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COLQUITT DEFENDS HIS RECORD

Pleads With Ballinger Voters to Accept His Service in Good Faith and Give Him Another Term.

Gov. O. B. Colquitt arrived in Ballinger about sundown Tuesday afternoon, coming over from Coleman, where he spoke, in auto. It had been planned to receive the governor in a very ostentatious manner upon his arrival here, but for some reason, perhaps on account of the late hour of his arrival, the demonstration was lacking. Four autos went out from Ballinger, to meet the governor, those in the party numbering Judge Jno. I. Guion, B. B. Stone, J. A. Weeks, R. A. Nicholson, R. P. Kirk, Jack McGregor, Oscar Pearson, H. Giescke, C. S. Miller, W. B. Ray, and several others. They met the car bringing Gov. Colquitt over from Coleman just this side of Talpa and accompanied him to town. The band was stationed on the streets and was playing as the party drove in to town. Gov. Colquitt was carried direct to the hotel where he took supper with a few friends before going to the court house, where he spoke for two hours defending his administration.

The court house was comfortably filled, quite a number were standing in the hall way entrance to the court room, about forty per cent of the audience being women. Judge Jno. I. Guion in about a ten minutes introductory speech started with the time when Gov. Colquitt was a farm boy on a tenant farm and following his career to the governor's mansion and defended his every act in public and private life, and appealed to the voters to reward him for his faithfulness to duty by re-electing him in the present campaign.

Gov. Colquitt opened his speech by referring to his expressed views on the submission question in the 1910 campaign, repeating again that it was his candid opinion that the best way to handle the prohibition question was by local option and provincial self government. He defended his position in the state-wide prohibition fight, and said, "prohibition should not be an issue in this campaign, and properly is not an issue, and that question is not in this fight in a serious spirit, but in a spirit of prejudice."

Taking up his prison reformation record Gov. Colquitt said: In the campaign of 1910 there were other important questions besides the submission discussed by the candidates for Governor. In that canvass I advocated divorcing the management of the penitentiary system from the Governor's office, and taking from the Governor the political patronage theretofore enjoyed by him in connection with the penitentiary affairs. I told the people that I believe the stripes woven into the clothing of the convict as a further evidence of their degradation and shame was a relic of barbarism, and that if I was elected Governor I would see that the stripes were abolished.

I told you that the Democratic platforms for nearly a quarter of a century and the candidates for Governor had complained of and advocated the abolishment of the contract lease system, but that it was still in effect, but that if I was elected I promised to see that it was abolished. I told you further that I believed in the reformation in the mode of punishing convicts, that if I was elected I would see that the inhumane punishments inflicted by the use of the "bat" were abolished and gambling on Sunday, which had been developed by the legislative investigating committee, should no longer exist in the prison system if I was elected. All of these promises have been fully kept and redeemed. The stripes have been abolished, the lease system has been abolished, the whipping of convicts by the use of the bat has been abolished, and we have employed preachers to preach the religion of Jesus Christ to the convicts on Sunday and to teach them a better way of living.

My opponent in this contest appeals to the people of this State to defeat me for a second term because the penitentiary system is in debt, mainly because the Legislature did not provide adequate means to meet the extra expenses in operation and to meet the expenditure for improvements required by the new law, and on account of the losses due to the freeze and the fire, but the prisoners are now better treated, better fed, better clothed, and are imbued with a hope for the future. They will work out this indebtedness and in my opinion, the taxpayers will never have to pay a cent of it.

Gov. Colquitt pulled from a canvass wall the strap used in whipping convicts in the pen, and called this the "Yellow Heifer." He explained the manner in which this strap was used in punishing the convicts and said he had put a stop to that, and denied the charge made by his opponent Judge Ramsey that this was not done until Ramsey made his opening speech and made him do it. He said Ramsey was at one time chairman of the penitentiary board and had full power to put a stop to the use of this strap but did not do it.

In referring to Judge Ramsey's record as a prohibitionist Gov. Colquitt said that the Judge had not posed as a pro until he entered the race for governor. He accused Ramsey of being chairman and member of anti committee during a certain local option campaign in Johnson county, and that he contributed his support and funds to defending the Judge further along this line Gov. Colquitt, "I never made an anti speech in my life until last year." Speaking further along this line Gov. Colquitt said that during the state-wide campaign last year Judge Ramsey drew his cloak of self righteousness around him and said he was too clean and too far away from politics to introduce a pro speaker to an Austin audience when requested to do so.

"Another reason my opponent tells you why I should not be elected governor is that I kicked an old Confederate soldier out of the pension office. I want to explain this. Capt. Bones was the pension commissioner at the time I went in the governor's office. Many letters and petitions reached me from old soldiers asking me to remove Capt. Bones because he was so slow in getting warrants to them. I investigated these charges and wrote Capt. Bones a polite letter asking him to resign and the next day he tendered his resignation. Capt. Bones had weakness and faults that I do not care to discuss in the presence of this audience, for I have too much respect for the old Confederate soldiers. In making the appointment for Capt. Bones successor Ramsey leaves the impression that he dictated saloons and liquor office and my appointment in office. I want to say that is a slanderous and derogatory statement. Ramsey is not fair enough to relate the facts, and seeks to leave the impression that the present clerk in the pension office is a third rate bar tender. This light haired boy that Ramsey refers to got in trouble with the comptrollers department and was let out and the clerk is a woman. There are other misrepresentations being made against me. There seems to be a little bird carrying mud from one part of the state to the other. I am not going to sling mud, and I would not have the governor's office if I had to get it by misrepresentation. My opponent is a political judge snatched from the bench by my predecessor with the hopes of humiliating me with defeat, but I tell you we are going to bury him with such a majority that he will wish he never had any political ambitions."

Gov. Colquitt was frequently applauded and his speech seemed to please his supporters. He is making a hurry-up campaign, making three and four speeches a day and looks considerably the worse from the strain he is undergoing. He spent the night here and left early Wednesday morning for Winters, Ovalo, Bronte and San Angelo, expecting to speak at all four of the places in the one day, traveling over a hundred miles in auto to make the towns.

WINTERS SUFFERS HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Early Blaze Wednesday Wipes Out Eight Small Business Houses, Only One Stone Building Burned.

Fire broke out in the old post office block on the West side of main street at Winters Wednesday morning at six o'clock and before the flames could be checked by the local fire company eight business concerns had been reduced to ashes. The largest business destroyed was that of Smpson Lipp, dry goods and groceries. Mr. Lipp's store was in a rock building. All the other buildings were frame structures and were among the first buildings erected in Winters.

The fire is reported to have started in Mitchell's restaurant and the flames rapidly spread to the adjoining buildings and Cook's tailor shop, McKenzie's pool hall, City Bakery, Dr. Tinkle's office, City Meat Market, a photograph gallery and S. Lipp's store were soon destroyed. Considerable insurance was carried on the property destroyed and no doubt the buildings will be replaced with modern structures.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Banner-Leader readers will find elsewhere in this paper the announcement of Judge Isham Wade for election to the office of representative from this district, composed of this and Coke county. Mr. Wade makes his announcement in a brief way, and will later make his views known on the principle issue in the campaign. Suffice to say he is a true Democrat and is thoroughly qualified to make the district a splendid representative and has been a resident of this section of the country long enough to become thoroughly imbued with the spirit of West Texas development and will no doubt see that our interests are cared for if the people see fit to intrust him with the office. He states in his announcement that he is the candidate of no particular faction and is running on no particularism, but it is generally understood that he is a consistent prohibitionist, and has been so all his life. Look up his announcements and consider his claim before you settle on a candidate for the legislature.

BALLINGER TEACHERS TENDERED BANQUET.

A number of friends and prominent citizens, as a token of appreciation for their faithful work, tendered the teachers in the Ballinger schools a banquet at the Central Hotel last Friday night. Covers were laid for about seventy-five and a splendid menu served, and the social and friendly spirit that prevailed throughout the evening made the teachers feel that their efforts to give good service during the school term just closed was appreciated by the many patrons of the school.

Jack McGregor acted as toast master, and the following gentlemen present responded with instructive and entertaining talks: C. S. Miller, R. T. Williams, B. B. Stone, and Prof. W. S. Fleming. This was the first time that the teachers at this place had ever been remembered in such a manner, and they all are feeling kindly and expressing words of appreciation.

Discount.

20 per cent discount on clothing and big discount on shoes and straw hats Saturday, June first and Monday, June third, at A. J. Zappes, Ballinger, Texas.

Willard Wooden who has been at tending college at Brownwood is at home.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

Pieces for 1912-13 Filled Except English Class. Old Teachers Held With One or Two Exception.

The school board of the Ballinger Independent District were in session for several hours Tuesday morning and also in the afternoon, electing teachers and mapping out a plan of work for the coming school term of the Ballinger Public school. A full corps of teachers was elected except a teacher for the English class, and the board will meet again at an early date to fill this place. Following is the list of teachers elected:

- W. S. Fleming, Superintendent, High School.
- Miss Kathryn V. Barnett, history and civics.
- Miss Coral Clark, science.
- Mr. David W. Moody, mathematics.
- Miss Marryatt Smith, latin and German.
- To be elected, English.
- Central School.
- Miss Edna McDaniel, seventh grade, principal.
- Miss May Bridwell, sixth grade.
- Miss Idora Sharp, fifth grade.
- Miss Stella McDaniel, fourth grade.
- Miss Kate Guion, third grade.
- Miss Alphe Caperton, second grade.
- Miss Minnie Lewis, first grade.
- West Ward School.
- Mrs. Lilla Mayfield primary principal.
- Miss Gladys Spann, assistant.
- South Ward School.
- Miss Katie Belle Gregory, principal.
- Miss Elizabeth Legate, primary.
- G. W. Wilcox was re-elected janitor of the central school building.

The election of the above list of teachers is nothing more than an endorsement of their work for the past year, as nearly all the old teachers hold over. Perhaps there has never been a more successful years work done in the Ballinger

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT TO YOUNG MAN

Bar Passes Through Abdomen and Enters Car Floor. Man Getting Well.

A young man named Rice was brought here Tuesday on a special from LaGrange, suffering from an accident that surgeons declare to be without a parallel in their experience. The injured man and two others were attempting to move with bars a car of marble on the Katy tracks at LaGrange. The bar slipped while the car was moving, forcing it with irresistible pressure against his abdomen. The end of the bar entered the abdomen on the left side passed through the body and was driven into the floor of the car above protruding about two inches into the car floor. To extricate the bar from the floor required fifty minutes hard work during which time Rice was held in his intensely painful and critical position.



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 B. W. (Chop) PILCHER

For County Judge:
 W. D. Jennings.
 MARCELLUS KLEBURG
 A. E. WOOD

Representative, 11th. District:
 R. S. GRIGGS

For Dist. Clerk:
 MISS MARY PHILIPS

For County Attorney:
 H. ZDARIL
 C. P. SHEPHERD.

County Superintendent:
 E. L. HAGAN

For Constable Precinct No. 1:
 J. A. (Dad) DEMOVILLE

For Commissioner Precinct 2:
 J. E. MCADAMS

For County Clerk:
 O. L. PARISCH.

DECIDE YOURSELF.

The Opportunity is Here, Backed by Ballinger Testimony. Don't take our word for it. Don't depend on a strangers statement.

Read Ballinger endorsements. Read the statement of Ballinger citizens.

And decide for yourself. Here is one case of it:

J. O. Cline, 1109 Hutchins Ave., Ballinger, Texas, says: About seven years ago I was afflicted with kidney trouble. My right kidney was affected. I had pains in the small of my back and whenever I stooped or lifted sharp twinges darted through me. My back ached at night and I was lame in them or, if I became tired and was also annoyed by the kidney secretions, which were too frequent in passing. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at the Walker Drug Co. and they relieved me in a short time. I intend to continue using this excellent remedy.

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 At Old Nixon Stand on Hutchings Ave.
 Ballinger, Texas.

YOUR JOB WORK.

The Banner-Leader will be pleased to get a part of your job work. We have a competent man in charge of this department who can please you.

WHO IS NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT.

That is still a question, but there is no question as to the proper place to buy your groceries. Come to our store, where you will get goods at the right prices, and the goods will be pure and fresh.

