

New Items Added--They're Bargains

Unloading Sale Ladies' Fur Ladies' & C

MANY PEOPLE SEE ROAD MACHINERY WORK

A big Reeves 40 tractor engine pulling a Western No. 10 road grader on the Wingate road about a mile west of Ballinger, was the attraction for many people from the city Wednesday morning. The new road machinery was carried out and made ready Tuesday afternoon and the work of building the Ballinger-Wingate road started early Wednesday morning.

"I am well pleased with the work the new machinery is doing," said Commissioner Kirk, who followed closely after the grader a good part of the day, and saw that everything came up to contract made with the dealers of the new machinery. Mr. Kirk says the grader will be kept busy until the roads in his precinct are in good shape, or until the cash plays out.

The new grader does the work a great deal faster than the horse power grader and is much more satisfactory. The grader cuts through hard clay rock and tears up stumps with terrific power, and the grade ditch is cut level and the dirt carried to the road bed all in one operation. While you are out joy riding it is worth your time to see this machine at work.

J. H. Biggerstaff and S. H. Wilson, representing the Emmerson Brantingham Co., who sold the county the big tractor through the local dealers E. Allison & Son, are here seeing that everything comes up to the expectation of the commissioners. G. A. Gill and Thos. Ayers, representing the Western Co., who sold the grader, are also on the ground in the try out of the new machinery and are well pleased with the work their grader is doing here.

The installation of the new machinery does not mean that the road crew will be cut down, but means that the work will be carried on much faster. The road hands will be kept on the job to handle the moving of rock from the road bed and leveling up the places the grader cannot get to, and hauling gravel, where gravel is needed, and building concrete culverts. The commissioners plan to replace all wooden culverts with modern concrete dips and culverts, and in this way book a big saving for the county, as the concrete culverts will be permanent and will not call for repairs like the wooden crossings.

S. H. Daugherty, wife and children left Saturday for Comanche, Gatesville, and other points, visiting.

Prosperity A War Measure

During peace prosperity is essential to progress. During war it is absolutely vital to the nation's life. The country's chief executive sounded the call for immediate service in all lines of industrial endeavor when he said that "our industries must be made more prolific and more efficient than ever."

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Ladies' and Misses' hats going at a discount of 35 cents on the dollar.
One lot Misses' hats going at 95c
One lot Ladies' and Misses' odds and ends hats going at 25c
10 percent discount on the dollar on all Ladies' Misses' and children's slippers and pumps.

FOR THE MEN

One lot Ladies' and Misses' slippers
Men's \$8.50 and \$7.50 light colors
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Men's \$8.50 and \$7.50 dark colors
Men's \$4.50, \$4.00 and only

FERGUSON INVITED TO ADDRESS FARMERS

A telegram was sent to Gov. Jas. E. Ferguson Tuesday, inviting him to address the Farmers Union which meets in Ballinger on July 17th. The committee was in session working out plans for the coming convention and as Ballinger is expected to furnish several speakers for the occasion, an invitation was wired to Gov. Ferguson. The telegram was delivered to the governor at Amarillo. It is expected that he will answer it as soon as he returns to Austin and finds out whether the date conflicts with any other date he might have.

The District Farmers' Union which is scheduled to meet here on July 17th, is composed of sixteen counties. In addition to the delegates from over the district, the secretary writes the local committee that there will be delegates from other districts and that many visitors will attend the convention. It is expected that there will be a large crowd here, and if Gov. Ferguson is secured for the occasion it is expected that many people who are not affiliated with the Union will be here to hear him.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET CLOSED

LIVERPOOL, June 20.—After breaking the record for high market yesterday, the cotton market here was closed today. The cotton association order the Liverpool market closed.

A banquet of the Knight Templars was held in San Angelo Monday evening. Those going from Ballinger were Sir Knights Ed. Walker, Jack McGregor and W. B. Halley.

WILSON SAYS BELGIUM SHALL BE RESTORED

WASHINGTON, June 19.—In Belgium's war mission late yesterday President Wilson expressed America's solemn determination that on the inevitable day of victory Belgium shall be restored to the place she has so richly won among the self-respecting and respected nations. Secretary Lansing accompanied the commissioners to the White House, where Baron Moncheur, head of the mission, handed to President Wilson a personal letter from King Albert and expressed, in a short address, Belgium's gratitude for America's aid.

The baron said Belgium had contracted an immense debt of gratitude to the generous American nation. In a magnificent outburst of sympathy for the little country which had chosen to delay a powerful and pitiless enemy rather than to tarnish honor or forswear its pledged word, the initiative of American citizens gave to the unfortunate victims of German cruelty in Belgium the most splendid evidence of generosity.

"Yes, Belgium again will take her place among the nations. The enemy brought us massacre and devastation, but there still remains the Belgian people; their ancestors; there still remains to Belgium an industrious population of unconquerable energy."

President Wilson, thanking Baron Moncheur, and through him King Albert, said in reply:

"Your excellency is good enough to express the thanks of the Belgian people for the participation of America in feeding the people of your stricken country.

"America engaged in this as being the only means, however inadequate, of expressing our deep and sincere admiration for the valiant nation that had gone forth unhesitatingly to meet the onslaught of a ruthless enemy, rather than sacrifice her honor.

"The American people have been able to understand and glory in the unflinching heroism of the Belgian people and their sovereign, and there is not one among us who does not today welcome the opportunity of expressing to you our heartfelt sympathy and friendship and our solemn determination that, on the inevitable day of victory, Belgium shall be restored to the place she has so richly won among the self-respecting and respected nations of the earth."

Last night the visitors were entertained at a formal White House dinner. The diners included Vice President Marshall, the Belgian minister, Chief Justice White, Speaker Clark, members of the cabinet, a number of congressional leaders and high officers of the army and navy.

Geo. McMillan came in Monday at noon from Sylvester to visit relatives in Ballinger for a while.

Mrs. Herie Taylor left Tuesday for Wingate to visit her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilbur.

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Men's odd and ends slippers .50c
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BUILDING HIGHWAY HERE TO WINGATE

Plans have been perfected between Commissioners Kirk, Smith, and Craft for the building of a good high way from Ballinger to Wingate. This road takes in part of the three commissioners precincts. About eight or ten miles of the road has never been worked and part of it is almost impassable.

Commissioner Smith stated Tuesday that his crew had started on the Wingate end of the road and would work this way until they met Commissioner Kirk's crew which would begin work at the Ballinger end of the highway. Mr. Kirk's new grader has arrived and it will be put to work with the big tractor engine immediately.

This is one of the most important roads in the county. It will serve a thickly settled part of the county, the citizens of the northwest part of the county, including Norton, Maverick, Wilmeth Marie getting the benefit of the road as the road from the other places named will lead into the Wingate road.

The completion of this road will make it possible for the citizens in that part of the county to come here attend to their business and return home within a few hours. Motor trucks are being used on this road in hauling freight to Wingate and the other towns in that part of the county, while here before it has been necessary to ship the goods to Winters and freight from that town. This alone means a big saving to the people as it will lessen the freight rate.

The people in the northwest part of the county have suffered bad roads for a long time. They have been patient, and we are glad to note that they will have a good highway to the county site town as soon as it can be built.

R. T. Young and wife returned to their home in Winters Tuesday.

C. L. Liddell and wife of Winters passed through Ballinger Monday en route to their home from Austin.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT HATCHEL

A Committee from Ballinger visited Hatchel Wednesday night where a mass meeting was held and the Red Cross work put under way in that community. The people gathered and manifested an interest in the move to do what they can to help in the work, and a good start was made. Cash and pledges amounting to about \$60 were secured at the meeting and a committee with Mrs. Oscar Holliday as chairman, was appointed to carry on the work in that community.

S. D. Williams acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced the speakers. Judge Doss was the principal speaker of the evening, and Mr. Williams and Mr. Weeks made short talks, soliciting the aid of the Hatchel people in the great Red Cross movements.

CAN'T DRINK UNLESS REGISTERED

At last saloon men can protect themselves from selling liquor to minors. Many bartenders when suspicious of a youth, are asking to see his registration card. If he isn't registered, he's not of age, or he's an old man—and that's all there is to it.

Simmons was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ransberger, and was numbered among the pioneers of this county. She grew from girlhood in Rannels county and married Mr. Simmons, also one of the pioneer citizens of the county. To them were born six children, and the mother leaves a little baby about one month old.

Neighbors came to Ballinger early Thursday morning and perfected the funeral arrangements and at three o'clock Dr. Renfro who is here conducting a revival, conducted the funeral services and the remains were interred in the City Cemetery. Dr. Renfro was formerly presiding elder of the Bethel church, of which Mrs. Simmons was a member.

The bereaved husband and children have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow, and many of these friends gathered at the home and attended the funeral, offering consolation and help to the sorrow stricken family.

RUSSIAN HEGIRA COMPLETED TODAY

COPENHAGEN, June 19.—The ship, Oscar II, arrived here today bearing seven hundred Russians. This completes the political exiles from American which are to be transported back to their home.

LONDON, June 19.—The Poles have refused to deal with the Austro-Hungarian cabinet. The fall of the ministry and possibly more far reaching results may come soon.

PARIS, June 19.—The violent German attack on the French positions taken Monday between Mont Blond and Mont Cornillet, in the Champagne sector, was completely broken down by heavy French fire today.

General Petain's men repulsed the Germans at every point and scattered their forces with the capture of many soldiers and the taking of guns.



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CHASTAIN MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Tax Collector M. D. Chastain made his annual report as tax collector to the commissioners' court recently. The commissioners approved the report and complimented Mr. Chastain for the accurate and splendid way in which it was gotten up and presented to the court.

Mr. Chastain took charge of the office in November, taking the oath of office during the latter part of the month. The heavy tax paying took place before he went in office, but his report shows that his first work as tax collector kept him pretty busy through the months of December and January, the tax payers during these months representing to a great extent the smaller tax payers, and the majority of the poll tax receipts were issued during these months.

Since taking the oath of office, as shown by Mr. Chastain's report to the commissioners' court, he has collected a total of \$88,274.49. The collections by months are as follows:

December \$12,804.09
January \$65,302.85
February \$1,237.24
March \$886.25
April \$687.35
May \$525.25.

Sour Stomach.

This is a mild form of indigestion. It is usually brought on by eating too rapidly or too much, or of food not suited to your digestive organs. If you will eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, eat but little meat and none at all for supper, you will more than likely avoid the sour stomach without taking any medicine whatever. When you have sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid digestion.

Mrs. Love and children spent the afternoon in Winters Saturday, going up and coming back on the A. & S.

A. F. Glass of Rosebud after a short visit in Ballinger left Monday on the A. & S. for points north.

J. F. Small of Riverside was in Ballinger for a short while Monday, going on to Wingate in the afternoon to visit his mother.



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SOME SPUDS FOR DRY LAND.

R. C. Henniger was here Saturday and just to show the fellows from Missouri that spuds would make and make good here, he brought a sack of as fine spuds as ever grew any where to town and left them with his friend H. Giesecke. Mr. Henniger raised these spuds near Hatchell without irrigation. This has been a successful year for spuds and those who planted have harvested a good crop. People should begin now to plan to plant a fall crop of Irish potatoes. Potatoes are bringing a high price with very little prospects for a cheaper spud, and those who raise their own potatoes will profit by the raising.

Has a Good Opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are a wonder. I never sold anything that beat them," writes F. B. Tressey, Richmond, Ky. When troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial.

SNYDER PEOPLE PRAYING FOR RAIN.

Parties in from Snyder today state that the people of that town closed yesterday for an hour in order to meet and pray for rain.

Practically every business house in the town closed.

So far as is reported no rain has fallen in answer to the prayer.—Sweetwater Reporter.

PARENTS SHOULD NOW MAKE TRANSFERS

We are told that every year there are quite a number of parents who lose the benefit of the free school money all because they neglect to transfer their children from the district in which they are listed in the scholastic census to the district where they expect to move or to where they expect to send their children to school.

If a child lives in one district and expects to attend school in another, it is absolutely essential that the transfer be made with the county superintendent before the first day of August. To neglect to do this means that you must pay tuition.

Superintendent Hagan stated Monday that he was ready now to receive transfers and make the proper entries in his records, and those wishing to transfer their children from one district to another should not wait until after the first of August. Do it now, if you know what your plans for the coming school term are, and if you do not know what your plans are, find out before the first of August and make the transfer with the county superintendent. You are entitled to free school money if you see that the district in which your children attend school gets credit for the money, but if you do not do your part don't euss the school board because they will not admit your children free.

Whooping Cough.

In this disease it is important that the cough be kept loose and expectoration easy, which can be done by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. P. H. Martin, Peru, Ind., writes: "My two daughters had whooping cough. I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it worked like a charm."

BEE HIVE YIELDS 91 POUNDS HONEY

We often hear of heavy crop yields, and success in poultry raising, dairying, etc., but it is seldom we hear of a man filling his pockets with money out of one bee hive. Such a thing occurred to F. Mountz this week. Mr. Mountz was selling as fine honey in Ballinger Saturday as ever came from a bee hive.

We learn some interesting facts from Mr. Mountz about the success with bees that is possible, where they are given the proper attention, but this does not require much work, and no cash to take care of them.

Mr. Mountz says he hived a swarm of bees on May 10th. He robbed the hive on June 15th, just one month and five days after the bees were placed to work, and secured from the upper section of the hive 31 pounds of pure, clear honey. The lower section of the hive contained 60 pounds of honey, making a total of 91 pounds for the busy bees work of one month and five days.

