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MAN COMMITS BOLD FORGERY.

Stranger Passes Check at Hub Store for \$32. Getting Cash and Goods in Exchange. Arrested at Angelo.

A stranger dropped in the Hub Dry Goods Store Tuesday night and wanted to buy a few articles of clothing, provided the store could cash a check.

Scott Mangum, the accommodating clerk politely told the man he could cash the check and proceeded to show him the goods. The man bought a couple of suits of underwear amounting to about four dollars and passed a check on the citizens National Bank, signed by Jno. F. Drew and made payable to W. A. Johnson, for \$32. The check was accepted, the price of the goods taken out and the stranger went on his way rejoicing with the difference in cash. When the Hub presented the check for payment the bank at once pronounced the check a forgery, and after a little detective work the man was located at San Angelo and arrested by City Marshall, Jack McKay. Scott Mangum went up to Angelo and identified the man, and he was brought to Ballinger yesterday accompanied by Sheriff Kirk and Marshall McKay, and is now in the Ballinger jail.

The man arrested gives his name as Wilson and says he is from Pennsylvania. He admits having passed the check but says he passed it for a party by the name of Johnson and that he received \$6. of the cash.

Quiet Home Wedding.

Miss Ione Hood and B. G. Whitmore were quietly joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hood, Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Rev. M. E. Hudson, of the First Baptist church performed the ceremony that joined together the happy two young people. The bride has only been a resident of our town for a short while, but has won the friendship of many while Mr. Whitmore is a valued employee of the Higginbotham-Currie Co., and is well liked by all who know him.

Sheriff Kirk for Re-election.

It has been known for some time that R. P. Kirk would be in the race for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector, and our readers will find Mr. Kirk's name in the announcement column of this paper.

Mr. Kirk's record in the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector does him honor, and we feel that anything we might say would be superfluous. Yet, we want to say that circumstances or such as to make the election of Mr. Kirk to this office for one more term advisable, and necessary to the best interest of all concerned. It is a foregone conclusion that after one more term, or in 1910, the two offices will be separated and then it will be necessary to elect an officer for each place, and to change for one term would be bad policy to say the least of it. Mr. Kirk has made a fine collector and as a sheriff, as before stated, his reputation for tracing down criminals is with out a parallel in Texas. He has never been known to shirk a duty connected with his office, and in handling the duties of the

collector's office he is accommodating, we might say, even to a fault. Mr. Kirk will have opposition, of course, but his record as an officer will stand any kind of opposition, and he comes before the people without fear of unfavorable criticism. When you go to the polls to vote it is natural that you will cast your vote for the best interest of yourself and your county; then vote for Bob Kirk for Sheriff and Tax Collector.

The Death of a Good Old Man.

S. C. Estelle died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. Ballou, in South Ballinger, Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Estelle had lived to the ripe old age of Eighty-five years and was an exceptional character in that up to within a few days ago, before the spell of sickness that cost him his life attacked him, he was strong physically and able to do a hard days work, and was able to stand as much physical strain as many young men. He attributed his good health and strength to the temperant life he had lived. He was a Christian man and abstained from anything or habit that would injure his life, and that he had reached such a ripe old age in good health and strength was a great pride to him.

He was pioneer citizen of West Texas, and was well known to all the old citizens of the country. He came to Ballinger from Menardville when Ballinger was in its infancy.

The funeral was conducted from the residence of Mr. Ballou in South Ballinger, Tuesday evening and Rev. E. P. Williams, his pastor conducted the service.

City Democratic Convention.

I hereby call a convention of the Democrats of the city of Ballinger 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 three candidates for Aldermen, as provided by the election law and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention including the election of a chairman for the ensuing term.

CHAS. S. MILLER,

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

Money is Tight.

Money is tight but the Franklin life insurance Co has made it easy for Texas to carry insurance. Say you are 35 and wish to carry from 1,000 to 100,000 You can pay a term premium in cash 74cents per month on each \$1,000 until fall and give your note payable in October or December when money is easy. For regular annual premium which will come due at that time each year on ordinary life. 20 pay Life or other policy selected for full information call or address, Lee Maddox, Ballinger Texas.

At The Court House.

Preaching at 11 a. m. No services at night.

E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Good Fire Proof Safe For Sale.

We have a good fire proof safe for sale cheap. Call at the MISSOURI MILLING CO. Ballinger, Texas.

NOTHING DEFINITE FROM RAILROAD HEADQUARTERS

Abilene Asks For Time in Which to Comply With Requirements of Company.

EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE GOOD.

The members of the Ballinger & Abilene Railroad Co., who went to Abilene last Saturday to confer with the citizens of Abilene in reference to the inducements Abilene was to offer the road, returned Sunday night looking pretty badly worn out from the trip. They left Abilene at six o'clock Saturday night and did not reach Ballinger until Sunday night on account of a break down.

They were met at Abilene by members of the Twenty-five Thousand Club, of that city, and as stated elsewhere in this paper, the Ballinger committee told their business and submitted the proposition. The requirements are that Abilene put up a bonus of \$30,000 and give right-of-way through city and to a point twelve miles south of Abilene. As to the cash bonus Abilene was ready to act, but as the right-of-way was to take in different lots from as many different parties, it will take several days to arrange these matters and Abilene asked for 10 days in which to get ready to sign contract.

A mass meeting of the citizens of that city was called for last night (Thursday) and up to the time of going to press nothing had been given out as to what the meeting resulted in. The gentlemen that visited Abilene feel confident that Abilene will make good and will be ready to sign contract when the ten days are up.

DIRECTORS MEETING OF BIG STORE.

Higginbotham Currie Co., Holds Annual Meeting and Elects Officers for Another Year.

A stockholders meeting of the Higginbotham Currie Co., was held Wednesday evening and matters of interest for this firm looked after. We note the election of the same officers for another year: President, R. W. Higginbotham; Vice President, J. F. Currie; Secretary, Scott H. Mack. Directors: W. E. Allen, J. N. Adams, Jo Wilmeth, C. A. Dooze, J. F. Currie, R. W. Higginbotham and Scott H. Mack.

This firm has just closed up the first years business and today are supplying the people with everything and lumber. They have expended considerable money getting in shape to do business and as they are now in shape they are doing the business they deserve.

Mrs. J. C. Bell Dead.

Mrs. J. C. Bell died at her home Saturday night and was buried in the Ballinger Cemetery Sunday evening.

Mrs. Bell had lived to a ripe old age and was ready to meet death. She was a good kind Christian woman. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss until they shall meet on the other shore.

Rev. Geo. W. Fender is attending Presbytery at Brady this week. He will return in time to fill his pulpit Sunday morning. Rev. E. P. Williams has been invited to preach at the Eighth street church Sunday night.

BALLINGER GETS GARNEGIE LIBRARY.

A Letter from Mr. Carnegie Says the Money is Ready When the City Gets Ready for it.

A letter was received from Andrew Carnegie yesterday in which Mr. Carnegie says he is ready to donate the cash for the public library.

All that remains to be done is for Ballinger to guarantee the maintenance fund and a little red tape proceedings passed on and the work will start. It is no longer speculative, but a certainty. Mr. Carnegie has been furnished with all the information asked for and after passing on same has offered the money, \$12500.00 in cash, and the library will be built.

Musings from Maizeland.

Uncle Johnnie is not a chronic grumbler but I'll be dog gone if something hasn't got to be done about taxes. We all want to be good law abiding citizens and we will, and we are going to walk up in the collar and pay like men but when we have to pay on vendors lien notes at par value and the man who gave the note has to pay on the land, we halt.

It is an imposition and a shame and we pay in under a strong protest. I sell a horse before the first of January. The note that is accepted for the horse is taxable, and the other poor fellow has to pay on the same horse when as a matter of fact he owns no horse at all.

Talk about full renditions, or rendering realty par value. Its a farce and a fraud. Rendition at par is fair and right

but the rate on hundred dollars worth should be reduced and no property should be taxed twice because a note happens to have been executed against it. Some mighty good citizens are going to get mighty sore under the galling yoke of Capt McDonald.

Watch what I say. We as good citizens want to do what is right. We are mighty proud of being called "good citizens, we are a patient and a long suffering people but forbearance ceases to be a virtue after so long. Oh lord, how long.

We are willing for Bailey and Dr. Rankin and Davidson and Campbell and Roosevelt to rest awhile and see if we can't remedy some of our evils at home. It is now time to put out trees but every time we put out a tree our taxable values are raised.

You can tax a people to death. You can tax a man's ambition to own a home out of him. There is something wrong with our system of taxation and we demand that it be righted. We condemn the practice of creating so many offices to be filled by influential men to help out in the election of our present officials at the next and ensuing elections.

We have officers already which should be forever abolished. We now set down and set heavy and hard on creating these offices and filling them with men at a high salary to be paid by the dear people. Our present high officials think they are doing some fine "fencing" by these "appointments," when as a matter of fact they are breeding scabs on their own political bodies.

Some of these days in this bully good country of ours the people will swipe some of these men in high places off the political world.

