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IT'S A SURE THING

"You can drink the coffee that mother used to make but you can't drink the soda that father used to make."

In these days of aerial navigation, hobble skirts and the low price of cotton, a Soda Fountain has to be of classy design, and sanitary equipment, so as to win the eye of the peeful from the market price on bacon and the great multitude of sins. We have all this and then some. Come in and look at our Hot Soda Menu; for our hot liquid lunches touch the spot.

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LUNCHEON.

(Crowded out last week.)

On Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Geo. Holman, was hostess to a number of her friends, the occasion being a one o'clock luncheon. There were four delicious courses served, first; salad, then turkey with accessories, marshmallow whip with wafers, and coffee.

After this elaborate repast the guests played bridge the entire afternoon, having ample time to fully enjoy the intricacies of the games.

Those present were: Mesdames, R. A. Risser, Geo. Pearce, R. L. Bennet, D. Reeder, John Hopkinson, John Weeks, U. P. Melton, Ben Stone, Watkins, of Houston, Paul Trimmier and Miss Evadny Cady.

See the list of satisfied MAJESTIC RANGE users in this paper. Look up the ad of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack. Ballinger, Texas.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. Francis Pearce and Miss Evadny Cady entertained complimentary to Mrs. R. L. Bennet on Tuesday afternoon.

There were three tables at Bridge and each game proved full of interest and time fairly flew as the games progressed.

An appetizing salad course was served and the guests present were:

Mesdames R. L. Bennet Paul Trimmier, R. A. Risser, Geo. Vaughn, John Hopkinson, B. B. Stone, Geo. Holman, D. Reeder, John Weeks and Watkins.

HUNTING PARTY RETURNED

Dr. A. S. Love, Guy Adkins, Judge G. O. Harris and Bob Norman returned home Monday from a hunting trip in the Devil's River country, and killed one deer while gone.

They reported a pleasant trip, though game was rather scarce. They killed some birds and other small game.

W. O. W. and W. C. Lodges Hold Meeting

Many Delegates in Attendance and An Interesting Meeting is Reported.

As previously announced the W. O. W. and the W. C. Lodges held their mid-winter meet in Ballinger Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Six counties are embraced in the district that participated in this meet and each county had a fair representation here. The counties embracing this district are Runnels, Brown, Coleman, Concho, Tom Green and Coke.

On Tuesday morning the delegates met at the Hall and had their credentials examined and registered, and in the afternoon the local camp gave the visiting delegates an auto ride over the city, that night the W. O. W. at the Carnegie Library Building held a "Class Initiation" and the Woodman Circle had the same exercises at the Woodman Hall. On Wednesday at 9:30 the delegates met at the Hall and Judge R. S. Griggs in behalf of the city welcomed the visiting delegates in a neat and well-

worded address, and Attorney A. E. Wood in behalf of the local Camp welcomed the delegates and visitors to our City and both addresses were well received and applauded. Mr. Milan of Valera responded in behalf of the W. O. W. and Mrs. Annie Whidden responded in behalf of the Woodman Circle, after which many fine talks were made by various delegates. That night the local Camp gave a Mexican Banquet to the visiting delegates in the way of a two course supper consisting of the choicest Mexican Dishes which was much enjoyed by all. Covers for 160 were laid.

Thursday morning at 9:30 a meeting was held at the Hall to wind up unfinished business. The visiting delegates were loud in their praise of the many courtesies received while here attending the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Santa Anna in August.

Supt. Fleming came in Sunday night from Houston where he attended the Southern Educational Association, much benefited by coming in contact with the leaders in Education.

R. A. Nicholson, who is spending the winter in Ardmore, Ok. spent several days with his family here last week.

Next Sunday At The Churches

Methodist Church, Rev. E. V. Cox, Pastor.

Service morning and evening at 11:00 and 7:15 respectively. Subject for morning service "Why We Should Study the Bible." Subject for evening service: "Repentance."

Eight Street Presbyterian Church Rev. G. W. Fender, Pastor.

Service morning and evening at 11:00 and 7:15 respectively. Subject for morning service: "The King's Cup Bearers" Subject for evening service: "A Reasonable Service."

Ninth Street Baptist Church (at Library.) Rev. W. Bion Adkins, Pastor.

Services morning and evening at 11:00 and 7:15 respectively. Subject for morning service: "Sold Out." Subject for evening service: "Introduction to Jesus."

First Baptist Church Rev. Holmes Nichols, Pastor.

Services morning and evening at 11:00 and 7:15 respectively. Subject for morning service: "Love the Brotherhood." Subject for evening service: "The Christian's Password."

Rev. I. B. Anderson, of Midland will preach at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday December 10th, morning and evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

INFORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS BUYERS

Jewelry always has been and is today the most appropriate article to present as a Christmas gift because, for some unknown reason, it carries with it a peculiar feeling of deeper and truer friendship and love than any other kind of gift commands. And not only is it greatly appreciated when received, but as the years pass by it grows dearer and dearer still until after while when our heads have grown gray and our forms bent, we take it—the little Ring, the Locket, the Bracelet, the Watch, or whatever kind of Jewelry it might be—from its case and as we look at it tenderly and lovingly our thoughts travel back over the years, lingering here and there, and when aroused from our reverie by the question "What Would You Take For It?" the answer comes, though dreamy, but positive, "Its Not For Sale."

Now we know that you have some friends or loved ones to whom you would like to present a Christmas gift, and further we are aware of the truth that most of us have purses that are not any too full, so summing it all up, together with the fact that our stock of Jewelry is very complete—and large—in fact too large for us to carry over, we have decided to present you with this coupon which, if presented at our store before January 1, 1912, will be worth any amount of money, limited only by the amount of your purchases. Bring it with you and you will be surprised at what it will be worth to you.

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In last weeks paper we gave an account of the loss of the \$1000.00 and the above shows the final adjustment of the matter.

NOT AFRAID TO INVEST.

W B McCaughan who has resided at Norton some two years, with his family passed through Saturday enroute to Starr Mills Co., where he has pasture lease and he will look after his mules this winter.

Mr. McCaughan has faith in Runnels County soil. Just before leaving Norton he bought 320 acres of land known as the old Capt Hutchinson place near Mazeland at \$32.50 per acre.

Mr. McCaughan immediately rented the premises for another year

before leaving for Mills Co. He said he was not afraid to invest his money in Runnels County dirt although occasional droughts do visit us.

The body of land he bought is all tillable, and is as fine a body as can be found in the County.

A. H. Van Pelt was in Broff's several days last week, looking after his business there.

Mrs. Will A. Perry and children of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Perry's mother last week, leaving the latter part of the week for Miles to visit relatives before returning home.

Judge C. H. Willingham had business in San Antonio last week.



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FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

Which You Should Know.

Denison turkey raisers are shipping between 2,000 and 3,000 birds daily to northern and eastern markets.

Arrangements have been made to have the M. K. & T. demonstration train tour all points on the Texas Central Railway of Texas.

A Simonton man cleared \$5,000 this year from 60 acres of potatoes.

Farmers near Harlingen who grew long staple cotton this year received approximately \$30 per bale more than the market price for the ordinary staple.

The Commercial Club of Garza has inaugurated a movement for the organization of a Truck Growers Association in that community.

A reconnaissance soil survey by the Federal Department of Agriculture shows eleven different kinds of soil in the Panhandle.

Orange county voters will decide on the issuance of \$25,000 bonds for good roads in Orange county in the near future.

Petition are being circulated in Robertson county asking for an election for \$250,000 good road bond. The Calvert Business League is agitating the proposition.

There is considerable activity in Shackelford county at present in prospecting for oil and coal.

The Temple Life Insurance Company which was recently organized at Belton has purchased property for an office building.

The city council of Farmersville has let a contract for the construction of concrete gutters, curbs and walks around the public square.

A large number of entries were made at the Johnson county Poultry Show which was held at Clebrer

last week.

The Commissioner's Court of Walker county has made an appropriation for demonstration work in that country. The work will begin on December 1st.

A good roads bond issue in Grimes county which was recently voted on, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

A Mexican pecan grower made a visit to Goliad recently for the purpose of organizing a company for the growing of pecans on a large scale near that city.

An Eastland farmer has just harvested more than 3,000 bushels of peanuts from an eighty-acre tract.

A municipal waterworks system is being constructed at Dublin.

The Commercial Club of Goldthwait has subscribed \$200 for a laboratory for the public school at that place.

Taylor is witnessing great activity in building jines.

Spur has just celebrated its second anniversary and is proud of the fact that in two years it has grown from a bare prairie to a thriving town of fifteen hundred inhabitants.

The city council of Rogers has awarded a contract for laying a pipeline from Leon River to the city reservoir that will furnish 360,000 gallons of water every twenty-four hours.

Contact has been let for building a levee between Index and Garland City thirty-two miles in length and which will reclaim 170,000 acres of land.

Work will begin immediately on the Board of Trade test well for oil or gas at Vernon.

Last year's pecan crop was valued at approximately \$2,250,000.

Texas has more grape land than all the rest of the United States combined.

A company is being organized at Brownwood to prospect for gas and oil.

Owing to increased business the Lyon Gray Lumber Company of Sherman has found it necessary to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$350,000.

The Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Exchange and other organizations of Amarillo have acquired twenty acres of land and will construct an experimental irrigation system.

Mt. Vernon will vote December 16th on bond issue for construction of water works.

It is reported that the Dallas-Waxahachie Interurban which will be completed about January 1st, will extend to Ennis, a distance of thirteen miles.

The Beaumont Traction Company is spending about \$125,000 in reconstructing its double-track lines on concrete foundation.

Drainage District No. 1, Vanderbi has voted issuance of \$75,000 of bonds for the purpose of draining 40,000 acres of land.