In addition to turning out the swarm of bees, Mr. Mountz says the old hive from which the new bees came turned out 61 pounds of honey and another swarm of bees on May 22, making two swarms of bees and 61 pounds of honey realized from the old hive within a few days. To verify his statement Mr. Mountz plans to bring the hive which he saved on May 22nd to the city next Saturday and show the honey just as made since that date, representing one month's work of the bees.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

A. & S. OFFICIAL GOES TO WAR.

Harry S. Phillips, general superintendent of the Abilene & Southern who was notified a few days ago that he had been appointed a captain in the engineer's corps of the United States army to lead a company to rehabilitate the railways of the French republic, has received fuller details from Col. Townsend of St. Louis, organizer of the St. Louis unit. He is asked to report at St. Louis for the physical examination, and will go to that city Friday.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. L. S. Evans and son Lee, left Saturday going to Bowie.

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LOCAL SANITARIUM HAS MANY PATIENTS

Since the first of January the Halley & Love Sanitarium has been crowded to its capacity, and many operations have been performed. Out of the great number of surgery cases handled this year only two deaths have occurred, and these were patients who were in critical conditions when placed in the sanitarium.

At present there are nine patients in the sanitarium who are recovering nicely from operations for various troubles. Lucile Wilson, the fourteen year old girl who was brought here from Coleman last week and operated on, is getting well and will soon be able to return to her home. The young lady was in a serious condition when brought here, a kick by a horse having ruptured an intestine.

Mrs. Gerard Huston, of Paint Rock, who was operated on for appendicitis first of this week, is recovering and will soon be able to return to her home.

M. P. Carbo, of Mullin, was brought here this week and is in the sanitarium for examination with a view of undergoing an operation for a serious trouble. It has not been determined whether an operation will be performed or not.

Mrs. J. C. Thaxton, of Maverick, was brought to the sanitarium Thursday in a serious condition from an attack of appendicitis. She was operated on early Friday morning, and the latest reports say that she is doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Thaxton is an old lady, and it will be remarkable if she recovers.

Tom Brazelton, industrial agent for the Santa Fe, returned to his home at Galveston Monday. He came here to attend the funeral of his brother, Major Brazelton, which was held Sunday afternoon.

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Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . . It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

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TAKES FEVER WHILE ON VISIT

H. O. Rhodes received news Tuesday that the little girl of Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Freeman was ill with typhoid fever at Bastrop, Texas, where the family went a few days ago on a visit. Mr. Freeman is cashier of the First State Bank at Rowena. He came to Ballinger with his family a few days ago and was joined by Mrs. Rhodes, a sister of Mrs. Freeman, and the party left in their auto for a visit to South Texas points. The child became ill after reaching Bastrop, and the physicians announced that she had typhoid fever.

C. E. Belvin passed through Ballinger Monday going from Bradshaw to Valera.

Mrs. M. Krueger and daughter, Miss Margaret, of San Antonio, are here on a visit with Mrs. A. C. Homann.

Have You Enlisted?

We must win this war. You don't necessarily have to enlist in the army to fight our enemies. Your efforts will count just as much in helping to conserve our resources. Mr. Farmer, build sheds and barns and save every pound of feed you raise. It will all be worth money next winter. We will help you make what improvements you need. We still have confidence in our farmer friends. Call and talk it over with us.

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COTTON PASSES 25 CENTS IN BALLINGER

In 1873 cotton sold for 26 cents. In 1917—yesterday—cotton sold for 26.70 in New York. Today cotton is selling in Ballinger for 25 cents. Just a little more dampness within the next few days and then a little more sunshine and hot weather, and the banks of this county will bulge out, and pockets of the farmers will lag heavy with the coin.

Long about the year 1890—27 years ago, the father of this editor piled cotton seed out in the fields, where later they were scattered in the furrow by the negro hands and plowed under for fertilizer. If we had that seed today we would sell it for \$3 per hundred pounds. We can recall a familiar scene in our boyhood days back in Mississippi, at a large gin situated on the banks of the Big Sandy River, where throughout the cotton season a conveyor emptied tons after tons of cotton seed into the river and it floated away to waste. It was a cheap way of getting the seed out of the way. It was a waste we can't repay.

There is no joke or hot air about real 25 cent cotton in Ballinger. We can give facts in names and figures. F. C. Miller purchased three bales of cotton from G. A. Henniger Tuesday morning, paying 25 cents per pound. One bale of cotton brought Mr. Henniger even \$141. The three bales brought \$387.25. At the prevailing price of seed this cotton is valued at nearly \$500, or more than \$150 per bale.

W. W. Farmer Gets 25.37 for 42 Bales.

W. W. Farmer sold to Dan Moser forty-two bales of cotton Tuesday for twenty-five and three-eighths cents. Mr. Farmer dropped into the Ballinger State Bank and told C. S. Miller that he held the cotton on the strength of a prediction made by Mr. Miller that the cotton would go to 25 cents. This is the highest price ever paid in this city for cotton. The market closed about twenty points from the high mark reached Tuesday.

BOYS KILL MINKS ON COLORADO RIVER.

Minks are not often found in this part of the country, but Dr. Dickinson's boys have killed two lately. The animals were found in the water, and the boys used dogs to catch them.

The skins of minks are valuable when taken in the right time of the year, but the boys could not get anyone to buy them during this season. One dealer told the boys that the skins were real mink, but that he could not use them now.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold packages. Take no others. Buy of your Druggist. A box for 25 CENTS. BOTTLES OF FIVE, for 50 CENTS. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

J. N. Harris and wife of Miles, who had been visiting relatives, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Nicholson, of this city, left Monday for Dallas.

MAN WHO ESCAPED SUB COMING HERE

(From Abilene Reporter) An interesting character walked into the Reporter office Thursday morning and introduced himself as E. R. Allen, of Ballinger, Texas. The gentleman is 85 years old and has sailed the seas for 48 years.

Mr. Allen was chief cook on the steamship, Gullflight, which was torpedoed February 3rd, 1917, off Kings Head lighthouse, about 25 miles from the point where the Lusitania went down after being struck by a German torpedo. The Gullflight was 650 feet long and was one of the best oil tankers afloat. This fine ship had sailed from Tampico for Liverpool and would have landed in about five days had she escaped the German sub.

"It was our fifth trip and we were sailing along at a good rate of speed when all at once a shot from a German sub fell only a few yards short of the ship. It was about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Feb. 3rd. The Captain of the Gullflight ordered the engines stopped and the ship to come to a standstill. By the time the ship was stopped the German submarine was alongside and the captain of the sub and two other officers came aboard the Gullflight and ordered all the crew to get in life boats. We asked to be allowed to go below and get our clothing and money and something to eat but were denied that privilege and were told to hurry and get into the life boats. As soon as we had gotten away from the ship far enough to escape the suction of the ship in sinking, the German officer ordered that a torpedo be fired at the ship which struck the great vessel center and it was but a few minutes in sinking with her rich cargo of oil amounting to 12,500 tons.

"We did not see another thing of the submarine and were left in the life boats without any kind of food or water to drink. Fortunately for us the wireless operator had sent out a message that our ship was being torpedoed just before she went down and at 7:00 o'clock the next morning the Rotterdam, bound for Jamaica, hove in sight and we were all picked up and given something to eat and made comfortable. Some of the boats were so far as ten miles apart but the big ship found all of them. A patrol boat reached us after the Rotterdam and there was some lively hunting for the submarine, but of course it had long disappeared. The weather was extremely cold.

"Everywhere we went on the trip back to America we were treated well. At Galveston the Santa Fe railroad furnished all the boys free transportation to their homes. But I am getting restless to be on the sea again. I expect to go to France on the hospital ship Solace as soon as it leaves the United States. I want to go over there and cook for the Red Cross and thus add my mite to help free the world from German autocracy. I am glad the United States is in this war. The Germans have to be whipped and Uncle Sam will never quit until the task is done. I am 85 years old, but I never dissipate and my health is good and I want to even up with those fellows mighty bad," said Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen is a well known man in Sweetwater, Abilene, Winters and Ballinger, having cooked at all of the points. He seems to be in good health and with but one ambition—to help the United States in this great war. He will be here a day or so before going to Ballinger.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

MRS. HOLT SMITH IN CRITICAL CONDITION

We regret to note that Mrs. Holt Smith is seriously ill, and there is little hopes for her recovery. Mrs. Smith has been ill for sometime, and her condition has gradually grown worse until the physicians hold out no hope. Mr. Smith has the sympathy of his friends in his sorrow.

Chewing Gum

Chew Gum "Made In Texas" As Good as the BEST — Better Than MOST



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- It tastes good, remains firm, lasts well, doesn't bite, flavor continues.

Visitors welcome. Come inspect a first-class manufacturing plant—a Texas institution when in Temple.

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JUNE 'TEENTH BEGINS WITH THREE ARRESTS

Some of his friends were taking Sheriff Perkins severely to task Tuesday morning for arresting two negroes for fighting. The idea of arresting a negro for any minor offense on "June Teenth" was looked upon by those contending with the sheriff over the matter was altogether contrary to the spirit of the day. Every negro should have his independence on this day, even to the extent of a regular knock down and drag out among themselves.

The trouble Tuesday morning occurred before some of the negroes had been relieved of duties for the day, and while most people were enjoying the pleasant dawn for snoozing. A dusky wife had started her husband to town after some steak for breakfast. According to her own version of the trouble, she was suspicious, and started out close on the heels of her husband to see what she could see. What she did see is responsible for the scrap. The obedient husband did not go straight to market as he had been directed, but stopped on the road and was making an early call on his lady friend when the infuriated and muchly wronged wife appeared on the scene. What the negro's spouse did to her husband would not look good in print. However, the officers decided she did the right thing and no fine was assessed against her, but the man was made to pay a fine in addition to the good thrashing his wife gave him.

Arrest Woman for Vagrancy

The officers spoiled the June 19th celebration for a negro woman Tuesday by placing her under arrest on vagrancy charges. The negro will be required to dig up, get busy or move on. The officers want it thoroughly understood that Ballinger will afford room for no vagrant or slacker at this time. The vag and slacker are in the same class in the eyes of all loyal Americans.

CONVENIENT CHANGE AT THE POSTOFFICE

The general delivery window and the stamp window at the local postoffice have been moved to the south end of the lobby, placing them in close touch with the registry and money order window. The change is made for the convenience of the public, and those having business with the different departments of the office can transact that business without having to go from one end of the lobby to the other. The new arrangement is also more convenient to the employees.

CONTRACT LET FOR GARAGE BUILDING

Gus Noyes let the contract Monday for the rebuilding of the rock garage recently destroyed by fire. Frank Drews, a former contractor of this city, was awarded the contract, and work will begin at once. Mr. Noyes has not secured a tenant for the building.

RELATES HIS EXPERIENCE WITH CHICKENS

Made Big Money on a Bunch of Chickens By Using Dr. Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil.

"I bought 92 chickens last fall at a greatly reduced price," says Mr. C. R. Likens, well known citizen of Winters, Tex., "because they were so badly affected with sore-head." One eye of several of the chickens was entirely out. In fact it was the worst case of sore-head I have ever seen among a bunch of chickens, and was so stated by many who saw them. My neighbors told me I would lose the entire bunch of chickens as there was nothing that would cure such severe cases of sore-head.

"I got a bottle of Dr. Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil and cured the entire bunch of sore-head with only a few applications. My neighbors would hardly believe me when I showed them the results of using Dr. Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil on this bunch of sore-head fowls.

"It is with pleasure that I recommend Dr. Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil for gout, limber-neck, roup and sealy legs on fowls, as well as sore-head."

Why not try this remedy on your chickens? Get a bottle now. Price 50c.

Ask for Dr. Tinkle's Remedies, consisting of Liver-eze, Healing Oil, Baby Bowel Remedy, Stomach Remedy, Dusting Powder and Sew Worm Killer if you want the best. They are sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., in Crews by J. W. Rainwater, in Hatchel by J. T. Branham; Miles by Palace Drug Store, City Drug store, in Pony by Pat Mapes, in Rowena by Shillers Pharmacy, in Token by J. W. Bright, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, City Drug Store, Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., in Maverick by T. L. Todd.

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Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

BROWNWOOD RAISES \$4,000 FIRST DAY.

On Monday, the first day of Red Cross Week at Brownwood, that city put up \$3,812. That city has set as its goal \$30,000. Mass meetings will be held every night during the week, and ten squads of ten men each are canvassing the entire county. The first two days of the week will be spent in Brownwood and then the country districts will be visited.

Check That Cold Quick.

As every cough or sneeze distributes millions of germs, we only need a draft, chill or fatigue to lower the body's resistance and start a cold. At the first sign, take Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey and don't let a "summer cold" become deep seated. The pleasant balsam qualities in Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey cut the phlegm, relieves congestion and allays inflammation. Children like it, used with success by singers and public speakers. 25c at your drug gist.

ABILENE MAN ACCEPTED IN RAILWAY CORPS

Harry S. Phillips of Abilene, who recently received an appointment as a captain to go to France with American railway men to rehabilitate the railways of France, returned last night from St. Louis, where he went to take the physical examination, which he passed. Mr. Phillips expects to be called for active service in the next ten days and will arrange his business affairs so as to be ready. He is general superintendent of the Abilene & Southern railway and is regarded as one of the most efficient young railway men in the state.—Abilene Reporter.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Any adult suffering from cough, cold or bronchitis, is invited to call at the J. Y. Pearce drug store and get absolutely free, a sample bottle of **Boschee's German Syrup**, a soothing and healing remedy for all lung troubles, which has a successful record of fifty years. Gives the patient a good night's rest free from coughing, with free expectoration in the morning. Regular sizes, 25 and 75 cents. For sale in all civilized countries.

