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A BOX CAR SMASHES WAGON

B. T. Dawson, Team and Wagon Mixes Up With Flying Switch on Eighth Street.

B. T. Dawson came near being seriously injured by being struck with a box car sent in on the side track from the switch engine making a flying switch Wednesday evening. Mr. Dawson was driving down between the team and house tracks opposite the depot when the team became frightened and backed the wagon on the track in front of the approaching car. The car was coming at such rate that it could not be checked and the force of the car knocked the wagon considerable distance entangling Mr. Dawson in the fall and bruising him up considerably. The wagon was pretty badly broken up and one of the horses slightly hurt.

Fortunately the accident was not more serious. Mr. Dawson was able to get his team together and after having his wagon fixed was able to be about his work.

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21 2t Ballinger Installment Co.

Receives Death Notice of an Old Comrade.

J. H. Routh received a notice Wednesday of the death of J. C. Spencer, which occurred at Thorn-ton, Texas. Mr. Spencer and Mr. Routh were in the army together and were close friends, and had been keeping up with one another through correspondence for a long time. Deceased was a cousin of J. W. W. Spencer, formerly of Ballinger.

8th Street Pres. Church.

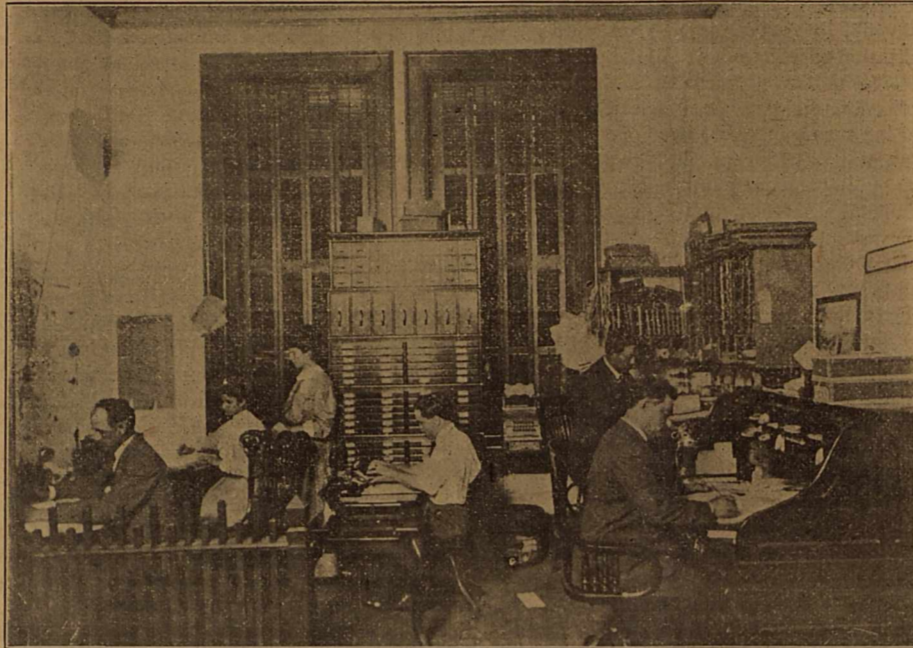
The usual services will be held at this church next Sunday. Sun-day school at 9:45 a. m. Preach-ing by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The morning subject will be "Are the Ten Commandments Binding today?" At night the series of studies of "The Teaching of Jesus on some of the Modern Social Questions" will be continued. A cordial invitation is extended to all the services.

City Democratic Convention.

I hereby call a convention of the Democrats of the city of Bal-linger to convene in the court house in Ballinger, Tuesday the 3rd day of March, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of nominating two candidates for Aldermen, as provided by the election law and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conven-tion including the election of a chairman for the ensuing term.

CHAS. S. MILLER.

Chairman City Democratic Committee of Ballinger, Texas. Feb 5th 1908.



Keeping the Records Straight—County Clerk's Office.

DR. G. C. RANKIN GETS ROASTING

J. S. Graves Has a Change of Heart and Declares He Will Vote Democratic Ticket.

If these constitutional revisionists, led by that religious demagogue and political faker, Dr. Rankin, want prohibition in reality, why don't he and they join the old fashioned simon pure Prohibition Party?

As to his nibs, the doctor, he wouldn't have prohibition if he thought he could get it for the asking—through the proper channels, that is the National Prohibition Party. Prohibition per se is the one thing in this world that Dr. Rankin, the "praise-God-bare-bones" of Texas Democracy, does not want, for then the Doctor would have nothing to do, and we all know what effect that would have on the natural born agitator. Dr. Rankin knows that the liquor amendment to the Constitution, he proposes, would amount to nothing in the end, that, at best it would be local option on a larger scale and the people would bring whisky into the state just as they do in local option towns. If his worship really wished to destroy the liquor business he would do the only sensible thing to be done, he would join the party and begin his work at Washington, through the Prohibition Party, by the establishment of a government opposed to the internal revenue system. This would wipe out the saloon because without a revenue on liquors there would be no saloon for there could be no profit in dispensing liquors. Put Dr. Rankin's agitation serves a double purpose.

First, it gives him something to do and an open field for much academic talk, and this affords a revenue of plethoric proportions. In other words there is money in it. Second: by keeping this question before the people continually, the people come to regard the saloon as the only evil in the land, while the great Trusts, backed by such men as Senator Bailey and railroad companies and other "interests" of a plutocratic government, get in their "work" and the people are robbed day by day. Why don't the Doctor try his hand at purifying politics and reorganizing the financial system of the country so that the poor might have employment and find bread for their wives and children?

Dr. Rankin began his career in Texas at Houston about 16 years ago, and aside from hurahing the people on these local option measures he has done nothing except to increase his bank account and real estate holdings. He has not cut off the supply of liquor one teaspoonful nor made one sober man. The Doctor would see every drunkard in hell before he would vote the only ticket which stands for prohibition or the no saloon government,

to wit, the prohibition ticket.

Dr. Rankin of Dallas, Editor of Texas Christian Advocate, the official organ of Texas Methodism, is not a Prohibitionist, my reader, and has the nerve to tell us in the Dallas News that he is not. Then I say we should treat him as a cheap demagogue and pass him up.

J. S. GRAVES.

P. S. I shall vote the Democratic ticket straight this year from bottom to top and speak publicly as often as I can to aid in putting the chief of Texas demagogry out of commission. I might say here that an observation covering 30 odd years and voting only the local option ticket proves to me there is nothing in local option or these state amendments. It is a question for the Nation to settle.—Ballinger Leader.

In the first sentence of the foregoing article two erroneous and untruthful assertions are found. Mr. Graves declares that Dr. Rankin is a "religious demagogue" and a "political faker." Dr. G. C. Rankin is neither a "demagogue" nor a "political faker" and Mr. Graves should have known it. Our acquaintance with Mr. Graves is not intimate and we scarcely know whether to think he has turned traducer and calumniator or whether he really thought he was writing the truth when he applied the above mentioned opprobrious epithets to Dr. Rankin. To say the least of it, Mr. Graves is a wreckless writer in that he rushes into print to announce his suppositions or opinions as truths or facts.

Mr. Graves seems to be very anxious for Dr. Rankin to join the Prohibition party, but Dr. Rankin is not going to join that party. Dr. Rankin, like a great many other good and true men, think this liquor question can be settled better within the Democratic and Republican parties than through the Prohibition party. Of course Dr. Rankin and his co-adjutors are not as wise as Mr. J. S. Graves. But they are not to blame for that. You would hardly expect them to be as wise as our distinguished Runnels County statesman and philosopher. Had Mr. Graves lived in the early days of the Republic he could easily have given points to Thomas Jefferson or Alexander Hamilton.

Mr. Graves says that the liquor question is a question for the Nation to settle. He declares that if Dr. Rankin wants to settle the question that he should join the Prohibition party. Mr. Graves then informs the public that he is going to vote the Democratic ticket straight this year from bottom to top. Mr.

Graves, then, does not want the question settled. Does he? Why does he condemn Dr. Rankin for voting the Democratic ticket when he, Graves, vehemently declares that he is going to do the same thing?

This theory promulgated by Will Mayes, E. G. Senter, and J. S. Graves, a distinguished trio, that the prohibition agitation was brought on in the interest of Senator Bailey, or as a scheme to detract from the Bailey issue, has been pronounced a malicious fabrication by Dr. Rankin. The leaders in the prohibition movement are not all Bailey men by any means.

Mr. Graves refers to Dr. Rankin as a "religious demagogue" about Mr. Graves' career in Texas? We are sure that Dr. Rankin would not be afraid, if it were not presumptuous on his part, to compare records with Mr. Graves. Of course Dr. Rankin would hesitate to offer to compare his record with one so illustrious, with one who has been such a hugh success along so many lines.

