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ZAPPE'S
Saturday, March 27th

ITALIANS ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

ROME, Italy, March 24.—Italians here are forming a plan to force the Italian cabinet to issue ultimatum against Austria. The interventionists are planning a big pro war demonstration. They want Italy to resort to ultimate measures in dealing with Austria.

NOTICE TO HOG GROWERS.

The Runnels County Hog Growers' Association will ship to the market a carload of mixed hogs and hives within the next ten days. All those desiring to ship either variety of stock will please notify Mr. J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, telephone 3302 Rural.

BIG RABBIT HUNT THURSDAY, APRIL FIRST

Feb. McWilliams requests us to announce a big rabbit hunt on Thursday, April 1st to meet at his ranch 12 miles southeast of Ballinger on the Leaday road and will hunt down the river from Mustang creek to Grape creek and will take dinner on Rocky big barbecue dinner of mutton and calf and every other good thing to eat will be in evidence. One of the largest and grandest times of the season is planned and everybody from Ballinger, Coleman, Talpa and other adjoining sections cordially invited to be present and enjoy the occasion.

Judge and Mrs. R. S. Griggs and two children came in from Austin Monday at noon. The judge will spend a few weeks at home before going back to attend the special session of the legislature.

16,000,000 BALES FROM 1914 CROP

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The government cotton report made public today shows that last year's cotton crop amounts to nearly sixteen million bales, and is about two million bales greater than the 1913 crop.

AVIATORS BOMBARD SHIP YARD

LONDON, March 24.—It is officially announced here that the German ship yards have suffered a great damage from fire started by bombs. It is known that the five allied aviators bombarded the yards from the air and set the works on fire, and it is believed that the damage is bad.

R. S. Bowden and Bill Murphy of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and Mr. Bowden says the farmers are getting well up with their farm work in his section.

C. A. Doose returned home Tuesday night from an auto trip over the county and says the farmers, as a whole, are getting pretty well up with their farm work, and the land in the finest shape for many years for making bumper crops.

Oil Mill Smoke Stack Falls; 1 Man is Injured

Shortly after two o'clock Monday afternoon the big hundred foot smoke stack at the oil mill and power house came to the ground with a crash, entailing a loss of more than one thousand dollars to the company and painfully injuring Earl Averett, the engineer.

The big stack was practically new, having been constructed about eighteen months ago. It was well anchored with heavy cables, and was not considered to be unsafe, and the sudden destruction came as a surprise to the men on duty and created considerable excitement.

The high wind from the west is supposed to have caused a greater pressure than the cables could resist and the stack was blown across the wall to the boiler room taking part of the wall off as it fell. Mr. Averett was standing in the path of the falling wall, and a rock, or perhaps the end of a cable struck him on the head, inflicting a painful wound, and causing the blood to flow freely. He was carried to the sanitarium and the wound dressed, and it is not

thought to be serious.

The stack was one of the largest in this section of the state. It was one hundred feet high and five feet across—in diameter. It cost about one thousand dollars to construct this stack, and it will be at least two weeks before it can be replaced.

The mill and power plant will not be closed down, however, on account of the damage. A suction fan was installed immediately, and will be used until the material for another stack can be shipped here and the stack rebuilt.

Earl Averett, engineer at the oil mill, who sustained a crack on the head when the big smoke stack fell Monday afternoon, is able to be about. Aside from a sore head, Mr. Averett is none the worse from the accident. He was fortunate in escaping with his life.

Material for a new stack has been ordered and the stack will be replaced as soon as possible. In the meantime the draft for the furnace is being created by an electric suction fan.

1879 SETTLER DIED AT PAINT ROCK

PAINT ROCK, March 23.—Uncle Chris Hagelstein died at his home here this morning at one o'clock. Friends and relatives were at his bedside when death removed from our midst one of Paint Rock's oldest citizens. Uncle Chris came to this place about the year 1879, and has continued to live here until his death. He was postmaster for a number of years. His death will be mourned by many, his kind disposition and willingness at all times donate his help, and console those who might need consolation, as well as other good traits of character, has won for him in the hearts of all who knew the deceased, a cherished memory that will last forever. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.

WILL ENTERTAIN WOODMEN

Mrs. Chester Cherry, secretary of the Woodmen Circle requests us to announce that the Circle will entertain the Woodmen and their families at the Woodmen Hall Tuesday night, March 30th, and a splendid program has been prepared and nice refreshments will be served. Remember the occasion and make it convenient to be present.

A. R. Holman, the oil man, returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short business trip to points east.

HIGH WIND BLOWS DOWN SEVERAL SILOS

Two or three wooden silos on the Blocker ranch ten miles west of Ballinger and two silos on S. B. Howard's place up the river were badly damaged by the high wind first of the week.

All the ensilage had recently been fed out of the silos and the wind which came with an unusual velocity and a greater pressure than the structures could withstand caused them to topple over.

We understand that the silos were built under a guarantee, and if this is true they will be replaced at the cost of the manufacturers.

RECEIVES NEWS OF FATHER'S DEATH

B. S. Long received news Monday that Mrs. Long's father died at his home near Corsicana Sunday night. A telephone message was received Sunday stating that death was expected and Mrs. Long left on the afternoon train Sunday to go to the bedside of her father, but she did not reach him before he died.

Miss Edith Winkler of Sweetwater, came in at noon Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Cox.—Abilene Reporter.

D. N. McWilliams, of Talpa, who had been visiting relatives in Ballinger the past week or two, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

LUMBER BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

A deal has been closed between the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. and the Ballinger Lumber Co., in which the former sells its stock of lumber and lumber business, including sheds, to the latter.

This deal has been pending for some time, but required time to work out in detail, and was finally made Tuesday. The deal was brought about by the fact that the volume of lumber business here is not great enough for four yards. The town has had four yards for several years.

The Ballinger Lumber Co. will take over the stock and sheds of the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., and consolidate it with their yard on Hutchins Ave. The sheds will probably be disposed of to farmers for building barns, implement sheds, etc.

The lots where the Higginbotham yard are located are owned by Judge C. H. Willingham, and have been leased by the Higginbotham people for yard purposes.

PONY CREEK RABBIT HUNT

John H. Webb, of the Pony Creek country, was in the city on business Tuesday and requests us to announce a rabbit hunt Thursday, March 25th to begin at the C. S. Gamble home, the J. E. McAden old place and to hunt down Pony creek and a nice dinner will be served at the usual place on the creek. Everybody is cordially invited to the present.

FIRE BOYS TO COMPETE IN STATE CONVENTION

The Ballinger Volunteer Fire Co., will send a team to the State convention to be held in Waco in May. The boys will go with the full expectations of bringing back the first money to be awarded for the fastest volunteer team in Texas.

The race car was received this week and was rigged up and the first practice held Tuesday afternoon. The team selected to represent the Ballinger Company will be under the training of Captain L. Cohen. Mr. Cohen is an experienced coacher, having participated in races in fourteen state conventions. He says that the Ballinger team will be made up with a bunch of boys that promise to make good. They will be kept under training from now until the state meet, and will make an effort to cut the time to the lowest minimum.

In the first try out Tuesday afternoon the boys made good time, and worked like old timers. All Ballinger will wish for them success, for there is not a better bunch of fire fighters in Texas than the Ballinger Volunteer fighters.

Rev. W. C. Taylor of Ft. Worth who attended the Bible Institute in our city and delivered some fine talks, left Monday afternoon for his home.

Judge C. P. Shepherd left Wednesday afternoon to look after legal business in Dallas.

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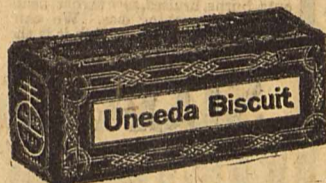
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SOUVENIR DAYS AT THE GREAT CELEBRATION

Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th 1915

will be souvenir days at the great exhibit of Nationally Advertised Goods where for four days throngs of interested housekeepers of Ballinger and vicinity have taken advantage of the big opportunities offered and gone home delighted. It has shown that where you see "For sale at your dealers" in a magazine it means us.

The Wonderful Merchandising Carnival at HIGGINBOTHAM - CURRIE - WILLIAMS CO. THE HOME OF NATIONALLY ADVERTISED GOODS



has proven to every one that this store is a store of standardized goods the kind that gives you satisfaction because quality and real worth are in them. Everyone purchasing Nationally Advertised Goods



at our store Friday and Saturday we will give a souvenir. This souvenir will be something quite exceptional. It starts you on an interesting collection plan that has reached wonderful popularity abroad and is just taking hold in this country. What is it? Well! Come in Friday or Saturday and let us start it for you.

FREE! FREE!
Demonstration of
ARMOUR'S GRAPE JUICE
and
NATIONAL BISCUIT CO.'S PRODUCTS
Saturday, March 27th
Music by Princess Orchestra

Special To Country Customers Only

We want you to remember well this celebration of the nation's finest goods, the best this wonderful country of ours affords—Nationally advertised Goods. We want our country customers to think of us when they see goods advertised in their home magazine. Therefore every country customer that comes to town, makes a purchase of Nationally Advertised Goods and presents the coupon signed will receive not only the souvenir offered above but **two free tickets** for the **Princess Theatre**. Don't forget to sign the coupon and bring it with you. This special invitation is made to our country customers because they are the guests of our town.

Ballinger's Greatest Store.