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GRUBBING TOOL FOUND HANDY

Implement Made From Metal Taken From Claw of an Old Double Shovel Cultivator.

Herewith is a sketch of a handy grub puller that I made, says a writer in the Farm and Home. It will pull up bushes about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The implement was made from a piece of metal that was taken from the claw of an old double shovel cultivator. The blacksmith bent this a little more and attached a foot to it, where it was to rest upon the ground. The foot was made of a piece



A Handy Grubbing Tool.

of 2x1. At the curved end the iron was bent and shaped so as to grip the tree or bush. Another piece of iron with the same sort of groove in it was hinged to the curved piece as shown, and a wooden handle made for this. I have used this tool every spring for three years and have never seen a better one.

FOR THE LOVER OF FLOWERS

Sweet Peas, to Secure Best Results, Should Be Planted Early in Trenches Six Inches Deep.

(By JOSEPHINE DE MAR.)

Plant the sweet peas early in trenches fully six inches deep, covering but lightly at first, drawing the soil around the plants as they reach up.

This will give better roots by which to withstand the dry heat by and by. Plant as soon as possible.

Root room in fair soil is all the beautiful white day lily asks. It is perfectly hardy, likes moist situations, but will do with little water. A plant for the busy housewife.

Chrysanthemums may be raised from seeds, or from cuttings and sprouts from old roots. If the seeds are sown early in boxes and transplanted the plants will bloom the first year. There may be many poor ones from seed.

Do not forget the hardy everblooming roses when ordering. Include some hardy flowering vines for screens for the porches, back fences, and summer arbors. Prairie roses, evergreen honeysuckles, woodbines, clematis in variety, wisterias, bittersweet, trumpet vine, and the harmless wood vines are all fine.

BARREL CART QUITE USEFUL

One Shown in the Illustration May Be Arranged to Fit Receptacles of Different Sizes.

(By J. G. ALLSHOUSE, in the Farm and Home.)

Commonly arranged, a hand-cart for transport to be ironed, handles raised up, and the cart cannot be used for any other barrel. The cart illustrated may be used with any barrel. Procure a stout piece of 3x3 inch wood, a little longer than greatest diameter of an ordinary barrel; round down the ends and put on iron ferrules to fit in wheels of an old hand-cart as an axle. Or, instead of rounding ends, leave square, and attach the old iron axle of a cart by staples or clips. Procure two long pieces of wood as light as consistent with strength and rigidity, taper them down at one end to be convenient for hands, and at large ends of these handles bolt firmly on each a piece of heavy wagon-tire curved slightly to fit sides of barrel.



Handy Barrel Cart.

About one foot from handle ends bolt a 2x1 inch crosspiece on under side to serve as a brace; bolt solid at one end, and at other end make several holes an inch or so apart, so that the bolt can be put in whichever hole will hold handles the right distance apart to conform to size of barrel.

Best Insecticide.

Arsenate of lead is the best insecticide for those insects which eat the foliage and fruit. It is useless for controlling such insects as those which suck the juices of the plants. It may be added to Bordeaux or lime-sulphur, using it at the rate of 1 to 5 pounds per 50 gallons. It comes in paste form and should not be allowed to dry out. Mix it to a consistency of a thin paint, so as to avoid lumps, before putting in the spray tank.

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SAN ANGELO TO BUY TEN INCH RAIN.

We published last week an account of a proposition made to San Angelo to furnish a ten inch rain for that section of the country. The rain fall to be ordered so as to be properly distributed over a period covering three months. The man to supply the rain was to get \$3,000 when he delivered the goods. Many were inclined to treat the matter as a joke, but the following from the San Angelo Standard shows that the citizens of that town really want the rain and will put up the price to get it.

Secretary Owens of the Chamber of Commerce is receiving encouragement and many words of enthusiasm regarding the rain making offer of Paul Hatfield—and some subscriptions. In fact every one with whom the secretary has talked agrees that a ten inch rain distributed between the first of June and the first of September, would be all sufficient for this section and that a rainfall of this amount would in-

sure bumper crops, but as Mr. Owens says: "All seem willing to let the other fellow put up the money. The proposition, in a nut shell is this: If the citizens want to deposit three thousand dollars with the treasury of the Chamber of Commerce, contingent upon the fulfillment of the agreement that Hatfield will produce the ten inches of rain within the specified time, Mr. Owen will wire the Californian to come. They money will not be turned over, but will be held in trust until the completion of the ninety days period. If the rain is not produced the citizens are out nothing.

Since the last issue of The Standard several business men have phoned Mr. Owen asking him to put them on the list. One firm gave fifty dollars and remarked: "That amount of rain will mean many times fifty dollars to my business."

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

Who's Who and Why.

The above seems to be of interest to a great many, but we are interested in selling best groceries and securing new customers and by giving every man his money's worth and then some, we expect to accomplish our purpose. We make a specialty of filling bills for our country customers and ask that when you are in town, you call on us.

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Ballinger, Texas

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TRIED REMEDY FOR THE GRIP.

The completion of the famous Galveston \$2,000,000 causeway was celebrated Saturday, May 25, 1912, on which date it was officially opened.

Governor O. B. Colquitt and many of the state officials were present on that occasion, and The Galveston News presented a detailed story profusely illustrated of this gigantic piece of engineering. This causeway will withstand fire, storm and water. It practically makes Galveston a part of the mainland, Galveston's achievements in raising the grade of the city and building four miles of seawall have attracted the admiration of the world. The agitation of the building of the causeway covered a period of ten years. This causeway is the most unique structure of its kind across salt water anywhere in the world. The causeway has a total length of 12,642 feet, or a little more than two miles. This total length is made up of a causeway proper, or filled and protected roadway, on the mainland side of the bay, 1,640 feet long, a reinforced concrete arch bridge portion of end abutments with a ball and socket or Scherzer type lift bridge, having a clear opening of 100 feet, in the center of this arch bridge, and a causeway or filled and protected roadway on the island side of the bay 5,539 feet long. The causeway is spoken of as the protected roadway portion, the arch bridge portion and the lift bridge.

The Lift Bridge Portion.
The lift bridge is forty feet wide and carries two railroad tracks for the steam roads, one interurban track for the Galveston-Houston Interurban, and the county highway. The two steam road tracks occupy twenty seven feet of the bridge and the interurban and county highway seventeen feet. An iron hand rail separates the steam tracks from the interurban tracks and the county highway. The lift bridge is less in width by twenty-two feet than the arch bridge portion, the difference being on the side where the county highway crosses. The county roadway in crossing the bridge goes onto the interurban tracks. There can be no danger of accidents between vehicles and interurban cars, however, for there is an interlocking device with gates, so that when the county roadway is opened the interurban track are closed, and when the interurban tracks are opened the county roadway is closed.

The Arch Bridge Portion.
The arch bridge portion has a width of sixty-six feet, including the space occupied by the concrete railing. Of this the steam roads have twenty-nine feet, or room for two tracks, the Galveston-Houston Interurban fifteen feet, and the county highway twenty-two feet. The county highway is separated from the interurban tracks by a reinforced concrete railing which extends all the way across the causeway on both the arch bridge portion and the protected roadway.

The protected roadway portion of the structure, or the causeway proper, has a width of 110 feet at the top, of which fifty feet is reserved for the steam roads, twenty seven feet for the interurban and fort three feet for the county highway.

Mr. S. A. B. Hamilton, the energetic manager of the Sweetwater Bottling Works and president of the Shamrock Creamery Co., spent Tuesday along the Santa Fe gathering in new business. Mr. Hamilton left for Ballinger, his former home Friday night, to spend Saturday and Sunday with his family.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Air Ship free to boys and girls at Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. Ask the clerk.

BEE KEEPING IS DECREASING

United States Department of Agriculture Attributes Cause to Brood Diseases of Insects.

The census of 1910 shows a decrease of almost 800,000 colonies of bees on the farms of the United States. There is also a considerable decrease in the number of farms reporting bees. Since bee keeping is one of the important and profitable minor branches of agriculture, this decrease among farmer bee keepers is unfortunate.

Bee keeping is fast becoming the business of the specialist, and the number of men who devote their entire attention to the business is rapidly increasing. However, there is no reason why the average farmer can not keep a few colonies of bees to supply honey for home consumption with perhaps some surplus for sale in good years.

The United States department of agriculture attributes most of the reported decrease to the brood diseases of bees which are now found widely distributed in the United States. Where disease exists the bee keepers often lose colonies and attribute their loss to some other cause. It is quite possible to keep bees with profit with disease prevalent in the neighborhood provided the bee keeper knows how to treat the disease.

MAKING HEAVY WAGON JACK

List of Material Required Includes Four Pieces of Wood, Three Bolts and Two Screws.

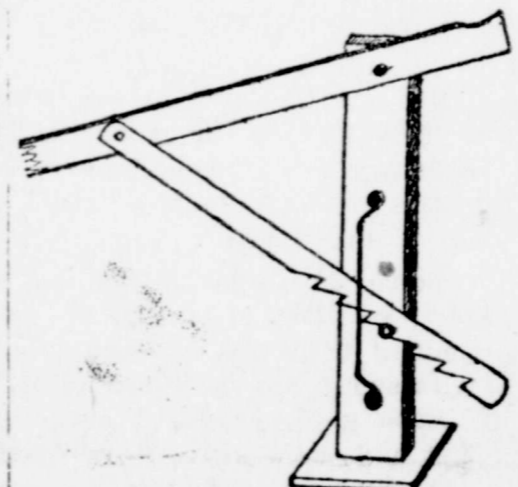
By W. J. GORDON.
Four pieces of wood, three bolts, two screws and one piece of wire completes the list of material required for a very simple and handy wagon-jack.

One piece of 2x4 hardwood, two feet six inches long for the main upright; one piece of 1x4 hardwood, two feet long for lever; one piece 1x4 hardwood, with notches.

One piece of two-inch stuff 10 inches square for the base.

The lever is secured to the upright with half-inch bolt 3 1/2 inches long.

The piece with the notches is fastened to the lever with a half-inch



A Heavy Wagon Jack.

bolt, and the piece of wire that holds the notched piece in place is fastened to the upright piece with screws.

Keeping Bees.
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The Science of Dry Farming.

Before fire can draw oil from the lamp, a crust must form on the wick. The same rule applies in the evaporation of moisture from land. The sun dries the top into a crust and then figure the loss of moisture needed by growing plants.

If we wish to keep moisture where it is needed, we should keep the top of the ground pulverized and not allow a wick to form by which the sun lifts the water into the air.

This science of moisture conservation has been thoroughly tested in districts of the west where dry farming has been carried on for several years.—Southwestern Farmer.

Letter from Mrs. Goforth.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly St Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25 cent bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw, and I can't just keep house without it." She is right.

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I have some well located Unit cumberd property in Ballinger to trade for farm lands. Prices are right.

W. B. PAGE, Ballinger, Texas.

A Protest.

We the citizens of Prec. No 1

Who are subject to road duty, and the Road we work, being known as the Crews road, would like to ask for an explanation of our commissioner why he contemplates working the hands under bosses on the roads of our precinct, and we no tie that the other commissioner have adopted no such plans, and we are bound to come to the conclusion that the other Commissioners think the road hands of the precincts are industrious enough, work their roads with out going the expense of hiring bosses at working the hands on the convict plan. We would like to know, if our commissioner of prec. No 1, has fallen out with the pain of appoint Overseer's to work the hands in the past.

W. D. Hood, Bob Turdle, L. e. Herdleston.

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

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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.

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WELCOME FOR CLUB'S FOUNDER



The local market is being supplied with home grown berries and vegetables and fruit will soon begin to come in, besides many families in town are living out of their gardens.

The Governor has been here and had his say and the county still remains in the Ramsey column. Yes, the county will vote for William F. Ramsey by a majority of not less than 250.

Where are the boys, is the same old question so vividly impressed on the minds of those who attended the graduating exercise Monday night. The class was composed of three boys and ten girls. Certainly Texas needs great men.

The rustle for farm hands brings to memory the good times of 1908 when the crop record was smashed. In twelve months the drouth will be ancient history and the man who has been trying to sacrifice (?) his property in order that he might go where the milk and honey flows free will decide to stay another day.

