miles south west of Ballinger. The nature of the sickness was some kind of throat trouble. Funeral will take place at the Old Runnels cemetery Friday at ten o'clock under direction of Rev. J. W. Raby.

STRAYED.

Two pigs, black with a few white spots on breast, part Berkshire and Poland China. Strayed from my place 4 miles west of Ballinger. A ny information leading to their recovery will be appreciated.
Fred Newton, Ballinger, Texas.

Wm. HUBERT DEAD.

Wm. Hubert, formerly editor of the Santa Anna News, and Coleman Democrat, and a well known West Texas pioneer, died at his home in Coleman, Feb. 17th, 1911. Peace to his ashes and we all regret the passing of this old pioneer well known to this part of Texas.

We are especially prepared to print nice Typewriting Stationery for the business and professional man, either in one or two color work. The Banner-Leader, if.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon H. S. McCowan by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the

nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Ballinger on the First Monday in March A. D. 1911, the same being the 6th day of March A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of January A. D. 1911, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1264, wherein Paul Trimmer is Plaintiff, and J. S. Patterson, M. J. Stacy, R. A. Terry, J. H. Patterson, J. W. Godwin, W. L. Ellis and H. S. McCowan are Defendants, and said petition alleging that on March 8, 1910, M. J. Stacy and R. A. Terry executed and delivered to J. S. Patterson two notes of said date, one for \$200, and the other for \$800, both payable to J. S. Patterson, first due Jan. 1st, 1911, and second due Jan. 1st 1915 both bearing 8 per cent interest from date, the interest payable annually on both notes on Jan. 1st of each year; that each of said notes provide that a failure to either of said notes or any installment of interest when due, shall be the option of the holder thereon, mature both of said notes that each of said notes provide for the usual attorney fee of 10 per cent if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or collected by suit; that H. S. McCowan is a non-resident of Texas.

That on March 8th, 1910, J. S. Patterson by warranty deed of said date conveyed to M. J. Stacy and R. A. Terry 80 acres of land situated in Coleman County, Texas, being the west half of the S. W. 1-4 of B. B. & C. R. R. CO. Survey No. 65; that the consideration for the above said conveyance, among other things, was the above said notes, and in said deed a lien was retained to secure said two notes; that on May 10th, 1910 J. S. Patterson endorsed the above described notes in blank and sold the same to plaintiff and that plaintiff is now the legal owner and holder of same, together with the legal title securing them which was also transferred to him by said J. S. Patterson; that on April 14, 1910, M. J. Stacy and R. A. Terry conveyed the above described land to J. H. Patterson, J. W. Godwin and W. L. Ellis and as a part consideration for said conveyance, said grantees assumed the payment of the above notes; that on May 18th, 1910, said Patterson, Godwin and Ellis conveyed said land to R. A. Terry and as a part consideration for said land said Terry assumed the payment of said notes; that on June 3rd, 1910, the said Terry conveyed said land by general warranty deed of said date, to H. S. McCowan who as a part consideration therefor assumed the payment of the above described notes.

That on Jan. 1st 1911, the above \$200 note with the annual interest on both of said notes became due and payable and the defendants failed and refused to pay same and that plaintiff in accordance with the terms of said notes thereafter on Jan. 10th, 1911, declared both of said notes due and payable; that plaintiff has placed both of said notes in the hands of Stone & Wade, attorneys for plaintiff and has contracted to pay them the 10 per cent attorney's fee provided for in each of said notes for their services in collecting said notes by suit.

