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## BANKERS CONVENTION GRAND SUCCESS

### Interesting Discussion on Important Questions. Local Bankers Entertain Visitors.

The Convention of the Sixth District of Texas Bankers Association convened at the opera house in Ballinger last Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

Never before in the history of Ballinger did such aggregation of prominent men assemble here. In the convention were men who have been instrumental in developing this section of Texas. They met here to discuss matters pertaining to the best interest of the banking business to exchange ideas, to get new thoughts, and methods to adopt in serving the people in common with better banking.

The delegation from the west arrived on the 12:15 train and the larger crowd came thirty minutes later from the East. They were met at the depot by the reception committee, and escorted to the Central hotel, where after registering and receiving a badge bearing name, address, and position occupied in the banking world, pinned on with a bunch of violets by a committee of young ladies, dinner was served. After dinner the visitors, and quite a number of citizens assembled in the opera house.

Jo Wilmeth, chairman of the Association, called the meeting to order, and Rev. G. W. Fender was called upon to offer the invocation.

Mayor Hoffer made the address of welcome, which was responded to by C. C. Walsch, of San Angelo.

Bank Assessment and Taxation was the first subject on the program. This subject was discussed by R. A. Hall, Brooke Smith, L. E. Collins, J. B. Reiley, W. H. Trent, W. E. Miller, W.

A. Hyatt, Nathan Adams, P. L. Downs, C. H. Jenkins, J. W. Hoopes, Q. V. Henderson and others. The object, as explained by the chairman, for discussing this question was to ascertain what the various banks represented rendered their property for, on what per cent of the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits they paid taxes. From the general discussion of the subject it was shown that the banks were rendered for taxes higher than any other property. The average rendition of banks is about 3-4 value, while nearly all other property is given in at from one-half to two-thirds, and in many instances at far less than one-half actual value.

In the general discussion of the subject the speakers were free to declare themselves in favor of the full rendition law, realizing that when such law was enforced the rate would be decreased and other property made to pay on equal basis with the banks.

Judge C. H. Jenkins, who was a member of the legislature that passed the full rendition law, stated in a few words the beauty of the law, and its just taxation features. Mr. Jenkins said all property should be rendered for its actual value and the rate of taxation would be very little, and all property would be taxed equal.

Depositors Insurance was the next subject on the program, and was a live one, consuming the greater portion of the time given to the discussion of the various subjects. Nathan Adams, of Dallas, was introduced by the chairman, and his re-

marks on this question were such as to pave the way for a heated debate. Mr. Adams is opposed to the proposed idea of insuring depositors, and could not see where the Government insurance would keep depositors from wanting their money during a panic as bad as if they were not insured. His reference to W. J. Bryan as injecting into the National Campaign another "paramount issue" called Judge J. J. Fox, of Temple, to his feet. Judge Fox favors the proposed method of insuring depositors, and his argument was hard to get around by the opposing side; and the question they fired at him were answered in a way that put the enemy off of the floor in double quick time.

After the little tilt between Mr. Adams and Judge Fox, crossed fired with a few questions from others, M. A. Traylor, Cashier of the Citizens National Bank, of Ballinger, addressed the convention.

Mr. Traylor, also favored the insurance idea, and he captured the convention with a strong and eloquent speech. The opposing side were as quick to take issue with Mr. Traylor, and the questions they handed him were answered in a way that showed he was familiar with the subject, and was certain he was supporting the right side of the question.

The thoughts brought out in Mr. Traylor's talk were to the point, and his argument was unanswerable. Among other things he said the private depositors should be placed on an equal footing with the City, State and Uncle Sam, who require that a bond against loss be made before a bank can become a depository for public funds.

Chas. S. Miller, of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., closed the argument on this question. Mr. Miller opposes the measure, and thinks it will work a hardship on the many for the benefit of a few. Those banks whose business is not conducted on a safe and conservation plan.

Judge Cox suggested that the law be made optional, that is let the banks that do not want the protection offered by the guarantee, stay out, and those wanting

to take advantage of it, pay the per cent of tax, or insurance rate, and secure the advantage.

The opposing side took the stand that the best insurance for depositors and a plan that would hold the confidence of the depositors, was to build a bank that would hold the confidence of all people in trust. To do business on the square with your customers, and that honesty is the best insurance for depositors.

Those favoring the law were in the majority in the convention, judging from the general discussion.

Postal saving Bank law; a subject ably handled by L. L. Shields, of Santa Anna. Mr. Shields took the position that the establishment of Postal Saving Banks would work a hardship on the country in that it would result in centralization of money.

Judge C. H. Jenkins, of Brownwood, addressed the convention on "financing the cotton crop." Mr. Jenkins proposed plan is to issue cotton certificates, secured by the cotton, and take them in as a medium of exchange, or money. His question was passed on by the convention as one to go before the State Executive Committee, and be placed on the program for general discussion at the State meeting.

In the election of officers Jo Wilmeth was re-elected chairman and V. L. Grady, secretary. San Angelo and Santa Anna were put in nomination as the place of meeting. San Angelo was selected.

The convention did not adjourn until after dark, and the meeting was perhaps one of the most successful and interesting in the history of the Association.

After adjourning the visitors were invited to the Citizens National Bank, where delicious fruit punch was served to all, and where most of the visitors remained until the hour for the banquet. The other banks of the town held open house, and the visitors were given an open opportunity to see that Ballinger was right up to the front in the furnishing and arrangement of her banking houses.

#### AT NIGHT

The banquet given by the local bankers to the visitors and quite a number of home people eclipsed anything of the kind ever undertaken in Ballinger before.

Covers were laid for one hundred in the large new dining room of the Central hotel. A Mexican string band furnished sweet strains of music while a twelve course repast was served.

The menu was as fine as ever tempted the appetite of a hungry banker, and consisted of oyster cocktail, cream of celery soup, tenderloin speckled trout and tartar sauce, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green peas, cauliflower and cream sauce, celery, olives, cranberry frappe, marshmallow pudding, apple salad, French dressing, toast crackers, cheese, fancy cake and coffee.

After the last course had been served, and the guests were enjoying the delicious after meal smoke from the long "Hayana fillers," the Toast Master, Hon. Chas. S. Miller, called the assemblage to order, and in a few well chosen remarks introduced in turn the following gentlemen who responded to the toast with able and entertaining speeches.

"Twenty years a Banker"—P. L. Downs. Mr. Miller in introducing Mr. Downs called to memory

the boyhood days, when he and Mr. Downs were in school together, some thirty-two years ago. Mr. Downs respond, and in an interesting way told how he and his brother established the first bank at Temple, starting with a private bank and only \$2500 capital. By hard work and many difficulties they grew into a First National Bank with one hundred thousand dollars capital, and today have one of the largest banks in Central South Texas. The speaker in giving his experience of twenty-years a banker gave thoughts calculated to be of great benefit to the younger bankers present.

"How to Handle a Panic."—Brooke Smith. No other man more fitted for this subject than Mr. Smith. It will be remembered by quite a good many that Mr. Smith had some experience that was calculated to try the nerves of the strongest man, during the late panic. Mr. Smith's remarks were highly appreciated and he was heartily cheered when he took his seat.

"Ballinger and Abilene Railroad"—responded to by its President, C. A. Doose. Mr. Doose in a brief way told how the road had been secured and what the final result of the efforts of the Ballinger people would be—Ballinger would have a 250 mile shorter route to the northern markets and would be on a trunk line of one of the largest railroad companies in the United States.

"The Orient"—C. C. Walsh, San Angelo. Mr. Walsh, like Mr. Doose, predicted great things for his town, said sooner than some expected, San Angelo would be on a trans-continental line, and will become the city pre-eminent of the whole matchless West.

"The Bank from a Lawyer's stand point"—Judge B. B. Stone. On account of the hour for the arrival of the West bound train being so near, Judge Stone was asked to give way to his place, and Judge Guion closed the happy event with a respond to the toast, "Come Again." Judge Guion in his eloquent way invited the visitors to come again. "Come Again," says Judge Guion, "You will find us ready to welcome you." "Our bankers say come again, our girls say come again, our homes say come again; We all say come again, and enjoy our hospitality. Come again."

The Convention was a success from every stand point and in every particular, and was pronounced by all as the best ever enjoyed by the association.

Much credit is due the entertainment Committee, Hon. Chas. S. Miller, J. Whitt Patterson, D. M. Baker, E. D. Walker, and M. A. Traylor. No detail was overlooked in the arrangement for the entertaining of the visitors, and Ballinger will profit by them having visited our little city, experiencing that progressive spirit that prevails in our midst, and seeing that we are a people of a progressive generation.

Among the visitors who attended were:

B. H. Martin, Fort Worth  
A. P. Ford, Brownwood  
D. B. Anderson, Brownwood  
Brooke Smith, Brownwood  
L. L. Shields and wife, Santa Anna  
Geo. J. Bird, San Angelo  
R. A. Hall, San Angelo  
C. C. Walsh, San Angelo  
W. P. Brotholomew, San Angelo  
W. C. Blaylock, San Angelo  
W. S. Davis, Miles  
Nathan Adams, Dallas  
Lynn P. Tally, Dallas

P. L. Downs, Temple  
W. J. D. Patterson, Dallas  
W. E. Miller, Golthwaite  
Jno. T. McCarron, Lometa  
A. F. Martin, Coleman  
W. A. Hyatt, New York  
C. H. Powell, San Angelo  
H. W. Robertson, Miles  
A. H. Lewin, Miles,  
A. B. Sherwood, San Angelo  
Sydney Turner, Talpa  
J. W. Hoopes, Austin  
F. W. Wiedens, St Louis  
H. P. Rutherford, Bangs  
Q. V. Henderson, Coleman  
L. E. Collins, Coleman  
J. A. Norris Talpa  
J. L. Ross, Blackwell  
Will H. Trent, Goldthwaite  
W. C. Den, Mullin  
A. T. Coffin, Brownwood  
Jno. J. Cox, Temple  
W. B. Mitchell, Santa Anna  
W. A. Norman, Paint Rock  
C. H. Jenkins, Brownwood  
T. R. Butler, Bronte  
W. F. Key, Bronte  
J. B. Riley, Bronte  
J. J. Grimes, Bronte  
Harry McGeorge, Bangs  
V. L. Grady, Santa Anna

## ABILENE RAILROAD PARTY HERE.

Meet in Conference with the Ballinger Committee and Construction People.

