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## THREE BLAZES IN TWO DAYS

Incendiarism Causes One House Set on Fire Fall to Burn.

It seems that the old adage is true, that "Misfortunes come not singly but in battalions." On last Saturday afternoon, the 14th, the town was suddenly aroused by the fire alarm and before the hungry flames could be extinguished two dwellings were consumed, one belonging to J. H. Price, a carpenter and contractor and one of Ballinger's best and most worthy citizens, and the other belonged to our popular City Marshall Jack McKay. The fire originated in the Price residence and caught in the Wood Box, and because of the lack of water pressure the flames could not be checked until the McKay residence was also burned.

The fire boys did all they could to save the property, but as stated above the lack of force of the water hampered them in their efforts.

The Price residence was worth about \$1000. and was insured for \$6000. and the contents were a total loss and of the probable value of \$800.

Mr. McKay had \$500. on his residence and \$400 on the contents.

Both parties suffered quite a heavy loss and the Banner-Leader extends sympathy.

The Insurance Adjuster was on the ground Tuesday and will soon make settlement for the losses.

### ANOTHER FIRE.

Another fire early Sunday morning woke the sleepy inhabitants, and on investigation proved to be a vacant house belonging to one John M. Manuel of Lampasas, and under the management of Louis Alexander, there was \$500. on this residence.

From evidences left behind this was an incendiary fire and the officers are making an investigation that will in all probabilities develop facts that will get someone in serious trouble.

An attempt was made to fire a two room house on the same street, the same time belonging to Will Goldon, but their preparations failed to reach a consummation. In this house was found kindling and oil which showed, beyond any reasonable doubt that a fire bug is in our midst.

All of the above property was situated on and near 14th street in Guion Addition.

### Big Cotton Receipts

Wednesday the streets in Ballinger put on the appearance of cotton marketing time. Seventy bales was received by wagon, and sold for about ten cents, and considerable storage cotton was sold. The market dropped off about 25 points this morning.

See those new style ladies metal hand bags and collar pins, at Jas. E. Brewster Jewelry Store.

## BALLINGER CITIZENS WELCOME VISITORS.

Houston Business Men Spend Two Hours in Ballinger, Barbecue and Speeches.

The Houston Business Men's Excursion arrived from the West yesterday at 12:15, fifteen minutes ahead of time. They were met at the depot by Ballinger's progressive business men and headed by the band the Citizens and visitors marched to the City Park, where a feast consisting of barbecue calf, mutton, pickles, olives, coffee, cake, etc, was ready for the hungry travelers and the local business men. Fifty or more visitors were present, and with the home people something like two hundred partook of the spread of good things to eat.

Music from the band called the crowd to the auditorium at the city park, and Hon. Jno. F. Maddox introduced Judge Jno. I. Guion, who delivered a welcome address and in a few words told the visitors of bountiful beautiful Ballinger. The address was responded to by Congressman Stone, who was a member of the excursion party.

Vehicles had been provided for all to ride and the crowd of visitors were brought back to town, and during the short time which they had to remain here was spent in calling on the different business lines represented in the excursion party. The Citizens National Bank held open house, as usual, and served punch and pinned a souvenir badge and bunch of violets on each guest.

The excursion left a few minutes late, the engineer tooting the whistle while the excursionist shouted the praise of Bountiful Beautiful Ballinger.

### Invitation.

You are cordially invited to attend the services at the Methodist church.

We invite the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlettered, the old resident and the newcomer, our friends and the strangers who may be within our gates.

On account of the money stingency many will not be able to dress as well this year as they would like to do. Come anyway. We shall be as glad to see you if dressed in corduroy or jeans as if adorned in cashmere or broadcloth. We shall think just as much of you if you wear a calico dress and sun-bonnet as if robed in silk dress and \$15 pattern hat. Both are welcome. No distinctions will be made. All criticism will be condemned.

We want the church to be a place for worship where every body will feel perfectly free to come. If you are a sinner you are especially invited to come. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Besure to be on time next Sunday. Let all the teachers be present at least ten minutes before the opening hour to receive and welcome the students.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m.  
Intermediate League at 3:00  
Junior League at 4:00 p. m.  
Senior League at 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching at 8:00 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Bring your Bibles, please.  
E. P. Williams, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Overman were in from the Norton country, Wednesday.

## "THE MERRY WIDOW"

Will be in Ballinger March 26th and hold a

## Grand Opening

at The Ballinger Dry Goods Company.

WE WISH to call the attention of our good friends and customers to the above, and impress this fact: That the extreme shapes for Spring wear are decidedly things of the past. The "Merry Widow Sailors" and "New Turban" shapes are what you must have to be in line with the latest. A last year's Hat is just about as valuable as a last year's bird-nest. Wait and meet "The Merry Widow" at our place Thursday, March 26th. Doors will be open at 10 a.m. Our Mrs. Lynch will be in charge and will guarantee that the styles shown will not have a "has been" among them.

In addition to the Millinery display, our ready-to-wear garments for Ladies and Misses will surpass any thing in this line ever displayed in this city.

**DON'T FORGET** THE DATE---MARCH 26TH  
THE DAY --- THURSDAY  
THE HOUR --- TEN A. M.  
THE PLACE---

## The Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

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**Spring Time Offerings** Now is the time to prepare for another season.

**You Will** Must have your Spring Clothes ready, for soon you Put away the heavy Winter ones.

**BUY** from a fine and complete stock.

Well Selected and at the Lowest Prices

36-inch White Linen, already shrunk, worth 40 cents, our price, <b>25 cts</b>	36-inch Colored Linette, fast colors, the very thing for little boys' suits <b>15 cts</b>
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New A. F. C. and Toile du Nord Gingham in plain and fancy colors <b>12½ cts</b>	New Cross Bar White goods <b>15 and 39 cts</b>

Come and see us before you buy. We will sell you the latest and save you money.