Name _____ Address _____
R. F. D. No. _____
Good Saturday
March 27th
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HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

Voters Will Adopt Economy and Discard Mudholes April 10

BY ED SPILL

When a responsible merchant with a line of credit tires of paying rent year in and year out, he makes arrangements with his banker or some financier to borrow sufficient money to erect or purchase a building in which he might conduct his business. He figures that after a certain length of time, he will have saved in running expenses, which he would have otherwise expended for rent, an amount which pays at various intervals the bonds or notes which

INDIGESTION

A Disorder that Breeds Disease in the Body, and an Easy Way to Cure it.

Take care of the stomach and you will have little need for the doctor.

When the stomach begins to show signs of disorder; when the food digests slowly and with discomfort; when you have heartburn; feel bloated and uneasy, you are in a condition that needs attention.

Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disordered stomach by strengthening and toning up the digestive organs, driving the badly digested food into the bowels and thence out of the system.

Constipation is nearly always present when the stomach becomes sour or disordered. Prickly Ash Bitters contains the medicinal qualities which act as a restorative and regulator for the stomach and bowels. It strengthens the digestive organs, cures constipation and prevents the return of bilious conditions.

Thousands of people who have received lasting benefit from this great remedy willingly testify to its power in curing indigestion, constipation and kidney trouble.

"I suffered from constipation for years, and tried many remedies, but Prickly Ash Bitters is the only medicine that has ever done me any good. Through its use I am now in good health and entirely free from all traces of my former trouble."—B. P. SUGGALL, Wainsboro, Louisiana.

Get the genuine with the figure "3" in red on front label.
Sold by druggists. Price \$1.00.

he issued at the time he made the loan. After a certain length of time, instead of paying rent, he is assetting the money which was formerly used for that purpose. The money has been diverted from the liability column to the asset. Besides the merchant can rest assured that he has a permanent home in which he is conducting his business; he is free from worry over some other merchant overbidding him on the rental contract; he is pleased.

When a farmer finds that he needs a thrasher or some other implement for farm purposes and is short on the necessary cash to close the contract immediately, he issues bonds payable at regular intervals and receives his thrasher. He gets the use of the thrasher at a time when it is most needed and in the long run is economical.

Credit is said to be the basis of all business. The construction of good roads in the Ballinger road district is strictly a business proposition. Mudholes are in evidence on every road within the boundary of the district. An effort is being made to eliminate every mudhole in the Ballinger road precinct. The means is the bond issue which is to be voted upon by the property owners of the district April 10.

If the principle adopted by the merchants and the farmer in eliminating the waste of money in the management of their respective businesses, by the purchase of a building site on borrowed money and by the purchase of a thrasher on borrowed money, is legitimate business, it is pointed out by those familiar with the construction of good roads that it is good business to build roads in the same manner. In other words, build roads by means of bond issues. Good roads will mean elimination of waste and the mud hole; the saving of time and money, and the general progress of the district affected by the highway. At the end of a certain length of time, like the merchant who purchases

HERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR STOMACH VICTIMS

Some very remarkable results are being obtained by treating stomach, liver and intestinal troubles with pure vegetable oils, which exert a cleansing, soothing and purifying action upon the lower bowels, removing the obstructions of poisonous fecal matter and gases and preventing their absorption by the blood. This done, the food is allowed free passage from the stomach, fermentation ceases and stomach troubles quickly disappear.

George H. Mayr, for twenty years a leading Chicago druggist cured himself and many of his friends of stomach, liver and intestinal troubles of years' standing by this treatment, and so successful was the remedy he devised that it has since been placed in the hands of druggists all over the country, who have sold thousands of bottles.

Though absolutely harmless, the effect of the medicine is sufficient to convince any one of its remarkable effectiveness, and within 24 hours the sufferer feels like a new person. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

a building on notes, the tax payers would be converting the funds formerly used to maintain the mud holes from the liability column to the asset section.

Three million dollars are spent every year by the tax payers of Texas in maintaining the mudholes over the State. An effort is being made to do away with the tax which the people of Runnels County, who reside in the road district, are paying to keep up the mudhole and instead pay a tax which would construct substantial roads in all parts of the Ballinger road district. The tax which the property owners of the precinct are paying to maintain the mudhole would be eliminated as soon as every road is put in a first-

class condition with the money which the \$60,000 bond issue would procure. No longer would mudholes have to be kept up. Instead there would remain the improved, passable road constructed with the money which would be gotten through the bond issue.

Familiarity is said to breed contempt. The mudhole evidently is an exception in Runnels County. There has been no contempt manifested in the past. It's up to the voters to say on April 10, whether there exists contempt for the mudhole in the Ballinger road district. Every body is familiar with the mudhole in the affected area.

Health Promotes Happiness.

Without health, genuine joy is impossible; without good digestion and regular bowel movement you cannot have health. Why neglect keeping bowels open and risk being sick and ailing? You don't have to. Take one small Dr. King's New Life Pill at night, in the morning you will have a full, free bowel movement and feel much better. Helps your appetite and digestion. Try one tonight.

F. M. Woods of the New Home community, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. W. Embry returned home Tuesday at noon from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Jas. F. Holliday of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bro ks Dozier returned home Monday afternoon from a short visit to relatives at Paint Rock.

Proper Treatment for Biliousness
For a long time Miss Lula Skelton, Churchville, N. Y., was bilious and had sick headache and dizzy spells. Chamberlain's Tablets were the only thing that gave her permanent relief. Obtainable everywhere.

DEMONSTRATION IS ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION

The Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. have on a show this week that is perhaps the most unique affair, and the only one of the kind, ever held in Ballinger.

This company have their store beautifully decorated with Old Glory, songs and advertising matter, together with the goods of National reputation. It is "Nationally Advertised Goods Week" at the big store, and the various brands of merchandise known the nation over's standard in their respective lines, and which have a reputation that sells the goods, are given prominence in the store.

The big show windows are beautifully decorated with Nationally Advertised Goods, and the most familiar names of goods used in all the best homes of the land are conspicuously displayed and the display makes a show worth while.

Tuesday afternoon the Princess Orchestra furnished music for the large crowd that attended the showing of the Nationally Advertised goods, and Saturday afternoon music will be furnished again, and refreshments, consisting

of Nationally Advertised goods will be served, and the day made the big day of the week.

While Saturday will be demonstration day, and will be the best day for some, Friday will also be a big day. Friday will be "Souvenir Day." On Friday souvenir and samples will be distributed and all those visiting the store will be remembered. In fact every day will be a big day at the big store this week. The main thing is an advertising skeptic does not believe that it pays to advertise can not visit this store this week, and come away without being convinced that he is wrong. He can see for himself what advertising has done for the many standard lines of goods. The names are familiar in every home in the United States.

The Court of Last Resort.

Around the stove of the grocery roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it finally overrules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in this country, and has always received a favorable verdict. It is in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. Obtainable everywhere.

Dee Johnson, J. M. Young, W. W. Rainwater and A. L. Kerby, of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Yes Mother, You Look Fine



Electric Bitters simply brought the bloom of health to your cheeks.

Electric Bitters will do it every time. Increase your appetite, regulate Liver and Bowels, restore your strength and improve your complexion.

After a long weary winter we need a tonic and blood purifier to rid our system of accumulated waste and impurities. Nature needs help to throw off that languid, tired, worn to a frazzle feeling.

Do your part! Take a few weeks treatment. H. E. BUCKLEN & CO. PHILADELPHIA. ST. LOUIS.

ment of Electric Bitters, it will give you vim and energy, bring back the spring youth, make you feel fine. You'll enjoy your work.

Go to your druggist and get a small bottle of Electric Bitters and start treatment right now.

Bliza Pool of Depew, Okla., writes "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed sickness and suffering and has done me world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how it is. As it has helped thousands of others, surely will do the same for you."

THE BANNER-LEDGER PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Leader and the Ballinger County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

Are you a booster for the Central West Texas Normal?

Mr. Duke, in his address, stated that mankind was the only animal that can smile.

At the present rate of destruction the English can not much longer claim the largest navy in the world.

Good roads are essential in rural high schools. We do not know of a county with rural high schools that didn't get good roads first.

The man that predicted that wheat would drop to fifty cents per bushel by September first offers little encouragement to the man whose flour barrel is empty today.

The nearer summer time in Europe the warmer the fighting, and we predict that some body is going to get licked.

Przemysl has fallen, and now if Przemysl will fall and stay down, it will be very good to the newspaper reporters who have to spell those places without names.

It's taking the European fighters a long time to make up their mind to lick somebody.

Ballinger has all this year and part of 1916 to get ready to land one of the new state normal schools.

A Chicago physician comes to the front with the announcement that love is a disease.

The Berlin professor who has

you can include in the shipment to League. The big tenantry investigation at Dallas has been made, and some awful charges brought to light, but there will be just as much rustling around to rent land next year as ever.

The Texas legislature is made up of too many candidates for congress to permit a sensible re-districting bill to get through that body.

San Angelo's \$80,000 worth of school bonds which were recently issued were bought by the First National Bank of that city against six competitive bidders.

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE The people are awakening to the importance of better schools in the rural districts and are entering with heart and soul into any plan that will better conditions for the country boy.

When it is made possible for the boy or girl to remain on the farm and at the same time get a high school education, it will be then that farm life will have more attraction.