J. H. Lyons, of the Read Bros. Construction Company spent a couple of days here, and two autos came over from Abilene Wednesday and met in conference with the Ballinger committee and Mr. Lyons.

The Committee will not give out anything for publication, but it is understood that matters attended to by the meeting of the two committees advanced the plans towards closing up the contract and getting all details arranged.

It requires considerable time to get matters in definite shape for the building of a railroad. All right-of-way contracts have to be secured, and at each end of the line terminal grounds have to be secured, and where so much property and so many different properties are involved it requires time. In fact the hardest part of the road building is to get the preliminary details attended to. When this is done the road will be built. The Committee says, "the news is good, but we can't give it to the public, at present."

## KILLING AT SAN ANGELO.

Family Quarrel Results in Son Shooting Father in the Breast with Shot Gun.

News reached here early Tuesday morning to the effect that San Angelo was the scene of another killing Monday night about nine o'clock. A man by the name of Bell was threatening to shoot his son, a family quarrel having been on, when the son, about twenty-five years, old secured a shot gun and shot his father in the breast near the heart. Some of the shots penetrated the lungs and lodged in the breast near the heart.

At last report the father was alive but not expected to live and the son had been arrested and was in jail. The family had not been in San Angelo long, having moved their from Mason it is understood that the family had not been getting along peacefully for some time.

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### A Haking 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.

Miss Mattie Bateman returned to her home at McKinney, Monday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. L. Shaffer.

## DIETING THEORIES DO GOOD

At Least Have a Tendency to Keep People from Civilization's Be-setting Sin, Overeating.

The question of diet seems just now to be agitating the civilized world to an almost unprecedented degree. People are no longer content to eat what is set before them and lay down knife and fork when they have done. They must be discussing nutritive values, units of energy, digestive periods, proteins and carbohydrates; a chemist's balance to stand beside each plate would seem the appropriate thing, and would make a neat present for a wedding or for Christmas. Instinct is no longer trusted; it must be helped out by science. The worst of it is that science speaks as yet, on this subject, in ambiguous terms; one may find ample authority for almost any dietary one pleases. Of the more radical views that are winning adherents by the thousand the most conspicuous are those represented by Dr. Haig, Horace Fletcher and Prof. Chittenden. In some respects they reach the same results, as all three doctrines, if strictly followed, would tend to prevent overeating, which is one of the serious risks of a prosperous civilization, free to gratify its pampered appetites to the full.

### MURDER AMONG BEES.

If the mother bee of a colony is getting past her work and she cannot be sent off with the swarm in the usual way the bees will supersede her. They will deliberately put her to death and raise another queen to take her place. This state execution of the old worn-out queens is one of the most curious and pathetic things in or out of bee life. One probe with a sting would suffice in the matter, but the honey bee is a great stickler for the proprieties. The royal victim must be allowed to meet her fate in the royal way, and she is killed by caresses, tight locked in the joint embrace of the executioners until suffocation brings about the victim's death.

### COMPARATIVE BLISS.

"Well," said Mr. Cliffdewler, as he took off his overcoat, "you look happy, my dear. What have you been doing to-day?"

"Looking for a new flat," responded Mrs. C., radiantly.

"And you found one that suited you?"

"N-no. But I feel good because we don't have to live in any of the ones I saw."

### UNSATISFACTORY MODELS.

He—Yes, I am proud of the fact that I am a self-made man, but isn't it queer that one never hears of a self-made woman?

She—No, there's nothing queer about it. Considering the quality of article turned out by the average man who is in the self-making business, a woman can hardly be blamed for not engaging in the occupation.

### MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

A girl who used to make all sorts of fun of those who were poor spellers is now receiving three fat letters a week from a man who can't spell correctly more than 40 words altogether. But he has a big, nice house and money in the bank—and that spells something to her.—Howard (Kan.) Courant.

### NECESSITY FOR ACTION.

Nan—I was astonished to learn that Lil Billiwink had gone and married that Spriggins boy. Why, she's a good ten years older than he is.

Fan—I know it, but it had narrowed down to a choice between him and his father, and she had to decide quick.

### A REJECTION SLIP.

"Sir," said the shivering beggar, stopping the prosperous magazine editor on the street, "I have a long, sad story—"

"Sorry," briskly replied the magazine editor, passing on, "but we are only open for short, funny stories just now. Full of the other kind."—Success Magazine.

### EXPLAINED MECHANICALLY.

"When I am busily engaged in thinking," remarked the doctor, "all the noises on earth can't disturb me."

"My stars!" exclaimed the professor, in his astronomical way. "Do the wheels in your head make so much racket as all that?"

## WOMEN SHREWDER THAN MEN

Not So Easily Tricked While on Witness Stand, Says One of the Sex.

An oath does mean something to a woman, but she is more clever than the man when placed on the stand and can usually get around things in a better way.

A woman will lie and fib if it is necessary, but back of it all there is more tact used than she is generally given credit for. Any woman who goes on the stand to testify should know perfectly well what she is going to say and do. The lawyers are mighty clever, but in the majority of cases they are outwitted by the women.

I would not believe a man in the world. They tell little falsities, but usually entrap themselves. There can be no great division, however, between the man and woman when it comes to perjury, as the man will tell a lie just as readily as a woman, and vice versa.—Edna Wallace Hopper.

### DRYING OF NEGATIVES.

As is well known, negatives can be dried in a short time (five minutes) by placing them in alcohol. If it is desired to dry a large number of negatives rapidly the use of three receptacles of alcohol is recommended. The negative is first placed in dish No. 1, left there for five minutes; then in dish No. 2, and so on. When withdrawn from the third dish it will be almost perfectly dry in the air. In this manner the alcohol remains useful much longer, but is finally also weakened from the absorption of water. Then the contents of three dishes are poured together into a vessel, adding a dehydrating agent, such as calcium chloride, and shaken. The latter absorbs the water and retains it.—Wiener Mitteilungen.

### FERTILIZER FOR HOUSE PLANTS.

Prof. Van Dyke of the New York experiment station gives the following prescription for a fertilizer for house plants: Buy at the drug store 1½ pounds of nitrate of soda, a half pound of sulphate of soda and one pound of sulphate of potash. Mix and pulverize the material thoroughly. When required for use put a rounding tablespoonful of this mixture in a gallon of hot soft water. To fertilize the plants put a tea-spoonful of water on a six-inch pot and more in proportion on larger pots. Do not use oftener than once in two weeks and do not let the fertilizer touch the foliage.—Vick's Magazine.

### DROWNED OUT.

They had removed from New York to a quiet country town and a new neighbor was tendering her sympathy.

"I guess you must miss the noise of the elevated cars a good deal," she said. "I don't suppose you could get to sleep at first because you were so used to hearing them where you lived."

"I never heard them," said the lady from New York. "My husband snores."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### VICTIMS OF HEREDITY.

It has been shown that criminal tendencies depend on heredity and social and physiological circumstances. The most important of these is heredity. Just as no amount of ambition will enable a man to write a Shakespearean drama if he have not the talent, so it is preposterous to expect in a child of vicious parents, brought up amongst vicious surroundings, that moral tone which would characterize the finest type of human kind.

### HIS FEAR.

"And don't forget when you go downtown to-day," said the wife of the millionaire who was being tried for juggling with the books of the great institution of which he was the president, "to get 'Three Weeks.'"

"I'd be mighty glad to do it, Maria," he replied, "but, between you and me, I'm afraid I'll get about five years."

### INHERITED.

"Mrs. Stilson," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "whatever her other shortcomings may be, does not lack aplomb."

"Well," replied her hostess as she removed her \$30,000 dog collar because it had become uncomfortably tight, "I don't see why she shouldn't. Her father was a plumber."

## 400,000 DOLLAR CATTLE DEAL.

Ten Thousand Head of Steers Changed Hands at Menardville. The Cattle Shipped to Osage Nation.

One of the biggest cattle deals ever made in Menard county, and in fact, one of the biggest ever made in the state—they make 'em as big here as they do any where else in Texas—was closed today when Wm. Bevans president of the Bank of Menard bought ten thousand of the Schreiner steers. We failed to learn the price paid but this is supposed to be a good buy as these steers have always been money makers.

These steers will be gathered as soon as possible and taken to Bardsy, from which point they will be shipped to the Osage reservation.

Such deals as this necessarily involving a consideration of over \$400,000 are circulated to make one think that the financial stringency is a thing of the past.—Menardville Messenger.

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

The children before going to bed should have their "hour." The intercourse with mother and father in which should be sweet communion, the giving of childish confidence, and the exchange of views is more than beneficial to the child. These moments they will carry through life with them. It seems a hard matter to establish upon the proper footing the confidential relation which should obtain between parent and child, and which are so important to the child later. I have seen the grief of many a child's mother who finds that her daughter will confide to the veriest stranger matters that she will not speak of to her mother because "Mother will make such a fuss about it," "Mother cannot understand it." You mothers whom have daughters need as confident whom your sons-grow away from, and who grieve in secret over this analyze the cause. You have perhaps been to busy looking after the material welfare of your children or have left them too much to other. Begin at the very beginning to be with your children at bedtime. Go over with them the events of the day as if you were one of them. It is thus that you will win their confidence which will form a habit from which they will not depart in after life.—"The Care of Children," in The Ladies World for March.

