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STUFFED BALE OF COTTON DISCOVERED.

Man Arrested for Selling Bogus Bale of Cotton. Bale Contained 291 Pounds False Packing.

A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of one G. O. McGinley, charging him with, false packing a bale of cotton and with swindling. Sheriff Kirk located the man at Hylton and phoned to the deputy there to arrest him and bring him to Ballinger.

From what we can learn of the case we get the following particulars: On Dec., 9th J. W. Godwin bought a bale of cotton from a man giving his name as C. C. Miller, paying 11.25 for the cotton.

The man placed the money in the Citizens National Bank in the name of C. C. Miller. He did considerable trading around town and checked on the account in the name C. C. Miller, and perhaps through mistake he figured wrong and traded more than the bank account amounted to, and a check given to U. E. Hartman, a local grocery man, was turned down an account of insufficient funds. Mr. Hartman went to work to locate "C. C. Miller" and have the check made good, but he failed to find a man by that name. Fortunately an acquaintance of Mr. Hartman was with "Miller" when he did the trading, and Mr. Hartman took the matter up with the acquaintance and he learned that the man's name was not Miller, but McGinley and that he lived at Hylton, in Nolan county.

In the meantime the bale of cotton that Mr. Godwin purchased from McGinly, alias Miller, was shipped to Brownwood compress, and when the ties were cut the bale was found to contain 291 pounds of "stuffing" consisting of motes and dirty scrapings from around the gin.

The matter came back to Mr. Godwin and as soon as the man was located the warrant for his arrest was sworn out.

It is not known where the bale was ginned, or who the guilty party, or parties are. It may be that McGinley can clear himself of the charge, but the fact that he sold the cotton under another name has created suspicion, to say the least of it.

LATER--Deputy Sheriff Shepherd arrived from Hylton last night having in charge the man McGinley. A Leader reporter called at the jail this morning and asked for an interview with McGinley. He was free to talk about the matter, but was just as free to claim his innocence. He said, "I am not guilty of the charge, and they have arrested the wrong man. I did not raise any cotton this year; had my place rented out. I did not sell any cotton, in Ballinger, or any where else, for I had none to sell. I was in Ballinger awhile before Christmas, and did some trading, but I never heard of C. C. Miller. Tell Mr. Kirk to please come up to the jail, I want to see him. The man stated further that he lived near Hylton and had been living there for about ten years, and that he had a family. McGinley waived examining trial and was allowed bail in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury. The deputy sheriff took him back to Hylton, where he said he could make the bond,

The Rowena Bank.

The building for the First State Bank of Rowena has been delivered and is now ready for occupancy. The building occupies a prominent lot on the corner of the square, and is a handsome structure. It is built of brick, two-story with plate glass front. A. C. Homan, now with the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., will be cashier of the new institution, and he will be ready for business the early part of Feby.

Miles Banks Elect Officers.

Tuesday afternoon of last week the stockholders of the Runnels County National Bank and the Miles National Bank held their annual meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year.

The Runnels County Bank elected the following directors: W. S. Davis, Sr., J. J. Railey, G. W. Reeder, S. W. Meineke and W. A. Davis of Ballinger, and the following officers were immediately elected: G. W. Reeder, president; W. S. Davis, vice-president and cashier; W. S. Davis, Jr., assistant cashier.

The Miles National Bank elected the following officers and directors: H. W. Robinson, president; E. Boykin, vice-president; A. H. Lewis, cashier; I. H. Ferguson and H. T. Williams of Brownwood.

The report of these banks make good reading and the stockholders are well pleased with the way in which the business has been conducted in the past.

The directors and officers of the Miles National Bank are the same as was elected at the commencement of business Sept. 12, 1903. There has never been a change.

The Messenger is proud of our banking institutions and can say the officers are gentlemen of the highest order and are ever ready to extend every courtesy to their patrons.—Miles Messenger.

Resolutions of Respect.

Wingate, Tex., Jan. 18th., 1908. Whereas, it has pleased the supreme Ruler of The Universe to take from among us, Dr. J. R. Fortson, father of our worthy brother, W. T. Fortson, his demise having occurred January, 2nd, 1908, and whereas his sudden death has cast a gloom over the minds and hearts of surviving loved ones, Therefore be it Resolved, That Wingate Lodge No. U D Independent order of Odd Fellows, do hereby express our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to our worthy brother W. T. Fortson assuring him of our genuine sorrow, and helping him to bear this irreparable loss. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Bro. W. T. Fortson, and that the same be placed upon the minute book of this lodge, and that a copy of the same be placed with the respective papers of our county with a request for publication.

W. P. HAWKINS,
JAMES BARRON,
N. F. SMITHSON.

Prominent Missionary Coming.

Miss Edith Hughes, of New York, one of the secretaries of the Missionary work of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. will be here Monday, and will lecture at the Eighth street Presbyterian Church Monday night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting, and listen to this interesting lady talk.

RAIL ROAD NEWS SCARCE.

We have nothing definite to give our readers in reference to the proposed railroad. Mr. Lyons, of the Reed Bros. Construction Co., arrived here today, and as we go to press he is in consultation with Engineer McDanial and other members of the local company, and it is very probable they will give out something by in the morning.

OUTLAW INDIAN KILLS COWBOY

Don McClain, of Concho County Shot Down While at His Post of Duty in New Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 21.—Don McClain, a cowboy of Leday, in Concho county, Texas, working for the Felix Cattle Company, of New Mexico, discovered "Blind Joe" a dangerous Apache outlaw skinning a stolen beef near the Mescalere reservation and was shot down by the Indian.