In the meantime let us keep our eyes on the indicator, our ears to the ground and our best wits at work to weed out the chaff from the grain, and let us fight with all our might every evil that shows its head above the horizon.

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

George Washington Entertainment-Benefit First Presbyterian Church.

At the big colonial mansion C. S. Miller's on the hill, We will hold a grand "Reception"

That with joy the hours fill.

The time will be from 5 to 10

Friday the twenty-first,

And refreshments will be served

to all.

That hunger or that thirst.

George Washington and Martha

Will both appear in line,

Reminding us of former days

And ways and manners fine.

Be sure and come and bring

your friends, your friend's

friends and their friends.

Admission.....YOU SAY.

Women's Home Mission Elect Officers.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres. Mrs. J. M. Skinner
1st Vice Pres Mrs. J. F. Currie
2nd " " Mrs. E. L. Hagan
3rd " " Mrs. S. P. Stone
Cor. Sec. Mrs. G. F. Schroeter
Rec. " Mrs. A. D. Legate
Treas. Mrs. Edwin Day
Local Treas Mrs. C. P. Shepherd
Press Supt. Mrs. Ed O'Kelley
Agent Our "Homes," Mrs. Jno. Weeks.

A GHURNLESS BUTTER PROCESS

A Sure Way to Get Butter in One Minute. The Recipe is Free.

The Leader has made arrangements whereby its readers can get a recipe known as the churnless Butter Process, a guaranteed way to make butter without churning, free.

The Farm and Ranch, the best farm and stock paper in the South, has the exclusive right from the Churnless Butter Process Company to place the process in the homes of the people of Texas, and the Leader has made arrangements to place the process in the homes of the people of Rannels county. The process is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Parties in Ballinger have tried it and pronounced it a success.

Here is the plan on which the process is given away.

Farm and Ranch, 3 yrs \$3.00
Leader, 1 year 1.00

Regular price \$4.00

Our price \$2.85

Churnless Butter Process to each subscriber free after signing a pledge not to give the secret away.

Or if you prefer, you can get the Farm and Ranch 18 months and the Hollands Magazine 18 months and the Leader for one year and the process for \$2.85. What more could you ask. Your money back if not satisfied.

BANNER-LEADER, Ballinger.

"Obituary."

Editor Banner-Leader—

Please permit me a small write of respects to the recently departed J. S. Graves. If I had been chosen to sit on the Jury of inquest my verdict would have been, "that he came to his death by trying to shoulder too heavy a load;" in which act he bursted his spleen, expiring immediately. Mr. Graves should have known that he could not raise, neither Bailey nor Rankin off the ground to say nothing of tackling both at once. The statement that "Dr. Rankin is not a prohibitionist" sounds funny to a man that has been watching him in his eigeint work over our state the past few years.

Dr. Rankin is not a political prohibitionist. But if a man with all the fires of his nature enkindled against the liquor traffic in all of its deformities, is in any sense of the word entitled to be called a prohibitionist than Dr. Rankin is preimnantly entitled to wear the name.

If, as Mr. Graves says, local option has not lessened the out put of liquor one "teaspoonful" through the Dr's influence then how can he account for the great expenditures of money by the liquorites in trying so unceasingly to defeat this local option wave. Thank God that the National prohibition leaders just at this critical moment have too much sense to turn over their leadership to a man so unguarded in word and thought as "Joel" is.

But we hope now to let his ashes rest in great peace, until the great resurrection morn, when he will be awaken by the trumpet call to answer for this, his sin,

In much sorrow.

W. W. MCKINLEY.

Riding Astride.

A young lady from Waco asks the Harpoon the following question: "Do you think it proper for a woman to ride horseback astride?" Certainly I do. When God Almighty made the horse, He made him for the purpose of being ridden by men and women. Had He intended that the man should ride astride and the woman should be huddled up on the animals back like a crippled do-do, God would have made some of the horses different or the women different. I am certainly glad that he didn't make the women different or shape them so that they naturally fit a side saddle. The first saddle ever made was manufactured to fit a poor cripple queen, and her "ladies in waiting" in order to be in style each got a side saddle and crooked themselves into the same unnatural and uncomfortable shape. So far as the alleged immodesty is concerned,

that is all rot. I have seen many a girl climb over a fence, and she never got up and fell over both feet at one time, but like a sensible person simply went over in the orthodox manner. Get your divided skirts, my dear girl, and ride your horse like a sensible Texas woman and let the prudes play the crippled do-do act to their hearts' content. When you ride your horse astride you are not only sensible, but you are much safer than if you had your anatomy tangled around a lot of senseless saddle horns and straps. If anyone don't like your style, ride over them.—Harpoon.

Seed Potatoes and Melon Seed.

I have a limited amount of seed sweet potatoes and water melon seed for sale. They are the best on earth. See me or phone to my residence.

22-4t N. J. Wardlow.

Citation by Publication.

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

You are Hereby Comanded 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, 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 & 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: 620 acres originally granted to Thomas Pratt, known as survey number 365 1-2, Abstract number 397, Certificate 16-22, patent number 276, Volume 9:

That plaintiffs and those under whom they claim have been seized and possessed of said land under deeds duly recorded, paying all taxes due thereon up to the filing of this suit, and have had peaceable and adverse possession thereof under fence, cultivating, using and enjoying same for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's title thereto has long since been perfected by the five years statute of limitation, herein asserted and pleaded.

Plaintiffs further allege that they have had actual, peaceable, and adverse possession of said land, having same fenced, cultivating, using and enjoying same for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit and plaintiff's title thereto has long since been perfected by the ten years statute of limitation, herein pleaded and asserted.

That on the date last aforesaid, when plaintiffs were so lawfully seized and possessed of said land holding same under titles herein pleaded and asserted, defendants asserted, and are now asserting some pretended title to said land, the nature of which is unknown to plaintiffs which is a cloud upon their title thereto, and disturbing their peaceable possession thereof, to their damage.

Wherefore, plaintiffs pray, that defendants be cited by publication in the manner as required by law, to answer herein; that on final hearing they have judgment against said defendants for the title to said land; that the cloud on their title be removed; that they be quieted in their possession thereof, and all costs of suit and general relief.

Harris & Shepherd, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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, Texas this the 13th day of December A. D. 1907.

R. A. Terry Clerk, District Court Runnels County, By J. Shields Deputy.

A true copy of the original I hereby certify. R. P. Kirk, Sheriff Runnels County. 14-8-t f.

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, }
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 interior corner of 2056 acres purchased by W. W. Scott from said Wharton county out of said 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 West with Meeks' South line 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 day of 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 promised 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 all of 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 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 Saie 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.

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

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



MONEY IN LUMBER

Is the pleasant experience that will come for you if you buy your lumber supplies at this yard.

LUMBER VALUE

Is in every board, piece of siding, upright, or beam that you load on your wagon and that we charge you for. Before buying, get our prices!

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 warn parties to keep out. No hunting peccan gathering or trespassing in any manner will be allowed.
J. W. Raby.

Let the Leader do it for you.



Jan. 31st, 1908

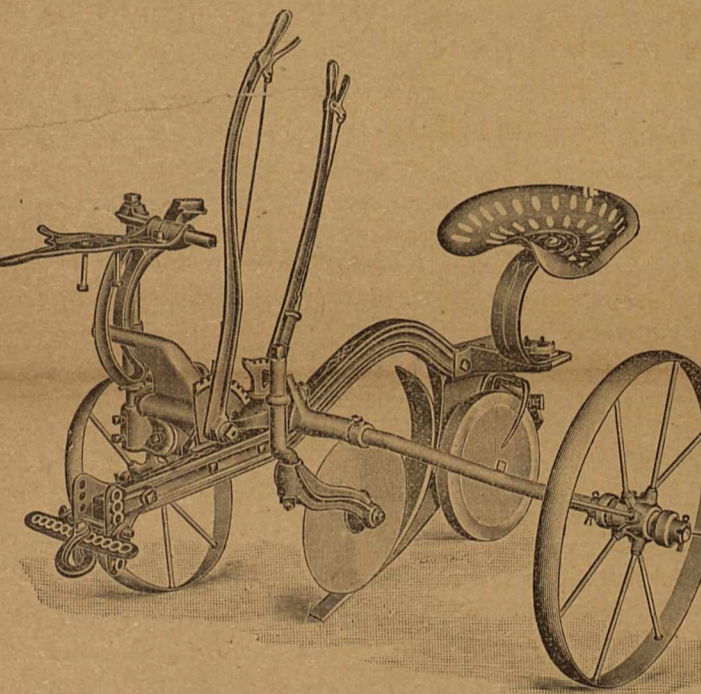
Dear friend:
Lots of bananas that mamma used to send me for tasted green when we got them, or they were almost rotten. That was because we traded at the grocery that didn't care much about it's customers. You know it is nice to trade at a place where they treat you nice. If you go to the right place you can get A dozen bananas for 25 cents
A dozen oranges for 30 cents
These fruits will always be good too.
your friend,
Jacob.