The cry is coming in from different sections of the county for cotton choppers and hands for general farm work. Secretary Sledge of the Business League received three request yesterday for help. If you know of any one wanting work send them to him and he will direct them to those who have filed application for hands.

Its an ill wind that doesn't blow good to some one. Gov. Colquitt was billed to speak in Winters Wednesday morning and a short while before he arrived at that place fire broke out in the business district and destroyed several business houses. The boys come to town to see the fire and the governor had a big crowd to hear him speak.

San Angelo citizens are putting up \$3000 to pay for ten inches of rain to be distributed through the months of June, July and August, and San Angelo is a wet town too. Just another witness to say that it takes something besides booze to build a town. It seems too that we heard something about some vacant houses in the Concho city, but perhaps this is a mistake.

The socialist are figuring on slipping in a number of their candidates in this and other counties at the general election on the lack of interest generally manifested by the Democrats. As rule in this country the primary settles the question as to who will be the officers and the Democrats do not go to the polls and vote in the general election. But, this is presidential election year and the Democrats will be at the polls early and late, and the socialist who are figuring on winning for lack of interest on the part of the Democrats will have another guess coming.

There is a lesson in the Titanic wreck that should come home to every man. The Titanic was the triumph of the successful ship-builder's art. It was on the highway of success when it encountered a hidden obstacle and met disaster. How many men on the highway of good fortune pause to think of the hidden obstacle in their path? How many fortunate persons who reach affluence stop to take their bearings and make soundings to find dangers that are always on the sea of life? Onward in the rush for pleasure, and blind is the eye to warning beacons. There is many an iceberg of disaster ahead of those who feel that nothing may stop their progress on the ocean of life. —Dallas Times-Herald.

Local 1192 Runnels county passed the following resolution: Resolved that we condemn the inaction of the railroad commission, said inaction resulting in boiler explosion, causing a loss of life horrible to contemplate, and we call upon commissioners Mayfield, Williams and Wortham to resign their prostituted offices. —The Rebel (a socialist paper published at Hallettsville, Texas.)

Every since steam engines were invented we have had boiler explosions causing destruction of property and loss of life. If the railroad commissioners could prevent such accidents they would not fool with anything as small as the commissioners office, and would be classed as the greatest inventors of this enlightened age. The railroad commission had no more to do with the blowing up the locomotive at San Antonio than the constable of Cuba and the demand expresse in the resolution is nothing more than a fair sample of socialist doctrine. Certainly we are not to believe that the socialist could fill the office with a commission that would stop such accidents.

BALLINGER SCHOOL CLOSURES WITH SPLINDID EXERCISES.

The 1911-12 term of the Ballinger schools was brought to a very successful close at the Carnegie Library last Monday night. Ten young ladies and three young men occupied conspicuous places on the stage and were awarded with diplomas from the High School showing that they had finished the course of study

and were graduates of our splendid public school. Miss Zelma Miller delivered the salutatory and Miss Gertrude Eagan delivered the valedictory.

For the occasion extra seats had been provided and the hall was filled with admirers of the graduates and friends and patrons of the school, and all listened with close attention while the program was carried out, which was as follows:

- 1 Invocation..... Rev. E. V. Cox
- 2 Duet: POLONAISE Misses Williedell Schawe, Zelma Miller
- 3 Salutatory: CHARACTER..... Miss Marguerite Zelma Miller
- 4 Valedictory: REALMS OF GOLD..... Miss Gertrude Eagan
- 5 Vocal Solo: DON'T BE CROSS..... Miss Anna Jean Sharp
- 6 Address to Graduates..... Dr. W. E. Boggs
- 7 Presentation of Diplomas..... Judge B. B. Stone
- 8 Awarding Certificates and Diplomas..... W. S. Fleming
- 9 Instrumental Solo: THE STORM..... M. Mazurette
- 10 Benediction.

Class Roll

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| EMMITT DAVIS | CHARLES HERBERT GRANT |
| EDWARD SPILL | GERTRUDE EAGAN |
| FAYE GARLINGTON | KATHLEEN GRACIE HAMILTON |
| MARGUERITE ZELMA MILLER | JEANE PENN |
| WILLIEDELL SCHAWA | ANNA JEAN SHARP |
| ALMA SNELL | FRANCES KENDRICK SPEARS |
| | EMMA WILLIAMS |

42 Party.

Mrs. J. O. Roots entertained with a morning 42 party on last Saturday complimentary to her sisters misses Bula and Patti Beal, of Sulphur Springs.

Some 36 young ladies looking their sweetest, arrived at the appointed hour and at once entered with speed into the games of 42.

Each game proved a close contest and the successful contestants each time received over their victory.

A delicious salad course was served after the games.

Those present were:

- Misses:
- Kate Guion,
 - Niel Guion,
 - Armor McGregor,
 - Florence Westbrook,
 - Nelle Miller,
 - Hattie Hutton,
 - Etta Hutton,
 - Kathleen Francis,
 - Kate Bell Gregory,
 - May Penn,
 - Myra Penn,
 - Elva Van Pelt,
 - Birtha Van Pelt,
 - Lucile Reeder,
 - Ada Allen,
 - Suzie Sharp,
 - Maggie Sharp,
 - Ildas Sharp,
 - Sammie Padgett,
 - Hester Padgett,
 - Birtha Rasbury,
 - Louise Orgain,
 - Nelle Alexander,
 - Carrie Turner,
 - Verna Moser,
 - Mollie Murray,
 - Hattie Miles,
 - Gladys Oliver,
 - Maud Northcutt,
 - Minnie Lewis,
 - Annie Shaw,
 - Keley,
 - Mamie Gregory,
 - Gladys Spann,
 - Boss Crag, and Robinson, of Austin.

Birthday Party.

On Monday afternoon of this week Master Sidney Smith Douglass celebrated his fifth birthday at the home of Dr and Mrs. J. G. Douglass. His little friends anticipated a glorious afternoon when the invitations were extended and not one was disappointed for every minute of the time was spent playing childish games.

And everything from "Ring around the Rosy" to "Base Ball" was entered into with genuine enthusiasm.

While the little folks were so happy Mrs. Douglass entertained the mothers with a 42 party in honor of her guest Mrs. Greffin of Itasca. And thus every one from the eldest to the youngest, thoroughly enjoyed this occasion.

A large birthday cake decorated

in ferns and flowers and bearing five lighted tapers, delighted the children after the usual good wishes by the little tots ice cream was served with the cake.

The ladies also received their share of this dainty repast.

Master Sidney was the recipient of numerous presents from his guests.

There were about 60 children present and upon bidding the young host good by each expressed thanks for this good time.

Spread of Disease.

When asked the cause of the spread of diseases and the preventive methods, nine-tenths of the physicians will tell you that flies cause the spread and I furnish the preventive by screening your house. If you need this kind of work or any other in my line phone me.

D. C. Claypool,
Phone 405. No. 500 Cor. 13 & Harris Streets,
Ballinger, Texas.

Saturday, May 25 to June 18 the big Carving Knife will be at work at Higginbotham Curries Williams Co.

Hugo Miller is at home for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller. He has been connected with a large mine in New Mexico and Arizona as civil engineer.

Wm. Giesen, of San Marcos, is here this week, the guest of A. T. Turpe.

George Spidell was here from Winters Tuesday to hear Gov. Colquitt speak.

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Mrs. Scott Mack and children are visiting Mrs. Mack's father and mother, Capt and Mrs. Robt. Bailey in San Angelo, this week.

W. T. Bundick is in Bejton this week on business.

John Trimmer, of Temple, is the guest of Paul Trimmer this week.

Mrs. L. J. Moore went to San Angelo Wednesday to visit her son C. C. Moore.

J. J. Yerby is at home from a visit to Dallas and other places.

C. R. Willis and family came over from Brownwood in their auto Monday and spent several days with friends.

Mrs. H. S. Perkins, of Temple, is here on a visit to friends.

Treasurers Quarterly Report

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day appeared personally R. S. Griggs, County Judge, J. E. McAdams, J. M. Adams and C. N. Craft, County Commissioners, all of Runnels County, Texas, who being duly sworn, each on his oath, deposes and says that he has fully complied with the provisions of article No. 867, R. S., as set forth in said article, taken in connection with Chapter No. 164, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, known as the Depository Law, by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of T. J. Stocks, County Treasurer, as set forth in said County Treasurer's report for the Quarter ending May 1st, 1912 and find same to be as follows:

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| First Class, or Jury Fund, a cash balance of | \$ 223.47 |
| Second Class, or Road and Bridge Fund, a cash balance of | 9,565.42 |
| Third Class, or General County Fund, a cash balance of | 7,592.94 |
| Fourth Class, or Special Fund a cash balance of | 3,517.26 |
| Fifth Class, or Advertising Fund, a cash balance of | 18.01 |
| Sixth Class, or Court House Bond Sinking Fund, cash balance of | 659.16 |
| Seventh Class, or Bridge Bond Skg. Fund, a cash balance of | 5,454.69 |
| Eighth Class, or Bridge Bond Skg. Fund, a cash balance of | 1,535.65 |
| Total cash balance, as per above funds, in county depository May 1st, 1912, as certified to by the Farmers & Merchants State Bank | 28,566.60 |

R. S. GRIGGS, County Judge.
J. E. McADAMS, County Commissioner.
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C. N. CRAFT, County Commissioner.

(SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 18th day of May 1912.

O. L. PARISH, Clerk County Court Runnels County, Texas.

MUSIC TEACHER GIVES SPLENDID RECITAL.

Mrs. Payton Orgain gave her annual recital at the First Baptist church last Saturday night and a full house greeted her splendid music. Following is the program:

Recital at the First Baptist Church given by the pupils of Mrs. Peyton Orgain, Saturday, May 25, 8:30 P. M.

| PROGRAM | |
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| Voices of the Heart..... | VanGael |
| Lillie Pechacek | |
| Blue Bell..... | Franz Breyer |
| Helen Marburger | |
| Idilio..... | Theo. Lack |
| Mildred Herring | |
| Angel Serenade..... | Braga |
| Jessie Ruth Nash, Geneva Currie | |
| Fra Diavolo..... | Sidney Smith |
| Erie Routh | |
| In the Sunshine..... | Lange |
| Pauline VanPelt | |
| Scarf Dance..... | Chaminade |
| Mary Pechacek | |
| March..... | Fearis |
| Luda Jones | |
| Der Freischutz..... | Weber |
| Irene Clampitt, Mildred Herring, Charlotte Mayfield | |
| Wayside Rose..... | Fischer |
| August McWilliams | |
| The Chatter..... | Engelmann |
| Maurine Patterson | |
| Will o' the Wisp..... | Jungmann |
| Claudia Craft | |
| May Lilly..... | Smallwood |
| Pauline Hardin | |
| Romanza Op. 11..... | Epsen |
| Luella Pope | |
| Alpine Horn..... | Schimer |
| Geneva Currie | |
| March Militaire..... | Franz Von Blon |
| Mary Baron, Mary Pechacek | |
| La Mignonne..... | Reginald DeKoven |
| Irene Clampitt | |
| Post Horn Sound..... | Behr |
| Bertha Harper | |
| Largentine..... | Ketterer |
| Jessie Ruth Nash | |
| In the Moonlight..... | Bendel |
| Charlotte Mayfield | |
| Reverie..... | Schumann |
| Venita Boyd | |
| Poet and Peasant Overture..... | Suppe |
| Jane Penn | |
| Silvery Echo..... | Bohm |
| Erie Routh, Claudia Craft | |

Money For Farmers

We can save you from 25 cents to one dollar on each plow point, and we can save you money on the plow extras for almost any make of plow including the Avery, Canton, Casady, Case, Jno. Deer, Oliver and Rock Island.

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We can save you \$25 on a buggy or wagon and at the same time give you something that will give good service. We guarantee this. The Owensboro is guaranteed to stand the test in wear and tare.

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Notice of Change

I have purchased the City Market and have taken charge of same. I solicit a continuance of patronage from all the old patrons of the business and I cordially invite new customers promising the best meats, prompt delivery and fair treatment.

W. T. (Tim) Ward

Ballinger, Texas

Shoe troubles are over if you come to us for your foot wear. Higginbotham Currie Williams C

Don't fail to Make some money at Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. will show you.