Mr. Graves says Dr. Rankin "has not cut off the supply of liquor one teaspoonful, or made one man sober." What are you opposing him for, Mr. Graves, if he has not cut off your supply even one teaspoonful? The trouble is that Dr. Rankin has helped carry more local option elections than almost any other man in Texas. He is thoroughly hated by saloon men and their defenders.

Mr. Graves in his postscript tells the people that he is determined to speak in public as often as he can this year. This is certainly enough to disharten the good people. We had the long sever drouth, then came the money panic, and the worst is yet to come. Don't do it Mr. Graves, the people have suffered enough.

R. S. Griggs for County Judge.

After serving the county for four years in the capacity of county attorney, R. S. Griggs comes before the people asking them to promote him to the office of county judge, and his name will be found on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Griggs has made the county a faithful officer and good attorney. His work in the attorney's office has been such as to deserve a step upward and he feels that it is his duty to move up and give someone else his present position.

Mr. Griggs is a graduate of the State University having pre-

pared himself for his chosen profession in that institution. He is fully competent to make the county a good judge. He is a true Democrat and his name goes on the ticket subject to the action of the Democratic primary. He was re-elected the second term for County Attorney with out opposition, and as far as we know will make the race for Judge without opposition.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS VISIT ABILENE.

Getting Things in Shape to Start Work on Ballinger and Abilene Railroad. Abilene Will Make Good.

The Abilene automobile came down today with a load of passengers and will remain over until in the morning to carry the directors of the Ballinger and Abilene railroad across to Abilene, where they go to meet with the Abilene people in a mass meeting tomorrow evening and arrange matters at that end of the line for the signing of the contract with the construction company.

Abilene has long since expressed a willingness to do her part, and a meeting has been arranged for at that place and everything will be ready when the Ballinger committee reaches there, and nothing will have to be done but get the matter in a definite shape.

The party going from Ballinger will include C. A. Dooze, Judge Jno. I. Guion or the General Attorney of the road, C. O. Harris. Judge Harris will not probably be able to go on account of sickness, and if not Judge Guion will accompany the party.

We are informed from a reliable source, that unless something in the way of getting the final matters adjusted comes in the way, work will start on the road by the first of March. A few more good healthy subscriptions are to be added to the Ballinger bonus, and as soon as this is done the contracts will be executed and work started. When the party returns from Abilene something definite will be known as to where the road will run in reference to the two surveys, or whether it will start from the East or West of Ballinger. The starting point will settle the question of the survey adopted.

At The Play House.

The Gertrude Ewing Company made good last night and pleased a large audience with the new dramatic play "The Smart Set." Miss Ewing seemed to be at her best and played the role of Lady Margaret Arnold to perfection. Al Phillips in his specialty act brought down the house in applause. Every character was a good one and presented the play in a way that insures for the company a good patronage while here. Tonight the "Slave of the Orient" will be presented and tomorrow night "Camille." Tomorrow evening at 2:30 a matinee for the school children and ladies will be given and the play put on will be the "Skidoo Kids." Admission for the matinee will be 10 cents for all school children and 25 cents for adults.

Judge DuBoise was here from San Angelo, attending county court this week.

BANNER-LEADER LANDS BIG ORDER.

The Leader Submitted a Bid for Printing Half Million Call Slips for the West Texas Telephone Company of Brownwood and Gets Contract.

We are just in receipt of an order from the West Texas Telephone Company, with headquarters at Brownwood, for the printing of 250,000 "In" and 250,000 "out" toll tickets; 500,000 in all or just one-half million. The local telephone exchange here as well as in a number of other towns, is owned by the West Texas Telephone Company, and it is the company's desire to distribute the business they have for the printers among the towns in which they operate, prices, work, etc., considered. In asking for bids on this job the manager of the company, Mr. W. T. Stromeier said "I am having several firms in the different towns in which we operate bid on this job and the lowest bidder will get the contract." Mr. Stromeier submitted a sample of the paper wanted, and our bid was based on the quality of the paper wanted and nothing but first class work, with a guarantee that it would be first class and the job turned out in a satisfactory manner.

It will be remembered that the Leader printing plant consist of a good news and job plant consolidated with a good first class type, etc., are new and workmen fully competent to handle same. Our work, our prices tell the rest.

At The Court House.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. No services at night.

E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

County Court.

The County Court met in regular session Monday, and the usual routine of business was transacted. Only one criminal case was tried. Quite a large number of civil cases were disposed of in the way of compromises. The jury was dismissed on Tuesday afternoon.

How's This?

We had no idea there was so many chickens for sale in Runnels county. A little three or four line local in the Leader, last week, for a party wanting to buy a few chickens and asking for those with chickens to sell to call at the Leader office has caused us to almost lose our religion answering inquires. But then it pays to advertise in the Leader.

—The Leader sells old papers.

Metropolitan Hotel to Move.

The building on the corner of Eighth Street and the Santa Fe Boulevard, formerly occupied by Globber's tin shop, has been rented by the proprietor of the Metropolitan hotel and is now being renovated, painted, and otherwise improved and the hotel will be moved over last of week. A deal is on foot, which if goes through, the Walker Drug Co., will move to the two story building on Eighth Street now occupied by the hotel.

Killed Themselves.

State-wide prohibition is on. It will be a hard, bitter fight. The Herald believed we should fight it out on local option lines. But nothing but a State-fight will suit the majority of leaders in prohibition. It is the fault of the liquor men themselves—not all of them, but 95 per cent of them. They have not respected the will of the majority of the people in any community nor kept any law that ran counter to their business and greed until actually forced to do so. Why, only the other day it was found out by mere chance that they had actually changed the pending postal laws in Congress so as to permit liquors to go through the mails and thus make of this most sacred institution of the Government a distributory of their staff, everywhere the United States, mails go. These are the things that compel many people believe there is no relief

except in making it unlawful in the state, thus making every phrase of the traffic an out-law. Especially since denatured alcohol is free of tax is there found no excuse for the plea of prohibition hurting the arts and sciences. The question will be submitted in the primaries in July instructing the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment forbidding every phrase of the liquor traffic in Texas. As the prohibition vote in the dry counties of Texas is about 25,000 more than the aggregate vote of the wet counties, partly wet and doubtful combined, there is hardly a doubt, but the prohibitionists will win if they vote, because they will get many thousands in the partly wet and the doubtful counties. But the anti are alert, have unlimited money—and will use it.—Cameron Herald.

—Old Papers 20c hundred.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and T. J. Lee, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, herein styled defendants, whose names and residence are unknown to plaintiffs, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35 Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35 Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House, thereof, in Ballinger, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1908, the same being the 2nd day of March A. D. 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of December A. D. 1907, in a suit, number on the docket of said Court No. 896, wherein A. J. & D. Reeder, are Plaintiffs, and Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and J. T. Lee deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife, C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, are Defendants, and said petition alleging

A. J. & D. Reeder vs. Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs et al.

To The Hon. Judge Of Said Court:

A. J. & D. Reeder who reside in Runnels County, Texas, herein styled plaintiffs, complaining of Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and J. T. Lee, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife, C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, herein styled defendants, whose names and residences are unknown to plaintiffs, represent that on the 1st day of July 1907, they were and are now lawfully seized and possessed, holding same by fee simple title, the following described tract of land in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit: A certain tract of land, originally granted to Thomas Pratt known as survey number 365 1-2, Abstract number 397, Certificate 16-22, patent number 276, Volume 9, of the Public Land Survey of the United States, beginning at a stone mound, the South West corner of 320 acres of land out of said Survey No. 509, sold by Wharton County to N. H. Meeks on November 9th, 1899, and also an interest in corner of 2056 acres purchased by T. H. South Survey No. 509, THENCE South 950 varas to a stone set in North line of Block No. 6 for the South West corner of this tract, THENCE East, at 274 varas pass, the North East corner of said Block No. 6 and North West corner of Bedford's tract, at 966 varas a stone set in North line of said Bedford tract, for the South East corner of this tract, from which a Hackberry 3 inches in diameter bears west 3 feet, THENCE North, crossing Sheep Hollow several times, 950 varas to a stone set in South line of said N. H. Meeks 320 acre tract, for the North East corner of this tract, THENCE North, bearing 111 degrees 15 minutes East, 966 varas, to the place of BEGINNING, situated in Runnels County, Texas.