P. S. When mamma wants fruits and other groceries and vegetables she sends me to

Dornberger & Hopkinson.

The Time to Plow is Now
The Plow to Use is The

OLIVER



We carry a complete up-to-date line of Practical farming

IMPLEMENTS

Oliver Steel Beam Walking Plows
" No. 11 Sulky "
" No. 9 " Old Cassidy

STANDARD Disc Plows
Single Double Triple

All time tried and field tested. Don't overlook the best when selecting Implements.

Plumbing and pipe work
our specialty.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

Hall Hardware Co.

Coughs of Children

Especially night coughs. Nature needs a little help to quiet the irritation, control the inflammation, check the progress of the disease. Our advice is—give the children Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ask your doctor if this is his advice also. He knows best. Do as he says.



If you think constipation is of trifling consequence, just ask your doctor. He will disabuse you of that notion in short order. "Correct it, at once!" he will say. Then ask him about Ayer's Pills. A mild liver pill, all vegetable.

The Eating Problem Solved

There is probably no question that is so constantly before the man as the eating question. Let us help you solve the question. Give us a trial order for groceries and feed stuffs.

Phone No. 16

J. O. Mixon

Attorney C. P. Shepherd and Dr. T. A. Rape returned to Ballinger Saturday afternoon. They were here consulting with Frank Wright, contractor for the Methodist church at Ballinger, regarding some details of the church. The new church will be a handsome stone structure and will cost \$10,000.—San Angelo Standard.

Mrs. Robt. Bailey returned to home at Eldorado, Wednesday, after a visit to her daughters, Mrs. Scott H. Mack, and Mrs. Ghee.

Rev. C. W. Yates, former pastor of the Eighth Street church, now of San Angelo, was here a few hours Monday en route to Brady to attend Presbytery.



Take Churn Off Woman's Back

MAKE CHURNLESS BUTTER

Reverse the Old Process of Churning and Free Woman of Drudgery—New Process Invented by a Woman—Simple, Sanitary and Labor Saving, It is Indorsed by Doctors, Dairymen and Farmers

Make Butter in One Minute No Churn Is Used Makes Buttermilk of Best Quality

Insures Making of Granular Butter Labor-Saving, Time-Saving, Sanitary The Home With Even One Cow Needs It

THROW AWAY THE CHURN

THROW AWAY THE OLD ABOMINATION

Mr. H. E. Singleton of Cedar Vale Poland China Farm of McKinney, Texas, writes us: If a plan, method or device is worthy we should not hesitate to give it full credit and let others know of its worth.



DR. J. C. ABBOTT, STATE DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER FOR TEXAS, SAYS OF THIS NEW PATENT PROCESS: "You can not say too much for the Churnless Butter Process for me by way of indorsement of this new and valuable method of butter-making."

COL. C. C. SLAUGHTER, EX-PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS CATTLE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION, sent us his written opinion in the following clear language:

"After having the Churnless Butter Process thoroughly tested in my home, all prejudice against this new method has been removed, and I am fully convinced of the merits of the system for use in thousands of homes where churning is drudgery, and falls on the woman of the household. I indorse this Churnless Process for the following economic points or reasons:

"This butter made without a churn is of excellent quality and the amount fully equals that we have before secured under the most careful and best managed system of setting and churning.

"Besides the labor saved in this simple system of handling the milk, there are few, and only ordinary utensils. The high quality of the butter for home consumption resulting from the employment of this process and the valuable sanitary features connected therewith, are all of such importance in the daily lives of our people, that I earnestly desire to see these new principles of handling milk and butter employed in thousands of homes where only a few milk cows are kept."—Dallas, Texas, Nov. 14, 1907.

MR. W. H. FORY owns but one cow. He lives on the Maple Avenue Road, a short distance out of Dallas. He writes us: "I wish to say that I have used this Process in my home for about a week and have found that it is a great labor-saver, and that I get a good deal more butter out of a given quantity of milk, and that it is a saving of ice, from the fact that we do not have on hand such an accumulation of milk after the butter is taken from it. The butter is of excellent quality and keeps well.

"In using this system I have no other material than what I already had in my own home, no chemicals, no machine, no churning. I was successful with it the first trial, after which the old way looked more like work than ever before. From my present experience with the Process, I do not think I shall ever make butter in the old way. I have investigated many other churning processes, and I consider this far the best of any I have ever used."

Prof. W. C. Welborn, Vice-Director of the Texas Experiment Station, says that he had never seen this process and had looked on this matter as a "ruse," and had thought that Farm and Ranch "had been taken in," but he now writes: "Having been shown fully your process, and having examined it in the spirit of a critic, I must say I was most agreeably surprised, and the process looks good to me, especially for people making butter for home use or for market in a small way. The quality of butter and buttermilk made from the milk of the whole skim milk, seemed excellent. I think I am an expert judge of buttermilk at least. My interest has been so enlisted that I am going to investigate this process fully from a scientific standpoint and develop, if possible, all the merits and demerits of the process."

FARM AND RANCH, the leading farm paper of Texas and the Southwest, has investigated this Process of making butter without a churn and assures us that

THIS IS A GOOD PRINCIPLE
A LABOR-SAVING PROCESS
A VALUABLE DAIRY SYSTEM

We Give This Proposition Our Unqualified Indorsement

Farm and Ranch, of Dallas, Texas, has been the Farmer's Friend and Helper for more than 25 years. It is Reliable, Instructive, well Illustrated, Clean and Ably Managed in the interest of better farming and greater profits for the farmer. It is the Home Builder's Guide in the Southwest. You and your family need this wide-awake farm paper.

Holland's Magazine is a journal for entertainment of young and old in every family. Handsomely Illustrated, Filled with Clean Stories and the best Letters of Travel. Holland's is a strong magazine made in this section for our own people. Your family will enjoy its pages.

We have secured the right to give this valuable Patent Process, which sells for \$5 to individuals, to all who wish to renew their subscriptions to this paper and take Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine for one year each. The price of these standard journals is \$1 a year each. Either Farm and Ranch or Holland's may be taken for two years instead of two for one year. We offer our readers:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

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R. S. GRIGGS.

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COL.:

R. P. (BOB) KIRK.

E. F. EDWARDS.

FOR COUNTY AND DIST. CLERK:

R. A. TERRY.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:

EDWARD S. MCCARVER.

W. E. SAYLE.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

EDWIN DAY.

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER:

JOE SPOONTS.

FOR J. P. AND COMMISSIONER:

B. S. TAYLOR.

W. H. WEEKS.

J. A. DEMOVILLE.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Whereas, the city council of the city of Ballinger, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said city for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

Therefore it is hereby ordered by the city council of said city that an election be held at the Opera House in said city on Tuesday, the 17th day of March A. D. 1908, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

Shall the city council of the city of Ballinger be authorized to issue the bonds of said city in the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars payable forty (40) years after their date with option of redeeming same at any time after twenty years from their date bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum payable semi-annually and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to discharge them at maturity for the purpose of permanently improving the streets of the city of Ballinger.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of chapter 149 acts of the 26th Legislature, Laws 1899, and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said city, shall be allowed to vote and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have printed on their ballots the words, "For the issuance of bonds," and those opposed shall have printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of bonds."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the state regulating general elections.

A copy of this order signed by the mayor shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the mayor is directed to cause said notice to be posted up at three public places in said city, one of which shall be at the place designated for holding said election, and by publication in a newspaper published in said city for full thirty days prior to the date of said election.

It is further ordered that H. A. Massey be appointed presiding officer to hold said election.

Passed and approved February 12th, 1908.

JOHN HOFFER,
Mayor, City of Ballinger, Texas.

Birthday Party.

Quite a pleasant social evening of the week was a surprise birthday party given by Miss Hermia Smith to her mother Mrs. M. C. Smith, on last Wednesday afternoon.

The guests were the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church. Soon after arriving several Kodak pictures were taken of this merry group.

The ladies intuitively provided themselves with linen napkins and neatly hemmed same while they pleasantly chatted. When all had finished Mrs. Geo. Vaughn, in behalf of the guests made a nice impromptu speech and presented the napkins to

Mrs. Smith as a birthday gift. Mrs. Smith then responded with an appropriate talk in which she expressed genuine thanks for this token of love and esteem during the afternoon, Mrs. J. I. Guion and Miss Hermia Smith favored every one with some beautiful vocal solos, while Miss Maggie Underwood played the piano accompaniments.

Just prior to serving the lunch, paper balls with red ribbon dangling invitingly were heaped on a tray and as each guest secured a coveted ball further investigation revealed them to be paper napkins containing a slip of paper with fortunes written there on. The reading of these fortunes caused a great deal of mirth.

The refreshments were then served and consisted of chicken salad, frozen tomato salad, olives potato chips, sandwiches and tea with whipped cream. This elegant repast [however was not the final to the afternoons pleasure for a table laden with lighted tapers and a large angel cake covered with snowy frosting and crimson cherries was brought forth. All eagerly cut the birthday cake and upon bidding Mrs. Smith good bye wished that she may have many more such birthdays but never grow older.