The sheriff and posse of Indians and cowboys are now trailing the fleeing Indian through the Sacramento mountains but they expect to have to kill him if found.

The Indian took his squaw with him and is fleeing for Mexico.

The remains of young McClain were shipped to Ballinger, arriving here Monday night, and were taken to the family home near Leday for burial.

The father of the young man W. J. McClain was well known here. He died last fall at his home near Leday. The young man was about twenty years old and his death was a shock to his relations living in Concho county.

The relation knew nothing of the particulars of the death and when the remains arrived and the casket was opened at the Ostertag Furniture Co., a bullet mark in the corner of the left eye caused somewhat of a sensation and a letter asking for the particulars was at once addressed to Almagorda, and we hope to be able to give the details connected with the tragedy.

WANTED FOR COW STEALING

Sheriff Kirk Receives Message to Arrest Man for Cow Theft Committed Twenty Years ago.

Sheriff Kirk received a phone message from the sheriff of Coryell county, asking Mr. Kirk to have a man living in Coke county arrested on a charge of cow stealing, and stated that the theft was committed twenty years ago. The man does not live in Mr. Kirk's county, but he phoned the message to the sheriff of Coke county, and if there is a warrant for the arrest the man will be taken in charge. The man wanted has been living in Coke county for a long time and is one of the most prominent men in the county, and the arrest will cause somewhat of a sensation. Parties who know the accused man are free to say that they don't believe he is guilty of the charge, and think there must be a mistake somewhere.

Jessie Fox, of the Boyd barber shop, spent a couple of days with lady friends in Coleman, this week.

ARE YOU IN THIS BUNCH.

The Time is Drawing Near When You Will be Disfranchised, Unless You Dig up \$1.75 Before Jan., 31st.

Tax Collector Kirk and his office deputies have been working over time this week, and by the rush they have pushed the poll tax list up close to 2000. Monday was perhaps the best day of the season for the Collector and the day's receipts run up over \$13,000. Following is the list of poll tax receipts issued up to yesterday, at noon, and the collectors were too busy to go to dinner and the list has been run higher by now:

Ballinger	454
Runnels	60
Norwood	38
Crews	123
Content	39
Antelope	55
Winters	183
Cochran	49
Pumphrey	66
Wingate	112
Dry Hollow	38
Old Norton	64
Maverick	31
Pearce S. H.	34
Rowena	98
Miles	231
Truitt	34
New Norton	45
Total	1725

CITY POLL TAX.

Remember if you live in the city it also requires a City poll tax to qualify you as a voter in any election. Up to noon today only 198 city poll tax receipts had been issued out of over 600 assessed.

REVIVAL AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Meeting in Progress This Week Attracts Attention. Interesting Services Each Night.

Rev. Chester Sprague, of Ohio arrived last week, and Sunday and Sunday night he preached for the Christian congregation at the Tenth street Christian church. The services have been continued throughout the week, with able sermons by Rev. Sprague each night. The preacher is a forcible speaker and his sermons are delivered in a way that is calculated to cause the sinner to stop and think of the better life. The singing by the choir adds to the service and makes the hearer feel that it is good to be here.

The meeting was not advertised any in advance of the preacher's coming and considering this fact the attendance is good. The services will probably pass over Sunday and everybody is cordially invited to come and be benefited. Come out tonight and to-morrow night and the next night.

Special Meeting of Alderman.

A special meeting of the city authorities was held at the city hall Monday night for the purpose of passing some ordinances, and attending to other matters.

The ordinances passed are found in this issue of the Leader except one and it will be published next week.

The Council also appointed a finance committee to audit the city books for the year 1907, J. McGregor, W. A. Norman and R. W. Bruce was appointed. The Council met again Wednesday night and let the contract to the Sewerage Co., for the grading of the main business streets.

Farms for Rent.

We have several Farms for rent. Call at once.

of GIESECKE-BENNETT CO.

Notice to My Former Customers.

I wish to say to all my friends and customers that I am now with Hicks & Moore, and would be pleased to continue to do your work in the Blacksmith line.

S. A. WHITESIDES.

NOTICE.

After Jan 31st a penalty of ten per cent will be added to all city taxes remaining unpaid after above date. If you live within the corporate limits you must have a city poll tax receipt dated on or before the 31st day of Jan. 1908 to have a vote in any election held this year.

J. R. LUSK,
City tax Coll.

Hicks for the Legislature.

San Antonio, Jan. 21.—Ballinger papers are mentioning the probable candidacy of Dr. S. L. Hicks of that town for the legislature from the One Hundred and Second district, represented in the Thirtieth legislature by Hon. W. B. Silliman of El Dorado. The latter gentleman is presumed to be a candidate for reelection, but has made no announcement to that effect. It is likely that the Bailey issue, the probability of a prohibition campaign and the position of candidates on the anti-pass law, are having a deterrent effect on budding statesmen.

A letter from W. A. Breedlove, a former citizen of Ballinger, now living at Turkey, Texas speaks words of cheer and encouragement for the Leader. Mr. Breedlove is still interested in Ballinger and says keep the Leader coming to his address.

Ginner's Cotton Report.

The Ginner's Cotton Report was received yesterday at ten o'clock, and showed that up to the 16th day of Jan. 10,337,000 bales of cotton had been ginned. This report is issued by the government, and is supposed to be accurate. The market dropped fifteen points as soon as the report was made public, and continued to fall until it went off 52 points. Estimates of the crop now run from eleven to eleven and three quarter million bales.

