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DR. FOWLER'S MOTHER DEAD

News reached Ballinger Wednesday to the effect that Dr. Fowler's mother died at her home in Tennessee. Dr. Fowler reached her bedside before death came. Dr. Fowler is expected home by next Saturday.

C. C. Schuchard returned home from Miles Wednesday afternoon where he had been looking after his candidacy for tax assessor the past few days.

Rev. D. M. West, of Belton, came in from San Angelo Wednesday afternoon to visit Ballinger friends and to look after business affairs a few days before going on home.

LARGE CROWD ATTEND PASTORS CONFERENCE

A large crowd greeted the opening of the Pastor's Conference at the Methodist Church last night. Judge T. C. Wilkerson, of Brownwood, delivered an able lecture, speaking on the subject "Paul and His Times." Judge Wilkerson has devoted much time to the study of the life of Paul and those who heard him last night feel that they were well paid for their time in going to hear Judge Wilkerson.

Quite a number of preachers arrived last night and more came in today and tomorrow will be the best day during the conference. Dr. Jno. A. Rice, of Fort Worth, arrived at noon today. Dr. Rice is the principal speaker on the program, and he is billed for two lectures each day. He addressed a large crowd this afternoon at four o'clock and will lecture again tonight at 7:30. The program for today was carried out as published in yesterday's paper with few changes.

The conference will close tomorrow night with an address by Dr. Rice, and following is the program for the entire day:

- 9.—Devotional, Christ's Cross—Matt. 16:21-23—S. J. Rucker.
- 9:15—How to Organize and Operate a Missionary Sunday School—W. T. Jones.
- 9:30—How I worked the Missionary Committee.—J. B. Curry.
- 9:45—How to Be a Missionary Pastor.—T. L. Sorrels.
- 10.—How to Have a Missionary Church—W. A. Neil.
- 10:15—How to Give Out Missionary Information.—T. D. Ellis.
- 10:30—Christian Stewardship.
- 11.—Rev. John A. Rice, D. D. Friday Afternoon.

- 3.—Devotional, Our Cross—Matt. 16:24-26—S. J. Rucker.
- 3:15—What Can the Laymen Do?—J. F. Turner, District Leader.
- 3:30—Message from the Board of Missions of Central Texas Conference.—W. H. Matthews, Pres.
- 3:45—The Woman's Missionary Society of the District and Its Work.—Miss Cora Posey, of the Brownwood District, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Cor. Sec. of Woman's Missionary Society Central Texas Conference.
- 4:30—Social Hour.
- 7:30—Our World Task—Rev. John A. Rice, D. D.

Mrs. Kate Woodward left Tuesday afternoon for Coleman to visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

BASE BALL KILLS BOY AT BROWNWOOD

Brownwood, Feb. 4.—Russell Bennett, 16 years old, a student in Howard Payne college, was killed this afternoon in baseball practice on the college diamond. Bennett was struck on the right side of the head by a batted ball and died within a few minutes. Willard Wooden, a long lanky right handed pitcher, who was Howard Payne's star pitcher last year, was batting balls to the outfield, and Bennett was catching the balls returned.

Just as Bennett ran out to catch a ball, Wooden batted a terrific liner, and the ball struck the youth on the head. He staggered to the bench and told a companion that the blow had almost killed him. He seemed groggy and within a few minutes fell to the ground and died almost instantly. Examination showed concussion of the brain.

Bennett was an orphan, and lived with his guardian, V. L. Jackson, in Comanche county. This was his first year in Howard Payne College, and although young, he expected to make the college team.

The tragedy has cast a gloom over college students, who have been looking forward to having one of the best college baseball teams in the state.

The news of the killing reached Ballinger today, and when the Fort Worth Record was received here it furnished the above details of the accident. A phone message to The Ledger from the Brownwood Bulletin corroborated the facts as given in the Record except the boy was not killed instantly. Death did not occur until the boy arrived home, and it was not thought at first that he was seriously injured.