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Ballinger, Texas

## NEW RAILROAD MAN HERE.

New Capital Wants to Get in on the B. & A. Road Work.

Mr. Robertson, a prominent railroad contractor and capitalist of San Antonio was here yesterday. Mr. Robertson has had a representative in Ballinger for the past two weeks, and through his representative Mr. Robertson became interested enough to make a trip to our city and look into the building of the B. & A. railroad.

Mr. Robertson was not here for the purpose of interfering with any other constructors, but after a visit to our city and learning something of the proposed building of the line of road he become more interested, and if the other people who have been figuring on the construction work dont get busy soon he is ready to step in and take the job off their hands.

It puts new life in the B. & A. proposition and something will no doubt be started in the near future.

The impatient people can rest assured that the road will be built, and those who have the idea the project has fallen through can disabuse their thoughts of this idea. The road will be built and that soon.

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

## THE SOCIALIST NOT INVITED.

One Hundred of Our Leading Citizens Call a Democratic Convention.

Observe the "personelle" of the Democrats who have called a convention for next Monday at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic nominating convention to be held at the city of Ft. Worth on the 28th, inst., which will nominate candidates as delegates to the National convention. Then observe the "socialistic criticism" of the Ledger, as follows: "The Bailey people it is said, generously invite all Democrats to attend their meeting and the Ledger trusts a sufficient number of the 'Simon pure' article will be there to endorse the ticket nominated at the Waco convention."

The "Simon pure article," as viewed through the optics of the Ledger man, embraces a variety of "isms," including socialism, communism, single tax, etc.

No, Mr. Ledger, you are mistaken; this element is not invited.

Someone butted through the glass in the show window of Asa Cordill, Monday night. Central heard the crash and phoned to Mr. Cordill who came down and moved the jewelry out of the window. Nothing was missing.

## Democratic Executive Committee Meeting

Chairman Crosson Resigns and New Chairman Elected. Other Vacancies Filled

In pursuant to a call of the Chairman the Runnels county Democratic Executive Committee met in the office of Judge T. T. Crosson last Saturday evening. T. T. Crosson resigned as chairman and Judge Jno. I. Guion was elected to fill the unexpired term.

J. R. Lusk was elected secretary.

Quite a number of vacancies occurs in the committee caused by committee men moving away and resigning. These were filled by appointment as follows:  
Runnels No. 2 O. Vogelsang  
Crews No. 4 W. J. Young  
Content No. 5 Ben Parker  
Pumphrey No 12 Tom Patterson  
Tritt No. 17 J. F. Mitchell  
Old Norton No. 18 R. P. Taylor  
Pearce No. 14 Fred Prusser.  
The secretary was ordered to notify the new committee men of their appointment. The retiring Chairman reported \$110.85 on hands and was ordered to turn same over to the new Chairman.

### For Rent.

5 Room House well improved on Ninth St. 2 blocks West of Depot.

J. D. Norwood.



## 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:

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

Banner-Leader,  
Ballinger, Texas.

### 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.

## WASHINGTON CITIZEN DEFENDS THE BIRDS

Says to Exterminate Birds by Poison is Dangerous and Inhuman.

Editor Banner-Leader,  
Ballinger, Texas

I notice in the last issue of your paper which comes to us a welcome weekly visitor in far away Washington a communication signed, "A Citizen," advocating the extermination of sparrows by poison.

Of course by the adoption of this plan not only the sparrows but all other birds unfortunate enough to partake of citizens hospitality would fall victims to his desire to kill and incidentally a hungry child might in its ignorance of the plan proposed eat of the poisoned bread thus carrying to its proper conclusion a plan conceived by one evidently lacking in those principles of humanity best expressed by the following couplet, old fashioned perhaps, but good enough religion for all of us.

"Heliveth best who loveth best  
 All things both great and small,  
 For the good God who fashioned us.

He made and loves them all."

If citizen will take the trouble to examine the food consumed by these "pests," he will find they do not devastate the land by destroying every green thing but that bugs, worms and flies make up their principal food supply together with an occasional kernel of grain, to their moral discredit, I confess. As I remember that section of Texas there are far too few birds, as there are far too many varieties of bugs, for anyone to advocate the wholesale destruction of the former because in their search for food they purloin an occasional grain of wheat. However as Citizen publishes his proposition without a signature, we may assume he is not real proud of it after all.

CHAS. A. RAY.

Washington, D. C.

### Lightning Rod Agents Are Working the Farmers Near Miles.

The Miles Messenger warns its readers that the festive lightning rod agent is working the farmers near there. The same old scheme that was worked in Brown county last year is being used there. An agent calls and makes ridiculously low figures for rodding the house. The farmer finally accepts the proposition and the agent moves on. About a week later two men drive up to the house, put up the rods and then present the bill for same at so much a foot, which totals about three times as much as the price agreed on. The farmer claims that it was a lump trade, the agents that it was so much per foot. By dint of threats they force some of their victims to cough up, while others take down their shot gun from behind the door and make the agents take the rod off their house. All notes are made payable in a distance town so that when suit is brought the farmer will find it too expensive to attend and fight the suit and the lightning rod people get judgment by default.—Brownwood Bulletin.

### Another Candidate for Marshal

S. A. Whiteside, the popular blacksmith, is in the race for Cith Marshal. He is a man well qualified for the place, and as this is his first request for any public job, he will no doubt make the man that beats him feel like he has had a run for his money. Mr. Whiteside will be busy part of the time and it may be impossible for him to get around and see every voter in person, but, he ask that you remember him on election day, and he will highly appreciate your vote and influence.