A Dallas judge says he hopes to live to see the day when pistoletoting will go out of fashion in Texas.

If a man is caught with a pistol it costs him about \$125. If he uses and puts out the lights of some fellow he has it in for, he can employ a few lawyers, and the jury

cheap cuts and New York written ads than they do for the space the ads occupy in the paper, and then wonder why they failed to get results.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Militarism or Peace—Which?

With the present tragic example, the great European conflict, before it, the United States is at the forks of the road. It may follow the same highway which Europe has chosen or it may choose the course which will inaugurate a new standard of civilization in history.

We should reject all naval and military preparations and resolve on the firm determination to maintain peace under all circumstances.

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A Call From the Country. Its gettin' pert night dark— Old Sol he's done been sot, Ise milked Old Pied, and fed Their pigs and wood ise got; I'm goin' in ter supper, An set my sotter down To make ther korn bread scarce

The Pocket.

Place these truths dear friend on docket, And keep them blooming in your mind.

If dear friend you have no pocket Nor any "gilt edge" wealth to own.

If indeed the love of money Is evil's root to human trend, It's the sinners welcome "eroy"

The world's eye in its gold socket winks and blinks at poverty's wail,

Why a Boy Should Be a Christian. By W. Bion Adkins

Reason 1. You need the help of Christ, you are in the world and you must pass through it. You will have questions to settle while you won't quite know how to decide if you are left alone to yourself.

Reason 2. Jesus needs your help. He has a place for you in His kingdom and a work for you to do.

Reason 3. His requirements are reasonable. All that He asks of you is to do right. He does not expect you to be a Christian man but a Christian boy, with all a boy's love for fun and frolic.

Reason 4. As we think about the future the outlook is very bright for a Christian boy. The same Jesus whom he has loved and served in life will be with him in the hour of death and will usher him into the gates of the Eternal city.

Reason 5. You ought to be a Christian and you know it. Christ died for you. He loves you and He longs for your love.



Neuralgia

There is no need to suffer the annoying, excruciating pain of neuralgia; Sloan's Liniment laid on gently will soothe the aching head like magic.

Hear What Others Say "I have been a sufferer with Neuralgia for several years and have tried different Liniments, but Sloan's Liniment is the best Liniment for Neuralgia on earth."

Mrs. Ruth C. Claypool, Independence, Mo., writes: "A friend of ours told us about your Liniment. We have been using it for 15 years and think there is nothing like it."

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

is the best remedy for rheumatism, backache, sore throat and sprains. At all dealers, 25c. Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

ATTORNEY DOSS ON DUTY AGAIN

We are glad to note that Judge A. K. Doss is able to be at his office again. Judge Doss was laid up for repairs for several days, being a victim of the grip.

How To Give Quinine To Children. FERRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach.

J. W. Lindsey, one of the successful farmers of the Spring Hill neighborhood, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Foster Predicts Many Severe Storms for the Spring Months ONE HEAVY HAIL STORM IN FEBRUARY FELL SOUTH AND EAST OF BALLINGER. GRAIN GROWERS CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST LOSS BY INSURING THEIR CROPS WITH BALLINGER INSURANCE AGENCY, Ballinger, Texas: Office with Bennett Abstract Company. T. J. GARDNER, Manager

found a way to make food out of straw is perhaps trying to demonstrate that necessity is the mother of invention.

Both the antis and pros of San Angelo are looking to Ballinger for campaign "dope" favorable to their cause.

Every farmer, and especially the truck farmer, should help Ballinger in its campaign for the state normal. They will profit financially and will win an opportunity to give their children a higher education at home.

Gov. Ferguson does not know how to use the veto axe like Gov. Colquitt. Most of the bills passed by the recent session were endorsed by the governor and will become laws by June 20th.

The old story so often repeated that a man can beat the courts if he has the money, does not apply in Thaw's case. His term in the mad house has no doubt been a greater punishment than the same length of time would have been, spent in the pen.

The Runnels County Marketing and Diversification Association will make an effort to ship a car load of old worn out hens. They claim they can sell them for 11 cents per pound delivered in Houston.

will turn him loose. Murder in Texas is on the increase.

Texas will have compulsory education in 1916. This education by government is not just what good democrats have always been taught, but times are changing, and compulsory education is much better than no education.

There is a better day coming in Texas. With the inauguration of compulsory education crime will begin to decrease.

According to a young American hopeful whose domicile is this city, "a stepmother is a woman who makes you step around."

The women who becomes a stepmother for a family of children deserves the sympathy of all mankind. She takes upon herself a responsibility that is greater of all.

Don't spend a lot of money for a bunch of ready made ads written to fit New York or Chicago conditions. Write your ads your self, or get your home newspaper man to write them for you.

duces so abundantly and variedly that we need no foreign markets or colonies. We can furnish our own means of life.

Let our people devote all the magnificent resources, ingenuity, and energies, which the European nations wasted on militarism and war, toward the peaceful pursuits of industries and to the task of securing social justice among themselves.

Have You? Got your Free chance on the Saddle, Bridle, and Spurs at H. L. Wendorf's, the Busy Shop?

S. B. Howard, the irrigation farmer up the river, was in the city Wednesday and reports considerable damage in his neighborhood by the recent high and severe winds the first of this week.

Dr. Mitchell of Norton, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

rocket And bears the dollars jingling tale Man makes money his fit racket With which to gain his selfish joys Even the saint and sage doth pack it

Learn to labor and and not dread it Success and worth are never rash, It is good to have good credit But far better to have the cash.

Trust in God if you'd be "in it" And work and watch as well as pray, The whole world were you to win it

Still respect the bank and pocket If somebody you wish to be, Put your picture in life's locket Where your features the world can see.

—Chas. H. Jones

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

E. J. Veil, of the Marie country, was visiting in Ballinger Tuesday and we are sorry to note he is suffering from blood poisoning in his left arm.

he also reap."

Reason 4. As we think about the future the outlook is very bright for a Christian boy. The same Jesus whom he has loved and served in life will be with him in the hour of death and will usher him into the gates of the Eternal city.

Reason 5. You ought to be a Christian and you know it. Christ died for you. He loves you and He longs for your love. Won't you begin today, my boy, by asking him to forgive your sins and enroll you among His followers?

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

C. J. Doerr of Miles, came over in his auto Monday afternoon to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Hutchins

Wood McKissick, formerly of Oxien, but now of Crews, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and while here informed us that he had opened up a grocery store at Crews and placed an ad in the Banner-Ledger soliciting the trade of that section.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women.

Mrs. Henson and two children of Talpa, who had been visiting in Ballinger returned home Tuesday morning.

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

For Reliable Abstract Work

See

SECURITY TITLE CO.

"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

Dr. Fred Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil for Man and Beast.

It is an external remedy for wire cuts, wounds of any nature, eczema and all skin troubles. You can get it at the undesignated drug stores, use it and if not satisfied, bring the empty bottle back and get your money. If it pleases you, tell your friends.

Walker Drug Co., Ballinger Tex.; Owens Drug Store, Winters, Tex.; City Drug Store, Miles, Tex.; Palace Drug Store, Rowena, Tex.; Middleton Drug Store, Bradshaw, R. L. Sides, Hatchel, Texas; J. D. Miller, Norton, Texas; Rainwater Bros., Crews.

THE CASH MEAT MARKET (The Globler old Stand)

Will deliver to any part of the city on short notice, the very choicest meats of all kinds, the best that the market affords. Will buy your Hides, Beef and Hogs and pay the top market prices. Give us a trial. See or call on Joe Turner or

FRANK CHAPMAN

Hutchings Avenue Ballinger, Texas

To Our Country Friends

The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works--a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.

Special Attention to Hurried Calls.

LEACH AUTO WORKS

PHONE 69

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue

Ballinger Texas.

PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills Studebaker and Schuttler Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

HOOKWORM DISEASE IS PROBED IN TEXAS

DALLAS, Tex., March 20.—A 3 year's fight against the hookworm disease is nearing completion today under the auspices of the State Hookworm Commission. During this period the Commission has examined conditions in an area of 35,000 square miles inhabited by 1,300,000 people. Microscopic examinations to the number of nearly 65,000 have been made and perhaps 25,000 treatments have been dispensed. Among children examined the number infected was over 35 percent.

The hookworm disease is popularly known for its effect of laziness. Dr. O. H. Judkins of the State Hookworm Commission, who said it will take one or two generations to eradicate the disease in Texas, also declared:

"There is no doubt but what Texas suffers an economic loss every year because of this disease. For instance, if 1,000 heads of families in any given county are suffering from a disease that reduces their earning capacity from 10 to 25 percent, it is not hard to see where the county and State are losing because of decreased production. It is easy to see also that the State is squandering money by employing teachers to teach children whose efficiency is reduced on an average 25 percent."

Hookworm is common in warm places where the inhabitants go barefooted for any length of time. The commonest infection is thru the soles of the feet. The worm is less than one inch in length and has the appearance of a bit of soiled coarse thread. The female lays thousands of eggs in the human intestinal tract. A certain cure is known to doctors.

INDIGESTION, GAS OR SICK, SOUR STOMACH

Time "Pape's Diapepsin!" In five minutes all stomach misery is gone.

"Really does" put bad stomachs in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestion waste remember the moment "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction or your druggist hands you your money back.

It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomach regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach doctor in the world.

