

# BANNER-LEADER.

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## NEW SPRING ARRIVALS

### Hosiery

50 styles Imported Hosiery just opened. Mens and Ladies ranging in price up to \$2.00 per pair. Very newest designs.

### WHITE GOODS,

100 pieces white Masceline highly mercerized in small and large designs in damask Paterns all latest styles, range from 15c to \$1.50 per yard

36 inch White Persian Lawn from 25c to 50c per yard

White Indian Dimity in checks and strips 10c up to 50c per yard

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Embroidered Linen Waist patterns white and champagne shades from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per set

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We have just received our first shipment of dress trimmings, styles are the latest.--Fine line Mechlin Laces, best quality.

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New and latest styles. We are receiving new arrivals every day. Come and see us for newest designs in this line.

## D. REEDER,

PHONE 58

BALLINGER

### FRISCO EXCURSIONISTS.

#### Come and Gone.

The crowd of editors and excursionists came in Wednesday as announced in our last issue. They reached here about 1 p m. Wednesday, about 360 strong on their special train. Quite a number of Texas editors and real estate men were among the number.

Their special train stopped below 10th street and they alighted, formed a line and marched two abreast to the place where dinner awaited them. They were headed by the Frisco band which dispersed some sweet music. When the head of the procession reached Hutchings Avenue the band struck up on Swanee River and when they reached the opera house corner changed off to and the large crowd that



EMPTY a BOX of any of these delicious confections and you'll have sufficient proof of the richness and exquisite flavor of our offerings. Won't cost much to gratify your taste for good things. Our

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All kinds of Wood and Iron Work Done. Carriage and Buggy Painting Shoeing Interfering Horses a Specialty. Give us a trial.

Next to New Rock Stable.

T. J. MIDDLEBROOK & SON,  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

awaited them went wild with enthusiasm.

The ladies of the Methodist and Christian churches had prepared a splendid dinner in the old Winkler building. Two hundred and fifty plates were laid, thus accomodating a large number at a time. When the crowd reached the place for dinner, it was divided and part filed in to dinner and the remainder were taken up in the opera house and seated to await their time.

The easy and graceful way in which the good ladies in charge of the dinner handled this large crowd was indeed creditable. Not a single mishap or error occurred and no guest had to wait an unusual time to be waited on, so many and so swift were the waiters.

The Citizens National Bank prepared something unique in the way of advertising for their bank. They had prepared dainty little bouquets of violets attached to a little card on which was the last financial statement of that bank. They engaged a dozen pretty maidens who stationed themselves at the entrance of the dining hall and as the visitors entered they pinned these pretty little bouquets on them. And we dare say a fairer delegation of youth and beauty would be hard to find in all the broad empire of Texas. From the exclamations of praise and admiration that were heaped upon them we think the visitors concurred with the writer in this opinion. That we are right in believing the visitors' opinion coincided with ours, we cite the fact that some half dozen lingered in conversation with these fair damsels until the whistle blew for the special to pull out and they only missed getting left a hair's breadth.

This crowd, so we were informed, was composed of men from 35 states and territories, belonging to every profession or calling in life; and we must say their appearance indicated men of ability, refinement and intellect, and their conduct while here corroborated their appearance. The visitors all wore Frisco Ry. badges, showing the excursion to be under the auspices of the Frisco Ry. Co.

It has been estimated that no

less than 10,000 people will settle in Texas this year as a result of this tour and we think this to be a conservative estimate.

The dinner netted the ladies about \$200 and there was so much left it was decided to have supper and invite the town people, which was done, and \$13.50 was taken in.

The visitors spoke in highest praise of the treatment received while here and many stated that Ballinger's hospitality exceeded that of the larger cities in this state. They agreed that Runnels county's soil is superb and that some day, no great ways in the future, we would see this land sell for \$25.00 and \$50.00 per acre

### To the Voters of Runnels County.

In 1900 I came before you asking for the office of County Attorney. I got it. In 1902 I was re elected without opposition to the same office. During these four years I have earnestly tried to properly discharge the duties of County Attorney. I have prosecuted in all cases where I thought there was guilt and have refused to prosecute, even after complaint was filed, where I thought the state was not entitled to a conviction. There has not been much money in the office, but it has been very valuable to me, in that, among other advantages, it is the first step up the political ladder which one of my

on up (or else dropping out of the procession), I will give room for one of other just as deserving young lawyers, for whom my present position will be in the nature of a step up.

I have no particular platform to announce, and no promises except that if elected County Judge I will try to do the right, under all circumstances.

Respectfully soliciting the vote and influence of each of you I am, Yours very truly,

B. B. STONE

### Shooting Near Wingate

Last Sunday evening while returning home Chas. Matthews was shot at from ambush the ball passing just in front of the breast and passing through his shirt and taking effect in the left arm, breaking it in pieces near the shoulder. Sheriff Kirk and Deputy DeMoyille at once proceeded to the scene of the attempted murder and at daylight Monday morning arrested one Ed Childress of Taylor county, who is charged with the shooting, and brought him before Justice Wyatt of Wingate and after a preliminary hearing Childress was placed under \$1000 bond to await the action of the grand jury. At the present we are unable to give any cause for the attempted killing, but it is supposed to be some trouble over the burning of Mr. S. L. McNay's barn, which occurred some two weeks ago.

### Services at Baptist Church.

The theme of the Sunday morning service at the Baptist church will be "Justification." The theme of the evening service will be the second in the series "The Mystical circle of young manhood and it's Friendship." All are cordially invited to attend.