That as a part of the purchase money for said land the defendant, W. B. King, made executed and delivered to plaintiff on or about the 16th day of March 1907, of even date with said deed his five certain promissory notes, each for the principal sum of \$408.75, with interest thereon from date until paid at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, interest payable annually on January 1st of each and every year, as it accrues, both principal and interest payable at New Braunfels, Texas, said notes being due and payable as follows, on or before January 1st, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915 and 1917 respectively after date, said notes each providing that all past due interest shall bear interest from the maturity thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and each of said notes further providing for the payment of 10 per cent additional on the principal and interest of said notes as attorney's fees, provided said notes and the interest installments thereon are not paid at maturity and are placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, and each of said notes providing that failure to pay either of said notes, or any installment of interest thereon when due, shall, at the election of the holder of them, or any of them, mature all of said notes.

That thereafter, to-wit, on or about the 16th day of March 1907, the Defendant, W. B. King, by his Deed in writing, conveyed said land to the Defendant, J. W. Cochran, in consideration of which the said Defendant, J. W. Cochran, assumed the payment of each of the above described notes, according to the terms thereof, whereby the said Defendants, and each of them, became liable and promissory to pay plaintiff each of said notes according to the terms conditions and stipulations therein stated.

That defendant, Cochran is in possession of said last mentioned deed and

We want your accounts large or small. Citizens National Bank.

Citation by Publication.

STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon W. B. King, whose residence it is alleged by affidavit made by C. A. Doose, agent, since the filing of this suit, is unknown to affiant, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1908, the same being the 2nd day of March A. D. 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of January A. D. 1908 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 901, wherein H. Streuer is Plaintiff and W. B. King and J. W. Cochran are Defendants, and said petition alleging

The State of Texas, in District Court, County of Runnels, Texas, March Term A. D. 1908.

To The Hon. District Court of Runnels County, Texas.

H. Streuer, who resides in Comal County, Texas, hereinafter styled Plaintiff, complaining of W. B. King, who resides in Taylor County, Texas, and J. W. Cochran, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled Defendants, represents:

That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 16th day of March 1907, Plaintiff made, executed and delivered his deed in writing to the Defendant, W. B. King, the following described tract of land, to-wit:

Being all of Block No. Seven, a subdivision of the Wharton County School Land Survey, No. 509; Abstract No. 499, and patented to the School Commissioners of Wharton County on October 27th, 1854, per Letters Patent No. 296, Volume No. 11, the said Block No. Seven containing One Hundred and Sixty Two and one-half acres of land described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a stone mound, the South West corner of 320 acres of land out of said Survey No. 509, sold by Wharton County to N. H. Meeks on November 9th, 1899, and also an interest in corner of 2056 acres purchased by T. H. South Survey No. 509, THENCE South 950 varas to a stone set in North line of Block No. 6 for the South West corner of this tract, THENCE East, at 274 varas pass, the North East corner of said Block No. 6 and North West corner of Bedford's tract, at 966 varas a stone set in North line of said Bedford tract, for the South East corner of this tract, from which a Hackberry 3 inches in diameter bears west 3 feet, THENCE North, crossing Sheep Hollow several times, 950 varas to a stone set in South line of said N. H. Meeks 320 acre tract, for the North East corner of this tract, THENCE North, bearing 111 degrees 15 minutes East, 966 varas, to the place of BEGINNING, situated in Runnels County, Texas.

That as a part of the purchase money for said land the defendant, W. B. King, made executed and delivered to plaintiff on or about the 16th day of March 1907, of even date with said deed his five certain promissory notes, each for the principal sum of \$408.75, with interest thereon from date until paid at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, interest payable annually on January 1st of each and every year, as it accrues, both principal and interest payable at New Braunfels, Texas, said notes being due and payable as follows, on or before January 1st, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915 and 1917 respectively after date, said notes each providing that all past due interest shall bear interest from the maturity thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and each of said notes further providing for the payment of 10 per cent additional on the principal and interest of said notes as attorney's fees, provided said notes and the interest installments thereon are not paid at maturity and are placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, and each of said notes providing that failure to pay either of said notes, or any installment of interest thereon when due, shall, at the election of the holder of them, or any of them, mature all of said notes.

That thereafter, to-wit, on or about the 16th day of March 1907, the Defendant, W. B. King, by his Deed in writing, conveyed said land to the Defendant, J. W. Cochran, in consideration of which the said Defendant, J. W. Cochran, assumed the payment of each of the above described notes, according to the terms thereof, whereby the said Defendants, and each of them, became liable and promissory to pay plaintiff each of said notes according to the terms conditions and stipulations therein stated.

That defendant, Cochran is in possession of said last mentioned deed and

he is notified to produce same on trial hereof otherwise secondary evidence will be introduced to prove contents of same.

That Plaintiff is still holder and owner of said notes; that the first installment of interest in said notes, as therein provided, became due and payable to Plaintiff at New Braunfels, Texas, on the 1st day of January 1908; that Defendants, and each of them, though often requested have hitherto refused and failed and still doth refuse and fail to pay the aforesaid installment of interest, which is long since past due, owing and unpaid; that by reason of the premises Plaintiff has placed all of said notes in the hands of M. C. Smith, an Attorney at law, at Ballinger, Texas, for collection and suit thereon. That Defendants, and each of them, though often requested, hitherto refused and failed and still doth refuse and fail to pay Plaintiff the said sum of money past due and owing upon said notes, or any part thereof, to his great damage.

Wherefore, premises considered plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited to answer herein and that on final hearing hereof he have Judgement against said Defendants, and each of them, for his said debt, interest and attorney's fees and all cost in this behalf expended, and for a foreclosure of of his Vendor's Lien retained in said deed from Plaintiff to the Defendant, W. B. King, and in said notes, and for an Order of Sale of said land in manner and from as required by law, in such case made and provided, and that the proceeds of such sale be first applied to the payment of Plaintiff's said debt, interest and costs, and for general relief.

M. C. Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this 27th day of January A. D. 1908.

R. A. Terry, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County.

Horse Owners on Notice.

Dr. Jackson, the Brownwood veterinary, fears that there is to be an epidemic of blind staggers among the horses of this section and he urges that all owners of horses take precautionary measures before the disease has gained any headway. Two cases have been reported within the past three days and one of the horses has a most aggravated case of the staggers.

Dr. Jackson attributes the appearance of the disease here to the imported corn which has been shipped here in such vast quantities during the past two months. He says that an epidemic of this disease appeared throughout this section nine years ago and at that time large shipments of corn were being received here, due to a crop failure in this section.

Dr. Jackson says that if the owners of horses will thoroughly dope the feed troughs with ashes and salt that the disease can easily be prevented, but that if action is deferred until the horse gets the staggers it is a difficult matter to give relief.—Brownwood Bulletin.

T. C. Watson was here from Miles, first of the week, attending court.

Colds on the Chest

Ask your doctor the medical name for a cold on the chest. He will say, "Bronchitis." Ask him if it is ever serious. Lastly, ask him if he prescribes Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for this disease. Keep in close touch with your family physician.

Ayer's

When you tell your doctor about the bad taste in your mouth, loss of appetite for breakfast, and frequent headaches, and when he sees your coated tongue, he will say, "You are bilious." Ayer's Pills work well in such cases.



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Ballinger Lumber Company

Dr. C. S. Jackson, the Brownwood Veterinary Surgeon, visits Ballinger once a month and will treat your sick or diseased stock.

Notice—Keep Out. All my lands on Valley creek are posted and here by warm parties to keep out. No hunting, pecan gathering or trespassing in any manner will be allowed.

Let the Leader do it for you.

Here are bananas! Jacob.

Dear friend: Lots of bananas that mamma used to send me for tasted green when we got them, or they were almost rotten.

That was because we traded at the grocery that didn't care much about its customers. You know it is nice to trade at a place where they treat you nice.

If you go to the right place you can get a dozen bananas for 25 cents.

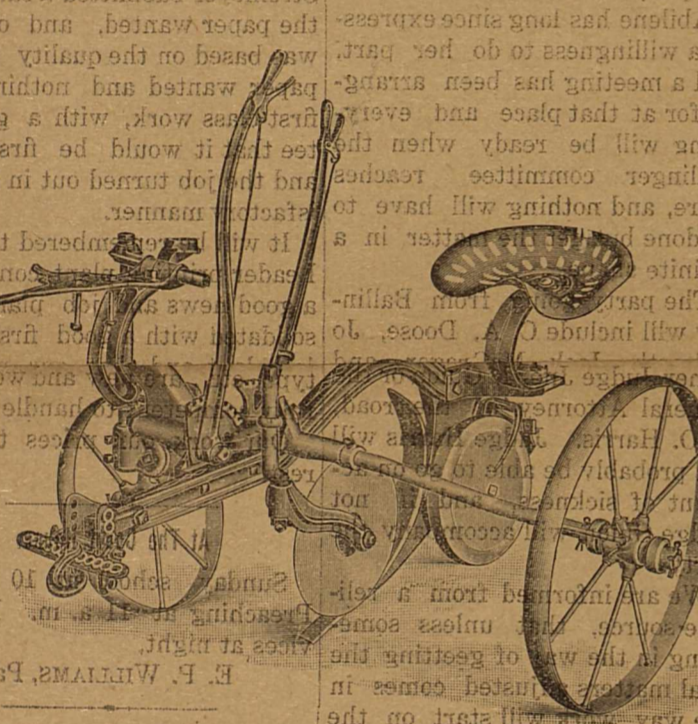
A dozen oranges for 30 cents. These fruits will always be good to eat.