DIRECTORS MEETING CITIZENS BANK.

Jo Wilmeth Goes Higher and Gives Place to New Cashier. Too Much Work for one Man Makes Change Necessary.

A meeting of the directors of the Citizens National Bank was held in the directors office in the bank building Wednesday morning and matters of much importance were passed on by the board.

It will be remembered that this bank's capital stock has recently been doubled and to say nothing of this, the business has long since reached the point where it made more work than the present management could do and the addition of another working officer was made necessary. The board of directors realizing this saw fit to promote Jo Wilmeth to the Vice Presidency and general manager of the institution and elect another man to fill the Cashier's chair.

There is only one bank West of Fort Worth that now ranks higher, or handles more business than the Citizens National and it would have been hard matter to find a man that could have done the work to the satisfaction of all concerned as well as Mr. Wilmeth, and with the double capital, which will give the bank more latitude to reach out for more business, and with the increase in business the bank expect to have, the board realized that Mr. Wilmeth could not do the work alone that would come before the management, hence the change.

M. A. Traylor, of the First State Bank & Trust Co., of Fort Worth was elected Cashier to succeed Mr. Wilmeth. Mr. Traylor comes very highly recommended as a banker, and citizen. He was formerly connected with the Citizens National Bank, of Hillsboro, and later Cashier of the Malone Bank. Mr. Traylor is a pleasant gentleman in his business dealings, and will no doubt be a strong man for the bank in the place he has been selected to fill. He was here several days, and left Wednesday for Fort Worth to wind up personal business affairs and to move his family to Ballinger. He will return to assume charge of his duties about the first of Feb.

Sunday Service.

Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. at the Court House. Shall we see you present? We hope so.

E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Woman's Home Mission Society.

The Study Circle of the W. H. M. Society met with Mrs. E. L. Rasbury Tuesday afternoon. The lesson was from the chapter on Medical Missions. Mrs. Skinner, leader.

At the close of the lesson dainty refreshments of Marguerites and chocolates were served.

Mrs. Rasbury was assisted by her accomplished daughter, Miss Bertha, who also favored the guests with some very fine piano selections.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Sellers, on Feb. 18th, Mrs. Legate, leader.

Miss Bessie Burley came down from San Angelo, yesterday evening to visit Ballinger friends.



Have a Slice.

Land that is well located, good soil, smooth and well worth all we ask for it, will sell itself to the man who knows. It doesn't take extra inducements in terms to sell it.

We represent land of this class in any size tracts, with a \$300 per cash payment and balance easy terms.

We have always striven to fill the country with the very best class of people and to sell a man only so much land as he could pay for. We always insist on the purchaser taking an abstract, which we furnish free. In fact we treat our clients like we should like to be treated.

Call on us for land, loans, Abstracts and conveyancing,

Giesecke-Bennett Co.

"The Square-deal firm."

Catarrh and Headache

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

Lame Shoulder Cured

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

The small depositor is just as welcome as the large and the same courteous treatment will be extended him at the Citizens National Bank.

WINTER EVENINGS

an excellent time to plan a vacation.

Write for following booklets:

Titan of Chasms. Side Trips. Petrified Forest. Reasons Why. Summer Outing in California. A Colorado Summer. Santa Fe Trail. They are Free. FRED HARVEY MEAL SERVICE via SANTA FE



W. S. KEENAN, Gen. Pass. Agt. G. C. & S. F. RAILWAY Galveston, Texas.

—Old Papers 20c hundred at the Banner-Leader Office.

It Will Stay There

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."

R. M. Swann, Franklin, La.

Jones, Walton & Co.

SELL

Stoughton Wagons
K. C. Buggies
Sanders Disc Plows
Lone Star Cultivators
Rock Island Planters
I.H.C. Gasoline Engines

You Lose If Don't See Us Before buying Hardware.

Jones, Walton & Co.

HIDDEN DANGERS

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Ballinger Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

DANGER SIGNAL No. 1. comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

DANGER SIGNAL No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull heavy or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently.

F. W. Wyatt, living in the east part of San Angelo, Texas, says: "For over a year I suffered from backache and kidney trouble. While not having to quit work there were times when I should have been in bed but could not afford it and this kept the trouble aggravated. There was a constant dead ache in my back and my rest at night was disturbed by the too frequent action of the kidneys. Altogether I was in a bad way. Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and since using two boxes of them I feel like a new man. The above symptoms have entirely disappeared. In my estimation Doan's Kidney Pills cannot be too highly recommended."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co. Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name Doans and take no other.

Chicken-hearted girls don't always wear chic gowns.

The Price of Peace.

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

When a man brags about his dough, you can put it down that he's not well-bred.

Don't Take the Risk

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Some marriages are nothing but blind bridles.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

THE OLD AND NEW WAY

Some Important Facts Which May Prove Helpful.

Thirty years ago old-fashioned cod liver oil had to be forced down a patient's throat. Invalids couldn't take it, and children wouldn't. But the doctors prescribed it, and it had to be taken by force. Yet it cured people where enough could be taken into the system, for it has ever been the greatest of all tissue builders and general reconstructors known to medicine.

We are now anxious to have every one know that Vinol is a new form of this very old and valuable remedy, containing in a concentrated form all the medicinal elements of cod liver oil, actually taken from fresh cods' livers, but by an extractive and concentrating process it is made without oil or grease, and it is as delicious to the taste as a fresh orange.