Edgar A. Earton, Pastor.

### Protracted Meeting.

The Protracted Meeting at the Methodist Church will begin on the 4th Sunday in March. The Pastor has secured the very best help for these services. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

### G. W. Jons Ranch For Sale

3400 acres fine farm and ranch at \$5.50 per acre. One third cash, 1, 2, or 3 years on balance. See J. W. Powell.

### NEW GROCERY FIRM.

On the 1st of February we purchased the Grocery and Grain business of J. F. Lusk & Co. and will continue the business at the same old stand. It shall be our endeavor to

### Compel You

To share your patronage with us--Not

### By Force

Of arms, but by offering you the very best, fresh Groceries at the lowest living prices, following the golden rule in every transaction.

### GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

And we guarantee satisfaction or money back. We will keep constantly supplied with Country Produce, and want our farmer friends to remember us when they have anything in the produce line to sell.

### GODWIN GROCER CO.,

[J. W. GODWIN, Manager.]

Up-to-Now Grocers, Produce and Grain Dealers.

### Bakery and Confectionery.

I have opened a first-class Bakery and Confectionery stand and will have all kinds of Cakes, Pies and good fresh Bread.

### J. T. OSTEEN,

At Banner-Leader Old Stand Opposite Currie Noyes Co.

### Wan d.

A blacksmith to take charge and run a shop at Maverick, Tex. Call on or address

S. B. CAPERTON,  
Maverick, Texas.

We make a specialty of leasing goods. Charges reasonable.

LANKFORD & HATHAWAY.

Go to Wilkes and get a price on the Celebrated Paul Jones.

Forney Prairie hay, for sale at J. B. Alvis & Bro.

profession, if he enter politics at all, must climb. If I have made a failure in that office I deserve to be put back into private life for all time; but if for four years I have faithfully and with reasonable success performed the duties of County Attorney, then I respectfully submit that I am entitled to promotion. The next round of the ladder up which you started me four years ago is the office of County Judge; and it is that to which I now aspire. By moving

**Tagged for Leap Year.**

The Jackson (Minn) Tribune, with commendable enterprise, is doing its utmost to assist the marriageable young women of the town who are taking a leap year interest in the available young men of the community.

It is desirous, so it says, that the young women may set out with equal opportunities, and with this end in view it presents a catalogue of the bachelors who are eligible, presenting their qualities so that each young woman may select a victim, with some advance knowledge of his business, disposition, habit, prospects, etc. For instance: "Will Hunter, banker; is considered one of the best catches in town. Good steady habits; lovable disposition; trustworthy, bright, intelligent, and will make a model husband. He needs to be rounded up soon, however, as he is becoming more shy as the years roll round, and will be harder to catch."

Then there is, "W. H. Miller, attorney. Handsome, intelligent and is destined to become a leading attorney of the State. There may be some strife over landing this valuable catch, but the girl that gets him will find it worth the effort. An early campaign for the capture is desirable."

A most desirable prize is "John Fiddles, deputy postmaster. Here's one of the best in the lot. Kind, obliging, handsome, jolly and a capital fellow. Will get up mornings and build fires, empty ash pans, carry in water and perform other domestic duties."

Naturally professional instinct inspires the following: "N. P. Wright, editor: 'The prettiest boy in the bunch,' says the girls. Bright, charming, gay, great intellect, writes an editorial on moral ethics or a surprise party with equal facility and fluency. Can be rounded up without much difficulty. He's all right—take him."

Here is an unqualified recommendation: George Thompson: Large, splendid physique, handsome, ruddy complexion, gentle as a kitten, but is regarded as almost a hopeless case—ought to have been captured eight years ago. He is thrifty, has a good bank account is a capital good fellow, and if he can be caught will make an A1 husband."

And so on for two columns. Indeed it would appear that Jackson is an exception to most places of its size in the fact that prizes are to be found among the unmarried rather than the married men of the place. It is usual, we believe, from all we have read and from much we have heard for the good to go

first. Here is a place, however, where the very cream of the young manhood of a country town is held over for leap year.

**Constitutional Amendments.**

The voters of Texas will be called on to vote on three separate amendments to the state constitution at the general election next November.

The first amendment is to authorize legislation in aid of certain internal improvements, viz: (A) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows and to permit navigation thereof or irrigation therefrom, or in aid of such purposes.

(B) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, rivers, dams, canals and waterways for the purpose of irrigation, drainage or navigation, or in aid thereof

(C) The construction and maintenance and operation of macadamized, graded or paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof

This provides for the issuance of bonds by municipalities or counties or subdivisions of counties, to make such improvements

The second amendment is to amend article 3, section 51, relating to pensions of ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, by increasing the amount to \$500,000 per year, and that \$8 per month shall be the limit of any one pension. Also to establish a home, the appropriation for the maintenance of which shall not exceed \$100,000 per year

The third amendment is to amend section 16 so as to provide for the incorporation of corporate bodies with banking and discounting privileges.

**Successful Apple Growing in Texas**

Apple growing in Texas is fast assuming commercial importance. The old worn out idea that we cannot grow this king of fruits profitably in Texas has been exploded. Thousands of acres are being cultivated in Texas in the commercial varieties of apples, the early maturing varieties leading. There are several well defined apple belts in Texas where soil and topography are favorable to the growth of the finest flavored and sized fruits. The Montague-Erath belt, which embraces a number of counties west and northwest of Fort Worth; Fannin Grayson belt, which embraces a number of counties on the Red river; the Fort Davis belt, which embraces a large group of counties north and northeast and northwest of Fort Davis, and the east Texas belt, all have their distinctive features, but all producing apples.—Southern Industrial Review.