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Opinion of a Prominent Bacteriologist Given at a Recent Lecture at Harvard College.

Prof. H. C. Ernst in a recent lecture before Harvard Medical school discussed this theory at length. He claims that consumption is not an inherited disease, and that the children of parents who have had tuberculosis are as likely to grow up strong and healthy as children of parents who have not. Dr. Ernst further claims that the cardinal means for curing this dread disease are plenty of fresh air, sufficient nutritious food, rest and exercise.

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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

Many Sleepless Nights, Owing to a Persistent Cough. Relief Found at Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by Walker Drug Co.

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Save Money by Buying Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

You will pay just as much for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as for any of the other cough medicines, but you save money in buying it. The saving is in what you get, not what you pay. The sure-to-cure you quality is in every bottle of this remedy, and you get good results when you take it. Neglected colds often develop serious conditions, and when you buy a cough medicine you want to be sure you are getting one that will cure your cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures. Price 25 and 50 cents a bottle. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Rest and Sleep

Few escape those miseries of winter—a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmons Cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial passages, it stops the cough at once and gives you welcome rest and peaceful sleep.

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A little backache at first. Daily increasing till the back is lame and weak.

Urinary disorders quickly follow.

Diabetes and finally Bright's disease.

This is the downward course of kidney ills.

S. A. Smith, residing in Brownwood, Tex., says: "My son was complaining about his back hurting him and his kidneys being disordered, so when I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I procured a box for him. He received much benefit from their use and in a short while all the symptoms of kidney trouble had disappeared. I take pleasure in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, as I believe them to be a reliable kidney remedy."

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That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it, when Ballard's Horehound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs.

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

Baby Hands

will get into mischief—often it means a burn or cut or scald. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, Rheumatism and all pains.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

J. W. Rainwater, who for several years has been in the real estate business at Crews, has moved to Ballinger to continue in the same business. He has associated with him other parties and they have organized a firm styled Homeseekers Realty Co.

Skin Disease of Twenty Years Standing Cured.

I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost twenty years' standing. I have been treated by several as smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffen, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Walker Drug Co.

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Arrested

a cough that has been hanging on for over two months by taking Ballard's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, cold on chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Miss Ethel Moore went to Fort Worth, first of the week, to visit friends.

Don't be Irritable

"An irritated skin makes and irritable person, and an irritable person gathers much trouble unto himself or herself, as the case may be. Moral: Use Hants Cure, one box of which is absolute and unqualifiedly guaranteed to cure any form of skin trouble. Any kind of itching known is relieved at once and one box cures."

The Leader's mailing list continues to grow in spite of the hard times cry. Among the names added to our honor roll this week we mention, W. A. Taylor, Wood & Wright, W. S. Syler, J. T. Wiley, C. C. Schuchard, all receiving the paper at the Ballinger post office. A number of out of town new ones, and renewals.

Ask Yourself the Question.

Why not use Chamberlain's Pain Balm when you have rheumatism? We feel sure that the result will be prompt and satisfactory. One application relieves the pain, and many have been permanently cured by its use. 25 and 50 cent sizes. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Notice--Keep Out.

All my lands which border Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. No hunting, pean gathering or trespassing allowed.

W. E. Allen

DO YOU GET UP

WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

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

Miss Blanche Baker, who has been with the Ballinger Dry Goods Co., left last Sunday for Fort Worth, where she will take a course in a business college.

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us and if necessary we will send our reporter to get data.

We have had several to ask us why we didn't publish more rail road news. Don't get impatient; just watch and listen a short while longer and you will hear and see things that will look good. Possibly by the first of March.

There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend and perhaps get the dollar back tomorrow, or you send it away, feel that you have sinned, offend the home merchant and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence for good to yourself and neighbor.—Exchange.

Drop around the express office some time, and you will see we have some of the mail order customers in Ballinger.

The man that cries hard times the loudest is usually the man that helps himself the least. The fellow who always has his eye skinned for an opportunity to make a dollar, is too busy to spend his times—and another thing, in this fine country he never has to strain his eyes looking for the opportunities.—Menardville Messenger.

Some men do better in hard times than when times are good and money plentiful. The fellow that is inclined to be on the dead-beat; it gives him an excuse for not paying his debts.

What's the matter with having a little blowout under the auspices of the Commercial Club as soon as work begins on the railroad or as soon as the contract is signed. Let's have a little "Smoker" banquet, or something of the kind and issue passes to all those subscribed to the bonus. We need something of the kind to tie together that fellow feeling among our citizens and all get together and pull hard for other good things that should come to Ballinger with the advent of the railroad and more people. We mustn't let that park and flower garden for the depot grounds go by default.

It will be all right to shatter democratic usages and practice by giving Attorney General Davidson a third term if it were not that he is not running on his record but on his hatred of Senator Bailey. Here is the situation: Davidson stabbed Bailey in the back; Bailey slapped Davidson in the face; Davidson ran to a republican by the name of Bill Crawford for advice; Crawford said ask for help, the help of the democratic party, run for re-election and get vindicated. And the democratic party will do the rest.—Brownwood News.

A great many admirers of Senator Bailey will vote for Davidson. The line is not drawn to a vote, but if Davidson should be elected it will no doubt be recorded as an anti-Bailey victory.

A Jones county farmer who made his first crop in West Texas last year, coming from Bell county, states that he made more in the first crop year in Jones than in the three preceding crops in Bell. Last year was a short one in West Texas, too. There is something in the way of a testimonial that beats all the boom talk that could be indulged. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and that is what the Jones county farmer tells about West Texas for health and prosperity.—Abilene Reporter.

There are men in Runnels county who came to the county poor men and rented land the

first year. They now own their homes and are comfortably fixed and made start in Runnels county farming.

Ballinger people have subscribed \$50,000. to the Ballinger and Abilene railroad. That's the kind of public spirit it takes to make a town.—Santa Anna News.

That's not all, brother. Ballinger has a big squad of hands at work grading and macadamizing the streets. We have just completed the installation of a street drainage system. Our funds are getting low and we are not going to have enough money to complete the improvements contemplated, but a move is on foot to issue \$10,000. worth of bonds to keep the good work going, and when the question is passed up to the people to vote on she will carry in a whoop. Watch us.

The postal authorities at Washington recognizing the liability of postmasters to make mistakes in getting letters in the wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of 200 dollars on persons taking mail out of the office other than their own and not returning it at once. This law also includes newspapers. The excuses that it is the postmaster's fault "cuts no ice." If you have been getting other people's mail you had better take warning or you may get yourself in trouble.—Comanche Chief.

Looks hard to punish a man for another's mistakes but the postal authorities have so fixed things. A good idea to stop and see if you have more mail than belongs to you before you leave the post office.

Is Governor Campbell really in the middle of the road? Is he not decidedly over on one side—"behaving himself" like a good little boy who thinks he sees a switch.—Belton Journal.

Some of the anti-Bailey fellows are feeling sore towards Campbell because he doesn't stab Bailey in the back. Gov. Campbell is "behaving" and attending strictly to the duties of his office. There is no reason why he should declare himself either for or against Bailey, as Bailey is elected for six years, and is not before the people for election during the campaign now opening. Yet, it is going to be necessary for him to come before the people, as his enemies are working over time in an effort to elect representatives who will pass a resolution condemning him and ask him to resign.

Every cell door at police headquarters stood wide open yesterday. For the first time since the establishment of that house of detention, there was not a prisoner within its portals. The officers in charge could scarcely realize the new and strange condition, and for a city of a hundred and twenty-five thousand inhabitants it was indeed a remarkable record. It comes as a climax to the gradual diminution in the number of arrests, which began immediately upon the advent of the prohibition regime.—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

Thought for our Anti friends. Suppose Ballinger had one hundred and twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the same number of saloons in proportion to the population. Do you think we would have any use for a police station? Ballinger has about four thousand people and eight saloons, or a saloon for every 500 people. If we had one hundred and twenty-five thousand people, and a saloon for every five hundred we would only have two hundred and fifty saloons. Do you think we would have any use for a police station under those circumstances. How about Dallas or Fort Worth, or any other saloon city in Texas with about one half the population of the Georgia city? Do you suppose that their police stations are empty for a single day? No, not much.