Vinol does not upset the stomach like old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions; its strengthening and healing properties are remarkable, and both doctors and patients are delighted with its action.

Many wonderful cures right here in Ballinger have been effected by its use, and we ask all of our customers to try Vinol on our guarantee to return money, every time it fails to make rich, red blood, increase the appetite, cure stomach troubles, give strength and renewed vitality to the aged, run-down, tired and debilitated, or cure chronic colds, hacking coughs or bronchitis. The Walker Drug Co.

A souvenir spoon—a lad kissing his sweetheart.

Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

When we talk louder than we live we waste our breath.

Caught in the Rain

then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young old. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

The preacher who fishes for compliments never catches men.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper Maine. These tablets are for sale by Walkert Drug Co.

An old Turkish proverb says: "The Devil tempts all other men, but idle men tempt the Devil." The Devil don't need them, he want's workers with get-up-and-get.

Too Much Face

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia Don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Let Us Show You

That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

Years Of Experience

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's trial will convince you.

Miller Mercantile Company

WARM AND DRY TO STAY WELL

Advice of Noted Authority. Also Gives a Simple Home Prescription Which Any One Can Prepare.

Now is the time when the doctor gets busy, and the patent medicine manufacturers reap the harvest, unless great care is taken to dress warmly and keep the feet dry. This is the advice of an old eminent authority who says that Rheumatism and Kidney trouble weather is here and also tells what to do in case of an attack.

Get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

Just try this simple home-made mixture at the first sign of Rheumatism, or if your back aches or you feel that the kidneys are not acting just right. This is said to be a splendid kidney regulator, and almost certain remedy for all forms of Rheumatism, which is caused by uric acid in the blood, which the kidneys fail to filter out. Any one can easily prepare this at home and at small cost.

Druggists in this town and vicinity, when shown the prescription, stated that they can either supply these ingredients, or if our readers prefer, they will compound the mixture for them.

Let the Leader do it for you.

Try it Once

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Notice--Keep Out.

All my lands which boarder Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. No hunting, pecan gathering or trespassing allowed. W. E. Allen

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

YOUR MONEYS WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK

That is our motto. We give value received and are always ready to demonstrate the same to any and all customers.

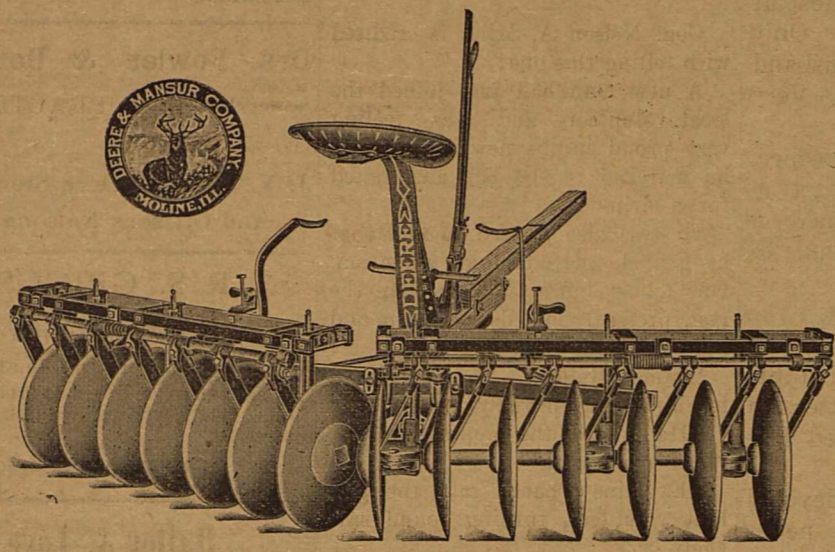
Good Groceries, Clean Groceries and Groceries that please is the kind we sell.

Grain, Hay, Feed.

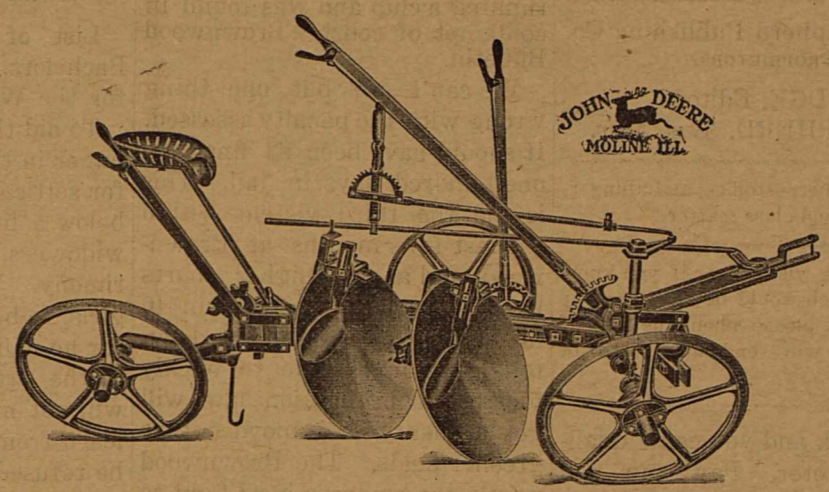
Our Store is headquarters for Grain, Hay and Feed.