**AN OFFER EXTRAORDINARY.**

Two Papers for the Price of One.

To the next 100 cash subscribers we will give the Banner-Leader and the American Home Journal for one year for \$1.00, the price of one.

The American Home Journal is a successful illustrated monthly magazine for the home, suitable for your wife and family to read.

The Banner-Leader is the paper you want for the local news, clean, newsy and always for Ballinger and Runnels county. Call at the Banner-Leader office for sample copies.

The Australian government finds itself the defendant in a suit for \$5,000 on account of the most absurd of decisions. The new immigration law declares that an immigrant must submit to an education test in his native language before he is allowed to land. Not long ago a mate on a ship was arrested for smuggling. When he was released he was ordered to submit to the test or be expelled from the country. It was found that his father was a German and his mother a native of Egypt. He was born in Alexandria. It was decided, therefore, that his native language was Greek, since Greek is the nearest European country to Egypt. He failed to pass an examination and was condemned to further imprisonment for six months. Now he is suing for damages, with a fair chance of getting them.

**Good Bundle Cane for Sale.**

I have at present ten thousand bundles of cane for sale. Extra good cane, weighs from 12 to 15 pounds per bundle. Price 2cts per bundle. I live five miles northeast of Winters. A. L. Cox.

**Suicide Prevented.**

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerveine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It is also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist.

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Physician and Surgeon,  
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OF THE

**PULLMAN SLEEPERS**  
BETWEEN  
**Ft. Worth and San Angelo**

Schedule of Sleeper

Lv. Fort Worth.....	9:10 p. m.
" Temple.....	3:00 a. m.
Ar. San Angelo.....	12:45 p. m.
Lv. San Angelo.....	3:30 p. m.
Ar. Temple.....	1:30 a. m.
" Fort Worth.....	7:20 a. m.

Sleeper Car Rate  
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Perfection for the finest linen as well as all clothing, cheaper, better, neater and more convenient than Bluing in any other form. WARRANTED NOT TO STREAK THE CLOTHES.

Drop a Tablet in half a tub of water, and the Bluing is made. The Tablet is effervescent and the water is instantly and evenly colored. Ten and twenty washings in a single box, for 5 and 10 cents.

Ask your grocer for it. If he does not keep it send us 10 cents for a box by mail.

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A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best salve on earth and will prevent fatality when burns, sores, ulcers and piles threaten. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

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Take cold easily? Throat tender? Lungs weak? Any relatives have consumption? Then a cough means a great

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deal to you. Follow your doctor's advice and take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It heals, strengthens, prevents.

"For 40 years I have depended on Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds. I know it greatly strengthens weak lungs."  
Mrs. P. A. ROBINSON, Saline, Mich.

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All druggists.

for **Weak Lungs**

Ayer's Pills increase the activity of the liver, and thus aid recovery.

### Wingate Items

(Too late for last week)  
Well, Mr. Editor, here I am again. The news in this little town is scarce this week I is still very dry here.

Mrs. Mary Brown and Miss Margaret Hendry of Abilene were visiting in this country this week. Mrs. Brown and Miss Hendry were once residents of Wingate and their many friends were glad to see them back again.

The fifth Sunday meeting at New Hope was well attended by Wingate's young people Sunday and all reported a nice time.

Miss Minnie Gannaway is visiting in Abilene the guest of Miss Agnes Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gannaway and T. B. Dean spent several days in the capital city this week.

Mr. Harry Suively had the misfortune to get his arm broken last Wednesday. While riding his horse after a cow, the horse fell on him breaking his arm near the shoulder. Dr. Wyatt was called in and set the broken arm. Mr. Suively is getting along nicely at present.

Mr. Bob Gannaway made another flying trip to Winters going over Saturday afternoon and coming back Sunday night.

We have a new firm in Wingate under the name of Wyatt & Cantrell.

Our gin has turned out fifteen hundred and sixty bales this season.

Mr. Editor, will take this means of recommending your paper. Will say to the public if they want the best paper in the west just to get it from the west and they will have the very best paper printed. PAT

### Lost.

A black Berkshire pig. Any one finding it please notify Banner Leader.

## PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

Scott's Emulsion is a mixed food; the Cod Liver Oil in it makes flesh, blood and muscle, the Lime and Soda make bone and brain. It is the standard scientific food for delicate children.



Send for free sample.

Be sure that this picture the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

**Scott & Bowne**  
CHEMISTS,  
409 Pearl St., N. Y.  
50c. and \$1. all druggists.

Theo Givens came in last week from Pittsburg, Pa., where he has been as private secretary to an engineer of that city.

When coming to town bring your old hat and leave it with Boyd Bros. They will have it cleaned and made to look like new.

J. F. Currie left Sunday afternoon to buy goods. He will take in St. Louis, Chicago and other eastern points before returning.

Jim Lewis was in town Monday and reports that he has 22 ewes with 35 lambs all in fine condition at his ranch 10 miles north of town.

You will need a new hat for spring. Let Boyd Bros. make your old hat new and save you a neat piece of money besides all work guaranteed first class.