A. H. Schneider, who lives up the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year. Mr. Schneider says the farm land is in fine shape and he has a good part of 600 acres in shape for planting and already has corn in the ground.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trasspass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

GODFREY MASSEY, wtf Conecho county, Tex.

H. H. Ratchford of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Ah! The Invigorating Whiff of The Pine Forest

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Piney Forests brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. Antiseptic and healing. Buy a bottle today. All Druggists, 25c.

Eight Thousand Miles Without Trouble

Here is some real evidence from a man who knows. Having tried all kinds of products, he choses the "Made in Texas" products, distinguished by the Red-Star-Green-T emblem.



STAMFORD MOTOR COMPANY

Stamford Motor Company

Stamford, Texas 6/25/14.

The Texas Company, Stamford, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

The more I have to do with Texaco Motor Oil the more I become convinced of its superiority over other oils. Last year we sold about one hundred cars and tried all the leading brands of Lubricating oils and Gasoline but finally centered on TEXACO. It's good enough for us.

I have in mind one car in particular which has used Texaco Motor Oil and Texaco Auto Gasoline exclusively. This car has been in use seventeen months and has traveled 8000 miles. Yesterday we took the spark plugs out for the first time just to see what condition they were in; finding them remarkably clean, they were replaced without any cleaning. The condition of this motor more than anything else prompts me to write this letter. Most of this car's service has been slow running, which all Automobile people know to be harder on a motor than the country roads.

If all the TEXACO products come up to the high standard set by MOTOR OIL and AUTO GASOLINE you should have no trouble in winning the trade.

Yours truly,

H. M. Hankins

All Texaco products are manufactured at the same high standard. They are available for you in your own town. Order from our agent.

The Texas Company General Offices, Houston, Texas

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WILL SEPARATE STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Judge Jno. I. Guion received a telegram late Friday evening stating that the senate reconsidered the separation bill for the University and the A. & M. College, and that upon reconsideration the bill passed.

This bill is known as the Sackett resolution, and provides for the separation of the two schools above mentioned. The bill was bitterly contested by those who were in favor of consolidating the two institutions and the appointing of one board to manage the two schools. Judge Guion is president of the A. & M. College board and took an active interest in the adoption of the separation bill, and he was highly elated over the success of the bill, and especially did he feel good over the success of the bill after having received a telegram the day before that the bill had been defeated.

No Use to Try and Wear Out Your Cold It Will Wear You Out Instead.

Thousands keep on suffering Coughs and Colds through neglect and delay. Why make yourself an easy prey to serious ailments and epidemics as the result of a neglected Cold? Coughs and Colds sap your strength and vitality unless checked in the early stages. Dr. King's New Discovery is what you need—the first dose helps. Your head clears up, you breathe freely and you feel so much better. Buy a bottle today and start taking at once.

W. A. Summers, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger Monday and left for San Angelo at noon.

J. M. Garlington returned home Saturday afternoon from a short business trip West.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chilled Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

500 TEACHERS GOING TO BROWNWOOD

Runnels county teachers will come to the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association here next week in a special car, according to the Ballinger Ledger. The association is given hearty support in that county, and a large attendance is expected. Reports from other counties indicate that more than five hundred teachers will be in attendance. The dates for the meeting are March 26th and 27th.—Brownwood Bulletin.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr. 12-1400 d&w.

PIONEER ABILENE CITIZEN DEAD

Judge J. V. Cockrell died in Abilene at six o'clock Thursday afternoon at the age of 83. Judge Cockrell was a pioneer Texan and was congressman from this district for two terms having been elected in 1892 and re-elected in 1894. He served as district judge for a number of years, and is well known throughout the state as a jurist and statesman.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon and the remains laid to rest at Abilene.

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Miss Mary Phillips left Sunday afternoon for Santa Anna on a short visit to friends.

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-6

A HAPPY CHILD IN JUST A FEW HOURS

When cross, constipated or if feverish give "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry.

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, and they become tightly packed, liver gets sluggish and stomach disordered.

When cross, feverish, restless, see if tongue is coated, then give this delicious "fruit laxative." Children love it, and it can not cause injury. No difference what ails your little one—if full of cold or a sore throat, diarrhoea, stomach-ache, bad breath, remember a gentle "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given. Full directions for babies, children of all ages, and grown-ups are plainly printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." We make no smaller size. Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

DOES BALLINGER WANT IN ON W. T. LEAGUE

Arrangements have been perfected for the organizing of a West Texas Base Ball League. A preliminary meeting was held at Sweetwater Monday, and four towns were represented in the meeting and the delegates were authorized to obligate themselves for the necessary funds to finance the proposition. Abilene was not represented but phoned the preliminary committee application for berth in the league. Ballinger was not represented, and so far has shown no inclination to be represented.

We can not but believe that Ballinger would support a good team with interest and competition keen between a half dozen towns in this section for the present. If the proper party would take hold of the proposition, we believe that the necessary funds, which we understand to be small when compared with the benefit to be derived in an advertising way, to say nothing of the sport afforded the fans through the summer season.

The Sweetwater Reporter, in giving an account of the preliminary meeting says:

"An enthusiastic bunch of baseball fans met in this city Monday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the West Texas Baseball League.

"While the league was not definitely organized, it is a settled fact that the organization will be affected. In order that more time might be given to the various towns to perfect their local organization and get ready to enter the league in good shape it was decided to postpone the organization until next Friday morning. Another meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at that time, and representatives from the various towns will be here with authority to bind their teams into the organization.

"Enthusiastic delegations were here from Colorado, Big Spring, San Angelo and Sweetwater."

MAD AT PAINT

25c a gallon for paint is about \$2.50 on the average job, and lots of men waited last year for that, but they didn't reckon; they got mad; wouldn't pay it.

There are times to get mad and refuse to pay; but when one's property needs protecting is no time to get mad and not paint.

Besides it costs more to get mad and wait than to paint.

Getting had doesn't do any good to your property; paint does it good by keeping-out water; no paint, some water and rot; and a little rot is more than enough to make a man liberal towards his painter and paint.

Paint costs not a cent. All the paint in the world, so long as it keeps out water, costs not a cent.

DEVOE

Ballinger Lumber Co., sells it.

BIG MALLORY LINER SINKS IN MID OCEAN

By United Press: NEW YORK, March 24.—The Denver, one of the big liners of the Mallory Steamship Co., went down in mid-ocean at an early hour this morning. It is reported that the Denver carried about sixty passengers and they were all rescued by the Megantic and Manhattan, two liners who responded to the call of the distressed ship and reached it in time to save the passengers and crew. The first wireless call from the

Denver was received Monday afternoon, and a score of vessels reached the ship late yesterday afternoon, says a wireless message.

It is thought that the Denver was carrying the crew of the Evelyn which recently encountered an accident on the coast of Holland.

No cause for the sinking of the ship has been given. It may have been an iceberg. A collision is doubted.

CHARGED VIOLATING MANN ACT

FORT WORTH, March 25.—The trial of S. L. Wagley, charged with white slave crime under the Mann act, is set for Monday in Federal court.

Wagley is charged in the indictment with transporting two girls from Fort Worth to St. Louis. He was arrested in St. Louis, and waived preliminary hearing at that place and also waived extradition proceedings.

Wagley is very wealthy and he says the charges against him are for the purpose of blackmail.

TELEPHONE COMPANY NOW TO USE MOTOR CAR

J. D. Johnson of Brownwood, came in from Winters Wednesday morning and left in the afternoon for home. He had been looking after the cable work of the West Texas Telephone Co., at Winters and Ballinger the past week or ten days. He left an auto here which will be used by the local men to look after line trouble, etc., instead of the horse and wagon heretofore used.

RETURNS FROM ATTENDING FATHER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Otto Elder is at home from Port Lavaca, where she was called to be at the bedside of her father, Ben Bessent, who died on the 15th inst. Mrs. Elder reached Port Lavaca in time to attend the funeral of her father.

Deceased was 81 years old, and death was due to old age. Mrs. Elder has the sympathy of her friends in her sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter May of Christoval, came in Wednesday morning and will be the guests of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Willingham and family.

BREAKMEN MURDERED ON TRAIN

DENTON, Texas, March 25.—Two breakmen on a freight train running out of this place were found dead on top of a freight car early this morning. The breakmen had been brutally shot and their watches stolen. Three suspects have been arrested and are being held while the officers are looking for other clues and making every effort to run down the murderers.

This killing is similar to that committed on the Fort Worth & Denver road north of Fort Worth, in which a breakman was killed a short time ago.

FOUR MEMBERS BANK FORCE HAVE MUMPS

The mumps is responsible for four members of the regular line-up in the First National Bank being absent from their posts of duty.

Harold Tucker was the first victim and more than two weeks ago he was taken sick. Mr. Tucker has had quite a tough siege of it, and is still confined to his home, but is improving.

Harry Lynn passed his chances for taking the "big jaw" up to the fortune teller at the show Tuesday night, and the lady with the power to read the future of those who call on her for such information, informed the young man that his chances were good for taking the mumps. He went home and went to bed and failed to answer to roll call at the bank the next morning.

John Thurman failed to fill the chair at the assistant cashier's desk at the usual hour for opening the bank for business Wednesday morning, and a phone call later brought the information that Mr. Thurman had the mumps.

J. Whit Patterson was on hand

Overnight Relief For Constipation

When the bowels become clogged with a mass of poisonous stomach waste, sick headache with all its attendant misery, belching of sour stomach gases, bloat and general discomfort are sure to follow.