TRIED REMEDY FOR THE GRIP.



GALVESTON CELEBRATES GREAT \$2,000,000 ROADWAY.

The completion of the famous Galveston \$2,000,000 causeway was celebrated Saturday, May 25, 1912, on which date it was officially opened.

Governor O. B. Colquitt and many of the state officials were present on that occasion, and The Galveston News presented a detailed story profusely illustrated of this gigantic piece of engineering. This causeway will withstand fire, storm and water. It practically makes Galveston a part of the mainland, Galveston's achievements in raising the grade of the city and building four miles of seawall have attracted the admiration of the world. The agitation of the building of the causeway covered a period of ten years. This causeway is the most unique structure of its kind across salt water anywhere in the world. The causeway has a total length of 12,642 feet, or a little more than two miles. This total length is made up of a causeway proper, or filled and protected roadway, on the mainland side of the bay, 4,650 feet long, a reinforced concrete arch bridge portion of end abutments with a bascule or Scherzer type lift bridge, having a clear opening of 100 feet, in the center of this arch bridge, and a causeway or filled and protected roadway on the island side of the bay 5,530 feet long. The causeway is spoken of as the protected roadway portion, the arch bridge portion and the lift bridge.

The Lift Bridge Portion.
The lift bridge is forty four feet wide and carries two railroad tracks for the steam roads, one interurban track for the Galveston-Houston Interurban, and the county highway. The two steam road tracks occupy twenty seven feet of the bridge and the interurban and county highway seventeen feet. An iron hand rail separates the steam tracks from the interurban tracks and the county highway. The lift bridge is less in width by twenty-two feet than the arch bridge portion, the difference being on the side where the county highway crosses. The county roadway in crossing the bridge goes onto the interurban tracks. There can be no danger of accidents between vehicles and interurban cars, however, for there is an interlocking device with gates, so that when the county roadway is opened the interurban tracks are closed, and when the interurban tracks are opened the county roadway is closed.

The Arch Bridge Portion.
The arch bridge portion has a width of sixty-six feet, including the space occupied by the concrete railing. Of this the steam roads have twenty-nine feet, or room for two tracks, the Galveston-Houston Interurban fifteen feet, and the county highway twenty two feet. The county highway is separated from the interurban tracks by a reinforced concrete railing which extends all the way across the causeway on both the arch bridge portion and the protected roadway.

The protected roadway portion of the structure, or the causeway proper, has a width of 110 feet at the top, of which fifty feet is reserved for the steam roads, twenty seven feet for the interurban and fort, three feet for the county highway.

Mr. S. A. B. Hamilton, the energetic manager of the Sweetwater Bottling Works and president of the Shamrock Creamery Co., spent Tuesday along the Santa Fe gathering in new business. Mr. Hamilton left for Ballinger, his former home Friday night, to spend Saturday and Sunday with his family.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Air Ship free to boys and girls at Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. Ask the clerk.

BEE KEEPING IS DECREASING

United States Department of Agriculture Attributes Cause to Brood Diseases of Insects.

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The United States department of agriculture attributes most of the reported decrease to the brood diseases of bees which are now found widely distributed in the United States. Where disease exists the bee keepers often lose colonies and attribute their loss to some other cause. It is quite possible to keep bees with profit with disease prevalent in the neighborhood provided the bee keeper knows how to treat the disease.

MAKING HEAVY WAGON JACK

List of Material Required Includes Four Pieces of Wood, Three Bolts and Two Screws.

By W. J. GORDON.

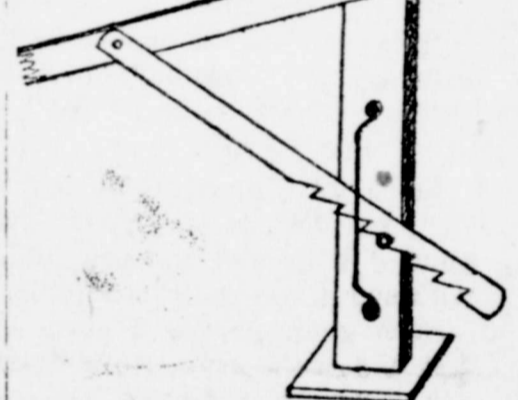
Four pieces of wood, three bolts, two screws and one piece of wire completes the list of material required for a very simple and handy wagon-jack.

One piece of 2x4 hardwood, two feet six inches long, for the main upright; one piece of 1x4 hardwood, two feet long, for lever; one piece 1x4 hardwood, with notches.

One piece of two-inch stuff 10 inches square for the base.

The lever is secured to the upright with half-inch bolt 3 1/2 inches long.

The piece with the notches is fastened to the lever with a half-inch



A Heavy Wagon Jack.

bolt, and the piece of wire that holds the notched piece in place is fastened to the upright piece with screws.

Keeping Bees.

The census shows a decrease of almost 800,000 colonies of bees on the farms of the United States. There is also a considerable decrease in the number of farms reporting bees. Since bee keeping is one of the important and profitable minor branches of agriculture, this decrease among farmer bee keepers is unfortunate. No returns are available for bee keepers in towns and cities.

Bee keeping is fast becoming the business of the specialist and the number of men who devote their entire attention to the business is rapidly increasing. However, there is no reason why the average farmer can not keep a few colonies of bees to supply honey for home consumption with perhaps some surplus for sale in good years.

Bees and Farm Notes

Poultry manure is a fine dressing for the vegetable garden.

A practical system of rotation can be worked out for every farm.

Poultry manure is particularly good for forcing the growth of onions. Sheep-killing dogs and egg-sucking dogs make real nice soft robes and rugs. Tan their hides.

The size of the farm is of not so much importance as the manner in which the work is done.

Too much care can hardly be taken in making sure that no weed seeds are sown with your grain seed.

It is well to remember that commercial fertilizers should not replace farm manures, but simply reinforce them.

Hollyhocks and golden-glow may be grown along the fence at the back or side of the house, and require but little room.

Squash bugs may be trapped by laying shingles near the plants. The bugs will be found under them early in the morning.

Rotation of crops is one of the simple, practical methods of increasing the productivity of the farm and distributing labor.

There is but little fertilizing value in coal ashes, but they will improve a stiff clay soil by putting it in better physical condition.

There are very few farms on which additional labor expended in preparing the seed-bed would not yield handsome returns.

The life of a bee during the busy season is very short. Often during the honey season they do not live longer than six or eight weeks.

A GENUINE HAIR RESTORER.

Did you ever know of any hair preparation which would really grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair.

There are many preparations highly advertised to do the work, but it is probably your experience that none of them will really meet the claims of their manufacturers.

There are many so-called Hair Restorers which are nothing more than harmful chemical dyes, which do not grow any hair, the only result being that they dyed the hair, having no permanency and often causing a streaky appearance.

It has been the aim of the chemists for years to discover a preparation which would really grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair but heretofore they have met with no success.

Prof. Rembler now claims to have discovered a combination of harmless vegetable composition which is a Genuine Hair Restorer and will grow hair and does not contain any dye of any kind, but will positively restore the natural color and brilliancy to gray and faded hair.

This is a very strong statement to make and if any chemist without the recognized ability and national reputation of Prof. Rembler were to this claim we would be inclined to be skeptical as to its truth. It will be remembered by readers that are familiar with scientific discoveries that Prof. Rembler was the inventor of the one fire process for gliding glass and also the Rembler wireless Coherer. Any statement made by Prof. Rembler is entitled to consideration as he would not make any statement which were not true and would injure his established reputation.

The Siloron Mfg. Co., of Pueblo, Colo., have purchased the exclusive

American rights to manufacture Sagine, as they have named Prof. Rembler's invention, after having made a six month's test of Sagine and thoroughly demonstrating that it would positively do the work. The Siloron Mfg. Co. have authorized us to make the following remarkable offer to all who need a "Genuine Hair Restorer."

They will send a written agreement with every bottle of Sagine, to the effect that if one bottle of Sagine conscientiously used according to the directions does not give tire satisfaction to the purchaser, if Sagine does not actually grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair, remove dandruff and make the hair healthy and glossy, that they will pay the sum of \$5 to any dissatisfied purchaser.

This is the strongest offer made by any manufacturer and one they could not possibly make if they did not know positively from experiment that it would do exactly what they claim for it. No one takes any chance in buying Sagine as it is certainly worth \$1 to use a Genuine Hair Restorer that will really grow hair, and if it does not give satisfaction they will pay you the \$5 as agreed. Send a \$1 bill to The Siloron Mfg. Co., Pueblo, Colo., stating that you wish to purchase a bottle of Sagine with the written agreement to grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair or pay you the sum of \$5 and it will be sent to you in plain wrapper.

The Siloron Mfg. Co. is incorporated under the Laws of the State of Colorado and refer you to the mercantile agencies or any Pueblo banks as to their ability to fulfill any agreement they make.

THE SILORON MFG CO., Pueblo, Colo.

The Science of Dry Farming.

Before fire can draw oil from the lamp, a crust must form on the wick. The same rule applies in the evaporation of moisture from land. The sun dries the top into a crust and then figure the loss of moisture needed by growing plants.

If we wish to keep moisture where it is needed, we should keep the top of the ground pulverized and not allow a wick to form by which the sun lifts the water into the air. This science of moisture conservation has been thoroughly tested in districts of the west where dry farming has been carried on for several years.—Southwestern Farmer.

Letter from Mrs. Goforth.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly St Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25 cent bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw, and I can't just keep house without it." She is right.

Dizziness, vertigo, blind staggers, sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

I have some well located University property in Ballinger to trade for farm lands. Prices are right.

W. B. PAGE, Ballinger, Texas.

A Protest.

We the citizens of Prec. No. 1 Who are subject to road duty, and the Road we work, being known as the Crews road, would like to ask for an explanation of our commissioner why he contemplates working the hands under bosses on the roads of our precinct, and we notice that the other commissioner have adopted no such plans, and we are bound to come to the conclusion that the other Commissioners think the road hands of the precincts are industrious enough, work their roads with out going the expense of hiring bosses at working the hands on the convict plan. We would like to know, what our commissioner of price No 1, has fallen out with the pain of appoint Overseer's to work the hands in the past.

W. D. Hood, Bob Turdle, L. E. Herdleston.

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 effect. For sale by all dealers.

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

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708 HUTCHINS AVE. BALLINGER, TEXAS

SINGLETON IS PROGRESSIVE

Address of Candidate For Commissioner of Agriculture.

POLICIES ARE DEFINED.

Collin County Man Gives Platform and Views of Needs of Agricultural Interests in Texas. Practical Suggestions Offered.

H. E. Singleton of Collin county, in opening his campaign as candidate for the office of State Commissioner of Agriculture at Sulphur Springs, made the following statement of his platform and the policies he advocates:

It was the assurance coming largely from intelligent, progressive farmers, merchants and others throughout the state that they wanted me to give my time to "winning the Battle of Industry" that led me to offer my name to the intelligent voters of Texas.

If elected, I hope to receive the support of all good citizens in carrying forward the state's proper duties in promoting our agricultural welfare.

In asking for the office I have no intention of doing aught but submitting my opinions for your consideration and if they are in line with advanced thought on agricultural affairs, I trust that you will give me a vote of confidence and give me further opportunity to counsel with you in working them out to a practical solution.

The Primary Problem is Progress.

The end which all classes of our citizenship desire is prosperity among our agricultural population. I have no new, novel or fine-spun theories for overcoming some of the obstacles that seemingly retard the forward movement of our agricultural people. I am sure that every patriotic business man of whatever calling will join me in the hope that our agricultural people may have an annual revenue that will support an attractive country life. While our state is going forward in many lines, we cannot but stop and reflect when we learn from the recent census reports that the percentage of farm tenants is increasing rather than decreasing. In 1880 there was 37.6 per cent of our farms occupied by tenants, today it is 52.6 per cent. In 1890 5.7 per cent of our farms occupied by owner-were mortgaged, today it is 33.3 per cent. We learn from the same reliable source that the value of these farms has increased 256 per cent, and that they decreased in size 24 per cent. Our face such changes indicate that we have a rural life problem in Texas that needs to be investigated, and if possible, a remedy provided. If elected to be your commissioner, I shall endeavor to have these and other similarly important problems thoroughly investigated and advise with you as to what is their proper remedy.

