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BANKER STEFFINS DEAD AT ABILENE.

Man Convicted of Misappropriation of Bank Funds and Sentenced to Pen, Died of Heart Failure.

A message was received this morning by C. L. Steffins from Abilene announcing the death of his brother, Otto W. Steffins, which occurred in that city this morning at 8 o'clock after a brief illness. The cause of the death is attributed to heart failure, and until last night at 12 o'clock Mr. Steffins was in apparent good health. The deceased is one of the best known men in West Texas, he having been engaged extensively in the banking business at Brownwood and Abilene.

Otto W. Steffins lived in Brownwood from 1876 to 1882, during which time he was associated with Brooke Smith in the banking business. They were located at the southwest corner of the square where the Neal building is now located, and in that capacity Mr. Steffins met with many old time citizens and formed friendships which lasted through the recent trouble which the former Brownwood citizen has passed. In 1877 he was married to Miss Bee Bowman, daughter of John Bowman of this city and as a result of the union six children were born. The wife and

five of the children survive the father.

The deceased was born in Germany, came to Texas with his parents when a lad 7 years old, and settled in North Texas, where the family resided until about the time the war broke out and then moved to Waco. There he grew to manhood and then came to Brownwood to engage in business. From here he moved with his family to Abilene in 1883.

As a business man he had but few superiors and prospered until 1903, when with James G. Lowden he organized the American National Bank with many prominent West Texans as stockholders. It was capitalized at \$75,000. In January 1905 the bank closed its doors. Indictments were returned against Lowden and Steffins, but the first bills were quashed on faults. Second indictments were quashed on demurrers. In January 1906 the third set of indictments were returned, Lowden being indicted on sixteen counts charging misappropriation and abstraction of bank funds, and also making false entries in books and false entries in reports to the comptroller, and Steffins on four counts charging misappropriation and abstraction of funds of the bank. In the first trial convictions were returned, but the higher courts reversed the cases, and a second trial was held in April 1907. Verdicts of guilty were again returned and punishment fixed at five years in the penitentiary. Both trials were



This is a familiar scene, but not out of place at this season of the year, and we publish it for the benefit of our readers who can not get out and enjoy the real life of a fisherman, and to tempt the unlucky fisherman who strives hard all day and comes home with that tired, discouraged feeling. However, we would advise our readers not to yield to the temptation; it would be useless. Only the champions can do this, and Sheriff Kirk holds the medal. This was on the Colorado River above Ballinger, and the fish were all caught at one haul and amounted to over one hundred pounds. For further particulars 'phone the Sheriff's office or call at the Leader office, and when you want to go fishing be sure that the "moon is right."

held in Abilene and attracted keen interest owing to the prominence of the principals.

Since the trouble began Otto W. Steffins has virtually been a wrecked man. He was a man who demanded a high standard of honor, and the humiliation snapped away his ambition and vitality. The Brownwood friends who remember him are not going to say that he was a bad man, for they do not so believe. They sympathize deeply with bereaved ones, and remember their former friend as a man of patriotic impulses, a friend in need and a man ready and willing to help his fellow man.—Brownwood Bulletin.

MAN DYING THOUGHT TO BE POISONED.

Unconscious Man Found This Morning Lying on the Seat of His Wagon. Had Started Home When Overcome. May be Poison.

The delivery man for the Higginbotham-Curry Co. found a man on Ninth Street, which leads out in to the Wingate road, this morning in an unconscious condition. The man was lying on the spring seat of the wagon and the team was standing in the street. The man was brought back to town and carried to the Higginbotham-Curry Co. store and physicians summoned.

It was learned later that the man's name was A. B. Daniels and that he lived in the Marie country. He stayed all night at a local wagon yard and left town this morning about ten o'clock apparently in the very best of health.

It was also learned that the man had a brother at Fort Chadbourne by the name of Homer C. Daniels. Sheriff Kirk phoned to the brother at Fort Chadbourne and he said he would be here as soon as he could get here, and stated further that he never knew of his brother drinking any, and that he was not subject to fits, or any trouble similar to the attack he had, and that something serious was evidently wrong with him. The doctor said the man had not been drinking, but at the time of going to press he had been unable to locate the trouble.

The man is in a very serious condition and little hopes of his surviving.

School Board Monthly Meeting

At its monthly meeting Saturday the School Board read and approved the Superintendent's report, transacted some routine business, and passed several resolutions of interest to the public.

It was decided to have all doors of the school buildings

changed immediately, so as to open to the outside, with a view to making impossible such an accident as happened in Ohio lately from fire.

Considering the youth of the present year's graduating class, their insufficient former preparation, and the fact that they have not had the past training and cannot complete the work as required in our present course this year, the Board decided that this class should be entitled to one more year in our schools. Hence there will be no graduating class this year. The school course in its present form being new, the pupils are as much as a year behind in one or two branches, and could not be a credit to themselves nor our schools if graduated this way. There is a wide spread feeling that we should have an eleventh grade school system, as eighty per cent of first class high schools over the state have and that our children should be educated here at home with a higher course and graduated here at a more mature age. By this means those who do not go to college will be better prepared for life, and those who do go will be at home one year longer. When we consider the great expense of a year at college in the preparatory department, as compared with the year in our home schools, this is quite an item. Besides, our city schools here should be the peer of any in the state as to work done, talent employed, course pursued and requirements; and our diplomas should mean something.

A committee of the Board visited the schools Monday morning, and examined thoroughly into the condition of the buildings and the facilities for escape and prevention of fire. There are two exit doors to each class room for all but three rooms in the two buildings. In the high school building there are very large halls, with four large exit doors leading out to the ground at different points. With these swinging outwards and always unlocked during the daily sessions, and number of windows with the screens ready to be opened by a slight push, the Ballinger children have the advantage of the best and safest modern school buildings constructed.

There is also a strong iron stairway fire escape leading from the upper stories down on the outside of the building. The children of the entire school are given the fire drill at unexpected times every few days, and the buildings can be cleared simultaneously within the short space of two-thirds of a minute. The great number of exit doors makes this rapid movement of over seven hundred children possible, and the electric bell system running to each class room makes a perfect warning device.

ARRESTED FOR HORSE STEALING

Man Wanted at Fort Worth. Arrested at Miles, yesterday.

Acting upon advice from Sheriff Kirk, the Deputy Sheriff of Miles arrested a man by the name of Clinton Baker and brought him down from Miles yesterday. The man is wanted in Fort Worth on a charge of horse theft.

Mr. Kirk located the man and after taking matter up with the Chief of Police at Fort Worth, had the man arrested and he is now in jail waiting to be transferred to Fort Worth.

Will Write up Ballinger.

Tom Fintz Jr. Staff Correspondent of the Dallas News is here today having come in from the West yesterday. Mr. Fintz is here for the purpose of giving the Ballinger country a write up in his paper. He is getting all necessary data, and will no doubt give Ballinger a good write, and make mention of the rapid progress of our country and town.

At Home Again

Although the work on the church is not finished, services will be held there Sunday. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. All members are requested to meet promptly.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. You are cordially invited to attend. League at 3:00 p. m. No service at night on account of absence of lights.

E. P. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

The official Paper.

The Leader is the official paper of the City of Ballinger made so by the City Council. The Leader publishes all the City news, ordinances, water rates, council proceedings etc. If you want to keep up with the city's affairs read the Leader.

Baby Slightly Burned.

The little boy baby of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell, J. W. Jr. fell from a chair in front of the fire Monday. The little fellow's hands struck in front of the fire in the open grate and were pretty badly burned, but we are glad to say in no ways serious.

Meeting Ballinger Chapter.

There will be a stated meeting of Ballinger Chapter No 184 tonight. All members are requested to be present and visitors cordially invited. By order of the High Priest.

J. McGregor, Sec'y.

District Court.

District Court re-convened Monday morning and took up the criminal docket.