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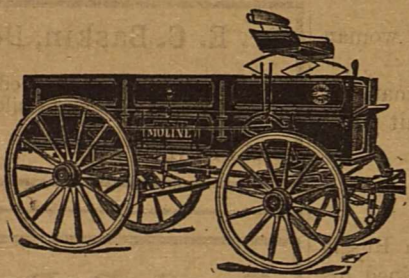
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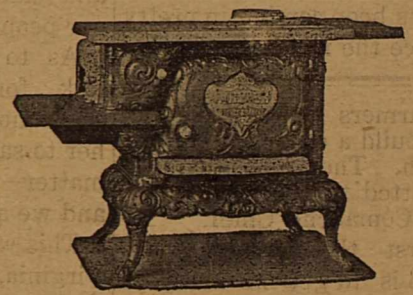
Ladies Ready-made

Garments Millinery



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Ballinger, Texas.



The Citizens National Bank Of Ballinger

sincerely trust that the year 1908 holds in store for each and every one three hundred and sixty-five days of Happiness and Prosperity.

And also desires to thank every customer and friend for the nice business given us during the past year and we offer to all the best service possible in our line.

UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION
STATE DEPOSITORY

W. H. Weeks for Re-Election.

W. H. Weeks is before the people as a candidate for the office of Justice of Peace of the Ballinger precinct. Mr. Weeks has a record that will show his way of dealing out justice to the unlawful element, and he is not ashamed of his record. A man that violates the law can do so with the expectation of paying the bill when he goes before Mr. Weeks' court for settlement. Mr. Weeks has handled the duties of this office without fear or favor, and those having business in the Justice court speak in the highest terms of the court's rulings on civil cases. Mr. Weeks wants the office again and promises the same service with improvements gained by the experience he has had.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

We are also authorized to announce W. H. Weeks for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Weeks has proven his efficiency to fill this office, and has been in the office long enough to have the experience necessary in attending to the important matters that come before that body. He is an enterprising citizen as well as an enterprising officer, and is always found with his shoulder to the wheel pulling for the things that are for the best interest of the county and people. This is one case where Mr. Weeks thinks it would be a bad thing to make a change, and he may be right.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton returned to their home at McGregor, Tuesday, after a visit to their son, B. B. Hamilton, South of Ballinger. It will be remembered that B. B. Hamilton had the misfortune to get his leg broke by being kicked by a horse two or three weeks ago. He is getting along very well, and will be able to use the limb in the course of a few months.

Progressive Procession.

If you want goods down close to cost come to the
CRESCENT STORE
situated opposite the Opera House on the corner.
Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits and Vegetables, Also Feed Supplies.

J. O. MIXON

Owner and Proprietor

Phone No. 16.

Human Calves in Society Pastures.

Nine-tenths of the unhappy marriages are the result of green human calves being allowed to run at large in the society pastures without any yokes on them. They marry and have children before they do mustaches; they are fathers of twins before they are proprietors of two pair of pants, and the little girls they marry are old women before they are twenty years old. Occasionally one of these gosling marriages turns out all right, but it is a clear case of luck. If there was a law against young galoots sparking and marrying before they have all cut their eye teeth, we suppose the little cusses would evade it in some way, but there ought to be something against it. It is time enough for these bantams to think of finding a pullet when they have raised money enough to buy a bundle of laths to build a hen-house; but they are afraid there is not going to be girls enough to go around, and then they begin to get in their work

real sry; and before they are aware of the sanctity of the marriage relation they are hitched for life, and before they own a cook-stove or a bedstead they have to get up in the night and go after the doctor, so frightened that they run themselves out of breath and abuse the doctor because he doesn't run, too, and when the doctor gets there, there is not enough linen in the house to wrap up a doll-baby.—Ex.

Lost.

A pocket-book Wednesday the 15th, 1908 somewhere on the Ballinger, Wingate road, about 3 Miles from Ballinger. Pocket-book contained \$100 in greenbacks, 18 five dollar bills, and one ten dollar bill. I will pay a liberal reward to finder who will leave same at Banner-Leader office in Ballinger.

J. N. BIZZELL,
Wingate, Tex.

Fresh line of good groceries on hand all the time at Miller Mer. Co. Call and see us.

W. L. Towner,

Conveyancer and
Notary Public.

Examines Land Titles, Furnishes Abstracts and as Attorney-at-law Solicits your Probate Business.

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Ballinger, - - Texas.

Dont it Jar You?

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

John Weeks, of the Walker Drug Co., went to San Antonio, last Sunday, to attend a meeting of the State Board of Pharmacy, of which board he is a member. Mrs. Weeks and little girl are visiting relatives in Coleman during Mr. Week's absence.

Warren Williams was down from Miles, first of the week.

If you think of attending a business college, it would be well to write the METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE, Dallas, Texas for full information. The METROPOLITAN is known everywhere as one of the foremost business colleges of the South—its leadership in Texas is unquestioned.

—Old Papers 20c hundred.

Fresh Live Oak and mill flour on hand all the time each kind guaranteed and made good if you should find a bad sack at Miller mer. Co

Election Year

1908 promises to be the warmest campaign year the country has experienced since the Hogg-Clark campaign. Many people—voters—will go to the polls to vote ignorant of the important issues before the people, and will have to vote as the other fellow says, or vote on the question ignorantly. And why? Because you do not read your county paper. There is no one dollar spent to a better advantage than the dollar spent for your home paper. Many times one issue of the paper is worth the price of subscription to you. The Leader is one dollar per year, and we can give you

The Leader and Dallas News for	-	\$1.75
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We can save you money on any paper you want in connection with the Leader.

Banner- Leader

Ballinger, Texas

DIVERSIFY, SAYS UNCLE JOHNNIE

Plant More Hogs, More Hay, More Cane, Less Cotton.