Plaintiff prays that on final hearing he have judgment for the amount of his notes, including principal, interest and attorney's fee, and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of his vendor's lien on the above described property; that said real estate be ordered sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of his debt as the law directs, and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 2nd day of February, A. D. 1911. 21-4t

Mary Phillips, Clerk. District Court, Runnels County

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There is Only One Issue in the Campaign "Saloons or no Saloons"

COLEMAN COUNTY SHERIFF MAKES STATEMENT

Coleman, Texas, Feb. 19, 1911. Runnels County Prohibition Committee, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:—I understand that an election has been ordered in your county to vote on the whiskey question, and I want to join you in whatever way I can to help you wipe out the whiskey evil. Our town is operating under local option and it is a decided success. Whiskey is no good to any town, or people and without it, you gain every thing and lose nothing, only the bums that hang around the saloons. I have lived here when we had whiskey sold, and I live here where we have no saloons, and I know that we are in better shape than we were when we had saloons. The law can be enforced the same as other laws, and knowing your sheriff, Mr. Jim Flynt, like I do I know he will enforce the laws if Local Option is enacted. Whiskey and the sale of it is no good for anything, not even good for snake bite. It encourages crime, vice and all evils, and I for one, hope you will wipe it off the map in Runnels county. If I can serve you in any way, command me. Yours truly,

W. L. Futch,
Sheriff, Coleman Co.

SUPT OF SCHOOLS SAYS LESS DRUNKENNESS.

Brownwood, Texas, Feb. 20, '11 To whom concerned: This is to say that I have been a citizen of Brown county for nine years and hence am familiar with conditions as to the liquor traffic in this county, both before and since local option was voted.

While we have had a great many violations of the law, yet I believe that the general effect of local option has been salutary. In my judgment it has decreased crime and has contributed to the moral uplift of the county. I am sure that drunkenness is less prevalent, that drunkards have been reformed and that many boys have been saved from dissipation through the influence of local option in this county. I am, also, very sure that should the issue again be submitted to the voters of this county, that local option would be sustained by a greatly increased majority.

Courtney Gray
County Supt. of Schools.

WHAT COLEMAN COUNTY OFFICIALS SAY.

Brownwood, Texas, Feb. 20, '11. Hon. Geo. W. Fender, Sec. Prohibition Executive Committee, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:— We have had local option in Brown county since Sep. 1903, and when first adopted by the people, the law was constantly violated, but by persistent and systematic work on the part of the county officials, and the co-operation of the citizens, we are glad to say crime of all kinds have been on the decrease, and now the Local Option Law is not violated more than many other laws on our statute books.

We are proud of our local option law, and we believe there are very few good citizens in the county that want to see the saloons back in Brownwood.

Adopt Local Option, then select officers that will enforce it and your town and county will be one hundred percent cleaner.
R. L. McLaugh, County Attorney.
J. M. Perry, City Marshal.

MAYOR OF BROWN WOOD GIVES FACTS.

Brownwood, Texas, Feb. 20, '11. Mr. Geo. W. Fender, Sec'y Executive Committee, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: Local Option went into effect in our county September 1903. At first the law was not rigidly enforced and we had some trouble with the rougher element, but when we elected men who would enforce the local option laws, we had but little trouble enforcing it.

As to the effect on business and property valuations, I would say as one who has considerable real estate holdings, and has made a success in business, that I would not have the saloons back under any circumstances, and should they ever call an election to try to put them back (which I never fear they will) I would spend a good sum of money trying to keep them out.

As to morality: I cannot estimate the difference since we have had local option as compared with before. This comparison might represent the difference: One is truth and soberness, the other debauchery and drunkenness. Comparatively speaking one is heaven the other hell. I think any intelligent business man who lives in a saloon town, and sees the saloons go will never want the saloons back on account of business, morality or christianity, and I might say common decency.

As to the growth and prosperity of our town since local option went into effect, the people of Ballinger are well informed.

J. R. Looney,
Mayor four years.

ABILENE CHIEF OF POLICE ENDORSES PROHIBITION.

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 16, 1911. Rev. Geo. W. Fender, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir and Bro:— Local Option went into effect in our county on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1903, and has been rigidly enforced, as nearly to the letter as any law on our statute books.

The adoption and enforcement of the local option law in our city, has, beyond all question, been productive of splendid results. There is less drunkenness; there are fewer infractions of the law; less disorder, and less immorality and vice since than before its adoption.