Miss Emma Jones returned Monday to her home in San Antonio, after a visit to friends in Ballinger.

Pure Mebane Triumph cotton seed for sale by Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-tf

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Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

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The devil loves a slacker, and it has been held that the devil will get all slackers.

In 1873 cotton sold for 26 cents, the highest in the history of the cotton industry of this country. Texas only produced 40,000 bales in that year. A 4,000,000 bale crop promises to bring almost, if not quite, as high price this year. History repeats itself.

Our wife says the grocery man charged her thirty-five cents per box for cream of wheat today. This is an advance of more than a hundred per cent as this popular breakfast food sold for fifteen cents only a short time ago. There is something rotten in Denmark, and the government control of food can not come too quick for the man with a half dozen kids squalling for cream of wheat and the sugar to pile on it.

We can't help but be a war pessimist. The more we read about this trouble we have gotten into the bigger the scrap looks. It is hard to predict what the end will be. The latest dispatches tell us that the Japanese have their stinger out and have declined to co-operate with Uncle Sam in straightening out a little internal trouble in China. We have to get the map now to tell who we are fighting and before the thing ends it will take a pretty good scholar to tell who is his enemy. Who started this fuss anyway, and what did they do it for?

FARMERS SAVING FEED

Wagon loads of feed are appearing on the local market today. During the last week or two Johnson grass hay, baled oats, etc. have been finding a ready market here, and the price appears unreasonable to the man who must buy or let his livestock starve. In years past more feed has gone to waste in Rannels county than will be made this year. It is safe to say that little feed will go to waste this year.

There is a demand for all kinds of feed and the demand will grow with the harvest. It is probable the local market will become glutted, but it will be the careless farmer—the man with poor judgment who does not provide some way of storing his surplus feed. Harvest time is no time to sell feed, and it is the successful farmer who provides storage room.

Stop That Summer Cough.

We have coughs and grippy feelings in warm weather because colds are germ diseases. That's why we should have Dr. King's New Discovery handy. It's anti-septic ingredients fight the growth of germs and loosen their hold. It's laxative qualities expel these germs and cleanse the system. You can feel its pleasant balsams soothe the inflammation heal tissues strained by coughing and promote rest and sleep. Millions of bottles sold. 50c, \$1.00 at your druggist. Used for nearly 50 years.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Ruby Brown returned home Monday from Bangs, and Brownwood, where she had been visiting her sisters.

Malcom Layton left Saturday for Brownwood to visit his brother a few days.

Miss Mary Parker, of Eldorado, who had been visiting her cousin, Miss Maydelle Rushing, the past month, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch and children left Monday for Bangs, Brownwood, and Alexander, for a short visit.

Mrs. Ed Eubanks returned home Sunday from near Winters, where she had been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth, of near Crews, visited Mrs. Booth's sister, Mrs. Reese, Saturday.

Ross Smith and Miss Ada Brown were quietly married Sunday, and will live in the home that he recently purchased from A. B. Legate. We wish these young people much happiness.

The singing at the home of C. C. Cockrell's Sunday night was well attended and all report a pleasant time.

LADIES RESPOND TO CALL FOR RED CROSS WORKERS

One of the most aggressive Red Cross campaigns ever launched in any city is on in dead earnest in Ballinger. Two dozen young ladies of Ballinger, under the leadership of Mrs. U. P. Melton, have responded to the call for help in raising a fund to be used in carrying on the Red Cross work in the great war. A campaign of work for the present week has been outlined and every citizen in Ballinger and many throughout the county will be given an opportunity to have a share in this great work.

As stated elsewhere in this paper, a committee of ladies were appointed to organize a force of solicitors. The announcement was made at the mass meeting Sunday night, and by ten o'clock Monday morning squads had been organized and is as follows:

Squad No. 1, known as the Army Squad, will be designated by red badges. Miss Lois Crews is the captain of this squad and is made up of Misses Lois Allison, Hattie Miller, Vera Nicholson, Mamie Ray, Myrtle Whitaker, Josephine McKinney, Geneva Currie, and Mrs. Alex McGregor.

Squad 2, known as the Navy Squad, Miss Mamie Gregory captain, Misses Willie Hutton, Nell Kipp, Grace Dewitt, Kathryn Fitch, Velma Walker, Zula McKay, Fannie Wilmeth and Nadine Currie. This squad will be designated with blue ribbon badges.

Squad No. 3, known as the Aviation Squad, Miss Lucile Powell, captain, Misses Juliet K. Miller, Maurine Weeks, Anna J. e a n Sharp, Juliet B. Miller, Sid Moore, Melva Walker, Pauline Van Pelt, Irma Dickinson. The aviation squad will be designated with white badges.

These young ladies are requested to meet with Mrs. U. P. Melton at 8:30 Tuesday morning, where they will receive drilling for active work and the campaign will be launched Tuesday afternoon and continue throughout the remainder of the week. Mrs. Melton stated that the autos to be used by the young ladies in their work will be decorated with Red Cross banners, and she felt sure the people would hear from the different squads before the week ends. The three squads will wage a contest in soliciting funds, and you can help the one of your choice or help them all, but don't fail to help.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday will be devoted to private solicitation. Thursday will be Red Cross Day at Week. Mr. Weeks having offered fifty per cent of his gross sales at the soda fountain for this day. You are expected to drink more than usual and see that your friends drink. There will be more solicitation also Thursday.

Thursday night will be Red Cross night at the White City. The managers of the movie have offered fifty per cent of their gross receipts to the Red Cross fund on this night. It is expected to fill the picture show to overflow.

There will be something doing Friday, but no definite program has been announced.

Saturday will be Red Cross Day at the Melton Dry Dry Goods Co., store, and Tag Day. Melton Dry Goods Co., have offered five per cent of their gross sales on Saturday to the Red Cross fund. On this day it will be very uncomfortable for the man who walks the streets of Ballinger without a Red Cross Tag dangling from his coat, shirt or suspender.

The slogan adopted in this campaign is to give until it hurts and then continue giving until it quits hurting.

The first Red Cross meeting ever held in this city was held at the Methodist church Sunday night. At this meeting the following subscriptions were made to the call for funds, and this is just the beginning of what is to follow:

- R. T. Williams\$25.00
- W. B. Ray\$25.00
- J. McGregor\$25.00
- J. A. Weeks\$25.00
- T. S. Lankford\$25.00
- U. P. Melton\$25.00
- R. L. Harwell\$25.00
- Mrs. J. H. Kipp\$25.00
- E. L. Rasbury\$25.00
- E. D. Walker\$25.00
- W. L. Golden\$25.00
- Dr. W. W. Fowler\$25.00
- E. F. Krebs\$15.00
- R. McGregor\$15.00

- Chas. S. Miller\$15.00
- Mrs. Renfro\$15.00
- W. E. Barbee\$10.00
- Scott H. Mack\$10.00
- P. McGregor\$10.00
- Mrs. R. A. Nicholson\$10.00
- Will Stevens\$10.00
- E. P. Talbott\$10.00
- Miss Avis Jones\$10.00
- J. J. Erwin\$10.00
- W. A. Talley\$10.00
- Dr. J. L. Stephens\$10.00
- Elmer Simpson\$10.00
- U. E. Hartman\$10.00
- Judge A. K. Doss\$10.00
- Sam Behringer\$10.00
- Jas. E. Brewer\$10.00
- Jas. Skinner Jr.\$10.00
- E. A. Jeanes\$10.00
- Mrs. D. C. Simpson\$10.00
- Rev. R. B. Morgan\$5.00
- Alice Wilder\$5.00
- J. D. Perkins\$5.00
- Mrs. Della Halley\$5.00
- J. M. Garlington\$5.00
- Ira Thurman\$5.00
- Mrs. Matthews\$5.00
- J. C. Latham\$5.00
- J. M. Pyburn\$5.00
- Jack McKay\$5.00
- C. R. Crews\$5.00
- I. L. Morris\$5.00
- O. P. Dorsey\$5.00
- H. G. Hayes\$5.00
- Robt. L. Williams\$5.00
- Miss Helen Williams\$5.00
- Noel Penn\$5.00
- Dan Moser\$5.00
- A. Raff\$5.00
- W. L. Brown\$5.00
- Mrs. J. L. Chapman\$5.00
- Diaz Wood\$5.00
- Bumpo Wheeler\$5.00
- Delbert Vanceil\$5.00
- S. K. Hutton\$5.00
- S. C. Harris\$5.00
- G. M. Vaughn\$5.00
- Jack Nichols\$5.00
- T. M. Osteen\$5.00
- Young Men's Christian League\$5.00
- Mrs. E. C. Baskins\$2.50
- D. C. Claypool\$2.50
- Mrs. Hill\$2.50
- P. C. Straley\$2.00
- T. S. Lankford\$1.00
- Rev. J. B. Curry\$1.00
- Mrs. Stokes\$1.00
- R. T. Williams\$1.00
- E. F. Eaton\$1.00
- H. O. Rhodes\$1.00
- V. B. Jones\$1.00
- J. W. E. Meadows\$1.00
- Miss Lola Barbee\$1.00
- Miss Louise Doss\$1.00
- Dr. W. T. Allan\$1.00
- R. L. Tigna\$1.00
- M. C. LaGrone\$1.00
- Roderick Curry\$1.00
- Baby Fowler\$0.50

At this time Rannels county will not attempt to raise one dollar per capita, or a total of \$25,000 to help carry on the Red Cross work, but that the citizens of Ballinger are alive to the interest of the American soldiers and will take a big hand in supporting the Red Cross was thoroughly demonstrated at the Red Cross mass meeting held at the Methodist church Sunday night.

For this occasion the different churches of the city, with perhaps one or two exceptions, dismissed their respective services and the people met in a mass meeting, or in a union meeting for the purposes of launching a campaign here to raise funds for the Red Cross and for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross chapter. The meeting was very necessary at this time as National Red Cross week began at this time and will continue through this week. A revival was in progress at the Methodist church, but the pastor, Rev. Curry and the evangelist, Dr. Renfro, very kindly gave way and assisted in making the mass meeting a success.

Complying with a call made by President Wilson several days ago, Mayor Krebs appointed a committee composed of R. T. Williams, chairman; A. W. Sledge, J. A. Weeks, J. McGregor and W. B. Ray, to formulate plans for launching a Red Cross campaign here and observing Red Cross week. The committee met immediately and the mass meeting held Sunday night was the outgrowth of the committee work.

R. T. Williams presided at the mass meeting Sunday night and introduced several speakers, and the short but inspiring talks made it possible for the work to be started in this county under the most favorable circumstances. Patriotic songs, including a male quartette made up the music for the meeting.

Rev. Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist church, was the first speaker of the evening, and he emphasized the fact that many of those who remained at home must substitute their places in war with money. The speaker first gave his endorsement of the work, the method in which it was being launched in Ballinger and stated that the Sunday evening's mass meeting was not out of place but was in perfect harmony with christianity.

Rev. Morgan was followed by short talks by J. McGregor, Chas. S. Miller, Judge A. K. Doss and E. D. Walker. Judge Jno. L. Guion, in his characteristic way made the large audience realize that this country was in the war, and made them feel the need of their help in the work undertaken in this city. Judge Guion's address, like all the others speakers, was free from any unkindly criticism of the enemy, but a feeling of pity was expressed for the people who make up the opposing nations in this war, and it was pointed out that America was not fighting for gain of territory, nor in this country carrying on a war of aggression, but was fighting a fight for the spread of christianity and freedom.

Preceding Judge Guion's enthusiastic and inspiring address, Chairman Williams announced that it had been definitely decided by the committee that a permanent chapter of the Red Cross Society would be organized in this city. In order that this work might be carried on successfully, and the chapter organized with a large membership, a soliciting committee was appointed. This committee, as announced by the chairman, is composed of Mrs. U. P. Melton, chairman; of manager of the three sub-committees or squads, Miss Lois Crews, Miss Lucile Powell and Miss Mamie Gregory were appointed to lead each squad in the campaign and three squads are to be organized of eight members each, including the leader and the squads are to be known as the Army Squad, lead by Miss Crews, the Navy Squad, lead by Miss Gregory, and the Aviation Squad, lead by Miss Powell.

The plan as outlined by chairman at the meeting Sunday night, calls for a contest between the three squads in canvassing for members and funds. The leaders appointed were requested to meet at once and select those they wish ed to make up their respective squads, and to call on the committee for any help they needed. It is expected that the present week will be observed and that a sufficient number of members will be secured to organize a Red Cross chapter here.


During the week different plans for raising money will be adopted. The Walker Drug Co. have announced that fifty per cent of the gross receipts from their soda fountain for one day, the day to be designated later, would go to the Red Cross fund. The Melton Dry Goods Co., announced that they would give five per cent of their gross sales for Saturday, June 23 to the Red Cross chapter. The Queen and White City Theatres will give fifty per cent of their gross receipts one day this week to the Red Cross. Other methods of raising money will be announced later, and in the meantime the young ladies appointed to solicit members will be shelling the woods for subscriptions, and will be armed with membership cards, which provide for any amount the contributor wishes to give to be paid in four monthly installments.

This work is important work. To send American soldiers to the battle front without providing for their care when sick and wounded is unreasonable to think about. There is no other way to raise the money except by free will offerings, and the Red Cross work is carried on in this way. It is expected that another mass meeting will be held at an early date, at which time Dr. L. P. Allison, of Brownwood, is expected to address the people. Dr. Allison has just returned from Wichita, Kansas, where he attended the National meeting of the Red Cross Society. He is not only an able speaker, but he is familiar with the work in hand and every loyal American is expected to hear him when he comes here.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and can not put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities Herbine is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Clyde M. Haddick of Lockney, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Georgetown.