The Miller case was continued. The Pelton forgery case went to trial and took up the court's time until Thursday at noon, when the case went to the Jury. The jury was out only a short time and brought in a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at two years in the penitentiary. The defense made motion for new trial.

The case of the State of Texas vs Ralph Keating charged with forging a check. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and the court appointed Judge C. F. Dickinson and J. W. Powell to represent the defendant. The trial was a short one and the jury gave the young man his liberty.

The grand jury adjourned at noon Tuesday and made their report as follows:

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To Hon. Jno. W. Goodwin, Dist. Judge:

We, the grand jury, empannelled for the present term of the Court by your honor, beg leave to submit this our report. We have examined diligently into all matters of violations of the law which have come to our knowledge, and have found 11 bills—five felonies and six misdemeanors. Our investigations have shown an unusual degree of criminality in the line of swindling, fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property, and like cases but we were unable to return bills in some instances on account of the failure of the injured parties to keep up with the violator and produce before the grand jury such information, names of witnesses, etc. as is necessary to the proper assistance of the officers and courts in the due administration of the laws. We urge that the business men of the county in the future be more careful and diligent in securing and presenting to the officers and grand jury the evidences and data which is necessary in such cases.

An inspection of the court house and jail shows that the same are as well kept as the condition of the buildings will permit. There should be a thorough renovation of the court house especially, which we hear is contemplated by the Commissioners court, which move is to be commended. We want to thank your honor for the courteous consideration shown us, and to the officers, the county and district attorneys and bailiffs, we extend our thanks for their assistance and faithful discharge of duties in connection with our investigation and labors.

H. Vandervanter,
Foreman.

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Election Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the city of Ballinger, Texas, by the laws of the State of Texas, and in compliance with a resolution of the city council of said city an election is hereby ordered to be held on the 7th day of April A. D. 1908, same being the first Tuesday in said month, at the Opera House in said city, for the election of three aldermen at large, and a city marshal for the unexpired term.

H. A. Massey is appointed presiding officer to hold said election. Dated this 4th day of March 1908.

John Hoffer, Mayor.
 City of Ballinger, Texas.

The names of candidates for alderman or marshal can only be placed on the official ballot by petition to the mayor signed by five per cent of the entire vote cast at the last general city election.

John Hoffer, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE

Regulating the Water Works System of the City of Ballinger, Texas, Fixing the Water Rates to Consumers, Providing Fines and Penalties for Violations Thereof, and Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Ballinger;

SEC. 1. The City of Ballinger shall have absolute control of all water mains, water service pipe, valves and connections laid in the streets, sidewalks, alleys and public grounds of said City.

SEC. 2. All applications for service attachments to mains or distributing pipes for the purpose of introducing water into any premises shall be made by the owner or agent of such premises, setting forth the purposes for which the water is to be used and the location of the premises to the Water Works Superintendent who shall issue a permit to any bonded plumber authorizing the tapping of the main and laying of the pipe.

SEC. 3. No person shall be permitted to use the water for any other purpose than that stated in his application, without first making an amended application, and any person so doing or permitting another to use the water supplied him by the City shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars for each offense.

SEC. 4. The City shall not lay any pipes except mains or distributing pipes and all service pipes must be laid and connections made by those wanting water at their own expense subject to the rules and regulations herein prescribed. No tapping shall be permitted except on sides of the mains. No service pipe shall be laid less than twelve inches deep and on straight lines and right angles from the mains. Each service pipe shall have a stop cock at the main, a stop cock on the inner edge of the side walk covered with an iron stop box flush with the sidewalk and a stop and waste cock on the premises placed below the action of frost and so situated that the water can be easily cut off and drained from the exposed pipe to prevent freezing and bursting. These requirements must be complied with before the water is turned on.

SEC. 5. The City shall not be liable for any damages occasioned by the leaking or breaking of any service pipes or cocks.

SEC. 6. Consumers shall prevent any unnecessary waste of water and are required at their own expense to keep in repair and free of leaks their hydrants, faucets, valves, hose and all other water apparatus, including stop box, and all water ways shall be closed when not in use. The City Water Works Superintendent shall cut off the supply of water in all cases where the consumer refuses or fails to promptly comply with these regulations and he shall not turn the water on again until the proper repairs have been made.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of cleaning out or making repairs to the standpipe or cleaning or repairing the boiler and pump, the City reserves the right at any time without notice to shut off the water in the mains and shall not at any time be liable for any unavoidable scarcity of water.

SEC. 8. All service pipe connections with the mains shall be 1-2 inch galvanized pipe.

SEC. 9. No continuous flow of water shall be permitted except by order of the City Council fixing a rate therefor.

SEC. 10. On and after April 1, 1908, the water rates per month to consumers of City water shall be as follows, payable monthly in advance to the Water Works Superintendent at his office at the City Hall.

For family of five or less with three head of stock.....	\$1.00
For family of over five with three head of stock.....	1.50
For each additional head of stock.....	.25
" " bath tub.....	.50
Irrigation of lawns and flowers per 1,000 sq. feet or fraction thereof.....	.50
Irrigation of trees, not embraced in lawn, each.....	.10
Irrigation of gardens, per 1,000 sq. feet or fraction thereof.....	1.50
Barber Shops 1 or 3 chairs and one tub.....	1.75
Barber Shops over 3 chairs with one tub.....	2.00
Barber Shops each additional tub.....	.50
Each office, business house or sleeping room.....	.50
Photograph Gallery.....	1.00
Restaurant.....	1.50
Bakery.....	1.00
Blacksmith Shop.....	.50
Butcher Shop or Market.....	1.00
Each Hotel or Boarding House less than 10 rooms.....	1.50
Each Hotel or Boarding House for each additional room.....	.10
Each Livery Stable.....	3.00
" Wagon Yard.....	2.00
" Saloon.....	2.00
" Cold Drink Stand.....	1.50
" Confectionery without cold drinks.....	.50

Bottling Works.....	5.00
Printing Office.....	1.00
Steam Laundry.....	10.00
Lumber Yards with watering trough.....	1.25
Circus or other exhibition \$5.00 to \$10.00 per day.....	
Rubble stone work per perch.....	.02
Brick work per 1,000 brick.....	.20
Plastering per square yard.....	.01
Railroad and School special rate.....	
Water per barrel.....	.05
Court House and Jail.....	12.50
Ice Mfg. plant.....	25.00
Oil Mill Special Rate.....	
Urinals.....	.25
Water closets each stool.....	.50

SEC. 11. Any person having more than one service pipe connection with the main shall pay full rates for each connection for the purpose for which the water is used.

SEC. 12. Any person who shall tap or connect in any manner with any water main or service pipe or who shall turn on the water from any service pipe or any other source without first having complied with the rules and regulations herein set out shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense.

SEC. 13. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use water from the City Water Works system for irrigation purposes unless they shall first pay to the Water Works Superintendent the rates herein fixed for irrigation together with the rate fixed for household use, and no irrigation shall be allowed until the Water Works Superintendent shall have measured off the ground to be irrigated, and a plot made of the survey on the application showing measurements. The hours for the use of water for irrigation purpose are hereby fixed from 2:30 o'clock p.m. to 7:30 o'clock p.m. provided that all water consumers residing west and north of East Avenue shall be allowed to use water for irrigation purposes from 6 o'clock a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m. Provided further that in no case shall City water be used for irrigation on Sunday. And it is further provided that no irrigation shall be permitted except by hand hose or sprinkling. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Section or who shall irrigate more ground than has been measured and paid for, or for any purpose than that stated in his application, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars for each offense.

SEC. 14. All consumers shall have the first seven days of each month in which to pay their water rents, and on default of payment within said time, the Water Works Superintendent shall cut the water off and shall not turn it on again until all water rents are paid together with a penalty of one dollar.