Next thing you know the blue-birds are going to begin to whistle and the grass will begin to grow. Will we be as foolish this year as we were last year and the year before? How many farmers in Runnels county are there who will have to buy feed this year? Is it not a shame? How long will we continue in this way? Echo says: "How long?"

Milo Maze makes 50 bushels per acre and can't be bought for 60 cents the bushel—\$3.00 per acre. It is one of the easiest crops on earth to raise and is admirably adapted to our soil and climate. It grows almost spontaneously without cultivation, and is the surest crop known to the Western farmer. Will we plant more of it?

Twelve hundred picked men decided at Memphis the other day that the wisest thing for the Southern and Western farmer to do is to reduce the cotton acreage, use better seed, and increase the small grain and feed and forage crops. Will we do it? Or will we plant the earth in cotton and keep our boys and girls out of school the whole year?

February is the month to plant oats. It is unquestionably the best month in the year. Early oats will help out in laying by the crop this summer.

And then there is millet. There is no better material out of which to make a country for millet than Runnels county is, and there is no better feed on earth when it is cut in the right stage.

And it is known by every farmer that the world can't beat us on sorghum. This wonderful old Southern forage plant grows luxuriantly wherever a seed falls without cultivation and makes a sweet, luscious, juicy feed that can't be duplicated under the sun. Farmers are going through the country begging somebody to sell them sorghum at any price.

Say, Brother! why don't we quit acting the gump and plant these good things instead of going "cotton-crazy" every spring. If we will have some such stuff to sell all the year round we can adopt the new system of marketing our cotton throughout the year instead of being forced to turn loose in the fall to pay for stuff bought on time. Let's plant less and better cotton. Plant long staple and get two-bits a pound for it. It does fine here in Runnels county—I've tried it. Let's plant some Poland China pigs 'long about now, and plant something to feed them on and have both coming at the same time. A pair of mule colts, a couple of red muley heifers—lots of potatoes, melons and garden truck. And lets not forget to put out trees, shrubs and flowers. Send to the nurseries for tree seeds and little seedlings of any tree you want, the seed and seedlings can both be sent through the mail and the cost is so trifling that it does not "signify." Let's make our homes more attractive and keep the boys and girls. It is easy and pleasant.

I am just back from a visit to old Tennessee where the old red hills are selling for \$100.00 per acre. One acre of level prairie land in Runnels county is worth four acres of this poor red land if similarly situated.

The people of Tennessee put \$20.00 worth of fertilizer to the acre on their land and then it is no richer than Runnels county land. But they raise something on their land besides cotton and corn. I expect some of us are eating Irish potatoes now at fancy prices that were raised on these high-priced lands in the old states. These yanks pay one hundred dollars per acre for this

land, spend \$20.00 per acre for fertilizer, and a high price for seed potatoes to plant. They raise their potatoes and ship them a thousand miles and sell them to us at a profit. We raise cotton for money with which to pay for these potatoes and other things.

If we would plant half as much land in cotton and let that be of a long staple kind it would bring as much money as twice as much land in the short staples. This would leave half the farm for other crops.

By this system we could double the proceeds of the farm and by doubling the proceeds thereby double the intrinsic value of the same. Will we?

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

CITY ORDINANCES.

An ordinance prohibiting the turning in and giving false fire alarms, and providing penalties of same.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger:

It shall be unlawful for any person to turn in, give or make an alarm of fire, except in cases of actual fire, and any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$100.00.

Approved Jan. 20th, 1908.

JOHN HOFFER, Mayor.

An ordinance to prohibit the driving of any vehicle over or across any fire water hose, and providing penalties for the violation of the same.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger:

That it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any buggy, cart, wagon, carriage or vehicle of any kind whatsoever over, across or upon any fire water hose stretched across or upon any street, alley or lot in said City without the consent of the chief of the fire department, and any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed the sum of \$100.00.

Approved Jan. 20th, 1908.

JOHN HOFFER, Mayor.

An ordinance to prohibit begging in the City of Ballinger, and providing penalties for the violation of the same.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger:

It shall be unlawful for any person to beg alms, or anything of value from another on the streets, alleys and sidewalks of the City of Ballinger, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed the sum of \$25.00.

Approved Jan. 20th, 1908.

JOHN HOFFER, Mayor.

Good Show To-Night.

Hans Hanson, a good American play filled with dramatic climaxes throughout; fun from start to finish, wholesome and clean will be presented at the Ballinger opera house to-night by a good strong company. Only a few good seats left, and if you want to see a good play, check now.

Good Farm For Rent.

Close to Miles, near good school, 180 acres in cultivation. Water in yard; good three-room house. Call on me for particulars.

W. B. PAGE,
Ballinger, Texas.

The Moler Barber College, Ft. Worth Tex., certainly offers splendid chance for men to learn that trade quickly. There is little expense and positions are numerous. Their illustrated catalogue explains fully, write them.

FEW DEATHS IN RUNNELS COUNTY

Vital Statistics for 1907 Make Favorable Showing. Runnels County a Healthy Place.

Clerk Terry keeps the records on deaths, births and marriages straight, and we find that during the year closing Jan. 1st, that there was much doing for Dan Cupid, and by his mysterious workings the clerk was called upon to issue 216 marriage license, and so many hearts were joined together for better or for worse.

The Stork has also found plenty to do, and the records show that he visited 291 homes in Runnels county during the year of 1907. We didn't figure the difference in number between boys and girls, but by running over the list we find that nature has not been partial and the difference is little, and if any, it is in favor of the boys.