A mild, pleasant laxative tonic that will carry off the congested mass without upsetting the stomach or griping the bowels, is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A dose taken just before retiring will afford grateful relief from unpleasantness or discomfort.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the ideal family remedy, especially for the women and children and old folks. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

at the teller's window as usual Wednesday morning, but was soon asking for someone to relieve him, and he is the fourth victim from the First National, and the boys on duty had their hands full until they could secure help.

E. P. Scarborough and A. J. Thorp are assisting in the bank during the absence of those who are sick. We are glad to report that all the patients are getting along as well as could be expected and will no doubt soon be on duty again.

PIONEER TRAVELING MAN STRICKEN AT BROWNWOOD, TEX.

As a result of a stroke of apoplexy Sunday morning, E. S. Foote, a traveling man who has been selling goods in this territory for thirty years, is dying this afternoon at the Southern Hotel. Mr. Foote's son and daughter are en route to Brownwood from Kentucky, but will not reach this city before their father's death. His wife has been communicated with at the family home in Owensboro, Ky.

Mr. Foote's illness began on Sunday morning at about 9 o'clock. He was feeling well and hearty as usual, when suddenly, as he was talking to friends, he placed his hand to his head and appeared faint. Those near him gave their assistance and physicians were called. It was then found that he had been stricken with apoplexy, and since that time he has not spoken a word. Throughout Sunday the best medical assistance available was secured for him, but his condition became steadily more critical and at 4 o'clock this afternoon it was stated that he was dying.

Mr. Foote was a representative of the Owensboro Wagon Company, of Owensboro, Ky. He stands high with his company and with his fellow traveling men, all of whom knew him as a genial old gentleman. He is probably sixty years old.—Brownwood.

Notice to the Public
I have opened up a Grocery Store at Crews and have a nice fresh line of Groceries and will appreciate your trade. I buy all kinds of country produce and pay the highest market price.
WOOD McKISSICK
26-4th

Mrs. George Holliday of Hatchel, who had been visiting in Ballinger, left for her home Thursday afternoon. Her brother, E. J. Nevil, of Marie, accompanied her home to visit a few days.

Sheriff Perkins had official business in Winters between trains Thursday.

Miss Sides of Hatchel, was visiting in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

N. K. Freeman, the Rowena banker, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Sam Gray, the Crews hotel man and W. H. Wilde, of the Olin country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Have I paid my subscription yet?

Hungary's Fate May Be Close

By United Press: PETROGRAD, March 25.—The Germans set fire to the Suwalki government buildings and are destroying much property as revenge against the Russians for the Memel occupation.

It is also charged against the Germans that they are bombarding unfortified cities by battle-ships in the Gothland province.

The Slavs are entrenched within fifteen miles of the Hungarian city Bartfa. This is a preliminary move towards making an attempt against Budapest.

It is believed that Hungary's fate will be decided in a battle that is now raging in the snow.

The Turks have been doing great damage in Persia and it is reported have committed the most horrible crimes and outrages recorded during the war.

PARIS, March 22.—Italy is as busy as bees making big war preparations, and only unforeseen international developments can prevent the Italians from joining in the war, and taking up arms with the allies, says the Italian diplomat and military officers. The declarations may be made at any time.

SO DECEPTIVE Many Ballinger People Fail to Realize the Seriousness.

Backache is so deceptive. It comes and goes—keeps you guessing.

Learn the cause—then cure it. Possibly it's weak kidneys. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective.

We present the following case as proof:

Mrs. I. L. Beard, Winters, Tex., says: "One of the family complained of weakness and pain in the back and a dull ache through the hips. This one's kidneys were disordered and headaches and dizzy spells caused annoyance. The person was also nervous. Several remedies failed to bring relief and when Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to our attention, we got a box. Before long the trouble left. We keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand at all times."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Beard recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, New York.

BEGIN WORK ON NEW CHICAGO STATION

Chicago, March 23.—Thousands of unemployed men were put to work today on Chicago's mammoth new Union station, a \$65,000,000 project, which will be completed December 18, 1918, according to plans. The new plant will house the Pennsylvania lines, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Chicago and Alton. It does not mean a consolidation of any of the railroad terminals, simply the replacing the structure at Adams Canal streets with a great plant.

The erection of the station embraces several difficult engineering feats, chief among which is the straightening of the Chicago river for several blocks. The new station is going up to the south of the present one, occupying the blocks between Adams and Jackson streets and Clinton and Canal streets, a space two blocks east and west and one block north and south. Besides three freight terminals the plans call for 26 tracks in the passenger terminal, 20 more than the present station has. The Northwestern Station here, regarded as one of the most modern in the world, has only 16, the Pennsylvania in New York 17, The Union Station in Washington has 33, only 15 of which, however, are in use.

The main building will be ten stories and have three sub-basements. It will be an imposing looking structure with great massive columns and will cost \$6,000,000 exclusive of land, sheds, power plant, and interlocking costs.

"TIZ" PUTS JOY IN SORE, TIRED FEET

"My, how 'TIZ' gladdens tired, swollen, burning feet—It's glorious!"



"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters, bunions and chibblains.

"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful foot comfort. "Tiz" is magical grand, wonderful for tired, aching swollen, smarting feet. Ah! how comfortable, how happy you feel. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "Tiz" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy. Just think! a whole year's foot comfort for only 25 cents.

MEXICANS TO WAIT ARRIVAL OF HELP FROM SAN ANTONIO

The young Mexican who attempted to shoot another Mexican in trouble growing out of a love affair, a few nights ago, was arraigned in justice court for a preliminary hearing Monday morning.

It was thought that the young man had arranged for local counsel to represent him, but after being brought into court it developed that he was expecting aid from his people at San Antonio, and stated that he would have a lawyer from that city come here and get him out of trouble. He was remanded to jail to await the arrival of the San Antonio help.

It is not known whether the Mexican will be held for anything except carrying a pistol or not, as the evidence in the case may not justify a charge of assault and attempt to murder. It seems from the evidence in the case that the young Mexican did not particularly shoot at any one or at least the court may not be able to prove that he shot at any one. He fired into the other Mexican's house, and it is probable that this and the pistol carrying charge is all that can be filed against him. The older Mexican, the father of the girl in the case, was released.

Allies Resume Bombing

LONDON, March 25.—Dispatches received here today say that the allies have resumed bombardment on the Dardanelles, and that the Turkish forts are making feeble replies.

Destroyers have been running by the forts only a short ways from them, and report that the damage to the forts is bad.

Miss Dovie Pipkin left Thursday at noon for San Angelo to visit friends a few days.

J. L. Walters and daughter of Concho, came in Wednesday to do some shopping and were the guests of Henry Walters and family of West End over Wednesday night.

W. J. Turner and niece, who had been visiting in our city the past day or two, left Thursday afternoon for Abilene.

Mr. Farmer We want you to look at our **ADRIANCE BINDER** before you buy, for we have one of the best made. Also have a complete line of **IMPLEMENTS**. Call and see us before you buy.

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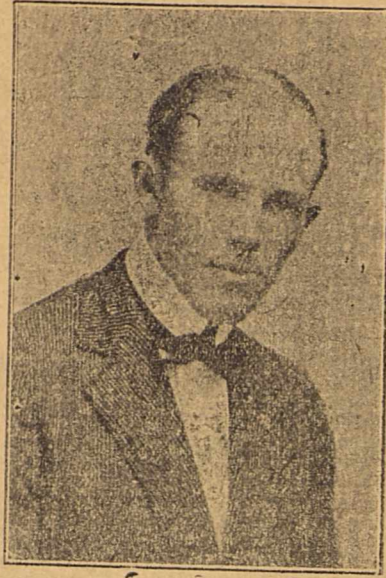
Your Eyes or Your Glasses.

If you have trouble with either I can help you. I have located permanently in Ballinger. Office at The Walker Drug Company.

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The Optician

All Next Week Baird & Wilson Comedians



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BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Pure bred, pullet mated; eggs \$1.00 for setting of fifteen. R. P. Crouch, Box 271, Ballinger Tex. 18-w6t pd

Horse 16 1-2 hands high, 7 years old, works well single or double. 3 inch Peter Schuttler wagon used but little. J. M. London, 407, 6th St., Ballinger d2tw3tpd

COW FOR SALE—Fresh in milk. Ring 321. 1-wtf

FOR SALE—Toulouse Goose Eggs \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. J. T. Russell. Phone, rural 3804.

FOR SALE—Sudan seed, pure and re-cleaned, 40c pound. Pure Red Top cane seed \$1.20 bushel. Jim Greer, Wingate, Texas. 19-1d w26-2 pd.

FOR SALE—Indian Runner ducks eggs. Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Ballinger. Phone 3302. 21-2td1w

FOR SALE—Nice Phaeton and Harness, Phone 209. 24-3td-2tw

FOR SALE—Two nice young Jersey males, large enough for service. Good blooded stock. Phone 62 or apply Hall Hardware Co. 24-2td 4tw

S. H. Oatman, of San Angelo, passed through Ballinger Monday en route from the Wingate country. He informed us that after an absence of several years, he would soon return to Rannels county to make home again.

E. H. Redmond of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

John Greenhill of the Pony Creek country, and H. E. Landers of Concho were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Charlie Castor left Wednesday afternoon for Talpa, where he has some cement contract work.