SEC. 15. Any consumer of City water or any other person for such consumer who shall turn the water into his service pipe after it has been cut off by the Water Works Superintendent or by his instructions, for failure to pay water rents, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

SEC. 16. Any person who shall tamper with, injure, or deface any City hydrant, fire plug, stop cock, main, pipe, valve, pump house, engine boiler or any other property or fixtures belonging to and a part of the City Water Works system shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars for each offense.

SEC. 17. Whenever a fire alarm is given or a fire is raging in the City every service pipe connected with the Water Works system shall be immediately closed and kept closed until the fire is extinguished. Any user of City water violating this regulation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars for each offense.

SEC. 18. For the purpose of examination and inspection the City Water Works Superintendent or any City officer shall have access at all reasonable hours to all parts of the premises to which water is supplied after first asking permission of the occupant, and any person who shall refuse to permit such inspection and examination by said Water Works Superintendent or any City officer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof in the corporation court shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

SEC. 19. Any failure on the part of the Water Works Superintendent to carry out and enforce the regulations and requirements of this ordinance shall be deemed sufficient grounds for his removal from office by the City Council.

SEC. 20. It is made the special duty of the Water Works Superintendent and the City Marshal to file complaints against any and all persons violating this Ordinance.

SEC. 21. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed and the rule requiring a sec-

ond and third reading is hereby suspended, and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after publication as required by law.
 Passed and approved March 6, 1908.
 JOHN HOFFER,
 Mayor.

Attest:
 J. R. LUSK,
 City Secretary

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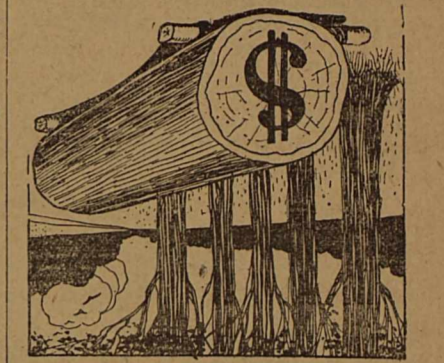
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ANNUAL REPORT OF CITY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Makes Detailed Report and Offers good Suggestion for Council's Consideration

To the Hon. Mayor, and City Council, Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:—

We, your Finance Committee, appointed to examine into and report on the financial condition of the City of Ballinger, and the various accounts of the Officers of said City would respectfully beg leave to report as follows:—

We have carefully checked the books of your Secretary, and Treasurer, a Water-Works Superintendent compared entries with Vouchers and Warrants issued, and find same to be correct. All books are neatly, and carefully kept in a manner that makes a permanent record of the City's business.

We have been accorded by your officers, all the assistance, and information, asked for, in a prompt and courteous manner. And to the end, that the public may be placed in the possession of information, that may be of interest to them, and to which they are entitled, we have gone, perhaps more fully into details than is usually the case, in the ordinary financial report. In making suggestions for changes in methods, we do not mean to criticize the present methods but merely state, what our belief is that the changes suggested would work to the advantage of the city, and to the betterment of the service.

We are informed by your Water Works Superintendent that almost his entire time is taken up in the collection of the monthly water rates, this means that it is costing the City now over ten per cent to collect these rates. We suggest that the rates be made payable at the City Hall, to the Secretary, and thus relieve the Supt. of this part of the work leaving him time to attend to the other duties of his office. As the only practical, and equitable solution of the question of water rates we would suggest that as soon as possible, the City adopt the "Meter System," then each consumer would pay exactly for the amount of water used, and no more, the water would be used only when needed, the consumer could use it at any time during the day that suited his convenience, and the irrigating restrictions as to hours and the possible waste of water would be avoided.

Our report is up to the close of your fiscal year January 31st 1908.

We find the bonded indebtedness of the City to be as follows:—

First Bond Issue for Water Works	\$16500 00
Second	14000 00
Total Bonds Issued	30500 00
Amount of Bonds paid	1500 00
Present Bonded Indebtedness	29000 00
Time Warrants not due for Road Mch. Boiler	5916 00
Amount still due on Storm Sewer Contract	724 00
Street Grade	374 65
1377 30	
Total Indebtedness	37391 95

We find cash in hands of Treasurer on January Thirty-First Nineteen Hundred Eight, as follows:—

General Fund	\$3673 66
Special Water Works Fund	498 36
Street and Bridge	214 84
Permanent Water Works and Sinking Fund	2927 48
Total Resources	7314 34

We find that the Total Receipts from Water Rates for the past year, are per the Superintendents report and Treasurer's receipts \$8886 60

To which in our opinion, the following amounts are properly chargeable.

Supt. and Pumpers Salaries	\$1690 00
Fuel, and freight on same	2678 38
Repairs, Supplies and Extra Labor	1272 01
Installing New Machinery and laying pipe	1145 85
Annual Interest on Water Works Bonds	1600 00
Pro-Rate of Office Expense and Salaries	810 00
Total Annual Costs of Water Works	9196 24

We find the Costs of Extensions of Water Works from last Bond Issue to be as follows:—

Amount paid J. W. Moore Contractor	\$11567 12
" " J. B. Hawley Engineer	550 00
" " Vampelt & Kirk	971 40
" " H. M. Harvey Contractor	682 95
" " J. I. Guion 55 acres of land	1100 00
" " Laborers (rebuilding dam)	318 00
Total Cost	15189 47
Proceeds of \$14000 00 Bonds sold	14175 00
Balance Paid from Special Water Works Fund	1014 47

We find the cost of Storm Sewer System to be as follows:—

1193 ft. 14 in. Vertrified Sewerage pipe Laid	\$1073 70
4307 ft. 12 in. " " " " "	3014 90
1140 ft. 8 in. " " " " "	570 00
30 Concrete Man-Holes and Covers	210 00
Street Grading per contract	1377 30
Lowering Hutchins Ave Water Mains	80 00
Plugs for Taps changed	10 70
Total Street and Sewer Work	6336 60
On above Contracts we find amounts paid to date	4584 85
Leaving Balance due on Contracts	\$1751 95

We find the City Volunteer Fire Department equipped as follows with City Property:—

1 Hose and Ladder Wagon	\$750 00
2 Horses	500 00
Harness	115 00
2000 ft Fire Hose	1600 00
2 Hose Carts (old)	100 00
Total	3065 00

The Fire Station belongs to the Volunteer Fire Co. The Annual cost for Team and Driver is \$960.00, which is a very small item compared to the additional Insurance Rates our citizens would be compelled to pay, if we had not this organization for protection from Fire Losses.

We find the Total Receipts from all Sources for the year to be as follows:—

Water Rates	\$ 8886 60
Advelorem Tax	11244 61

Occupation Tax	1185 45
Fines, Dog Tax etc.	198 20
Interest on Bank Balances	226 33
Total	21741 19

For which Amount Secretary holds Treasurer Receipts.

We find Taxes for the years, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 to be delinquents to an amount nearly \$1000 00
And for 1907 800 00
Making a total Delinquent Taxes about 1800 00
Suits on all back years Delinquents have been instituted to enforce collections.

We find Property owned by the City as follows:—

Water Works System (estimated value)	\$40000 00
55 acres of Land near Dam, cost	1100 00
25 acres in City Park, and Improvements cost.	1500 00
10 Lots near City Park, Block 77	1000 00
Fire Department Equipment	3065 00
Street Machinery and Tools	6000 00
Total	\$52665 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.
R. W. BRUCE
W. A. NORMAN
J. MCGREGOR
Finance Committee.
Ballinger, Texas, March 10th. 1909.

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
—Old Papers 20c hundred.

Scientist Declares Red and Yellow the Only Two Visible to the Sleeper.

Red and yellow are the dream colors if Dr. Havelock Ellis is right. No other hues come to the dreamer of dreams. Simroth has declared that red is the most primitive of colors, and long ago protoplasm from which human beings derived their origin on the new earth probably responded to or was affected by red color waves.

In the depth of the sea the algae or seaweed are red. With the savage red is the favorite color, and for a bright piece of red calico African savages gladly would give valuable elephant tusks.