While so many homes have been made glad on account of the arrival of a sweet little babe, and the jingle of the wedding bells, there are other homes shrouded in darkness on account of the visit of the death angel, and 62 deaths have been recorded. This is a very light rate when we stop to consider that the population of the county will figure over 15000.

Another New Candidate.

We have placed in our announcement column this week the name of B. S. Taylor. Mr. Taylor has been a citizen of Ballinger since the beginning, and at one time served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, and made the people a splendid officer. He comes before the people this year asking to be elected to fill this place again. He is well competent to look after the duties of the office, is impartial in dealing with the violators and if elected will make the people a good justice of the Peace.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

The office of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner belong to one and the same man, and it takes them both to make the office worth a man's time in doing the duties of same. We are authorized to announce B. S. Taylor for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. No better man could be selected to serve the people in this capacity than B. S. Taylor. He is a man that looks well to the best interest of all people concerned, and is familiar with the needs of the people, and if elected, we believe will make a good commissioner. He is a candidate subject to the action of the Democratic primary and ask that you consider his claim before pledging your support.

Sam Parks Injured.

Sam Parks was rather painfully injured Saturday evening about 8 o'clock while driving home in his buggy. Mr. Parks turned the corner near J. B. Turner's residence into Austin Avenue when the buggy overturned spilling him into the road and placing the buggy squarely on top of him. He held securely to the reins, however, extricated himself and righted the vehicle. His face and one of his ears were badly bruised, but no serious injury was sustained.

The recent grading done on the street at the place where the accident occurred, left the road in a condition such as to cause accidents.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank those who so liberally helped to replace our house which was recently destroyed by fire. We feel that we are living among the best people on earth.

J. C. BAILEY & FAMILY,
Truit, Texas.

Gifts for the Children

Other gifts may please the child for the moment but the Best of all presents is a Bank Account.

It costs nothing, it brings lasting pleasure and it teaches the saving Habit.

Young people who learn to save live wholesome lives, for they do not spend their money in ways that are detrimental to health and character.

You can open an account for the boy's or girl's any time at this bank with ONE DOLLAR or more. We give you a neat little bank book with the record of the first deposit therein, to be presented on the day of opening.

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The Wood and Coal Dealer handles the best grade of Coal and Wood. Will give all orders prompt attention.

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Our stock is never permitted to deteriorate through shelf age. This means much to you.

The man behind the Prescription

The druggist who prepares it is The man behind the gun in the matter of prescription filling. On his skill, accuracy and conscientiousness depend the welfare of the patient for whom the medicine is intended. We never lose sight of the great responsibility attached to the part we take in assisting the physician. Our prescription work is faultless. Our label on a box, bottle or other prescription package is a guarantee of rightness.

We have a complete line of Druggists Sundries, and if its kept in a drug store we have it.

The Walker Drug Co.

We sell Eastman Kodak Supplies.

PUT A SALOON ON THE CORNER

Reduce the Tax Rate by Putting in More Saloons. They are Good Things and Business Getters for any Town.

By all means put the saloon on the corner. Put one on each side of the post-office, one adjacent to each bank, and one on each corner. The saloon is a good thing, you know, and should be made as easy of access as possible. Some of our business men are compelled to walk at least a half of a block to get a drink now. Oh, the shame of it.—to be so far from the saloon!

PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER. We need more saloons. There are probably 1000 men in Ballinger. It would be a fair estimate, perhaps, to say that 400 of these are drinkers. These 400 have only eight saloons at which to drink. Let us double the number of saloons. Then it may be that we can increase the number of drinkers. We have some boys and young men who have not yet learned to drink. Let every body work for the building up of the saloon business. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

It is true that the saloon business is flourishing notwithstanding the panic. These 400 drinkers probably average 50cts apiece a day for drink which is equal to \$200 a day. Now, if we can double the number of saloons and the number of drinkers, we shall have \$400 a day, \$12,000 a month, \$144,000 a year contributed for the maintenance of the saloon in Ballinger. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

Every business man who votes for the saloon should have one put next door to his place of business. It is true, that not all the Antis drink but, then, you know the saloon helps business. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

If we could have had sixteen saloons instead of eight, possibly business would have been even more flourishing than it has been in Ballinger. The merchants have not only filled the papers but even the streets advertising cost sales. Of course everybody knows that merchants prefer to sell at cost rather than make a legitimate profit! If we had had sixteen saloons instead of eight we might have been able to avert the panic, and to have bought goods at 10 per cent below cost. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

The saloon, you know, is such a great revenue-producer and tax-reducer. The saloon pays so much money to the state, to the county and to the city that it seemed scarcely necessary to levy any tax at all. The tax in Ballinger is only \$22.50 a thousand. The poor man who has a little home assessed at \$2000 has to pay only \$45 tax—a mere bagatelle. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

Some of our modern philosophers tell us that prohibition is wrong in principle. Then don't try to prohibit the putting of the saloon on the corner. If you do you might violate this glorious principle. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

If we owned a house on the corner and wanted to put a saloon in it, we should do so without consulting anybody. We should not allow any of these Antis to dictate to us. We would say: "Gentlemen, you voted for the saloon and I shall put the saloon on the corner." PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

If we were an editor and voted for the saloon we should say, put the saloon on the corner.

If we were a lawyer and an Anti we should say, put the saloon on the corner.

If we were a candidate for office and expected to be elected by whiskey votes we should say, put the saloon on the corner.