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Ask Grandfather—He'll Tell You—

SUDDEN DEATH OF MAJOR BRAZELTON

The sad news of the death of Major John C. Brazelton spread over Ballinger early Saturday morning, and it was soon known in every home in Ballinger that this good man had been called from this world by the sudden visit of the death angel at the home on Ninth street.

Major Brazelton died at four-thirty o'clock Saturday morning. His death was sudden and he was spared that long suffering so common in the taking away of many old people. He was ill only about thirty minutes. After spending a pleasant day Friday, coming to town Friday night after eating a hearty supper, commenting with other members of the family on how much he enjoyed his supper, Maj. Brazelton spent a restful night, and did not complain of anything unusual. He got up about four o'clock Saturday morning, and began coughing. He told Mrs. Brazelton that he was sick and requested that she bring him some hot water. Within a few minutes, at the request of Mrs. Brazelton, a physician was called, but Major Brazelton had breathed his last within thirty minutes after he became ill.

Maj. Brazelton had suffered serious illness several times during the last few years, and while having passed his three score, and was getting feeble, he was apparently enjoying good health for one of his age, and the sudden death came as a shock to his family and friends.

Maj. Brazelton was born in Winchester, Tennessee, on August 3, 1843. He came to Texas in 1876 and located at Fort Worth, and later lived in McLennan and Falls counties, coming to Ballinger in August 1902. Deceased had lived an active life, being associated extensively with different business enterprises in this state. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and attained the rank of Major, and it was with a great deal of interest that he related reminiscences of that awful struggle between the North and South.

Since coming to Ballinger Maj. Brazelton has taken a great deal of interest in the development of the country. He was active in working for those things that develop the country and for a time was interested in seeing Ballinger secure a cotton mill. Most of the time since coming to Ballinger he had been associated with his son-in-law, D. Reeder, in the dry goods business, and part of the time was engaged in the cotton business. Many friends over this county and throughout this section of Texas will be grieved to hear of his sudden death.

A wife, one daughter, and one

brother, survive this good man. Mrs. D. Reeder of this city, is the only child. A brother, Tom Brazelton, industrial agent for the Santa Fe railroad company, is expected to be here for the funeral. Also a grand-daughter, Mrs. Frank Drews, and Mr. Drews, are expected to arrive from Dallas tonight or tomorrow. Roy Reeder, of this city, is the only grandson. To all of these The Ledger joins friends in sympathy.

A long procession of sorrowing friends followed the remains of Maj. J. C. Brazelton from his late home on Ninth street to the City Cemetery Sunday afternoon, where the remains were laid to rest. Rev. Hammock, pastor of the First Presbyterian church for several years, but now of Brownwood, came here and conducted the funeral services at the residence in the absence of the pastor, J. W. Atwood. Rev. Hammock had to return on the four o'clock train and Rev. J. H. King conducted the funeral services at the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drews came in from Dallas Sunday at noon to attend the funeral. Mrs. Drews is a granddaughter of Major Brazelton. Mr. Reeder, of Bronte and George Reeder of Miles were also here to attend the funeral.

Children that are affected by worms are pale and sickly and liable to contract some fatal disease. White's Cream Vermifuge expels worms promptly and puts the child on the road to health. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

LOCAL BANKER ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

Chas. S. Miller received a letter from the president of the Texas Bankers' association Thursday, stating that the executive committee had appointed Mr. Miller to serve as a committeeman on the committee on State and National Legislation. Mr. Miller did not attend the El Paso convention, recently and the appointment comes as quite a surprise and a signal honor to the local banker. Mr. Miller stated that he would accept the place.

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill 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.

SAM GRAHAM OPERATED ON

Sam Graham was operated upon Friday night at the Halley and Love Sanitarium for appendicitis. This is the third serious attack he has had, and the second operation. He was reported as resting well Monday morning, and is doing about as well as could be expected.

I. Gottschalk of Winters came in to Ballinger Monday for a few days on business.

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Hundreds and Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Melton Dry Goods Co's. Profits Are Lost Sight of During This Sale

You are the gainer—why let the opportunity slip—come and see. The stock is heavy, thousands of dollars are invested and it is only possible to display a portion of the big bargains each day, and it will pay you to visit this store every day to get full benefit of the extra specials that will be shown on the bargain tables, and if you don't happen to see just what you want displayed, kindly ask for it, for if it's in the dry goods line this store has it and you'll find it at a reduced price.

But it is not the lowness of the sale prices that should be an incentive for you to buy, but it is the "quality" of the merchandise handled by the Melton Dry Goods Co's. store that will appeal to the most exacting shopper, for this store was built with an eye single to quality. A poor, cheap, shoddy, article is dear at any old price. Anyone can sell trash at a low price but we guarantee the quality of every item sold during this sale, regardless of the lowness

of price at which it may be sold. Attend this merchandise movement and you will get "quality" besides the money you save.

Your Money Back

Every item sold must come up to your expectation or the purchase price will be cheerfully refunded, whether you buy it in person or let "Uncle Sam" bring it to you. Plenty of care taking salespeople to care for your smallest want and will afford you every courtesy that you could expect. Plenty of rest-room, plenty of good ice water, plenty of service, makes this an ideal place to trade.

Price Cards Tell of the Savings

The little price tags and large display cards will tell about the price reductions. Every item will bear a sale price on a sale tag. The regular price will remain the same, unaltered and unchanged. This will enable you to figure the reduction and you can see just what the saving will be, with the price of merchandise going higher every day. This same merchandise at market value in many instances is worth from 20 to 50 percent more than the market retail price. It matters not what the original price was, you'll find a reduction.

Use Your Judgment

Time nor space does not permit us to give a complete list of the many money saving opportunities in this advertisement. Everything will be reduced and marked in plain figures so you can figure the saving; your good judgment will tell you that this is the time to lay in a liberal supply for the higher prices are coming when you will pay double for the same article. Remember it's not always "the man who blows the loudest horn who has the biggest crowd" but it's the small prices in the store and not the big "figures" in the paper that counts. Come—be convinced—see for yourself.

The news will speed North, South, East and West; bringing many eager buyers to this store.

At the Hour of 8:30 Saturday Morning June 23rd

The Entire Stock of the Melton Dry Goods Co. Goes on Sale—at Unheard of Reductions

The entire \$75,000.00 stock of high grade merchandise will be placed at the disposal of the people of Runnels county at real reduced prices for the purpose of ridding it of thousands of dollars worth of new, up-to-date merchandise on which we want to realize the cash and make room for thousands of dollars worth of other merchandise that has been contracted for for the Fall's selling.

We are not offering "sale baits," "special leaders," "unreliable brands" etc., but the very best merchandise that can be procured from the foremost makers of America.

Prices will be reduced low enough to practically insure the disposal of almost half this stock during this sale. We invite you to this store to see for yourself and to prove the tremendous sacrifices we are making to prove this a real carnival of low prices. Remember this stock will melt away fast, so you had better be here on time.

No Reserves Everything Slaughtered

\$75,000.00 worth of merchandise from which to make selections—a clean sweep that will mean the sharing of thousands of dollars worth of profits with our customers and friends.

The tremendous values put forth during this sale will make a period of value-giving for the town of Ballinger—we will give you such bargains that in your calm moments you would not dream of such and it will be the wonder and talk for days to come.

Let nothing keep you away, rain or shine, the date is set, the die is cast, the time is set, Saturday, June 23rd at 8:30 a. m. Don't delay, be one of the first to enter the doors when they are opened.

Courteous and Honest Treatment

This is what the people want, and just what they are going to get during this Cash Raising Sale. Plenty of salespeople who are experts in their departments, who will use every care and see that your every want is supplied.

Remember, the best bargains will dwindle away fast—don't delay—be on time on opening day.

OUR ENTIRE ATTENTION

The Reason Why This Store is Recognized as the Authority

A concentration of effort makes a force that is recognized and this energy is only spent in one direction—the making of the best dry goods store in this section—a place where the masses of people will find just such merchandise as they need for every occasion; and this store has truly been termed "Everybody's Store," and is recognized as a place where dependable merchandise of the right kind can always be found in abundance, where selections are easy, where prices are always reasonable for the kind of merchandise sold.

A Gift To Red Cross

On Saturday, June 25th—5c on Every Dollar Spent With This Store

Come, help us make this donation to the strongest charitable institution on earth, a large and liberal one. You can help, by putting your dollars in this sale Saturday besides getting the merchandise at a real reduction in price.

Hundreds of items for summer wear are offered to you at a liberal discount—don't be a slacker—but be here on opening day and do your part.

HONEST ADVERTISING

THE LAW COMPELS US TO DEAL FAIR WITH YOU

The law compels us not to use any misleading advertising matter and send it through the mails. The misrepresentation of merchandise is a misdemeanor and subject to heavy penalty. We tell you this for some of the items seem such tremendous reductions it seems hard to believe, but every one is a bonafide reduction that will stand the closest inspection,

for tremendous price reduction is the only way to sell merchandise in a hurry.

This Cash Raising Sale is bound to be a success and we want you to get your portion of these bargains while they are going the rounds. Don't let anything keep you away, take a day off, quit your work, meet your friends at the Big Dry Goods Store that has little prices.

A Landslide In Ballinger

Prices have slid down several notches but the same quality is maintained. The Melton Dry Goods Co's. store desires to thank the public in general for the generous patronage extended this store during the past years. As usual this sale will be conducted on the same high plane of modern merchandising; every effort, every energy, will be put forth to make every purchaser a steadfast friend and a constant patron. Satisfaction to all is the keynote of this sale, coupled with the quality merchandise, makes this an important date on your calendar.

prices at which the stock is offered, the same careful attention to minute details and courteous treatment to visitors as well as purchasers throughout this entire sale.

When you see the prices displayed in this store on Saturday, June 23rd, there will be a convincing landslide that will help your purse.

MEN! COME, BARGAINS FOR YOU

Of course you'll be here! to see this carnival of low prices, to supply your needs while the saving is going the rounds. More explicit information for you on the last page of this circular—better read it again.

Be Here Opening Day Saturday, June 23rd

The Time the Doors Swing Open will be 8:30—Don't be Late—Hurry Means a Saving

Mark it down, keep the date in your mind, this great event will be the most important event in the happenings for many a day to come affording an opportunity for men, women and children to replenish their needs right in the

heart of the season when every one wants new things to wear for summer vacations. Keep in mind that this is the biggest sale of the season and use the sense that nature has endowed you with and be here early on opening day.

Turn Over--Read the News

There's a Reason Why!

Of These Remarkable Low Prices at This Season

Delayed warm weather, a late cool season for the selling of summer goods, has forced an issue and brought about a certain standstill in business, together with the fact that we are over-loaded and must make room for thousands of dollars worth of fall stock that will soon begin to arrive; we have decided to launch this merchandise movement that will startle the buying public of Runnels county from one end to the other. A positive surprise awaits you for it's impossible for cold type to tell you of the wonderful bargains. Be here when

the big sale opens Saturday, June 23rd at 8:30 a. m.

Hitch Your Dollars to Bigger Bargains

This is a sale of dry goods, shoes, hosiery, underwear, millinery, men's and women's furnishings, also men's and boys' clothing, backed by a stock of thousands of dollars worth of good reliable merchandise.

Spare Nothing Is The Battle Cry

On Saturday, June 23rd the die will be cast, the whole stock is doomed to be sold to the buying public at a fraction of its real present day value. Don't be late when such a holocaust of low prices are being made that means the sacrificing of thousands of dollars worth of profits and in many instances part of the first cost.

tisement, scan each and every line for they tell of money saving opportunities; but the prices in the store tell their own story of what a wonderful saving you can make—don't be late—be here opening day.

Mark our prediction, the house will be crowded in every department picking up the many bargains. Don't fail to get your share.

See The Inside Pages

More About The "CASH RAISING SALE" On The Inside Pages

Extra! Extra! Extra!
Ladies' Trimmed Hats

Hats that are worth up to \$3.50 choice 95c. We have taken our entire stock of ladies' hats that sold up to \$3.50. No reserves, every thing goes at Cash Raising Sale price

95 cents

CASH RAISING

The Most Sensational "SALE"

Take this tip from us and hitch your dollars to this big cash raising sale. The selling will be on this page that can be bought at any where near the price named. Ballinger's best store of bargains will meet your eye on every hand throughout the entire store. Come now—coming by the hundreds to attend this big sale. Don't forget the opening day Saturday Morning

\$75,000 Worth Of Merchandise To Be Sold at a Sacrifice

The most complete dry goods stock in Runnels County. The best that money can buy, the best styles from the best markets of America, will form a display that you cannot afford to miss to say nothing of the dollars you will save. The stock is arranged for fast selling and plenty of salespeople to wait on you properly. Come prepared to buy. Tell your friends to meet you at the big Cash Raising Sale.

Opening
JUNE
HUNDREDS ARE
THOUSANDS WILL
BALLINGER,

Random Shots

Read about a few of the items that are picked up at random from this immense stock.