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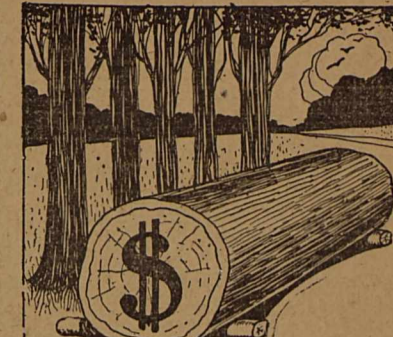
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**What to do in Dyspepsia**  
Dieting has become a great fad in America, and just as, years ago, we, as a nation, over-ate, so now we are under-eating. The one is as bad as the other. Man needs food and plenty of it to sustain life and to give strength to compete in this busy world.  
It is not, however, the fact that you may eat too much that hurts you, but that you don't digest what you eat. And if that results in dyspepsia you will not be able to eat. Take it regularly for awhile according to the explicit directions on each bottle and you will soon be cured of dyspepsia and all of the accompanying symptoms such as heartburn, sour stomach, bloated stomach, hives, pimples, sallow complexion, wind on the stomach, etc. Every bottle carries with it an absolute guarantee to do what we claim. It is a gentle, pleasant, effective laxative and you will like its taste and be pleased with its action.  
One of the great friends of this remedy is Henry F. Keator, a lieutenant in one of the Chicago companies that fought at the battle of Santiago. While in the wet trenches, and eating the rough food of a soldier, he contracted severe dyspepsia and lost weight rapidly. A friend in the regiment called his attention to Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which he promptly began to use. It not only cured his dyspepsia but increased his weight 42 pounds.  
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Miss Myra Jefferson, past mistress of unconventional vaudeville frivolity is one of the principals with "Two Merry Tramps" and her volatile impersonation of "Peculiar Julia" has been a decided hit.—Opera House March 3rd and 4th.

J. W. Powell has houses for rent and for sale on monthly payments.  
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**Gone to Waco to Marry.**

T. W. Robertson, secretary of the Missouri Milling Co., left yesterday evening for Waco, where he will shake off single "cussedness" and bring back with him a wife. Mr. Robertson will be married in the morning, the fortunate lady being Miss Ollivia Leuders, of Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson will return to Ballinger the early part of next week, and be at home at the mansion of Mrs. R. A. Smith.

**Auction Sale of Fine Cattle.**

An auction sale of High Class Herefords will take place in San Angelo, Monday March 9. Sixty five head of registered stock cattle will be sold to the highest bidder. See advertisement elsewhere in this paper for further particulars.

**Still Climbing.**

Among the new names added to the Leader's list of readers, since last Friday, is Jno. T. Mathison, Powell, Mississippi; Solomon Duvall, Marshall, Texas; I. M. Turner, J. M. Hinkle, J. A. Cole, F. M. Martin; Ballinger, and quite a number of renewals with kind words of "keep her coming." We club with the Dallas news, or any other state papers, and save our readers money on the combination.

**WANTED.**

Good Vendors Lien Notes—  
tf Giesecke-Becnett Co.

**San Angelo an Eye Opener.**

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned from San Angelo, yesterday. It was the first time that the Judge had visited the "Queen of the Conchos" in two years and he says he was certainly surprised to see the progress the town had made in the last two years. "It has doubled in size," says Judge Guion, and is a live little city with a line of nice new modern business houses and clean stocks of goods. Judge Guion says Angelo is an eye opener to those who have not been there in some time.

**Harville Big Boll Cotton Seed.**

I have 4000 pounds of the Harville Big Boll Cotton Seed for sale. Fine seed for planting. Call at Farmers Wagon Yard for price and particulars.  
tf M. M. Hamilton.

O. C. Holliday of the Hatchel community, was in to see us yesterday on his annual visit. We appreciate such visitors, even if they don't come but once a year.

W. A. Norman and Jack McGregor left on Tuesday's train for the East on business, the former going to Hamilton and the latter to Fort Worth and other places.

B. B. Hamilton who lives South of Ballinger, and who it will be remembered had his leg broken by a kick from a horse some time ago, was able to be in town yesterday. He is still using his crutches, but says the broken limb is improving nicely.

H. P. Harkins and W. B. Haney, of Roscoe came in yesterday on business, Mr. Harkins formerly lived at Winters. They left this morning for their home going by Winters on business.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the report of the financial condition of the Citizens National Bank, published in this issue of the Leader. The Statement makes a good showing for this popular financial institution.

J. M. Hinkle, of the Eagle school community, was a pleasant caller at the Leader office Wednesday. Mr. Hinkle will read the Leader a year and take advantage of our clubbing offer to get a good state paper to read.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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

- FOR COUNTY JUDGE:  
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.  
FRANK STUART.
- FOR SUPT. PUBLIC SCHOOLS:  
E. L. HAGAN.
- FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR:  
J. E. POWELL.
- FOR J. P. AND COMMISSIOER:  
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

Judge Jno. I. Guion and John F. Maddox visited San Angelo this week, looking after politics pertaining to the representatives race. Ballinger and San Angelo are trying to get together on a suitable man to represent this district in the next legislature. It seems hard to settle on a man that will fit the bill. Two question bob up for consideration, namely; Bailey and prohibition. It is a foregone conclusion that there will be two men in the race,

No 6757.

**Report of the Condition Of**

The Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger in the State of Texas, at the close of Business, February, 14th, 1908.

| RESOURCES.  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Loans and Discounts   | \$387,243.85      |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured                                   | 25,508.41         |
| U S Bonds to secure circulation                                     | 100,000.00        |
| Bonds, securities, etc  | 50,000.00         |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures                               | 25,000.00         |
| Other real estate owned   | 8,992.25          |
| Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)                        | 11,914.06         |
| Due from State Banks and Bankers                                    | 7,346.03          |
| Due from approved reserve agents                                    | 97,313.00         |
| Checks and other cash items   | 2,234.58          |
| Notes of other National Banks                                       | 6,750.00          |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents                       | 72.25             |
| Specie  | 21,592.45         |
| Legal-tender notes  | 5,290.00          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>749,256.88</b> |
| LIABILITIES   |                   |
| Capital stock paid in   | 100,000.00        |
| Surplus fund  | 25,000.00         |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid                     | 21,213.59         |
| National Bank notes outstanding                                     | 100,000.00        |
| Due to other National Banks   | 4,234.54          |
| Due to State Banks and Bankers                                      | 2,008.45          |
| Individual deposits subject to check                                | 304,133.65        |
| Demand certificates of deposit                                      | 55.00             |
| Time certificates of deposit  | 4,515.30          |
| Cashier's checks outstanding  | 11.62             |
| Notes and bills rediscounted  | 14,384.70         |
| Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed | 120,000.00        |
| Subscription to increase capital stock                              | 58,700.00         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>749,256.88</b> |

State of Texas,  
County of Runnels } ss.  
I, M. A. Traylor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. A. Traylor, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
Tom Ward }  
C. A. Doose } Directors.  
J. McGregor }  
Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 21st day of Feb, 1908.  
Annie VanDoren, Notary Public

| Recapitulation                       |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| RESOURCES:                           |              |
| Loans and Discounts                  | \$387,243.85 |
| Demand Loans (Cotton)                | 25,508.41    |
| U S Bonds                            | 100,000.00   |
| Other Bonds                          | 50,000.00    |
| Bank Building Furniture and Fixtures | 25,000.00    |
| Real Estate                          | 8,992.25     |
| Cash in vault and bank               | 152,512.37   |
|                                      | \$749,256.88 |
| LIABILITIES:                         |              |
| Capital Stock Paid in                | 153,700.00   |
| Surplus and Profits                  | 46,213.59    |
| Circulation                          | 100,000.00   |
| Rediscounts                          | 14,384.70    |
| Bills Payable                        | 120,000.00   |
| DEPOSITS:                            |              |
| Individual                           | \$304,133.65 |
| Bank                                 | 10,824.94    |
|                                      | \$314,958.59 |
|                                      | \$749,256.88 |

**In Memorium.**

Monday Feb. 24, 1908. God in his divine wisdom saw fit to call home Geo. Middleton the sweet son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Middleton. George was born Oct., 11, 1886.

He leaves a devoted father and mother, three sweet sisters and three brothers, L. D. Middleton of San Angelo, Raymond Middleton of Midland and Earnest Middleton, of Ft Worth also a host of relatives and friends to mourn his untimely loss. Oh! how hard to give him up and how my heart aches for the bereaved ones, but what a consolation to know that he is safe in the arms of Jesus and awaits our coming, as one by one we pay the debt that he has paid, be ready to go to him where he will know and welcome us at the Golden Gate.

We loved him, yes, we loved him, but Angels loved him more; and they have gently called him to yonder shining shore. The Golden Gates were open, a gentle voice said come; and with farewells unspoken he calmly entered home.

Do not grieve dear parents, as one who have no hope, for you now have stronger ties drawing you heavenward than if he still remained with you here.

Just a few more years of weary labor, a few more clouds and shadows, a few more stormy nights and the Eternal day will dawn. May Gods grace comforts and sustain you in this trying ordeal any help you all to be an unbroken family in Heaven. A Friend.

**BOND ISSUE FULLY EXPLAINED.**

Mayor Hoffer Tells in a Plain Way Why Every Citizen Should Vote For the Bond Issue.