The new Rice Hotel at Houston, an eighteen-story building will cost \$2,500,000.

Valuable prizes will be awarded at the Poultry Show to be held at Taylor, December 7th, 8th and 9th.

Dealers in farm implements declare that they have sold more goods in East Texas in the past five years than they have ever sold in the history of that section before.

The Commissioner's court of Jones county has appropriated Five Hundred Dollars for a demonstration farm. A like sum will be donated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Contract has been let by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad for the erection of an eighteen story building for its general office at Dallas.

The Houston & Texas Central Railroad will build thirteen miles of branch roads in Lee county.

\$100,000 bonds have been voted for at Big Springs for road construction.

The Waco Sash and Door Company will erect a factory that will cost approximately \$500,000.

The city commission of Dallas is planning to increase the city's water supply by not less than two million gallons a day.

Limestone county, precinct No. 4, will vote on a bond issue for road improvements, December 16.

Victoria contemplates a \$200,000 bond issue for road improvements in the vicinity of the city.

A vegetable packing house will be established at Harlingen and ready for operation by January 1st.

Contract has been let for the building of a branch plant of Armour & Co., at Stamford.

Last week, Hereford shipped out the first carload of sugar beets raised in Texas.

Director Youngblood of the State Department of Agriculture has recently located a new demonstration farm near Nacogdoches.

An experimental station will be established in Nolan county.

The Burnet county Commissioner Court last week appropriated a sum for the purpose of establishing a demonstration farm.

At an election recently held in Matagorda, it was overwhelmingly voted to issue bonds for the purpose of reclaiming a large tract of land between the Trespalacios and Garancabau rivers.

La Salle county farmers are planning an irrigation system that will water 50,000 acres.

The business and professional men of Laredo have organized a Latin-American Club. The purpose is to promote business relations between the United States and Mexico.

A carload of snap beans was shipped from Wharton station last week to Eastern markets.

The Santa Maria extension of the San Benito interurban will be started once and completed by January 1.

A franchise has been granted in Brownsville for the construction of a street railway system.

Galveston is the world's greatest cotton exporting port.

The Commercial Club of Rockport has taken charge of the construction of an automobile drive which will run along Redfish Bay and Aransas Bay to nine mile point thence across to Capaho Bay, and back along shelter roads to Rockport.

United States Army Engineers have recommended an appropriation of \$1,370,000 for Texas waterways.

Articles of incorporation for Texas, Kansas and Omaha Railway have been approved by the Attorney-General. The proposed line will run

from Amrillo to Texahoma.

A large number of Wilbarger County farmers have declared their intention of attending the farm demonstration to be conducted in that county.

Citizens of Midland are planning a big irrigation well celebration on December 8th. Railroads are making reduced rates for the occasion.

The Medina Irrigation Company has planned to devote one thousand acres of land for a permanent experiment station near Lytle. All branches of irrigation will be taught.

The Pecos Commercial Club has a movement under way to secure a railroad from that city to Texico, New Mexico. The proposed line will be 182 miles in length and will have its general offices, round house and machine shops in Pecos.

The War Department has temporarily removed the irrigation restrictions upon the waters of the Rio Grande.

J. O. Berryman, of the United States Department of Agriculture is planning to establish a demonstration farm at Haljelsville.

The L. X. Ranch near Amarillo has purchased from the Turkey Track ranch in New Mexico, 8,000 head of cattle at a cost of \$250,000.

The Gulf Refining Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., will build a 6-inch branch line from Salt Hill to Fort Worth where a refinery will be built at once.

On January 19th, 1912, precincts in Pecos, will vote on \$100,000 good roads bond issue. Reeves county has organized a Good Roads Association.

The Oklahoma-Pecos Oil Co. has shipped machinery to the Pecos-Texas Oil field and will commence development work within a few days.

Wilson county will vote on \$30,000 bond issue for purchase of two complete road-building machines for building, including scrapers, etc.

The Southern Pacific is reported contemplating building a branch from Alpine to Pecos, a distance of about 100 miles.

Contracts have been let for building five new steel bridges in Fannin County.

Survey has been made for the extension of the Brownwood North and South Railroad from May to Rising Star.

The Tioga Traction Company of Sherman, composed of business men of Tioga, Sherman and McKinney, will build a line from Tioga to McKinney.

Mission Valley district of Victoria county will vote on \$40,000 bond issue for road improvements in the near future.

A company is being organized in Corpus Christi to establish a plant for manufacturing paper bottles in that city.

A Saratoga chip factory will be erected at Greenville.

It is reported that the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company will enter Slaton in the immediate future.

Arrangements have recently been made for the settlement of between 200 and 300 families near Midland.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

Reduced round-trip rates have been granted by all of the railroads of the State on account of the third annual convention of the Texas Industrial Congress which will be held in Dallas on Wednesday, December 20. The rates from points within 90 miles of Dallas will be one and one-third fare for the round-trip; from points 100 miles from Dallas, \$3.50 for the round-trip and for all points in the State over 100 miles from Dallas, one and one-fifth fare for the round-trip. Tickets will be on sale at all railroad stations on December 18 and 19 and also on December 20 for all trains reaching Dallas before noon of that day. They are good returning for all trains leaving Dallas December 21.

The \$10,000 in prizes offered by the Congress for the best yields of corn and cotton will be awarded at the convention. It is not yet known, of course, who the winners of the prizes will be, as all of the reports are not yet in, but many of the contestants have secured very gratifying yields. Some of them have produced over 100 bushels of corn and others as much as 2 1-2 bales of cotton per acre. Fifty of the leading contestants to-date have an average of 46 1-2 bushels of corn and 1 1-2 bales of cotton per acre.

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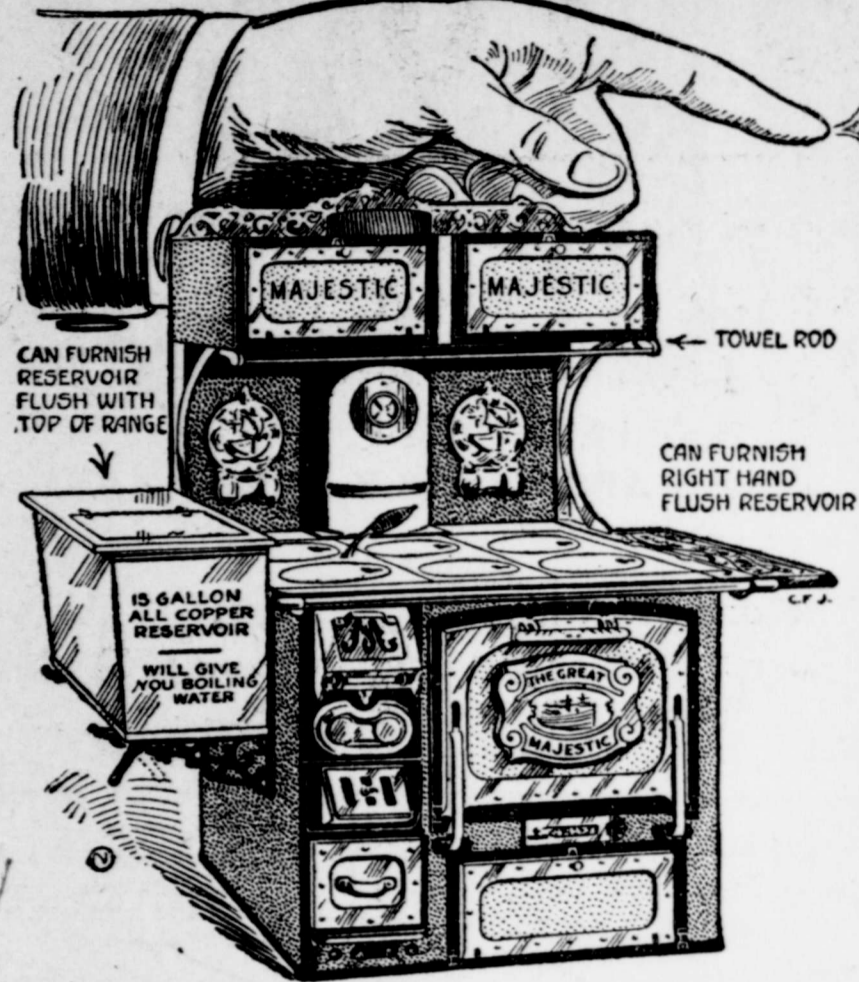
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- 1st. It has the reputation of being the best range money can buy.
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 - 4th The reservoir alone is worth the price of range over any other reservoir made. It boils 15 gallons of water; is heated like a tea kettle, with pocket against left hand lining, and is movable and sets on a frame, hence cannot wear out. When water gets too hot it can be moved away from fire.
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there is hoping that much success will be in his new home. Mr. Bennett is an abstractor of state wide reputation, is a stickler for accuracy and neatness and his work has attracted wide attention over Texas, and the firm in Belton—Bell County Abstract Co., with which he is associated is fortunate in securing so competent a man to handle the details of their work.

Get a FREE MAJESTIC SOUVENIR—See our advertisement in this issue.
Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.
Ballinger, Texas.

Jot Clark spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks, after being in San Angelo a month, working at the Oil Mill. He left Monday for Winters to spend a month working in the Oil Mill in that city.

It's worth \$8.00 to you to read our advertisement in this paper, so don't overlook it.
Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.
Ballinger Texas.

J. T. Billups of Truitt was a caller at our office Saturday and left us a nice order for job work which was appreciated. Mr Billups is having a large part of his big ranch cleared up and put in farms so the two blades of grass will grow where only one grew before.

Buy a range with a reputation, and take advantage of our Free Offer during our Demonstration Week, all next week. Come in and let us show you.
Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.
Ballinger, Texas.