Miss Purne Schooler left Wednesday afternoon for Goldthwaite to visit her sister, Mrs. Norton and family a few weeks.

W. A. Francis, of the Walker-Smith Co., left Wednesday morning on a short business trip to Brownwood in the interest of his firm.

Interscholastic to Meet In Ballinger April 2 and 3

Friday 8:15 p. m. at Carnegie Library

- 1 County Spelling Contest.
 - 2 Award in Essay Contest.
- Saturday 10:00 a. m.
- 1 Basket Ball Contests.
 - 2 Tennis Tournaments.
- Saturday 1:30 p. m.

In the afternoon the following are the chief events: The time schedule will be arranged later.

Athletic Contests for Girls

(Note—J is for Junior, or girls under fourteen, and S is for Senior or girls under twenty-one.)

- 1 Basket Ball throw for Distance (J)
- 2 Basket Ball throw for Distance (S)
- 3 Potato Race (J)
- 4 Potato Race (S)
- 5 Standing Broad Jump (J)
- 6 All Up Indian Club Race (J)
- 7 All Up Indian Club Race (S)
- 8 150-yard Relay Race (J)

Athletic Contests for Boys

- 1 Fifty-yard Dash
- 2 Pole Vault
- 3 100 yard dash.
- 4 Running board jump.
- 5 Chinning bar.
- 6 220-yard run.
- 7 Running high jump.
- 8 Standing hop step and jump.
- 9 440-yard run.
- 10 Baseball throw
- 11 Tug of War.
- 12 Half-mile relay race.
- 13 Shot put.
- 14 Hammer throw.
- 15 Discus
- 16 880-yard run.
- 17 One-mile relay race.

Saturday 8:15 p. m.

- 1 Debating contest.
- 2 Boys' declamation contest (J)
- 3 Boys' declamation contest (S)
- 4 Girls' declamation contest (J)
- 5 Girls' declamation contest (S)

Suitable trophies will be provided for the winners in all contests.

Notice Of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that W. A. Ogle, whose postoffice address is Ballinger, Texas, did on the 11th day of March A. D. 1915, file an application in the office of the board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 2 1-2 cubic feet of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Colorado River by means of pumping plant, located on the S. C. Cleveland Surveys Nos. 354 and 355, on the north bank of the Colorado River, six miles west of the Town of Ballinger, Rannels County, Texas.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of Survey No. 354; thence N. 30

E. 741 varas; thence South 80 East 528 varas; thence South 58 1-2 E. 226 varas; thence South 82 East 320 varas; thence S. 30 W. 120 varas; thence S. 30 W. 500 varas; thence up the river with its meanders to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres out of the S. C. Cleveland Surveys Nos. 354 and 355, and situated in Rannels County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said W. A. Ogle will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 3rd day of May, A. D., 1915, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said board, in Austin, Texas, this the 13th day of March, A. D., 1915.
 (SEAL)

J. C. NAGLE,
 JOHN WILSON,
 E. B. GORE,
 Board.

Attest:
 W. T. POTTER,
 Secretary.

URNS DOWN OFFER FROM GERMAN BUYER

LINCOLN, Neb., March 23.—A request that his firm of horse buyers bid on a contract for furnishing the German government 30,000 horses for service in the European war has been received by George Woods of the firm of Watson, Woods Brothers & Kelley, of Lincoln. This is the first request from an agent of the German government received by the firm, though both the English and French governments have had representatives confer with the horse men. Woods was also requested to meet the German government's agent in New York.

The firm will not bid on the contract, Woods said, because it has been found that the government's agents resort to a sharp practice which robs the transactions of the profits. The animals are contracted for subject to inspection, he says and when delivered a large percentage of them are declared to be below standard and so refused. Then those culls are bought by men representing themselves as being railroad contractors, who pay a considerably lower price, the owners being obliged to accept the lower figure to get rid of the animals and stop heavy feed bills. But these alleged contractors, Woods says, are in reality also buying horses for service in the war zone, and the entire shipment of horses reaches the purchasing agent, though at a lower figure than the original contract price.

Notice to Prospective Candidates For School Trustee.

All parties who desire their names on the ticket for School Trustee of the Ballinger Independent School District at the coming election on April 3rd, 1915, will please hand their names to either

the President or Secretary of the School Board not later than Friday, April 2nd, at 1 o'clock p. m. so that the ticket may be printed in time for the election Saturday. The names will be placed on the ticket in alphabetical order.

SCOTT H. MACK,
 President Board of Trustees
 H. W. LYNN,
 Secretary Board of Trustees.
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Madames George Miliken and Albert Davis left from this point Wednesday afternoon for Tahoka to be at the bedside of their father, Rev. I. N. Lewis, who is reported dangerously ill at his home in that city.

H. Kay Berry and O. Yarnell of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

WOODMAN CIRCLE HAS ACCIDENT

McALESTER, Okla., March 24.—A pillar supporting the floor in the hall where the state Woodmen Circle was holding their meeting in this city, gave away this morning letting part of the floor drop down. Five hundred women were present and a panic followed the dropping of the floor. Many were hurt, but none serious.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF ...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER MARCH 4th, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$313,582.30
U. S. bonds	101,500.00
Banking house furniture and fixtures	25,000.00
Real estate	20,192.31
Stocks and bonds	20,200.00
Stock Federal Reserve	
Bank	4,500.00
Acceptances, cotton	86,534.23
Cash and Exchange	151,103.91
	\$722,612.75
LIABILITY	
Capital stock	\$200,000.00
Surplus and profits	45,644.08
Circulation	100,000.00
Bills payable	50,000.00
Deposits	326,968.67
	\$722,612.75

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Will Represent City Schools In County Debating Contest

Henry O'Quinn and Luther Watson will represent the city schools in the debating contest for the county to be held at Ballinger some time in early April and Miss Willette Elliott will represent the city schools in the county declamation contest.

This is according to the decision of the judges appointed to select the best speakers in a debating declamation contest of the city schools held at the Library Friday night.

Despite the winter weather that prevailed many were present to hear the contestants. The program was a good one, and those that attended were well pleased.

Everett Wooten had no competition for junior declamation honors, and it is well that he didn't for it would have been hard for any one to have defeated him.

In the contest for the senior honors in declamation, Strawn Benge, Edwin Skinner and Miss Willette Elliott competed. The judges complimented very highly all the declaimers, but were unanimous in selecting Miss Elliott as the winner.

Je Eagan and Albert Affler

bach spoke for the affirmative and Henry O'Quinn and Luther Watson spoke for the negative in discussing the question, "Resolved, that an illiteracy test, requiring all immigrants to the United States between the ages of sixteen and sixty years, to be able to read and write in some language or dialect, should be adopted."

The debaters handled the question in an able way, and were congratulated for the splendid display of oratory and logic.

The Judges appointed to pass on the question discussed reported in favor of the negative and the judges appointed to select the best speakers reported in favor of O'Quinn and Watson, giving O'Quinn first place and Watson second place.

These debaters and the young lady declaimer will represent the city schools in the county contest to be held here, at which time representatives will be selected to represent the county in the district meet which will be held at Coleman April 16th, and from the district meet representatives will be selected for the state meet.

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Don't let the idea that you may feel better in a day or two prevent you from getting a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla today from any drug store and starting at once on the road to health and strength.

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Dwight, Kan. March 20, 1915. Ballinger Printing Co., Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sirs—I am enclosing check for \$1.00 for which please send me the Banner-Ledger for one year.

To give you an idea of what we are going through with up here will say that the thermometer stood at 24 this morning. The roads have been almost impassable for more than a month on account of snow or deep mud. Yesterday it turned colder than it had been for a few days and the roads are frozen so rough you can't travel over them. Snow has been falling most all day. The rural mail carriers have only made parts of their routes the last two weeks, some days not going at all. Should the weather turn better at once it would be at least three weeks before farm work could begin. This is about the central part of Kansas (Morris county).

Yours truly,
S. F. DASHER.

Children who have worms are pale, cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites White's Cream Vermifuge is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

H. C. Duke, of Dallas, who took part in the Bible Institute in our city, left for the west Monday at noon.

W. A. Glenn and daughter, Miss Annie of Marie, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from an extended visit to relatives at Palestine, Texas.

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Miss Emma Meeks of Talpa, who had been the guest of Mrs. J. L. Heath the past few days, returned home Monday morning.

Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid. wtf

Miss Alpha Caperton left Saturday afternoon for Autsin where she has accepted a position in the schools of that city.

6 NEGROES TAKEN FROM SHOW CAR

Six negroes were taken from a show car attached to a freight train and placed in jail shortly after the train arrived in Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

It seems that the manager of the show had made arrangements with the Santa Fe to pull his cars from some point down the road to San Angelo, representing to the railroad company that the cars contained only the outfit of the show, and that the people connected with the show had gone ahead on the passenger train.

While en route the men in charge of the freight train, a part of which was made up with the shows cars, discovered that some one was in the show cars. The conductor of the train wired ahead and requested that a Ballinger officer meet the train.

City Marshal McKay was notified and was at the depot when the freight train pulled in. The conductor broke the show car open and found six negroes. He turned his passengers over to the marshal and they were placed in jail.