We wish to call the attention of our city readers to the notice

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Perhaps you live where there is no Bank—you can open an account with us by mail almost as easily as if you lived in Ballinger. Simply forward us the checks or the money you wish to deposit and we will send a receipt and check-book by return mail.

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We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

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FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
EDWARD S. MCCARVER.

FOR PUBLIC WEAIGHER:
JOE SPOONTS.

FOR J. P. AND COMMISSIOER:
B. S. TAYLOR.
W. H. WEEKS.
J. A. DEMOVILLE.

of Chas. S. Miller, chairman of the City Democratic party, in this issue. Mr. Miller has called a City convention to meet at the court house Tuesday, March the third for the purpose of nominating two aldermen. The Terrel election law makes it necessary to either hold primary election or hold convention for the purpose of nominating officers. The convention plan seemed to be the best way to nominate in this case, as the naming of two men for the places is a small matter. It is a small matter in that know one want the offices and the job pays nothing but a handsome salary in cussing.

It is to be hoped, however, that the citizens will take an interest in the matter and attend the meeting. Ballinger is just at the stage of progress where it is necessary to elect men that will get up and put their shoulder to the wheel and keep the good work outlined going until Ballinger becomes a Ballinger Beautiful. We think it a bad policy to change officers just at this stage and break up the old council in any way. They have done some good work and are now working harmonius to the advancement of Ballinger. Tom Lankford and Hermian Giesecke are the two retiring aldermen, and they both say they have a plenty and want to retire from "politics." We say when you get a good thing stay with it.

MARCH TERM DISTRICT COURT

Spring Term Convenes March 2nd. Light Docket. Jury for Term.

Following is the list of jurors for the March term of court:

- GRAND JURORS.
- J. B. Alvis
 - W. H. Seals
 - J. E. Gilliam
 - R. W. Coulson
 - C. F. Awalt
 - H. Vandervanter
 - W. T. Garmon
 - W. E. Ratliff
 - R. L. Bates
 - W. A. Glenn
 - C. C. Gannaway
 - O. J. Hinds
 - M. D. Chastain
 - F. E. Clayton
 - L. A. Bedford
 - J. W. Hester
- PETIT JUROR FOR 1st. WEEK.
- E. A. Brookshire
 - Sam Farmer
 - T. L. Tood
 - Lon Mapes
 - C. S. Brown
 - H. C. Streetman
 - W. W. Simpson
 - G. W. Phipps
 - A. B. Hofman
 - E. C. Seay
 - Preston Dunn
 - E. F. Delamater
 - J. W. Murry
 - J. W. Dale
 - W. S. Moorehead
 - J. W. Clampitt
 - T. M. Glaze
 - P. W. King
 - Jo. Hardin
 - E. B. Warmark
 - L. C. Jameson
 - F. H. Hamilton
 - R. M. Edwards
 - T. Warmaca
 - A. L. Tabor
 - B. Dornberger
 - W. M. Taylor
 - P. Michaelis
 - J. C. Smith

- A. S. Justice
- W. M. Glass
- C. E. A. Wagner
- W. C. Dodd
- L. C. Wells
- A. V. Livingston
- J. M. Stevenson

PETIT JURORS FOR 2ND WEEK.

- W. L. Goldon
- A. O. Dannelly
- W. J. Smith
- F. G. Hoelscher
- J. J. Erwin
- F. M. Steele
- N. H. Henson
- D. E. Graves
- W. L. McAulay
- A. Y. Crow
- J. F. Toungett
- J. R. Turnen
- J. E. J. Lackey
- John Walden
- W. M. Pumphrey
- A. T. Tuerpe
- J. G. Douglass
- W. O. Cryer
- T. M. Pace
- Otto Vagelsang
- E. M. Setser
- W. L. Crow
- T. S. Honeycutt
- I. Vancil
- L. C. Proctor,
- J. S. Reese
- J. F. Currie
- J. M. Whittaker
- N. T. Guest
- W. D. Virden
- E. Boykin
- G. Schumann
- J. T. Russell
- D. L. Tucker
- T. W. Whigham
- W. S. Crabb

E. D. Walker, Cashier of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co., made a business trip to Coleman, Wednesday.

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The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,

TRYING TO DELAY BALLINGER MAIL.

Effort Being Made to Change Schedule of Frisco Train Bringing Mail from Fort Worth. Ballinger Citizens Object.

A petition is being circulated today by representatives of the Dallas News asking the Frisco to change the schedule of trains so the Dallas News may reach Brownwood on day of publication in competition with the Record. The petition seems to be a popular one and a great many signers are being obtained. The proposed change calls for the morning train, which leaves Fort Worth at 2 o'clock now, to leave that city at 7 o'clock in the morning and reach Brownwood about 12 o'clock and the night train to leave that city about 6 o'clock and arrive here between 11 and 12 o'clock.

The News has a great many admirers in Brownwood and they are signing the petitions for the change in schedule so that publication can be had earlier each day. Some argue that it would be more convenient to the traveling public.—Brownwood Bulletin

If the arrangements mentioned in the above article from the Brownwood Bulletin are put in to effect it will place Ballinger again twenty-four hours from the daily state papers. As the trains now run the Fort Worth Record reaches Ballinger at noon of the day it is published. To change the Frisco train would make that train reach Brownwood too late to connect with the morning Santa Fe, and the Record would then be reached here the next morning, twenty-four hours late, as all the other state papers except the Chronicle which is evening paper, and which is issued twelve hours later than the Record. Besides the Record train is a regular mail train and brings a large bulk of the mail from the North, enabling it to reach Ballinger eighteen hours earlier than it otherwise would. Ballinger and towns West of Brownwood can't stand for such change. If the Dallas News wants to get to Brownwood earlier let the News Company do as the Record did. Get up a News train and guarantee the business and the railroad company will do the rest.

Mrs. George Pearce left Wednesday evening for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Baker, at Plantersville, Texas.

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Company expects to close down for the season about the last of next week. If you have cotton seed to sell, don't fail to bring them in at once. Get your quilting cotton now, for you cannot get it after the mill closes down.

C. S. Woodward is here from San Antonio.

Mrs. Foy Brown returned from a visit to Houston first of the week.

Lit Chastain visited relatives here this week, and returned home, Monday.

Lewis Butler of the Schawe Grocery Store is able to be on the streets after a three weeks spell of sickness.

T. A. Tidwell is putting in a lunch counter and short order stand in the old tailor shop next to the Katy Saloon.

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner the first Monday in March. The place will be announced later.

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

Miss Ethel Price who has been here since Christmas visiting her father J. H. Price and family left for Brownwood Tuesday, where she will visit before returning to her home in California.

The revival closed at the Christian Church last Sunday night, and the meeting was a benefit to the church as well as the general religious feeling of the town. Rev. Sprague will remain here for awhile preaching for the church each Sunday.

The old restaurant known as the Osteen, restaurant was closed Wednesday this week, for the purpose, we understand, of getting financial matters adjusted. We are glad to state that the eating house was opened for business again yesterday.

W. S. Moorehead has sold his tailoring business located on Eighth street to a young man formerly of Brownwood by the name of Evans. The new man has taken charge and is rustling for business. Mr. Moorehead will remain with the firm for awhile.

M. G. Hodnette, of Austin came across from Abilene on the auto, Thursday, and is here today shaking hands with friends Mr. Hodnette it will be remembered was a teacher in the Ballinger school several years ago. He is at present connected with an insurance company and has a good position.

Rest and Sleep

Few escape those miseries of winter—a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmonds Cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial passages, it stops the cough at once and gives you welcome rest and peaceful sleep.

KNEW HE WOULD SPLASH

Pretty "Fixings" on Washstand Were Not for Use of the Man From the Country.

A young man rented a room in a Ninety-third street house, says the New York Press. When he agreed to take the room he noticed that the washstand was provided with a dainty dotted Swiss scarf and splasher. When he moved in the muslin draperies had disappeared and had been replaced by mottled blue and white oilcloth. The young man got mad clear through.

"What has become of those pretty little fixings?" he asked. "Why did you put this ugly stuff in here?"

"Because," said the landlady, coolly, "you told me you were fresh from the country and I knew you'd get those muslin things all splashed up in no time. If you had been a city man I would have left them, but it is impossible for a genuine countryman to wash his hands without making the water fly. The city bred person has been so used to cleaning up in limited space that he doesn't make much fuss about it, but when the countryman begins his ablutions everything in the vicinity gets soaked."

SAME OLD STORIES.

Prince d'Abro Pazratide of Egypt gave the professors in the architecture department at Harvard an interesting chat concerning the age of art in his country.