### Pecan Valley News.

Miss Verna Moser, of Ballinger, is the guest of Miss Mattie Tannehill.

Miss Matilda Dooze, of Ballinger, has returned home after a visit to her sister, Mrs. G. B. Wright.

Attorney M. C. Smith, of Ballinger, was in this city last week. Mr. Smith is a brother-in-law of the late Henry Drane, and was here adjusting his business affairs.—Pecan Valley News

### Estray Notice.

Taken up by the undersigned a citizen of Runnels county, Texas, about 10 miles north of Ballinger in Justice Precinct No. 1 the following described stock, which will be estrayed in accordance with the provisions of the law governing estrays, if not legally proven by the owner thereof within twenty days from the date hereof to wit: one white pony mare about 13 hands high 10 or 12 years old branded thus HL on left hip and on left shoulder, estrayed before J. E. Smith Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1. Runnels county, Texas.

Runnels county, Texas, this 6th day of February A. D. 1901.  
J. H. COLE, Taker Up.

### Winters News.

(Too late for last week.)

Mr. White purchased the band stand lot Monday and is going to fit up a wagon yard at once.

There is some talk of a street car line from Winters to Ballinger.

Several of the Winters people attended the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Pumphrey. All seemed to enjoy the services and we wish to compliment the good ladies of that place in regard to the dinner.

Misses Claudia Patterson and Ethel Moore and Messrs. Norman Graham and Bob Gannaway attended the meeting at Pumphrey Sunday.

Winters is continually growing. A new barbershop and a confectionery store have gone up since our last writing.

We think the singers failed to get a school or crowd either Saturday night.

Rev. Moore preached at the M. E. church Sunday at eleven and Rev. Jackson at night.

Mr. R. C. Gannaway of Winters was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Stone has just received a beautiful lot of furniture.

La grippe seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. Dale is out looking after the roads this week.  
DICK.

J. W. Pickens, who is well known here, came in Saturday from far away Canada to visit his mother and brother. Mr. Pickens once did actual service as a "typo" on the Bulletin force and we are always glad to see him. While away he visited many states and various places in Canada. He has promised to come down and devote at least one half day telling his experiences in the strange lands. It might be well to add that Mr. Pickens has quit the printing business or else his travels might not have been so extensive.—Brownwood Bulletin.

B. B. Stone came in Tuesday from Austin where he went last week in response to a telegram stating that his baby had diphtheria. He reports the baby better but that he had a very hard spell.

Tate Walker resigned his position at the depot and entered the literary department of the Normal College. J. J. Erwin Jr. took the position vacated by Tate.

Bob Johnson and Miss Patrick, brother and niece of Joe Johnson, returned to their home in Falls county Monday, after an extended visit here with the latter.

Robert Massey, who holds down the position of bookkeeper for the Mabson Grocery Co. of San Angelo, spent a few hours here Monday the guest of his parents.

Sam! Don't throw your hat away because it's dirty. Bring it to Boyd Bros. and have it cleaned and reblocked. They are agents for Houston Hat Co.

The Domino Circle met with Mrs. J. J. Erwin last Friday night. There was the usual full attendance and an enjoyable time was reported.

F. P. Abney of Winchell dropped from the west bound train Tuesday and spent a few hours in the city looking after some collections.

John Parks, an ex resident of Ballinger, but now of Ft. Worth, was here this week shaking hands with friends.

Heywood Miller purchased a handsome new rubber tire buggy this week from the Hall Hardware Co.

Miss Annie Massey was recently the recipient of a splendid new piano from her father, H. A. Massey.

Miss Maggie Underwood purchased this week a fine new piano.

### Mark Hanna is Dead.

A special wire was received at the cotton exchange this afternoon announcing the death of United States Senator Mark Hanna at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon at Washington. The Senator has been confined to his room at the Arlington hotel in Washington with typhoid fever for some time but it was thought he was better until the announcement came of his death this afternoon.

In the death of Mark Hanna the republican party loses one of its ablest and most enthusiastic advocates. Mr. Hanna would in all probability have been the next nominee for president by his party. Brownwood Daily Bulletin of Monday.

### Wanted.

Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply at this office.

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We have the only complete and up to date Abstracts of Titles of Runnels and Concho county lands. They have been compiled with the strictest fidelity to the official records and represent a quarter of a century's painstaking labor. Abstracts of title carefully compiled and furnished on short notice at reasonable prices.

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Are now in demand and we can  
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## Prompt Service is Our Motto

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## Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

We answer this question. 1st. Where the prices are right. 2nd. Where the goods are fresh and first class. 3rd. Where you will receive Courteous and Honest Treatment.

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Fulfills the above requirements in every respect. Give us a trial order and we are sure you will be our regular customer.

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We appreciate your trade and you will appreciate our price if you will figure with us.

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Shoe repairing is done the best at Bob Shaffers.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES—Strictly Cash in Advance:  
District Offices \$10.00  
County Offices \$7.50  
Precinct Offices \$2.50

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.  
JOHN HOFFER.

For County Attorney:

GUION GREGG.  
R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.  
J. F. LUSK.  
C. S. BOWDON.

For County Treasurer:

W. F. SHARP.  
D. P. MOSER.

For Public Cotton Weiger's Prec. No. 1.

T. J. STOCKS.  
FRANK STUART.  
LOUIS A. MASSEY.

For County Surveyor.