## A. B. DANIELS PASSES AWAY

Man Found Near Town in Dying Condition Never Regains Consciousness

A. B. Daniels, the man found in his wagon in an unconscious condition last Friday, an account of which was published in last week's Leader, died Saturday morning at two o'clock.

The physicians did every thing possible to revive the man, but he died without becoming rational. The Doctors pronounced the trouble urinic poison.

Three brothers and the man's wife came in Saturday night about nine o'clock, and was with him when he died.

One brother lives near Norton, one is teaching school at Fort Chadbourne, and the other was making his home with the deceased man near Marie. The body was prepared for burial and carried to Norton accompanied by a number of the Ballinger Woodmen. Deceased was a member of the Woodmen lodge and held his membership with the Baird lodge, having formerly lived in Callahan county.

Granville Jones.

There are many friends of Rev. Granville Jones, formerly a leading Christian minister of Texas, who are wondering what has become of that gentleman since his church and marital trouble in Mineral Wells some time ago, which are still fresh in the public memory.

After his church troubles in Mineral Wells Mr. Jones left Texas and established himself at Rapid City, South Dakota. There he was granted divorce from his wife, and there he also married Miss Mary Thomas, a well known young lady of Mineral Wells, who is now with him in his home.

Mr. Jones quit preaching after leaving Texas, and went into the real estate business. He was made secretary of the commercial clubs of South Dakota, held in Prierre, Mr. Jones made a speech which so enthused the assemblage that he was elected secretary of the state organization, at a salary of \$200 per month.

Since his departure from Texas Mr. Jones has applied himself to the study of law, and expects to be admitted to the bar in a short time.—Weatherford Herald.

### Good Chance for Runnels County Girl.

Prof. E. L. Hagan, supt. public schools, informs us that he has the privilege of appointing one girl from Runnels county to the State Industrial school at Denton. Prof. Hagan says it is a good opportunity for some young lady, and he will be glad to furnish any one with all the particulars, and at the proper time will make the appointment. Call on him for further particulars.

### Cow and Hogs for Sale.

I have good Jersey cow with young calf and four full blood Poland China gilts for sale cheap.  
 J. C. REESE,  
 Benoit, Texas.

Prof. H. A. Howell, of Havana Cuba, Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"As long ago as I can remember my mother was a faithful user and friend of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but never in my life have I realized its true value until now," writes Prof. H. A. Howell, of Howell's American School, Havana, Cuba. "On the night of February 3rd our baby was taken sick with a very severe cold, the next day was worse and the following night his condition was desperate. He could not lie down and it was it necessary to have him in the arms every moment. Even then his breathing was difficult. I did not think he would live until morning. At last I thought of my mother's remedy, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which we gave, and it afforded prompt relief, and now, three days later, he has fully recovered. Under the circumstances I would not hesitate a moment in saying that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and than only, saved the life of our dear little boy." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

### 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.

### 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.

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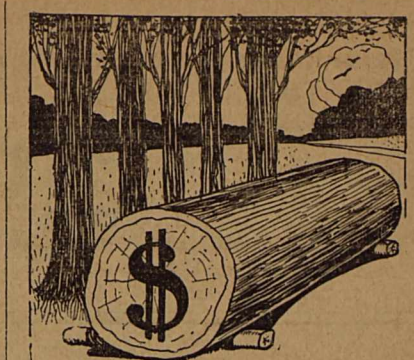
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## How to Cure Liver Trouble

There are usually several ways to do a given thing, but it is the aim with all of us to find the best and shortest way. It is just so in the cure of disease. People suffering from liver trouble imagine that all they have to do is to take something that will physic them. There is more than that in the cure of so serious a disorder as liver trouble.

When that drowsy, clogged up feeling comes on you go to a drug store and ask for a 50 cent or \$1 bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Take a dose or two and watch results. It will not only clean out the bowels and stimulate the liver, but it will get the blood circulating so that you feel active again, and arouse the functions of the stomach so that your appetite returns and you feel like your old self again. A simple laxative or purgative could not do that. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is not only a wonderful laxative but it has tonic properties, so that, unlike so many other things, instead of leaving you weak and drawn it builds you up and strengthens you.

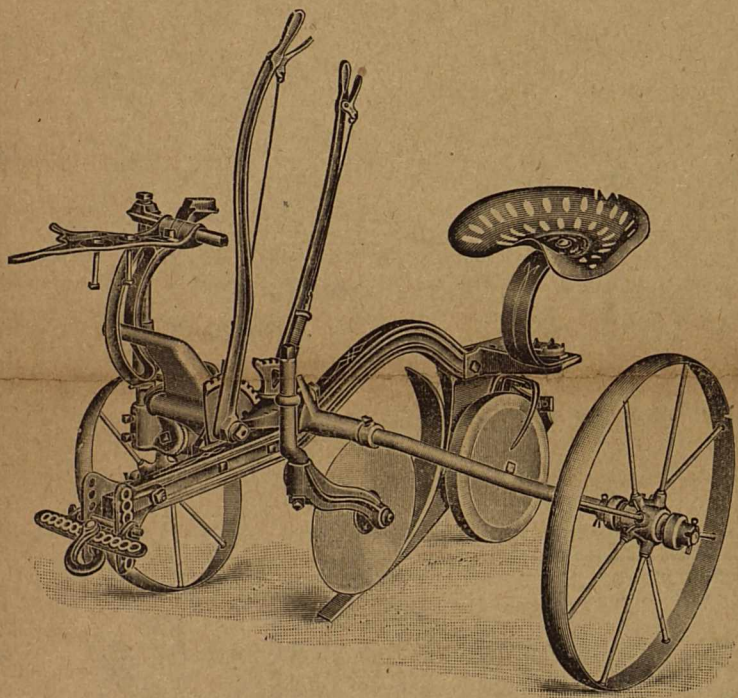
It does not gripe—it acts smoothly, oiling the intestines so that the passage is smooth and agreeable. It is gentle but effective, pleasant to the taste and pure in quality. It is an excellent, economical Home Cure, and its results are permanent. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed for it.