To the Voters:  
In order that there may be no misunderstanding of the reason why, and the necessity for the issuance of \$20,000 in street improvement bonds, in submitting the question to the voters of the city by the Council, I beg to make the following statement:

The members of the Council individually and as your legal representatives have all along recognized the demand and the necessity for permanent improvement of our street, but the question has always been how to do the work right with the limited income of the city without increasing taxation. The matter was submitted to the Attorney General, who is the state's legal advisor on all such questions, and who must approve the bonds before they can be offered for sale, and in his written opinion he advised the council, with a full statement of the financial condition of the city before him, that taking the valuation of all property in the city on the first day of Jan. 1907, bonds in the sum of \$20,000 could be issued without raising the valuation of the property or the rate of taxation. Acting on this advice the council has placed the issue before you for your decision.

These bonds if issued will run for 40 years, but the city reserves the right to redeem them at any time after 20 years. The council asks you to authorize them to issue \$20,000 worth of bonds, but they intend to use only so much thereof as may be actually necessary to do the work. If a smaller amount was issued, there being no other money available, and it required more than the issue to complete the improvements, the result would be a failure to accomplish any permanent improvement and a heavy loss to the city. The interest and sinking fund on these bonds will be paid out of the current revenues of the city, and no increase of tax on valuation of property will be made to pay the same. And I ask you if it is not more economical and better business policy for the city to pay the interest and sinking fund on these bonds out of the tax already levied, and use the bond money to fix our streets so they will stand for fifty or seventy five years, than it is to be spending two or three thousand dollars a year patching and dirt-dobbing the streets like we have been doing for the past several years and having nothing to show for our money after it is spent. Another thing, times are hard our people need the work as bad as we need the streets drained and macadamized.

The work can be done now cheaper than when times are good, and wages and material is high. Your valuation will not be raised, your taxes will not be increased, there will be no trimmings when the bonds are sold and the city will get full face value.

The work will either be done by the city or by contract to the lowest bidder, which ever may be best for the city, and speaking for my self as your mayor, I shall not approve any contract that does not fully protect our home labor. Every voter who pays tax on real or personal property has a right to vote at this election.

Respectfully,  
JOHN HOFFER, Mayor.

"Two Merry Tramps" is not one of the ordinary melodramatic "tramp" shows. It is a musical comedy and a tramp show in title only, a company of eighteen people which includes a chorus of pretty girls.—Opera house March 3rd and 4th.

**Gash Grocery Co.**

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| Coffee         | Jellies         |
| Apples         | Tea             |
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| Hominy         | Dried Fruit     |
| Grapenuts      | American Salmon |
| Raisens        | Wrapped Bacon   |
| Oat Meal       | Starch          |
| Cream of Wheat | Oils            |
| Elijah's manna | Nutmeg          |
| Ribbon Cane    | Pickles         |
| Yeast          | Relish          |
| Cheese         | Olive           |
| Oysters        | Prunes          |
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**We Want 2 Chances**

We want a chance to buy your produce eggs, butter, chickens, etc, and a chance to show you our method of serving you with good clean groceries. Give us a chance, we'll do the rest.

J. O. Mixon  
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THERE WILL OCCUR AT PAUL'S WAGON YARD IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

**THE COMBINATION SALE OF High Class Herefords**

Sixty-five Head, all Registered and of Both Sexes

For one day only, Monday, March 9th, 1908, beginning promptly at nine o'clock a. m., the undersigned will hold a bona fide auction sale of Registered Hereford Cattle, at which time sixty-five head of both sexes will be sold under the hammer, absolutely without reserve, to the highest bidder. Good stuff is going cheap, that's a certainty. We need the money, and propose to sell these registered cattle at the bidder's prices, for we need the cash, cash, cash. This is absolutely bona fide auction sale and will be conducted in an honest and strictly straight-forward business manner. Buyers are not going to get something for nothing, but the buyers will get the best stuff at very cheap prices, and the breeders of Herefords, who fail to take advantage of this auction, will regret it.

Yours Sincerely,  
J. E. Boog-Scott, Ely & Salyer, H. Albert Shaw, Lee Brothers.

All stock offered will be halter-broke and in best condition for future usefulness. Three head, some show material, comes from J. E. Boog-Scott; eight head of strong, useful cattle from H. Albert Shaw; twenty head, the kind rangemen like, from Ely & Salyer; and thirty head, all good ages, some with show records, from the prize winning herd of Lee Brothers, proprietors of Leedale Stock farm. Do you want a catalogue containing all particulars and pedigrees? If so, address PHIL C. LEE.

**LEE BROTHERS**

PROPRIETORS OF LEEDALE STOCK FARM.  
The Home of Herefords.

J. A. Cole, one of Runnels county's good citizens, dropped into the Leader office this morning and ordered the Leader and Dallas News.

Mrs. Conda Wylie returned to her home at San Angelo, yesterday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. F. Currie.

W. A. Brundage, editor of the Miles Messenger, and L. S. Lawhorn, a prominent real estate man of Miles, were here on business Wednesday.

**Second Quarterly Conference.**

The second quarterly conference will meet next Thursday evening at the parsonage at 8:00 all stewards are urged to be present.

Miss Mabel Fowler went to San Angelo, yesterday, on a visit to friends.  
Miss Mattie Hickerson returned to her home at McGregor yesterday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. L. Farris.



## WHISKEY BOOTLEGGERS LEAVE BROWNWOOD.

Sixteen Club Men and Bootleggers Agree to Leave Brownwood, if Released from Jail.

County Attorney McGaugh, special counsel I. T. Rice and Sheriff Emison yesterday concluded negotiation with the parties who have at various times been indicted in this city and county for violations of the local option laws, and by the terms of the agreement entered into, the sixteen parties signing their names are to leave Brownwood and are to not come back for a period of ten years, except for a visit not to exceed five days.

The matter was carefully considered by the officers, and many prominent citizens who have always shown interest in the enforcement of the local option laws, were consulted. The officers made the agreement very binding on the violators as will be seen by reading the terms of the contract. This exodus of sixteen men who have for the past few years been responsible for the majority of the local option violations will leave Brownwood free from bootleggers and the officers will keep a diligent watch for new ones.

The present Sheriff and Attorney were elected on promises that they would rid the county of this undesirable gang of outlaws.

One of the first lessons that the new officers learned was that they would have to catch the men in the very act.

Then began the real warfare Attorney McGaugh would direct the sheriff to search a certain place suspected of being a club and armed with the necessary papers the sheriff would enter the place, confiscate the contents and store the spoils in the old jail buildings. At first this procedure was a source of amusement to the club men. Then it was repeated. This time it was not so funny. Several hundred dollars worth of liquors and property was involved.

The club men grew more wary. They had their Uno, Ino, etc., shipped in at night and unloaded while the officers and citizens were asleep. The beverages would be stored in some unsuspected place and carried out to the refrigerators at the club as needed. The sheriff's visit was always expected and nearly always prepared for. Sometimes the officer would make a water haul. But he kept coming. The county attorney kept pushing papers into the sheriff's hands with instructions to serve them.

Then another weapon fell into the hands of the sheriff. Injunctions were issued against every man and place that he suspected. The injunctions were fought to the bitter end and carried to the supreme courts but in each instance the lower courts were upheld and the clubmen forced to spend time in the county jail and donate a handsome fine to the county.

The club men thought that the officers would surely tire after awhile and so they held tenaciously on. When indicted they would appeal and keep the cases in the courts. It was expensive but the fight was worth the money if they could finally win and in the meantime continue the sale of their stuff. But Sheriff Emison and attorney McGaugh decided to follow up their slight advantage with more rigid work and accordingly a private detective was hired. This man turned in several cases that "stuck." He was making a valuable detective but one night he suddenly decided that this climate was not congenial for his delicate health.

Attorney McGaugh and sheriff Emison blinked their eyes in astonishment and buckled their belts one notch tighter. Another

detective was imported. He began buying whiskey from every bootlegger that he could find and carefully compiled evidence in the office of the county attorney. When county court opened at the last term the mills began to grind. Case after case for violation of local option laws went to the juries backed by able argument on the part of the young county attorney and the result in case after case was the assessment of the maximum penalty of 60 days and \$100. These verdicts became so numerous that "a quarter of a section" became a byword in the court house and on the streets.

The blows fell thick and fast on the bootleggers and clubmen. They had spent dollar after dollar in this fight and still each day saw a new recruit in the ranks of the jail occupants. Some took fright and fled. Bonds were jumped and bondsmen were notified that bonds would be forfeited. The clubmen were on the run the end was in sight. Sheriff Emison and attorney McGaugh kept digging. One day last week one of the bootleggers who was under indictment in six cases came to the attorney's office and offered terms of peace. The officers treated him civilly but informed him that there could be no peace in a war like this. He went away and came back again. This time he told the officers that the gang would leave Brownwood forever if prosecution in the cases would be stayed.

The officers called a meeting of the citizens most interested and discussed the matter. A binding agreement was drawn up providing for the absolute banishment of the entire gang. No penalty already assessed was to be revoked. The contract was a bitter pill to the bootleggers but there was no alternative except to stay and face the prosecutions which time and experience had taught them would prove disastrous to them. Some of the most prominent clubmen declared that they would never sign the article of agreement. The other bootleggers assured them that they then would offer some new and startling evidence would adorn the note book of the county attorney and a new batch of cases might be filed. And so the end came. Sixteen men who have defied the law for a long period will leave Brownwood for a term of ten years.—Brownwood Bulletin.

### 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.

### Under New Management.

I. O. Wooden has purchased the Globber tin and plumbing shop, and placed Jim Dodd in charge. The shop has been moved to the old light plant building on 7th street. They will appreciate your business, and guarantee to give you good first class work. Their specialty is to deliver work on time and when promised. If they can't fix it when you want it they tell you so. 23-4t.