H. E. DICKINSON.  
S. D. WILLIAMS.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 1.

J. E. SMITH.  
W. H. WEEKS.  
G. W. NEWMAN.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 4.

J. T. BILLUPS.

#### G. W. Newman

We announce this week G. W. Newman for the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Newman is in every way well qualified for this position and is a man of strong sense of duty and will make a faithful and efficient officer. He is an honest, high-minded Christian gentleman and anything we could say would be a waste of time and words as he is too well and favorably known to every man in this precinct. However he will appreciate your vote and support and if elected will do his full duty as he knows it regardless of friend or foe.

#### C. B. Hudspeth.

In this issue appears the announcement of C. B. Hudspeth of Ozona as a candidate for re-election to the office of Representative for the 95th Representative District.

Mr. Hudspeth has served the people of this district one term and, so far as we know, with satisfaction to the public. He is a West Texas boy having been reared in and around Ozona, was editor and proprietor of the Ozona Kicker a number of years and built up a strong and popular paper. He is a man of strong intellect and has a clear understanding of problems of state. If re-elected we believe he will serve the people with satisfaction.

When in need of nice pickles, olives, chow chow and any old good thing to eat, just phone No. 12.

#### Louis A. Massey.

Louis A. Massey announces in this issue for the office of Public Cotton Weiger of Cotton Weiger's Precinct No. 1. Louis is well and favorably known to our citizens and is in every way worthy and qualified to fill the position to which he aspires. He has worked at the business for the past 4 or 5 years and understands thoroughly how to handle cotton. He will appreciate your vote and support and promises to serve you honestly and faithfully if you see fit to elect him

#### J. T. Billups.

In this issue appears the announcement of J. T. Billups for the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 4. Mr. Billups is well known all over the county and is an honest, straitforward man and will look well to the financial interests of the county. He is a man of undoubted ability, well fitted and qualified for any position to which he may aspire. His friends are urging him to make the race and will see that he is elected. The people of Precinct No. 4 will never regret it if they see fit to elect J. T. Billups for Commissioner and Justice of the Peace

#### S. D. Williams.

We announce in this issue S. D. Williams for re-election to the office of County Surveyor of Runnels county, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. Williams has held this position for several years and by his close attention and strict adherence to his duties has won the universal approval of every citizen of the county. He is a fine surveyor and understands thoroughly the land business and old land marks of Runnels county. He will greatly appreciate your vote and support and is deserving and well qualified and will in the future as in the past serve you honestly and faithfully. Remember him when you go to cast your vote.

#### Col. D. P. Moser.

In this issue appears the announcement of Col. D. P. Moser for the office of Treasurer of Runnels county.

Col. Moser has lived in this county a long while and has a host of friends all over the county. He is well qualified and deserving and if elected will make you a faithful efficient officer. He comes before you with no other claim than that the office is a public trust and any citizen is entitled to same, should he have friends enough to elect him. Col. Moser is an honest, conscientious law abiding citizen and will appreciate your vote and support and will prove the same by his faithful effort to make you a good officer. He is an old ex Confederate and asks you to remember him when you go to cast your vote.

#### Notice.

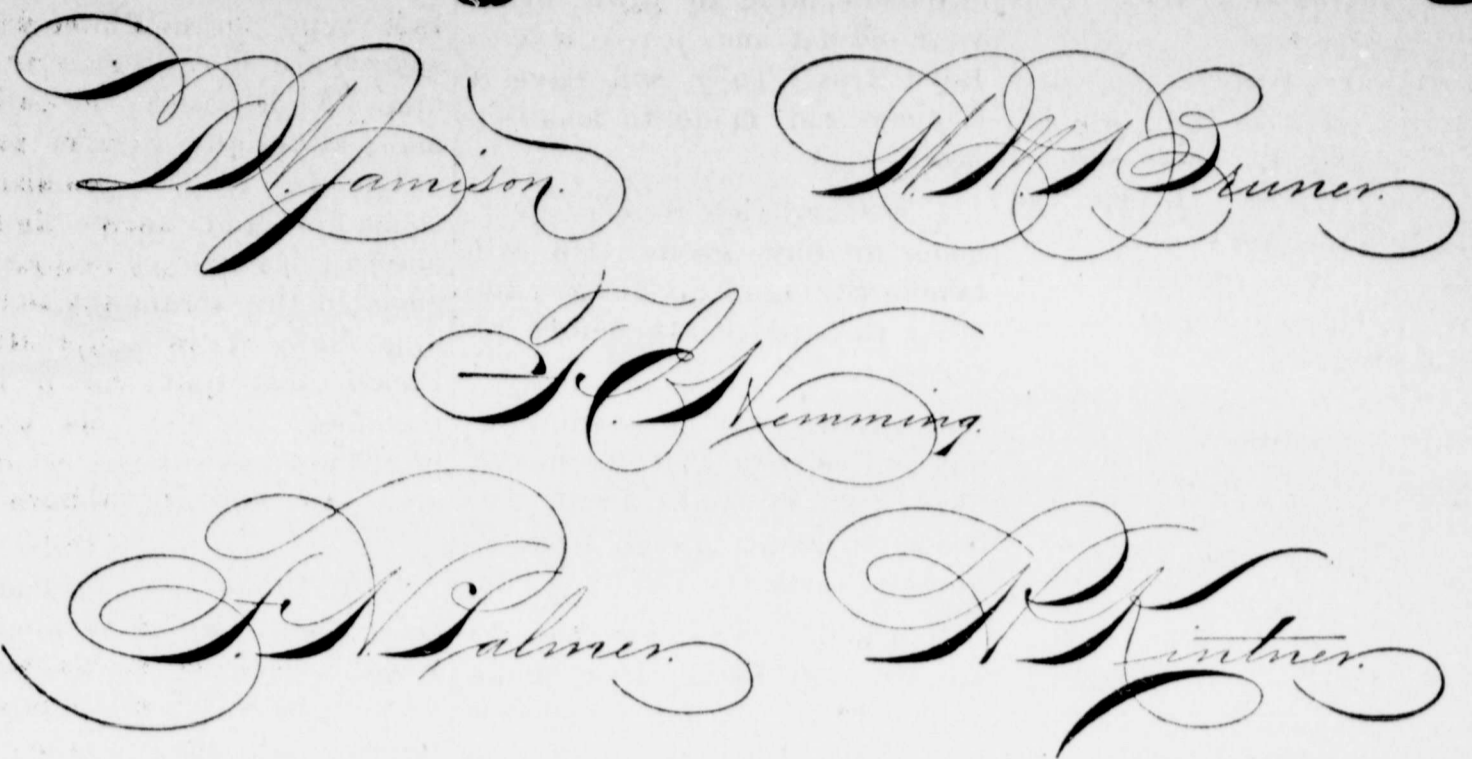
After February 15th scholarships in the Ballinger Business College will be \$35 for book-keeping instead of \$25 and \$30 for stenography instead of \$20. You can buy scholarships at the present price and take the course at any future time. Remember the date, and take advantage of this opportunity.