Wooden has only been at Brownwood a few days, and the team with which he was to play during the coming season was practicing. His friends in Ballinger sympathize with him in the sorrow that comes to him and his team in this accident.

DRY GOODS FIRM GOING TO MOVE

Rosenwasser & Levy are busy packing their goods preparatory to move same to Sweetwater, where they will open for business. This firm has a store at Sweetwater, but most of the goods at that place will be shipped to Fredericksburg, where this firm will open a store and the Ballinger goods will be placed in the store at Sweetwater.

This firm opened their store in Ballinger seven years ago. During their stay here they made many friends over the county. When crops were good they did a splendid business, and are leaving Ballinger only because they feel that they can do better at other places. They have conducted their business on a legitimate and high-class basis, and by their fair methods they go away from Ballinger with the good will of those who have traded with them during their seven years stay.

A. Levy, member of the firm, says he is not promising any one that he will not return to Ballinger and make this his home some time. He expresses regret that he must leave, and says he will leave things in such shape that it will be not trouble for him to return when he gets ready.

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SEVERELY BURNED.

Mrs. Ralph Willingham was severely burned about the hand and arm Wednesday morning by a pan of grease which caught fire in the cook stove. The pan of grease was closed in the baking department of the stove and when the fire was kindled for breakfast she did not know the pan was in the stove and when she opened the door the flames burst out and as above stated burned her hand arm severely and it was a mere accident that her clothing did not catch fire and make the burns more serious.

H. A. Neas is papering and repainting the building on Eighth Street recently vacated by Troy Simpson and E. F. Elder & Son will occupy the same in a few days. It will be fitted up in fine style and will add greatly to the business looks of that part of the street.

PURCHASES STOCK IN BIG STORE

R. E. George and Roy Sharp, employees of the Higginbotham Currie-Williams Co., became members of that firm this week by purchasing a block of stock in the firm. Mr. George is bookkeeper for the firm and Mr. Sharp is in the clothing and gents furnishings department. They have both made good in their respective positions, and through their loyalty to the duties of their positions and ability they are now members of one of the largest mercantile firms in Central West Texas.

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THE DAILY LEDGER

Published every afternoon except Sunday by the Ballinger Printing Co.

Some one has said that the devil lived in heaven until he began knocking his home town.

There is a growing demand for the Young Men's Booster Club. "I want to be a member" said a prominent citizen nearly fifty years old.

Runnels county farmers are ready for another five or six inch rain. It would be the very thing to head off a dry spring.

"Please find enclosed check for which please renew my subscription to your paper," says Bert E. Low, of Winters, in a letter to us. "You are certainly giving us a good paper, and it is never late. I always receive it on time." is an expression from Mr. Low that we appreciate.

A mass meeting of the prohibition democrats of this county has been called to meet at the court house in Ballinger at 12:30 o'clock Saturday, Feb. 14th. The question naturally arises as to whether those who participate in this convention will be honor bound to abide by the results of the convention which is to be held at Fort Worth on the following Saturday.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY CHICKEN

We have been requested to write a series of editorials on the subject of chickens. We have al-

ways had a very tender place in our anatomy for chicken, but it is not in the heart. Chickens in town are very useful nuisances if allowed to run at large and scratch up other folks flowers and gardens. In fact chickens can make any woman so mad that she don't think pretty things at all when she finds them in her flower bed or digging away in the vegetable patch. The only way we know to have eggs is to have chickens, however. But the way to have chickens is to get some wire netting and build a pen for the chickens and then keep them in the pen, which is an easy task if said owner will clip one wing of each chicken. This is about all we know about chickens and we don't know what we are going to do for material to write our series of articles which we promised to write. We suppose that we will have to branch off and write something about how unthoughtful a person must be who will attempt to raise chickens with close neighbors all around them, right down in town, if you please. Every one knows that they don't want other folks chickens bothering them and why some people will permit their chickens to bother other folks we don't know. You can depend on it, if you have chickens and don't keep them up that your neighbor is secretly mad at you and that he or she is talking bad about your seeming disregard for the feelings of others and their rights. People have no more right to turn chickens loose to deplete on others folks flowers and gardens than they have to turn hogs loose. A person who cares nothing for their neighbor is not a very good citizen, be that person man or woman.—Ex.