M. G. Caperton, of the Maverick country, was among the large crowd in the city Monday.

Mrs. J. T. Dawson and son Raymond left Friday for Sweetwater to join Mr. Dawson, where they will make their future home.

SHERIFFS SALE.
State of Texas, County of Runnels.
By virtue of an Order of Sale is-

sued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of October, 1914, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of John Loveless versus I. Z. Brown, H. T. Moore and M. J. Moore, No. 1331 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered. I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on Tuesday the second day of January, A. D. 1915, at the court house door in Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas the following described property, to-wit: Situated in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas Lots No. 9 and 10 in Block No. 4, Terry's second addition to the Town of Ballinger, Texas as same appears upon the Map of the Plan of said addition now of Record in the office of the county clerk of Runnels county Texas, levied on as the property of I. Z. Brown, H. T. Moore and M. J. Moore to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$235.20 in favor of John Loveless and cost of suit.

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A good crowd was in town Monday and the merchants enjoyed a good trade and Ballinger is becoming the recognized leading trade center of Runnels County as it should be. We have the goods and the prices are right, and why not come here to do your trading.

Last Sunday's Dallas News carried the story of Detective Burns giving a full account of his apprehending the McNamara Brothers, and is a more interesting story than ever Sherlock Holmes experienced.

The booster "bulls" the market of success, while the knocker is a "bear" on his own prosperity. Boost your town and state and your own business will profit accordingly.

The modern type of sleeping car that will be used on the Waco Dallas-Corsicana interurban is only another indication of the many good things that are coming our way. There is nothing too good for the people of the Lone Star State. The men at the head of Texas public-service corporations realize this and are giving their patrons the best there is to be had.

What's the use of buying goods made out of the state when we can just as well purchase Texas-made articles? Texas factories can and do, turn out just as good a product as the foreign factory. Such being the case it behooves us to patronize home industries, for when Texas enterprises thrive we—the com-

munity, the state—profit accordingly.

Among other things, the Texas farmer has to be thankful for the organization of hog and corn clubs, establishment of demonstration farms and the wonderful increase in the number of acres under cultivation.

The stability of a government is not reckoned by the number of discontented soldiers it maintains in its regular army, but by the industrial prosperity of its people.

Now that the candidates are floating around like snowflakes in winter and many cliques are being formed to give us a new constellation in the political heavens, it is well for those who place the public welfare above partisan pride and factional creed to squarely face the situation and be up and doing. We must place in positions of power men who know Texas as the thrifty housewife knows her kitchen. We must know what we have, where it is and what we need. The great trouble is that many of our politicians know Texas about like a hog knows the pasture; they can find the feeding trough, the wallow and the shade, but the unbounded possibilities of our soil and minerals and our industrial opportunities constitute a strang world as vague and incomprehensible as the great beyond and we await the hand of time to develop our resources as patiently as we await the morning of the resurrection. Let us send to Austin men who see the world forces of progress marshalling in the dim horizon of the future and who can swing civilization around Texas like planets around a central sun. Paraphrasing the language of the vaudeville poet "we have the time and the place, but it is dog-gone hard to find the men."

Great catastrophes are often blessings in disguise. The Galveston flood cost many lives, destruction of much property, but it focused the eyes of the world on Galveston. Then the people were forced to exert themselves to their very utmost to bring order out of chaos, and rebuild the stricken, wind-swept city. Today Galveston is a revelation even to the most sagacious Galvestonian. The great sea wall protects the city from the fury of the wave and they can do but little damage, no matter how fiercely they beat against the granite rip-rap and the re-inforced concrete sloping wall. A beautiful boulevard has been constructed along the sea wall, tempting automobiles, and vehicles of all kinds to enjoy the level stretch, where the ozone comes floating in from the sea on the breezes that

come from some far-away land. The bay has been spanned by magnificent viaduct, once more linking the island with the main land, and over its substantial concrete supports, hundreds of people will be transported by the steam railways and the new electric line from Houston. Everywhere is life, energy and activity. The sleep old Rip Van Winkle days were buried in the moaning waves and swept away by the shrieking storm blasts. Galveston is a rejuvenated city, the second harbor in the United States, destined to yet greater achievements when the contiguous country, developing, pours its richness through her port, to supply the nations of the world. San Francisco is one of the startling examples of how a stricken city, impoverished by earthquake and cruel flames, came up from the debris and the ashes like a young bride, ready to meet her affianced at the holy altar. By trouble, sorrow and calamity (are men and women tried, and the best that is in them rises to meet the emergency.—Cleburne Enterprise.

The announcement recently made by the Federal Agricultural Department that the rice production in Texas has increased twenty-six fold in the past decade brings to mind that a few years ago this youthful and powerful industry was unknown in Texas and its discovery has given us a new world in agriculture but there may be many other planets of prosperity twinkling in Panhandle, the Pecos Valley and the Virgin parishes of the South and West, awaiting a discoverer.

We are standing on the edge of the ocean of discovery in Texas and we need a Columbus to sail the high seas of our possibilities, to discover new continents in agriculture to explore our mineral kingdom, to colonize our industrial opportunities and to give us a new world to live in.

The work of discovering and developing our resources is the duty of government, and those who seek to serve the public should first feel the thrill of progress that is coursing through the veins of the state.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

The Leader man dropped in on R. P. Conn this week one day and found the store crowded with customers as has been the case since his sale opened on last Friday, and after struggling around for some minutes finally reached the manager, Mr. Conn, and after passing a few words, he says you may tell your readers it pays to advertise.

He stated that he had customers that came forty miles to his store and brought along a copy of the Banner Leader with his ad and from that ad selected their merchandise. Mr. Conn goes on the theory that the "Price Is The Thing" and it is a winner too.

A Missouri editor has figured out what constitutes a good day's work. If you lay brick, eight hours; if you keep house, sixteen hours; if you preach the gospel, two hours; if you are a porter in a sleeping car, twenty hours; if you work for the government one hour; if you run a country newspaper, twenty-four hours.—Abilene Reporter. That Missouri editor calls play work. An editor doesn't work. He reads 50 to 100 exchanges, writes 4,000 to 8,000 words a day, corrects proof (sometimes), uses scissors entertains guests, compliments all his advertisers and subscribers pokes fun at the devil and suppresses most everything he he knows; and he does all this in from 16 to 20 hours a day, here in Texas. In Missouri of course editors are mighty slow; and it may be they are busy 24 hours in the day.—Tyler Courier.

Congressman Going Back to the Farm. Hon. Martin Dies congressman from the Beaumont district, being asked why he did not stand for re-election, said:

"The truth of the matter is, and I may as well confess it, my heart is set upon the country, I long to get away from the confusion of the city. I am tired of

concrete pavements and brick houses. I am thirsty for a drink of branch water. I want to feast my eyes on the grass and vines and trees of nature, undefiled. I want to sit for hours on the bank of the creek and try my luck with the hook and line. I want to walk through the woods and lie in wait for the cat squirrel as he buds the magnolias. I want to read some books in the still evenings. I want to plant some trees now, so that when old age has come I can eat their fruits and rest there under their shade. I love the country. I want a farm and I want it right here in old East Texas. I intended to live here while I live and when I die I want to be buried here. And when I get this farm I am going to raise Dooley yam potatoes, ribbon cane, peanuts, pigs, chickens, etc. I am going to have an old fashioned plum thicket near my house where the red bird and the mocking bird may raise their young and sing their song undisturbed. I am going to town whenever I feel like it, and when the racket and noise gets on my nerves I am going back to the country. I want to do all this while I am yet in love with my fellowman. If I keep on running for office and being misrepresented and slandered. I will soon become sour and misanthropic, and nature will have lost her charm."—Ex.

In the confession of the McNamara Brothers on last Friday, there ends one of the most talked of incidents that has agitated the minds of the American people in many a day. There was more involved than the mere guilt or innocence of the two men who stood accused of an heinous crime many of the labor unionists were loud in their declarations of the innocence of the accused, and even went so far as to accuse Detective Burns of being guilty of a frame-up to add luster to his name and cast aspersions on the name of labor unions, and many people went so far as to contend that labor unions were to blame for the crime, but happily the great middle class were willing to bide their time, wait and see, and now that the mystery is cleared up by the confession of both men to the crimes with which they were charged, much of the

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rubbish is out of the way. One thing is certain, and that is if labor unionists want to make any progress with right thinking men they must go slow in rushing to the defense of the criminal element within their ranks and be more sane in their declarations when one of their number is charged with crime. On the other hand it is not right to blame an organization with the acts of a scoundrel within its ranks, as these red handed murderers proved to be.

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM and RECALL.

Some children asked the Fort Worth Record for a definition of the initiative, referendum and recall, and the editor's reply is such a neat, primary lesson on issues now receiving much attention that we reproduce it:

"The initiative is a proposal whereby a certain number of voters—10, 20 or 30 per cent, as may be provided by law—may submit for public approval, or have submitted through the legislature, any law which they may desire.

"The referendum is a vote by citizens on a law initiated by a percentage of the people, as provided under the initiative, or by the legislature upon its own motion or by petition before the law goes into effect.

"The recall is a device whereby an officer may be dispossessed

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

THE BALLINGER JERSEY DAIRY

Is the place to get your Fresh Milk. The best grade of Jersey Cows in the country are the kind we milk and have give our Customers Rich Milk. Give us your order.

P. K. LAXSON, MGR.
Phone No. 210, Ballinger, Texas

of his office by a vote of citizens before his time expires. It contemplates that when a certain percentage of voters become dissatisfied with an officer they may petition for his recall and then an election shall be held to determine whether he shall retire or continue in office.

The initiative and referendum are designed to vest in the people the right to enact or reject laws by direct action, instead of through representatives chosen for that purpose.