Safety Pins

All sizes, with needle points, a special tempered metal that has a splendid spring, special

4c

Children's Bibs

Made of oil cloth and rubber sheeting, worth 10 times the cost for the protection to clothes, 15c grade for

12c

Camisoles

Beautiful new styles in silk and georgette combinations, colors pink and white, real \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades for

99c

Queensware

A special lot of large china bowls and cake plates, decoration of florals, worth 35c to 40c

19c

Ladies' Vests

Fine gauze, bleached pure white, very elastic, a regular 25c seller, very special at

19c

Silk Windsors

Special grade of heavy silk, colors red, new green black and white. Cash Raising Sale price

23c

Special

Bleached Domestic

A good grade, full 36 inches wide, bleached pure white, no starch, worth 15c on today's market, only

9 7/8c

Bleached Vests

Ladies' sizes, light Summer weight, Cash Raising Sale price

5c

Special

Lustre Cotton

Colors and white, standard brand O. N. T. crochet cotton, the best of the best. Cash Raising Sale price

4c

Tablet

Worth 10c, extra good grade ink paper, Cash Raising price

5c

Special

Children's Gowns

Made from a splendid grade of muslin at prices cheaper than you can buy the material, ages 4 to 12, worth up to 35c, choice

19c

Toilet Paper

Extra grade tissue crepe, full count, rolls worth 10c. Cash Raising Sale price

7 1/2c

Special

Corsets

A special lot of broken sizes, American Lady and other standard makes, grades that are worth \$1.50, Cash Raising price

45c

Soaps

High grade toilet soap, also Lava better buy now, soap will be higher. Cash Raising Sale price, a bar

8c

Sale Opens June 23

Be Here Promptly

Don't be late—see the big display—impossible to quote all prices, this page is only a beginning of the Cash Raising Sale. Every nook and corner will be filled with a bargain that will open your eyes to the real money that you can save. Completeness of stock, big assortments, the best of everything. Let nothing keep you away; be here the first day, the bargains will bring you back again.

The Store Ahead

In The Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Section

Nowhere in this part of the state will you find a stock that has more style better assortments and more reasonable prices than here. The saving is radical, our loss your gain—sell the merchandise is the "battle cry." Come get your share while the "getting" is good.

House Dresses

Slip-on style, many patterns from which to select, extra quality gingham, real \$1.50 grades for

\$1.19

Veils

Extra size, silk chiffon, real \$1.50 and \$1.75 value, Cash Raising Sale price

\$1.19

Silk Dresses

\$18.50 to \$22.50
Splendid new, snappy, styles in taffeta, with combination trimmings of georgette, also pongee, georgette crepe and crepe de chine and sport styles, sizes Misses' 16 to ladies' 38. Don't miss this real bargain at

\$9.95

Ladies' Suits

\$18.50 to \$35.00
New spring weights of poplin, serges, gaberdines, all the new colorings of rose, wisteria, gold, tan, and navy. Buy your suit now and save more than half the most wonderful bargains of the season at

\$12.95

Skirts

New 1917 models, staple serges and wool poplins, also fancy sport styles, real \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$7.50 grades for

\$4.95

Children's Dresses

Ages 2 to 8, "Mary Newton," famous for its quality and style, fast color gingham, very special at

69c

Silk Dresses

Grades that sold at \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50, beautiful poplins and silk taffetas, new 1917 styles, extra special at

\$4.95

Special

Boys' Wear

Rompers and wash suits, ages 2 to 6 years, grades that sell for 65c to \$1.00, don't worry buy them ready made, the price only

45c

Special
Baby Powder

A delicately perfumed talcum of extra high grade, Holman's make, worth 20c anywhere, Cash Raising Sale price

10c

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Extra size, bleached,
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75c pair, each
29c

Extra Special
Batiste
Mercerized finish,
extra soft, and sheer,
the real 35c sellers.
Cash Raising price
24c

MELTON DRY

Everybody

ING SALE!

Ever Opened at This Store

Quick and decisive at the prices at which the stock is being offered. Not an item listed selected merchandise is to be thrown out at real price concession. Thousands of tempt- t wait—buy while the assortments are complete. Be one of the lucky ones who are g, June 23rd, at 8:30 o'clock.

Extra! Extra! Extra! Ladies' Pattern Hats

New 1917 styles that sold for \$10 and \$12.50 for \$4.95. Don't you let this opportunity slip to buy a new stylish hat at a fraction of the first cost. Big quantity to select from at the Cash Raising price of

\$4.95

MANY ARE THE REASONS "WHY"

You Should Get Your Share

At no time this season will you come face to face with such bargains, not a few special lead- ers but hundreds of items that you need for right now and future use. With five months in which to wear this summer merchandise you owe it to yourself and family to take advan- tage of these low prices. The value giving articles of this sale will startle the buying public of Runnels Co., from one end to the other. Be here when the doors swing open at 8:30 o'clock

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Special

Talcum

Williams' and Colgate's, the best of the best, sells for 25c the world over, ideal for bath and shave, Cash Raising Sale

15c

Pearl Buttons

Sizes 12 to 18, extra grade pearl fish eye style for dresses, shirts, and children's wear, a real 10c value, special

4c

Special

Hair Pins

Assorted sizes, in a box, worth today 10c, Cash Raising Sale price

5c

Handkerchiefs

About 50 dozen in the lot. sheer quality, a 10c value, with fancy edges, ideal for child- ren's use, special

5c

Special

Ladies' Hose

White and black, a special finish lisle, all sizes, Cash Rais- ing Sale price

21c

Ladies' Unions

Summer weight, tape at neck, fine gauze, a real 45c value, Cash Raising Sale price

39c

Special

Embroideries

About 2,500 yards Swiss and cambric, widths upto 10 inches, 15c and 25c sellers, a bargain that is worth a trip to town. Cash Raising Sale price, a yard

10c

Laces

Val, German val and thread lace, widths up to 2 inches, real 7 1/2c to 10c grades, special

5c

Random Shots

Make your arrange- ments to be here; read the items below; make a list and come.

Figured Lawns

A special lot of lawns and voiles, extra values at 12 1/2c and 15c, worth more. Cash Raising price

10c

Hair Brushes

A splendid 35c brush, stiff bristles, non-shed- ding, solid back, special

23c

White Corduroy

An ideal fabric for wash skirts and boys' suits, the 35c seller, special at

23c

White Combs

White Paresian ivory dressing combs, a beauti- ful gift, 75c grade, special

49c

Table Damask

Mercerized, beautifu l designs, the real 65c and 75c grades, special

59c

Brassiers

All sizes, embroidery trimmed, a big selection of 65c and 75c grades, special

54c

Children's Socks

Small sizes, only, 4 and 5, plain colors only, lisle finish, 15 and 25c grades, special

10c

Excursion Rates On

All Railroads

We offer better than excursion rates on all railroads. We pay your fare both ways up to 50 miles if you make purchases of \$50.00 or more. This is a real land- slide of bargains that you can't afford to miss—a sale backed by a stock of high grade merchandise—satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Make a list of what you need and be here Saturday morning.

Everybody's Store

Special

Stickeri Braid

The ideal trimming for wash dresses, colors red, navy, white, also fancy colors, worth 15c bunch, Cash Raising price

7 1/2c

Special

Dish Mops

No kitchen is complete without one of these mops, saves your hands, worth 10c, Cash Raising Sale price

5c

The Opportunity of Years to Come to Save

Better buy a supply ahead, big returns on your money, interest paid in advance with the price of every kind of raw material going higher, than was ever known. Prices on all kind of finish productions will soon double—why pay this advance price when the opportunity is offered you to save. Come and save.

Special

Parasols

Made of good quality Gloria silk, on steel frame, assorted handles, \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades, Cash Raising Sale price

\$1.19

Gloves

A special lot, broken sizes, kids and silks, grades are worth 75c to \$1.25, special cash raising price

50c

Hair Pins

Both in large and small sizes, assorted col- ors, Cash Raising Sale price

10c

Wire Hair Pins

The "Hump," a special constructed kind that stays in the hair and won't fall out, special per box

8c

Hair Nets

The real 10c kinds, col- ors blonde, brown, light brown and black, Cash Raising Sale price

5c

Extra Special

Lot of glass bowls and pin trays, in fancy de- signs, worth 15c to 20c each, Cash Raising Sale price

8c

White Brushes

Parisian Ivory, plain backs, pure bristle fronts, worth \$2.00, Cash Raising Sale price

\$1.49

American Flags

Buy one—be patriotic —show your colors; a big assortment in price as low as

5c

Brass Pins

All sizes, the regular 10c sellers, solid heads, needle points, extra special Cash Raising price

5c

SILK MIDDIES

Made from heavy imported wash silk, wide, fancy trimmed sailor collar, a beautiful \$3.00 garment, extra special

\$2.39

LADIES' WAISTS

White organdie and wash silks, beautifully made in the best of styles, every one a regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 grade, Cash Raising Sale price

98c

Extra Special Persian Lawn

40 inches wide, beautiful sheer quality, thereal 15c and 20c grades. Cash Raising price

12c

Special

EMBROIDERY

27 inch flouncing also allover em- broidery 75c value

39c

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2.95. See this wonderful bargain, don't waste a from which to choose, real \$6.00, \$6.50 **\$2.95**

A Foreword About Prices

This page only conveys a small idea of the magnitude of this "real sale," where the foremost idea is the disposal of all Summer merchandise, regardless of value.

Hundreds of the items that are being offered can not be replaced, even at a big advance over the retail price on the markets today. But we need the room to care for the quantity of Fall merchandise that is beginning to arrive—need the money to follow our custom of taking "cash discounts." You need the merchandise with months of the coming season in which to wear it.

Come to this store Opening Day and get your share.

Follow the Crowds!

Get In Line

Be Here Opening Day

"Cash" Raising Sale

It's bargain day! Turning thousands of dollars worth of reasonable merchandise into "Cash," making a way in which the friends and patrons of this store can save money, besides getting real "quality" merchandise at a much lower price than is being asked for the inferior grades. Read the prices, then act according to your better judgment—you owe it to yourself and family to save every dollar—besides being well dressed at a very small outlay of money.

5c On Every Dollar Spent For Red Cross Work

Saturday, June 23, Opening Day, we will give 5 percent of the entire cash sales to this commendable work. Come spend your dollars at this store, help the good work, besides helping yourself. Hundreds of others will do it, why not you? We are doing our bit; you do yours.

A Cash Coupon With Every Sale good for Silverware Premiums

With each 25c sale we will give you silverware coupons which will be redeemable with Rogers Silverware when you have saved the required amount. No drawing, no chance; save the coupons, a circular explaining plan wrapped in each package.

A Real Sale of Women's Summer Shoes

Worth Up to \$3.50

Hundreds of pairs in the lot—a complete clean up of broken sizes and lots, styles are pumps, strap pumps, lace oxfords and button oxfords, materials patent, plain kids, gunmetals, nu-buck, also white canvass, all sizes from 3 up to 7, grades that sold at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.30. This price should clear the tables in a short time, buy a supply, ahead for the price is about one-fourth of what these values will sell later. The price only

\$1.00

Every Pair Ladies' Slippers Reduced

This store has won for itself an inevitable reputation among the discriminating shoe buyers of this section for style, beauty of workmanship and reasonableness of price.

"Wickert"
"Dutchess"
"Grovers"

Where could you find a trio of such good makes; black kids, white kids, in pumps, all sizes, widths AA to E, every one at a reduced price.

Men! a Saving Silk Shirts

Too many silk shirts, watch them melt away at the low prices that will be attached to them, many beautiful combinations of color in shirts that sold at \$2.95, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$7.50.

"Tub Silks"
"Fibre Silks"
"Crepe-de-Chines"

There'll be a reduction from the regular price on each shirt sold, and it will be of a substantial nature. Better see about this bargain.

Closed Friday, June 22nd To Arrange Stock For Fast Selling During Big "Cash" Raising Sale.

Make your arrangements to be here Saturday, opening day.

Bargains! Bargains! Children's Slippers

Worth Up to \$2.50

A special lot, a big assortment, many styles from which to select, patent leathers, gunmetals, tan calf, also white canvass, splendid, styles, one and two straps, button and lace oxfords, turned a and heavy soles, sizes 8 1-2 to 11, also 11 1-2 to 2, grades that sold at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. At the low price that is named on this lot now's the time to buy school slippers for the beginning of the fall term. The price only

\$1.00

None Have Escaped Men's Low Shoes Cut Prices

Every pair, no exceptions, will feel the effect of the price cutting, hundreds of pairs included consisting of the very best styles and lasts for the season of 1917. Tans, blacks, coco-browns, gun-metals, kangaroos, and vic-kids.

"Emerson"
"Howard & Foster"

Brands that stand for good wear fit and service; fitted by men who know, better get a new pair while the saving's good.

Buy! One Now Straw Hats

Discard that felt, get into something cooler, many are the styles and shapes that we are showing, a hat for every head, every one a new 1917 block.

"Split Straws"
"Sailors"
"Milans"
"Leghorns"

Look for the sale tags, they denote a real saving, don't let these bargains slip; come let us show you.