OIL COMPANIES ACTIVE AT COLEMAN

Coleman, Texas, Feb. 4.—The advent of some good oil producing wells at Moran and the strong indications existing in the section of country around the town of Coleman has invited the attention of a number of oil companies here. The greater part of all the lands here have been leased. Such obligations have been taken as to guarantee the development of the country. At this time machinery is on the way for the sinking of deep wells and the next few weeks will tell the tale. Experts from various parts of the United States have thoroughly inspected the territory and are unanimous in their expressions as to the immense possibilities, and to all external appearances there is a certainty of the development of one of the largest and most extensive oil, gas and coal fields in the entire country. These experts who view the country in a scientific and expensive way are criticized by many. This adverse criticism usually emanates from the unlearned or those who, for some cause, wish to obstruct the enterprise. Surely experience is the greatest teacher and, if it applies to other matters, then why not the same application be made to oil and gas developments? The skeptics need only to follow the foot-steps of some of these petroleum expert geologists till they are convinced of these practicability and wisdom of these wizzards of "Mother Earth."

WHAT IS OLD AGE?

Some Younger at 65 Than Others Are at 40 Years.

Old age is not marked by years, but by the stiffened frame, the hardened tissues and arteries.

So many people whom you meet about the time they reach 40 begin by saying "I can't do this and I can't do that, because I'm getting old now," they begin to act old, feel old and they are older in appearance than many who are much more advanced in years.

When you begin to feel old when your energy begins to fail build yourself up with our delicious cod liver and iron tonic, Vinol. It is a wonderful blood-maker and strengthener.

H. C. Klyce of Corinth Miss., says: "I am 75 years old and my blood was very poor. I was in a run-down condition and felt that I must have a tonic. Vinol was recommended and it built up my strength until I felt as strong and well as ever."

Thousands of old people have found in Vinol just the medicine they need to build up the feeble weakened system and create strength. If it fails, we return your money. The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

P. S. Stop scratching, our Saxo Salve stops itching. We guarantee it.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Kr. of the Pony Creek country, left Tuesday afternoon for La Grange, Texas, to be at the bedside of her brother who is reported seriously ill and not expected to live.

NO MORE PAIN

Pain cannot exist where Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied, says one user. No other liniment acts so quickly. You simply rub it on and the pain is gone almost instantly. Those who suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, headaches and similar troubles should get a bottle at once. For cuts and bruises, burns and sprains and abrasions of the skin it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. We have never known it to fail to relieve chilblains. For sale in 25c and 50c bottles by druggists. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

Matt Fox of Talpa, who had been in Ballinger on business the past few days, left Wednesday morning for his home.

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Johnnie Currie, of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

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Weather Forecast.

Tonight and Friday unsettled, probably rain; colder; temperature will probably drop to 20 degrees.

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- For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, JO HARDIN, J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. C. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON.
- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL.
- For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: C. R. STEPHENS.

Broadway Jones

From the Play of
George M. Cohan

By
EDWARD MARSHALL

With Photographs from Scenes in the Play

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Jackson Jones, nicknamed "Broadway," because of his continual glorification of New York's great thoroughfare, is anxious to get away from his home town of Jonesville. Almer Jones, his uncle, is very angry because Broadway refuses to settle down and take a place in the gum factory in which he succeeded to his father's interest.

CHAPTER II—Judge Spotswood informs Broadway that \$25,000 left him by his father is at his disposal. Broadway makes record time in heading for his favorite street in New York.

CHAPTER III—With his New York friend, Robert Wallace, Broadway creates a sensation by his extravagance on the White Way. Four years pass and Broadway suddenly discovers that he is not only broke, but heavily in debt. He applies to his uncle for a loan and receives a package of chewing gum with the advice to chew it and forget his troubles. He quietly seeks work without success.