Miss Maggie Underwood and Mrs. R. L. Bennett assisted the hostess in entertaining and the following were present:

Mesdames. J. D. Leslie, J. J. Erwin, R. L. Maddox, Routh, Prince, J. I. Guion, S. A. Hamilton, Harold Kilpatrick, Jack McGregor, Claud Lynn, Schuhart, Payton, Townsend, Clara Ransome, E. A. Trail, J. W. Francis C. S. Miller, McAlpin, Geo. Vaughn, C. R. Stevens, Warren Lynn, Ward, R. B. Creasy, H. Winkler, A. H. Van Pelt, R. L. Bennett and Miss Maggie Underwood.

A Leap Year Party.

Misses Pearl Morgan and Minnie Lewis contributed a most delightful function to the weeks gayety Saturday morning from ten to twelve complimentary to Miss Mammie Kidd of Talpa, the young lady teachers of the public school, and a few friends.

Misses Morgan and Lewis who are as clever as they are attractive, conceived the happy idea of a leap year party, which they carried out in a most effective manner. Invitations had been issued in advance requesting the guests to bring thimble and scissors and also explaining the penalty imposed upon a man who deliberately refuses the proposal of a young lady who thus honors him. After the arrival of the guests, Mrs. Homer Alexander with a few well chosen words announced the coming marriage of Miss Minnie Lewis, the date to be, when she gets a chance.

A general discussion was then entered into, as to the proper and best plans of capturing a man before this year, the last opportunity for four long years, shall have past. First, all entered into a litaney, "Anybody Lord will do" adapted from the "Old Maids Prayer." All acknowledged that as sixteen summers had fluttered past, that it behooved them to take matters in their own hands. After careful reconnoitering, vanity, was found to be man's weakest point. It was Desdemona's play on vanity that won Othello, so it was decided this means of enticement would be used, and if he should hesitate, to impress him with the risk of "putting off 'til tomorrow" and to mention the "early bird" or stand with him by Ophelia's grave and listen to Hamlet's wild words of despair, when he learned he had put off the momentous question till too late. And make him understand if he is not already daft, he will die with a gradual softening of the brain, then if this should fail, it was decided to get him away up yonder then cut him, and watch him drop. The guests

were then given pieces of percal, out of which to make their future husband a shirt.

Twenty minutes was allotted to this pleasant duty. Telegraph paper and envelopes were then given and the guests were requested to write a telegram of proposal, consisting of ten words, to spell "Single Maid." The married ladies present acted as judges in this contest, Miss Jennie Bennett capturing the prize, a hand painted heart shape recipe book. Miss Dasie Butt receiving the consolation, a letter on how to catch a man.

Miss Hermia Smith was then requested to toast the honored guest, Miss Kidd, and present her with the guest's favor, a pair of working cuffs.

A delightful salad course was served and all departed carrying with them happy recollections of a delightful entertainment, and a glorious anticipation of the numerous weddings which will very likely occur within the next few months.

In honor of her son, Joe's birthday Mrs. Nash invited about forty children to her home last Saturday night to help make merry and from all reports it was a merry crowd, indeed. Interesting games were played, and delicious refreshments served to the children. At the proper hour, and when time came for the guests to depart for their various homes, they did so with best wishes for Joe and his mother, and that he might have many such birth days. Mrs. J. D. Norwood and a number of the neighboring ladies assisted Mrs. Nash in entertaining.

Mrs. H. Winkler Entertains.

The reception given by Mrs. H. Winkler Friday afternoon from three to six complimentary to the J. A. O. Club and a number of friends, was not only a beautifully appointed and dressed affair but the society event of the season.

This home is especially well arranged for entertaining large crowds and for this delightful function the hostess had her reception suit radiant with crimson carnations and scarlet heart chains, suggestive of the expected visit of old St. Valentine.

The shades were drawn draperies unbound and lights turned on, the electroliers burning their lights in the hearts of crimson shades, chains of hearts were artistically festooned over the lace curtains and silken portiers. Crystal vases throughout the reception suit were filled with the spicy scarlet blossoms.

The dining room was made most charming and enticing with groups of palms, and smilax and heart curtains caught with Empire bows of scarlet ribbon. The dining table bore a centerpiece of imported lace over a crimson satan heart, outlined with smaller hearts. Crimson heart chains hung from the electrolier of scarlet lights, to the four corners of the table, in the center of which was an elegant candleabra burning scarlet waxen tapers.

According to the request of the invitations, the guests wore something emblematic of the title of some book. Though quite ingenious in their representation, no one had trouble in guessing for what book they intended to represent, proving the literary ability of our society ladies. Mrs. La Compt favored the guests with several beautiful piano selections.

A delightful salad course was served consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, potato chips and tea.

Souvenirs a la Valentine were given to each guest, bearing a good wish.

The hostess was assisted in receiving and serving by Madams Leslie, Stephens, C. S. Miller, A. H. Van Pelt Dan Van Pelt Misses Nelle Miller, Edith Winkler and Franc Baker.

Just One-Half

the money you "blow in" foolishly, if invested in a bank account would soon put you on "easy street."

You owe yourself the protection a Savings Account will afford you.

If you are spending all you earn it is unfair to yourself and those who may be dependent on you.

You have noticed the manner in which small amounts expended count up in a month—a part of such expenditures saved will allow you to have an account at this bank.

Start with a dollar—

have money in the bank.

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Mrs. Addie Neal
Mrs. Lillie Philips
John Reeves
Wood & Smith
Frank Waddle
Mrs. Delma Williams
Mrs. Dell Wadley

Fire at Angelo Today.

The Depot saloon at San Angelo burned this morning about 9 o'clock. Despite the high wind the fire company did fine work and kept the fire from spreading to the adjoining property.

S. P. Hathaway is attending the Brownwood Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A. which is in session at Brady.

J. W. Powell sold this week to A. B. Vandyke house and lot 10 in Block 36 Ballinger \$1000, also to J. Wamack house and lot Terry add \$850.

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

Mrs. B. W. Pilcher was called to Oklahoma, first of the week, to be at the bed side of her mother, who was very low. Mr. Pilcher accompanied her part of the way.

What Ails You?

Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heartburn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from **WILSON'S** rapid liver with indigestion, **DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY** is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such abnormal conditions. It is a most efficient liver invigorator, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is not a patent medicine or secret nostrum, a full list of its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. A glance at its formula will show that it contains no alcohol, or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is a fluid extract made with pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength, from the roots of the following native American forest plants, viz. Golden Seal root, Stone root, Black Cherrubark, Queen's root, Bloodroot, and Mandaraka root.

The following leading medical authorities, among a host of others, extol the foregoing roots for the cure of just such ailments as the above symptoms indicate: Prof. K. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Med. College, Phila.; Prof. H. C. Wood, M. D., of Univ. of Pa.; Prof. Edwin M. Hale, M. D., of Hahnemann Med. College, Chicago; Prof. John King, M. D., Author of American Dispensatory; Prof. Jno. M. Souder, M. D., Author of Specific Medicines; Prof. of Materia Medica and Prof. in Bennett Medical College, Chicago. Send name and address on Postal Card to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive free booklet giving extracts from writings of all the above medical authors and many others endorsing in the strongest possible terms, each and every ingredient of which "Golden Medical Discovery" is composed.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. They may be used in conjunction with "Golden Medical Discovery" if bowels are much constipated. They're tiny and sugar-coated.

LAST YEAR'S COTTON FIGURES.

Number of Bales Ginned in the Various Counties up to Jan 1st.

County	Bales.
Anderson	4,853
Angelina	749
Archer	1,264
Atascosa	3,778
Austin	15,371
Bandera	986
Bastrop	14,444
Baylor	6,215
Bee	7,606
Bell	12,074
Bexar	6,811
Blanco	2,494
Bosque	16,074
Brazoria	3,593
Brazos	12,153
Briscoe	822
Brown	11,281
Burleson	10,790
Burnet	8,422
Caldwell	16,254
Calhoun	1,838
Callahan	8,452
Cameron	1,530
Camp	5,634
Cass	10,472
Cherokee	2,085
Childress	11,217
Coke	763
Coleman	16,386
Collin	29,907
Colorado	16,729
Comal	3,525
Comanche	23,388
Concho	1,070
Cooke	11,104
Coryell	20,194
Cottle	3,825
Dallas	25,833
Dawson	462
Delta	10,021
Denton	18,928
DeWitt	20,992
Dickens	1,220
Dimmitt	22
Donley	1,350
Duval	1,911
Eastland	23,231
Ellis	71,579
Erath	21,987
Falls	29,185
Fannin	17,664
Fayette	36,521
Fisher	10,139
Floyd	903
Ford	131
Fort Bend	15,181
Franklin	4,672
Frestone	9,866
Frio	4,760
Galveston	184
Gillespie	6,022
Goliad	9,215
Gonzales	17,974
Gray	233
Grayson	25,062
Gregg	2,262
Grimes	8,692
Guadalupe	17,006
Hale	409
Hall	7,430
Hamilton	12,499
Hardeman	7,250
Harris	3,400
Harrison	4,894
Haskell	9,789
Hayes	12,206
Henderson	3,539
Hill	25,192
Hood	8,887
Hopkins	15,424
Houston	6,582
Hunt	18,233
Jack	5,902
Jasper	475
Jackson	2,918
Johnson	32,726
Jones	3,1335
Karnes	15,563
Kaufman	21,826
Kendall	1,236
Kent	595
Kerr	812
Kimble	291
Kinney	340
Knox	10,732
Lamar	24,652
Lampasas	5,972
LaSalle	112
Lavaca	19,764
Lee	7,368
Leon	5,226
Liberty	761
Limestone	28,415
Live Oak	2,718
Lynn	461
McCulloch	3,540
McLennan	57,441
Madison	4,788