### Worn Out

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.

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

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

## 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.

### Advertised Letter List.

February, 22nd 1908.

Maud S. McCarver  
J. D. White  
E. M. Vaughn  
Mr. Jim Taylor.  
George Roy  
G. L. Palmer  
Mrs. H. C. Moore  
L. M. Mills  
Miss Annie Bell Mathews  
Miss Plute James  
Rev. J. H. Cordill  
Jas Cook  
Frank Carrol  
Mrs. Bentley  
Jim Abanitha  
E. W. Allison  
Sra Bentura L. Domingus  
Frank Waddle.

### Two Merry Tramps Coming.

"Two Merry Tramps" the great musical success for the past eleven seasons will appear at the Opera house, March 3rd and 4th.

This play abound in music of the high class order, while the story is one of the most interesting and novel ever written for the backgrounds of a musical comedy.

In song hits, "Two Merry Tramps" specially prolific and from the list of them there are no less than twelve. It is wholly a matter of individual opinion as to which is the "singiest" and the most whistley. They include, "The Tale of a Belgian Hare" "The Belles of Bartlesullo" "When the Lights are Turned Down Low" "Goodbye Isabelle" "Albuquerque" "The U. S. For Me"

They range in theme from the serious to the comic, from sentimental to patriotic. Bessie Bennett has furnished good verses while Jerome Travers' music is of the kind you carry from the house and hum on your way home.

F. M. Martin, of the Crews country, made the Leader office a pleasant visit, first of the week.

Judge Willingham left, first of the week, for a business trip to Mineral Wells.

Despite the hard times and the fact that dollars are not as plentiful as we have known them to be among the people, the Leader list of readers continues to grow, and we expect to keep the value of the paper as an advertising medium growing.

We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. M. S. Smith, of Collins Miss., accompanied with the right kind of encouragement to keep the Leader going to his address, and also a dollar to send the Leader for one year to Jno. T. Mathison, of the same place. Mr. Smith was at one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger, and has many friends here who will be glad to know he is getting along well in his Mississippi home. He has been reading the writers' paper ever since he left Ballinger, and we take it for granted that it is worth a dollar year to him. We appreciate such subscribers, and the kind words are worth as much to us as the money.

# 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

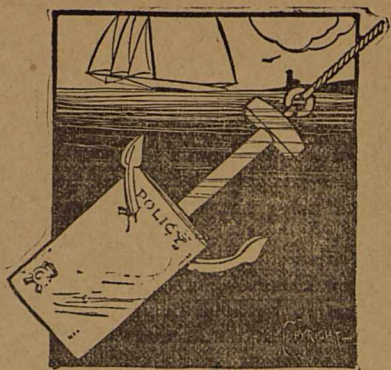
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| The Leader and Dallas News for | - | \$1.75 |
| " " " Houston Post for         | - | \$1.75 |
| " " " Ft. Worth Record for     | - | \$1.75 |
| " " " San Antonio Express for  | - | \$1.75 |
| " " " Farm & Ranch for         | - | \$1.75 |

We can save you money on any paper you want in connection with the Leader.

# Banner-Leader

## Ballinger, Texas





### When you Anchor on a Policy

be sure the anchor is a safe one. Many an anchor has loosed from its moorings and the vessel has been lost. INSURANCE safely anchored is the key note of every policy we write. Our companies are as safe and solid as old Gibraltar itself. Come in and see us before it's time for renewals. Our premiums are as low as others.

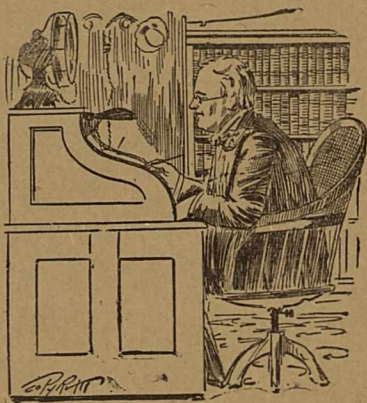
## Lee Maddox

### Your Hauling Who Does It?

S. N. Allison would be pleased to do your work. Prompt service and courteous treatment.

## S. N. Allison

Phone 339 (Successors to Stubbs & Dorsey)



### The Benefit of Experience.

is yours for the asking in Abstract work. For 25 years this firm has been making Abstracts to Runnels county lands. Our books have grown as the records grow. steady and constantly, and if its recorded we have it in our books and that properly indexed. Insist on the Blue-back Abstract, That's the one.

## Giesecke-Bennett Co.

—State Bank Building.—

### 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.

#### 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.

*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*

A rich man is the man who always has money. Put some of your money in the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger and you will begin to be rich right away.

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

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

- Leader and Dallas News, 1 year \$1.75.
- Leader and Houston Post, 1 year \$1.75.
- Leader and Farm & Ranch 1 year \$1.75.
- Leader and any paper published in the United States, at unusually low clubbing rates. If you just want the Leader send us one dollar and get it for the year.

Banner-Leader, Ballinger, Texas.

#### 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.

#### Letter to Prof. Byrd.

Ballinger, Texas  
Dear Sir—Will you give your Arithmetic class—and Algebra class—this problem?

If average paint is worth \$1.60 a gallon, and goes two-thirds as far as Devoe, and wears half as long, what is Devoe worth put on, painters' wages being \$3.50 a day and a day's work a gallon of paint.

The answer is \$11.80 a gallon; but don't tell 'em that.

Yours truly  
F. W. Devoe & Co.  
Ballinger Lbr Co. sells our paint.

### A RELIABLE SPRING MEDICINE

Recommended to the People of Ballinger.

At this season of the year there is hardly a man, woman or child in Ballinger who does not need a medicine to purify and enrich the blood, to induce an appetite, to promote digestion and create strength, and we are safe in saying we have never sold anything in our store equal to the cod liver preparation Vinol for this purpose.

The reason Vinol is so far superior to old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions is because it is made by a scientific, extractive and concentrating process from fresh cods' livers, combining with peptonate-of-iron all the medicinal, sealing and body building elements of cod liver oil, but no oil.

As a spring medicine and a body builder and strength creator for old people, delicate children, weak, run-down persons, and after sickness Vinol is unexcelled, and you know what you are taking.

Mrs. Rose Lavigne, of Burlington, Vt., writes; "Vinol is the best spring medicine I have ever used; it creates an appetite, purifies the blood and takes away all feeling of lassitude."

We could go on quoting from hundreds of such letters, but simply ask the people of Ballinger to try Vinol this spring on our guarantee to return money if they are not benefited. Walker Drug Co.

#### \$3,000 Horse Dies.

The fine \$3,000 German coach stallion, belonging to T. F. Bengé and others, died at Mr. Bengé's ranch on Mustang creek Tuesday night. The animal was taken sick and died very suddenly. We understand the horse was guaranteed to live a year or in case of death inside of a year, was to be replaced by the same kind of horse and this being the case the present owners will not lose but little by its death. And we also understand that the former owners had the animal insured for \$1,200.—Concho Herald.

#### Many Sleepless Nights, Owning 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.

Dr. Kookan, 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.

### MAKE THIS UP AT YOUR HOME

Prepare this Simple Mixture at Home by Sinking Ingredients Well in a Bottle.

What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription, as formulated by a noted authority who claims that he has found a positive remedy to cure almost any case of backache or kidney or bladder derangement, in the following simple prescription, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparila, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

A well known druggist here at home, when asked regarding this prescription, stated that the ingredients are harmless, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription pharmacy, or the mixture would be put up if added to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic afflictions with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and filter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those of our readers who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

#### To Do Gardening Right.

Get the best seeds. We have the most complete and fresh stock of the Old Reliable Lamb-reth's Garden seed in papers and bulk.

tf Dornberger & Hopkinson.

#### What to Do When Bilious.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Walker Drug Co.

#### IT'S ALWAYS BAD.

The Best of Backs are Bad When They Ache, and Ballinger People Know It.

A bad back is always bad. Bad at night when bedtime comes,

Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it?

Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill?

Mrs. R. H. Hawke, of W. Adams Rt., Brownwood, Tex., says: "My husband has been troubled with his back and kidneys for several years. He blames his trouble to the constant jarring and jolting at his work as engineer on the Frisco R. R. The pains in his back have been severe at times and completely prostrated him. The kidney secretions were also irregular, too frequent and of a dark red color. Being advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills he procured a box. He says Doan's Kidney Pills is the only medicine that ever did him any good."

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

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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.

**The Prohibition Question.**

Doubtless our readers aware that a fight for state prohibition is on in the great State of Texas, and that the leading prohibitionists of the state meet in Fort Worth next Saturday the 29th, of Feb., to determine the best method of obtaining prohibition in Texas.

There has been an idea prevalent all the while that it would take a constitutional amendment and then the proper law in compliance therewith by the legislature to obtain prohibition in the state, but leading prohibition attorney's of the state have been making an examination and an investigation of this question, and are of the opinion that such is not the case, but that it is possible and entirely practicable to have the legislature that meets in 1909, to pass a statute prohibiting the sale of liquor in the state.

Among the able advocates of this theory is Hon. John B. Durrett of Belton, Texas, who has been contributing a series of articles to the Fort Worth Record on this question. In said articles he cites many authorities to show that Statutory prohibition is the best, easiest, quickest, and simplest way to get prohibition in the state.

His position is that under the "James Law" as passed by the 28th Legislature, that ten per cent of the Democrats as shown by the last Primary Election, petition the State Executive Committee to have the question voted on at the next Primary Election in July 1908 and if the issue carries, the Legislators who are elected will have to pass a suitable prohibition statute in compliance with Democratic demands.