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#### The Russia-Japanese War

The war cloud so long hanging over Russia and Japan has at last turned loose. While no formal declaration of war has been made, yet by mutual consent both nations have begun the fight.

In the 1st engagement the doughty little Japs sunk two Russian vessels and disabled another, the flower of the Russian navy.

Later reports show that two more ships belonging to the Russian navy have been sunk. It looks now like a great war is about to be engaged in by these two powers.

#### R. P. Kirk.

R. P. Kirk announces this week for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of this county and it is with no small amount of pleasure that we chronicle this fact. Bob, as he is familiarly called, is known by every man, woman and child in Runnels county and there is nothing we could say, or need to say, by way of introduction to the voters. There is not a more able and efficient officer in the state than Mr. Kirk. It is never too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, for him to respond to a call of duty, and he invariably lands the violator of the law. He is always courteous and accommodating to the patrons of his office and no better man can be elected to the position.

#### B. B. Stone.

In this issue appears the announcement of B. B. Stone for the office of County Judge.

Mr. Stone has served the people of Runnels county the past four years as county attorney and during that time has made many warm friends who will work hard for his election. His record as a public officer is without a blemish. He has been a hard student and has fitted himself for the duties of the office which he now seeks at the hands of the people, and we feel sure that, should the voters of Runnels county see fit to choose him as their County Judge, he will perform the duties of this office in a fair and impartial way and with credit to himself and Runnels county.

#### Dental Notice.

This is to notify my friends and patrons that I have moved my dental office up stairs in the K. of P. building next door to Dr. Younger's office where I am better prepared than ever to give you first-class dental work at the right price.

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My baby had Eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scabs, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any permanent good until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The Eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully again. I cannot give too much praise to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Frank Farmer, Bluff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits. DeWitt's is the original and the only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. C. DeWitt & Co is on every box. Sold by E. D. Walker.

**Notic.**

I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
H. C. WYLIE.

**To the Readers of the Ft. Worth Record.**

During the first few weeks of the Record, that is, during the latter part of October and November, we had a great deal of trouble in our mailing department, with the result that many names were incorrectly entered, especially on our semi-weekly list. As far as complaints have been made, these errors have all been corrected, but we want to be sure that there is no neglect anywhere. If anyone has subscribed to the Record, and is not receiving the paper regularly, the management will be obliged to be so advised. Please send your receipt or memorandum of date and name of agent who took the subscription and the matter will receive our prompt attention. Address, "The Record Company."

**Croup.**

Begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liment to the throat.  
Mrs. A. Vliet, New Castle, Colo., writes March 16th, 1901: "I think Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a wonderful remedy, and so pleasant" 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by E. D. Walker

**Health**

Means the ability to do a good day's work without undue fatigue, and to find life worth living. You cannot have indigestion or constipation without its upsetting the liver and polluting the blood. Such a condition may be best and quickest obtained by Herbine, the best liver regulator that the world has ever known. Mrs. D. W. Smith writes, April 3, 1902: "I use Herbine and find it the best medicine for constipation and for regulating the liver I ever used." Price 50 cents Sold by E. D. Walker.

School books bought, sold and exchanged at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

Before buying a typewriter, let R. G. Erwin & Co. show you how the "Oliver" writes.

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Clarke, the new democratic senator of Arkansas made a speech this week in Congress heartily supporting Roosevelt's actions in regard to the Panama Canal and announcing that he would vote to ratify the treaty.

W. C. Whitney, ex-secretary of the navy under Cleveland, died Feb. 2nd while under the influence of ether preparatory to undergoing a second operation for appendicitis. He was a prominent and influential democrat and very wealthy.

The Gatesville Messenger came out last week in new dress which gives it a bright, readable appearance. Bro. Hall is an enterprising, hustling editor and now publishes one of the very best up-to-date all wool a yard-wide country newspapers in the state.