The negroes had been locked in the car. They are being held upon a charge filed by the railroad men for beating their way on the train. It is reported that the manager of the show claims that he paid the negroes fare, together with other members of his show company. If this is true it is not understood why the negroes were locked in the coach and the matter kept a secret from the men in charge of the train.

SHOW NEGROES ARE RELEASED

The six negroes taken from a train and placed in jail here Sunday upon instruction from the railroad company, were released Tuesday at noon. The railroad authorities wired the officers to release the negroes and they were given transportation to San Angelo.

There were four negro men, two negro women and one baby in the bunch. The negroes were found locked in a car of a train en route to San Angelo, and were turned over to the officers when the train reached Ballinger. The negroes claimed that they were working for a carnival company that is showing in San Angelo this week, and that they went in the car and went to sleep before it was started on its journey to San Angelo, and they did not know why they were locked up. The manager of the show claims that he paid railroad fare for the negroes.

OUCH! LUMBAGO PAIN! RUB BACKACHE AWAY

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Rub old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" whenever you have sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains as it is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Rev. Cumbie, of Bronte, who had been here to attend the Bible Institute at the First Baptist Church, left for home Monday at noon via San Angelo.

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for anything in leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. O. W. Jolly, Mgr. 10-tfw

NEGRO SELLS BOOZE AND GOES TO JAIL

A negro by the name of Sam Clay was arrested and placed in jail Saturday upon a charge of selling intoxicating liquor in dry territory.

Sam Canfield was the purchaser of the booze, and when the officers caught him with the goods

he admitted that he bought it in Ballinger, and later told in detail how the deal was consummated.

Clay confessed to selling the booze, and will be held until he makes bond, or until the court passes on his case next fall. If he is sent to the pen for violating the local option law it will be the first conviction in this county, and prohibition has been in force for four years.

Have I paid my subscription

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Yours very truly,

H. W. SPINKS,
Camp Hill, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 16th day of August, 1909, H. W. Spinks, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

A. B. LEE,
Ex. of Justice of Peace.

Letter to
Dr. Kilmer & Co.,
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FIRE DESTROYS GEO. STOKES HOME

The home of George Stokes, located in the western part of the city, in fire ward No. 6, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Mr. Stokes has just started a fire in the cook stove and returned to the bed room, and the family's attention was attracted by the falling of the flue and it is presumed that the fire originated from the flue.

When discovered the fire was under headway, and the house was practically destroyed before the fire company could reach the scene. The water pressure was first class on this occasion and a few seconds time only was required to quench the flames after the hose were put into play.

The loss on the home and its contents will aggregate more than \$1500, with \$800 insurance.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that can not be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
(Seal) A. W. Gleason,
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John Hoffer and Editor Eason, of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

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Annual Financial Statement

Annual Financial Report of O. L. Parish, County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, for year ending January 31, 1915.

W. L. BROWN, County Treasurer
JURY FUND, FIRST CLASS
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 196.33
 Amount received during year.....1,461.39
 Transferred from special fund.....1,000.00
 By amount paid out during year.....\$1,724.35
 By commission on amount received.....21.92
 By commission on amount paid out.....25.85
 By amount on hand to balance.....\$ 885.60

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, SECOND CLASS.
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$8,545.68
 To amount received during year.....12,206.40
 To amount transferred from common county and special funds.....5,000.00
 By amount paid out during year.....\$24,834.19
 By amount transferred to common county fund.....12.85
 By commissions on amount received.....183.09
 By commissions on amount paid out.....372.51
 By amount on hand to balance.....349.44

GENERAL OR COMMON COUNTY FUND, THIRD CLASS
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 2,559.50
 To amount received during year.....14,187.20
 To amount transferred from road and bridge fund.....12.85
 By amount paid out during year.....\$13,564.83
 By amount transferred to road and bridge fund.....2,000.00
 By commissions on amount received.....212.81
 By commission on amount paid out.....203.47
 By amount on hand to balance.....778.44

SPECIAL FUND, FOURTH CLASS
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 2,522.91
 To amount received during year.....4,960.00
 By amount paid out during year.....\$ 1,447.85
 By amount transferred to jury fund.....1,000.00
 By amount transferred to road and bridge fund.....3,000.00
 By commissions on amount received.....74.40
 By commissions on amount paid out.....21.72
 By amount on hand to balance.....1,938.94

ADVERTISING FUND, FIFTH CLASS
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 150.20
 To amount received during year.....61.69
 By commissions on amount received......92
 By amount on hand to balance.....210.97

COURT HOUSE BOND SINKING FUND NO. 1 SIXTH CLASS.
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 286.99
 To amount received during year.....1,381.73
 By amount paid out during year.....\$ 838.85
 By commission on amount received.....20.72
 By commission on amount paid out.....12.59
 By amount on hand to balance.....796.56

BRIDGE BOND SINKING FUND NO. 1 SEVENTH CLASS
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 827.10
 To amount received during year.....1,407.81
 By amount paid out during year.....\$ 1,573.34
 By commissions on amount received.....21.11
 By commissions on amount paid out.....23.60
 By amount on hand to balance.....616.86

BRIDGE BOND SINKING FUND NO. 2, EIGHTH CLASS
 To balance on hand February 1, 1914.....\$ 688.79
 To amount received during year.....1,396.87
 To amount paid out during year.....\$ 1,006.22
 By commissions on amount received.....20.94
 By commissions on amount paid out.....15.10
 By amount on hand to balance.....1,043.40

W. T. PADGETT, Tax Collector
 (From February 1st to final settlement 1913 Rolls)
 To balance on rolls 1913 February 1, 1914 \$27,294.58
 To amount supplemental roll.....279.00
 To amount redemptions.....585.81
 To amount insolvents.....30.59
 To amount penalties collected.....100.53
 To amount adv. fee collected on redemption.....22.25
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$25,442.95
 By commissions to tax collector.....410.96
 By amount insolvent lists.....399.26
 By amount errors in assessments.....208.26
 By amount delinquent list 1913 only.....882.56
 By amount delinquent list 1913 and former years.....944.49
 By amount due county final settlement.....24.28

W. T. PADGETT, Tax Collector
 (From Final Settlement to January 31, 1915)
 To amount county taxes, roll 1914.....\$36,538.68
 To amount county poll tax, roll 1914.....669.00
 To amount redemptions collected.....1,487.83
 To amount insolvents collected.....7.30
 To amount advertising fees.....42.50
 To amount penalties collected.....1.33
 To amount supplemental roll.....39.63
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$6,618.75
 By amount commissions to tax collector.....562.60

By balance due on 1914 rolls to balance.....29,604.92
 To balance on 1914 rolls.....\$38,786.27
W. T. PADGETT, Tax Collector.
 (Occupation Tax.)
 (From February 1st, to Final Settlement, April 1914)
 To amount received on hand Feb. 1, 1914.....963.50
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 115.18
 By commissions to tax collector.....6.07
 By balance returned to comptroller.....\$42.25

W. T. PADGETT, Tax Collector.
 (From May 1st, 1914 to February 1st, 1915)
 To amount received from comptroller.....\$ 1,149.00
 To amount extra receipts.....49.50
 To amount county received only.....41.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 224.92
 By commissions to tax collector.....11.83
 By amount receipts on hand to balance.....1,002.75

O. L. PARISH, County Clerk
 To amount jury fees collected.....\$ 21.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 21.00

MISS MARY PHILLIPS, District Clerk.
 To amount jury fees collected.....\$ 50.00
 To amount stenographer fees collected.....99.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 149.00

M. KLEBERG, County Judge.
 To balance convict bonds uncollected.....\$ 62.50
 To amount cash on hand.....67.05
 To amount bonds approved during year.....97.30
 To amount of fines collected before making bond.....1.85
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 167.10
 By amount paid county clerk by sheriff.....2.30
 By amount paid county attorney by sheriff.....10.00
 By surrender of Ras Adams.....4.00
 By credit of bond by commissions certificate.....8.30
 By amount cash on hand.....14.10
 By amount bonds on hand, uncollected.....22.90

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
 (From February 1 to close of term)
 To balance fines due February 1, 1914.....\$ 303.00
 To amount fines assessed.....257.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 137.00
 By amount commissions to officers.....23.00
 By credits by commissioners court.....333.70
 By pardon by governor.....30.00
 By amount fines uncollected to balance.....36.30

J. D. PERKINS
 To amount fines assessed.....\$ 18.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 17.40
 By commissions to officers......60

W. L. TOWNER, Justice Precinct No. 1.
 To amount fines uncollected.....\$ 28.00
 By credit of commissioners court.....\$ 28.00

W. H. WEEKS, Justice Precinct No. 1
 To balance fines uncollected.....\$ 162.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 14.75
 By commissions to officers.....2.45
 By credit by commissioners court.....144.80

PAUL TRIMMIE, Justice Precinct No. 1
 To balance fines unpaid Feb. 1, 1914.....\$ 1.00
 To amount fines assessed during year.....170.00
 By amount paid treasurer.....\$ 131.75
 By amount commissions to officers.....23.25
 By credit by commissioners court.....1.00
 By amount fines worked out.....2.00
 By amount fines uncollected to balance.....13.00

A. D. TALLY, Justice Precinct No. 2
 To balance unpaid February 1, 1914.....\$ 1.00
 To amount fines assessed during year.....36.50
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 31.05
 By amount commissions to officers.....5.45
 By balance fines uncollected.....1.00