The recall is designed to afford an opportunity for the removal of officers who become unpopular or commit unpopular acts while in office.

Time-Adjusting Diamond-Setting

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F. Wesley Gray
Winters : Texas



OFTEN MAKES A QUICK NEED FOR THE CURE THAT'S SURE

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

FOR

COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH

AND ALL TROUBLES OF THROAT AND LUNGS

PROMPT USE WILL OFTEN PREVENT PNEUMONIA AND CONSUMPTION

PRICE 50c and \$1.00 SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

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Ballinger, Texas

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The Non-Interest Bearing And Unsecured Deposits Of This Bank Are Protected By The Depositors' Guaranty Fund Of The State Of Texas

We Take care of our customers. Our motto is, "Live and Let Live" Your business be it large or small, is cordially solicited.

LOANS

Being the exclusive agents for the British & American Mortgage Company, Limited, which Loan Company is well known in this County, we wish to call your attention to the fact that we are in a position to make loans on real estate in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest, without any cost to you except to show good title to your land.

We can make loans on five year's straight time, or the loans to be repayable as to principal, to-wit: 1-10th each year for the first four years, the remainder, 6-10ths, at the end of the fifth year; or 1-10th each year for the first six years, and the remainder, 4-10ths, at the end of the seventh year, or 1-5th each year for five years, or 1-7th each year for seven years.

Call at our office for further particulars.

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THE HUB

**PRICES CONTINUE
Until Our
STOCK IS SOLD!!**

Amoskeag
Gingham
8 Cent a Yard

We are not going out of business, but we are convinced that our stock is entirely too large, and if real bargain prices mean anything to you our stock will be reduced very much within the next thirty days. What influences us to offer staple merchandise at such low prices cannot interest you; but a look at these prices will convince you that something has influenced us to sacrifice some good merchandise.

28 inch Percale
5c per yard

Men's Suits

\$25.00 Suits at	\$17.50	\$15.00 Suits at	\$ 9.95
\$20.00 Suits at	\$15.00	\$12.50 Suit at	\$ 8.25
\$18.00 Suits at	\$13.75	All this Winter's Styles. Every Suit in this lot received this fall, and every Suit all Wool. Last year's Suits at less than half price.	
\$17.50 Suits at	\$13.50		

\$2.50
Wool nap
Blankets
at
\$1.85

\$1.50
Cotton
Blankets
at
\$1.15

Men's Overcoats

\$25.00 Cravanette coats at	\$18.95	\$15.00 cavanette coats at	\$11.25
\$20.00 cavanatte coats at	\$15.95	Last years coats at half price. colors: Gray, Brown, Black, and mixed.	

\$3.50
Thoroughbred
Hats
at
\$1.85

\$1.00
Dress
Shirts at
65c

Men's Pants

\$5.00 and \$6.00 Pants at	\$ 3.95	\$3.00 and \$3.50 Pants at	\$ 2.45
\$4.00 and \$4.50 Pants at	\$ 2.95	\$2.50 Pants at	\$ 1.95

25c per pair
Towels
2 pair for
35c

Ladies' and Misses' Suits and Coats

\$25.00 Suits at	\$17.50	\$15.00 Suits at	\$10.75
\$20.00 suits at	13.50	\$12.50 Suits at	8.25
\$17.50 suits at	12.50	\$10.00 Suits at	6.50
\$25.00 coats at	17.50	\$15.00 Coats at	10.50
\$20.00 coats at	13.25	\$12.50 Coats at	8.50
\$17.50 coats at	12.25	\$10.00 Coats at	6.75
\$7.50 at	5.00	\$5.00 Coats at	3.65
\$4.00 coats at	2.50	\$3.00 coats at	2.00

Royal
Society
Embroidery
Floss at
2c per Skein

\$5.00
Men's Shoes
for
\$3.95
\$3.50
Ladies Shoes
for
\$2.85

The Prices

Which we quote above indicate the Reduction which we are making on our entire Stock. It matters not what your needs may be You can supply them from Our Stock of Wool and Cotton Dress Goods, Silks, Staple Cotton Goods, such as Sheetings, Domestics, Plaids, Cheviots, Outings, and Cotton Flannels, Gloves, Neckwear, Sweater Coats, Underwear for Men Women and Children, Suspenders, Belts, Collars, Trunks, Traveling Bags, Hats, Etc

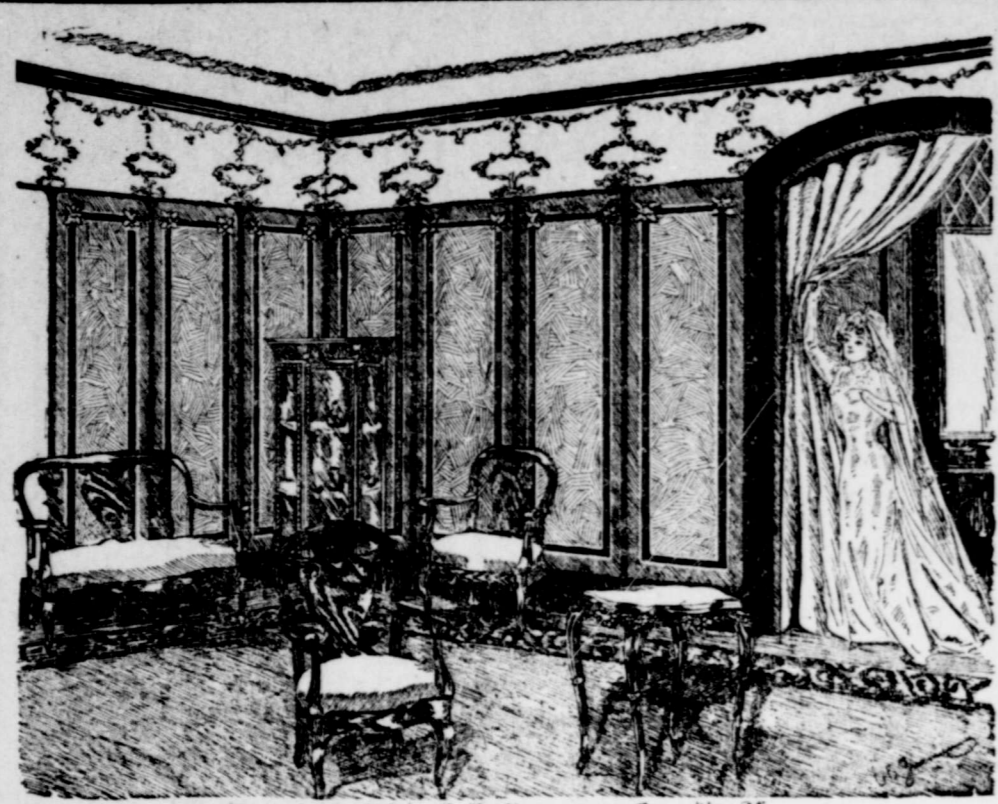
At Money Saving Prices

These are absolute Cash prices and no goods will be Charged at them.

Ballinger

THE HUB

Texas



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The Bride's Dream

What girl or woman has not dreamed of a perfect home, for a home equipped with beautiful furniture in perfect harmony goes a long way towards perfect happiness. We can aid you towards creating this cherished thought, and when you buy your outfit from us there is satisfaction in knowing that it is going to last, that it is going to endure time, and will never be an eye sore on account of its shabby or worn-out appearance. This is the only kind of furniture we sell, so buying from us means that you will get that kind.

The Ostertag Furniture Co.

The Reliable Furniture House Ballinger, Texas

to stake thence North 30 feet to the place of Beginning, levied on as the property of J. A. Suggs to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$413.64 in favor of J. W. Dale and C. Kornegey and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this the 6th day of December, 1911.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff,
Runnels County, Texas.
By J. A. Demouille, Deputy.

Ben F. Parker and J. E. McAdams of the Tokeken country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Drop in our Store during our Majestic Demonstration Week, all next week, and let us show you why the Great and Grand Majestic Range is the best on earth. A Souvenir Set of Ware, worth \$8.00, given with every Majestic Range sold.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack,
Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. Ella Flynt, of Winters came in at noon Tuesday on a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. P. Flynt and family.

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST.

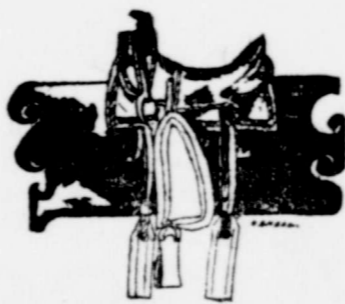
We have a few vacancies in the RUNNELS COUNTY FRIEND-IN-NEED SOCIETY NO. 1.

This is your opportunity to become a member of this society.

A. F. VOSS, Sec'y.,
Ballinger, Texas

WHY TAKE CALOMEL?

When Simmons' Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant, yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives. In yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.



Saddles and Harness

Bits, Blankets and Horse Goods of all kinds to be had for very moderate prices at our establishment. STYLE and QUALITY in all our Saddles and Harness. Fine selected leather, guaranteed to outwear any other Saddle or Harness purchased at the same price. Yours for business.

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Ballinger, Texas.



We Have Opened a Display of PIANOS

In the Judge Guion Building on 8th Street

MONDAY, DEC. 4

New Pianos \$150 and Up

You can buy for a small cash payment and easy payments for the balance.

Every Instrument

regardless of price, fully guaranteed. Examine our stock. This house has the distinction of being the oldest mercantile concern in Western Texas, under one name and management. Established 1890.

GEO. ALLEN

The Music Dealer

San Angelo, Texas

NORTON NEWS.

Dr. Mitchell and J. M. London attended the Masonic lodge at Broote Saturday night.

Guy Hamfright returned to his home in Itasca Saturday.