The class of roughts who generally hung around saloons and led young men to vice, immorality and ruin, have gone from our city. I hope forever. The business of our city has never been depressed for a moment by the adoption of the said law, but on the contrary, its growth for these years has been wonderful and most gratifying, while the business of the city in every line has increased and expanded and prospered beyond the hopes of the most sanguine. Many of our citizens who voted against the law, now that they have seen its benign influences, and shared in its blessings and prosperity are amongst its staunchest advocates and I believe that the trial of the law in any County, will make its present opponents both its advocates and friends."

Very Respectfully Yours,
(Signed) J. J. Clinton, Chief of Police.

WHAT THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BROWN COUNTY SAYS

Brownwood, Texas, Feb. 22 '11. Hon. Geo. W. Fender, Sec. Pro. Ex. Committee, Ballinger, Texas.
Dear Sir:—In response to your

request I am writing you as to the effect of local option in this county. Local option was adopted in 1903 and has been enforced every since. It was adopted in 1903 by a majority of 135 and the anti's having petitioned for another election which was held in 1906, it was then adopted by a majority of about 850 votes. I have been a public officer in this county continuously since about a year before local option was adopted. I think I may be qualified to express an opinion as to how it has affected our affairs. I think it has been enforced as well if not better than other criminal laws on our statute books. I will say that up to 1909 local option was difficult to enforce and that we had considerable difficulty in weeding out an old set of violators of this law, but since the C. O. D. express fellow, the man who was keeping it on cold storage, the fellow who was ordering it for others the soft drink man, were taxed out of existence it is an easy law to enforce. And especially has it been since is was made a felony to engage in the business. And I might add that in your county if you carry it you can send them to the pen for selling one drink or one bottle. As to the effect on the community local option has worked in our county the strongest anti will, if he is honest, admit that there is not one per cent of the drinking here that there was when we had saloons. You don't see a man under the influence of liquor on our streets in Brownwood as often as once a month. Our moral conditions have improved, our schools are better, and our people have prospered as they never did before. When saloons were voted out it was claimed as it always is, that it would injure business. That prediction did not materialize. On the contrary our city has grown more since local option was adopted than in all its history. No reasonable anti in Brownwood could claim that local option injures the business interests of the city. I do not believe that one tenth of our voters are now in favor of open saloons. It would to us, be like going back into barbarism since we have had such a clean town so long.

Yours truly,
A. M. Brumfield
Co. Judge.

Pascal Armstrong is home from Ft. Worth where he has been attending school.

LESS THAN 3 1-2 PER CENT VIOLATIONS.

Brownwood, Texas, Feb. 22, '11 Mr G. W. Fender, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—At the request of our Mayor, Looney of Brownwood I hereby make the following statement in regard to the Local Option Law and the effect that Local Option has had on this county and Brownwood. During the seven years that we have had Local Option in this county our town has continued to grow and for the last two years, not withstanding the bad drouth, Brownwood has had a continuous and substantial growth. I have lived in Brownwood for nineteen years and during the first twelve years of this time Brownwood had saloons and the last seven has had local option, and I much prefer to live and raise my family where local option exists than where saloons exist. I have just examined the county records and find that less than 3 1-2 per cent of the indictments returned by the last Grand Jury into the County Court are for violations of the Local option Law.

Yours truly,
D. M. Scott,
County Clerk, Brownwood, Texas.

THE "UNSHIRTED" TRUTH.

To the voters of Runnels County:

The Local Option Election now on in this county was brought on by a united move by the Prohibitionists of this county. It is true that the move originated at Winters, and started in the following manner:

The leading Prohibitionists, or a number of them at least, met at Winters and discussed the advisability of petitioning the Commissioners Court for an election. The Winters people, at the request of the Ballinger Prohibitionists sent a committee to Ballinger to confer with a Ballinger committee and after a thorough discussion of the question it was decided that now was the time to hold the election, as it was the opinion that the time was ripe and opportune for voting the saloons out of Runnels county. To this end the Prohibitionists of the County united in one grand effort to secure the election, and accomplish the desired end.