He maintains that there is nothing prohibitive in the Constitution to prevent the passage of such an act, and that the right to sell liquor is not a vested right but only granted so long as the people do not take such right away from them, and to sustain this proposition he cited Judge Hurt former member of the Supreme Court, who held to this doctrine.

This question will be thrashed out next Saturday the 29th of Feb. at Fort Worth, and the Banner-Leader is of the opinion that the statutory method will be adopted by the convention, and we further believe that it is the sanest and safest way to proceed in the matter.

**One For the Ledger to Answer.**

The Ledger, the single tax, socialist, etc. organ some times poses as a Bryan paper, and uses space copying from Mr. Bryan's Commoner, and giving his opinion on various Democratic ideas. We would like to ask the Ledger what it thinks of the Putnam Bryan article recently published in Leslie's Magazine. The Ledger seems to admire Putnam and frequently uses space in quoting him, and not long since published Putnam's article on "Bailey and the Dog." So quick to tell what Putnam thinks of Bailey, why not tell what he thinks of Bryrn? That treacherous, venomous would be journalist imported in to Texas by the Hearst-Socialist Anti-Bailey faction to help despoil the Democratic party by his filthy dope furnish-

ed the papers who are willing to do anything to down Mr. Bailey.

Putnam refers to Hon. W. J. Bryan in his writings as a "razor-back statesman," and says in the article to Leslie's Magazine, among many other false things, that Mr. Bryan has no idea of being elected president, and that he will accept the nomination for the purpose of strengthening his paper, the Commoner, and to popularize himself as a platform speaker. Why doesn't the Ledger tell its readers about this, and let them see just what kind of bipeds the men are who are keeping up the fight on the Democratic party and stooping to the very lowest schemes to down Democratic leaders. Posing as a Democrat from the blue hen's flock and fighting Bryan and Bailey, the two greatest men in the party.

It is high time to get up and show your hand, admit you are rotten and ready to do any political trick to down the party, things that would make Thomas Jefferson rise up in his grave and blush with shame.

Mr. Ledger man, please tell your readers what you think of Putnam's article of Bryan. Don't you think it is just as good for them as the "Bailey and Dog" article you doped out to them recently?

The business interests should not forget that the merchant needs the farmer, and the farmer should not overlook the fact that he needs the merchant.—Greenville Banner.

The Banner never published a truer paragraph. Yet some farmers get the idea that they can do better by ordering the most of the necessaries of life by ordering from the mail order houses. As a rule the farmer finds a ready market for his produce with the home merchant, and competition is strong enough among the local merchants to warrant reasonable prices on anything the farmer may buy. Without the farmers support there would be no Ballinger, and no market for the many thousand dollars worth of eggs, butter and other farm produce sold here every year. Stay with your home town, and your home town will stay with you.

The hour has arrived in Texas when we need legislative timber fully imbued with the important fact that we already have too many laws, too many public speakers, too many men with local measures and no thought of remedying the laws we already have and looking after our financial condition. The time is ripe to send nearly all watch dogs to the treasury.—Exchange.

Our sentiments exactly. Texas has some laws that need repealing, and if one legislature would devote the greater part of one session to this work it would no doubt be lauded as much as the Thirtieth has been cussed.

A Van Zandt darkey has realized \$178 on two shipments of 'possums to Nevada. At this rate the colored population of Van Zandt will be riding in automobiles and wearing diamonds before long. The drouth and financial panics cut no figure in the production of possums.—Comanche Exponent.

That's a case where the coon handles the 'possum. 'Possums are plentiful in this country and while negroes are scarce, no doubt some one will be engaging in the 'possum industry when they read the above.

A Newark bank refused to honor a check drawn in favor of a dashing young widow in the sun of ten thousand kisses, and presented in person for payment. Nine chances out of ten, if presented in Texas, it would have been honored. Texas banks and Texas bankers believe in paying their checks—Gatesville Messenger.

Suppose this check had been presented in person at a Ballinger bank during the time the restriction was on. We are certain the boys would have made an exception and paid in full.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

A man has recently been sentenced to prison in New York for conducting a school for teaching forgery. This is one branch of education that can be cheerfully dispensed with.—Exchange.

Such school is not necessary in Texas. The forgers may be so ignorant in New York that they can't write the other fellow's name to a check, but in Texas it's easy. Ballinger Jail holds three prisoners now for signing the other man's name to a check.

**At The Court House.**

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

E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

**Visiting Public School**

Supt. Hagan reports that he has visited the following schools this week. New Home, Eagle Kirly, Dietz. Attendance good and teachers doing good and efficient work. Grounds and buildings in good shape and a great deal of interest manifested on part of the teachers and pupils. Infact there is considerable improvement throughout the country in regard to educational progress and if the trustees and fathers will cooperate with the Supt. and teachers a great deal of good can be accomplished during the remainder of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer are rejoicing at their home all on account of the arrival of a fine girl baby last Sunday. Mr. Brewer says diamonds have advanced considerably in price at his jewelry store this week, necessarily to meet running expenses.

A. F. Voss of the Citizens National Bank, was able to be down town yesterday, after being confined to his home for a couple of weeks with an attack of nervous prostration.

**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.

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

**Good Fire Proof Safe For Sale.**

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

**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.

**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.

**Mules Wanted**

From 3 to 8 years old, from 14 1-2 to 16 hands high in good flesh; broke to harness. Will be in Ballinger at Patterson Bros. mule and horse barn March, 2 and 3.

**C. B. White.**

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Your money is in absolute safety all the time and you cannot lose it by thieves or fire. A little check book, which you carry in your pocket, makes all of your money available at any time.  
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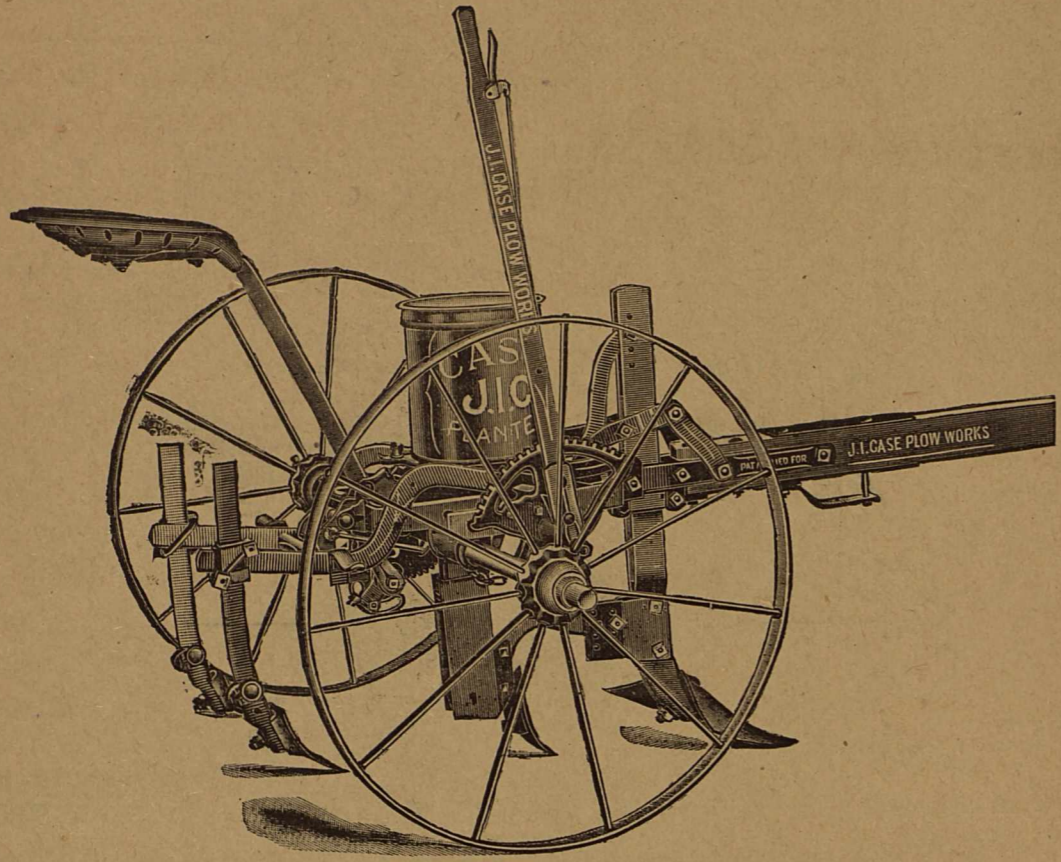
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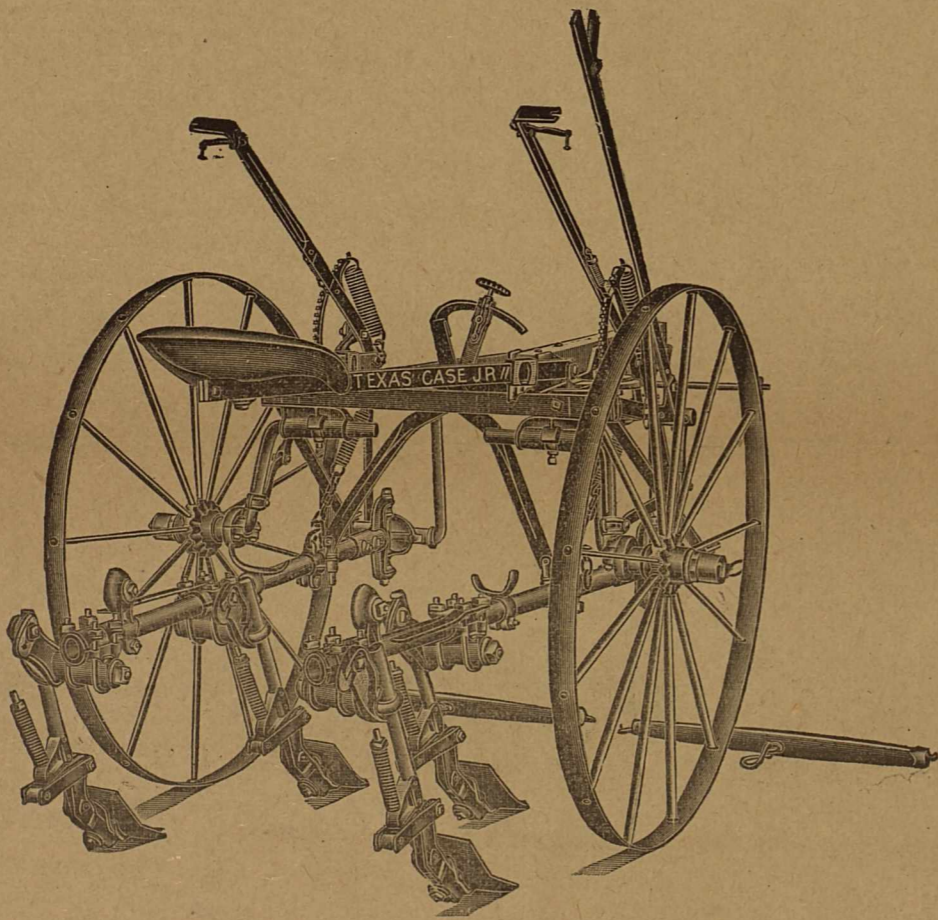
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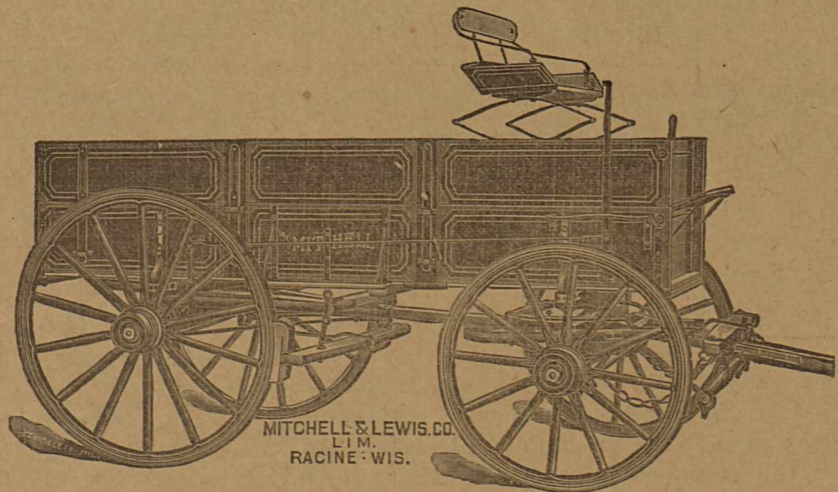
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## Higginbotham-Currie Company