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## ROPED A LOBO

Will Nixon Does a Fancy Stunt With His Lariat.

Last Monday while Will Nixon and Arthur Roberts were hunting cattle in the Wyatt Perry pasture, they came upon a big lobo wolf, and as neither of them had a gun, the only chance they had of capturing the animal was to give chase and trust to their lariets. This they did, and as the lobo was extremely full, perhaps being on the outside of the most of a calf at the time, they soon got within lassoing distance of the brute.

Nixon succeeded in catching the animal around the neck the first throw and lost no time in tightening down on Mr. Lobo by winding the rope around a mesquite tree.

The lobo was by no means idle while all this was going on. He plunged and charged and snapped viciously, and when he was finally killed, which was done by knocking him on the head with a limb, it was found that he was held by only one strand of the rope, having snapped two of the strands in to in his efforts to get away.—Menardville Messenger.

### 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.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown us during our inconvenience caused by the loss of our home by fire. Especially do we wish to thank the fire boys and neighbors who worked so faithfully to save our household goods, and for the many acts of kindness from others.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McKay.

### To the People of Ballinger.

We take this method to express our gratitude towards the people of Ballinger for their sympathy and liberal donations in this time of distress. We have not the words to express our appreciation. May the God of heaven watch over you all is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price.

### 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.

### "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 any itching sensation that ever happened, and it does it right now. One application relieves.

### Box Social

Will be given by the Ladies Aid of First Baptist church at the home of J. O. Mixon, Thursday evening March 26th.

Special music by Orchestra. Every body invited. 1t.

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

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

## BROWN F. LEE

### FOR REPRESENTATIVE

San Angelo Man Offers for Election to the 102 District.

In our announcement column will be found the name of Brown F. Lee, of San Angelo, for nomination to the office of Representative of the 102nd district.

Mr. Lee is a practicing lawyer at San Angelo, where he has resided for many years. He is an able man, conservation and conscientious in his dealings, and if honored with this office we believe will look well to the interest of our district. He will come before the voters of the district in due time and make known the principles for which he stands.

He will receive a strong support in Ballinger and Runnels county, and we take pleasure in commending him to the consideration of the voters of this district.

It is not known yet whether Mr. Lee will have an opponent.

Last Stand for Game Birds. Dying Breeds to be Defended Throughout the Land.

New York, Mar. 18.—Until all the mating birds of spring may fly from their winter homes to the north to rear their young, safe from the pot shots of un-sportsmanlike and market hunters, a national campaign against spring shooting will be carried from state to state, it was announced here today. Acting on the protests of sportsmen and the warning of the Department of Agriculture, the National Association of Audubon Societies has undertaken to make a last stand for the existence of the dying races of American game birds in every state in which shooting during the breeding season is not forbidden by law. In Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Oklahoma a determined fight is today being carried on against the commercial interests which are organized to fight the movement.

That the most desperate measures have been taken by the men who butcher birds for the market to prevent protective legislation in these states as well as the twenty others in which the law still leaves the game birds easy prey while breeding, is known today. Although this market lobby has always been active in opposing laws which threatened to curtail their gains in any particular state, the possibility of such a general protection throughout the country has aroused them to finance a widespread and unscrupulous fight. To pit against this rich and selfish interest, the Audubon workers have simply the moral support of sportsmen and the general unselfish desire of the people to save the game birds from extinction.

From January first on to a reasonable open session in the fall is the period in which protection is to be asked for the mating birds and their young. In fifteen states and nine Canadian provinces the game birds are already shielded by law during this crucial time. Unless such measures are taken at once by the remaining states the government authorities have agreed that game shooting in this country will soon cease to exist and every species extinct.

On the legislatures in the Dakotas, Wyoming, Iowa, Nebraska, New Mexico, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and all the southern states will depend the life or death of American game when this matter is brought before them this year or next. In each of these states all the money and influence of the commercial bird killers, is already at work for their shortsighted policy of exterminating slaughter for tomorrows table.

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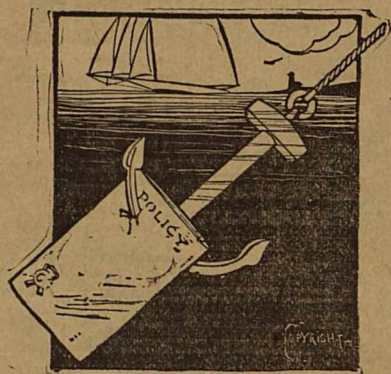
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the  
following candidates subject to the ac-  
tion 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 COUNTY TREASURER:

T. J. STOCKS

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

EDWIN DAY.

FOR PUBLIC WEAHER:

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. DEMOVIILE.

## City Announcement

FOR ALDERMEN:

W. J. MILLER

T. S. LANKFORD

H. GEISECKE

FOR MARSHAL:

JACK MCKAY

B. W. PILCHER

S. A. WHITESIDES

The beautiful weather is certainly highly encouraging to the farmers. With the recent general rain, in addition to a deep season already in the ground, the out look is most promising.

The recent decision of the Supreme court relating to school districts, it seems to cut a considerable swarth in some localities, but we are informed by a prominent attorney that it is not applicable to our city schools.

Our citizens in voting on the bond question, have displayed the wisdom, which has even characterised their conduct. The vote in favor of issuance of the bond carried by an overwhelming majority. Our streets will be made substantial and beautiful and the burden will never be felt by this generation of people.

Now is the time for the disciples of Isaac Walton to rig up their tackle. The streams are rapidly filling up with and fish we are told that a new kind of fish are coming in. Carp have been in our waters some time, and it is no uncommon occurrence to hear a man telling of a "large one that got away."