"Boys," said a kind old clergyman to the boys in the Bible class, "you should never lose your tempers. You should never swear or get angry or excited. I never do. Now to illustrate, you all see that little fly on my nose. A good many wicked men would get angry at that fly, but I don't. I never lose my temper. I simply say: 'Go away fly—go away—' CONFOUND IT! It's a wasp."

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If your liver does not act regularly go to your druggist and secure a package of Theford's Black-Draught and take a dose tonight. This great family medicine frees the constipated bowels, stirs up the torpid liver and causes a healthy secretion of bile.

Theford's Black-Draught will cleanse the bowels of impurities and strengthen the kidneys. A torpid liver invites colds, biliousness, chills and fever and all manner of sickness and contagion. Weak kidneys result in Bright's disease which claims as many victims as consumption. A 25-cent package of Theford's Black-Draught should always be kept in the house.

"I used Theford's Black-Draught for liver and kidney complaints and found nothing to excel it."—WILLIAM COFFMAN, Marshall, Ill.

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The Celebrated Paul Jones for sale at Wilkes

### Good Spirits.

Good spirits don't all come from Kentucky. Their main source is the liver—and all the fine spirits ever made in the Blue Grass State could not remedy a bad liver or the hundred and one ill effects it produces. You can't have good spirits and a bad liver at the same time. Your liver must be in fine condition if you would feel buoyant, happy and hopeful, bright of eye, light of step, vigorous and successful in your pursuits. You can put your liver in fine condition by using Green's August Flower—the greatest of all medicines for the liver and stomach and a certain cure for dyspepsia or indigestion. It has been a favorite household remedy for over thirty-five years. August Flower will make your liver healthy and active and thus insure you a liberal supply of "good spirits." Trial size, 25c; regular bottles, 75c. At all druggists.

### A "Pass" from President Ingalls.

President Ingalls of the Big Four road writes an execrable hand and a farmer living near Springfield, Ohio, is glad of it. One day Mr. Ingalls was riding over a division of the road and came within smelling distance of a particularly emphatic hog pen owned by a farmer. Next day he wrote an autograph letter to the agriculturist, complaining of his hog pen. The farmer could not read a word of it and showed the missive to a Big Four agent. The latter could not make anything out of it either, but said it looked like the passes sometimes used by President Ingalls. This was a suggestion to the farmer, who declares that he made several trips on the road, using the illegible scrawl as a pass, before the conductors discovered that it was a protest instead.

### End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung," writes J. F. Hughes of Du Pont, Ga. "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds, and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

It is said that recently an ancient Jewess died in the United States who could trace an authentic genealogy back to David, the Hebrew king. If she could do that, she could easily trace it back to Adam, and with the "Gardner and his wife is now smiling at the claims of long descent" of those who came over with William the Conqueror.

Superintendent Worsham reports that there are twenty-five cases of measles in the insane asylum at Austin.

### Are you Restless at Night?

And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

It is reliably reported that C. H. Bencini and associates would erect an eighty-ton cotton seed oil mill in Fort Worth in time for the next cotton crop. It will be remembered that Mr. Bencini is a Brownwood oil man of prominence.

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A greivous wail oft times comes as a result of unbearable pain from over-taxed organs. Dizziness, Backache, Liver complaint and constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce, druggist.

### Have You Indigestion?

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Considerable interest seems to prevail as to whether it is best for the voters of Runnel's county to hold a primary or not. Many incline to the opinion that as the Republicans and Populists have no chance whatever, to let each candidate fight it out with the people as to whether he shall hold office or not. Some argue that primaries are frequently packed and do not allow a full and free chance for each candidate. What say you, all of you? Let's have the matter settled early and amicably.

### Itch--Ringworm.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes April 20th 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was almost unbearable, I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liment on two separate occasions for ringworm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle. Sold by E. D. Walker.

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### Modern Education.

The trustees of a school on Staten Island recently commissioned one of their number to convey to the teachers the wishes of the board as to the nature of the studies to be pursued. When the teachers were assembled before him the spokesman of the trustees made the following address:

"Teachers: I've been disputed by my fellowcoveeks of the board to make a short colation to you on the subject of running school practical. We don't want you to learn the scholars no fancy things. They learned me lots of nonsense where I went to school and I never made the first dollar out of it. Now there's arithmetic. We want you to play light with that. You can learn the children to do sums in Partitions, Distraction, Stultification, and Long and Short Provisions, but that's all. Don't you teach them fractures. I lost six months when I went to school learning fractures, and last week I spent two days trying to measure off an acre of pasture, and I'd have been at it yet if I'd stuck to them fractures. I had to go over the ground with a two foot rule after all. Fractures is too puzzling. You are always converting the Divider the wrong way or getting the Fumigator and the Nomination mixed up on the wrong side of the line.

These are the rules we have drawn up for the present but at our next meeting will get up some more".—Ex.

A reader of the Baltimore Sun sends the following:

Some years ago, before our vastly improved methods in our public schools had been used, examinations for promotion from grade to grade were given to the pupils. At one of these annual examinations the question "Name three classes of people" was given to the third grade. Here are some of the answers:

Men, women and babies.  
Tramps thieves and niggers  
Back man, white man and Chinese

In answer to "Name one animal which provides you with both food and clothing," one answered, "My mother."