The CASH or CREDIT Store.

### CHANGES IN SOCIAL ORDER

Dialect and Temper of Hatred Largely a Thing of the Past, Says Writer on Economics.

The world, too, has outgrown the dialect and temper of hatred. The style of the imprecatory psalms and the denouncing prophets is out of date. No one knows these times if he is not conscious of this change. The softening of temper which has put an end to the whipping of wives and is banishing the whipping of children at home or school, and which instinctively ranges any company, public or private, against the man who shows anger is a sign of a universal access of amiability. Social reformers must defer to the feeling that men are largely as they have been envired before and after birth, and that in substance all are about of the same stuff. The high tone is becoming unfashionable. People feel that even the oppressor is a victim of mistakes for which all are responsible, and that the task is not to judge, but to rectify. . . . To put the blame of social ills on the plutocracy alone is ridiculous. The abjectness of the people is as much the cause of despotism as the tyranny of the would-be tyrant.—H. D. Lloyd, in "Man and the Social Order."

### IN YELLOW AND BLACK.

She was about six feet tall and sailed down Fifth avenue in a dress that was almost pumpkin yellow, topped by a three-quarter coat of black fur. Her hat was black and enormous, affording a good sprouting place for the forest of yellow feathers that sprang from its base. Her pompadour matched the hat in size. Her dog matched the coat in texture. She overtopped every woman on the avenue and could be seen half a mile away. Yet she seemed surprised when people looked at her.—New York Press.

### ANENT THE UNATTAINABLE.

While Miss Alma Tadema is telling the women of New England how to be happy, Mrs. Margaret Deland has been lecturing to them on the "Duty of Happiness." Most women aspire only to contentment after the first flush of life and remember only the vague longing for happiness as a dream of youth. Wasn't it Lowell who said that the time comes in a man's life when his only hope of happiness is in the ringing of the bell for dinner or some kindred joy.

### WHAT!!!



Augustus Gasoline—What made you take up chorus work?  
The Third One from the Left—Hereditary, I guess; my two grandmothers are in the chorus, too.

### THRIFT IN NEW YORK.

No growth in New York city during the last 87 years has been more remarkable than that of the savings banks. In 1820 there were 8,634 depositors, with \$1,138,576 deposits, and now there are 8,067,240 depositors, having \$3,300,500,600 in deposits.

### CONSIDERATE.

"Johnnie," said a mother threateningly to a naughty son, "I am going to tell your father to whip you when he comes home to-night."  
"Please don't do that, mother," said the lad penitently; "dad's always so tired when he comes home!"

### THE DIVINATION.

Cholly—I wondah why they call it leap yeah?  
Wally—Because it gives the deah girls a chawnce to jump at us.—Baltimore American.

### GOOD MEMORANDUM.

Binks—Don't you forget that you have an engagement with me three weeks from to-day.  
Winks—No, I won't forget; I'll jot it down on my cuff.

### A CYNICAL SOLUTION.

She—I wonder why they call it honeymoon?  
He—Because many folks going to it for the sweets of life get stung.

### IN MATTER OF ELIGIBILITY

New York Policeman Evidently a Splendid Risk for Accident Insurance Company.

A big, burly-looking fellow, a perfect picture of health and strength, walked into the office of a prominent accident insurance company in New York the other day and applied for a policy.

"Certainly," said the secretary. "Are you engaged in any hazardous business?"

"Not in the least," replied the applicant.

"Does your business make it necessary for you to handle loaded firearms or weapons of any kind?"

"No, sir."

"Would your business ever require you to be where there were excited crowds—for instance, at a riot or a fire?"

"Very seldom."

"Is your business such as to render you liable to injury from street cars or runaway horses?"

"No, sir; hardly ever."

"Does your business throw you in contact with the criminal classes?"

"Very rarely, indeed, sir."

"I think you are eligible. What is your business?"

"I am a policeman."

### AFTER TAKING.



Peckham—You can't eat? Why, what's the matter?

Younger—Well, to be frank with you, I'm so much in love I don't feel like eating anything.

Peckham—Huh! After you marry you'll be the same way, only it'll be indigestion.

### TROUT NAMED FOR PRESIDENT.

In Volcano creek, tributary of the Kern river, in the heart of the Sierras, Barton W. Evermann, in charge of a fisheries bureau expedition, has discovered a new golden trout, which he has named the Roosevelt trout, in honor of the president. Its distinctive features are its rich golden color and the brilliancy of the "speckles" on its dorsal fin. Violent volcanic action, ages ago, created three waterfalls in Volcano creek, imprisoning the fish that had worked up from the Kern river. These natural barriers have had the effect of keeping out other fish and keeping in the trout that had found a home there. No where else is the same trout found, and the strain will never be crossed because other trout cannot penetrate there.

### IN THE PIT.

He was an excitable man, and was accompanied by his wife and baby in the pit of the theater. At the end of the first act the baby began to cry, and he was asked to take the child out. But it ceased to cry, and he was allowed to remain. Near the end of the second act it recommenced its discordant cries, and he was offered his money back to leave the theater. He refused indignantly, but when in the third act the play began to pall and the baby was sleeping peacefully he whispered eagerly to his wife, "Leah, pinch little Rachel to make her cry!"—Dundee Advertiser.

### SENSITIVE.

The men were holding an animated discussion.  
"You're a liar!" suddenly shouted one.  
"Well," responded the other, "make less noise about it. If you were a liar you wouldn't want the whole crowd told about it, would you?"

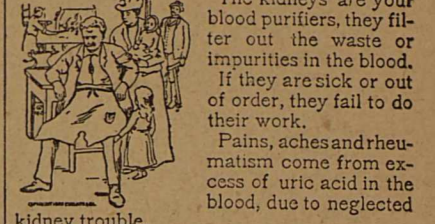
### A LOVELY CHAUFFEUR.

"We have the best chauffeur I have ever heard of."  
"I thought you were going to discharge him a few months ago for being reckless?"  
"Yes, but he is lending us money now, without charging an exorbitant rate of interest."

### Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.



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

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

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

### "It Knocks the Itch"

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 its called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, ringworms, are cured by one box. Its guaranteed and its name is Hunt's Cure.

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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."

"Go you one better" 15 bars soap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains. 52 tf.

### The Farmer's Wife

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

The evil of a foul stomach is not alone the bad taste in the mouth and the foul breath caused by it, but the corruption of the pure current of blood and the dissemination of disease throughout the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the sour and foul stomach sweet. It does for the stomach what the washing and sun bath do for the churn—absolutely removes every tainting or corrupting element. In this way it cures blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous swellings, sores, or open eating ulcers and all humors or diseases arising from bad blood.