CHAPTER IV—Broadway gives what is intended to be a farewell supper to his New York friends, and before it is over becomes engaged to Mrs. Gerard, an ancient widow, wealthy and very giddy.

CHAPTER V—Wallace expostulates with the aged flirt and her youthful fiance, but fails to better the situation. He learns that Broadway is broke and offers him a position with his father's advertising firm, but it is declined. Wallace takes charge of Broadway's affairs.

CHAPTER VI—Broadway receives a telegram announcing the death of his Uncle Almer in Europe. Broadway is his sole heir. Peter Pembroke of the Consolidated Chewing Gum company offers Broadway \$1,500,000 for his gum plant and Broadway agrees to sell. Wallace takes the affair in hand and insists that Broadway hold off for a bigger price and rushes him to Jonesville to consult Judge Spotswood, who was Uncle Almer's attorney.

CHAPTER VII—Broadway finds his boyhood playmate, Josie Richards, in charge of the plant and falls in love with her. Wallace is smitten with Judge Spotswood's daughter, Clara.

Continued from Yesterday.

"I must run along now. You'd better come to the office tomorrow, as early as possible. There's a great deal to be done and so many things to be explained. I'll expect you at ten in the morning, shall I?"

"Can I make it a quarter past?"

"Very well." She turned away, but as she picked up a little shopping bag with which she had been armed when she came in, she evidently was reminded of something, for she began to fumble in it. Presently she found what she was seeking, and produced a small tin box, round and highly decorated. She handed it to Broadway who received it as if it had been some thing of high value.

"This is our latest," she explained. "I don't think you've seen them. Jones

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Pepsin Wafers, Good night, Mr. Jones." Dazed and with the box held loosely in his hand, he gazed at her retreating back. "Good night—er—er—Miss Richards."

After she had gone, while Broadway stood gazing after her, the box o-



Josie Richards.

Pepsin Wafers still held loosely in his hand, the judge said cheerfully: "She's a nice girl, isn't she?"

"Is she?"

"Well, how did she strike you?"

"An awful blow."

"An awful blow?"

Broadway caught himself. He realized that such talk would not do. He tried to dodge the inference. "No, no," he protested. "I mean her eyes. Her eyes are awful blue."

The judge smiled satisfiedly. "Everyone in this town is just mad about her."

"They ought to be," said Jackson. "Have another cigar," the judge suggested fervently.

This brought Broadway to his senses. Those cigars! "No, I thank you. I've got some gum here. But I wouldn't mind having another glass of lemonade."

The judge was pleased. "Why, certainly, my boy. I'll go and get it myself."

Broadway spoke up hurriedly. "No; don't do that. Ask Mrs. Spotswood to make it for me, won't you?"

"Sure," said the genial judge. "And I'll tell her that you asked me to. It'll tickle her to death."

At this point Wallace returned. He went to Broadway with his business air exceedingly in evidence.

"Say," he said earnestly. "I've got a real knockout surprise for you, young fellow! Pembroke was waiting at the office of the hotel. That was his man sent here. He knew we were leaving New York before we started. He was telephoned to from the Grand Central station. That's how skillfully they work in these mad days of frenzied finance."

"He didn't wait to take a train—ne came by motor. And just to show you what a smart little fellow you are for wanting to close at their price at noon today, I, who represented myself as Henry Wilson, your secretary, have given them till eleven o'clock tomorrow to close the deal at fifteen hundred thousand dollars."

"He's burning up every telegraph and telephone wire between here and Cleveland right now, and unless I miss my guess, I'm making you richer by several hundred thousand dollars, just proving to you the value of patience. Fifteen hundred thousand dollars! A million and a half!"

He had been leaning tensely forward in his chair. Now he cast himself backward in an attitude of satisfied ease.

"What do you think of that?" he asked.

"Bob," said Broadway slowly. "I can't sell this plant."

"You can't!" It was an exclamation of amazement.

"You don't know," said Broadway dreamily. "You haven't heard. Now, just think of what I'd be selling. Here's the thing my grandfather worked for and handed down to my father; and the thing my father worked for and handed down to me; and it's the thing that I should work for and hand down to my children, and then to theirs, and so on and so on."