Good times are coming. Our small grain crops bid fair to give an abundant yield and then when the cotton crop is picked and the farmers chop it out to a stand, we may then expect to see times begin to improve. Labor will be plentiful and the effects of the stringency caused of the panic and the short crop of the past year, will rapidly subside.

The recent celebrated speech of Mr. Bailey in the U. S. Senate has received the highest eulogies from all sides. The Washington papers say that no such speech has been made in the Senate in many years. It covered the whole financial question, fully elaborating and elucidating, the Aldrick bill and Mr. Baileys substituted. Texas is ably represented in Washington.

The favorable results of the efforts to build a public library in Ballinger, by Mr. Carnegie's consent to contribute \$15,000, all things being equal to his rules, will certainly prove to be of greater benefit to our city than any enterprise yet set on foot. It will be a source of profound pleasure and satisfaction to our people, and what a privilege it will be to have access to such a library of selected books.

It is gratifying to observe the great change in the style and quality of the horses in Runnels county. There has been a marked change and wonderful improvement in the blood and grade of the horse stock. Many of our farmers have fine teams and are improving their horses all the while. It is not an unusual thing to see beautiful spans of horses on our streets that are valued as high as \$500. There is decided indication of progress in this line.

Presto—Behold. When engineering work is finished and the macadamising is completed our streets will present a complete metamorphosis. A beautiful thing is a joy forever, and those citizens who voted against the proposition will regret having done so. What is more pleasant than to ride over smooth solid streets, and what could be of more credit to our town? And then to think that this great improvement will throw no extra burden on the people. After our streets are finished we predict that there will be no dissatisfaction on this issue.

Col. Dick Wynne is a favorite son of Texas. He has always been a loyal democrat, and true and zealous to the highest and best interests of his party. His ideals are all that stand for the true welfare of his people and the preservation of pure and honest government. There is a debt due Dick Wynne by his party and people, not from his point of view, or solicitation, but from the stand point of unprejudiced democrats, who know his real worth, and his ability to accomplish great things. His life has been ever characterized by humility and self-abnegation, rather than that of the unsatisfied demagogue who wants more and still more. As in the present instance, he has only sought official preferment when importuned by his people. In offering for the nomination of his party for the office of Attorney General, he has rather deferred the matter, and seemed to be in no wise eager for office, but his people have called him, and demands his sacrifice, and that in no uncertain sound. This great office belongs to no clique or clan, but to the people of Texas, and no rule or custom of official tenure applies to it. The way is open and clear, and should the people see fit to honor Col. Wynne with the nomination, we may be assured that it will be in able hands and something will be doing in cleansing the Augean Stables.

## Harville Big Boll Cotton Seed.

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

tf M. M. Hamilton.

## HELP WANTED.

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

W. B. Jones, of Eastland county, is a new comer in Runnels county. Mr. Jones purchased 118 acres of land out of the Houghton & Robinson tract from C. A. Doose & Co., at \$16.50 per acre.

A. F. Adams was in from the Antelope country, last Saturday, to attend a meeting of the Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee. He helped the Leader along to the tune of a couple of dollars.

The famous "Penscopic" Crystal lens fitted free at Jas. E. Brewer Jewelry Store.

Our friend R. G. Erwin has fenced his lot near Dr. Halley's residence and had trees set out and we understand that he is soon to erect a pretty cottage thereon. Ralph, it's up to you to explain to your friends.

City Marshal McKay has rented the Mrs. Burros house on Broadway, near the First Presbyterian church, and is living at home again. Mr. McKay saved part of his house hold goods from the fire, and by buying a few items was able to set up housekeeping again.

J. H. Price who had the misfortune to get his house and all the house hold effects burned last Saturday evening, is busy replacing the house and will soon be living at home again. It was a severe loss on Mr. Price as he only carried very little insurance on his house and none on his goods, but then you can't keep a good man down.

## Woodmen Visit Winters.

That Ballinger is full of fraternal orders is a fact beyond dispute; that the W. O. W. is among the foremost of these organizations is even a greater certainty; that Winters is the queen of the Runnels prairies; that the Winters Lodge W. O. W. is a band of stalwart princely gentlemen is the opinion of J. F. Lusk, C. C. Schuchardt, W. E. Sayle, Roy Hull, Dr. I. Z. Brown, B. F. Allen, Edward S. McCarver, Jno Heflm, and A. S. Justice. On Monday last the above named Woodmen visited the enterprising little city of Winters, and remained over the evening and took the Morning degree of Woodcraft. Every one was loud in their expressions of praise for the genuine hospitality and kindness received at the hands of the Winters brethren, and returned home better Woodmen, and better friends of the Winters people. The pleasure of this occasion will long linger in the minds of the Ballinger visitors, for it clearly exemplifies the close bond of union always existing among true Woodmen, and maintains that high reputation which is justly bestowed upon Winters people for the way they always do things.

A Woodchopper.

## T. T. Crosson for County Judge.

In the proper place in this paper will be found the name of T. T. Crosson asking for the nomination in the Democratic primary to the office of County Judge.

Tom Crosson is perhaps as well known as any man in Runnels County. He is one of the pioneer citizens, and for eight years filled successfully the office of district attorney of this district, and later served Runnels county as County Judge for four years, and since retiring from the Judge's office he has been Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and has been practicing law.

Judge Crosson made the County a good Judge. He is a Democrat of a life long standing and his race is subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Being ably competent and the fact that he entered the race after much solicitation from his friends it is a foregone conclusion that Judge Crosson will receive a strong vote.

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### A LOUD CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

Ballinger Democrats Issue Call for Democratic Convention to Meet Monday March 23.