Marion	2,408
Martin	341
Mason	2,176
Matagorda	135
Medina	7,125
Menard	189
Milam	20,836
Mills	7,958
Mitchell	6,043
Montague	19,732
Montgomery	4,319
Morris	3,834
Motely	1,715
Nacogdoches	4,079
Navarro	34,972
Newton	158
Nolan	4,400
Nueces	2,610
Palo Pinto	4,235
Panola	2,711
Parker	15,367
Polk	943
Raines	1,738
Red River	16,871
Refugio	332
Robertson	10,123
Rockwall	8,876
Runnels	12,015
Rusk	4,323
Sabine	730
S. Augustine	1,022
San Jacinto	833
San Patricio	4,407
San Saba	5,198
Scurry	3,385
Shackelford	2,268
Shelby	1,269
Smith	13,098
Somervell	1,587
Starr	218
Stephens	3,629
Stonewall	2,959
Tarrant	14,149
Taylor	25,522
Throckmorton	1,293
Titus	5,693
Tom Green	1,497
Travis	29,526
Trinity	2,055
Tyler	585
Upshur	4,308
Uvalde	1,777
Van Zandt	12,435
Victoria	8,807
Walker	2,972
Waller	7,914
Ward	999
Washington	11,306
Wharton	14,209
Wheeler	1,191
Wichita	2,952
Wilbarger	4,781
Williamson	50,677
Wilson	9,559
Wise	17,280
Wood	7,104
Young	2,697
Miscellaneous	13,098
Total	1,670,922

A Household Necessity

I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used, both for man and beast, it is the quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and fresh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity.

Yours truly,
S. Harrison
Kosciusko, Miss.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. 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.

BIG RABBIT HUNT AND BARBECUE

Two Hundred Jack Rabbits Slaughtered on Coyote Creek. Much Sport and Good Eating.

A rabbit drive was arranged for Monday and quite a crowd met at the crossing on Elm Creek near Runnels and organized for a hunt up the creek to the crossing on Coyote creek near G. B. Nixon, where dinner was prepared for the hungry crowd of "rabbit twisters."

About twenty-five participated in the hunt with Otto Vogel-sang as Captain. After dinner the crowd made a drive up the creek towards the Holliday place, and back to the East by the Michealis place and back to the place of starting. The day was well spent in putting many rabbits out of business, and afforded much sport for those who participated. The good barbecue, bread, pickles, coffee, cakes and pies furnished by the neighbors was all a hungry man could wish for, and after a mornings tramp after rabbits was heartily enjoyed by all those so fortunate to be present.

Speaking of glad surprises, did you ever find a quarter in the pocket of a pair of discarded trousers.

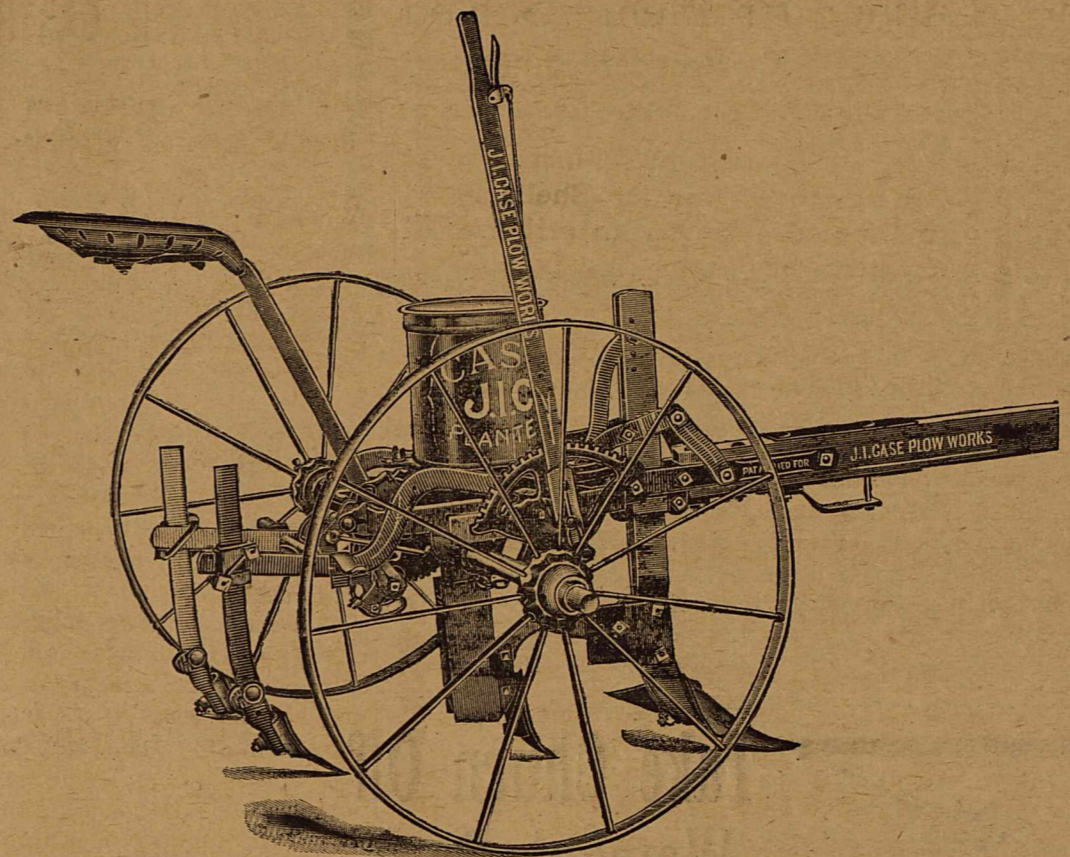
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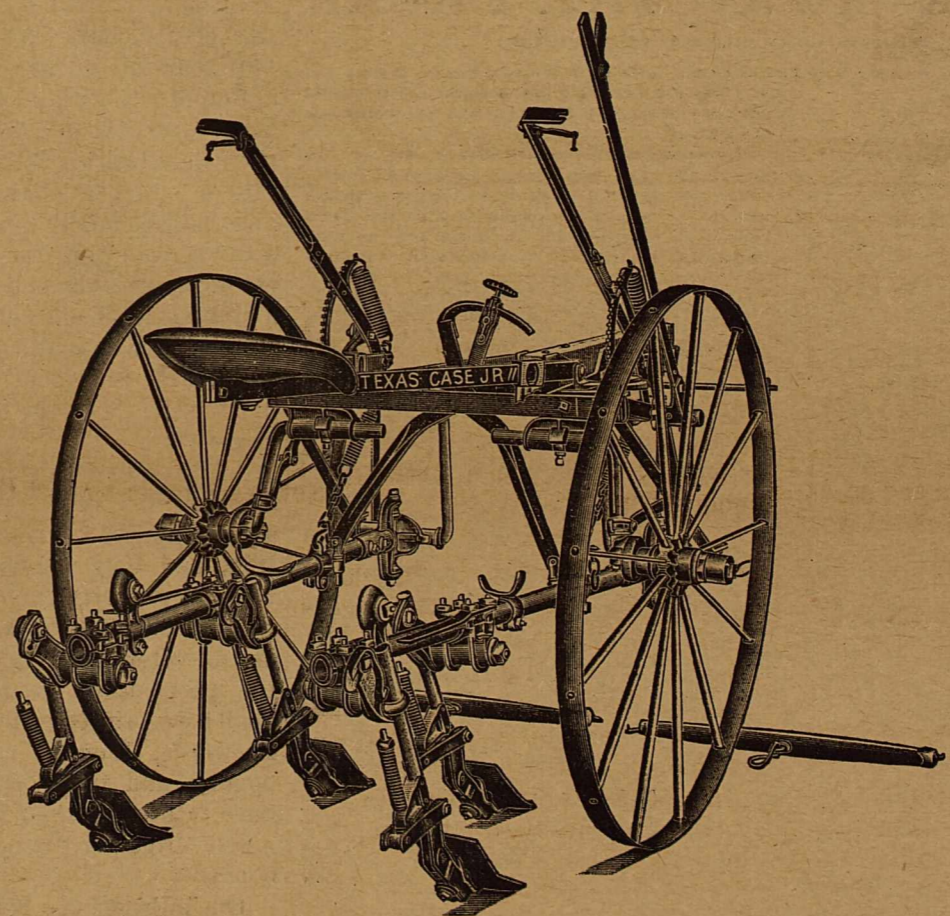
Don't Give a Mortgage.