A petition was circulated and in a very short time one thousand

one hundred and seventy-nine (1179) names were secured to the petition, asking the Court to grant the election. The signatures came from every section of the county.

The facts thus stated, refute the argument presented by our Anti friends, in which they make the claim that it is a Winters fight thus endeavoring to prejudice one section of the county against the others.

Our Anti friends claim that this Election will cost the tax payers of Runnels County, approximately One Thousand dollars. We are informed by the County Officers that the cost of this election will not exceed \$450. This cost will not amount to anything like the amount the citizens of Ballinger are called upon to pay annually, into a charity fund, and it is a well known fact that this demand for charity is almost wholly a direct result of the workings of the saloon. Certainly, in face of this fact, we are justifiable in going to this expense.

The Antis claim that our circular, "Business and Prohibition," is a reflection upon the citizenship of our county, in which they say, we sought to show the citizenship of Runnels county to be inferior to that of Coleman, Brown and Taylor counties. We challenge them to point out anywhere in said circular, where such claim is made, or even insinuated that such is the case. The circular is nothing more than an endorsement of Local Option in the counties named, from every standpoint and many instances, by men who formerly voted an Anti ticket, and who used their money to keep the saloons in their town. But since experiencing the change from a saloon to a local option town, now say they will spend more money to keep the saloon out. This is an argument our Anti friends cannot get around, and they try to confuse the minds of the people and divert their attention from the real issue—"Saloons or no saloons in Runnels County." This is the one, and only issue in the campaign.

We, as citizens of Ballinger, take the responsibility of bringing on this election, feeling that Ballinger would be a better town in every respect than it is with the saloons in our midst. There is but one issue before the voters of Runnels county at the present time—"Saloons or no Saloons." We demand that our opponents stick to the issue. If they have anything to say in defence of the saloon, let them say it.

SIGNED:
J. N. ADAMS,
T. S. LANKFORD,
C. P. SHEPHERD.

Committee appointed by the Mass Meeting of Ballinger Prohibitionists to confer with the Winters Committee.

It is sometimes hard to turn anyone from old ideas to new, but when the new are so much better than the old, then take the new.

If you have not yet used

TEXACO Axle Grease

get a can and you will prove to yourself that it is superior to any you have ever used.

For Sale by All Dealers

The Texas Co.

For Sale by all Dealers

Thru Sleeper To Kansas City On Santa Fe Train No. 18

which leaves south Texas at night, north Texas next morning, and arrives Kansas City 7 a. m. following day.

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

Miss Georgia Singleton is now one of the telephone girls at Coleman, having left for that place Monday.

JUST A FEW QUESTIONS FOR THE ANTIS TO ANSWER.

If saloons are town builders, are the Ballinger saloons doing their duty?

Since the last prohibition election 2 Runnels county whiet men have been murdered in our town by negroes. Who is responsible for these murders?

The anti's claim that a minor cannot get whiskey in Ballinger, and that the Sunday law is not violated. A boy under twenty-one was arrested last Sunday for being drunk. Did he order the booze. For further particular we refer you to the city court records.

The saloons or no saloon is the one and only issue in this campaign. Why do the anti's dodge the issue.

FARMERS

Find Simmons' Cough Syrup indispensable because it cures a cough promptly, healing the Bronchial passages and prevents Pneumonia and Consumption. There are many Cough Syrups but none like Simmons'. 25 & 50c bottles. All Drug Stores. Mf. by A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

A FARM WANTED

We have cash customers for good improved Runnels County farms. Do not want more than 160 acres, prefer about 120. Must be good and absolutely must be an unquestioned bargain. Do not offer us anything at a high price, and do not offer anything but good improved, well located farm. We mean business and have the cash buyer ready to close deal. If you have good stuff and are anxious to sell, for cash. Write us TODAY.