Red strikes the note of intense emotions. It is the color of joy, exultation, jubilation. Savages paint themselves red and rejoice at seeing each other in burning hues. German women of the early ages daubed their bodies with brilliant red and yellow, and considered themselves beautifully adorned.

On sacred festivals in Rome and Greece Pliny records red was smeared over the statues of Jupiter and was the color of religious rejoicing.

The human eye, it is said, can distinguish 100,000 different hues or colors, and can appreciate and differentiate twenty shades of each hue. In other words, the eye is capable of 2,000,000 color impressions.

Silver Aluminum Jelly Moulds Free.

Individually Moulded desserts are now considered the proper thing. The moulds are hard to get outside the large cities, but users of JELL-O, The Dainty-Desert, can get them absolutely free. Circular in each package explaining and illustrating the different patterns. JELL-O is sold by all good grocers at 10c. per package. Do not accept a substitute or you will be disappointed.

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
Pone 16

FEED

J. M. Clement will open a general feed store opposite the court house about March 9th.

Wholesale and Retail Grain.

Weigh The Advantages

Of a loose cash system against a bank account and you will find everything in favor of the latter.
You can accomplish anything through the bank that you can with the cash and you have these advantages:
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.
No one can make you pay a bill twice, because your cancelled check is the best receipt known in law.
You gain the respect of your fellow citizens and have the influence of the bank behind you. Give up that dangerous cash system and start a bank account today.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,

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.

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

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Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to Provide for the Numbering of Business and Dwelling Houses, and Naming the Streets in the City of Ballinger, and Providing for the Penalties for the Violation of Same.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Ballinger.

SEC. 1. That it shall be the duty of the owner, agent of the owner or the occupant of each business house in the City of Ballinger, to have the same numbered in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Using Hutchinson Avenue as a base line, North and South, all business and dwelling house on streets running from Hutchinson Avenue toward Colorado River, or East, shall be designated as East for instance, as on East Eighth Street, and all business and dwelling houses on Streets running West from Hutchinson's Avenue shall be designated as West, instance as on West Eighth Street; all business and dwelling houses on Streets running from First street shall be numbered consecutively according to the Number of the Street, allowing 100 numbers to the Block.

SEC. 3. At each Street intersection there shall be four signs, two on each opposite diagonal corner, showing the two streets coming there; said signs shall have letters and figures not less than three inches in height, to be white on dark blue ground; which signs shall be five inches wide, and of length to suit the street name thereon.

SEC. 4. All dwelling and business houses shall be numbered with figures which shall be not less than two inches in height, and of style to suit the owner; all numbers shall be ascertained by accurately measuring from base line according to the official map of the City of Ballinger.

SEC. 5. There shall be appointed by the City Council person who shall be known as the "Official Numberer," whose duty shall be to number the streets and houses of the city of Ballinger as hereinbefore provided and upon such terms and conditions as shall be further provided by the City of Ballinger; and it shall be unlawful for any other person than the official numberer to number said houses and streets, and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. It shall be duty of the owner, or agent, or occupant, of any business or dwelling house within the limits of the City of Ballinger to have said house numbered according to the provision of this ordinance; and any owner, agent or occupant who shall fail or refuse to have said house numbered according to the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Passed and approved March, 10th, 1908.
Attest, JOHN HOFFER,
J. R. LUSK, Mayor.
City Secretary.

Cause of Stomach Troubles.

When a man has trouble with his stomach you may know that he is eating more than he should or of some article of food or drink not suited to his age or occupation, or that his age or occupation, or that his bowels are habitually constipated. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to regulate the bowels and improve the digestion and see if the trouble does not disappear. Ask for a free sample. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Prohibition Rally.

Dallas, Texas, March 7 1908.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF TEXAS.

At a meeting of Democrats, in the City of Fort Worth, Feb. 29, from all parts of Texas, the following resolution was adopted:

"We, your committee recommended that the State Democratic Executive Committee be properly petitioned to submit to the Democratic primary election of July 25th, 1908, the issue as to whether or not the Democratic party shall incorporate in its platform a demand for the submission of a prohibition amendment to the Constitution of Texas."

It was further resolved that there be a rally of democrats, who favor the submission of this question, at the county seat or other convenient place in each county in Texas on March 14th, 1908, and thoroughly organize for work in this campaign by electing county and precinct chairman; and making such other preparation as may be necessary to carry on a work of education in the interest of the submission to the people of this amendment.

This is, therefore, to urge every democrat who is in favor of submitting this question to the people to assemble at the time and places above mentioned and organize for work.

We hope every democrat in Texas will attend these rallies as no one should object to this question being submitted to the democratic voters of Texas.

Very Respectfully
STERLING P. STRONG,
Chairman.

Woods Sisters.

What the Laredo Times has to say of the Woods Sisters Co. which play the Ballinger Opera house 3 nights commencing Monday March 16th.

Lerado has not enjoyed anything in the way of drama, for several seasons, or perhaps at no time, as good or better, than the play, "Thelma" as presented by the Woods Sisters Company in Market Hall last night. The interested attention and appreciative silences as well as applause of the large audience, that filled the house, evidenced the evening as a theatrical treat, and the performance as one that had justly won its general approval. Hazel Woods as the guileless and natural Norse maiden of the title role could not have been cast better, and a fine support to the part was Frederick Starr as her father, the splendid and dignified descendent of the Vikings.

Aida Lawrence made a good Lady Windsleigh and revengeful Louisa was a piece of strong histrionic ability, that brought, not from the hideous part, but itself a solid applause. Jack Connolly in the role of lover was good, in fact the entire cast was excellent and did good work. But, maybe, the most striking appearance and one of the best representations given of the characters in Marie Corelli's story was "Sigard" as interpreted and played by Edwin L. Patterson.

The play was interesting all through and closed with a beautiful climax in the tableaux of the "Sinking Ship," the flaming funeral pyre of the devotee of Thor and Odin.

A pretty and several times encoored specialty was the sprightly duet given by the Woods Sisters in charming costumes. The duet by Otto Krause and Palmer Morrison was equally appreciated.

"The Armless Man."

Said, "It wasn't money he wanted, but somebody to scratch his back." There are many with strong arms and willing hands that have that same yearning. Hunt's Cure will make back scratching, or any other old scratching totally unnecessary. It knocks out that itching sensation that ever happened, and its does it right now. One application relieves.

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NOW IS BEST TIME TO TAKE.

A Noted Authority Gives Directions to Prepare Simple, Yet Remarkable Home Mixture.

A well-known authority on Rheumatism gives the readers of a large New York daily paper the following valuable, yet simple and harmless prescription, which any one can easily prepare at home:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Mix by shaking well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime. He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost, and being of vegetable extraction, are harmless to take.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any diminishes with each dose, until permanent result are obtained, and without injuring the stomach. While there are many so-called Rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the above will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at this time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of this neighborhood elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggists here will mix the prescription for our readers if asked to.

A Neighbor of Yours.

as well as yourself is liable at any time to have rheumatism.

We're all liable to have cuts or burns, bruises or scalds, crick in the back, neck or side—some kind of an ache or pain. Then heed this advice and tell your neighbors—Ballard's Snow Liment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds.

Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Unequaled as a Cure for Croup.

"Besides being an excellent remedy for colds and throat troubles, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is unequaled as a cure for croup," says Harry Wilson of Waynetown, Ind. When given as soon as the croupy cough appears, this remedy will prevent the attack. It is used successfully in many thousands of homes. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Unselfish friendship is the rarest thing on earth.