Don't give a mortgage. Do not go in debt. Make sacrifices this year, says National Co-Operator, that you may be free and independent the balance of your life. You do not know how easy it is to make sacrifices until you try. And right here listen to a little story: A farmer man and his good wife lived in Harrison county, Texas, not far from Hallville. It was in the younger days of their married life, although three boys and perhaps a daughter, were growing up about them and would eat. Every year their little cotton crop had to go to their merchant for the supplies they had bought during the year and not a cent did they have left over. After four or five years of this procedure, the wife said, when they began to pitch their little crop, "Not a dollar's worth of anything is bought on a credit this year. All we eat we'll raise hereafter, except those things we cannot raise." The husband looked askance at her, but he knew when the little woman put her foot down, things had to be that way. When the coffee and sugar gave out, she sent some eggs and chickens and butter to town, and selling them, expended the money for these things. Not a cent's worth of anything was bought on a credit that year and never has since. They sell their cotton to whom they please raise everything possible at home, have raised their three boys and two girls, giving them good educations, and there are not three better young men in Texas, nor sweeter, better women than the two daughters, both married. Now, what that couple did, or rather that good little wife, every couple can do, if they will try, and it is so easy to do when you commence, — National Co-Operator.



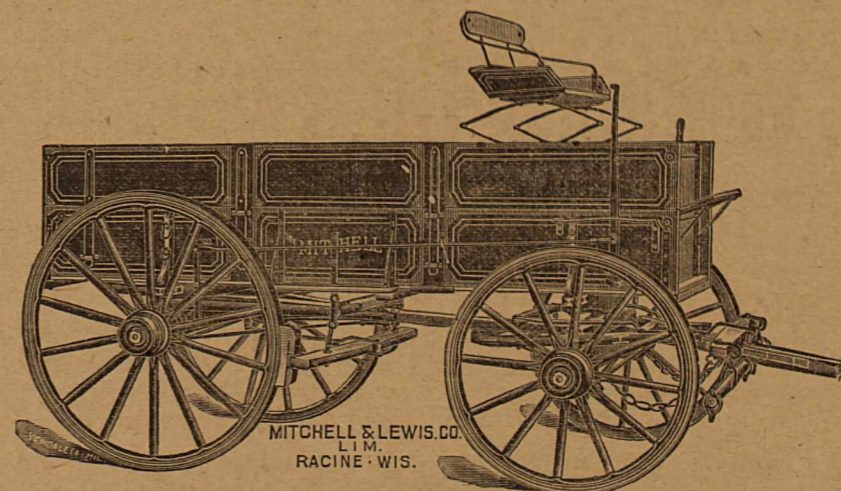
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Don't be Irritable

"An irritated skin makes an irritable person, and an irritable person gathers much trouble unto himself or herself, as the case may be. Moral: Use Hunts 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."

Notice--Keep Out.

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

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Simple Home-Made Treatment Said to Overcome Rheumatism Without Injury.

When an eminent authority announced in the Scranton (Pa.) Times that he had found a new way to treat that dread American disease, Rheumatism, with just common, everyday drugs found in any drug store, the physicians were slow indeed to attach much importance to his claims. This was only a few months ago. Today nearly every newspaper in the country, even the metropolitan dailies, is announcing it and the splendid results achieved. It is so simple that any one can prepare it at home at small cost. It is made up as follows: Get from any good prescription pharmacy Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce, Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost.

Rheumatism, as every one knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles, causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

This prescription is said to be a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys, and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and backache. He also warns people in a leading New York paper against the discriminate use of many patent medicines.

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Mrs. J. W. Roberts of an Angelo, Tex., says: "For three or four years I suffered a good deal from what I thought was rheumatism, but since reading the symptoms of kidney troubles and from the relief I found through the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, I believe it was kidney trouble. The pain was mostly in my back and under the shoulder blades, at times going clear to the top of my head. The kidney secretions were also very irregular. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised my husband procured a box. I tried them and the result was far beyond my expectation. In giving my view in this manner I hope to be the means of helping others who are suffering in the same way."

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"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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We always have our doubts about the veracity of those who say they do not like onions.

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.

We cheerfully confess to be just old-fashioned enough to like to sit in front of a fireplace.

A Shaking Up

may all be very well so far as the trusts are concerned, but not when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure—Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful drugs and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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necessary we will send our reporter out
to get data.

Just as expected there is considerable opposition to the bond issue. This is to be regretted, and as it will be a month before the election will be held these people should not be so quick to speak, but stop and consider the matter from a business standpoint. Remember that it will not effect your tax rate one cent.

The way Ballinger has of going after things it wants is to be admired. It looks now like that plucky town will connect the Santa Fe and the Texas Pacific roads before the other towns get through dreaming about what they will do.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Take note again, brother Mayes, Ballinger is going to spend \$20,000 paving her streets. We may never be very large, but what there is of us will be mighty good.

Now that the postal department is requiring newspapers to cut off their delinquent subscribers or make them pay up, it is in order for some of those who are two or three years behind to swear that they never "took the paper to start on and would not read it unless they paid to do so." There are many smart men that belong to this class. They are not only known to the newspapers, but are familiar to all other creditors.—Coleman Democrat.

And Ida M. Tarbell presumes to write a history of OUR senator—an erroneous one at that—the minx. She would gain a bigger rep if she would confine her "histories" to her beloved John D.—Ozona Kicker.

Ida M. Tarbell is a writer for the Hearst Magazines, and knows which side the bread the butter is on. She is in a class with one Yankee by the name of Putnam, who for many years has been doing duty for the Hearst interest, and who some time since came to Texas and is rubbing up against decent people.

Congressman Smith is one of the busiest members of Congress from Texas and has about reached that stage in his official career when he can be of great service to the Jumbo district. Why retire him just at the dawning of usefulness?—San Angelo Press.

Judge Cunningham says he should be retired because he give his son a job, and because the Mexicans, or some of them at least, at El Paso, saw fit to vote for him. But, the Congressmen has not been retired yet, and from general indications will not be on the next round.

San Angelo has commenced to build herself a rep.—Ozona Kicker.

We suppose the Kicker has reference to the murder that was recently committed in San Angelo. Of course this places a blot on that city, but the authorities deserve credit for bringing the guilty parties to time so quick and placing them where they can never commit another such crime. It is to be hoped that rope is cheap in that city, and that the people in authority will have the nerve to use it.

The church property in this country that goes untaxed has an assessed valuation of over Five Thousand Million Dollars. Is it any more reasonable, right, just, or plain honest in the own-

ers of this property to refuse to pay taxes for the support of the Government, whose benefits and protection it enjoys, than for an individual, who owns property to refuse to pay taxes on the ground that he is good man and exerting a helpful influence on the community—answer me that?—Ledger.

The Ledger is a single tax organ, but in this case seems to have its wires crossed. Perhaps the Ledger man is the first to point out this great evil in our tax system. But, then he didn't mention the many other institutions that are exempt from taxation. Why didn't he class the orphan's homes, the asylums, all schools, and the many charitable institutions with the churches and advocate taxes being assessed against them all? These institutions are exempt from taxes and should be. The practice has been in vogue since the beginning and has had the approval of all great men. The schools and churches are two great reformers and civilizers and should be exempt from taxes. The Ledger, too, is a great reformer and should be exempt from taxes. Don't you think so?

MASS MEETING.

There will be a mass meeting of the Citizens Monday night at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, for the purpose of organizing a Library Association and to make final arrangements to accept the offer of Andrew Carnegie in which Mr. Carnegie is to donate the money with which to build a public library. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

W. E. Sayle for County Attorney.

We place in the announcement column this week the name of W. E. Sayle, who is in the race for County Attorney.

Mr. Sayle has been a resident of Ballinger long enough to become pretty well acquainted all over the county, and he has the respect and friendship of those with whom he has become acquainted. He is a young man of unusual qualifications for the life he has chosen, that of a lawyer. He is a graduate of the law department of the State University and has been practicing law for five years, and has been successful in his practice.

For two years Mr. Sayle has been attorney for the city of Ballinger and during the time he has had complicated questions to pass on for the city, and his record in that office is without a flaw. His practice in the corporation court has been sufficient to show that he will look after the office of County attorney without fear or favor. Mr. Sayle is a life long Democrat, and his name goes on the ticket subject to the action of the Democratic primary. He will make a good officer and we bespeak for him a liberal consideration from the voters.

For County and District Clerk.

It will be a pleasure to his numerous friends to learn that R. A. Terry will be in the race for the office he is now so faithfully filling. Mr. Terry authorizes us to place his name in the announcement column and in mentioning his candidacy to say that he will not be a candidate two years from now. He only asks for the office for one more term, and if elected for the ensuing term he will retire and give place to some one else.