Wallace looked at him with incred-

ity too great, at first, for words. When they finally came they were explosive. "Say," he cried. "What the h—'s the matter with you?"

CHAPTER IX.

On the way to the hotel, after they had left the judge's house, Broadway tried to tell Bob Wallace what, indeed, was the matter with him, but could not, for he had not the least idea.

"Do you really mean to keep the plant?" asked Wallace skeptically.

"Yes, and pass it to my children," said the dazed young gentleman.

"You haven't any children, you confounded ass!"

"And they'll pass it to their children," said the coming magnate of the chewing-gum trade.

"I think you're crazy."

"Bob, it's a cinch. But let me tell you." And he tried to, with but slight success.

Wallace was a shrewd young man. "Is it your conscience or the girl that has driven you insane?" he asked.

"I'm thinking about Jonesville. My grandfather built this town."

"Well, he made a blamed bad job of it. Why didn't he build a place a man could get a decent drink in while he was about it?"

"And my father kept it going."

"Well, he didn't keep it going very fast."

"And now I've got to keep my faith with it. It is a sacred duty. I must not abandon it."

"Say," said Wallace, in disgust. "Where did you get that stuff? Have you gone out and tried to get a decent drink here? This town ought to be abandoned. It ought to be put out of its misery."

"The trust would close the plant and ruin all these people."

"You'd think they were first cousins, to hear you talk about them."

"Bob," Broadway chided in a soft and earnest voice, "they are far more than that; far, far more than that. They are charges placed by Providence in the care of the Jones family. And, Bob, I'm the last of the Joneses."

"Let us hope there'll never be another like you."

"There'll never be one more earnest, you can bet on that, Bob!"

They were in a shady stretch of Main street, and, at night, a shady stretch of Main street, Jonesville, is about the darkest spot on earth outside of Africa.

"Let's stop right here, in the dark, till you get over it," said Wallace. "It's late, but there might be some mad, dazed, joyous Jonesville roisterer to see if you went into the light."

"I mean every word of it. There are no roisterers in Jonesville; they're all honest workmen, horny-handed gum makers, toilers for the fortunes of my family. That's why I'm protecting them."

"The horny hand of some insane asylum guard will be upon your shoulder if you don't watch out."

"Ha ha! Ha ha!" laughed Broadway somewhat cacklingly.

"I think you're going to be violent!" said Wallace. "He'll probably need both horny hands. But he'll subdue you! Now, try to give me some coherent notion of what's the matter with you, will you?"

"I've awakened to my duty."

"Time you did; you've had a nice long nap. What do you see, now you have aroused?"

"A pleasant little city, working happily at well-paid industry. I'm the paymaster. A great nation, wagging tireless jaws. They're chewing the Jones gum. Jones' gum, mind you; not some gum that the Consolidated puts up against the public as just as good as that which my ancestors made famous. I see—"

"For heaven's sake, shut up! You'll see snakes if this keeps on. That lemonade that Mrs. Spotswood gave you has gone to your empty head."

"It was not the lemonade that Mrs. Spotswood gave me, it was the touching line of talk that—er—that Josie Richards gave me." He paused while Wallace waited with his jaw loose on its hinges. "Say, Bob, isn't she a queen?"

"So that's it?"

But he made no further protests. He was a level-headed youth, was this young advertising man. He knew as well as anyone that if the trust feared and wished to purchase the Jones gum it could be but because the trust knew that the Jones gum was a dangerous competitor. If, managed as it had been, unadvertised, it had been a dangerous competitor to the trust, then it was worth having—emphatically worth keeping.

And some day Broadway must do something. He could not forever play the idler on the Great White Way, even if his millions were unnumbered. It was no life for an actual man, and Bob was sure that hidden somewhere in his friend were the true elements of worthy manhood. Nothing had occurred to bring them out, that was all. He thought they might be coming now.

Reaching the hotel, they found the place in utter darkness. Not a light, even turned down for the night, was visible at any window; not a sound of life came from the building save a rhythmic cadence of some sleeper softly sawing wood with a dull saw.