Boys Palm Beach Suits

Made of real Palm Beach, in splendid styles, full cut coats, knickerbocker pants, also pure linen suits, ages up to 16, worth \$4.00 to \$5.00, Cash Raising Sale price

\$2.45

Panama Hats

A special lot of American and imported Panama hats, good shapes, splendid quality, grades that sold at \$3.00 and \$3.50. Cash Raising Sale price

95c

Sport Shirts

A special lot of high grade shirts, in sport styles, fancy and plain styles, grades that sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75, sizes 14 to 16 1-2, Cash Raising Sale price

69c

Men's Unions

Wilson Bros. and Varsity make athletic and short sleeve styles, knee and 3-4 length. The regular \$1.00 sellers, worth fully \$1.25, all sizes, Cash Raising Sale price

89c

Neckwear

A big assortment, new 1917 colorings and styles, four-in-hand, grades that sell for 65c and 70c and cheap at that price, Cash Raising Sale price

49c

Caps

Many styles from which to make selections, all sizes, light or dark colorings, Spring and Summer weights, a 75c grade, Cash Raising Sale price

45c

Men's Unions

Made from extra quality check and stripe nainsook, knee lengths, all sizes up to 44, real 75c sellers, Cash Raising Sale price

53c

Straw Hats

Soft straws, sailor straws, a big assortment from which to select, all sizes, good styles, carried from last season, real \$2.50 and \$3.00 grades, Cash Raising Sale price

50c

Men's Shirts

Brand new, stripes, plaids, plain, fancy and staple colorings, soft French cuffs, all sizes 14 to 17, the biggest value of the season at

\$1.19

Men's Pants

A special lot of negligee shirts with laundered cuffs, madras and plain white, real \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades, all sizes, Cash Raising Sale price

85c

Men's Pants

Cool wash pants, in small pin checks and stripes, made full and roomy, all size waists and lengths, the \$1.50 grade, Cash Raising Sale price

\$1.29

Work Shirts

Better buy a supply while the price is low, a splendid grade, fact color cheviot, full length sleeves, very full cut, worth 75c, Cash Raising Sale price

59c

Keep Cool—Palm Beach Summer Suits

A suit bargain worth while. We have taken from regular stock an assortment of summer suits in Cool Cloth, Palm Beach, suits that sell for \$8.50 and \$10.00 and included them in one lot. The price will be during Cash Raising Sale

\$4.95

Pure Wool Blue Serge Men's Suits

This should interest every man, who contemplates buying a serge suit in the next year. Made from the finest French serge, with every finding of the highest grade, skeleton lined, a special \$15.00 seller, worth full \$20.00 on today's market. Cash Raising Price

\$9.95

Men's Suits

Rack after rack of this season's newest garments are included in this sale, suits that have snap and style, garments that are tailored by the foremost makers of high-grade men's suits. These prices are for fancy worsteds, novelty mixtures, plain weaves, also cool cloth and Palm Beach.

All \$18.50 men's suits, Cash Raising Sale **\$14.95**
All \$17.50 men's suits, Cash Raising Sale **\$13.95**
All \$15.00 men's suits, Cash Raising Sale **\$11.95**
All \$12.50 men's suits, Cash Raising Sale **\$9.95**
All \$10.00 men's suits, Cash Raising Sale **\$7.95**
All \$ 8.50 men's suits, Cash Raising Sale **\$6.45**

Sale Opens Saturday, June 23

Melton Dry Goods Co
INCORPORATED
EVERYBODY'S STORE

Sale Opens Saturday, June 23

**300 MILES IN AUTO
THRU DRY COUNTRY**

E. Shepperd and family returned from a trip to Hollis, Oklahoma, Monday evening, where they went to visit Mrs. Shepperd's brother, F. M. Keys. They made the trip in their Ford, and leaving Hollis at six-thirty Monday morning, traveled 304 miles and arrived at home at ten o'clock.

Mr. Shepperd says it was a dry country all the way along the 304 miles of road, or until they got a few miles south of Abilene, when things began to look better. "While the people in Ballinger are worrying about short crops," said Mr. Shepperd, "the people where we visited and along the three hundred mile route have no crops to worry about."

The Ballinger man says he saw many fields where nothing had been planted, and many fields where what had been planted is still planted and will never come up. There are some crops around Paducah, Texas, but these are short, and through to Aspermont, Hamlin, Anson and all along the line the country is in the grip of a great drouth according to reports brought back by Mr. Shepperd.

Mr. Shepperd reports that the quadruplets of Mr. and Mrs. Keys are getting along nicely. The four babies, it will be remembered, visited here a year or two ago, and were on exhibition at the Dallas Fair. The children are healthy and are growing nicely.

**MOTHER! DON'T TAKE
CHANCES IF CHILD'S
TONGUE IS COATED**

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious,
clean little liver and
bowels

A laxative, today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue. Mother! If coated or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat, or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation, poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrup. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

Miss Florence Parr, a nurse at the Halley and Love Sanitarium, returned Monday from Anson, where she had been nursing a patient.

Miss Katherine Pearce of Winters passed through Ballinger Monday on her way to Talpa.

**WHAT IS
LAX-FOS**

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A DIGESTIVE LAXATIVE
CATHARTIC AND LIVER TONIC

LAX-FOS is not a Secret or Patent Medicine but is composed of the following old-fashioned roots and herbs:

- CASCARA BARK
- BLUE FLAG ROOT
- RHUBARB ROOT
- BLAOK ROOT
- MAY APPLE ROOT
- SENNA LEAVES
- AND PEPSIN

In LAX-FOS the CASCARA is improved by the addition of these digestive ingredients making it better than ordinary CASCARA, and thus the combination acts not only as a stimulating laxative and cathartic but also as a digestive and liver tonic. Syrup laxatives are weak, but LAX-FOS combines strength with palatable, aromatic taste and does not gripe or disturb the stomach. One bottle will prove LAX-FOS is invaluable for Constipation, Indigestion or Torpid Liver. Price 50c.

ONE CENT SALE!

Three Days Only
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
June 28th, 29th and 30th

What this One Cent Sale Is

As a method of advertising The United Drug Company (composed of more than 7000 leading druggist of the United States) has authorized us to run their National One Cent Sale on their well known Rexall merchandise and other products.

Weeks Says: "Make Your Dollar Have More Cents"

by taking advantage of this opportunity to obtain these goods at practically one-half of their actual value. The plan is this: Buy one at full retail price and we will give you the second article of the same kind for One Cent, regardless of its retail value. This is a real sure enough drug store money saving sale. Remember the more you spend the more you save. It is a pleasure to serve you.

WEEKS

PHONES 12 AND 13

THE REXALL STORE

**PLANNING BIG MEET
FOR FARMERS UNION**

A committee of business men met early Monday morning to take steps in planning for a convention of the Farmers' Union to be held in this city three days beginning on July 17th. A letter just received from the secretary of the organization says that several hundred delegates of the Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union will be here upon an invitation from the Ballinger businessmen. The invitation was extended to the union at their convention in Brownwood one year ago, and they selected Ballinger as the place.

The Pecan Valley District is composed of sixteen counties, with Tom Green as the western boundary county, and Lampasas the eastern boundary county of the district. The members of the Farmers' Union from these counties, together with a large delegation from over the district, are expected to be here.

The first day of the convention will be an executive session (closed session all day). The second day will be Ballinger's day to entertain the delegates in just such a way as the local entertainment committee sees fit. For this day it is expected that some prominent speakers, including Hon. Clarence Ousley, will be here, and a picnic spread will probably be staged for this day.

The third day will be devoted to Farmers' Union matters, and a joint meeting of the various districts held. There are a number of locals in Rannels county and the local committee has called on the officials of the county union as well as the locals to assist in arranging for entertaining the delegates coming here to attend the district meet.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

Miss Vista Griffis returned to her home in Winters after a visit in Ballinger.

**1 LONESOME RECRUIT
COMES HERE TO ENLIST**

Those who opposed the Wilson conscription bill can perhaps get some food for thought out of the fact that since a recruiting station has been opened in Ballinger only one lonesome man has offered his services to Uncle Sam. Corporal Flick, who has been here for nearly three weeks is discouraged, and there is no doubt but what he will be transferred to another point at an early date, if volunteers do not begin to come in.

Henry Anson, of Winters, is the first and only recruit enlisted here since the station was opened, and Corpl. Flick has been a busy man, doing his best to interest the young men subject to call in the advantages of volunteering instead of waiting to be drafted.

A letter received by the local station Tuesday urges the man in charge to be more lenient in passing on applications. The letter says in part:

"This district is far behind its quota. Each member of the party will put forth every effort to obtain more men. Wherever men are sent on canvassing duty, they will see the mayor of the town, or other representative citizens and request that mass meetings, or parades be held and public speakers arranged for to impress upon the people the necessity for very man to do his duty to fill up the regular army to war strength. "Be very careful in your examinations, but at the same time consider all fair risks. It is believed that too many applicants are being rejected by members of this party."

**Sheriff's Sale
STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Rannels:**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bexar county, of the 2nd day of June 1917, by the clerk thereof of said 37th Judicial District in and for Bexar County, for the sum of \$1,247.40 and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of State

Bank & Trust Co. in a certain cause in said Court No. 11,559 and styled State Bank & Trust Co. of San Antonio, Texas, vs. B. L. Till, placed in my hands for service, I, John D. Perkins, as Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of June 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Rannels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. 1, Block No. 1, Powell addition to the town of Ballinger, together with all improvements thereon, and levied upon as the property of Mrs. Beatrice L. Till, and that on the first Tuesday in July 1917, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the court house door, of Rannels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution and order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. Beatrice L. Till.

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

Witness my hand, this 6th day of June 1917.
JOHN D. PERKINS,
Sheriff, Rannels County, Texas.
By J. A. DeMotive, Deputy.
6-3tw.

**SCURRY COUNTY PEOPLE
PRAYING FOR RAIN TODAY**

Snyder, Tex., June 19.—In response to a proclamation issued by the county judge and read at the Methodist church in this city Sunday morning, the people are gathering throughout the county today to pray for rain. County Judge Adamson in his proclamation asked the entire population of the county to meet today and pray for rain. The country is dry and few crops have been planted.

Gus Noyes and family, accompanied by Miss Mears, left Monday for Kansas City. They will go from there to the Great Lakes, and from there will make a tour of the West. They will be gone about two months.

**CHESTER CHERRY QUILTS
POWER PLANT.**

Chester Cherry has tendered his resignation with the Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co., and steps down and out today. After a few days vacation and after completing a little unfinished business with his old employers, Mr. Cherry will begin work with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., and the Rannels County Gin Co., having charge of the electrical work for these two companies. The oil mills of the county and the gins controlled by the Rannels County Gin Co., will install motors and operate their machinery by electricity. Mr. Cherry will have charge of this part of the work. The electrician has been with the local

light plant for many years, and has many friends here who will be glad to know that the change he is making will not take him away from Ballinger only for a day or two at a time and he will continue to make Ballinger his home.

For Liver and Constipation.
A disordered liver upsets the whole human machine. We have indigestion, sick-headache, constipation, and if continued, serious sickness. Po-Do-Lax treats just such conditions. It is a pleasant tasting liquid, prepared from the May-Apple, a gentle liver stimulant that increases the flow of bile, and by its mildly laxative effect carries off impurities. Buy a bottle of Po-Do-Lax today and start a treatment at once. 50c at your druggist.



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that a bank account gives is worth many times the effort required to establish one at this bank. Because this feeling of assurance plays such a large part in the

Success of Life

your boy should have it at an early age. Give him assurance and self-reliance by entrusting him with an account today.

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
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STRENGTH SERVICE

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The Family Car

The Maxwell is the greatest car for family use,

—because it is handsome and comfortable,

—costs little to run; only \$6 to \$8 a month, thousands of Maxwell owners report,

—and is a highly developed, efficient machine which will give good service for many years.

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If you want a family car, you can't afford not to buy the Maxwell.

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Ballinger, Texas

THE CALL OF TRAVIS REPEATED IN TEXAS

Just as Colonel Travis drew the line with his saber across the court of the hallowed Alamo nearly 100 years ago and asked all who were with him to the death to cross that line, so does Brigadier General John A. Hulen, commanding the National Guard of Texas, today draw a line and ask Texans to come over to his side.

The cause is similar. Travis and the heroes of the Alamo fought for liberty. Today Americans are again called upon to strike a blow in the interest of humanity and world freedom.

Years ago the forefathers of the men who are called upon today, banded and through their courage wrestled the scepter of government from the hand of the usurper. Those times tried men's souls. Their heroism won for Texas the liberty which the people of the state have enjoyed all these years. To preserve this liberty it is necessary now for sons of those heroes to take up arms. The nation and the state are calling.

The cry of Ben Milam nearly a century ago of "Who Will Follow Ben Milam to San Antonio?" reverberated to the Rio Grande and throughout all the hills of Texas. It was carried by the breeze until it reached the large pulsating heart of the Republic of Texas and her sons quit the plow, deserted the mart of trade and quickly assembled under the banner of the Republic. With the gallant Sam Houston at their head but a handful of men, poorly armed and almost with naked hands tore victory from the gory hand of Santa Anna and redeemed this same fair land from the clutch of the oppressor.

Their feat seems almost unbelievable. But what they did must be done again. The most powerful military nation the world has ever known threatens to devastate the United States; to enslave the people of America just as they have enslaved the Belgians, to impoverish and humble us.

Germany's dream of world power was a true German hope. There is little doubt but the Kaiser planned to stifle America. It is an open secret that the German government attempted to bribe England and France and their allies by promising them the enormous sum of \$30,000,000,000 to end the war and permit the German armies to come to the United States and devastate this land, and compel America to pay an indemnity large enough to meet the entire expense of the greatest war of history.

The American ambassador, Mr. Gerard told President Wilson that he heard the head of the German admiralty, Admiral von Tirpitz announce to the German Reichstag that it was the purpose of Germany first to throttle England, bleed fair France to death, then cross the Atlantic and make the "swine" of America pay them for their expended blood and treasure.

America is awakening to this realization and with her armies will join England and France in forever stamping out despotism. Throughout the nation men are rallying to the flag. Thousands upon thousands of young men have answered the country's call. Texas is doing her part. This state is now raising a new division of the National Guard and units of the Guard are being organized in almost every community. Twelve thousand men are needed to make up the new division. These must be obtained within the next four weeks.

Busy men have laid aside their private tasks to aid the state in its hour of need, and others must follow. Texas must awaken. Men between the ages of 18 and 45 years must rally 'round the flag."