Mr. Terry has made one of the best officers Runnels county ever had, and she has had some good ones. The County's records are kept in a shape that calls for favorable comment from every one who has occasion to inspect them. The office is kept and the affairs conducted strictly on business principles, and there is no one who can find fault with the manner in which the Clerk's duties are performed.

Mr. Terry keeps employed all the time sufficient help to keep the work right up-to-date and keep every record and document in the proper place. He has done himself proud and give the county value received in the faithful service he has performed.

A true southern man, a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type and one of our best citizens wants the office of County and District Clerk. He solicits the votes of the people who are pleased with his service.

For Tax Assessor.

Edwin Day announces in this week's Leader for the office of Tax Assessor one more term, and one more term only. He states in making this announcement that he will not be a candidate two years from now, but will retire from politics.

Mr. Day has made a good assessor, and considering this is the hardest office in the county to fill to the satisfaction of all, he has done remarkable well for his first years work in the Assessor's office. He is now making his second assessment, and has'nt much time to talk politics and solicit your vote, but he will appreciate it if the voters will reelect him for the second term. You will find his name in our announcement column and it will appear on the ticket subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

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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.

Miss Katie VanDoren, who spent several days with her sister, Miss Annie, returned to her home at Belton yesterday.

BANKERS CONVENTION TO MEET HERE.

The District Bankers Convention will meet in Ballinger Sat., Feb. 22nd. The district embraces seventeen counties and takes in about sixty-five banks.

It is expected that the attendance will be good, and the local bankers are making arrangements to show the visitors a good time. A banquet at the Central hotel will be a feature of the program Saturday night.

J. W. Powell has houses for rent and for sale on monthly payments. 22 3t

MAIL ACCOUNTS

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. Quite a good many of our customers do business with us in this way. It insures the safety of their funds and saves a long trip to town. If there is any little Banking matter you wish to attend to—a note, interest collected or to be paid or a draft to make a payment at a distance write us about it and we will give it prompt attention. We are here to serve you and we are able and willing to do so.

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Miss Clara Malone returned from Big Springs Sunday to again make her home in Ballinger. She has accepted a position in Judge Stone's law office.

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

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MRS. R. K. WYLIE'S MOTHER DEAD.

A Prominent Woman and Pioneer Settler Passes Away at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Feb. 7.—A life closely identified with the history of Fort Worth closed at 9:45 o'clock last night when occurred the death of Mrs. H. C. Jewell, 712 St. Louis avenue. Mrs. Jewell was 73 years old and had lived in Fort Worth for the past forty-three years. She had been ill for several weeks and her demise was not unexpected owing to her advanced age.

With her husband, who survives, Mrs. Jewell came to Fort Worth in 1866, when Fort Worth was only a military post and a typical western frontier village. Mr. Jewell was then a traveling man and he then made his headquarters in what he considered the center of a great wilderness. Indians were a great part of his trade. After residing in Fort Worth for several years, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell moved to Hill county, and later came back to Tarrant county and made their home at Mansfield. In 1878 they returned to Fort Worth and Mr. Jewell entered the real estate business, being one of the first to foresee a great future for Fort Worth, and to embark in the realty business. He continued in this business until May 1, 1900, when he retired and his son, H. Veal Jewell succeeded him. Mr. Jewell was associated with Captain J. C. Terrell, Captain M. B. Loyd and others in the early days in Fort Worth and his wife was among the leading women.

Mrs. Jewell was a woman of noble impulses and had many kind and generous deeds to her credit. She leaves, besides her husband, who is 82 years old, two daughters, Mrs. R. K. Wylie of Mineral Wells, Mrs. Joe Henderson of Fort Worth, and two sons, H. Veal and C. H. Jewell of Fort Worth.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Keep Your Bowels Open

It is a noticeable fact, and one which any doctor will verify that people who suffer most often from disease are the ones who have the most difficulty in keeping their bowels open. Regular bowel action is half the battle of health. People who have a tendency to constipation must of necessity use something to help nature along. This should not be a violent aid like salts or purgative waters, cathartic pills or powders, but a syrup liquid that will oil the intestines and membranes that it comes in contact with. Children, women and weak people generally should never be given a strong physic, as it weakens the system. And it is futile for the strongest person because the relief is simply for that day, and then the reaction sets in and you are worse off than before.

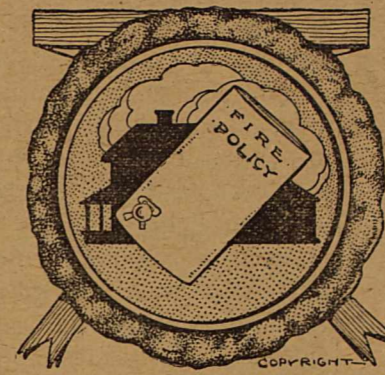
What is needed is a prompt but gentle laxative tonic like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. People have been making it for sixteen years and it is being better liked by more people every year. The reason is that it fills a want. It is unlike anything else. Results are so sure in constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, liver trouble, biliousness, flatulency, sour stomach, weak stomach, bloated stomach, and such ills that a cure of any of these ailments is absolutely guaranteed. A bottle costs but 50 cents or \$1 and is worth a hundred times that to any sufferer. Wise mothers keep it constantly in the house for emergencies, because it is needed at some time or other by every member of the family. Dr. Luella Underhill, the medical superintendent of the Working Woman's Home of Chicago has kept her charges in perfect health by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin whenever a stomach complaint was brought to her attention. No other laxative is used in the Home. Buy a bottle yourself today and watch the prompt and permanent results.

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Plenty of Room Left in Texas.

Chicago has about 1,200,000 population on an area of 190 square miles, or about 14 miles square; New York, 4,292,000 on 327 square miles, less than 20 miles square; London, 6,581,000 on 690 miles, or 26 miles square.

Nothing could more forcibly illustrate the cramped conditions of urban centralization and the lessening of individual opportunity for the great masses of the poor to the very vanishing point. Texas and Oklahoma combined have something more than the



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population of New York, but less than that of London, while Texas alone has room for the population of both without creating the unhealthy overcrowding of its largest cities and without even occupying all its available lands for country homes. Texas offers today the greatest possible field in America for the exercise of patriotism and constructive statesmanship in pointing the way and furnishing the means to develop its resources and set out its manifold opportunities at the door of those who are here and waiting those who may come. Every enterprise, every agency working to this end, every knock of capital from without and every knock of appeal from that within should have a favorable answer instead of a rebuff. With such a spirit dominant in those who, by the exercise of power, have the state's destinies temporarily in their hands, a few years would bear fruits of advancement and prosperity more astonishing than even the wonderful progress Texas has made. A narrow and pottering man should not try to cultivate a wide field. The people should broaden their minds to fit Texas, especially those who make and administer its laws and shape its public policy. Will they do it? For the sake of greater Texas it is hoped they will.—Current Issue, Austin.

Editor Goes to Church.

A Central Kansas editor says: "We attended church some time ago and listened to a very good sermon, as sermons go. We enjoyed the singing, and stood up with the brethren and sisters while they sang the good old hymn, 'Shall We Know Each Other There?' While the hymn

was being sung we glanced about us and counted about a dozen members of the congregation of the church who do not speak to each other when they meet on the street or elsewhere. The thought occurred to us why should they 'know each other there when they seemingly don't know each other here?'—The Reflector.

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We sell Eastman Kodak Supplies.

John Drew came in from Lometa last night. He has a building under course of construction at that place.

The study Circle of the Woman's Home Mission Society will meet with Mrs. Sellars, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 18th at 3 o'clock.

Will Mullin and Chas. Grant came down from San Angelo, Sunday, and were the guests of relatives until Monday.

C. W. Hall of Birmingham, Ala. visited Ballinger, Thursday and arranged with the West Texas Coal Mining and Development Co., through J. W. Powell, its President to place \$50,000 of said Mining stock on the Market.

J. J. Meadows, of McMinnville, Tenn., came in last Saturday and went out to visit his brother, D. W. Meadows, of the Winters country. Mr. Meadows was out here last year and purchased land in the Paramore & Lewis pasture.

Mr. J. H. Routh presented to the library of the city schools, "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government," by Jefferson Davis, in two volumes; and "The Confederate Soldier in the Civil War," in five volumes splendidly illustrated. These books are extremely valuable to the student, not only from the standpoint of history, but of patriotism as well. They are greatly appreciated.

FOR YOUR SUNDAY DINNER

try the following delicious dessert:
1/2 cup English Walnut meats.
1/2 doz. figs, cut up fine.
1 doz. package JELL-O, any flavor.
Dissolve the JELL-O in a pint of boiling water. When cool and just commencing to thicken stir in the figs and nuts. Serve with Whipped Cream. Delicious. The walnuts, figs and JELL-O can be bought at any good grocery. This makes enough dessert for a large family and is very economical.

A PREVALENT MISTAKE.