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COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

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

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst. I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework. I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off. I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it. After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely. I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether." Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution. Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy. Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-55

Walter Oliver and Paschal Armstrong, left Thursday morning for Winters on a short business trip.

Mrs. A. B. Mullens of Calallen, Texas, who had been visiting her daughter Mrs. Tom Corder and family the last few weeks, left Wednesday afternoon for her home.

Mrs. T. M. Hambrick, of Winters, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roe Wilkerson and family, left Thursday afternoon for her home. Her granddaughter, little Miss Dora Bell Wilkerson accompanied her home to visit a week or two.

C. J. Doerr and C. C. Cidwell, two of the representative citizens of Miles, came in Thursday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger between trains.

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A purely vegetable liver medicine is Simmons Liver Purifier. It is the one liver medicine which energizes the liver and brings back its natural function strong and young again. Its action is different from other medicines. It cleanses the organ of all impurities without injury, harmless, but with all speed. Nothing like it. Sold in Yellow Tin Boxes only. All druggists sell it for 25c per box, or sent by mail, A. C. Simmons, Jr. Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases Hunt's Cure has proven itself the standard medicine for skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Prof. E. H. Buchschacker and Master Bealer Weir, of Rowena came over Wednesday afternoon to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

W. L. James, of San Angelo, and his stepson, Elber Smith, came in Thursday morning to visit Ballinger friends a few days. Mr. James has many friends in our city who sincerely sympathize with him in his recent bereavement.

Miss Bonnie Mae Lawrence, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon on a visit to her cousin, L. B. Harris and family for a few days.

J. R. Hughes, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to Winters where he will be connected with the E. A. Jeanes produce and fruit business. Mr. Jeanes accompanied him.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

Best Cough Medicine for Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Ethel Fitzgerald of Bangs who had been visiting her brother R. A. Fitzgerald and family for several weeks past, left Wednesday afternoon for her home.

Sheriff Sandlin, of Granbury was in the city Thursday to look after adjusting some claims for the Santa Fe Ry. Company.

J. O. Roots of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon en route to Dallas to attend the District Bankers' Association which convened in that city Thursday.

J. M. Greenwell, of South Ballinger, left Thursday at noon on a short business trip to points west.

Rev. J. B. Curry, of Santa Anna, was among the visiting pastors in Ballinger Wednesday to attend the Pastor's Conference in our city this week.

Rev. J. L. Speers, of Winters came in Thursday to attend the Pastor's Conference now in session in our city.

Madames Clara Ransom and E. L. McAlpine left Thursday at noon to visit relatives and friends at San Angelo a few days.

WOMAN WANTS TO HELP OTHERS

By Telling How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

Miami, Okla. — "I had a female trouble and weakness that annoyed me continually. I tried doctors and all kinds of medicine for several years but was not cured until I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I hope my testimonial will help other suffering women to try your wonderful medicine." — Mrs. MARY E. MILLER, Box 453, Miami, Okla.

Another Woman who has Found Health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Lindsborg, Kansas. — "Some years ago I suffered with terrible pains in my side which I thought were inflammation, also with a bearing down pain, backache, and I was at times awfully nervous. I took three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now enjoying good health. I will be glad to recommend your medicine to any woman suffering with female trouble and you may publish this letter." — Mrs. A. L. SMITH, R. No. 3, Box 60, Lindsborg, Kansas.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

NEW SHOE SHOP.

As mentioned a few days ago, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foreman moved to our city from Talpa to make Ballinger their future home and Mr. Foreman will open up a shoe shop and general repair shop of all kinds of leather goods in the Giesecke building next door to the Dunlap pool hall on Eighth Street. Tom Shaffer who had been with T. S. Lankford the past year, will be connected with the new shop.

WILL HAVE HOME TALENT PLAY AT HATCHEL

A play by the Hatchel school, entitled "Out On The Streets" will be presented at the Hatchel school house on Friday night Feb. 13. The play is for the benefit of the school and an admission of ten and fifteen cents will be charged. You are urged to come and encourage us in our work.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

We want your job work.