If we were a steward, or deacon, or elder in the Church and

voted for the saloon we should say, put the saloon on the corner. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

If you are an Anti say, put the saloon on the corner. If you are a Pro say, put the saloon on the corner until the Antis get enough.

We say, put the saloon on the corner so that some of our business men may get a drink just before leaving town and just as they return. Put the saloon on the corner so that our wives and daughters must pass by it if they come to town at all. Let the women stay at home. What business have they in town anyway if it interferes with the drinking of the men? Put the saloon on the corner so that visitors and prospectors may see this sign of wonderful prosperity immediately on their arrival. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

Put the saloon on the corner because the licensed saloon in Texas will be dead in two years. Put the saloon on the corner because that will hasten its demise. Women are praying, men are voting, and children are crying and God is getting ready through his children to cast this unspeakable abomination into the pits of oblivion. PUT THE SALOON ON THE CORNER.

CONTRIBUTED.

EDITOR'S NOTE—We will say for the benefit of those not familiar with the situation, that the objection raised by the leading Antis to a saloon going in in the I. O. Wooden building on the corner of Eighth Street and the Santa Fe boulevard prompted the writing of the above article. About two weeks ago parties rented the building for a saloon, and as soon as the fact became known such pressure was brought to bear by threats and otherwise that the saloon did not move in. And, it is particularly amusing to know that the objection was strictly an Anti move. Every pro we heard mention the matter was strongly in favor of the saloon going in.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

This is campaign year, and there will be much doing in politics, and the year promises to be an unusual one in many respects. Are you keeping up with the times, or are you living in ignorance? If you are not on our subscription list we want to put you there. We will send you the Banner-Leader, the best dollar paper published in this neck of the woods, and any of the following papers in connection at the price named:

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Leader and any paper published in the United States, at unusually low clubbing rates. If you just want the Leader send us one dollar and get it for the year.

Banner-Leader, Ballinger, Texas.

You may wash and powder a pig, but you can't curb his desire to wallow in the bog.

When the Hair Falls

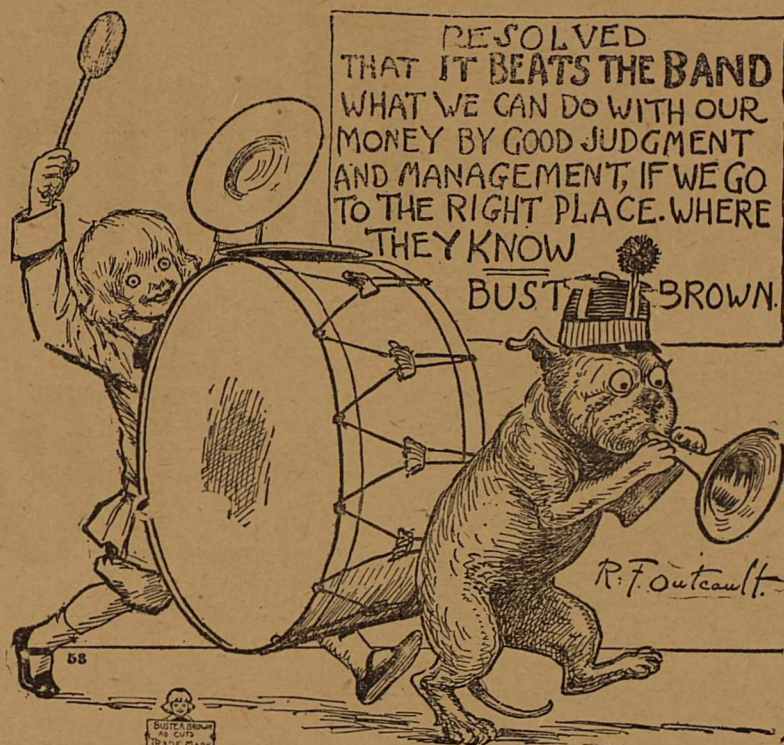
Stop it! And why not? Falling hair is a disease, a regular disease; and Ayer's Hair Vigor, as made from our new improved formula, quickly and completely destroys that disease. The hair stops falling out, grows more rapidly, and all dandruff disappears.

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The little book in each package gives the formula of our new Hair Vigor, tells why each ingredient is used, and explains many other interesting things. After reading you will know why this new hair preparation does its work so well.

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IT BEATS THE BAND

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We have just completed stock-taking and find that we are over stocked on all Winter Woolen Goods. We don't want to carry these goods over to next season, and it has always been our policy to close out as near possible and to do this we must fix the price to sell the goods. This we are doing. High-class goods sold at the lowest possible price in the following lines:

All Winter Clothing,
All Winter Underwear,
All Winter Overcoats,
All Winter Dress Goods,
All Winter Ladies Wraps.

It will pay you to investigate these very special bargains.

Winkler Dry Goods Co.

From Gatesville Messenger.

Master Robert Griggs, the fourteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Griggs, of Ballinger, died in this city last Friday morning. His death came as a great shock to the many friends of this family. A week before the little fellow received a severe burn by falling in the fire but was getting along nicely, and it was believed was on the road to recovery when the announcement came of his death. Accompanied by his parents and T. P. Adams the little body was shipped to Ballinger where it was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. Our heart goes out to both Mr. and Mrs. Griggs in the loss of their only child and in this their saddest hour of life.

Some people can sleep in church, but Devil can't.

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D. J. Gathing returned to his home at Knickerbocker, last Monday, after a visit to I. S. Baldwin.

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