If You Read This

It will be to learn that the leading medical writers and teachers of all the several schools of practice recommend, in the strongest terms possible, each and every ingredient entering into the composition of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the cure of weak stomach, dyspepsia, catarrh of stomach, "liver complaint," torpid liver, or biliousness, chronic bowel affections, and all catarrhal diseases of whatever region, name or nature. It is also a specific remedy for all such chronic or long standing cases of catarrhal affections and their resultants, as bronchial, throat and lung disease (except consumption) accompanied with severe coughs. It is not so good for acute colds and coughs, but for lingering, or chronic cases it is especially efficacious in producing perfect cures. It contains Black Cherry bark, Golden Seal root, Bloodroot, Stone root, Mandrake root and Queen's root—all of which are highly praised as remedies for all the above mentioned affections by such eminent medical writers and teachers as Prof. Bartholow, of Jefferson Med. College; Prof. Hare, of the Univ. of Pa.; Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Med. College, Chicago; Prof. John King, M. D., of Cincinnati; Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., of Cincinnati; Prof. Edwin M. Hise, M. D., of Hahnemann Med. College, Chicago, and scores of others, equally eminent in their several schools of practice.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is the only medicine put up for sale through druggists for like purposes that has any such professional endorsement—worth more than any number of ordinary testimonials. Open publicity of its formula is the best possible guaranty of its merits. A glance at this published formula will show that "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no poisonous, harmful or habit-forming drugs and no alcohol—chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine being used instead. Glycerine is entirely unobjectionable and besides is a most useful agent in the cure of all stomach as well as bronchial, throat and lung affections. There is the highest medical authority for its use in all such cases. The "Discovery" is a concentrated glyceric extract of native, medicinal roots and is safe and reliable. A booklet of extracts from eminent, medical authorities, endorsing its ingredients, mailed free on request. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Election Year

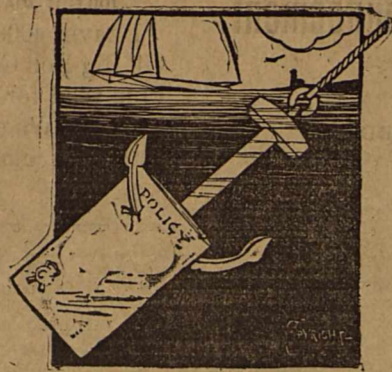
1908 promises to be the warmest campaign year the country has experienced since the Hogg-Clark campaign. Many people—voters—will go to the polls to vote ignorant of the important issues before the people, and will have to vote as the other fellow says, or vote on the question ignorantly. And why? Because 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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Ballinger, Texas



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WILL NUMBER STREETS AND HOUSES.

City Council Passes Ordinance and Takes Steps Towards Securing Free Mail Delivery.

The City Council met in call session Tuesday evening for the purpose of passing the Numbering ordinance and passing on the report of the finance Committee and discussing other matters of vast importance.

The street and house numbering ordinance was passed and will be found published elsewhere in this paper. Bids will be received and contract let for this work, perhaps, at the next meeting.

The report of the finance committee was accepted and the committee discharged. The report is published elsewhere in this paper.

An ordinance abolishing the office of Water Works Superintendent was discussed and passed over to the next meeting. It is the idea of the Council to place the duties of this office on the City Marshal and Secretary and make all water dues payable at the Secretary's office.

An ordinance condemning the wooden awnings in the town was also passed over to the next meeting.

A committee was before the Council asking that 12th street be opened. This street is now blocked near the residence of Post master Cady.

Work of interest was discussed at length and will be taken up at the next meeting.

Prohibition Petition.

The following is the out line of the petition that will be circulated and submitted to the State Democratic Executive Committee, asking that the Democratic party be allowed to vote on submitting the amendment at the July primary.

To the Honorable State Democratic Executive Committee:

We, the undersigned Democrats who are legally qualified voters in the State of Texas, constituting ten per cent, of the Democratic party in said state as shown by the last primary election vote, respectfully petition your honorable body to submit the following question of specific legislation to the voters of the Democratic party at the general primary to be holden on the 25th day of July, A. D., 1908 next preceding the State Democratic convention.

Whether the voters favor the submission by the Thirty-first Legislature of this State of a constitutional amendment to the people for their adoption or rejection, prohibiting with in the State of Texas the manufacture, sale, gift, exchange and intrastate shipment of alcoholic, vinous and malt liquors and medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication.

To this end that you cause apt and appropriate language to be printed up on the tickets to be used by the voter in said primary election, whereby the voters favoring the submission on said amendment to the State Constitution may so vote, and those opposing such submission may vote in opposition thereto.

Lame Shoulder.

Whether resulting from a sprain or from rheumatic pains, there is nothing so good for a lame shoulder as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Apply it freely and rub the parts vigorously at each application and a quick cure is certain. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Judge J. W. Powell makes it a specialty to draw and probate wills, settle up estates, act guardian of minors, trustee in bankruptcy and closing up financial affairs. 15t

GLORIOUS RAIN MAKES GLAD.

Good Season for Planting and to Make Small Grain Crop. Cold Does No Damage.

A blizzard swooped down upon us early Saturday morning and people were in fear for early fruit and gardens, but fortunately the blizzard turned to rain before the cold could get in its damaging work. A slow rain fell Sunday, Sunday night and Monday, and continued to fall at intervals up until Tuesday at noon. It is estimated that the rain was sufficient to put a good season in the ground, and as it fell slow did a great deal more good than if the same amount of water had fallen within a short time. It cleared off Tuesday night and a light frost covered things, but from general reports it did no damage to fruit and gardens.

The small grain crops are reported in fine condition, and grass is coming in a hurry, while the fine season will bring up the crops. Farmers are up with their work, have their land in fine shape, and taking all things together the country is in fine shape. Prospects are good for good crops, and a great many people say better than they ever saw them at this season of the year.

Runnels County Fruit and Truck Growers Association.

All members of the Runnels County Fruit and Truck Growers Association are urged to attend a meeting to be held Saturday, March 21st at 3 o'clock at the Opera house in Ballinger. All those who have not already made arrangements must be prepared to pay for his seed on that day, as the money must be sent by that date.

Mr. H. Van Buskirh is offering an additional reward of \$15. for the best acre of cantaloupes from his seed.

At this meeting we will arrange a day for planting and also wish to plan some rabbit hunts. 26 2t. L. G. Bills, Pres.

Good Man Located Here.

Geo. E. Sanders, of Marlin, closed a deal with Ben Long, last week, in which Mr. Sanders gets some city property in Ballinger, some land in Coleman county and the stock of dry goods of Long Bros., in this city. Mr. Long gets a two section ranch and a bunch of cattle located in Glasscock county. The deal figured about \$19,000.

Mr. Sanders will move his family to Ballinger and make this his home. He comes to highly recommended as a citizen, and we welcome him and his family to our midst.

Race Suicide.

as President Roosevelt calls it is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. And eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25 and 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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.