We also have a few Hill Co farms that can be exchanged for good farms in Runnels and adjoining counties. We will offer you only good deals and ask that you do not take up your time and ours by offering us any thing except genuine bargains. 22-4t

THE CITY TARTLTON CO., Hillsboro, Texas

A FARM FOR TRADE.

We have a three hundred and twenty acre Hill Co. farm to trade for Runnels Co. farm lands 280 acres in cultivation, part of the balance can be. Two sets improvements, good cotton and corn land. Eight miles of two good towns, 1 1-2 miles to small town. Near school, church and gin, on public road. Will exchange all or a part. Want nothing but good improved farm, at actual cash value. If you want a farm where crops have never failed, write quick. Price, complete description with plat furnished on application. Have also, some good residence property in Hillsboro to exchange for Runnels Co. farms. 22-4t

THE GUY TARTLTON CO., Hillsboro, Texas

FEED—FEED—FEED—FEED

I am now ready to supply your wants, in the feed line. I have feed of all kinds. Chops, Bran, Mixed Feed, Grain, Hay and Ear Corn. See me at Chastain & Simpson's Grocery Store.

tf10 M. D. CHASTAIN, Ballinger, Texas.

Mill Remnant Sale

Begins Saturday Morning February 25th.

This sale promises to be the most remarkable value-giving event of the entire season. Broken lots and odd sizes from all departments have been grouped together and marked at a great discount. Weeks have been spent in preparing for this

sale, large quantities of seasonable goods have been bought, such as shoes, hosery of every description, mill remnants of all weaves, white goods, laces and embroideries. This is a sale that is bound to quicken the economy spirit of every man, woman and child in Runnels county. Read the prices listed below and be on hand early for the best picking.

Mill Remnants Of Every Description

Short lengths of every conceivable weave will be found on our remnant counter, all marked in plain figures the number of yards and price for the piece, it would be impossible for us to describe here in detail the different weaves and price but remember that they are all marked at about half their regular value.

Big assortment of colored lawns, marked at the very low price per yard only.....5c
Burma cotton challies, large assortment of pretty patterns to select per yard7 1/2c

Madras gingham in light or dark patterns, good heavy weight, suitable for shirts and boys romper suits, regular 12 1/2 and 15c value, for.....10c

Val, torchon and linen, laces, edgings and insertions, big assortment to select from, per yard.....5c

Extra wide corset cover embroidery, deeply worked, many different patterns to select from per yard25c

Five and six inch hair ribbons, good heavy taffeta silk, comes in red, blue black, white, rose and lavender, regular 35c values, only25c

Ladies fine all-wool sweaters, in white and only, some have reversible collars, regular \$3.50 and \$4 values,\$2.98

Big assortment of ladies white waists, neatly trimmed with laces and embroidery, some are slightly soiled, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, now only.....98c

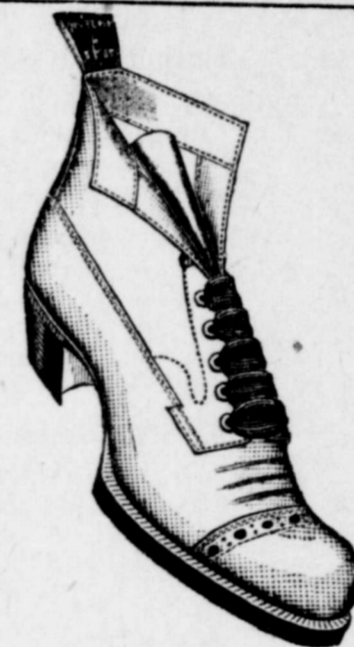
Extra wide embroidery flounce all new goods, suitable for pretty embroidery dresses, with wide bands to match, regular \$1.00 values, while they last at per yard only69c

Men's Women's and Children's Shoes At A Great Sacrifice.