Whereas, the State Democratic Nominating Convention will be held in the City of Ft. Worth, on the 28th day of March, 1908, for the purpose of nominating candidates as delegates to the National Convention, Now, therefore, we, the undersigned Citizens and Democrats of Runnels County, hereby call a County Convention to be held at the Court house of said County, at 2:30 p. m. on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1908, for the purpose of electing delegates to said State Convention:

- Jno. I. Guion
- J. A. Ostertag
- B. B. Stone
- A. W. Sledge
- R. S. Griggs
- C. S. Miller
- E. D. Walker
- T. J. Gardner
- J. A. Weeks
- W. H. Weeks
- F. C. Miller
- J. J. Erwin
- W. A. Davis
- B. C. Kirk
- C. R. Crews
- Scott H. Mack
- S. P. Stone
- K. V. Northington
- M. C. Smith
- R. L. Shaffer
- J. F. Shaffer
- Geo. P. Holman
- T. D. Sheider
- J. Y. Pearce
- Robt McGregor
- J. H. Kelly
- J. A. Guy
- A. H. Van Pelt
- C. S. Bowdon
- B. H. Jeanes
- Ed Harbour
- R. Rutherford
- S. J. Carpenter
- T. J. Starkey
- J. T. Dawson
- R. O. Walton
- J. E. Fancher
- W. W. Chastain
- M. D. Chastain
- W. L. Towner
- T. S. Lankford
- C. A. Doose
- J. G. Douglass
- W. T. Padgett
- E. F. Jackson
- J. O. Roots
- J. F. Storey

- Joe B. Johnson
- Edward S. McCarver
- George Spiedell
- Jesse McAdams
- W. N. Gustavus
- S. P. Gregg
- J. L. Golden
- W. L. Golden
- C. A. Parker
- N. F. Golden
- J. C. Golden
- Jno. F. Maddox
- D. A. Cameron
- J. O. Tillery
- Wm Doose
- W. E. Sayle
- J. F. Currie
- W. E. Allen
- J. L. Nagle
- E. C. Baskin
- Chas. Thomas
- E. V. Bateman
- J. A. Demoville
- R. B. Trully
- W. E. Barbee
- J. H. Patterson
- W. B. Halley
- Jas. E. Brewer
- L. E. Bair
- W. G. Bair
- U. P. Melton
- W. D. Gregory
- Oscar Pearson
- M. A. Traylor
- R. G. Erwin
- R. P. Kirk
- Asa Cordill
- R. W. Bruce
- A. E. Woods
- R. J. Deens
- W. S. Moorehead
- E. O. Schawe
- S. B. Raby
- W. A. Gustavus
- B. W. Pilcher
- H. H. Thomson
- D. M. Baker
- J. Whit Patterson
- Sam Baker
- E. H. Voelkel
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Mrs. Percy Willis returned to her home at Waco, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook, of South Ballinger. She was accompanied home by his sister, Miss Florence Westbrook.

### PUTS THE BLAME ON SATAN

California Girl Declares His Satanic Majesty Just Forced Her to Become a Thief.

Trinity Labadie, a 17-year-old girl of Oakland, Cal., is going to give Mary McLane, erstwhile of Montana, now of Boston, a close rub for a "pull" with his satanic majesty. Miss Labadie recently reported to the police that the devil told her to steal and she just couldn't help it. Trinity was given a room at the Young Women's Christian association recently and the next day, it is alleged, a sum of money and some of the room's furnishings disappeared. Likewise Trinity. When she was rounded up and questioned, she laid the blame for the matter on the devil, who not being there to defend himself, or summon an alibi, it under suspicion as accessory before the fact. Miss Labadie is being detained by the police until further inquiry can be had into her relations with the imp of darkness.

#### CHILDISH PERSIAN WOMEN.

In the shah's harem Worth of Paris finds a market for out-of-date costumes, and so vain and feminine are these "queens" that they will pay the most exorbitant sums for an exclusive model, if they can thereby prevent a rival "queen" obtaining it. As a general rule, however, these women, for all the luxury of their surroundings, are most childishly ignorant and their sole ambition in life is to be the mother of the heir to the throne. The principal queen of the late shah, however, was an exceptionally clever woman. She was no mean poet and her verses on the beauties of nature are gems of their kind.

#### NOT THE SORT HE WANTED.



"Honesty, dey say, is the best polley." "Wot rot, mein friendt. Dat sort of polley has no surrender value."

Salesman—Here, madam, is a footstool that has a music box attachment.

Lady Customer—I'll take it. I've been having a dreadful time about my feet going to sleep, and this will keep them awake, won't it?

### HOLD FIRMLY TO ILLUSIONS.

Writer in the Woman's Magazine Points Out One Method of Preservation of Youth.

So long as we find ourselves believing in the possibilities of the unexpected, so long do we preserve our youth. It is only when we begin to realize that experience is behind and not in front of us that we know that youth has fled. Wherefore, the most important things for a woman to cling to are her illusions. Nothing indeed, will keep her so young or so cheerful. So long as she believes that anything—anything delightful, of course—can happen to her, it will never occur to anybody to think of her age, while the boundless vitality and enthusiasm which of necessity are inseparable from such a nature will assist her in genuinely forgetting herself the years that have passed over her irresponsible head.—The Ladies' Field.

#### FIGURE OF SPEECH.



"Darling, I want to take you in my arms and carry you far away from this sordid world. Your little feet were meant to dance in Fairyland!"

#### Serious Cutting Affray.

Waco, Texas, March 17.—As a result of the fight the day of the anti-Bailey meeting in Waco between Representative A. M. Kennedy and P. H. Carnes, a traveling man of Waco, there was a serious stabbing affair this morning in which Carnes inflicted a deep and dangerous cut in the left side of Tom Blair, son of the late Captain T. A. Blair. The matter came up over the fight which Kennedy and Carnes had on March 7, because Kennedy, who was an ardent Bailey man, was wearing a reception badge, claiming he did so as a citizen of Waco and not as a partisan either way. Carnes and Blair had a hard fist fight this morning before the cutting. Carnes gave bond.