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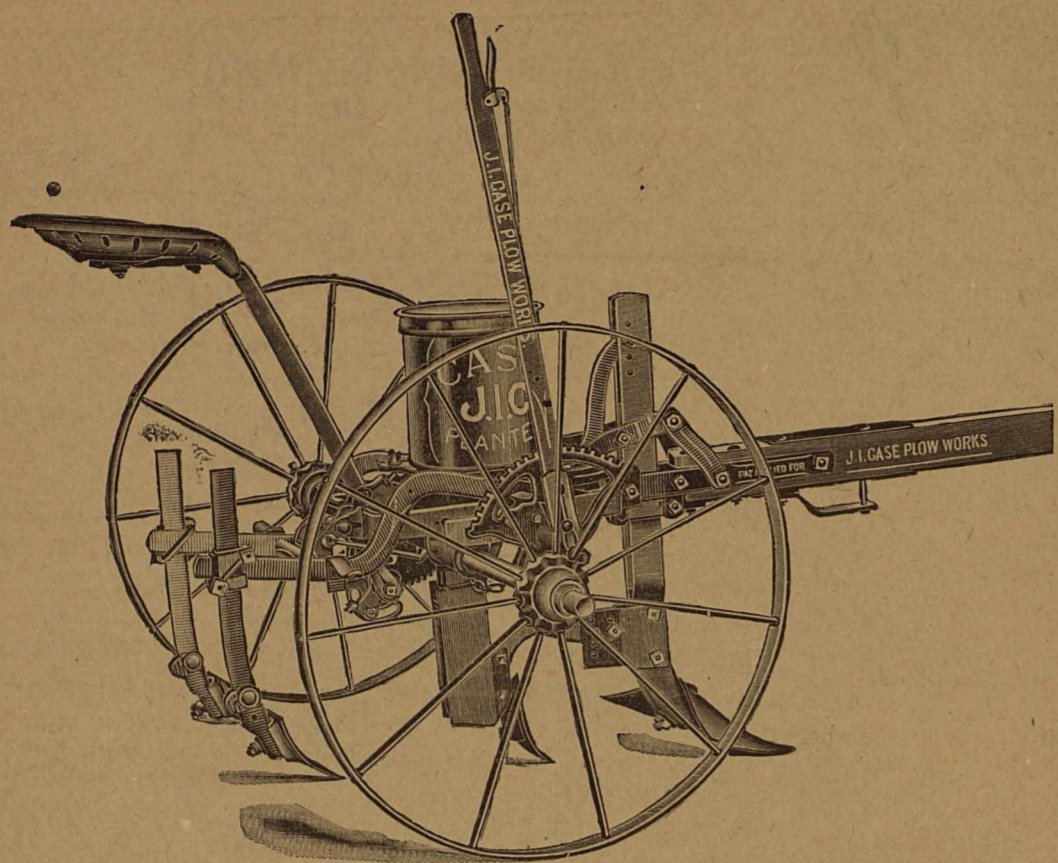
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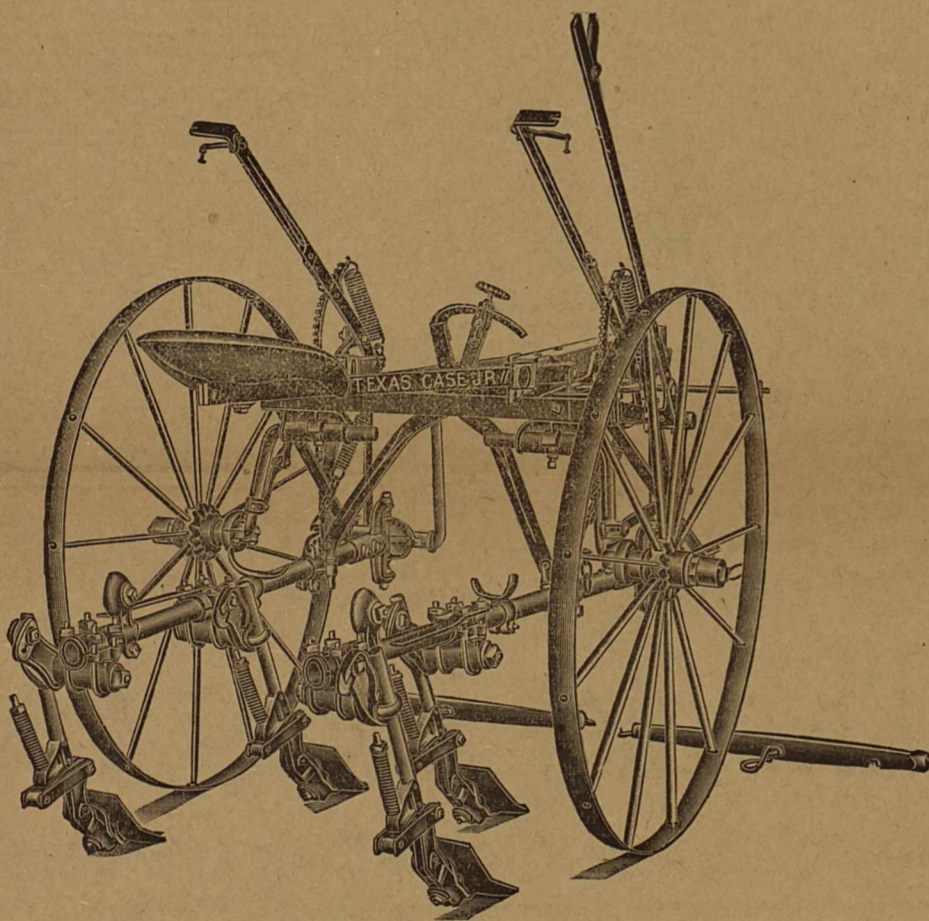
M. D. Chastain

Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.



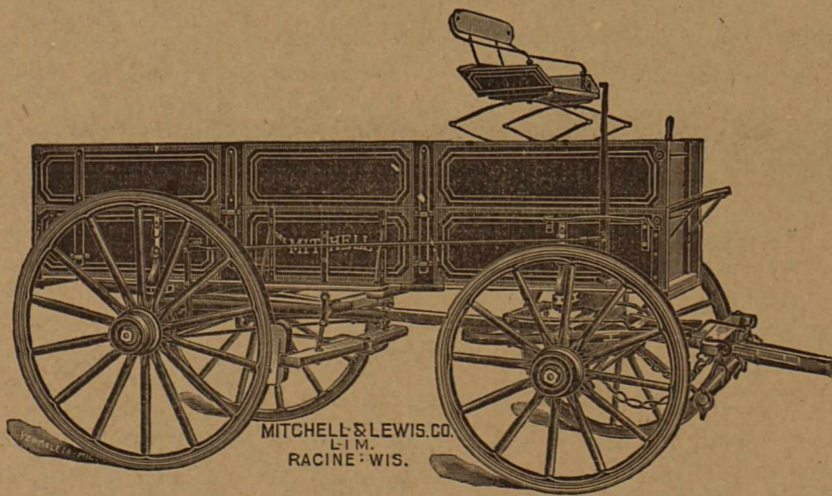
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THE MITCHELL WAGON---The Wagon Built For West Texas

Higginbotham-Currie Company

The CASH or CREDIT Store.

For City Marshal.

The City Council has ordered that at the general City Election to be held April 7th a City Marshal be elected to the office of Marshal now being filled by appointment.

Marshal McKay is serving under appointment and wants to be elected to the place, and you will find the name of J. N. McKay on the ticket. Jack has made the city a splendid Marshal, and did his work faithful when there was little pay in the office. He goes when called upon and shows no partiality in dealing with the wicked.

He comes before the people for election with a record to show what he has done and what he will continue to do. You can't make a mistake when you vote for Jack McKay for City Marshal.

Junior B. Y. P. U.

Ninth St. Baptist Church. 3:30 p. m. March 15, 1908.

Subject:—Seven Things to Avoid.

Leader—Clinton Penn.

Song

Prayer

Scripture readings,

1 John 3:11 15.—Cecil McMinn

Gen; 6: 5-8—Herbert Grant.

Romans, 3: 19-18—Ruth Grundy.

Exodus, 20, 16—Pauline Carpenter.

Eph; 4:25—Lucile Powell.

Prov; 16:32—Ruby Campbell.

Talk by L. E. Bair.

Psalms, 141:3 repeated in concert by the Juniors,

Song by the little children.

Recitation Ethel Bair.

Recitation Marguerite Gregory

Each Junior will be expected to repeat the first 13 books of the Old Testament.

Closing Prayer.

CONSUMPTION

Its Cause and Suggested Means of Recovery.

Consumption is not always an inherited disease, and a large percentage of cases may be attributed to the following causes:

First defective digestion. Second, imperfect nutrition as a result of the first. Third, the accumulation of morbid product in the lungs as the result of imperfect nutrition, and this in turn breaks down the function of respiration and consumption is an established disease.

The first step toward a cure is to restore the function of nutrition, and to this end nothing in the world excels Vinol.

It is for this reason we want every person in Ballinger to know about our delicious cod liver preparation, Vinol, which is far superior to old fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions because it is made by a scientific, extractive and concentrating process from fresh cods' livers, combining with peptonate of iron all the medicinal, healing, body building elements of cod liver oil, but no

In pulmonary diseases, it nourishes the body, increases vigor, checks the cough and often mitigates the disease. As a strengthener for old people, delicate children, weak, run down persons, and after sickness, Vinol is unexcelled.