The Cost of Progress and the Products of the Soil.

Our desire is for social progress for all classes. There may be backward and forward periods affecting our agricultural, manufacturing and commercial classes, according as their interests are affected by favorable seasons, immigration, etc. However, in a country like ours, whose primary support must for many years at least, come from the soil it is plain to all that unless this is, on an average, sufficiently profitable to leave a reasonable margin to the soil tillers, we as a state are not permanently self-sustaining. We have a large profit we have just it much more to put into making things better. When we talk about better homes in rural communities, better schools, better churches, better roads, we mean in the final result these farmer folk must have a better buying power; greater production; great purchasing power; the first or trials of progress must have more than expenses their farms, somehow. Are we of the problem?

The State's Income and Outgo on Agricultural Products.

A statement recently issued by Fort Worth Stockyards, it was announced that they had paid out \$100,000,000 for foreign meats. Is, meats brought to Fort Worth Northern farms. And millions from the state every year for slaughtered in other states, because Texas does not raise enough to her people. As cotton and rice practically our only export crops, can readily understand that this must be paid for with money the sale of these two staples. I only want to see Texas furnish surplus of meat to our packing as, but I want to see more smokestacks on Texas farms. This is not only possible, but will be immensely profitable under an intelligent system of stock farming. This state on an average buys about 1,000,000 worth of corn annually to make up for the deficiency in our domestic production. Similar deficiencies may be noted as to oats, wheat, and other necessities. If we are to contribute to other agricultural activities, it is time to ask why. To within the state the vast sums for these supplies would do to bring about an era of greater prosperity at home. I have no cut and dried solutions of these problems, but want to mention a few things which I think illustrate what is needed. In a word, it is wider diffused information—not so much, a matter of legislation.

Some Problems Which Illustrate What is Needed.

For five or six years there has been a small group of farmers working to interest all farmers in the state in better methods of grain production. I refer to the Texas Corn Growers' Assn.

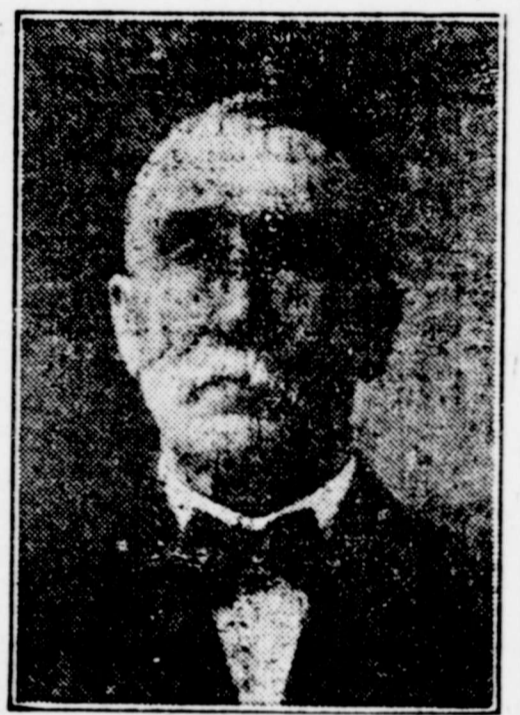
elation. A select committee of competent experts, of whom Prof. D. A. Sauer of the United States department of agriculture is chairman, acting under the instructions of the association, co-operating with the state and United States stations, have been making some valuable discoveries—facts that would mean millions of dollars to Texas farmers if widely known. They have tested many grades and varieties of seed corn such as are actually used by the farmers of Texas. Altogether, some fifty or seventy-five varieties are now used. As a result of more than forty tests made in various parts of the state covering a period of five years, and probably more than 400 samples of seed, they have concluded that there are only eight or ten varieties of corn—all native varieties—that are worthy of general use within the state.

Nearly every grocery store is now selling foreign grown seed corn. Not one of these varieties in a dozen tests has given results that would justify the intelligent farmer in using them in Texas. They yield from five to twenty-five bushels per acre less than the better native varieties. The conclusions of these committees mean, in fact that thousands of Texas farmers are using inferior seed corn without apparently realizing it. Texas plants about nine million acres of corn. The annual loss to the state on account of the use of unacclimated seed corn must be in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000. If it is not more than that sum. The state should not delay putting such information as this in an authoritative and convincing way before the farmers of the state.

The Cotton Crop.

The great money crop of the South cotton, is a particularly rich treasure of which the South has a monopoly—a monopoly that cannot be taken from her. Therefore, it is all the more astounding that the South has for so many years permitted foreign spinners to fix the price of cotton and dictate when it shall be sold. Any other people in the world having a monopoly of such a necessity as cotton, would have long ago developed a plan to make the other part of the world pay a fair price for that commodity. Why has the South allowed herself to be so imposed upon?

There is one peculiar fact that every cotton raiser is not familiar with—that



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the machinery made for the working up of the cotton of this country will not work up the cotton raised in India, Egypt, or any other foreign country. The difference in the fibre is the reason. Therefore, the mills built to handle our cotton must depend on us for their supply, yet we go on permitting them to fix the price they will pay us for our cotton. Was there ever such great folly shown by any other people in the world?

Marketing Our Crops.

I think the marketing of our crops has received too little attention from our public officials. Every producer is not a good salesman, and we frequently see the need of assisting men in their marketing problem. A necessity as great as, or greater than, exists for assisting them in the production. It is a fact that there is not on an average a good salesman in a hundred producers, and some of our crops, especially cotton, which cannot be fed or utilized on the farm, should have special attention in the marketing. If elected, I promise to do what I can, connected with the duties of my office, to assist those whose duty it is to shape laws designed to better this condition. I favor the establishment of bonded local warehouses, under state control, wherever the production will justify, for the storing of all crops, especially cotton, until the proper time arrives for placing them on the market.

Experiment Stations—Extension Education.

Texas is a new state yet. We are in an experimental stage. Agriculture is as old as civilization, but it is today in need of information. This is recognized the world over. Every civilized country in the world has its experiment stations. We have ours, and they have done much good in the past. I believe that they can be made to do much good in the future. If you elect me your commissioner of agriculture, I pledge myself to use all the influence of my office to see that practical and well-trained investigators remain in charge of the experiment stations, and that they are protected from any disturbing influence of personal politics. Our farmers need practical, authoritative information on the selection of seed, preparation of the soil, feeding and caring for livestock, terracing land and other means to prevent erosion of soil. As I said before, all our stations have done much for the farmer in the past, but I am convinced that much more might have been accomplished had the frequent changes in the officials and policies in the past. The office of field crop experimentalist in our main experiment station has been held by four men in five years. Such frequent changes do not make for success in any business, certainly not in agricultural investigations.

The state has two sets of experiment stations, one a main station located at the A. & M. College, under the control of a board of directors of the college, appointed by the governor and a number of sub-stations at Beeville, Troupe, Spur, Lubbock, Beaumont, Temple, Denton, Angleton, etc., under a special board, composed of the governor, commissioner of agriculture and the director of the main station. I believe that the work of these stations should be under one management and, if I am elected, I shall ask the governor to recommend legislation looking to that end. I am also in favor of the constitutional amendment providing gradual changes in the person-

nel of the governing board of our educational and charitable institutions. Our custom of tolerating a shake-up in managing boards of these institutions is no credit to the citizenship of this state. I want to see personal and factional policies separated from the state's business affairs.

Industrial Education.

I believe it to be one of the first duties of the present generation to provide liberally for the education of the children of today. A reasonable common school education should be the heritage of every child, whether he lives in the country or the town. Universal public education goes hand in hand with the excellent Democratic government. It makes us more universally self-governing and self-supporting. In venturing an opinion on the educational policies of the state, I have no intention of doing aught but co-operating with the progressive policies heretofore followed by our present superintendent of education. I believe that the present excellent system of rural public schools can be greatly improved. This is pre-eminently an agricultural state. The larger part of our people are making their living by farming, and it will be several decades before manufacturing and mining will bring any great amount of money into the state. Of all the agencies that contribute toward making a useful citizen out of the child, the school is to himself and others, that of "education about the things he is to do" is the greatest. We need to develop home manufacturing in every possible way, but our educational policy should not forget that the majority of the next generation will live an agricultural life. I want to see agriculture taught in the school, not as a mere recitation, but as a life not founded on the desire to keep anyone on the farm or to send anyone there, but because I know it will enable those who do live there to support a better standard of country life than we have today.

Domestic Economy.

I believe the boy should not be the only beneficiary of the state's provision for industrial education. The young man who elects to follow agriculture as a calling and provide a home in the country should be enabled to choose as his bride a young woman who has had the advantage of education in home-making and in the care of the household. The most efficient manner I favor the addition of a lecturer on domestic economy to the staff of the institute workers under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture. Thus the wife and daughters of farmers will become interested in the institutes and they will derive pleasure as well as profit from attending. Science has many places in the kitchen, both in the field and factory, and by its proper application in the preparation of food, the health, happiness and prosperity of our people will be greatly enhanced.

Farmers' Institutes.

As commissioner of agriculture, if elected, my greatest responsibility will be in the selection, training and carrying to the present adult agricultural population information that will be practicable in their everyday efforts. In the selection of the most efficient agricultural people, I have been a farmer all my life. I have always lived on a farm. As a farmer, I have made a reasonable showing for my efforts. As I have the privilege of representing the state, I have become convinced that it is not only a wise policy, but a moral duty of the state to provide and maintain a department for supplying the present farming population with accurate information about farming.

There are several thousand men in the United States who are engaged in collecting valuable information. As soon as this information is thoroughly tested and found applicable to Texas conditions, the state should see that it is carried into the homes of our farmers. We want to get the Wisconsin idea. Twenty years ago Wisconsin was no more of a dairy state than Texas today. Through the cooperation of several thousand men of dollars by her legislature in the employment of men who were really fitted for their tasks, it has become to mean an annual production of billions of dollars worth of dairy products and other products. Her farmers over the whole state have become more generally prosperous.

Texas imports annually millions of dollars worth of butter, cheese and condensed milk. All these could be profitably produced in this state, where the crop raises it especially favorable to dairy farming. The fifty chief cities of the Southern states bring from the North annually \$20,000,000 worth of butter and it is a conservative estimate that at least as much more is brought into the smaller towns to say nothing of the vast amount spent for cheese. This is a great loss to the farmer and the Northern dairy farmer, and explains his greater prosperity, in a large measure.

A Fact—Not a Theory.

A fact is a stubborn thing—so is pride. No one feels a greater pride than I in our remarkable progress in the forty odd years I have lived in the state. I am glad that the scooter, plow, the grain cradle, the long-horned steer and the hog have been replaced by more useful implements and that the loe horses, the rawhide saddles and bronco ponies are coming to be mere matters of memory. We are glad to have a more modern and adopted them. Yet, fellow citizens, there are other states than ours, and they too, have gone forward, and, if after visiting them and investigating their progress, we find that they have gained faster than have we, let us honor the success they have achieved by taking for ourselves that part of their plans which we can use.

I will not burden you today with tedious observations or masses of statistics. I could have compiled them and read them to you. But it is well known that we average Texas farmers are not making as much out of our efforts as are our fellow farmers of the Middle West. The average production of the farm or farm worker is noticeably less in Texas than in the corn belt states. Their land is not richer; their climate is not better. Let us go forward as they have done. We must make more out of our farms here, we can put more into our homes, our school houses, and otherwise raise our standard of living. Progress for the whole country, therefore, depends not upon our ability to put more energy into the production of crops, but to obtain and disseminate information that will lead to a wise solution of our agricultural problems.

If the citizenship of Texas sees fit to make me your commissioner of agriculture, I will do my best to justify the judgment of my friends who have solicited me to make the race. I do not need the office, but if elected I will try to render a service to the practicing farmers of this state that will merit your approval. Agriculture is the greatest industry in this state. I will try to serve the whole state worthily.

READY TO FOLLOW LEADER

Unless it is Fear, There is No Contagion So Quickly Spread as That of Emotion.

George F. Bass used to tell a story that illustrated the contagion of emotions.