Quite a number of young people of Norton attended the box supper at Gentry Thursday night.

A number of young people attended the Christian Endeavor Sunday from Mazeland two of them getting married.

Queen of the Prairie.

CALOMEL IS BAD.

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant, and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. In yellow tin boxes only. Tried once, used always.

Miss Stella Rodgers, of Louisville Ky., who had been visiting in our city, left at noon Tuesday for the east.

Mrs. John J. Adney, of San Angelo was a delegate from the San Angelo Woodmen Circle here this week and was a pleasant caller at the Leader office.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of October, 1911, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of J. W. Dale and C. Kornegey versus J. A. Suggs No. 1321 and to me as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff sales on Tuesday the second day of January A. D., 1912, at the court house door in Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas as being a part of the Thomas Green Survey 490, Abstract 232

Situated in the town of Winters more fully described as follows beginning at a stake set 17 feet east of the N. E. corner of the M. F. Cornelious Store Building thence east 91 feet a stake the N. E. corner of a 1-3 acre block a part of said Green survey bought by Winters Gin Co from Winters water-works Company by deed dated Jan. the 12, 1904 Recorded in book 38, page 590, Deed Records of Runnels county Texas, Thence South 30 feet to stake thence West 91 feet

LEND ME YOUR EARS CHILDREN

The City Drug Store has prepared to place on sale the swellest line of Xmas Goods ever shown in Ballinger, and it is important that you do your shopping early and thus get the choice of our Xmas Goods

Presents

You can find just the thing you want to give father, mother, brother, sister, Uncle, Aunt, Cousin or Friends at our store.

Boys

Come to our Store and get anything from a Toy Pistol to an Airship.

Accommodations

We will be prepared to wait on you without delay, as plenty of help will be employed. Se come right on and do your shopping with us.

Variety

We shine in variety of things suitable for presents. We have presents to suit every pocket book.

Too Numerous To Mention

It is impossible to mention one tenth of the things we have in our store in the Xmas Line, so we ask you to visit us and see our immense stock, and we are sure you will find just the thing you want.

THE CITY DRUG STORE



AUTUMN DAYS

remind us that soon it will be time to be planning for the holiday season. In fact experienced and farsighted people have already begun their preparations.

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GRAPHS are always acceptable to those who care for you. Why not set for some now, so you will have them

all ready to send when the time comes? We promise a perfect portrait.

Wilbourn's Studio

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists. 52 t

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelley returned home from Albuquerque, N. M. Saturday where they had been visiting for some time past.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers.

We want you to call at our store during our Majestic Demonstration Week, all next week, and get a Souvenir Set of Majestic Ware.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack,
Ballinger, Texas.

EATS WHAT HE LIKES AFTER TAKING FREE SAMPLE

It will be welcome news to dyspeptics to learn of a remedy that, in the opinion of thousands, is an absolute cure for indigestion and all forms of stomach trouble, and, better still, it is guaranteed to do so. The remedy is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

We all know the value of pure pepsin in indigestion, and add to this some exceptional laxative ingredients and you have a truly wonderful remedy. Mr. T. W. Worthy of Forsythe, Ga., got to the point where he could not even eat or digest vegetables and after many years of seeking he found the cure in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Mr. Rudy Kasner of Moline, Ill., was in the same bad predicament with his stomach, took Syrup Pepsin and is now cured.

Hundreds of others would gladly testify.

It is a guaranteed cure for indigestion, constipation, biliousness, headaches, gas on the stomach and similar complaints. A bottle can be had at any drug store for fifty cents or a dollar, but if you wish to make a test of it first, send your address to Dr. Caldwell and he will supply a free sample bottle, sent direct to your address. You will soon admit that you have found something to replace salts, cathartics, breath perfumes and other temporary reliefs. Syrup Pepsin will cure you permanently.

For the free sample address Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

Arctic Ice & Fuel Company

Sell

Best Coal at : : : \$9.00
Just as Good Coal at : : : \$7.00

BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith of West End a girl baby at their home Friday night.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sailor, of the New Home community a sweet little girl Saturday night.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gressett a girl, Tuesday.

It will more than pay you for the time to read our large advertisement in this paper.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack,
Ballinger, Texas.

John Dale, one of the Winters merchants was transacting business in Ballinger between tarrins Tuesday.



DON'T BE CONSTIPATED

Everyone knows when he is constipated, and everyone should know the risk he is running when he fails to promptly correct it.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a Bowel Tonic and Regulator.

It empties the bowels just as thoroughly as the harsh, griping cathartics and does it mildly, comfortably, pleasantly. Moreover, it leaves a beneficial influence behind it because the bowels remain healthy and regular thus there is no return to constipated conditions.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

Holiday Goods at The Fair

Visit us for Xmas Purchases.
L. L. MILLER

Coal and Wood

We have Good Coal at \$6.50 per Ton.
Also Better Coal--get our Prices.
Best Oak Wood--always on hand.
Phone 120. C. J. Lynn & Bro.

THE TEST OF TIME

We have been in the Retail Grocery business in Ballinger many years, and have built our reputation by the quality of the goods sold. The best groceries that we can buy is what we offer to sell you and at prices as reasonable as the character of the goods offered will permit. Give us part of your Grocery trade.

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

PHONE 66

708 HUTCHINS AVE. BALLINGER, TEXAS



Xmas and New Year

Is about here don't you want a suit or over coat made to your measure. If not probably you want your old suit cleaned and pressed—made to look new. We do all kinds of tailoring, cleaning, pressing, altering and repairing of ladies' and men's clothes. Phone 292. 8th Street

C. C. Gilliam
Merchant Tailor

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Bro. H. M. Bandy, until recently the pastor of the First Christian Church of Ballinger and as such a member of the Ballinger Pastors' Association, has seen it wise to resign his pastorate in our City, and

Whereas, he has endeared himself to every one who knew him but especially to his associate pastors by his true Christian life, action and counsel;

Therefore be it resolved by the Pastors' Association of Ballinger, Texas, that we express to Bro. Bandy our love and also regret that it seems to him wise to leave us. We shall ever have for him the kindest of feelings and wish for him the greatest of blessings, for he ever proved himself a true Christian man.

Resolved, that we recommend him to the citizenship of Cleburne and especially to the other pastors of that city as a faithful pastor, a wise counselor and a true man in all that that can mean.

Geo. W. Fender,
Pastor Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

Holmes Nichols,
Pastor First Baptist Church.

E. V. Cox,
Pastor First Methodist Church.

W. Ryan Adkins,
Pastor Ninth St. Baptist Church.

Patronize our advertisers.

A. AND M. COLLEGE DISMISSES TILL JAN. 1ST.

Since the second fire at A. and M. College destroying the kitchen the faculty of the College decided to dismiss school till after the holiday and two Runnels county boys, Tom Routh and Harris Mullen came in this week to remain till school open again.

Deep-seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a HERBICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist,
Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-1

Messrs. Allen and Beeman are now located on 8th street in the Guion Building with a stock of first class pianos, and in this issue they have an ad which you should look up and read.

Ladies Hats at just half price at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Attorneys Isham Wade and L. B. Harris returned home Monday afternoon from Miles where they had been on legal business.



HUNTSVILLE PENITENTIARY BURNED

Loss Figured at \$400,000.00.

On Monday of this week the State Penitentiary located at Huntsville caught fire and before the hungry flames could be checked damage to the amount of \$400,000 was done, this coupled with the recent freezing causing a loss to the cane field makes the total loss to the state in the neighborhood of one million dollars. Dynamite was used to wreck intervening buildings to save others from the flames.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Dan C. Crider and George C. McCluster, two Socialist speakers met the wellknirng with oratory here Monday advocating their doctrine in public speeches.

Rev. Lumpkin Lectured Here.

Rev. Lumpkin lectured here three nights this week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and was accorded a fair hearing. He illustrated his lectures with various costumes, representing various foreign countries. Rev. Lumpkin has been around the world three times and is acquainted with every phase of civilized and uncivilized life on the globe, and with his forcible presentation of the many interesting features of foreign countries, makes his lectures well worth listening to.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE.

Big Bowl Rowdon, at my place near Fort Chadbourn at 75 cents per bushel—

5t pd. Henry Jacobs,
Fort Chadbourn.

The Abilene Reporter on Monday of this week took over the Morning news and hereafter there will only be one daily paper in Abilene. This will be better for all concerned. The News will continue its weekly and job department.

WANTED—A good girl or woman to do general housework for family of four; good wages. Address Mrs. W. M. Garrison,
Voss, Texas.

15,000 Bundles of Soghrum wanted at once.—M. D. Chastain.

NO CALOMEL NECESSARY

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once used always. nov.

The Winters Cotton Oil Mill opened up Monday morning and the following hands from the Ballinger mill left Monday evening to spend a few weeks at that place J. S. Clark, Robert Walker, Bradshaw and Webb.

Mrs. M. C. Taylor, of the Norton country, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Mississippi the past several months, came in Tuesday and was the guest of her friend, Mrs. M. L. Patterson before going out home.

Children take BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a blood medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Mr. Leught is a new printer at the Ledger office.

Come and see the great cooking wonder at our store all next week. You have a chance to get a Souvenir Set of Ware Free. See large advertisement in this paper.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack,
Ballinger, Texas.

A. Robinet who has held the position of Express Agent for the Wells Fargo & Co., at this place for some two years, went to Waxahachie last week.

It was reported that he would not be changed, but the Company at last decided to move him to Waxahachie.

Now is the time to get that bushel of apples and sweet potatoes at A. L. Spann & Co's, where apples sell for \$1.00 per bushel and Pumpkins Yam East Texas Sweet Potat sell for \$1.10 per bushel.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." Sold by all dealers.