We ask Ballinger people to try Vinol on our offer to return their money if it does no give satisfaction. The Walker Drug Co.

Tetter, Salt Rheum and Eczema.

These are diseases for which Chamberlain's Salve is especially valuable. It quickly allays the itching and smarting and soon effects a cure. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

It's a Hustler.

Huht's Lightning Oil is up and doing all the time. It cures your aches, pains, cuts, burns and bruises while you sleep. Rub a little on your misery and feel it disappear.

B. W. Pilcher for Marshal.

B. W. Pilcher, who is now serving the people in the capacity of Constable, is in the race for City Marshal. Mr. Pilcher is too well known in the town to need any words of praise from us. He has served as Constable for many years, making just what he could out of the office, which has been small compared with the service rendered, and he wants the Marshal's office because it is a better office and he feels that he is entitled to something better after serving the people so long for such small pay.

Mr. Pilcher is a fearless officer attentive to his duties and if elected to the office of Marshal he will make good, and the people will have no cause to regret voting for him.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Ballinger Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Ballinger are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Many people are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

T. J. Low, proprietor of ice cream store, Comanche, Tex., says: "I have tried many remedies but have never found one to do the satisfactory work that Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. For several years my back has caused me much trouble, the pain and lameness over my hips being very severe and painful at times. This I know was caused by kidney ailments, the secretions being too frequent and then again too scanty, with a burning pain in the neck of the bladder. I first heard of Doan's Kidney Pills at a drug store, and I feel it was the best information I ever received. This remedy simply cannot be beaten. It gave me more relief than all the other remedies that I had taken."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

Lovers.

of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and then try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel troubles.

Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

A Swollen Jaw.

is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, toothache or accident. Ballard's Snow Liniment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. The great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds—any and all aches and pains.

Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Test its Value.

Simmons Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for Constipation and Disordered Liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does no gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.

W. M. Tomlinson, Oswego, Kan.

This is So.

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it, that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of itching skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief.

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

Letter to Joe Edwards.

Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: A new word has come into use in paint; it is strong. Strong paint is paint as strong as paint can be. Weak paint is paint not so strong.

If one paint takes 10 gallons to do a job and another 15, the 10 gallon paint is the stronger.

If one paint wears 10 years, and another 5, the 10 year paint is the stronger.

The strongest paint is the one that takes least gallons and wears longest.

But do such difference exist? Yes and greater. Devoe is the strongest of all. A job that takes 10 gallons Devoe takes more than 20 of some. And a job of Devoe wears several times as long as a job of some paints.

O. E. Perrp, East 8th St, Erie, Pa. painted two houses same size; same time; with two paints same price; took 3 gallons Devoe to 4 of the other; and in three years Devoe was the better looking job.

There are strong and weak paints; we all want the strongest; paint can't be too strong.

Yours truly

F. W. Devoe & Co.

Ballinger Lumber Co. sells our paint.

—The Leader sells old papers.

DO YOU GET UP

WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and Home of Swamp-Root, dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists. 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.

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Grape Cream of Tartar
No alum—No lime phosphate

Don't forget to vote for the bond issue Tuesday,

S. W. Martin of Oxien orders the Leader to visit his home.

E. J. Guin, a Wingate merchant, is here today on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Richardson, this morning, a girl.

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

Ernest Plummer went to Paint Rock on insurance business, today.

W. R. Bruce and Lee Maddox had business in Winters, first of the week.

The home of Judge Sayle is about completed and ready for occupancy.

A bright little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Risser, Jr. Monday.

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

T. P. Brown, of the Mud Creek neighborhood, is a new name on the Leader's honor roll.

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

Tom Weathers, a real estate man from Midland, is here to close up a land deal this week.

Dick Thorpe, of the Citizens National Bank, went to Round Rock, Wednesday, for a ten days visit.

The Mission Study Class will meet with Mrs. Shepherd next Tuesday 17th. All members please take notice.

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

Quite a bunch of Citizens were in from Crews this week, as witnesses in the Miller-Boone shooting scrape.

J. T. Billups was attending district court here this week, and returned to his home at Truitt, yesterday.

C. A. Doose went East on business Monday. He will return by Moody and accompany Mrs. Doose and the children home.

C. A. Doose came in last night from a business trip East. He was accompanied home by his family who have been visiting in Moody.

The society people will enjoy a dance at the skating pavilion tonight. Something like twenty-five or thirty couples will participate.

Dr. Kooken, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of San Angelo, will be at Drs. Blasdel & Thomas, office in Ballinger every Sunday.

Quite a number of railroad employees were here first of the week, being witnesses in a damage suit case and in the Pelton forgery case.

Lawrence Harris who now has a good position with the Santa Fe at Fort Worth, came home first of the week, on a visit to his mother.

The district court is winding up the session this morning by settling a number of divorce cases, and disposing of a few nonjury cases.

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.

"Our Old Kentucky Home" was a good play presented by a good clean Company at the Opera house Wednesday night. A fairly good audience saw the play.

W. L. Ellis left for his old home at Round Rock Wednesday, to spend a few days and bring his family, who have been visiting at that place for some time, home.

An old gentleman by the name of James died West of town last Friday night and was buried in the local cemetery Saturday under the direction of the County officials.

Dr. Kooken, 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.

W. T. Shearer, J. C. Golden, H. B. Taylor, all of Ballinger, J. L. Gabbert, H. C. Perry, of Winters, and W. G. Wilkerson, of Drasco, are new subscribers to the Banner-Leader.

We are glad to report that W. C. Penn who has been confined to his home for some time with a severe spell of sickness, is improving, and it is reported will soon be himself again.

The rabbit hunt which was billed for last Tuesday did not take place on account of the rain. However it is the intention of the promoters to try to get the boys together and have a big hunt.

The Texas Press Association meets at Mineral Wells May 21-23. An interesting program has been arranged and the topics to be discussed are of general interest to the newspaper fraternity and the people too.

The old Metropolitan hotel building is being remodeled and fixed up for a business house. We understand a man by the name of McCampbell, of Gonzales is going to put in a stock of shoes in this building.

Alderman R. T. Jones says he looks at the bond issue like he does at the crop for 1908. We are going to get both because it is absolutely necessary that we have them; can't get along without them. We trust you are right Mr. Jones.

The improvements being made around the Central hotel will in the course of time give that popular place an attractive appearance. Nice concrete curbing and walks with a row of shade trees and rose bushes extending all around the front.

Claud McCaleb, of Fort Worth was here Monday to do the stenographic work for the Santa Fe in a damage suit case in District Court. Claude was a Ballinger school kid at one time, but is now a man with family and holds good position with Santa Fe.

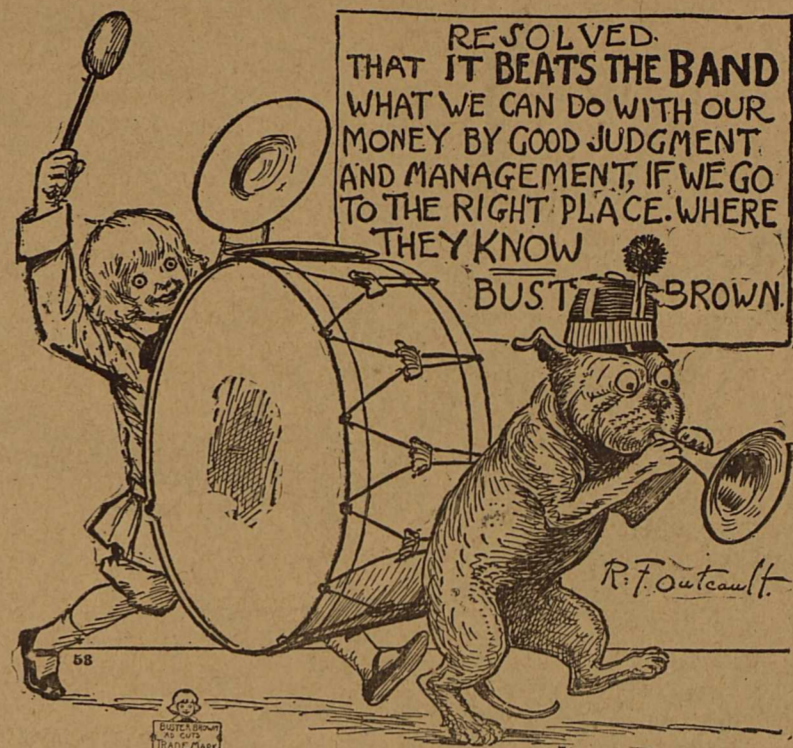
S. R. Munsey, one of Runnels county's pioneer and best citizens made the Leader office a pleasant call, Wednesday. Mr. Munsey is another to take the advantage of our clubbing offer on the Leader and Dallas News.