An old darkey sat by his fireside in a dejected frame of mind ruminating on the miseries of the human race. Towser, his faithful hound, lay on the hearth with his jowl on his paws, absorbing the heat in blissful somnolence. Presently the master groaned sepulchrally. Towser courteously opened one eye for a second and tapped on the floor with his tail. A silence. Then said the master: "Houn', man am bo'n to trouble as de spak's fly upwa'd."

Towser shook off slumber for a moment, lifted his head and evinced his sympathy by a steadfast look, then settled down to dreams again. Another silence. Then the master inspired to fuller expression of his woes by the response of his auditor, continued:

"Houn', dis y' 'arth am a place o' trouble an' a vale o' tears; de debil he foams, up an' down like a hongry lion seekin' who he may devour; de ways o' de weeked am shorely full o' tribulation."

This time Towser's nose was lifted toward the ceiling and a long, lugubrious woo-oo-woo-woo! expressed his acquiescence to his master's sentiments.

"Yes," was Mr. Bass's conclusion, "emotions are contagious; all that is needed is a proper leader."

PRACTICAL GIFT FOR BEGGAR

Stranger May Have Meant Well, but His Kindness Was Not in the Least Appreciated.

After suffering excruciating tortures for six months from doubling up a perfectly sound leg to fit on a wooden stump the crutch-bearing beggar finally succeeded in eliciting sympathy from a passerby. With kindly eyes the stranger eyed the cripple from top to toe.

"You seem to be in a pretty bad way," he said.

"Yes, sir," whined the cripple. "Couldn't be much worse."

"Too bad," said the sympathizer. "I must see if something can't be done for you."

Hope beat strongly in the beggar's breast and he murmured "God bless you," with unusual fervor.

Two days later the sympathizer appeared again and ostentatiously presented the cripple with the materialization of his benevolent intentions. He gave him a new crutch.

Sterilized Coal.

Coal in the mines is one of the things freest from germs. Old-time doctors used to notice coal miners' wounds healed fast, though begrimed and besmeared with coal dust. For a long time it has been thought that breathing in coal dust caused lung diseases in miners. Some experts find fresh coal is as good as sterilized, and say miners have lung trouble because they do not take the trouble to put off their damp and sweaty clothing before going from the mine to their homes, thus taking cold in the open air. Experts say our miners ought to put on warm and dry clothes at the mouth of the mine. But it seems the miners have minds of their own, and although the coal companies in some places fixed up hot and cold water baths and dressing rooms at the mouth of the mines the men would not use them, but went home to wash and dress, as had been their custom for generations.

Amazon River.

It has been stated in official consular reports that the aggregate navigable waters of the Amazon and tributaries for all sorts of craft is estimated to exceed 45,000 miles. The average depth is from 40 to 150 feet and the average width from 6 to 40 miles.

At the mouth near Para the river is 138 miles wide, including the island of Marajo and the northern and southern outlets. The immense volume of water discharged marks a path of yellow water in the blue of the Atlantic easily distinguishable for 150 miles at sea, creating a fresh water sea while out of sight of land. This yellow or old gold colored water uniting with the equatorial current trends to the north at the rate of six miles an hour, and entering the Caribbean sea forms what is recognized as the Gulf stream.

Overculture or No Culture.

Overculture, even if it borders on affectation, is better than no culture at all. It is less offensive to hear a woman talk with grand airs than to hear her converse in common English of the streets, with all its slang and cheap wit. The English language contains quite a few words. Anyway there are enough to furnish one with an excellent vocabulary. A good set of dictionaries is a good investment. Have them near you and whenever you find a word you are not sure about its meaning or pronunciation investigate. It is worth-while habit.

Giving Man Credit.

"I don't believe any man is really good," she said. "When you find one who doesn't go wrong it is because he is afraid."

"Oh, it isn't always because they are afraid," replied her friend, who was married. "Very often it is because they haven't the price."

EVERY MOVE CREATES SOUND

Scientific Fact Not Known to All—Acuteness of Hearing Among the Lower Animals.

It is very difficult to make some persons believe that nothing can move without making a sound, although it may seem to be absolute silence to them. Everything that moves disturbs the air around it and sets up a kind of wave motion that spreads through the atmosphere in all directions. When these wave motions are strong enough a sound is heard. That nothing is heard is no evidence that there is no sound, for other living things may hear what men cannot.

The motion that is started in the air when anything vibrates or moves suddenly has often been compared to the motion of the surface of still water when we drop a pebble into a pond. But there is this great difference. The eye can see the wave made by the smallest glass bead you can find, but the ear is not nearly so sensitive, and unless the waves are pretty high in the atmosphere the human ear cannot detect them as sound.

The lower animals and birds have much better ears than human beings. A dog will prick up its ears at the sound of its master's voice, or a faint whistle, when it is an astonishing distance off. A man in Baltimore put his head out of the window and called his dog Jack, which he thought was chasing cats in the grounds of the blind asylum opposite.

The dog was sitting on the steps of a friend's house with the man's daughter, nearly half a mile away, and instantly jumped up and tore off home. It had heard that call.

A deer has been known to look up at the sound of a footstep that was still half a mile away in the woods.

BLIND MAN'S SIGHT RESTORED

Piece of Cornea From Dead Animal, Transplanted, Is Hailed as Triumph of Surgery.

The French Academy of Sciences announces the success of an operation on a blind man, performed seven months ago and watched carefully ever since.

A workman had an eye burned by quicklime, so that the cornea had become opaque. It has long been the dream of scientists to transplant the cornea from animals to man, but so far this has been tried without success.

This transparent cornea is one of the most delicate parts of the human organism. Very soon after death, or after the removal of the eye from a living person, for that matter, it becomes opaque and begins to break up.

But M. Magitot has found a way to preserve its transparency. In the case in question it had been kept a week before a piece of it was fitted into the depression made by removing a quarter-inch square section of the cornea of the blind man's eye.

Now, after seven months' observation by the surgeon, the eye is pronounced well, and he can see with it—dimly, it is true, but still he sees.

Venetian Palace Where Wagner Died.

Apropos of the return from her chateau in Styria of the Duchesse de Grazia to her palace in Venetia, a Paris contemporary gives an interesting account of Vendramin, which is not only one of the most beautiful residences on the canal, but it is closely associated with the history of the city of the dogs.

It was built in 1441. German princes occupied it at first. Then it passed into the possession of the duke of Mantua, who purchased it for 50,000 ducats of gold. It was the scene of great social events under the Archduke Charles Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Anne de Medici, in 1652, and through them the palace has come into the possession of the present owners through marriage. It was here that Richard Wagner died in 1883. The desk at which he wrote "Tristan und Isolde" is carefully preserved. Some years ago a plaque was affixed to the palace showing its connection with the great composer.

Discomfited Masher.

A gray-haired masher, easily over sixty years of age, was given a cold reception when he endeavored to become acquainted with the wife of a well-known newspaper man recently. The day was cold and rainy. The newspaper man's wife was standing holding an open umbrella. She was waiting for her car. The gray-bearded individual unannounced stooped under her umbrella, and stood beside her for an instant before he remarked:

"You seem to be waiting for some one."

He was nearly taken off his feet when the woman with a quick reply said, "I think you are mistaken, Santa Claus."

No Use.

Johnnie was out walking with his nurse, who stopped with him to look at a funeral on his block. As the coffin was carried down the stoop Johnnie asked, "What is that?" Nurse replied, "That's the box Mr. Brown is in."

When asked that night to say his prayers he refused to do so. After much coaxing and questioning he was prevailed upon to tell the reason of his refusal.

"Cause God won't have time to-night to hear them, he'll be too busy unpacking Mr. Brown."

Reception.

Among the most pleasant social events of the season was the dance at the Club Rooms, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jno. Hopkins, on last Tuesday evening complimentary to their visitor Miss Elizabeth Robertson of Austin.

The Club Rooms, handsome in their appointments, were made more attractive by floral embellishment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hopkins, Miss Elizabeth Robertson, Miss Louise Orgain and Mr. Claud Stone composed the receiving line and cordially greeted the invited guest as they arrived.

Dancing furnished the principal entertainment, and dainty program bearing the names of host and hostess, honored guests, dates, etc. were given those who delighted in the terpsichorean art. Others repaired to the domino tables, reading and billiard rooms, as inclinations dictated, and every one enjoyed to the fullest this hospitable offering.

The accompaniment of music, furnished by a string band inspired in merry dancers, and gracefully they measured their steps to its rhythm.

The sweet music, glowing belliances of lights, fragrance of flowers, and buoy of happy dancery enlivened. The beauty of the surrounding and thus "over youthful summers off we see Dance by on wings of games and glee."

Miss Robertson was gowned in a beautiful creation of white veil, and carried an arm bouquet of crimson carnations.

The Gov. of our state, O. B. Colquitt was among the guests present at this pleasant function.

Delicious fruit punch was served throughout the evening. Messdames Ralph Bissler, Jno. Weeks, Geo. Holmann, and Francis Pearce assisted the host and hostess in making this an evening of pleasure unalloyed.

TO SPEND SUMMER ON PACIFIC COAST.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser left today for the Pacific coast where the well-wishers Mrs. Moser's relatives and spend the summer. They will return through Utah and Colorado.

OFF For Canada.

W. B. Ray and R. A. Nichols will leave next Monday for a business and pleasure trip combined up thro the New England states and over in to Canada. They will be gone about a month.

E. D. Walker Buys Auto

E. D. Walker went to San Angelo yesterday to get an auto he had recently purchased. The car a five passenger Maxwell, was delivered to him at that place and after a few rounds with an expert driver Mr. Walker took charge of the car and drove it home, coming through like an old timer at the wheel, making good time and without an accident.

LATEST NEWS FROM OVER THE WORLD.

Will Hunt was mysteriously killed at Temple. He was shot by some unknown from the dark. Huppard to be due to family trouble.

Burglars made a raid on a dry goods store in Abilene and got away with a large quantity of clothing, shoes, grips, etc. Looks like work of boys or young men.

C. V. T. Richeson paid the death penalty at Boston Tuesday for the murder of his sweetheart Miss Avis Linnell. Richeson ruined the young lady and then in order to cover up his crime poisoned her. He confessed to the murder and was electrocuted.

Officers are at work trying to find the cause of a million dollar fire which occurred in Houston last Saturday night.

The two waifs who were survivor of the Titanic and who remained for some time in this country unidentified, have been returned to their mother in France. They were little children when placed a board the Carpathia and could not give their names. Pictures were published in the papers in France, and their mother recognized the pictures as those of her children. Her husband from whom she had been separated stole the children and was coming to this country with them. She had no idea where they had gone and but for the sinking of the Titanic would never know what become of her children. The father went down with the ship.

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Home and State and Banner-Leader to January 1, 1913, for 75 Cents

The Young Men

are right. They want good tailoring. They want it at a fair price. They want it to be so attractive that their critical friends will be disappointed and their sensible friends well pleased.

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It must—for every feature of the business is handled by men who are experts, and who work under the best conditions.

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Representative, Ballinger



Silver Wedding.

One of the most successful events of the spring season was the reception on last Friday afternoon, given by Mrs. R. B. Greasy to celebrate her silver anniversary. The beautifully decorated rooms, in which the colors of white and green predominated were filled with many happy guests who were cordially made welcome by the hostess.

She wore a beautiful gown of soft silvery gray material with trimmings of shadow lace and jewels worn on her wedding day and as her bride of 25 years ago greeted her friends each thought that surely on her wedding day she looked none the sweeter or happier.

Her friends sent in an abundance of roses, sweet peas and ferns and these were placed about and wafted their fragrance through out the reception suite. From an opening between the reception hall and library an arch way of feathery ferns and green tendrils was formed and above this were the dates in silver, 1887-1912. An old time picture of the bride and groom was in a conspicuous place and attracted much attention.

A contest, in which each guest was to write an original story of the bride, the place and time of the wedding, her journey etc., furnished a great deal of pleasure for everyone.

After this the hostess in her sweet unaffected manner told the story of the wedding in Indiana, the journey to Texas etc., and reading between the lines one could easily decide that even though a quarter of a century has intervened, the honeymoon has not ended yet.

Dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, after which Mrs. W. S. Fleming toasted this popular bride and Mrs. K. V. Northington very thoughtfully toasted the groom.

Souvenirs of this pleasant occasion were tiny silver bells tied with white ribbons, and bouquets of sweet peas.