J. W. Earnest, of San Marcos, who owns some land near Truitt, was here several days last week looking after his interest. He says cotton is about as good in Runnels County as it is in Hays.

DONT USE CALOMEL

Those who know, always use Simmons Liver Purifier, because it is just as thorough but does not gripe or sicken nor cause injury. In yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always. nov

John F. Nunn of Garden City takes advantage of our special offer and pays one year in advance, for his paper and gets the Kansas City Star one year free. Let others follow his example.

M. W. McGinnis of Sweetwater was here several days last week visiting his mother and sister.

Cut prices at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Elder Arthur Holton, who is attending school at Thorp Springs, spent Sunday with his father J. J. Holton and family of South Ballinger and returned to his school Monday afternoon.

Bob Shafter was here Saturday visiting relatives.

FOR RENT—A good farm. Any one desiring a place call and see me.

C. O. Harris.

Jesse Starable and family visited friends in Coleman County last week.

V. Rosenwasser of Sweetwater spent Thanksgiving with his parents.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For cough there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

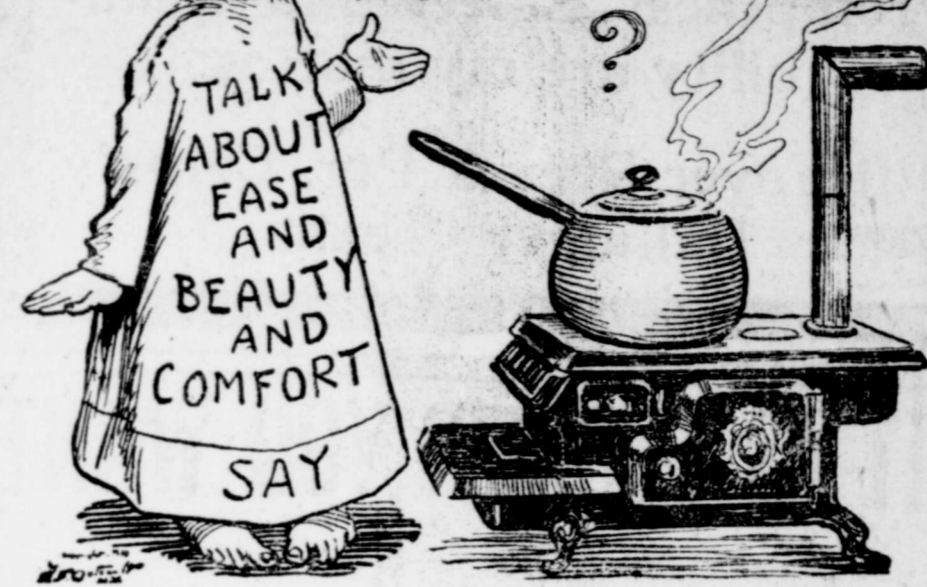
Guion Gregg, now of San Angelo, and townsite agent for the Orient Ry. Co., was here the latter part of last week visiting relatives and friends.

Holding Cotton.

Fire Insurance on cotton cost very little and we can cover same in town or out on your farm.

A. F. Voss, & Co. tf.

WHATS NICER THAN A FINE NEW RANGE



Just Ask Your Wife

If She Wouldn't

Like to Have

A New Range?

She'll Like The Kind We Sell.

Come See.

Hall Hardware Company

Belle of Wichita Flour \$1.45 A Sack

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IF YOU WANT A FIRELESS COOKER

FREE!

Call On

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The Leading Grocer of Ballinger

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, December 2, 1911.

Cartwright, H.

Foy, Mr. H. S. Jr.

Groner, Mr. Larkin,

Pinson, Mrs. Lillie,

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter office.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

Trade at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams and save money.

MONEY! To loan on Farms and Ranches. Long time. 33-tf. Lee Maddox.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Sold Always Retail. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Cotton Insurance.

We would be glad to show you at what a small expense you could carry insurance on your cotton.

A. F. Voss & Co. tf.

All parties are hereby notified that my place on Valley Creek is posted and anyone found trespassing, fishing, or hunting without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

J. W. Raby, Ballinger Texas.

Miss Stella Routh is at home from Odessa, where she went in September to teach. Ill health was the cause of her returning home.

Through the kindness of John Thurman I. E. Shaw, of East St. Louis, will read the Banner Leader awhile.

Lee Maddox

Real Estate, Loans, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

Promptness, Safety and Reliability are my mottos.

Office over Reeves Ptg. Comp'y Ballinger Texas

IF IT IS LUMBER YOU WANT

The Ballinger Lumber Co is ready to fill your wants, at the same old stand, with prices that are right. We carry a complete line of building supplies and mill-stuff. Call on us.

J. R. McVAY, Manager.

Cotton Seed

In Exchange for Cotton Seed we will give Three Tons of Cotton Seed Hulls for One Ton of Cotton Seed, and let you have Cotton Seed Meal at the Market Price less 10 per cent when paid in Cotton Seed.

THE

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Ballinger, Texas

R. W. Bruce and family spent Thanksgiving with friends at Talpa.

B. W. Pileher was in Houston this week on official business.

C. W. Odom who has resided at Maverick for many years is preparing to move to his farm one mile from Blackwell. Prof Beard will occupy his Maverick home.

Vernon Dickinson and Hugh Mullin, two printer boys of Miles were down Saturday taking in the show.

Miss Johnnie Nixon is at home from South Texas, after a visit of some three months.

Dr. R. A. Dickinson is at home from a trip in the West, where he went some ten days ago to visit relatives and hunt big game. He may be seen now most any time of day sitting on the street corners telling about his experiences while away and the many narrow escapes he had while out in the wilds.

Ballinger has been the scene of much Socialist speaking of late, the orators in its behalf offer a panacea for all ills, but we fear many of their "cure-all" are wild theories and will not work out in practice.

E. L. Rashbury who makes cotton his study is of the opinion that

Runnels County will now make 40,000 bales of cotton and that up to date there is being held about 30 per cent or \$12,000.

Miss Emma Hood left Friday afternoon for Brownwood to visit relatives a few weeks before joining her parents on their ranch near Talpa, where they will spend the winter.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill? Sold by all dealers.

The Banner Leader acknowledges a pleasant call from our Editor friend, Ed P. Eason, of The Winter Enterprise Monday. He came down with other Winter's citizens on legal business.

Marries Two

The latter part of last week Judge R. S. Griggs spoke the words which united in marriage L. M. Hamilton to Miss Bertha Wilson and L. F. Wilson to Miss Julia Williamson all the contracting parties reside in the Winters country and are Runnels county best young people.

COTTON SEED!

We want your Cotton Seed. See us before you sell.

SPECIAL PRICES

On Groceries this Month.

Respectfully,

A. L. SPANN & CO.

MAKES GOOD.

In the recent Fair held at San Angelo there was in connection a pet Stock and Poultry Show.

Ballinger chicken fanciers had many exhibits and many prizes were captured by them.

Among other are the winners as follows:-

White Rocks—S. B. Raby, Ballinger, 1st cock; 2nd and 3rd pullet. Partridge Wyandottes—Oscar Pearson, Ballinger, 1st and 3rd cock 1st and 2nd hen; 1st cockerel; 1st and 2nd pullet; 1st pen.

White Wyandottes—J. C. Reese, Ballinger, 2nd cock; 1st cock; 1st and 2nd hen; 1st and 3rd pullet, 2nd pen.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—T. A. Nuller, Ballinger, 1st pullet.

S. C. Brown Leghorn—S. H. McPhearson, Ballinger, 1st cock; 1st hen; 2nd cockerel; 1st pullet.

In the American Class, 1st, to W. B. Hunter, R. I. Reds score, 185-11-16; 2nd, to Oscar Pearson of Ballinger, on his Partridge Wyandottes, score, 184 3-4; 3rd, to Mrs. W. A. Wright, White Wyandottes, score, 185 11-16 (white specimens handicapped two points.)

White Crested Black Polish—Arthur Dooce, Ballinger, 1st cockerel; 1st hen and 2nd hen.

S. H. McPhearson, of Ballinger, have the highest scoring particolor-ed female in the Show a Brown Leg horn pullet, scoring 94 1-2.

J. C. Reese, of Ballinger, had the highest scoring four females, his four White Wyandottes averaging 94 1-2. Dr. Taylor was second with four White Leghorns averaging 94 1-4.

FOR YOUR HAIR

Here Are Facts We Want You to Prove at Our Risk.

When the roots of the hair are entirely dead and the pores of the scalp are glazed over, we do not believe that anything can restore hair growth.

But, when the hair roots retain any life, we believe there is nothing that will so surely promote hair growth as will Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic. To prove that statement we promise to promptly return all the money you pay us for Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic, should it not please you.

Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic destroys the germs which are usually responsible for baldness. It penetrates to the roots of the hair, stimulating and by promoting circulation, nourishing them.

Rexall's "93" Hair Tonic helps to relieve scalp irritation to remove dandruff, to prevent the hair from falling out, and to promote an increased growth of hair. It comes in two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain it only at our store—The Walker Drug Co.

Get a Majestic Souvenir Set of Ware at Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack's store during demonstration week, all next week.

Thirty One Divorce Cases.

An examination of the Civil Docket of the coming term of District Court that meets in December at San Angelo discloses the fact that there are pending thirty one divorce cases, which shows that there is something doing in this line of business there. The Standard Reporter in commenting on the fact consoles itself that only two of the parties to the divorce cases were married in old Tom Green County. It is said that several "fair hubbies" in San Angelo are mixed up in some of these cases in an undesirable way that promises to make some of the trials exceedingly interesting.

Mrs. M. A. Traylor after a visit left for their home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Traylor will visit relatives in Hillsboro a few days before going on to St. Louis.