Deputy Sheriff Andrew Mansker was here yesterday, from Fort Worth, after the prisoner Baker wanted in Fort Worth for horse stealing. Mr. Mansker spent last night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mansker, and will return to Fort Worth with his prisoner this evening.

Monday was a busy day for the officers. Sheriff Kirk busy waiting on District Court, and City Marshal McKay and Constable Pilcher busy looking after some who were inclined to celebrate the good rain. All three being candidates too, they were kept busy meeting the people who were here attending court.

The grand jury failed to return an indictment against the woman who was charged with infanticide. It will be remembered by last weeks readers of the Leader the sensation that was caused in our city by the finding of a newly born babe. The matter has been dropped and the mother allowed to go free.

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



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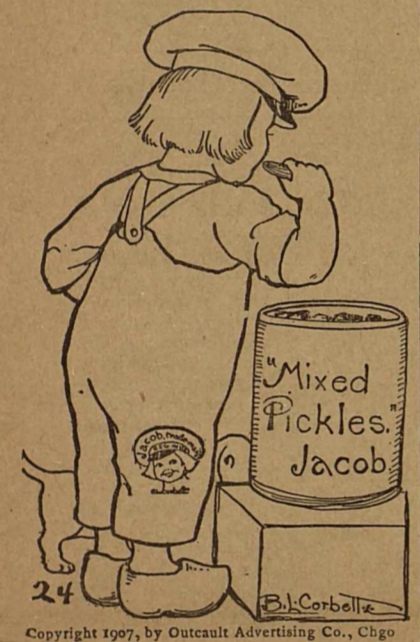
WHY DOES ONE PLACE BECOME THE RIGHT PLACE? THAT IS SIMPLE: BECAUSE AT THAT PLACE THEY TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT. HOW? BY GIVING GOOD GOODS FOR THE MONEY THEY GET. THE GOODS WE SELL ARE GOOD, BETTER, BEST--NEVER TRASH. WHATEVER PRICE WE MAY CHARGE YOU, YOU MAY DEPEND UPON IT THAT YOU WILL AT LEAST GET SOMETHING 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.



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Dear friend:

If you love pickles and your mamma has not put up any pickles, let me tell you where you can get some nice pickles that have got just the best kind of flavor. You know the flavor is the best part of pickles.

Sour Pickles will cost you 25 cents a half gallon.

Mixed Sweet Pickles will cost you 25 cts

Dill Pickles will cost you 5 for 10 cents.

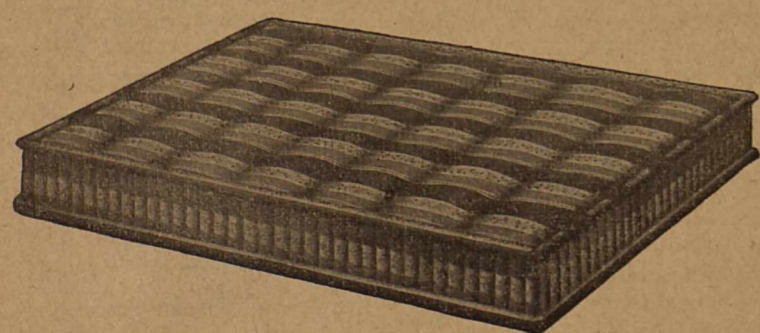
Mangoes Pickles will cost you 5 for 10 cents.

Your friend,
JACOB.

P.S. You can get the best pickles in town at

Dornberger & Hopkinson.

Ballinger Mattress Factory



We have equipped and now in operation in Ballinger an up-to-date Mattress factory. Our factory is equipped with the same machinery used in the factories at Dallas and Fort Worth with an expert man in charge. We make mattresses comforts, pillows, etc. and repair and clean old mattresses. We invite the public to inspect our plant, investigate our goods. We can save you money on these goods. Mattresses made at home with the same machinery out of the same material by as good workman as those made in larger cities are cheaper, because our expenses are lighter and no freight to pay. Phone 67

BALLINGER MATTRESS FACTORY

W. J. Miller returned to Ballinger on Sunday.

E. W. Roby went to Ballinger yesterday afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. H. J. Crozzier, of Paint Rock, are here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Miller came in from Talpa, this morning.

Mrs. R. H. Clem is in Ballinger visiting her parents and friends.

D. K. Wylie left yesterday afternoon for Mineral Wells on business.

Park Smith and son David returned Monday from a visit in Ballinger.

Mrs. Herbert O'Bannon has returned from a visit to her parents in Ballinger.

Rev. M. E. Hudson Pastor of the Baptist Church of Ballinger held services at the First Baptist Church here Sunday.—San Anghel News.

Joe Spoons will resign his position as water works superintendent to-day to take, effect on April 1st. Mr. Spoons does this in order that he may have time to get out and see the people and place his claim for the Cotton Weigher's office before them. Quite a number of applications will go before the council for the place of the water works superintendent, but it is understood that there will be some changes in the office as to duties, etc., and the office may be abolished entirely and the work placed on the marshal and secretary.

Sunday School Conference.

The Texas Methodist State Sunday School Conference is to be held in Fort Worth, April 1, 2, 3 and 4. An interesting program of this meeting is on our desk, and we regret that we haven't space to publish same. Judge C. F. Dickinson of Ballinger, will attend this conference, and probably others from here will go.

Lumber.

Lumber from mill to consumer. We fill house bills complete including doors, windows, blinds, mouldings, columns, lime, cement, plaster and shingles in mixed cars at panic prices. Reliable agent wanted. Address Independent Lumber Co., Dallas, Texas, 25-4t.

Notice.

To all of the good people of Ballinger and surrounding country. Harken unto me; Be it known unto you this day, that I am still in the market for fine enlarged photograph work. See me.

25-2t W. W. McKinley.

Our Hats Are Here.

Our hats are here. Come let me show you our line of tailored hats in the popular blues and other colors. Just the hat you want. Be sure to see them. Misses Lola and Jennie Lewis.

Mrs. Walter Robinson accidentally fell Wednesday afternoon and sprained a wrist rather painfully. She was at her home at the time and was given prompt treatment and will suffer no serious consequences from the accident.—San Angelo Press. Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain of Ballinger and she has many friends in Ballinger who will regret to hear of her accident.

The Ballinger Mattress Factory made the initial run yesterday and made three of as pretty mattresses as was ever turned out of any factory. This enterprise is something new in our town and is a credit to the town. The same machinery had been in stalled as is in use in the Dallas and Fort Worth Factories, and the managers of the factory have an expert mattress man in charge of the plant. We predict for the enterprise a successful business, as we have plenty material here at home with which to manufacture good mattresses and a large trade territory to supply. They are prepared to compete with mattresses made at other places in workmanship and will lead on prices of goods shipped in. Look up their announcement in this issue of the Leader and investigate the goods turned out by them.

Wanted:

A good, cheap farm horse at once. 1t Bair & Conn.