A good many people still hold the notion that all persons are equally good by nature and might be equally good actually had they but the will to do so. They fail to see that men are born with all degrees of moral capacities and incapacities, and some of them wholly lacking in that regard, just as they are born with all degrees of intellectual endowment, and some of them with none whatever. A man may be an idiot morally as well as intellectually.—Strand Magazine.

EXPLAINS MANY THINGS.

As a rule a woman can talk much faster, much longer, and with much greater facility than a man, and this power of speech is attributed to the greater strength and solidity of the female chest. A man, when he speaks, fatigues himself four times more than a woman, who, when she talks, expends less effort than when she fans herself.—Woman's Life.

SWEET AMENITIES.



Bella—Gracious! My dear! I do hope you're not ill; you look so much older to-night.

Stella—I'm quite well, thank you, dear; and you—how wonderfully improved you are! You look positively young.

LITTLE PITCHERS.

"Children, what makes you so noisy and quarrelsome?"

"We ain't quarreling; we're only playing angry?"

"What are you playing to be so loud and angry?"

"We're playing being papa and mamma, and mamma has been out shopping and papa is just getting the bills."

TALKY.

"Miss Lowder was in your box party at the theater last week, I hear."

"Yes, and everybody else within 50 feet of the box heard, too."—Philadelphia Press.

Some Bargains to be Turned Quickly.

188 acres fine land, 3 miles from Miles. Will sell on easy terms, cash or would take Ballinger property for cash payment.

For sale or trade for small farm a good paying wagon yard, well located and in first-class shape.

344 acres 6 miles from Ballinger, 1 mile from school, 2 sets improvements, 175 acres in cultivation.

1 section land in El Paso county, all tillable, 22 miles from El Paso, \$5.50 acre bonus, \$1.00 to state. Would trade for small farm in Runnels, but must be good.

582 acres 6 miles from Ballinger, half tillable, all fenced, small farm, plenty wood and water, \$12.50 acre.

If you have a farm, ranch or city property for sale or trade, list it with us, we will appreciate it and will treat you right. Office in Brewer Building.

Bair & Conn.

ABILENE WANTS THE RAILROAD

Will Take Steps to Comply With the Request to Put up Bonus and Donate Right-of-Way.

The Abilene Daily Reporter in speaking of the visit of the Ballinger and Abilene railroad committee and the meeting that took place says:

On Saturday a committee of seven prominent citizens of Ballinger headed by President Doose of the Ballinger-Abilene Ry. Co met railroad committee of the Abilene 25,000 in parlors of the Citizen's Nat'l Bank and submitted a proposition to this place for the building and equipment of the proposed line to this place.

Their first statement was that they were "here with the goods" that they have their proposition financed and that within thirty days after Abilene has signed the proposed contract the grading work would begin at both Ballinger-Abilene and work would be pushed to completion on or before the 31st day of December 1908, which is to be regarded as complete when the first through train is run between the two towns named.

The proposition is briefly that Abilene furnish depot and terminal grounds and right of way through the city and on to a point 12 miles south and to pay upon completion of the line a bonus of \$30,000 cash.

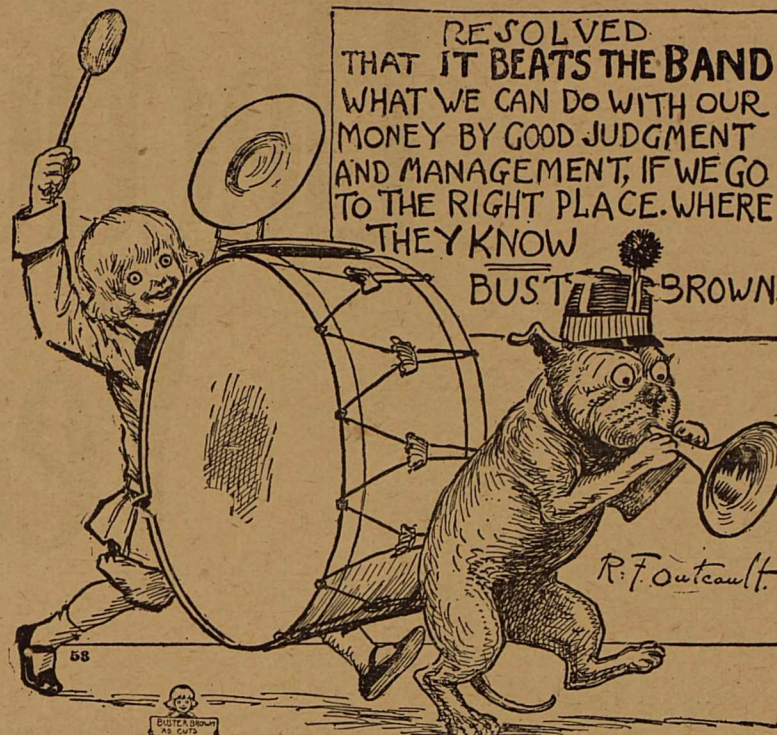
Several talks were made by members of the visiting committee and as many by members of the local railroad committee. C. W. Merchant and Col. Paramore were present, the former during the entire meeting and the latter at its opening.

After discussing the proposed contract the local committee answered the visitors that they would take the matter up with the citizens of the city and answer further at the end of ten days.

President Lacy of the 25,000 club extended the visitors a hearty invitation to remain over night as the guests of the club but they were compelled to return home that night, and accordingly they left shortly after the meeting adjourned in the automobile in which they came.

The requirements of the promoters will, if accepted, make it necessary for every citizen to put his shoulder to the wheel and push until he "sees stars," but at this time it seems to many with whom we have talked that we can not afford to allow the opportunity to secure a southern connection to pass by.

Chairman Will Stith, of the railroad committee, will call a mass meeting one night during this week when the matter will be presented to our people and appropriate special committees



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IT BEATS THE BAND.

WHY DOES ONE PLACE BECOME THE RIGHT PLACE? THAT IS SIMPLE: BECAUSE AT THAT PLACE THEY TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT. HOW? BY GIVING GOOD GOODS FOR THE MONEY THEY GET. THE GOODS WE SELL ARE GOOD, BETTER, BEST—NEVER TRASH. WHATEVER PRICE WE MAY CHARGE YOU, YOU MAY DEPEND UPON IT THAT YOU WILL AT LEAST GET SOMETHING GOOD. YOU CAN NO MORE AFFORD TO WEAR POOR APPARAL THAN WE CAN AFFORD TO SELL THEM. IF WE SELL POOR GOODS IT WILL HURT OUR REPUTATION; IF YOU WEAR POOR GOODS IT WILL HURT YOUR REPUTATION. DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THE VALUE OF WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF YOU?

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.

appointed to take further steps.

We want right here to urge our people to make up their minds to attend this meeting and to work together for the good of the town. We shall not in this article, give any of the many reasons why this town should take the proper steps to secure this southern connection. Few but that realize its importance, and the only question is what each man will undertake as his share of work required to secure it.

Watch the announcement of the meeting and let nothing keep you from attending up on it.

B. F. Allen

The House Moving Man

I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.

Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

Eight Street Church.

Rev E. P. Williams pastor of the Methodist church will preach at the Eighth Street church Sunday night and the Methodist congregation is most cordially invited to attend service at this church.

For Sale.

One Three room house.
1t Bair & Conn.

New Candidate for Sheriff.

E. F. Edwards, of Winters, phones his name to the Leader office and request us to announce him for the office of sheriff and tax collector subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For several years Mr. Edwards has been a successful business man of Winters, having been engaged in the hardware business.

He has also been deputy sheriff at Winters, and being eminently qualified and with sufficient experience to enable him to make a good Sheriff he feels justified in coming before the people seeking the nomination.

Mr. Edwards' friends at Winters speak in the highest terms of him as a man and citizen. His following is sufficient to insure for him good support, and he ask that you not pledge your vote until he can call on you and tell you his troubles.

Remember Mr. Edwards when you go to vote.

Can't Get Letter Box.

It will be remembered that the Leader started the question for a letter box at the depot last fall and made the suggestion that same be secured if possible. Mr. Cady, our accommodating post master, acting on the suggestion, wrote the department in reference to the matter, and we at the time made mention of this fact. The department at Washington wrote Mr. Cady that it would be impracticable for clerks to collect mail from the

box and it would be useless to install same. With this the matter was dropped and nothing more did about the matter until some one made the demand that the Santa Fe put in the box. It is a matter the Santa Fe has nothing to do with. We need the box, and perhaps the best way to take it up with the department would be through the Commercial Club; at the same time get Mr. Cady to again write the department.

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WOOD-WORKING MACHINE SHOP

South of Court House

Is The Place To Have Your Work Done.

A Specialty made of Door and Window Framing from the cheapest to the best. Odd sized Sash and Doors made. Ripping, Turning, Forming and sand finishing work done on short notice.

Wall Paper! Wall Paper!! Wall Paper!!!

We have just received the largest stock of Wall papers ever received in Ballinger. The designs are the latest and the grades of paper run from the cheapest to the highest. We can save you money. 21 2t Ballinger Installment Co.