In the same school just lately the children were asked the meaning of the word "Spy." No one knew (of course this was a B class) so the teacher said: "Now suppose I were to send you to find out what she and her girls were doing without her knowing you were there. What would I call you?" Quick as a flash came the answer, "A rubberneck".—Ex.

### When the Law Comes to your Relief.

A young fellow who ran away and married a thirteen year old girl in Johnson county a few days ago is now in jail on a charge of abduction. It is safest to not fall in love with a girl until after she is eighteen.—Mt. Pleasant Review.

The Review is mistaken; it is safest not to fall in love with a girl over 18. When you run away with a girl under 18 the law may come to your relief by placing you in jail, but when you run away with a girl over 18 there's no power on earth or under the earth that can save you.—Honey Grove Signal.

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## Women of Brains

Generally reflect what it will pay them best to do before deciding on a course of action. The best way is never found by accident or off hand. Our sale of **Groceries** is a grand picnic for money savers. If you want some of the money to put in the bank that you have been paying for provisions in the past come here and do your trading with us in the future

J. B. Alvis & Bro. sell cheap for cash.

Miss Kate DeMoull returned from San Angelo last Saturday

John Guion, Jr. has been suffering with lagrippe this week.

Armit West, the stockman of Brownwood, had business in our city Thursday.

There will be regular services at the C. P. church morning and night, Sunday the 13th.

John Martinez left Thursday evening for Temple where he will take a little vacation for a few days.

Dr. Alexander, of Coleman, attended the meeting of the Medical Association in this city Thursday.

W. R. Browne left Thursday evening for Dallas where he goes to place himself under the treatment of specialists.

Fresh California canned apricots, grapes and plums for a short time at the low price of 12½ cents per can at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

Mr and Mrs S W Pratt and little son of Winters 1 ft Thursday evening for Dallas. Mr. Pratt will buy his spring stock while there, and before returning he and family will visit relatives for a few days at their old home, Commerce

C. A. Stafford of Coleman county, was a prospector in our city the first of the week. He expressed himself well pleased with the substantial buildings and the general business appearance of Ballinger.

There will be regular services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and night. All are cordially invited to attend. R. M. HALL, Pastor

The Medical Association of this district met in Ballinger Thursday. No business of special importance was transacted, the attendance being light.

Frank and Philip Gressett left Thursday evening for Brownwood and will likely visit relatives and friends at Comanche before returning.

Sidney Cockrell, who holds down a position with the Runnels County Ledger, has been quite sick this week with pneumonia

Miss Minnie Guion Francis and Louise Fentress went up to San Angelo Thursday to attend the club reception.

Herman Otken, an attache of the Klondike restaurant, is quite sick this week at Rev. I. N. Lewis residence.

Miss Donye Bell Odcm of Maverick was here a few hours Saturday, the guest of Mrs. C. P. Shepherd

Mrs. Martin Smith of Silver Valley, is the guest of the Misses Lewis of our city, for a few days this week.

Lime, brick, cement and all kind of building material at the Ballinger Lumber Co.

Fresh garden seeds of all kinds at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

Alvis & Bro. has just installed a new cash register. It's a beauty.

Have you seen the new cigar case at Alvis Bros? Call and look at it

R. K. Wylie's steam plow came in this week and was carried out Wednesday.

Miss Josie Glen, of Maverick, enrolled this week at the Ballinger Business College.

D. Reeder and wife left Thursday evening for the eastern markets to buy their spring stock.

D. C. Dannelly for second hand goods, furniture and stove repairing. Phone 74, Ballinger, Texas

Mr. Wright, stockman, of the firm of Wood & Wright, was talking cattle business in Ballinger Thursday.

John Mann and Bob Goodfellow, District Clerk and Sheriff respectively of Coleman county, were here a few hours Saturday.

J. H. Miller bought this week the building now occupied by the Davis Fancher Co. owned by J. Y. Pearce. Consideration \$3700.00

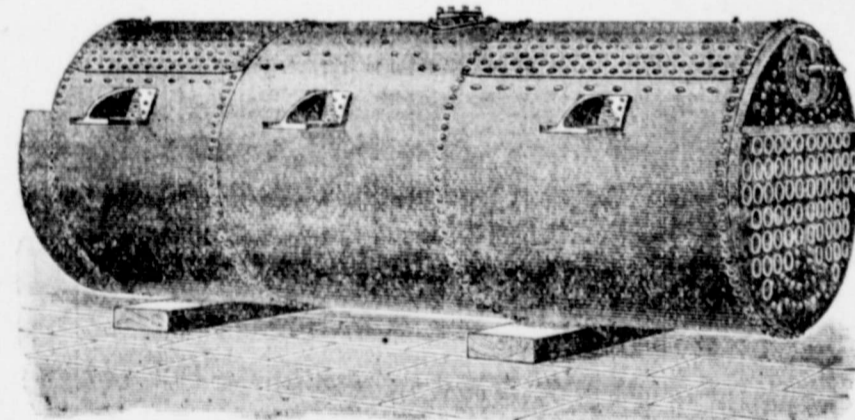
The new rock livery stable owned by John Hoffer was sold last Saturday to R. A. Hall of San Angelo. Henry Gay will run the stable.

J. B. Wilmeth, the banker, and C. A. Doose the real estate man, went east Wednesday with the excursionists who visited our city this week.

J. H. Miller let the contract this week to John F. Drew for a 30x30 rock addition to the back of the Miller Mercantile Co's. grocery and grain store. This will make this building 120x30, which will be among the most commodious store houses in the city.

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