The National Guard affords them an opportunity to serve the state and nation. By joining the Guard they will be among friends and homefolks for the reason that each unit of the Guard will be recruited in a certain locality. The Guard is purely a Texas organization. It will represent Texas, although it will become a part of a great American army, it will not lose its identity as representing the Lone Star State. Men of Texas who join the Guard will be recognized as Texans as well as Americans.

There is a company of the National Guard near your town or vicinity, go to its armory or recruiting office and enlist now. Rally 'round the flag.

The Coming Baby

Every help that will tend to aid the expectant mother and foster the well-being of the tiny infant should be promptly rendered.

The time before childbirth is one of much discomfort. This is caused in a large measure by the tightening and straining of the abdominal tissues, as well as the network of cords, ligaments and muscles in that part of the body.

For many years thousands of women have successfully used the preparation known as "Mother's Friend." It is safe and dependable to be used by every prospective mother. A famous physician formulated the preparation. "Mother's Friend" is for external use, and is composed of special oils and other ingredients which have a penetrating and softening effect. Relief from much of the pain at the crisis is found.

Any woman awaiting childbirth should secure a bottle of "Mother's Friend" from her druggist, when the abdomen first begins to expand. No time should be lost in beginning its use. Apply it night and morning without fail. Address Bradfield Regulator Company, Dept. B, 413 Atlanta, Ga., for valuable guide book; it is free.

COKE COUNTY'S WILD MAN SEEN AGAIN.

Robert Lee, Tex., June 19.—The insane or wildman, who has been roaming at large in the hills of Coke county, and has on several occasions visited the Harrison home on the Berryman place near Saco, taking quilts, provisions, etc., made another raid in that vicinity Saturday and Sheriff L. J. Cowart and Deputy W. B. Hamilton accompanied by other parties, went to the scene of his activities in an effort to locate his lair. The officers have been called out several times during the past week, but the unknown intruder has skillfully evaded them each time.

LEMONS MAKE SKIN WHITE, SOFT, CLEAR

Make this beauty lotion for a few cents and see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to whiten the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

A. & M. LOCATING BOARD RETURNING HOME.

After reaching Amarillo, and without visiting a number of places applying for the A. & M. College, including Wichita Falls, the committee announced that they would go no further, and are returning to Austin. No statement has been given out as to where the new school will be located, but it is believed that the committee will not lose any time in reaching a decision and the site may be announced before the close of the present week. Of course in case of a division of opinion the committee may see fit to make a return visit to the cities making the best showing, and make a further investigation. Ballinger will gladly welcome the committee back to this city for we are not afraid to compare advantages with any town applying for the college.

Strains, Sprains, Stiff Joints

You can almost feel Sloan's Liniment penetrate the sore spots, draw inflammation from that wrenched knee or ankle, and soothe your bruised aching muscles. Sloan's Liniment is more quickly effective, cleaner and easier to apply than plasters or ointments. It neither clogs the pores nor stains the skin, and needs no rubbing. Get a bottle now for aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago as well as all external pains. At your druggist, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

Carl and Alex Krueger of San Antonio are here visiting their sister, Mrs. A. C. Homann.

STATE CALLING FOR 12,000 VOLUNTEERS

Who will be your tentmate? During the long hours in training camp and on the battlefield, will friend or stranger share your bivouac?

Young men of Texas can determine this for themselves during the next few weeks. After that no one can tell to what regiment they will be assigned.

The Texas National Guard now offers an opportunity for enlistment which will permit them to share their tent with friends. The state is calling for 12,000 recruits in order to bring the guard to full war strength. These must be obtained by July 1st. Shortly after that date the federal draft becomes effective. Texas will be called upon to furnish hundreds of men to help make up the first contingent of 500,000. This state must furnish its share of recruits. There is no question of that.

The National Guard of Texas is far from war strength. Brigadier General John A. Hulen has been commissioned to raise the necessary men and recruits are now being accepted. Many communities and towns are raising companies, and others are being considered. There is every opportunity for the physically fit young man to enter the guard in a home company, among friends, and commanded by an officer with whom he is acquainted.

Army of 1,500,000

While the first call under the terms of the army draft is for only 500,000 men, President Wilson has made it known he expects to raise an army of a million and a half, and possibly two million men within two years. This is to be done by draft and by recruiting the regular army and national guards of the various states to full war strength. It is certain the first half million men will be drafted, and unless the men come forward and enlist in the regular army and national guards to bring them to war strength, the only other means of obtaining recruits must be taken. That is the draft.

THE REFLECTIONS OF A MARRIED WOMAN

—are not pleasant if she is delicate, run-down, or overworked. She feels "played out." Her smile and her good spirits have taken flight. It worries her husband as well as herself.

This is the time to build up her strength and cure those weaknesses or ailments which are the seat of her trouble. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription regulates and promotes all the proper functions of womanhood, enriches the blood, dispels aches and pains, melancholy and nervousness, brings refreshing sleep, and restores health and strength. It cures those disorders and derangements incident to womanhood.

Mrs. LUCINDA ARMSTRONG, 3512 Dallas Avenue, Dallas, Texas, says: "My mother used Dr. Pierce's medicines over thirty years ago and recommended them to her daughters. I have used the Favorite Prescription during my married life and found the remedy was all that was claimed for it."

Means One Out of Five.

This may mean that one out of every five physically fit young men in the state, not exempt, may be called out. The estimate of 10,000,000 available men fell short about 1,000,000. Of the approximately 9,000,000 men who registered it is very probable 50 to 65 per cent will not come up to the physical standard of the government. Of the remaining 4,500,000 which might be available nearly 50 per cent have claimed exemption. This leaves approximately 2,225,000 available men from which to obtain the first 500,000. This means that one out of every five may be chosen. Many have considered that only one out of every twenty men will be taken into the army. This figure is far from being correct.

Chance of Promotion.

Not only will the recruit who joins the National Guard have the benefit of association with friends and be commanded by an officer from his home, but the chance of promotion seems most promising, if by his ability he proves himself worthy he will get the chance.

C. N. Craft returned to Miles Tuesday after attending a meeting of the county board of equalization.

Fred Bailes of Wichita Falls passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to San Angelo, where he will visit relatives.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL STEEL

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Hereafter the government will fix the prices paid for steel used in the construction of America's food fleet. On the heels of the report that the steel companies had boosted the prices of steel and were planning to make enormous profits on their contracts with the government, it was learned that any such move will be met with a sharp check by the government.

For the past ten days the raw materials committee and the council for national defense have been working with the heads of the big steel manufacturing companies of the country in trying to fix reasonable prices for steel plates and shapes.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—It was officially announced today that the government shipping board had let contracts for ten complete steel cargo-carrying steamers and twenty-four wooden hulls. These will be added to the emergency fleet.

Up to date, the total number of contracts, let for the emergency fleet is as follows: twenty-eight complete steel ships; thirty-two composite ships, made of wood and steel; thirty complete wooden ships; and forty-eight wooden hulls.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The



THE Texas Wonder Cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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government announced as its airplane program for the first year of the war the building of thirty thousand machines. The work of completing the air navy will be rushed, and while the building of the ships is underway the aviators to man them will be put in training.

THROW OUT THE LINE Give Them Help and Many Ballinger People Will Be Happier.

"Throw Out the Life Line"—Weak Kidneys need help. They're often overworked—they don't get the poison filtered out of the blood.

Will you help them? Doan's Kidney Pills have brought benefit to thousands of kidney sufferers.

Ballinger testimony proves their worth.

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from the Walker Drug Co., and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Oetken had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

1300 ENROLL IN TWO DAYS AT PARIS, TEXAS.

PARIS, June 19.—Thirteen hundred persons enrolled in the Red Cross here during a two-day campaign ending today.

A bilious, half-sick feeling, loss of energy, and constipated bowels can be relieved with surprising promptness by using Herbine. The first dose brings improvement, a few doses puts the system in fine, vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Henry Bedwell who had been visiting F. D. Futch for sometime, returned to his home in Mississippi Monday.

J. O. Smallin and family, J. A. Hallmark and family, and Frank Herring and family, all of Knox City, passed thru Ballinger Monday on their way to the Concho River on a fishing trip.

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Swat the Fly and Beautify

We can help you keep the fly out of your home with our screen doors and windows. We can help you beautify your home with our big line of De Voe paints. Little bills and big bills given the same attention.

Ballinger Lumber Company

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol.

Scott & Downe, Bloomfield, N.Y.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON GETS AUTO NO. ONE

A certain party in Ballinger wrote to the State Highway Commission, making application for auto No. 1 in Runnels County, thinking that the numbers would be issued consecutively beginning with number one in each county. The party is in receipt of the following letter:

"Your letter calling for application blank and special request that you be registered as car No. One. Will state that we have had many requests for this distinction, and in order to settle the question of rivalry, we have decided that this distinction will go to our distinguished Governor of Texas, who is in a class all to himself."

CASTORIA

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

Miss Mary Parker who had been visiting for about two weeks with Miss Maydell Rushing of South Ballinger, returned to her home in Eldorado Monday.

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Post Cards 5c each
Paper Prints 3c, 4c and 5c according to size.

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Ballinger, Texas

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White Diamond Deburring Pencil at the Busy Shop, H. L. Wendorf the saddle and harness man. Every pencil will dehorn 50 head of cattle from 10 days to 10 months old, for \$1.00. A forfeit of \$5.00 on any calf that it fails to dehorn. Call and get one at the Busy Shop. Phone 106

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DALLAS, TEXAS

CAR OF PRISONERS PASS THRU HERE

The East bound Santa Fe passing through Ballinger Friday had aboard twenty-five prisoners, all handcuffed and chained together and the entire bunch was in charge of one man, Bud Russell, state transfer agent.

The prisoners were gathered up in West Texas, many of them coming from the border towns. Russell came into San Angelo over the Orient with his army of prisoners, and transferred at that place to the Santa Fe, after spending the night in San Angelo where the men were bunked in the Tom Green county jail. The arrival of the prisoners in San Angelo caused considerable excitement, and the Standard in giving an account of the general round-up said:

After his charges were safely behind prison bars, Russell gave interesting sketches of some of his prisoners. He stated that the number he had in charge was not the largest number which he had ever transferred to Huntsville, but asserted that keeping an eye on twenty-five men was no easy job.

Seventeen Mexicans, 8 Whites. Seventeen of the prisoners were Mexicans and eight were white men. Two of the former number were recently convicted at Sanderson for participation in last year's raid on Boquillar, a Big Bend border town.

Ex-Officer in Party
Leon Buelon, a member of the jail party, was at one time an officer in Carranza's Mexican army. He had a wife in Mexico, but regardless of the fact crossed into Texas, married another woman and then boasted that he was a bigamist, but that his wife across the international boundary line would not dare cross the line and testify against him. But the woman did, coming into El Paso with a babe in her arms—and Buelon drew a sentence of four years in the State penitentiary.

Ernest Johnson was the soldier in the party. He was convicted at Van Horn upon a charge of forgery and given two years. Transfer Agent Russell did not have time to change the man's clothing before the start was made and the man is going to Huntsville, wearing his uniform of Uncle Sam.

Cholera Morbus.
This is a very painful and dangerous disease. In almost every neighborhood someone has died from it before medicine could be obtained or a physician summoned. The right way is to have a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house so as to be prepared for it. Mrs. Charles Enyeart, Huntington, Ind. writes: "During the summer of 1911 two of my children were taken sick with cholera morbus. I used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it gave them immediate relief."

ROADS AND EXPRESS CO. CO-OPERATES

The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company will in future operate with Wells, Fargo & Company's express on a co-operative plan for the division of revenues and expenses, under a new contract, according to an announcement made by President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe. In a circular to officers, agents and employes, Mr. Ripley says: "The Santa Fe, therefore becomes interested intimately and to a greater extent than ever before in all that pertains to express traffic. Employes will therefore be especially interested in giving their attention to this traffic as they do to other railway business, in solicitation, economical and efficient service and in co-operating with the express company closely in the development of business"

W. O. W. AND CIRCLE UNVEILING.

Notwithstanding that it was an unusually warm afternoon, a large crowd assembled in the City Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to witness the unveiling of the monuments of three deceased sovereigns. The Woodmen degree team, assisted by the members of the circle, carried out the most impressive ceremonies in unveiling the monuments of R. H. Schooler, W. T. Ward and G. J. Koltermann.



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DEATH CLAIMS GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER

Ballinger is grieved this afternoon as the remains of Mrs. Jno. W. Clappitt are being tenderly laid to rest in the City Cemetery. At four o'clock a concourse of sorrowing friends gathered at the home on Ninth Street, where Rev. J. F. Montgomery, pastor of the First Christian church, assisted by Rev. J. H. King, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, conducted the funeral services, and a long procession of autos, loaded with friends, followed the remains to the City Cemetery where a mound of beautiful flowers was constructed to mark the last resting place of this good wife and mother.

Mrs. Clappitt died Thursday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, where she made a hard fight for life and suffered for ten days without a murmur. Two weeks ago on the day before she died, Mrs. Clappitt was stricken with appendicitis, or some kindred trouble that caused an abscess to form. She was carried to the sanitarium two days after becoming ill, when it was determined that her condition was such as to not permit an operation for several days, when the physicians announced that an operation might save her life. She lingered for a week after the operation, but the exhaustion was too great for her and she has been called from this world to a world where there is no sickness, no death, nor sorrow. All that skilled heads and loving hands could do has been done, and we must submit to His will.

Besides the husband and four children, deceased is survived by a father, three brothers and three sisters, and three step-children to whom she was a mother. The children are Elbert and Roy and Miss Irene. The step children are Clarence Clappitt, of Shamrock, Tex.; Frank Clappitt, of Kansas City; and Mrs. O. D. Dillingham, of Winters. Clarence and Mrs. Dillingham have been here for several days, while Frank arrived on the midnight train Thursday night, a few hours after the death of his stepmother.