Ladies' \$2.50 to \$4.00
Shoes \$1.98

Grand assortment of ladies shoes and oxfords, included are several hundred pairs, which have been selected from our regular stock of high grade shoes, such as tans, gun metal, patent, both button and lace styles, are actually \$2.50 to \$4 values, all go in this sale at choice only

\$1.98



Men's \$2.50 to \$5.00
Shoes \$1.98

Several hundred pair of men's high grade shoes, including the Howard & Foster and Stacy Adams makes, in Gun Metal, Patent and Vici Kid, all sizes and styles, regular \$2.50 up to \$5 values, go in this sale while they last at choice.....

\$1.98

Children's \$1.50 to \$2.00 Shoes 98c

Several hundred pairs of children's shoes and strap sandals, sizes from 5 up to 12, light or single soles, tans, patents and vici kid are regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 values, choice.....98c



Muslin Underwear of all Description

Large quantities of Muslin Underweares left over from the White Goods Sale to be included in this sale at remarkably low prices.

Grand assortment of childrens muslin drawers and underbodies, ladies corsets covers and many other garments, regular 15 to 25 cent values only10c.

Grand Assortment of Ladies, Misses and Childrens, Drawers, Gowns, Corset Covers, all made of nice grade cambrie, neatly trimmed with laces and embroideries, regular 50c values, all go at choice.....29c.

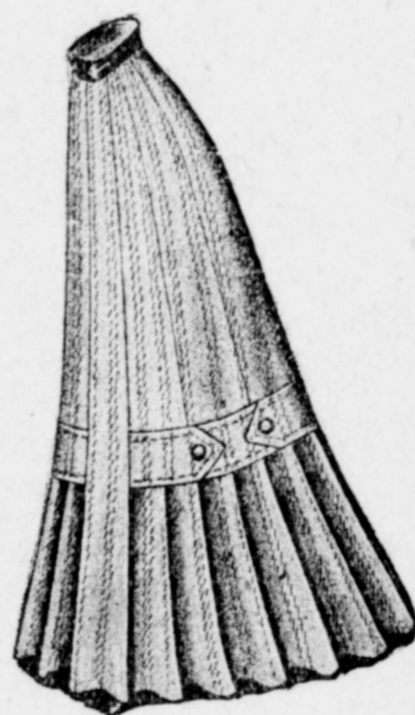
Big Assortment of Ladies skirts, gowns, drawers and Princess slips, all made of fine cambrie, neatly trimmed with laces and embroideries, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, go at only79c

BETTER GRADES UP TO \$3.50

Ladies \$6.50 \$7.50 and \$8.50 Tailored Skirts Only \$3.98

Grand assortment of ladies tailored skirts, including, violes, panamas, worsteds, serges and other fine weaves, in tan, blue, black, grey and green stripes, all sizes for large or small, this is one of the most wonderful skirt bargains ever offered to the people of this section, these skirts are all selected from our regular stock and marked at prices that will sell them beyond a question of doubt, early comers get best selections, actually \$6.50 - \$7.50 and \$8.50 values all go on sale at choice only

\$3.98



\$2.50 Gingham Dresses \$1.98

Just recieved a big shipment of ladies gingham and lingerie dresses, one lot exactly like illustration here shown, are well made of a nice quality gingham, come in light blue, piped and trimmed with colors to match, regular \$2.50 values, specially marked at.....\$1.98

\$4.00 Lingerie

Dresses \$2.95

Grand assortment of white lawn dresses, neatly trimmed with laces and embroideries, pleated and tucked, bought greatly underpriced and marked for quick selling, regular \$4.00 values, choice only

\$2.95

\$7.50 Lingerie Dresses \$4.95

Big assortment of pretty lingerie dresses, beautifully trimmed with baby irish bands and medallions, all tailored in this springs latest styles, regular \$7.50 values, choice.....\$4.95



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Ballinger, Texas