J. W. CATHEY, Justice Precinct No. 3
 To amount fines assessed.....\$ 25.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 21.25
 By amount commissions to officers.....3.75

M. G. CAPERTON, Justice Precinct No. 4
 To amount fines assessed.....\$ 4.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 3.40
 By amount commissions to officers......60

R. R. COGDILL, Justice Precinct No. 5.
 (From February 1, 1914 to November 1914.)
 To amount fines assessed.....\$ 67.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 47.60
 By amount commissions to officers.....8.40
 By balance fines unpaid.....11.00

To amount fines unpaid.....\$ 67.00
 To amount commissions to tax collector.....562.60

GEO. S. GRAVES, Justice Precinct No. 6
 To amount fines assessed.....\$ 2.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 1.70
 By amount commissions to officers......30

W. A. HALAMICEK, Justice of Peace No. 7
 To amount fines assessed.....\$ 35.00
 By amount paid county treasurer.....\$ 29.75
 By amount commissions to officers.....5.25

I hereby certify that the above is true and correct as shown by the Finance Ledger, January 31, 1915.
 Respectfully,
 O. L. PARISH, Clerk
 County Court, Runnels County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 County of Runnels.
 On this, the 12th day of February, 1915, this court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of J. W. Bigby and more than fifty other persons, praying that bonds be issued by Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, in the sum of sixty thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest, maturing forty years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.
 And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property taxpaying voters of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas.
 It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, on the 10th day of April, 1915, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of sixty thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest and maturing forty years from date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied on the property of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.
 Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, for four successive weeks before the date of said election.
 Said election shall be held at the following designated voting places within said Road District No. 1, namely: at Olin in election precinct No. 22, at Pony Creek School House in election precinct No. 23, at Court House in Ballinger in election precinct No. 1, and at the Court House in Ballinger in election precinct No. 24; and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, namely: C. R. Crews in Ballinger, voting precinct No. 1. Wm. Halfmann in Olin voting precinct No. 22; John Bigby, in Pony creek precinct No. 23 and W. A. Tally in Ballinger voting precinct No. 24.
 All qualified property tax paying voters residing in Olin voting precinct No. 22 shall vote at Olin. All qualified property tax paying voters residing in Pony Creek voting precinct No. 23 shall vote at Pony Creek School House; and all qualified property tax paying voters residing in Ballinger voting precinct No. 1 within said Road District No. 1, shall vote in the south end of the court house in Ballinger; and all other qualified property tax paying voters residing in said Road District No. 1 shall vote in the north end of the court house in Ballinger in voting precinct No. 24.
 Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road Improvement District Act, passed at the first called session of the Third

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A BRAND NEW merchandising event for women who wish to economize on their spring and Easter wardrobe. Its none too early to begin preparation on your spring wardrobe. So in order to encourage HOME SEWING we will devote an entire week to a special sale of all that pertains to sewing—

Its Practical Women's Event

—practical because it offers you the opportunity to buy material for a NEW GARMENT which you can make at home at less than usual. Included in this sale are dress goods, silks, cotton goods, notions and laces.

Spring Cottons

All the newest fabrics and color combinations are here and at prices that will astonish you.

Fancy crepes and sheer lawns, unusual values at 12 1-2 c. worth 15 cents. Home Sewing Week the yard, only **10c**

25 pieces flowered organdie plisse and crepe material, real value 25 cents. Home Sewing Week the yard, only **19c**

90 inch union linen sheeting value 25 cents Home Sewing Week the yard, only **59c**

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36 inch black messaline \$1. val ue Home Sewing Week the yard **79c**

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27 inch silk poplin in five different shades. Home Sewing Week the yard, only **49c**

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Underpriced During Home Sewing Week

Hope bleached domestic worth 12 1-2 cents Home Sewing Week the yard, only **8 1/2**

36 inch real Irish linen real value 40 cents. Home Sewing Week the yard, only **25c**

32 inch lineweave for waists and dresses 15 cent value. Home Sewing Week, the yard **11c**

Needed Notions

Home Sewing Week

5 cent safety pins Home Sewing Week, per paper. **3c**

100 gross pearl buttons actually worth 10 cents card Home Sewing Week, per doz. **4c**

Stickeri braid 6 yd. pieces fast colors and worth 12 1-2 cents Home Sewing Week, price **7 1/2c**

10 cent piece lingerie tape in pink light blue and white. Home Sewing Week, each **7c**

Ajac Brass pins full count Home Sewing Week **3c**

5 cent Dutch linen tape Home Sewing Week, two for **5c**

10 cent white and red rick-rack braid. Home Sewing Week the bunch only **7 1/2c**

5 cent hooks and eyes white and black. Home Sewing Week, the card **3c**

Laces Home Sewing Week

25 pieces thread lace suitable for trimming underwear, 7 1-2 value Home Sewing Week **5c**

25 cent oriental lace, ecru and white, about 5 inches wide. Home Sewing Week **13c**

50 pieces oriental and shadow lace white and ecru, 3 to 6 inches wide value up to 25 cents. Home Sewing Week, per yard **10c**

50 pieces embroidery and insertion, values 12 1-2c, 15c and 20c, Home Sewing Week, the yard **9c**

Gingham Special Home Sewing Week

25 pieces fast colors gingham, a real bargain at 10c Home Sewing week, extra special the yard **8 1-3c**

Ribbon Special During Home Sewing Week. Positively the greatest ribbon values yet offered. 100 bolts fancy hair bow, and sash ribbon in all the new fancy shades, values 35c, 50c, and 75c, choice one week **25c**

Help us make this Home Sewing Week the biggest of the season and will promise you in return, values that cannot be duplicated elsewhere in Ballinger.

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THE smartest styles of the hour in most fashionable materials at prices in reach of all. Every garment you find on our racks is correct in every detail. New shepherd checks, blues, silk, poplin and Palm Beach cloth. Prices range \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.50.

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EASTER MILLINERY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Our millinery display for women and children are now in full bloom and the department has all the appearances of a young orchard in bloom. Every shape, coloring and trimming of the season is included and the wonder is that such a profusion of original and pretty things should come within the sphere of such a low range of price. See the new tipperary, chin chin and all the new sailor and shepherdess effect, new blues, flag pole, reds, sands, putties. Make us a visit. 500 or more street and dress hats ready at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50 to \$10.00.

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A NEW NATIONAL BANK AT WINTERS

WINTERS, Tex., March 19.—The First National Bank of Winters, with a capital stock of \$25,000.00 was organized here Tuesday afternoon. This new national bank organization takes over the business of the Winters Banking Company. Henry James, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene, was elected president and Jim Rodgers of this place was elected vice-president. D. H. Hilyard was elected cashier and W. C. Franklin, assistance cashier. The four above named officers together with W. R. Keeble, assistant cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene were elected directors. The First National Bank of Winters will occupy the same building previously occupied by the Winters Banking Company.

EASTER REVIVAL AT NAZARENE CHURCH

The Nazarene people began their Easter revival Wednesday night. The pastor, Rev. Bost, preached, and announcement has been made that there will be preaching each night at 7:45 throughout the remainder of the week, and also every night next week, and over the first Sunday in April.

Rev. Bost will do the preaching, and while the local members will carry on the revival without the aid of an evangelist, or outside help, they expect to create renewed interest among the members of the church, and bring in new members.

Every one is cordially invited to attend the services each evening. There will be no services in the day.

Ben Allen of Big Spring, came over in an auto Tuesday and spent a few hours with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Allen and returned home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Graham and little son, left Thursday at noon to visit with friends a few days.

M'MANUS INCIDENT IS CLOSED

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Villista authorities in Mexico City, have sent formal apology to the United States for the murder of John McManus, an American, and former Chicago citizen. The Mexican authorities also promise indemnity, but make no mention of the arrest or the punishment of the murderers. It is believed that this will close the incident.

TEXAS AXE MURDERER CAPTURED

DALLAS, March 22.—It is believed here by the officers that the arrest of Loving Mitchell, a negro at St. Louis, may clear up many axe murders in southwestern Texas.

Mitchell was arrested for axe murder in Illinois and is now in jail at Galesburg, Ill., where it is alleged that he committed murder with an axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Murphy, of the Norton country, are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy born to them a few days ago.

Wm. Hughes, of Eden, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

FERGUSON QUARANTINE IS HURTING

GALVESTON, March 24.—Brokers here say that Gov. Ferguson's stringent quarantine orders is responsible for great damage to the horse trade of Oklahoma and Texas. The ships that have been clearing from this port have been driven to New Orleans.

HUNT-HALF COCK

Rev. Bion Adkins performed the marriage ceremony Wednesday afternoon at the Ninth St. parsonage that united in marriage Mr. Thomas E. Halfcock and Miss Pearl Hunt and the happy young couple left on the afternoon Santa Fe for point east to enjoy their honeymoon.

Mr. Halfcock is a prominent young citizen of San Angelo, and Miss Hunt is one of Runnels County's favorite young daughters of the Valley Creek country.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life for the young couple.

Alfred Luckett of Miles, and W. E. Weibusch of Wingate, were among the number in Ballinger Monday who bought from R. L. Harwell a five-passenger Ford each, and drove out to their respective homes in the afternoon. Mr. Harwell received a car load of Fords Monday and sold them out as fast as they were put up and still holds orders for another car load as soon as they can be brought from the factory.

Lee Evans, one of the prosperous young farmers up the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.