A large table was laden with various pieces of silver, tokens of love presented the hostess by her many friends.

Mrs. Greasy was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames Dan Moser, John Lovelace, Sterling Hathaway, and Warren Lynn.

Those present were: Mesdames: Bettie Boyle, J. J. Erwin, J. W. Frances, Max McCreary, J. I. Guion, Sterling Hathaway, R. P. Kirk, Chas. Miller, Frank Miller, Dan Moser, Emma Nash, J. Y. Pearce, Oscar Pearson, Francis Pearce, J. H. Patterson, J. O. Roots, E. L. Hagan, D. Reeder, Ralph Risser, M. C. Smith, J. C. Lynn, Warren Lynn, —, Townsend, Julia McMinn, John Lovelace, K. V. Northington, H. H. Thomson, R. A. Nicholson, H. Zadaril, John Hopkinson, John Weeks, Bert Spann, —, Hammock, Geo. Fender, Audy Gustavus, Tom Ward, R. O. Walton, U. P. Melton, A. H. Van Pelt, S. P. Stone, M. Orgain, —, Peyton, Walter Mullens, J. R. Lusk, R. S. Griggs, Chester Cherry,

W. S. Flemmings, Ed McAlpin, E. L. Rasbury, W. A. Jackson, Geo. Vaughn, Irene Gregg, W. W. Chastain, Jack McGregor, Geo. Holman, S. B. Raby, C. P. Sheppard. Messes: Gladis Spann, Sallie Patterson.

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In the last two months we sold 1,852 packages of Alabastrol. Why? Because it is the most perfect production of its kind on the market, universally indorsed by users. Removes Freckles, Sunburn, Tan, etc. Allays chafed skin and is the Ideal Combination Cream and powder. None give that soothing, feeling as Alabastrol and whose use is so much appreciated. It acts on the face not unlike a refreshing, cooling Spring Morning. We guarantee it to be satisfactory in every respect.

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When Caused by Catarrh.

If you have ringing noises in your ears, catarrh germs are making their way from the nose to the ear through the tubes.

Many cases of deafness caused by catarrh have been cured by breathing HYOMEL. It reaches the inflamed membrane, heals the soreness and banishes catarrh, which is the cause of most deafness.

F. C. Vanaman, railroad conductor of Binghamton, N. Y. writes that he was cured of deafness after specialists had failed.

HYOMEL (pronounce it High-o-mel) is guaranteed to cure catarrh coughs, colds, asthma, croup, and sore throat, or money back. Complete outfit with inhaler \$1.00. Extra bottle 50 cents. Sold by The Walker Drug Co. the enterprising pharmacist, and druggists every where.

"Nails"

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted, and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however relieved my itch, and less than one box cured me entirely."

J. M. Ward, Index, Tex.

Go to Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. for Your Shoes.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. HERBINE purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Price 50 cents Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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.

FATALINES IN THE THREE MYSTERIES.

| Town. | Families. | Persons. |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Lafayette, La. | 2 | 11 |
| Rayne, La. | 1 | 4 |
| Crowley, La. | 2 | 8 |
| Lake Charles, La. | 1 | 5 |
| Beaumont, Tex. | 2 | 9 |
| Houston | 1 | 2 |
| Glidden, Tex. | 1 | 6 |
| San Antonio, Tex. | 2 | 10 |
| Hempstead, Tex. | 1 | 3 |
| Total | 13 | 58 |

Jack the Ripper.

| Town. | Families. | Persons. |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Co'o. Springs, Col. | 2 | 6 |
| Monmouth, Ill. | 1 | 3 |
| Ellsworth, Kan. | 1 | 5 |
| Total | 4 | 14 |

Denver, Colo., May 28.—Has the mystery of the ax man's murders been solved by the apprehension in British Columbia of Charles Marzyck, a Denver man, specifically charged with slaughtering the Showman family of five at Ellsworth, Kansas, last October.

The most astonishing coincidence in American criminal history is presented by 3 series of amazingly atrocious murders that for a year have been puzzling the police authorities of half a dozen states. In these crimes 90 persons have

been killed without the least apparent provocation. Of the victims, 14 have been white.

The two series of negro murders have produced a state of terror in the affected sections of the south that has not been duplicated since the days of whitecapping. In Texas, Louisiana and Atlanta, Ga., negroes are becoming insane through fright and the loss of sleep in guarding their homes and the labor troubles have become a considerable problem. Scores of families are leaving towns and cities on the Southern Pacific railroad between New Orleans and San Antonio to flee from what they consider the danger zone.

58 Slain in Beds in Nine Towns.
The greatest number of fatalities have been in the negro ax-man murders along the Southern Pacific railroad from Lafayette, La., to San Antonio, Texas. In nine towns 13 families making a total of 58 persons, have been slain in their beds. A negro girl in jail at Lafayette, La., has confessed killing 17 of these and a negro man is held on suspicion of having killed three persons in Hempstead, Texas.

It is thought that the girl knows more about the murders than she has revealed and that the Hempstead case is an isolated one.

Next in number comes the "Jack the Ripper" murders, in which 18 negro women have been slain and mutilated in Atlanta, Ga.

Forteen white persons were killed in three families at Monmouth, Ill., Colorado Springs, and Ellsworth, Kan. The similarity of the crimes has caused a strong suspicion that the same person committed them. Charles Marzyck, sought for the Kansas murders, has been arrested in British Columbia and will be returned for trial.

Kansas Murder Like Springs Tragedy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Showman and their three children were found dead in their cottage in Ellsworth, Kan., the morning of Oct. 15 last. All had met death in a manner similar to that of the Wayne and Burnham families at Colorado Springs and the Dawson family at Monmouth, Ill. The methods of the slayer are the chief clew in connecting the three wholesale killings.

Marzyck previously had married a sister of Mrs. Showman. Later he was convicted of wheat stealing and sent to prison. Mrs. Marzyck, he is said to have alleged, deserted him during his trouble. The Showmans assisted Mrs. Marzyck in obtaining a divorce. Statements that he had threatened revenge put him under suspicion, and he has been sought ever since. The search has led officers all over the United States and into Canada.

Sunday, September 17, Henry C. Wayne, his wife and children, and Mrs. Arthur J. Burnham and her two children were killed by a man using an ax. The two families were slain as they slept in their adjoining homes in Colorado Springs. Neither house was robbed, both families being poor.

At Monmouth, Ill., Sunday, October 1, William E. Dawson, his wife and daughter were murdered in their home. The murderer used an axe, crushing their heads. The house was not robbed.

GET IN THE CONTEST WITH A J. I. CASE.

"10,000 in hard cash is to be given in prizes this year by the Texas Industrial Congress, at Dallas. Competition is open to every farmer in the state for best results with crop rotation, forage crops, milo maize, kaffir corn, etc. Big prizes for boys and girls. Write them at once for full particulars.

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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.

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

NEW CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE

To The Democratic Voters of The Representative District Composed of the Counties of Runnels and Coke:-

Upon my own initiative, after due consideration, I take this method of making known to you my candidacy for Representative of the representative district composed of the counties of Runnels and Coke, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the July primary elections.

About five years ago I left the old state of Tennessee, the land of my nativity, at the age of twenty-one years, with limited means, and came to Texas, locating in the beautiful and thriving city of Miles, where I practiced law until about January, 1910, when I moved to Ballinger and formed a partnership with Judge M. C. Smith, in the practice of my profession, under the firm name of Smith & Wade. In this connection I deem it not out of place to say that I am a graduate of the Cumberland Law School of Lebanon, Tenn.

I am a Democrat and stand for the principles of Democracy and it is with pride that I can point to Democratic ancestry from the foundation of the American government. I will be unable to make a canvass from house to house but it is my purpose to visit as many localities in the district as I can conveniently before the primary election in July, and in the meanwhile I shall endeavor through the press to make known to the people of this dis-

trict my views on needed legislation, the chief of which will be reformation in our judiciary system. Should you honor me with your suffrage I make the promise, upon which you may implicitly rely that I shall not stand with in the legislative halls of Texas as the representative of any particular faction, or factions, but will stand for all needed legislation which will best subserve the interests of all the people ever holding to the doctrine that this should be a government "Of the people, by the people, and for the people."

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When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns, the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c. and 50c., per bottle. Sold by J. V. Pearce.

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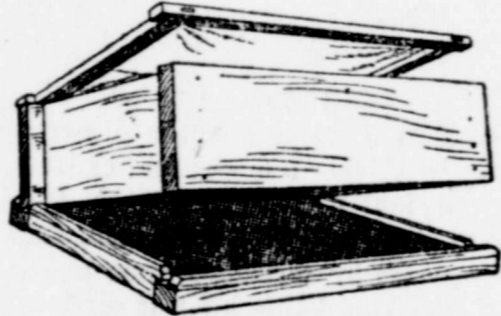
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A more substantial draining rack for use in a large creamery is shown in the illustration, and can be made in the following manner: Make a square frame with mortised joints of 2 by 4 inch dressed lumber and fasten the wire netting on top with staples. This is the bottom of the draining rack. A little strip of molding is put around the outside of this frame on top to prevent the upper half from slipping out of place. The upper half is made of 2 by 2 inch dressed lumber mortised and spiked at the corners. A



A Draining Rack Suitable for a Large Creamery.

light wooden frame made out of 1 by 2 inch lumber with mullin or duck tacked on forms the lid for the draining rack. The wooden parts should be given 2 to 3 coats of linseed oil before being used to prevent the absorption of water.

A piece of good quality cheesecloth is used to cover the sides and bottom of the rack and to hold the curd while draining. If it is necessary to sew two widths of cloth together, lap the edges about 1 inch and sew two seams about half an inch apart along the lap.

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You may not believe it, but farm butter put up in square packages of a pound, neatly wrapped in oiled paper, will bring a better price in any market than the same butter loosely packed in a tin bucket or jar.

A butter mold costs a trifle and oiled paper with your name printed on it costs but a little more, and if butter is put up in square packages it will bring from two to three cents per pound more than if packed in jars or tins.

Fastidious customers in the city, who are in the habit of getting nearly everything they consume in fancy packages, absolutely will not buy butter that is scooped out of the pail and sent to their homes in wooden dishes. Of course, it is not always possible to sell direct to consumers, but even if butter is sold to the stores it will bring a much better price if put up in oiled paper in pound packages. In fact, the making of butter is not all there is in the business.

DAIRY NOTES

Cows freshening in the fall are most profitable.

The dairy cow makes the farm most fertile, and permanent agriculture depends on fertility.

The most expensive bull that a man can buy under ordinary circumstances is the cheapest bull.

In buying a barrel churn, don't get one too small; if you do you will find it takes a long time to churn.

As a factor in reducing the cost of production on a small or large dairy farm, nothing has approached the silo.

Better sell your cows and buy a store and sell things by guess unless you use a Babcock tester with your cows.

Many a dairyman can increase the profit of his herd by reducing the size of the herd if he simply sells the poor cows.

Not always are the greedy eaters good dairy cows, but at the same time a good dairy cow is always a hearty eater.

Although beef is exceptionally high in price this year, the dairy cow is still keeping up with even the highest beef figures.

Know that the cows have all the salt desired, such a thing as this is often overlooked to the detriment of the cow and of the owner's profit.

For caked udder nothing excels thoroughly massaging with lard and turpentine. Apply two or three times a day until this hardness disappears.

THE PEEVISH CHILD NEEDS A LAXATIVE

It is natural for a child to laugh and paly and when it sulks drowsily or cries you may depend on it something physically is the matter. If you see no evidences of a serious ailment you will not be wrong if you quietly give it a dose of mild laxative that evening on putting it to bed.

The remedy most generally recommended for this purpose is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which mothers throughout the country have been giving their children for a quarter of a century. Today thousands of families are using it where hundreds used it then, and there must be good reasons for this word of mouth recommendation.

It is admittedly the perfect laxative for children, women, old people and all others who need a gentle bowel stimulant and not a violent salt, cathartic pill or doctored water. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will act gently, and when taken

before retiring will bring complete satisfaction in the morning. After a short use of this remedy all forms of outside aid can be dispensed with and nature will again act alone.