CALL MASS MEETING PRO. DEMOCRATS

To the Prohibition Democrats Runnels County:

In accordance with the recommendations of the mass meeting held at Fort Worth, Texas, on the 24th day of January, 1914, I hereby earnestly request that such of you as feel an abiding interest in concentrating the statewide forces upon a single candidate for governor, assemble in mass meeting to be held at the court house in Ballinger at 12:30 o'clock Saturday Feb. 14, for the purpose of selecting delegates to a representative convention of prohibition democrats to be held at Ft. Worth on the 21st day of February 1914.

Each county may send as many delegates as may be convenient, and will be entitled to one vote in said convention for each ten votes cast for state wide prohibition in said county in the amendment election of 1911. Be sure and see that your precinct is represented at this mass meeting, as the purpose of said convention is to secure a free, full and fair expression of prohibition Democrats from all over the state, and concentrate upon some man for governor to be nominated in the July primary.

T. S. LANKFORD, Acting Chairman Runnels County

\$100 REWARD. \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Grady Chastain left Monday afternoon for Brownwood, where he will enter Howard Payne College for the balance of the school term.

SALESMAN WANTED

to look after our interest in Runnels and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission, address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW GREATEST EVER HELD

Preparations for the Sixth Annual National Corn Exposition which will be held in Dallas, February 10-24 so far advanced that it is now assured that this will be the very greatest agricultural exposition ever held in the United States. Over 37 states and the United States Government, have made arrangements for displaying the agricultural products of the home fields together with lecturers of national and international fame to discuss the problems which confront the successful and scientific farmer. The whole of the grounds of the State Fair of Texas will be used in the display and the coliseum will be the scene day and night of both educational lectures and amusements of the high-class. There will be band concerts, by Weber's great concert band of Cincinnati, a great array of vaudeville talent which never before has been induced to come to Texas, a real nine act circus, five world renowned aviators flying every day in any and all kinds of weather, athletic track contests, ropin and broncho busting by the best riders in the southwest and a Midway full of unique and beautiful attractions. All of these shows are free for the one admission to the grounds as it is the desire of the management to give more pleasure, profit, entertainment and instruction for fifty cents admission than was ever deemed possible before.

There will be over fifty thousand dollars worth of prizes contested for in the various departments of agriculture and these prizes range all the way from cups and trophies valued at \$1,500 to household utensils and smaller farm implements of all sorts, kinds and description. Not only will this exposition be the greatest educational factor, from the standpoint of the farmer ever held in the South, but the ensemble will afford a greater variety of amusement for less than was ever attempted before.

Texas railroads have made the lowest possible rates for the exposition and thousands of Texans and farmers from all over the United States and Europe will be in attendance.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

R. W. Higginbotham of Dublin of the firm of Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., who had been in our city looking after his business interests, left Tuesday afternoon for his home.