Mr. Carnes was at one time a citizen of Ballinger, and was in the hotel business here.

#### Hay For Sale.

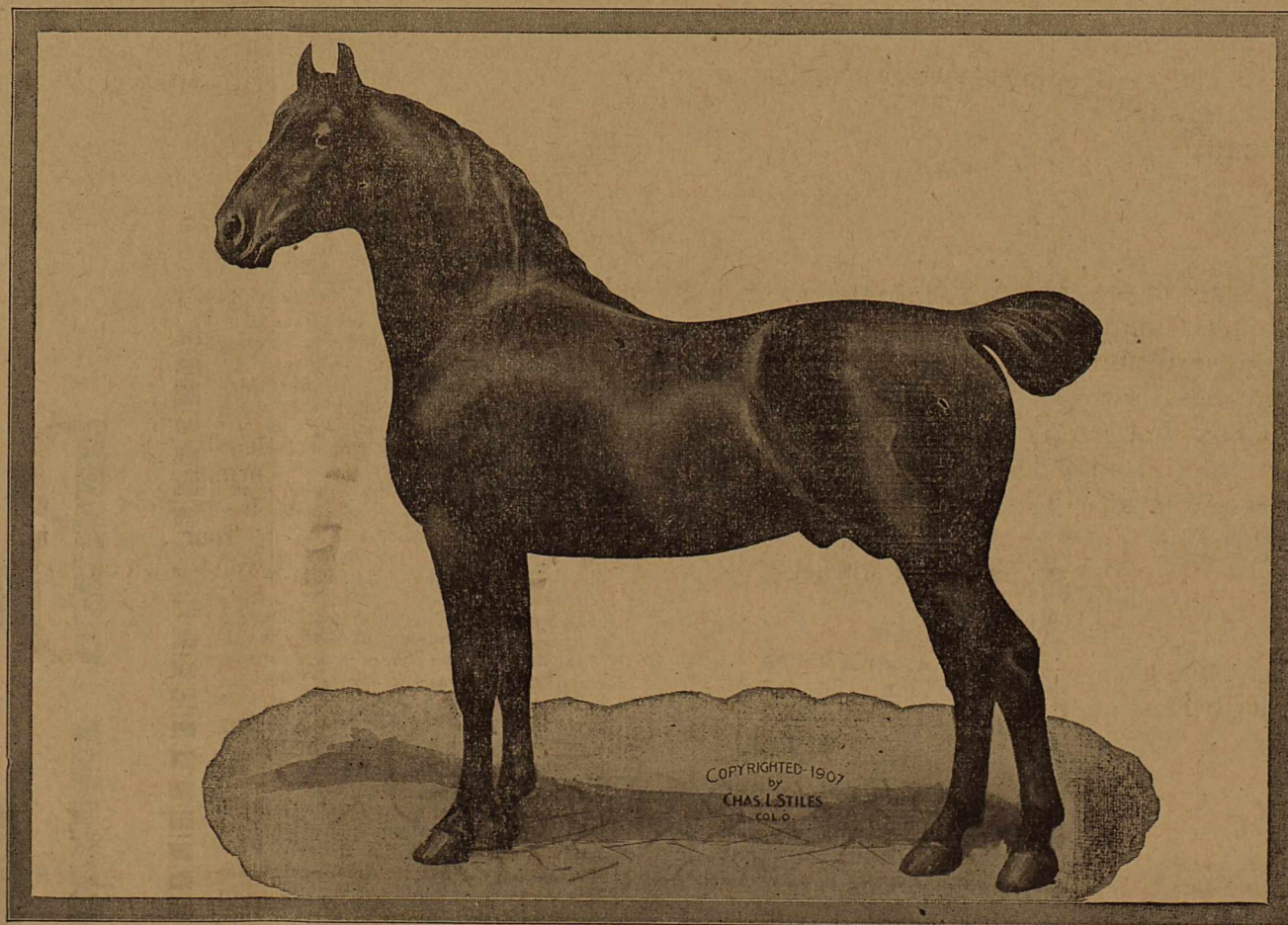
Johnson grass hay at 25 cents per bale at the Nunnally wagon yard.

26 2t W. J. Nunnally

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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.



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Will make the Season at J. H. Kelley's barn in Ballinger Texas, Terms \$25, payable Oct. 1st. With return privilege.



## BOND ISSUE

### NEARLY 5 TO 1

Only 43 Opposing Votes Polled. Little Interest Manifested.

It was a surprise to both sides when the votes were counted in the bond issue election. Those opposing the issue conceded the victory to the advocates of the issue by about 2 to 1, but that it would go nearly five to one was unreasonable to think about.

Very little interest was manifested in the election. Out of a possible four hundred qualified voters (property owners) in the city only 238 votes were polled. The Tally sheet read after the votes were counted:

For the Issuance of Bonds 195  
Against Issuance of Bonds 43

Majority 152

The City Council will no doubt get busy, and as soon as the matters pertaining to the issuing and floating of these bonds are attended to bids will be advertised for, and work of macadamizing the streets pushed to completion.

#### Good Fire Proof Safe For Sale.

We have a good fire proof safe for sale cheap. Call at the  
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See those new style ladies metal hand bags and collar pins, at Jas. E. Brewer's Jewelry Store.

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

## The man behind the Prescription

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

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In Vinol, modern science has given to the world a combination of these two world-famed tonics—Cod Liver Oil and Iron, but shorn of all useless oil or disagreeable features.