All classes of good American people keep it in the home for ills of the stomach, liver and bowels, and among the thousands who have written the doctor that they will never be without it are Clara Whohite, Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Robert Anderson, 1007 W. 31st St., Austin, Texas. A dose of it has saved many a person from a serious illness.

Anyone wishing to make a trial of this remedy before buying it in the regular way of a druggist at fifty cents or one dollar a large bottle (family size) can have a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 405 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

District Clerk, J. H. Sneed and little son were badly hurt in a runaway at McKinney.

CONSTIPATION.

Its Cause and How to Cure it.

Eat too much,
Stomach feels bloated,
All out of sorts,
Don't feel like work to-day. Guess I've another case of biliousness.

"Take anything?"
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CHILDHOOD A VARIED PERIOD

From Twenty Years, in the Human Race, It Grades Down to a Few Weeks Among the Birds.

The childhood of animals varies with the total length of life, with the size, and especially with the position, in the life scale. Long lived animals, large animals and highly developed animals usually have a long youth. The educated human being requires 20 years to grow up; the savage about 15; the higher monkeys—the gorilla and the orang—12 to 14 years; the baboon, 8 years, and the small monkeys, about half that time. The less intelligent cat race has a youth of but 4 or 5 years among the larger kinds. The vegetable-eating animals, mostly of small intelligence, grow up quickly, the buffalo and all the big antelopes and deer having only about 2 years of childhood, and the chamois somewhat longer, although the giraffe has 5 or 6 years. The elephant, the largest of land animals and one of the most intelligent, is not grown up until 20 to 27 years old. All birds have a short youth, looking after themselves in 3 weeks to 3 months, but becoming grown up in 1 to 4 years. Many reptiles—like the tortoise, crocodile, and alligator—seem to grow all their lives. Certain other creatures have a short adult period—the mayfly, for instance, spending 2 years on the bottom of a pond, and living but a few hours after emerging fully grown from its skin covering. Still more extreme is the American cicada, which gropes 17 years underground, and lives but 2 or 3 weeks after emerging.

STILL HAD A POINT TO MAKE

Domestic Difficulties Being Settled, Woman Insisted Upon One Other Understanding.

A colored couple was taken before the juvenile court and against the man was placed the charge of neglecting his children. Judge Taylor gave advice as to what should be done to straighten out the family trouble so the couple could continue to live together and support the children.

"You are earning \$5 a week, and have three children to support on that," said the judge. "It is evident that you must cut your expenses down as low as possible. You are paying for a piano by installments. You will have to stop that, for people in your circumstances can't afford to have a piano."

"You must leave the house you are living in and move to a smaller one with lower rent. You ought not to pay over \$5 or \$6 a month for rent." The mother objected to this, saying that she could not live in a respectable neighborhood under such conditions.

The judge found that they belonged to different churches, and he advised that the wife join the husband's church. He added that it was proper that the husband hold the purse strings. After many other difficulties had been smoothed over the case was continued two weeks to give the new methods a trial. The couple left, but at the door the woman turned to the judge and said:

"Dat will be all right, but Ah must insist dat he pinch his mouf an' stop talking about me."—Indianapolis News.

Daytime Somnambulists.

"The latest product of our complex civilization is the daytime sleep-walker," said a hotel clerk. "The New York habit of turning night into day and vice versa is responsible for him. He is particularly likely to haunt hotels and lodging houses. Night hawks with somnambulist tendencies are frequently numbered among our guests, and maids and porters now add to their regular duties a vigilant patrol of halls and corridors which the daytime sleep-walker would be most likely to choose for a promenade. No body seems to know just what to do with a person whose daylight slumbers send him strolling about the hotel in a state of subconscious activity."

"There are prescribed rules for the treatment of a nocturnal somnambulist. Speak to him softly, touch him gently, lead him back to his room. Just so. In the case of a midnight sleepwalker that usually works, but just try it on a man parading around in broad daylight and see what happens. Daytime somnambulists seem unusually high-strung, and no matter how gentle the attack, most of them have to be escorted back to their rooms in a hysterical condition."

Misapprehending a Title.

He was barefooted, his trousers were fringed at the bottom, his face was dirty, his years eleven. He approached the librarian with a confident air:

"Got Shakespeare?"

"Yes. What volume would you like?"

At this he looked puzzled, and the librarian took him to an alcove where she showed him row upon row of Shakespeare. As he still looked puzzled at the number of volumes, the librarian took one down, "The Merchant of Venice," and gave it to him. He looked it over critically.

"Now, that ain't the one. I want the one about Dr. Jay killin' Mr. Hyde."—The Sunday Magazine.

Chinese Amazons to the Front.

One of the trains which carried the soldiers also took to the front a number of lady fighters, about a hundred and fifty in all. These Amazons wore the most enthusiastic of one of the companies of women who have taken up arms.—Shanghai Mercury.



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W. B. Page Has Close Call.

W. B. Page is going with his head in a sling as a result of coming in contact with a wire while sailing along a Concho county road at a rate of about twenty miles per hour. He is looking a little the worse from the accident, but feels thankful that he is still alive. The wire was stretched across the road and was low enough to catch the top of the auto pulling it back with a crash and doubling Mr. Page up in the wreck. He did not know what happened for an hour or more after the accident when he came to life and found himself in the hands of friends. The sudden stop of the car killed the engine or the accident might have been more serious.

Why He Was Late.

"What made you so late?" "I met Smithson." "Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper." "I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble." "Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?" "Sure, that is what he needs." Sold by all dealers.

Spread of Disease.

When asked the cause of the spread of diseases and the preventive methods, nine-tenths of the physicians will tell you that flies cause the spread and I furnish the preventive by screening your house. If you need this kind of work or any other in my line phone me.

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Judge B. B. Stone Buys Auto

Judge B. B. Stone, who has had the auto fever for some time fell a fatal victim to the awful malady this week, and is now twisting the steering wheel to a beautiful maroon colored five passenger Buick. Judge Stone purchased the car from the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., local agents for the Buick. Wednesday, and his friends say the business of Stone & Wade will be in the hands of Judge Wade for a few days.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DISPENSE WITH BALL.

Austin, Tex., May 23.—By a decisive vote the students body of the University of Texas has decided to abolish the time honored custom of the University final ball or reception. For the past 25 years it has been the crowning feature of festivities immediately following the closing exercises of the university. For many years there has been general dissatisfaction regarding this social function, and it was decided to abolish it in the future.

This seems to be a settlement of a rather vexing question, and one that has caused no little discussion in the University for several years.

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NEW BAPTIST PASTOR HERE NEXT SUNDAY.

Rev. J. J. Justice, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who was recently called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, of this place, will arrive to-morrow and preach Sunday morning and evening for the local congregation. Rev. Justice has not accepted the call, but will be here to confer with the congregation and accept an invitation to preach. Every body is cordially invited to hear him, and all the members urged to be present.

Everything in the window 25 per cent discount on \$1.00. Gilliam & Poor.

At Methodist Church Sunday.

Mr. Frank Reedy Burson, for the Southern Methodist University, a first class Sunday School Superintendent, an enthusiastic Epworth Leaguer, and expert Lay Leader a magnificent Layman, will occupy the pulpit morning and evening at the Methodist church next Sunday. You are cordially invited to hear this fine young man. I wish every young man and woman in Ballinger would hear him.

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Sale Begins to-day (May 23) continues to June 3rd. Gilliam & Poor.

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MRS. J. W. BLASDELL DIED MONDAY EVENING

Mrs. J. W. Blasdell, wife of Dr. Blasdell died at the local sanitarium Monday evening at 8:45 o'clock. She had been in bad health for some time, and was brought here from her home at Hatchell a few days before she died with the hope of skilled treatment restoring her to health.

Dr. Blasdell and his wife moved here several years ago, and about a year ago they moved to Hatchell. Mrs. Blasdell had many friends at both places who were made sad by her death. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and did a great deal towards the building of the new church at Hatchell. She is survived by her husband and one child, a son, and to these the sympathy of their many friends goes out.

The remains were prepared for burial and shipped on Tuesday afternoon's train to Houston for interment. At two o'clock a large number of friends and acquaintances gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. O'Kelley to pay their last respects to the deceased, and after services conducted by Rev. E. V. Cox, they followed the remains to the train.

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ATTENDING DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Judge R. S. Griggs, of this place and Judge A. K. Doss, of Winters, are in Houston this week representing the Runnels county Democrats in the State convention. The gentlemen were sent uninstrued from this county, Doss being a Wilson man and Griggs a Clark man. The press reports shows that the Wilson delegates were in the majority and a solid Wilson delegation will represent Texas in the National convention at Baltimore.

HELPLESS WHEN ON ITS BACK

Predicament of Camel Means Much Hard Work and is Conducive to Profanity.

The "ship of the desert," like any other ship, may be capsized, and in that predicament the camel is said to be absolutely helpless under certain conditions.

The queer beast's manner of lying down to rest is to fold his legs beneath his body. If he happens to roll upon his side he cannot recover his feet again. This infirmity of the animal was amusingly illustrated in the experience of a French explorer whose caravan was made up of camels.

The leader had bought some new ones and had no idea of taking any other animals into a country largely composed of loose sand. Trouble began at the very outset. One camel, as awkward as any of the species, managed to tumble into a ditch of thick mud between the road and a wheat field. When once fallen a camel can only get up again if he can arrange his feet conveniently under him and if the ground is nearly flat.

In this case it was not so. The animal lay with all four feet in the air, perfectly resigned and incapable of a single movement to help himself. To draw him out required more than half an hour and took the united efforts of many men with cords passed under the camel's back.

SAW GOLDEN FUTURE AHEAD

Young Man Had Absorbed Knowledge, as Directed, and Was Ready to Apply It.

The bright young man had tried several business ventures and promptly failed in each.

"You're not well grounded," said a friend who had been watching his commercial tumbles. "What you need is technical knowledge."

So the bright young man sat himself down and ate up the six best sellers of the commercial library. They told him how to do business in every way known to the gods of supply and demand, and they plainly showed him that if he had efficiency and energy and enthusiasm on his side he could take the limited to success and get there ahead of time.

So the bright young man read these helps to prosperity forward and back and one day he met his friend.

"Hello," he said; "I've got all the success dope I can carry and don't intend to shake down for any more." "Good," said the friend. "I suppose you'll be right back in business again?"

"Nothing doing," laughed the bright young man. "I've got something better on hand than that." "But aren't you going to apply the principles you have just absorbed?" "Yes, yes."

"By working?" "No, by lecturing!"

Hubby's False Teeth.

Daniel O'Connell is a wire worker in the Rankin mills and naturally stands for things being long drawn out, but the tensile strength of his patience snapped and broke after being stretched beyond the limit of endurance by Mrs. O'Connell when she got away with his false teeth while he slumbered. Her alleged purpose was the evening up of a grievance she was entertaining. Now a man who is a wire worker has, as a rule, a very good appetite, and requires solid food. O'Connell sucked in milk and soup as long as he could stand it. Mrs. O'Connell remained obdurate and he becoming thin and weak, applied to the Brad-dock police to assist in the recovery of his store molars. But Mrs. O'Connell has not yet attained the full measure of her revenge.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"Big Men and Crime."

"Big, healthy men seldom go wrong," says a Kansas City judicial oracle. "It is the thin, shrimpy type who are the criminals." Yet a New York financier recently convicted was a 240-pound shrimp; another recent Boston financier caught in Bombay and brought back to Charlestown prison was an anemic wisp weighing 250 pounds; still another Boston broker who trimmed everybody in State street before going to languish at the Charlestown reception house exceeded the 250-pound limit of physical delicacy.

More and more frequently it is being proved that assertions are totally independent of information.

The Real Story.

Anciently there lived a certain man by the name of George, who was much pestered by a dragon.

The dragon's colors were never twice alike, and by that the creature got on George's nerves in a particular manner.

At length George fell to thinking, and the very next time he was asked what he would have he replied:

"Never again!"

Moreover, he stuck to it. "St. George!" sniffed his boon companions ironically.

But posterity spoke of him without irony, remembering only that he had, by the exercise of a superb courage, slain the dragon.

Being Pressed.

"I like to examine the dictionary during spare moments. You find many unexpected things in it."

"Yes; I've noticed that I sometimes find queer-looking feminine apparel in ours."

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