A father, J. F. Mansker, a pioneer of this county, is here and

made his home part of the time with Mrs. Clappitt. W. T. Mansker, a brother, also resides here. A. J. Mansker, another brother, and who was here last week, resides in Shreveport, La. He returned home, thinking his sister would recover, and will not be present at the funeral. A third brother, J. L. Mansker, is in San Francisco, California. A sister, Mrs. Dr. W. A. Rape, of Victoria, Texas, has been here for several days. One sister, Mrs. J. W. Thornton, is in Tennessee, and the third sister, Mrs. Birdie Hodges, is in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Clappitt was one of the most faithful and consecrated members of the Christian church of this city. She was a friend to all who knew her, and those who knew her will join The Ledger in sincere sympathy for the bereaved loved ones.

CLIP THIS AND PIN ON WIFE'S DRESSER

Cincinnati man tells how to shrivel up corns or calluses so they lift off with fingers.

Ouch ! ! ! ! ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn or hardened callus stops soreness at once, and soon the corn or callus dries up and lifts right off without pain.

He says freezone dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin. A small bottle of freezone will cost very little at any drug store, but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels. If your druggist doesn't have freezone tell him to order a small bottle for you.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuehard and daughter, Mrs. Tipton, came in from Fort Worth Saturday, where they had been for sometime at the bedside of Mr. Tipton, who was carried from Menard to that city for treatment. Mr. Tipton's condition is still very critical, but shows some improvement, and there is hopes now that he will recover.

SUCCESS COMES FROM UNITED EFFORT

Ballinger, June 13th, 1917. Dear Ledger:

Now that the locating commission of the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College has come and gone, permit me a few words to the people of Runnels County.

Whether Ballinger is selected for the site of the West Texas A. & M. College or not, we are to be congratulated that all the people of Ballinger have made a united, a real pull together and that the splendid towns of Winters and Rowena have given us a loyal support. Their earnest efforts should not be forgotten by the people of Ballinger, although the location of the college at Ballinger would be a wonderful benefit pecuniarily, morally and educationally to every citizen in Runnels County, even to the people of Miles, who wanted to locate it in Tom Green County.

I have heard it said that if the college should be located in Ballinger, that this person or that would be entitled to the credit for securing same this is all wrong, no one person deserves exclusive credit, the whole committee and the supporters of the move, in general, are entitled to a joint credit for all that has been done and for any results that may come from their efforts.

Of course the untiring, zealous work of Mr. E. D. Walker, chairman of the committee, can never be forgotten by our people and likewise the services of The Ledger.

The locating committee was fittingly entertained, and I am sure

left Ballinger with pleasant impressions, and I am very hopeful that Ballinger will have reason to rejoice ere many days.
JOHN I. GUION.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums, but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGe's Baby Elixir. It corrects sour stomach, cools and quiets the bowels and helps digestion. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

JUDGE BAUGH GETS A FURLOUGH

Judge J. H. Baugh passed thru Ballinger at noon Saturday, arriving on the Santa Fe and leaving on the A. & S., dodging through here without giving his friends an opportunity to see what kind of a soldier he looked like. Those who had an opportunity to get within speaking distance of Judge Baugh learned that he was away from Leon Springs on a two day's furlough. He had very important business at Abilene, business it is said that would not keep, and he was hurrying to that city.

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Ira Sims and family, who have been spending some time at their old home in South Texas, have returned to Pony, where Mr. Sims owns a gin and other property. They will be at home for the remainder of this year.

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Our collection of suits for water sports includes every approved style. You will enjoy your plunge more if you know you are appropriately clad. Your bathing suit of 2 or 3 years back is now out of style. Whether you are going to the beach or for a camp this summer one of our suits will make your trip more pleasant. Plain suits for service or fancy costume bathing suits. Pay any price you wish at Higginbotham, 50¢ and up.

For Men and Boys

Beautiful bathing suits of all wool Jersey in beautiful contrasting colors, guaranteed absolutely fast, \$5.00 and \$6.00
Cotton suits for service, good heavy Jersey with fancy trimmings, priced \$2.00 and \$3.00

FOR CHILDREN

Neat cotton suits in blue and black, at 50¢ and up.

For Women and Children

Distinctive wool one-piece bathing suits for men in Kelly, cardinal, purple, and white combinations at \$5.00
Cotton suits in one-piece styles, in blue and black, extra heavy, priced \$1.50, \$2.00

FOR BOYS

An extra quality cotton Jersey suit in blue, at 75¢

Bathing Caps and Beach Slippers

At \$1.00 we're showing a wonderful line of India rubber bathing caps in quaint and appealing designs. Others at 75¢ and \$1.50
Plain Bathing Caps at 35¢

Beach slippers for the women in all colors to match the bathing suits; red, Kelly, purple and blue, all sizes, at the pair 75¢

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COURT FIXES 1917 COUNTY TAX RATE

Commissioners court was in session a couple of days this week, holding a board of equalization. Compared with past years there were very few notices sent out to property owners to appear before the court and show cause why renditions should not be raised. The renditions as given in by the property owners met with the approval of the court, with the exception of a few cases. Of all those notified only a few appeared before the court, and with one or two exceptions the court had no trouble in convincing these that they had given in their property

at a value too low, and the increase was agreed to.
The tax rate for Runnels county shows an increase of one cent over last year. The 1917 rate is 59 cents, as compared with 58 cents last year. The one cent increase is made necessary on account of the court being compelled under the sanitary livestock law to employ a sheep inspector, and carrying on tick eradication among sheep, as well as among cattle.
The county rate as fixed by the court for the present year is as follows:
General county rate 22 cents.
Regular road tax 15 cents
Special road tax 15 cents.
Court house and jail tax 7 cents.
Tax Assessor Stevens is making up the rolls for 1917, and these

will be approved and placed in the hands of the collector on schedule time.
Taking Cathartics Every Day for Weeks Don't Cure Stomach Trouble
They do not eliminate the poisonous Bile Accretions from the System, so declares a leading Chicago Stomach Specialist. Often Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Auto Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other dangerous ailments are the consequences. May's Wonderful Stomach Remedy is the ideal prescription for Stomach, Liver and Intestinal ailments. It has restored millions. One dose will prove that it will help you. May's Wonderful Remedy is for Sale by Weeks Drug Co.
FARMERS BUILDING GRAIN BINS.
F. P. Murphy was here from the Marie country Tuesday to get lumber to build a grainery. Mr. Murphy says he has about two hundred bushels of wheat he wishes to keep as he does not know what the bread question might be in the future. Several others in the Marie country made considerable wheat this year, notwithstanding that the impression prevails with many that nothing was produced here. A local lumber dealer says he has sent out several bills of lumber for building grain bins.

June 5.
To Mrs. M. Q. Hall, a girl, on June 10.
To Mrs. Adolph Kloesel, a girl, on June 18.
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Mrs. Ethel Pearl Burns, on June 12.
County Court.
Criminal cases on county court file docket are as follows:
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This occurred Tuesday when Mr. Moser purchased W. W. Farmer's forty-two bale holdings at twenty-five and three eighths.
Mr. Farmer was well pleased with his sale and he is irrigating now to make more 25 cent cotton.

CALOMEL SICKENS! IT'S HORRIBLE! DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED

I guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.
Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver.
If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You will be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.
Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick.
I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

NEWS FROM THE TEMPLE OF JUSTICE.
County Clerk McCarver has issued the following marriage licenses in the past week:
G. R. Ransbarger and Bessie Pearce.
Ross A. Smith and Ada E. Brown.
Simeon Cottle and Mary Sue Spill.
O. P. Thornhill and Cora Williamson.
Births
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COTTELLE SPILL.
One of the prettiest weddings of the season was consummated Wednesday morning at St. Mary's church. There, in the presence of a crowded house of the young people's friends, Father Gollbach performed the ceremony at High Mass which united in marriage Mr. Simeon Cottle and Miss Mary Sue Spill. Before Mass was begun, Miss Annie Jean Sharp rendered the song, "I Love You Truly"; and Mrs. Alec McGregor, "Morning." Both the accompaniments were played by Miss Lois Crews. Then as Miss Olga Schawe played Wagner's Wedding March, the bridal couple, preceded to the altar

trailing by four men, marched to the altar to hear the words which made their hearts beat in unison. Miss Eura Tuttle was maid-of-honor to the bride, and Mr. A. T. Hoehn, best man. After Mass was said, Miss Olga Schawe played Mendelssohn's Wedding March while Mr. and Mrs. Cottle were conducted to a car waiting at the entrance.
The two young people returned to the home of the bride's father and mother, to prepare to take the morning train to Brownwood. Miss Tuttle accompanied them as far as that city.
Miss Spill, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spill, is a Ballingerite through and through, having been born, reared, and educated here. Since her graduation from the High School three years ago, Miss Spill has been the leading music teacher in the Rowena schools. She is known for her active interest in religious work among her friends at Ballinger. Also she has trained the choir of St. Mary's to a remarkable degree of perfection. Most of the young people of Ballinger know her personally, and all agree that she is an ideal mate for a man who has a bright future before him.
Mr. Cottle came to Ballinger on a business trip six years ago, and he immediately adopted this western city as his home town. He grew to manhood in sight of the State Capitol at Austin, where he has a host of friends. Long before he had finished his "teens" he became engaged in the cotton buying business, in which work he has made a remarkable success. He is a member of the firm of W. C. Penn & Co., one of the largest firms dealing in cotton in the West. Mr. Cottle is a splendid type of the business man of tomorrow's generation, and he is treasured among social circles for his genial disposition.
The young couple will spend their honeymoon at Texas' new pleasure resort, Lake Austin, at Houston, and at Galveston. They will attend the wedding of Miss Spill's brother, Mr. Edward Spill, at Houston Thursday. When they return to Ballinger, they will make their home in a neat little cottage on Sixth street.
The out-of-town visitors were: Mrs. Bertha Cooney, of Chicago; Miss Eura Tuttle, of Brownwood; and Mr. Ben Spill and family, Mr. Albert Spill and family, Mr. Ben Nitch and family, Mrs. Aug. Spill and daughter, Miss Emma, of Winters.
Mrs. J. M. Colbert of Coleman who had been in Ballinger with her daughter at the Halley & Love sanitarium, left for her home Saturday afternoon.
W. E. Branch and family left Monday afternoon for an overland trip to Dublin and other places, where they will visit for a week.
RECRUIT NO. TWO SENT OUT WED.
Corporal Flick received instructions today to go to Abilene and spend a couple of days. From Abilene he is directed to go to Anson and from Anson to Baird and from Baird return to Ballinger. He will be absent from the city about one week, returning here on June 28th, where he will continue his work recruiting men for the army.
Wm. C. Coleman, from somewhere, came here Wednesday. The man expressed a desire to enlist in the army. He was accepted by the

WOMEN SUFFER MOST OF ALL
From those conditions of the blood and nerves in which the combination treatment, Hood's Sarsaparilla before eating and Peptiron Pills after eating, gives so much satisfaction at so little cost as compared with other medicines or physicians' fees.
These two great medicines are especially effective in cases of physical weakness, nervous irritability, run-down conditions in which there is iron deficiency. Price of each \$1. Ask your druggist for them.
local recruiting officer and sent to Waco, and from there he will be sent to Fort Sam Houston, where he will be given a place either in the infantry or field artillery.
Corporal Flick is considerably discouraged at the way the recruits are holding back. He says he is doing his best, that he has no way of forcing men to volunteer, that being left up to Uncle Sam under his conscription plan. He is here to give information to those who wish to enlist and to give the preliminary examination.
The war department is making an effort to fill up the army to its full war strength, and men from 18 to 45 will be accepted. Those who wait for the draft to get them will not have the same opportunities as those who volunteer. This within itself should cause many of those who can serve to volunteer before they are called and compelled to go.
FOR SALE
FOR SALE OR TRADE—A \$2,500 stock of Racket goods in Sweetwater, Texas, to trade for cattle or good residence in Ballinger, stock is clear, and property traded for must be clear of incumbrance. Have a Mitchell automobile model six of '16, five passenger, run 3700 miles, will trade this for cattle also. Address H. M. FUTCH, Sweetwater, Texas. 1td-wpd
FOR SALE—My place, consisting of five acres and 3 houses in South Ballinger. G. H. STURM, 15-3twpd.
FOR SALE—Three-year old Jersey cow, fresh in milk, first calf, from cow with 5 gallon and 2 pounds butter per day record. Price \$75.00. Mrs. S. D. Williams, Hatchel, Tex. 8-3w-pd
FOR SALE—My property in Ballinger consisting of one 5-room house, barn and large underground cistern. One 4 room dwelling, one warehouse 34x50 feet, heavy frame building, good floor. Also several thousand young pecan trees in Nursery. About 500 roots grafted this Spring, balance can be budded this Summer, ready for Fall delivery. Reason for selling my entire time is needed on my pecan orchard and nurseries on Valley Creek. S. B. HOWARD, 107 N. 12th St., Ballinger, Texas. 19-1td-tfw.
LOST.
LOST—One brown mare, 3 years old, branded H on jaw and shoulder. Strayed out of Willingham pasture in May. Suitable reward for return to or notifying Isabelle Beckwith, phone 359. 19-3td-1tw-pd.
TRESPASS NOTICES
NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS—
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the land owned or controlled by the undersigned in Runnels and Conecho counties for the purpose of hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering pecans or working stock will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law—I mean it. GODFREY MASSEY, Paint Rock, Texas. 7-1-17

Catching Up

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