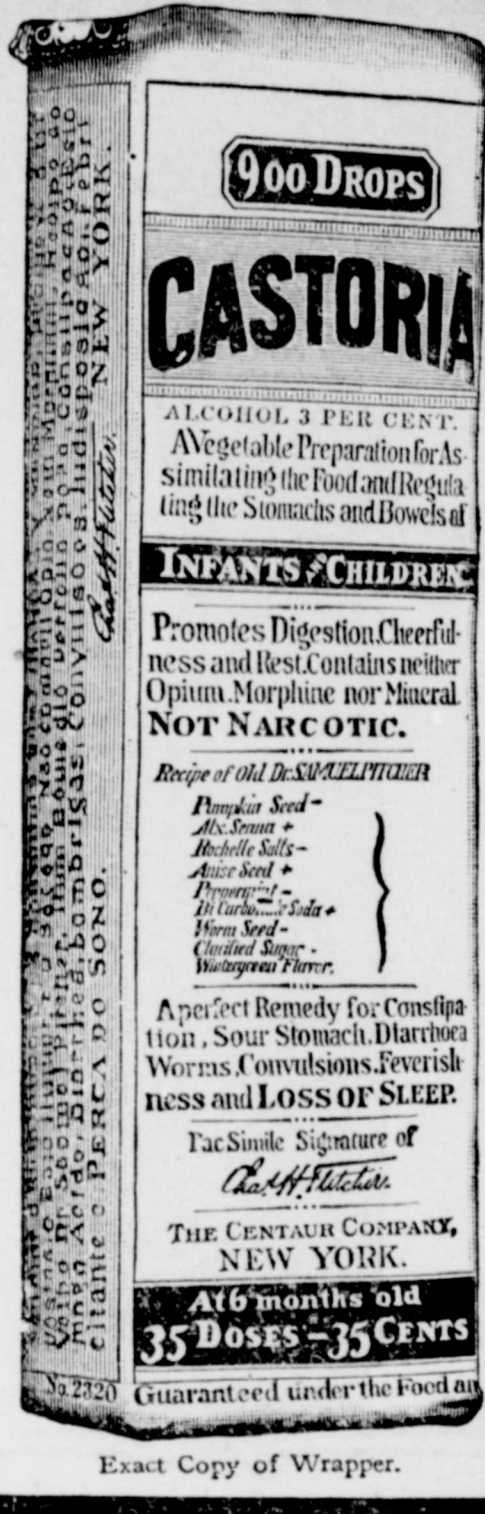
STILL IN THE SHOE REPAIRING BUSINESS.

Those needing first-class shoe repairing will please take notice that I am prepared to take care of their needs. I am installing new and modern machinery and with the equipment already on hand I am in a position to give you the best service possible.

5-3d1w T. S. LANKFORD.

Mrs. T. E. Butler and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bone and baby left Tuesday afternoon for Temple after a visit of a week or ten days with Ballinger friends.

Mrs. Bacon's place for rent, sale or trade. Apply 400 Broadway or phone 394. Intend to close deal at once.



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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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SAYS GOOD-BYE TO BALLINGER FRIENDS

To our friends and customers:

As it is impossible for me to call and bid good-bye to every customer who has been trading with us for the past seven years, I am compelled to say good-bye to you all through the columns of this paper, as we are leaving town in the near future.

I am sorry to say that I have to leave Ballinger, and more especially do I regret to leave our friends who we have gained during the time we have been here. I wish that every one of you will be more prosperous in the future than in the past, and enjoy life until the end of your days.

Yours truly A. LEVY.

BALLINGER FOLKS ASTONISH DRUGGIST

We sell many good medicines but we are told that the mixt of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc known as Adler-i-ka is the best we ever sold. Ballinger folks astonish us daily by telling how quickly Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation. Many report that a single dose, relieves the trouble almost immediately. We are glad we are Ballinger agents for Adler-i-ka. For sale by The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

J. D. Miller, the Norton druggist, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ballinger Printing Co., will be held at the office of the Ballinger Printing Co., tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and attending to any other business that might come before the meeting. All the stockholders are requested to take notice and be present.

C. P. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me." writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Ann VanDoren, stenographer with the First National Bank, left Tuesday afternoon for Belton to visit her mother and friends a few days.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling, Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tfd

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned home Wednesday afternoon from Paint Rock, via Miles, where he had been attending district court the past few days.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Just Arrived!

I have just received my complete sample equipment of Spring and Summer samples from ED. V. PRICE & CO. The line contains: Venetians, Varicolored and Silk Mixed, Fancy and Finished and Unfinished Worsteds, Cassimeres, Pantings, Chevots, Im porteb Goods and Broadcloths, Novelty Suitings Homespuns, Mohairs, Corduroys, Khaki Cloth, Linens, Palm Beach Cloth, Mollskins, Pongee and Shanting Silks, Outing and all kinds and grades of Serges.

Come in and look them over and get in your order early while you can get what you like. I want to get your order for future delivery, and get your name on my time file, and then you can get your suit any time you desire to do so. Let me book your order now. Do not forget that I turn out first class cleaning and pressing promptly.

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