"The other day," the prince said, "I was reading some papyrus that is thousands of years old which has been discovered by a French scientist. In that papyrus was the story of a boy who stuck pins into pieces of paper and arranged them so that they might be felt by his school teachers."

The prince said that in this old papyrus, thousands of years old, the story of the eternal triangle that has served novelists and playwrights galore was treated practically the same as in a modern work of fiction. The loving husband, the masher and the wife were all set forth much as in a modern play. Surely, the prince concluded, there is nothing new under the sun.

CHANGE NAME AFTER FIRE.

Hard as it is to find names for all the new apartment houses, there is one big building of that kind that has changed its name three times.

"We had to do it on account of fires," said the owner. "We have been unlucky in that respect. Three fires in eighteen months is a pretty discouraging record. In no case did the fires amount to much, but small as was the damage the reputation of the building suffered. It was then that I learned about the charm of a changed name. Many people, it seems, who rent apartment houses are superstitious in this matter of fires. If a building is once visited by even the smallest blaze they believe everybody living there is sure of bad luck until the house is rechristened. Consequently that ceremony is not long delayed."

GOOD CONSUMPTION CURE.

"While in a small Arizona town recently," said Henry S. Friel of St. Louis, "I met with a man who had lived for one year on the plains without clothing or shelter. He tried the experiment of living the life of a savage in the effort to rid himself of the dread disease of consumption."

"The experiment was a tough one but successful. Today he is sound and well. He lived in the open. Herbs, game and fruits furnished him nourishment. He slept right out on the ground and now weighs 170 pounds. When he first went out to Arizona from an Eastern city he weighed less than 120 pounds."

ON THE OTHER HAND.

The preacher was offering his felicitations to the newly married couple.

"Young man," he said, "you have gained one of the fairest maids in the community, and you, young lady, have won a stalwart partner, whose good right arm will level every obstacle that stands in the way of your success in life."

"Left, Mr. Goodman, left," corrected the bride, with a proud look at the sinewy athlete by her side. "George is a southpaw, you know."

THE BRUTE.

Stella—So she divorced him for desertion?
Bella—Yes, he positively refused to live in the auto.

ONE OF MARK TWAIN'S

Story Brought From England by Humorist Has All the Oldtime Ring About It.

Mark Twain brings this one back from England. A political meeting was in progress:

"Like yourselves," said the would-be M. P., "I am a horny-handed son of toil, and am not ashamed of it." Applause.

"Here are my tools to prove it!" he cried, holding aloft a trowel and a hammer. "Ten years ago I was a working bricklayer, and in spite of the fact that prosperity has come to me, I have treasured the implements that once earned me my bread and butter!"

More applause. "Pass them down," said the man in the audience; and the treasured tools were handed round.

"You see," went on the candidate, "I was once a working man like yourselves, and I hope I may count upon your support."

"Indeed you may," cried a workman in tones of the deepest awe and admiration. "A man who could lay bricks with a carpenter's hammer and a gardener's trowel must be more than ordinary clever."

NOT UNUSUAL.



Wife—I got into an awful jam at that bargain sale.
Hubby—Indeed!
Wife—Yes; all the money I had was squeezed out of my purse.

TOOTHACHE REMEDY.

"In traveling over the Tennessee mountains a short time ago I discovered a remedy for toothache," said Cyrus Fleming or Martin.

"I stopped at a mountaineer's house one night. Along about two o'clock in the morning I awoke with a terrible toothache. I aroused the whole family with my groans. The old man got up and gladly offered to give me relief. He went out in the yard, got a handful of yellow clay, brought it in the house, poured it in a skillet and began heating it. When it was dried out and red hot he made me slap it on my jaw. The pain for just a moment was terrible but in another moment my toothache had entirely disappeared. I kept the hot clay on my jaw until I fell off to sleep. It is a great remedy."

LIKE A CHARIOT OF GOLD.

Most of the automobiles that fly around through the streets of New York are painted in fairly quiet colors, the only exceptions to this being the occasional one seen that is either all red or white. But there is one that fairly outshines, or rather outglitters, these nowadays, in the case of a big runabout that is completely covered with some sort of gilt-bronze paint that is as loud as the average show wagon in a circus. At night when its lamps are lighted, and particularly late at night, when the streets are rather dark, as this modern golden chariot whisks up or down Broadway it looks like a great mass of bar gold all ashine with the yellow glow from its lamps.

FROM A BRITISH RECORD.

The following strange personal names are collected during the course of investigations, at Somerset House: Hyde Parker, Eliza Silence, Tom Jolly Death, Mary Pine Coffin, James Whalebelly, Sarah Greek Gabb, John Gotobed, Minnie Shorthose, River Jordan, Innocent Fox, James Bootsbornfoot, Samuel Drinkmilk—the list is long, until one comes to the female baby born and christened Constance Cremer.—London Chronicle.

TOO MUCH COUNTING.

"Your husband says that when he is angry he always counts ten before he speaks," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other. "I wish he'd stop it. Since he got dyspepsia home seems nothing but a class in arithmetic."

COULD HAVE THE POSITION

Remark of School Teacher That Effectively Squelched Complaining Dry Goods Clerk.

The clerk in the dry goods store was waxing sarcastic at the boarding house table because the school teacher said she was tired. "I don't see how you have the nerve to say that," he said. "You have a snap. Your hours are short, and although you say you have to look over papers in the evening I reckon you don't have to spend much time on them. Then look at the vacations you have. A week or two at Christmas, another in the spring, two or three days at Thanksgiving time, and then the entire summer. Look at me. I have to work eight hours every day, with only a half hour at noon, and once in a while I have to put in an evening at the store when they take inventory of stock. And my vacation! I get the legal holidays, two weeks in the summer, and during the hot months a half day off—and heaven knows what good a half day does. Gee! School teachers certainly have a cinch."

During this harangue the school teacher listened carefully to the noise he made while he talked. When he finished she said sweetly, "Well, why don't you become a school teacher. There's no law to prevent you that I know of."

And the rest of the table grinned audibly, while the clerk grabbed a toothpick and went out.

THE REAL SURPRISE.

"What a deep disappointment this meeting of the Sunrise club has been," sighed a visitor. "I expected to hear a discussion of the Earle affair and affinities and that sort of thing. So did everybody."

"You should have been at our table," said her friend. "It was interesting there. A Miss Dotter sat there with her husband. Married, you understand, but scorns to take his name. Relies upon her own name to carry her successfully through life. And her husband sitting there by her under his own name, too. Wasn't that brand new and original?"

"It wasn't half so new and original," remarked the first, "as the fact that she sported a real husband who sat by her at a club, name or no name. There are few New York women who seem to be able to do the same thing."

ASCENT OF THE MATTERHORN.

Only 40 years have passed since the first ascent, on foot, was made to the top of Matterhorn. Within four years a cog railway will land passengers at the very summit, 14,780 feet above the sea. There will be one almost perpendicular tunnel 7,700 feet long, or, rather, high, for the grade will be 85 per cent. At the top a hotel will be excavated in the rock, with rooms looking out on the magnificent panorama. One room will be supplied with oxygen for treatment of tourists who suffer from the high altitude. The ascent will take ninety minutes; fare for the round trip, \$10. The trip is now made on foot in 24 hours, up and back; cost of guides, \$40.

PAIR OF SHOE TREES.



—Chicago Journal.

ONLY A TRIFLE.

"Professor," said a senior, trying to be pathetic, "I am indebted to you for all I know."

"Pray don't mention such a trifle," was the reply.—Christian Advocate.

HIS FAVORITE.

Sam Sunflower—Pete Green would rudder eat a watahmelon den play craps for dollar bills.

Bill Bacon—Sho! He laks de round green bettah den he does de long green.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Tripper—"I say, Johnny, what do people in the country do when a wasp stings 'em?"

Little Johnny (solemnly)—"Holler!"—London Opinion.

MEAN FLING AT CLEOPATRA

Suggested Use of Needle Clearly a Reflection on Size of the Royal Feet.

Anne Boleyn and Cleopatra, who were great chums, were strolling about Paris together one lovely spring afternoon, and after they had visited all the bargain counters of the more famous department stores of the French capital, their wanderings led them out upon the Place de la Concorde, in the center of which stands one of the several Cleopatra needles that have been taken from the borders of the Nile and re-erected in our modern cities—Paris, London and New York.

"It is a pretty thing, is it not?" said Cleopatra, gazing with much natural pride upon the towering monolith.

"It is indeed," said Anne Boleyn, surveying it critically through her lorgnette. "But tell me, Cleopatra," she added—"I am very curious to know—was that really one of your needles?"