We call attention to the ad of F. Wesley Gay, the new jeweler of Winters, now running in the Banner Leader. He is a young man well prepared for his work and goes after business with a vim that will accomplish something.

WITH DEATH.

Thrilling Experience in a Motor Car of Two Wingate Boys.

That Emmett J. Guin is an adventurer, perhaps is not very well known among his friends, but a thrilling incident occurred on last Friday in which he was the hero.

It was like this; Emmett has procured for himself an Auto one that high wheeled variety that at times becomes uncontrollable as this one proved to be on this occasion. This said car was received from his old Alabama home some days ago, and out behind the barn he has been practicing, when on last Friday, he decided he could run the thing to the moon, if there were any road leading in that direction.

So he invited his friend Tom Dean to take a spin with him. After making the proper adjustments for high speed and other unusual stunts they left the village Wingate in high spirits and headed northward towards Hylton, and before they had fairly started Emmitt had the machine running at about forty miles an hour, when they ran upon the bridge that crosses Valley Creek about one mile north of Wingate at the high speed developed shortly after leaving their starting point. When they reached the middle of the bridge they saw just ahead a train of wagons just driving off the bridge, and what to do had to be decided quickly, but Emmitt is not long on making quick decisions, so he decided to make a sharp turn to the right as he left the bridge to avoid a collision, but right in front of them when they made this turn loomed up a big stump, and instantly Emmett made a still sharper turn to the right, and just a head in this direction was a big tree on one side and the creek with ten feet of water on the other, so Emmitt chose what he thought was the lesser of the two evils, and ran squarely into the big tree. But before the collision, Tom Dean made a wild leap for his life and hit the ground crawling at the rate of ten miles an hour at right angles to the car. When he looked up Emmitt and the car were trying to climb the tree. Tom fully expected that the car would land in the middle of Valley Creek in ten feet of water, and he preferred jumping than to take a bath in ice water.

Mr. Guin says he is more in love with the old high wheel auto now, than ever since it went through with the thrilling experience and nothing was injured save and except one lamp, and further he promised to come to Ballinger and give an exhibition of tree climbing and make Ballinger motorists ashamed of themselves when it comes to daring feats with a car.

The big sale starts Dec., 12th at Higginbotham-Curry-Williams Company read their ad on last page on this issue.

MEXICAN KILLED IN CONCHO COUNTY.

Tom Bengé the Ex-Sheriff of Concho County shot and killed a Mexican by the name of Manuel Barerea, a tenant on his farm near Millersview. The trouble grew out of the Mexican attempting to steal and remove some property on which Mr. Bengé had a mortgage.

The Mexican opened fire on Mr. Bengé and he was forced to kill the Mexican in self defence.

The shooting occurred near Millersview Tuesday where Mr. Bengé runs a ranch.

The big sale starts Dec., 12th at Higginbotham-Curry-Williams Company read their ad on last page of this issue.

L. Robinson of Winters, was transacting business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.



More Home Baking.

Better every way than the ready made foods

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

A pure Cream of Tartar Powder

No Alum No Lime Phosphate

Made from Grapes

THINK THIS OVER

This Offer Should Gain the Confidence of the Most Skeptical.

We pay for all the medicine used during the trial, if our remedy fails to completely relieve you of constipation. We take all the risk. You are not obligated to us in any way whatever if you accept our offer. That's a mighty broad statement, but we mean every word of it. Could anything be more fair for you.

A most scientific, common-sense treatment is Rexall Orderlies, which are eaten like candy. Their active principle is a recent scientific discovery that is odorless, colorless, and tasteless; very pronouncedly gentle and pleasant in action, and particularly agreeable in every way. This ingredient does not cause diarrhoea, nausea, flatulence griping, or other inconvenience. Rexall Orderlies are particularly good for children aged and delicate persons.

If you suffer from chronic or habitual constipation, or the associated or dependent chronic ailments, we urge you to try Rexall Orderlies at our risk. Remember, you can get them in Ballinger only at our store. 12 tablets, 40 cents; 36 tablets 25 cents; 80 tablets, 50 cents. Sold only at our store—The Walker Drug Co.

Banquet at the City Hall.

The members of the K. of P. Lodge will have a banquet at the City Hall next Friday night Dec., 8th, plates for 200 will be set. An allround good time is expected.

The big sale starts Dec., 12th at Higginbotham-Curry-Williams Company read their ad on last page of this issue.

Judge Guion At Home.

Judge John I. Guion is at home from a ten day's trip in the North in Company with Prof. Gesicke, who with himself constituted a committee to investigate the best Mess Halls in the leading institutions of learning, in order that they might recommend the kind to be erected at A. and M. College in place of the one recently burned.

They visited eight different places and after a thorough investigation of the merits of each, they have decided to recommend a duplicate of the Kitchen and Dining Room of the U. S. Naval and Training Station About Thirty miles North of Chicago Ill.

In this institution, they found what they thought to be an ideal Kitchen and Dining Room from every standpoint and they so recommended the architect reproduce at College Station a duplicate of this one.

Judge said he enjoyed every minute of his trip, said he found very pleasant weather in Boston, and received very cordiality from the people he visited.

Don't forget to attend the Majestic Range Demonstration at our store, one week, all next week.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, Ballinger, Texas.

The Hub has an attractive page ad in this issue read it.

SOCIALISTS LOSE CITY.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 6.—The socialist ticket was defeated in the municipal election here by a majority of about 40,000. Alexander, for mayor, and the good government ticket won an overwhelming victory.

Are You Nervous?

What makes you nervous? It is the weakness of your womanly constitution, which cannot stand the strain of the hard work you do. As a result, you break down, and ruin your entire nervous system. Don't keep this up! Take Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is made from purely vegetable ingredients. It acts gently on the womanly organs, and helps them to do their proper work. It relieves pain and restores health, in a natural manner, by going to the source of the trouble and building up the bodily strength.

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Grace Fortner, of Man, W. Va., took Cardui. This is what she says about it: "I was so weak and nervous, I could not bear to have anyone near me. I had fainting spells, and I lost flesh every day. The first dose of Cardui helped me. Now, I am entirely cured of the fainting spells, and I cannot say enough for Cardui, for I know it saved my life." It is the best tonic for women.

Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to women? Take Cardui. It will help you. Ask your druggist.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 150

BIG MELONS.

Runnels Co., Texas.

Farm and Ranch:

We had the good fortune to take a spin late last summer over "South Ballinger," just across the Colorado river from the county seat of Runnels, in company with Col. Chas. S. Miller, president of the State Bank and Trust Company of Ballinger. Col. Miller is a middle of the roader as to optimism and pessimism. He preserves equilibrium and while I could not refrain from indulging in some extravagant exclamations at the sight of peach trees breaking down with big red-cheeked peaches and 91-pound watermelons, the Colonel seemed to take it as a matter of course. But that South Ballinger is a wonder and a surprise to those who have never seen it goes without saying.

In a 10-acre watermelon patch belonging to "Bob Kirk, our Bob," ex-sheriff and ex-mayor of Ballinger, also ex-secretary of the Business Men's League we stepped off a block 10 yards square and on this 100 square yards we counted 66 big, fat, ripe watermelons. It was a difficult matter to select a place where the melons were the thickest, as the entire 10 acres was literally covered with melons. I need not assure you that I had not been in this wonderful watermelon patch very long before I was reveling in the big heart of one of these Mammoth Georgia Sweets, and I can be qualified to say that the texture and flavor has never been excelled. I had read much and heard more of the South Ballinger melons, but I confess that these melons excelled anything I have ever seen. We met Wardlaw, who wears the name of "Watermelon King"

Mr. Wardlaw's history reads like a romance. Coming here a few years ago he had the foresight to see the future of South Ballinger and invested his all, \$2000, in the deep, red, rich loam and today he is declared by his neighbors to be worth \$40,000 and every dollar of the \$38,000 is said to be made from South Ballinger dirt. We met Mr. Knight, who has 27 acres of peaches just coming into bearing. Mr. Knight is enthusiastic over fruit possibilities. We met one gentleman who had sold \$400 worth of watermelons from two and one-half acres and was still selling them like "hot cakes" at two bits apiece. I must digress to say that the man who would not cheerfully pay two bits for such a melon is a "tightwad." We saw the big stone school house and we saw fine residences on not more than 20 acres of land and "prosperity" was written on the entire landscape.

Land that sold in 1886 for 50 cents per acre now commands \$200. One tract sold for \$322.50 per acre. Hundreds and hundreds of acres have been set to peaches and plums, mostly peaches, and have paid such handsome profits that many more are being put out. Berries are being raised to a limited extent and growers are enthusiastic. Col. Miller also has some figs and cherries coming on.

Bair and Conn have a mammoth peach orchard. "Walk" Allen and Mr. White also have fine orchards. Any citizen in our county who has not seen this five miles of square of sand loam should visit this garden spot and hear the wonderful stories told by the residents.

These stories of so many bushels of luscious, juicy yams per acre would read like a romance. All of which extends a lesson so clear that the most stupid can learn and that is that all types of land are adopted to some profitable crop. Perhaps it needs fertilizing with intelligence and irrigating with a sensible system of soil culture, but all of this good old earth is good for something. Set a pig there, Ikey. The white sand hills in Milam

county that were thought to have been put there to hold the earth together are now selling for \$75 per acre and the end is not in sight.

JOHN BALLEW.

Mrs. C. L. Ramsey and little grand daughter, Miss Charlotte Embry, returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Winters, Texas.

Miss Mattie Hickerson returned Tuesday from a visit with her sister in Ballinger.