If you have bitter, nasty, foul taste in your mouth, coated tongue, foul breath, are weak and easily tired, feel depressed and despondent, have frequent headaches, dizzy attacks, gnawing or distress in stomach, constipated or irregular bowels, sour or bitter risings after eating and poor appetite, these symptoms, or any considerable number of them, indicate that you are suffering from biliousness, torpid or lazy liver with the usual accompanying indigestion, or dyspepsia and their attendant derangements.

The best agents known to medical science for the cure of the above symptoms and conditions, as attested by the writings of leading teachers and practitioners of all the several schools of medical practice, have been skillfully and harmoniously combined in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. That this is absolutely true will be readily proven to your satisfaction if you will mail a postal card request to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for a free copy of his booklet of extracts from the standard medical authorities, giving the names of all the ingredients entering into his world-famed medicines and showing what the most eminent medical men of the age say of them.



**Ballinger Building New Homes.**

W. E. Sayles is building a nice house north of the railroad near Mrs. J. A. Youngers'

J. D. Norwood is building a neat little cottage on sixth street.

O. G. Bergoon is building a house on Sixth street, near the home of Dr. Baskin.

A new house is going up on the hill South of the home of Chas. S. Miller.

Paul Trimmier is having the plans drawn for a nice residence.

W. J. Ray is making arrangements to build a nice residence soon.

**Bargains if Sold at Once**

1-2 block (300 ft) well improved Ballinger town property Rented for \$30.00 month to trade for 200 acre farm with no incumbrance.

\$3000 stock of Racket Goods in good town, sell half cash balance good paper.

5 Lots 3 Room House to trade for 100 acre farm.

344 acres Good Land 175 in cultivation 5 sets improvements to sell or trade.

2 Lots 7 Room House 2 cisterns water works a bargain if sold at once \$2000, \$500 cash balance easy.

1 section Land in El Paso county all tillable, 22 miles from El Paso \$5.50 acre bonus, \$1.00 to the State to trade for 100 acre farm in Runnels county, must be good.

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**Pure Drugs are Fresh Drugs**

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

**The man behind the Prescription**

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

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

**The Walker Drug Co.**

We sell Eastman Kodak Supplies.

**DEATHS.**

The little two year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bussell, who live near the Oil Mill, died Wednesday.

The friends of Judge and Mrs. W. E. Sayle sympathise with them in the loss of a little boy baby, which was born last Saturday. The baby was buried in the Ballinger cemetery Saturday evening.

J. W. Maddox, a young man, who came here from Montgomery County, Arkansas, about one month ago, died on Fourteenth street, last night. The remains were laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery today at two o'clock.

Mrs. Ed Rainwater died at her home near Crews last Thursday and was buried in the Crews cemetery Friday. Deceased leaves a little baby three days old, a husband and number of other relatives to mourn her death.

Mrs. Illa Millikin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bowdon, died at the home of her parents in West End, last night, after an illness of ten days.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence this evening at three o'clock, Rev. M. E. Hudson pastor of the First Baptist church conducting the services.

Amelia Therese, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glober, died last night. The child was taken suddenly ill during the night and died with convulsions at four-thirty this morning. The funeral will be held from the residence this evening at four o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. Chester Sprague, pastor of the Christian church.

News was received here Wednesday of the death of Mrs. J. H. Paramore, who died at her home in Abilene Wednesday morning at four o'clock.

Mrs. Paramore was a among the early settlers of West Texas, and is well known throughout the state. For many years the family has resided at Abilene. Hugh Paramore, of Ballinger, is a son of the deceased and several other sons survive her, all of whom are well known in Ballinger. The funeral took place in Abilene yesterday.

**Buggy Cushion Lost.**

Half, or single seat cushion lost between C. A. Doose residence and Gressett Blacksmith Shop. Liberal reward for return of same to Doose's office. It.

**New Banker in Town.**

A new banker arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jo Wilmeth, Wednesday night. Mother and boy both doing nicely and the father can be found in his office (some times) at the Citizens National Bank.

**Pool Hall Change Hands.**

W. B. Page closed a deal yesterday selling the A. B. Burrell pool hall and Mr. Burrell's residence to E. A. Bean for \$5200. Mr. Bean has a man in charge of the pool hall, and Mr. Burrell is making arrangements to move to Dallas.

**Are You Hungry?**

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner and supper Monday at the old Metropolitan building on eighth street next door to Davis' store.

They will serve chicken and ham, pies and cake, and many other good things all for 25cts. Come and bring your friends.

**HELP WANTED.**

Woman to do house work for small family. Apply at Leader office for particulars.

**Official Statement of the Financial Condition**

No. 14.

Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company at Ballinger State of Texas, at the close of business on the 14th day of February 1908, published in the Banner Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger State of Texas on the 28th day of February 1907.

**RESOURCES.**

|  |                     |
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| Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral        | \$75,113.60         |
| Loans, real estate                                 | 57,765.83           |
| Overdrafts   | 17,041.33           |
| Bonds and stocks                                   | 000.00              |
| Real estate (banking house)                        | 18,000.00           |
| Other real estate                                  | 000.00              |
| Furniture and fixtures                             | 4,000.00            |
| Due from Approved Reserve Agents                   | 35,057.92           |
| Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check | 5,142.96            |
| Cash Items   | 889.53              |
| Currency   | 9,798.00            |
| Specie   | 4,509.00            |
| Other resources as follows:                        |                     |
| Safety Dep Boxes                                   | 200.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$227,518.17</b> |

**LIABILITIES**

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Capital stock paid in                      | \$60,000.00         |
| Surplus                                    | 4,000.00            |
| Undivided profits, net                     | 858.21              |
| Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check | 12,896.71           |
| Individual Deposits, subject to check      | 118,802.45          |
| Time certificates of deposit               | 9,543.80            |
| Demand Certificates deposits               | 000.00              |
| Cashier's Checks                           | 500.00              |
| Bills Payable and Re-discounts             | 20,000.00           |
| Other liabilities as follows:              |                     |
| Unpaid Dividends                           | 917.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$227,518.17</b> |

State of Texas }  
County of Runnels } ss.

We Chas. S. Miller, President and E. D. Walker, Cashier of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President  
E. D. Walker, Cashier.

We G. M. Vaughn, C. O. Harris and C. S. Bowdon directors (stockholders) of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co, do solemnly swear that we have made thorough personal examination of the books, papers, property and affairs of said corporation and that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. M. Vaughn }  
C. O. Harris } Directors  
C. S. Bowdon } (Stockholders)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of February nineteen hundred and eighth. Witness my hand and notarial seal, the date last aforesaid. (seal) Jno. F. Maddox, Notary Public, Runnels Co. Texas.

**If You Owe Ten Dollars**

to a friend it is right that you repay him promptly when it is due. If you are the right sort of a man you will exert every effort to meet the obligation.

Has it occurred to you that you owe something to yourself, that it is due you and those dependent on you that you lay up some of your earnings for the future? To do so requires but small effort on your part but it is necessary that you have a determination to DO it and then be persistent in staying by your resolution.

A bank account with this bank will assist you to accomplish the desired result, more than any other method.

We are willing to help.

**First National Bank**

Ballinger, - Texas.

**Call for Meeting Democratic Executive Committee.**

I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Runnels county to convene in my office in Ballinger on Thursday March 5th 1908, at 10 a. m.

The committee is called together for the following purpose: To elect members to fill vacancies in said committee; to consider the resignation of the chairman of the committee and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Witness my hand at Ballinger this 27th day of Feb. 1908.

T. T. Crosson,  
Chairman Democratic Executive Committee of Runnels County.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. is out with a good healthy statement of the condition of this bank. The bank continues to grow in popularity and the people behind the institution are ever working for its success.



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.**

**Geo. Washington Party.**

Miss Kate Bell Gregory entertained a number of friends last Friday evening with a delightful George Washington party.

A patriotic spirit evidenced the occasion and the decorations were in keeping with a Washington birthday celebration. The home needed only a touch here and there to complete the most artistic effect. The draping of flags gave added appropriateness to the environments.

The diversion for the evening was 42. Six tables of animated players revealed in the cheerful click of dominoes. Pretty score cards told the tale of losses and gains at the close of the hours devoted to the games after this an appetizing menu was served and greatly enjoyed.

On bidding the hostess good night many expressions of pleasure were left with her.

**Colonial Reception.**

On last Friday evening a Colonial reception was given at the C. S. Miller home by the Aid Society of the first Presbyterian church, and was indeed a pleasant affair.

All the most prominent persons of the period were there and acted their parts in a most becoming manner.

The ladies, who participated were attired in colonial costumes, with powdered hair. They looked demure and sedate but beautiful withal in their quaint old

**time costumes.**

The handsome interior of this home never appeared more attractive than on this occasion, flags and decorations of a patriotic nature contributed their share to the surroundings. A program of old time music was rendered and thoroughly enjoyed. A cherry tree covered with crimson fruit with the historic hatchet near by was a pretty part of the dining room decoration. Here a delicious lunch was served.

There was a large crowd present and the affair was truly a social as well as a financial success.

**Notice to Debtors and Creditors.**

The State of Texas, County of Runnels, To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of J. A. Glenn, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Administratrix of the estate of J. A. Glenn, deceased, late of Runnels County, Texas, by Hon. B. B. Stone, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 7th day of February 1908, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her at the office of John I. Guion, in the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, where she receives her mail concerning this estate, this 25th day of February A. D. 1908.

Elvira Glenn.



Feb. 21st, 1908

Dear friend:

I had to shovel snow this morning. We had an old shovel but I went to the grocery and got a new shovel. Mamma made me bring home a basket full of other things to eat too.

your friend,  
Jacob.

P. S.-I bought things so cheap that Mamma gave me three pennies. That is because I went to

**Dornberger & Hopkinson.**