"Yes," replied the Egyptian queen, "it really was. Why?"

"Oh, nothing," said Anne, with a glance at Cleopatra's feet. "I suppose you used it to darn your stockings with?"—Harper's.

DISTINGUISHED.

"The man whom I marry," said the proud and beautiful girl, "must be one who is exceptional. I hate mere commonness."

"Then be mine," urged the young man who had been refused by her 20 times before; "I am the one you are looking for."

"You!" she exclaimed, making no attempt to conceal her derision; "what have you ever done to lift yourself above mediocrity? How have you ever distinguished yourself in any way? You are one of the commonest of the common."

"You wrong me. I am very different from most men. I had no money in the Knickerbocker Trust bank."

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

"Was it a nice wedding?" "Beautiful. Never saw a handsomer one and everything went off without a hitch."

"Without a hitch? So? What was the trouble? Didn't the minister get there?"

"Get there? Why, yes! I tell you there wasn't a hitch from beginning to end."

"No hitch! Well, tastes differ. You're too modern for me. I like weddings with a hitch in them. What good is a wedding where nobody's hitched?"—Life.

THE BLUSHING BRIDE.

A clergyman, having performed the marriage ceremony for a couple, undertook to write out the usual certificate, but, being in doubt as to the day of the month, he asked: "This is the ninth, is it not?"

"Why, parson," said the blushing bride, "you do all my marrying, and you ought to remember that this is only the third."—Current Literature.

NO SPORT.

Mirandy—Si, what on earth is meant by this here Anglo-Saxon race the papers iz allus talkin' abeaout?

Si Haymow—Neaouw, see, Mirandy, yew know mitey wall 'at it hain't in keepin' with no deacon to be up on them there sportin' events.

SATISFACTION.

"Well, my poor man, I hope I've satisfied your hunger," said the good housewife after handing out a liberal supply of victuals to Mr. William Wrangles, Esq., tramp, etc.

"Yes, mum," answered that worthy, "I must confess that as a provider y've filled the Bill."

NOT HIS KIND.

Mr. Nodd—I don't think much of that toy bank you got the children.

Mrs. Nodd—What's the matter with it?"

Mr. Nodd—Why, I worked over it all the evening and couldn't open it.

DONE WITH WORK.

"I suppose Dremer is still pottering along at his inventions."

"Well, he has actually perfected a great labor-saving scheme at last."

"You don't mean it?" "Yes, he's going to marry Miss Richley."—Philadelphia Press.

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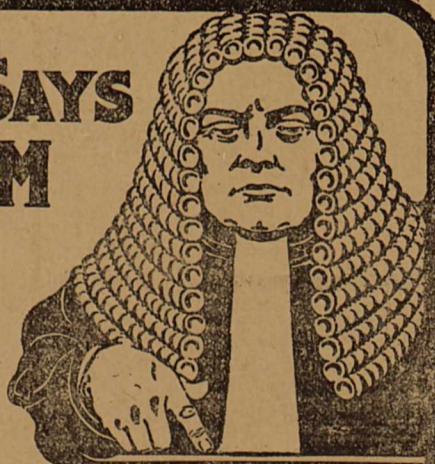
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SAN ANGELO MURDER MYSTERY

Investigation Brings Guilty Parties to Light. Full Particulars Will Be Brought Out in Trial.

Following is the verdict of the coroner in the murder case at San Angelo: "Deceased Katie Ryan, came to her death on the night of January 24th, at the hands of John King and John Huff, and further find that the said John King and John Huff did then and there, on the night of January 24th, 1908, kill and murder her, the said Katie Ryan and threw the dead body of her, Katie Ryan, in the North Concho River."

It will be remembered that the Leader gave the account of the finding of the body of a woman in the Concho river at San Angelo, last week.

Four parties were arrested and held pending an investigation, after which King and Huff were held on the charge of murder. It has been reported since that Huff has turned state's evidence and claims that King killed the woman and he, Huff, helped to put the body in the river.

The San Angelo Standard in its report of the matter says:

"After the verdict was rendered late yesterday afternoon, it became generally known over the town what the verdict of the investigating court was, and many asked: 'Well, who is Huff? Can you place him?'"

He is a one-armed man, who about three months ago was arrested here by local officers on a charge of selling whiskey at Brady. He was returned to Brady, in the custody of Tom Kemp, and there turned over to the sheriff of McCulloch county. He was tried there. He is a brother of Babe Huff, who was arrested at the Orient camp some three months since, on a charge of burglarizing a Frisco car at Brady. The Sheriff of McCulloch county came to San Angelo after Babe Huff, and the case against Huff was dismissed by Judge Goodwin, with the provision that said Huff leave town and not return.

It is further stated that John Huff has given the Brady and McCulloch county officers considerable trouble of late. John Huff returned to San Angelo from Brady about a week before the murder of Mrs. Katie Ryan, which occurred on the night of the 24th, inst.

John King, hardly needs any further description in this account. He is known of considerably to all those who have in the recent past read any of the police records of this city and county.

Since the dawn of criminal records the pages have been interlined with pathos. Nearly every case has its pathetic features. And so has this one. It is pathetic, therefore, to chronicle the oft-repeated statement made today that the father of John King has decided over his little home in North San Angelo, in order to defend his son.

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It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is. Itch, it knocks it. Eczema, ringworms, are cured by one box. Its guaranteed, and its name is "It Knocks the Itch".

At the home of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Demoville, last Sunday evening at seven o'clock, Rev. Chester Sprague, of the Christian church, performed the ceremony that made Mr. Walter Cordill and Miss Katie Demoville man and wife. The wedding was a quiet one, only the members of the family and a few friends being present. After the ceremony

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the bride and groom and friends attended church at the Christian church, and went from the church to the newly prepared home on Tenth Street, where everything had been arranged for comfortable housekeeping. The bridal party left the newly married couple in their new home with best wishes for a happy voyage through life.

The contracting parties have been resident of Ballinger eight or ten years and have many friends among the best people of the town, who will join the Leader in congratulations.

Judge Douglass, of Hillsboro, is here on legal business for the Santa Fe, and is the guest of his brother, Dr. Douglass, while in the city.

R. J. Queen was in from the Truitt Country, first of the week, and made the Leader office a pleasant call.

Dr. Kookon, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of San Angelo, will be at Drs. Blasdel & Thomas, office in Ballinger from Monday at noon to Tuesday noon each week.

J. H. Haley, Pres., State Barbers Board, was in Ballinger Monday inspecting the Barber Shops and stated that he found all shops and bath rooms in a good sanitary condition with proper hot water connections and also stated he found the bath rooms of Mike Boyd the most complete from a sanitary point of view of any he had found on his rounds over the state.

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NEAT TRICK OF SOLDIER

**Spaniard Extricated Himself and Fol-
 lowers From What Seemed Hope-
 less Position.**

At the time of the conquest of
 Mexico, the Spaniards under Mon-
 tejo, an officer under Cortez, oc-
 cupied Chichen-Itza for two years, be-
 ing engaged in almost daily combats
 with the Indians. Finally the Indi-
 ans laid regular siege to the place,
 and so hard did they press Montejo
 that he decided to retreat. But how
 to get away was a difficult question.
 Finally, after several fruitless sal-
 lies, he set out one night in the midst
 of a driving tropical storm. He took
 the precaution to muffle the horses'
 hoofs with cloths. To deceive the In-
 dians, a dog was left behind. The
 dog was tied to a pole that had on it
 a bell and a piece of meat. The dog
 had been starved for three days and
 was ravenously hungry. Every time
 the dog made a spring for the meat
 he would jingle the bell. This so re-
 assured the Indians that they did
 not discover the flight of the Span-
 iards until the latter were several
 hours on their way.

ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY.

The Pekin Gazette, the publica-
 tion of which, according to a recent
 telegram, has been suspended, is a
 very venerable patriarch among
 newspapers, since it is said to have
 made its first appearance something
 like 1,000 years ago; but it is not
 as is often stated, the oldest journal
 in the world.

This distinction belongs to the
 Tsing-Pao (or Pekin News), which
 was founded nearly twelve centu-
 ries ago, and was venerable when its
 younger rival, the Gazette, was
 cradled. Indeed, M. Hurat, French
 consul at Canton, claims a still ear-
 lier birth for the News, which, he
 says, was founded early in the sixth
 century, 800 years before a news-
 paper was known in Europe.

The Tsing-Pao, which is the times
 of China, now appears as a book of
 twenty-four pages, octavo size, tied
 in a yellow cover by two knots of rice
 paper, and its price is about twenty
 cents a month. This is the edition
 de luxe, officially recognized by the
 emperor; there is also a popular edi-
 tion.