Miss Bess Craig, one of our last year teachers, spent a few days here last week, visiting Mrs. J. W. Bradshaw's family and other friends. She is teaching English in Ballinger this year, and the school there closed for a week on account of a "Scarlet Fever scare," and she visited in Waco and McGregor during the time—McGregor Mirror.

A list of the public lands that will be put on the market between January 1st and June 30th 1912, has been given out by State Land Commissioner Robinson. In some of the counties the tracts are small and purchases may be made without settlement. In such cases about one-half the purchase price must be paid in cash. Three years settlement is required in the counties where large tracts will be put on the market, but only about one-fourth of the contract price is demanded in cash, the remainder to be paid annually in installments of one-fortieth and interest. Under this arrangement several hundred thousand acres of land will be offered for sale.

COTTON.

The Ginning Season is now on and we are prepared to do your ginning, and solicit your patronage. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Yours very truly
C. W. Towler & Co.,
Phone No. 469 Ballinger, Texas.

A. S. Hudgens of South Ballinger helped us out this week with a years contribution.

CATARRH DOCTOR.

You Can Get The Best One In The World.

Go to The Walker Drug Company today. Say "I want a HYOMEI outfit," take it home with you open the box and pour a few drops of HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-me) into a little hard rubber inhaler.

Then breathe pleasant, soothing, healing, germ killing HYOMEI over the raw, inflamed, germ ridden membrane for a few minutes and relief is immediate. Stuffed up head will vanish. Keep up the treatment four or five times a day for a few days and hawking, spitting and forming of mucus in the nose and throat will cease.

HYOMEI is guaranteed to end catarrh, coughs, colds, croup, asthma, catarrhal deafness, or money back. Complete outfit \$1.00 subsequent bottles if needed 50 cents at Walker Drug Company and druggists everywhere.

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Yours very truly
C. W. Towler & Co.,
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R. S. GRIGGS,

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

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Practice limited to Medical and Surgical Diseases of the

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of your business.

JOE HARDIN

112 9th St., Ballinger, Texas

Cotton Cotton

We can issue you a fire insurance policy on your cotton in town or country at a very small cost.
A. F. Voss & Co.

ENGINE RUNS OFF; LEAVES COACHES

Abilene & Southern Trains Breaks In Two—Engine and Baggage Car Leaves Passenger Coaches Far Behind.

Abilene & Southern passenger train due in this city at 6:10 from Ballinger was about an hour late yesterday afternoon on account of a rather ludicrous incident or accident.

Shortly after leaving Ovalo the drawhead came out just ahead of the first passenger coach and the engine and baggage car pulled to Button Willow creek before missing the passenger coaches, notwithstanding the passengers made frantic efforts to help the engineer, who was looking forward and not backward.

Upon arriving at Button Willow creek, some ten miles this side of where the passengers were left, the absence of the coaches was noticed and a hasty retreat was beaten and the entire train pulled into the city arriving at 7:10 instead of 6:10.

The passengers enjoyed the affair notwithstanding it set them back an hour to their destination.—Abilene Reporter.

Walters is Discharged.

Austin, Dec.—The court of criminal appeals this morning discharged Jake Walters and W. H. Gray from custody, Judge Prendergast dissenting from the ruling. This is the case in which both Walters and Gray were sentenced by the special session of the Texas Legislature to serve a term of forty-eight hours in jail. They had appealed their case on a writ of habeas corpus.

The court held that the house had not been properly authorized by the state government to investigate the state-wide prohibition election, and could not therefore sentence either Walters or Gray.

Santa Fe Makes Changes.

J. S. Braggs, who for some time has been cashier at this place has resigned and goes to Cameron, to accept a position in that city. C. H. Hetrick, former freight agent takes this position. O. R. Austin takes Mr. Hetrick's place and C. R. Sheffy becomes car clerk, Curtis McKinney will be baggage master succeeding Mr. Sheffy.

SIXTY DAY OFFER.

Until Jan. 1st, 1912, The Banner-Leader is offering special inducements to all old subscribers and new ones who desire to take advantage of it.

To those subscribers who are behind on their subscriptions, and who will pay up to date and one year in advance, we will give absolutely free one year's subscription to The Southwestern Farmer, published at Houston, Texas, one of the very best farm papers published in Texas, coming twice a month brim full of the latest in farm news and suggestions and worth \$1.00 per year to any man.

Those subscribers who are already paid ahead may take advantage of this offer by paying \$1.00, and having their date advanced one year and get this fine farm paper one year in addition. Those who are not subscribers we invite you to take advantage of this opportunity and join our list of growing and satisfied readers.

We offer an option to those who prefer a paper for state and National news "The Kansas City Star" instead of The Southwestern Farmer, one year. The Star is a paper so well known that it needs no introduction by us.

Remember—two papers for the price of one—and the offer holds good till January 1st, 1912.

PROFESSIONAL AND BANK STATIONERY.

Our job department is especially prepared to do fine stationery work for the professional man and the Banks, we have the dust proof boxes in which to deliver the goods after being printed, we have the best stock of flats that is carried in the market and envelopes to match. We carry such grades as Old Hamshire Bond Registered Bond etc from which the best grades of stationery is printed. Give us your next job of Type Writing Stationery.

HAULING!

Give me a part of your hauling. Promptness is my motto.

W. R. BUSHONG

Phone No. 401

Ballinger, Texas

For the first time in its history the attendance at the University of Texas at Austin has reached 1,700 students. The total attendance this year will probably reach 1,750 students, exclusive of the Medical Department. At present there are 876 students in the Academic Department, 327 students in Education, 276 in Law, and 228 in Engineering. The University of Texas has grown so fast during the last ten years that it now ranks among the big institutions of the country. Including the correspondence students, the students of the summer school and the Medical Department, the grand total for the current session will doubtless be more than 3,000.

Some men are too busy to give any time to their wives and children. They leave home early in the morning stay away all day, and come back at night filled with worldly cares, morose and uncommunicative. If it is ever suggested to them that they are doing wrong, they justify themselves on the ground that it is necessary for them to make a living and that this leaves them no time for other things. Usually the plea is without foundation; for it is not merely a comfortable living that they are seeking after, but the accumulation of needless wealth. Any man that is too busy to be a gentleman in his manners and a Christian in his spirit within the circle of his own home is busier than he ought to be.—Ex.

Two years ago the University of Texas began to give instruction by correspondence. In that time 1044 courses have been taken by young Texans who have been unable to come to the University. It is probable that this venture in University education will this session attract 1000 students. Free catalogues can be had from the Extension Department.

J. D. Coulter and family took Thanksgiving Dinner at the W. F. Gorman country home out 8 miles from town. This is the third turkey dinner that the Mr. Coulter has taken with the Gorman family and he is loud in his praise of Mr. Gorman as an entertainer and says he feeds magnificently.

Bertram Geisecke and John F. Currie received by express Wednesday a nice lot of government fish with which they will stock the lake on their places east and north of the city.

Elmer and Ellis Tuerpe came home Tuesday night from College Station where they had been attending the A. & M. College to spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

Miss Willie Lankford returned home at noon Wednesday from Brownwood, where she had been visiting her sister the past several weeks.

Among the delegates who attended the Woodman meet here this week was R. P. Taylor of Norton, who expressed himself well pleased with the entertainment he received.

Mrs. J. S. Bragg and two little daughters left Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives in Houston before joining Mr. Bragg at Cameron, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. S. A. Husky, is at home from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Wolfe City and other points in that section.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas, County of Runnels.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County on the 7th day of December, 1911, by the Clerk thereof in the case of J. W. Powell vs. W. F. Whitaker, W. B. Dennis and G. W. Johnston, defendants, No. 1340, and to me as sheriff directed, and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, it being the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1912 before the Court House Door of said Runnels County in the Town of Ballinger the following described property to-wit:

The West one-third of Lot No. seven (7) all of Lot No. eight (8) and the east half of Lot No. nine (9), all being in Block No. Fifteen (15) of the original Town of Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas levied on as the property of all the said defendants, to satisfy a judgment amounting to Eleven Hundred, thirty one and sixty-one hundredths, dollars, \$1131.60, in favor of J. W. Powell and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of December, A. D. 1911.
J. P. Flint, Sheriff,
Runnels County, Texas.

L. L. MILLER GETS

DEATH MESSAGE.

On Monday of this week L. L. Miller the proprietor of THE FAIR received a message conveying the sad intelligence that Mrs. Miller's mother had suddenly died. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were standing in the store Monday afternoon reading a letter from deceased stating that she expected to pay them a visit next week when the messenger boy came in with the death message. They left on Monday afternoon's train for Denton to attend the funeral.

Fair Raia Visit Ballinger.

On Tuesday night Ballinger and surrounding territory was visited by a one half inch rain, that will help young grain that is up and enable the farmers to sow more. The following is the report as given by the West Texas Telephone company of our city:

Abilene, good; Brownwood, good; Blackwell, light; Bronte light; Bradlow light; Benoit, light; Crews, good; Colean, very good; Concho, very good; Eden, very good; Ft. Chaddourne, light Hatchel, very good; Leaday, very good; Millersview, very good; Maverick very good; Menard, very good; Mazeland very good; Miles, very good; Norton, light; Pony, good; Pumphrey, light; Paint Rock, good; Rowena, good; Stacy, good; San Angelo, very good; Santa Anna, light; Truitt, light; Talpa, very good; Valera, good; Winters, light; Wingate, light Wilmeth, good.

LAND DEAL.

The deal was closed Tuesday in which A. H. Tullis sold 200 acres of improved land to J. D. Mangum for a cash consideration of \$3,000.00. This farm is four miles north of the city and is a splendid place.

H. G. Stokes is the new man who took charge of the Wells Fargo Express Co's business here the 29th to succeed A. Robinet, who went to Waxahachie last week. Mr Stokes is an old employer of the Company having served them 27 years in Austin.

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