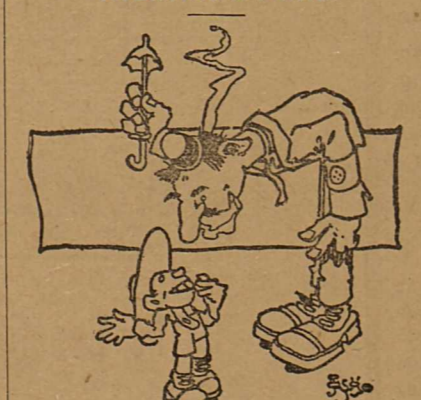
ENGLISH PLAY CENSORSHIP.

Henry Fielding's bold lampoons
 on the politicians of his day in "Don
 Quixote" and "Pasquin" roused par-
 liament to introduce and pass a
 measure requiring the licensing of
 every play. Some sort of censorship
 however, had existed from Eliza-
 bethan days, and when the master of
 revels exercised a restraining influ-
 ence over the dramatists who wrote
 for him. Among censorship curiosi-
 ties it is worthy to note that during
 the illness of George III. "King
 Lear" came under the ban and was
 prohibited from being played.—Lon-
 don Chronicle.

THUNDER EXPLANATION.

The thunder that accompanies
 lightning seems to be satisfactorily
 explained by the fact that the elec-
 tric discharge in forcing its way
 through the atmosphere heats the
 air and the vapor lying in its path
 to a very high temperature, causing
 a very violent expansion along the
 whole length of the flash, simultane-
 ously followed by an equally rapid
 contraction and the production of
 a wave of expansion and compres-
 sion, or, what is the same thing,
 a noise.

AVERTING A PANIC.



Passer—Would you like to earn 2
 cents, little boy?
 James—Wot? Me a party to sich a
 trampsaction? Never! A bunch of
 money like dat removed from de
 reg'lar channels of trade woud 'row
 dis hull blamed country inter a panic.

A STICKLER.

"Jacques," said the actor who
 goes in for realism, "let it happen
 again and I dischar-ge you."
 "What's wrong, sir?"
 "Last night you omitted the speck
 of dust which I am supposed to fluke
 from my boot."

FOUND THE ADVICE GOOD

**Great Singer Has No Reason to
 Regret He Consulted
 "Planchette."**

Mr. David Bishpham the well
 known singer, tells the following
 remarkable story:
 "One evening I was quietly sit-
 ting with two friends at a table on
 which was the little instrument
 known as planchette. One of my
 friends, a French gentleman of title,
 who, please note, was neither musi-
 cal nor au fait in matters pertaining
 to the operative stage, manipulated
 the machine, which please note
 again, I did not touch in any way
 during the seance, if I may so call
 it.

"I asked planchette whether I
 should devote my attention to opera
 or concerts. The answer, plainly
 written, was: 'Opera, by all means.'
 Then I asked: 'What operas?' I re-
 quested the names of operas I
 should study. It wrote immediately:
 'Aida,' 'Tristan,' 'Die Meistersinger,'
 and 'Tannhauser.'

"I was so deeply impressed by
 planchette's advice that the next day
 I engaged an accompanist, and set
 to work to study the operas and
 parts the oracle had recommended."

ELECTRIC OR GASOLINE.



Yaleton—Our 'varsity football team
 has a great coach this year.
 Miss Imple—I should think they'd
 get an auto.

WRATH TURNED ASIDE.

As the little nervous man swung
 down the street, bent on keeping an
 appointment, he ran violently into
 a fat man going in the opposite di-
 rection. The fat man clapped his
 hand on his stomach and groaned.
 The nervous man held himself up
 for a minute to say, "Excuse me,
 sir."

The fat man was tingling all over
 from the sudden slam against him,
 and he said grumpily: "I don't
 know whether I will or not."

The little man was mad clear
 through, for he'd wasted a valuable
 minute in apologizing, so he flashed
 out: "Well, go to h—then."

The fat man grinned and replied:
 "Well, I don't know whether I will
 or not."

Both men then took another look
 at one another, shook hands good-
 naturedly, and hustled on again.

NOTES OF GOLDEN EAGLE.

Every pair of eagles whose habits
 I have had an opportunity of watch-
 ing over a period of a few years
 would seem to have invariably at
 least two alternative sights for their
 nests; some have three, and I know
 of one with four sites. In fact, I
 only know of one pair out of many
 which habitually resort to but one
 place and only one.

The reason for this is, however,
 apparent, for owing to its situation
 it has never been disturbed. The
 nest is in a small cavern on the face
 of an absolute wall of limestone rock
 some 800 feet high, at about 400
 feet from the summit. Above the
 cliff is a talus of loose stone at an
 angle of 45 degrees or so, above
 which again rise other precipices.
 To reach the nearest point above
 this nest would be a long day's work.
 —Saturday Review.

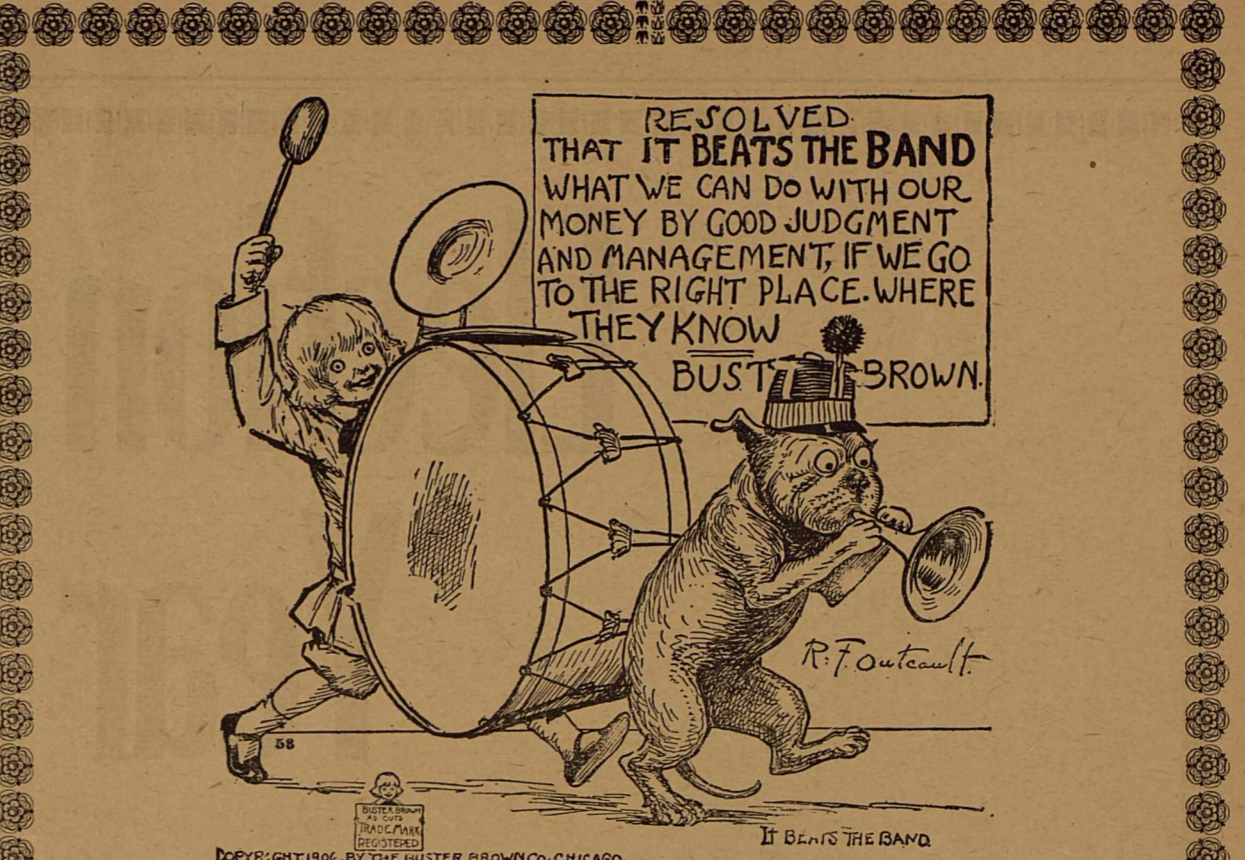
GOLD LONG IN STORAGE.

At Talientun in Manchuria 300-
 000 gold bars have been found in a
 storage, which are believed to have
 been hidden since the Ming dynasty
 (1368-1644).

The magistrate of Tiehling has
 reported the matter to Viceroy Hsu
 Shihchang at Mukden.

LOOKING DOWN.

"What place is that?" asked the
 aeronaut, indicating a city.
 The pilot studied it with his glass.
 "Louisville," he announced.
 "How do you know?"
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