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#### J. A. O. Club.

Mrs. Dan Van Pelt and Mrs. Paul Tremmier entertained the J. A. O. Club at the home of Mrs. Van Pelt on Friday afternoon.

The pretty home was simply but effectually decorated with violets and pot plants.

A goodly number of friends beside the club members enjoyed the interesting game of forty-two, which was the main feature of the afternoon.

Mesdames Winkler, A. H. Van Pelt and little Miss Pauline Van Pelt assisted in serving a dainty ice course.

The good bys were said with many expressions of one of the most pleasant affairs of the season.

#### 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.

#### Advertised Letter List.

March 14th 1908.

Miss Katy Davenport  
John T. Day  
A. C. Hamilton & Co.  
Miss Maggie Hardlow  
A. B. Powell  
D. L. Wilson  
Mrs. Willie White  
T. E. Shepherd  
Fred Newton  
Mrs. Ida Mitchel  
John Moore  
A. S. Moore  
Mrs. Amdnia Jones  
Mrs. Monre Jones.

#### 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.

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

## 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 Buskirk 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.

L. G. Bills, Pres.

#### 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.

#### Veterinary Surgeon,

I will be in Ballinger on Friday and Saturday March 27-28.

C. S. JACKSON,  
Veterinary Surgeon.

#### For Rent.

Unfinished house for rent, close in. Apply to Mrs. L. H. Bacon or Phone 375. tf.

## You Carry Insurance

on your life, and on your property. Why not insure yourself against adversity in the future by investing your surplus funds in a bank account? Allow it to accumulate until a time comes when you will appreciate its true worth.

Just as the value of your life insurance increases as you grow older so will your bank account grow as you add to it weekly, monthly or yearly. Infact the possibilities of your bank account is limited only by your earning and saving capacity.

An account with this bank is Good insurance. BEGIN!

## First National Bank

Ballinger, - Texas.

#### Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

As surely as the general health suffers when there is derangement of the health of the delicate womanly organs, so surely when these organs are established in health, the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed comeliness. Nearly a million women have found health and happiness in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. Ingredients on label—contains no alcohol or harmful habit-forming drugs. Made wholly of those native, American, medicinal roots most highly recommended by leading medical authorities of all the several schools of practice for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments.

For nursing mothers, or for those broken-down in health by too frequent bearing of children, also for the expectant mothers, to prepare the system for the coming of baby and making its advent easy and almost painless, there is no medicine quite so good as "Favorite Prescription." It can do no harm in any condition of the system. It is a most potent invigorating tonic and strengthening nerve nicely adapted to woman's delicate system by a physician of large experience in the treatment of woman's peculiar ailments.

Dr. Pierce may be consulted by letter free of charge. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, 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

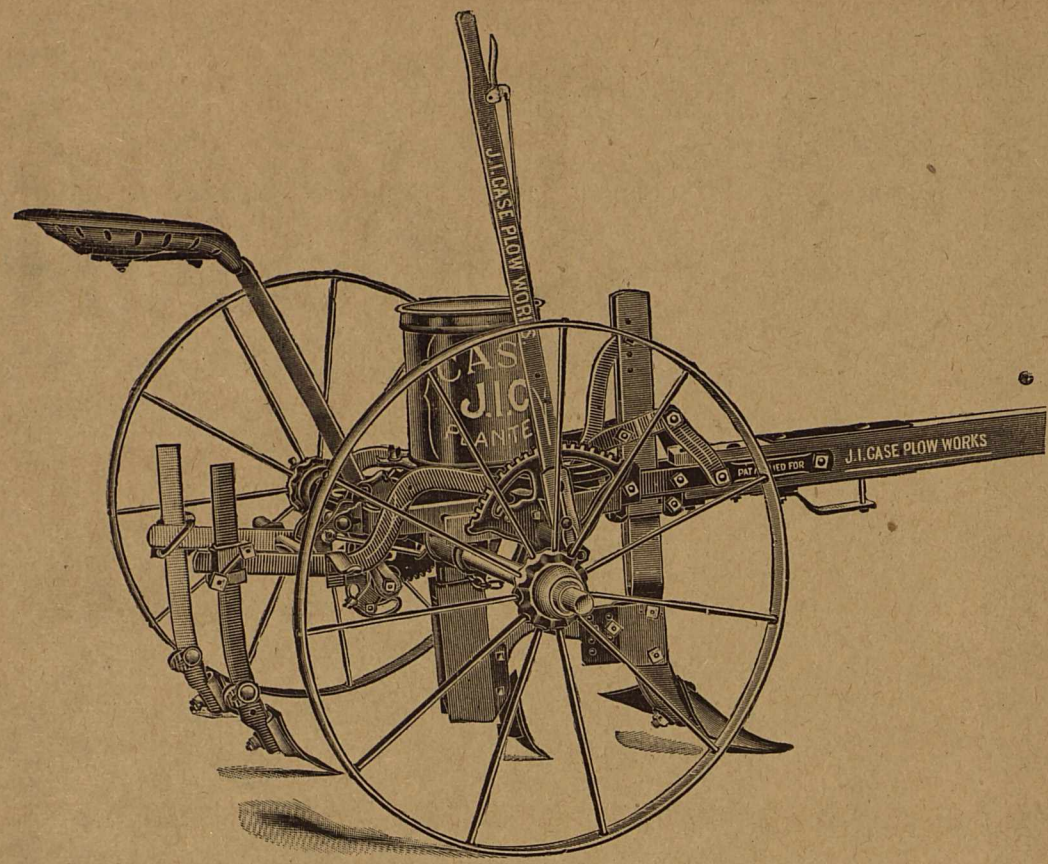
The Leader and Dallas News for	-	\$1.75
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We can save you money on any paper you want in connection with the Leader.

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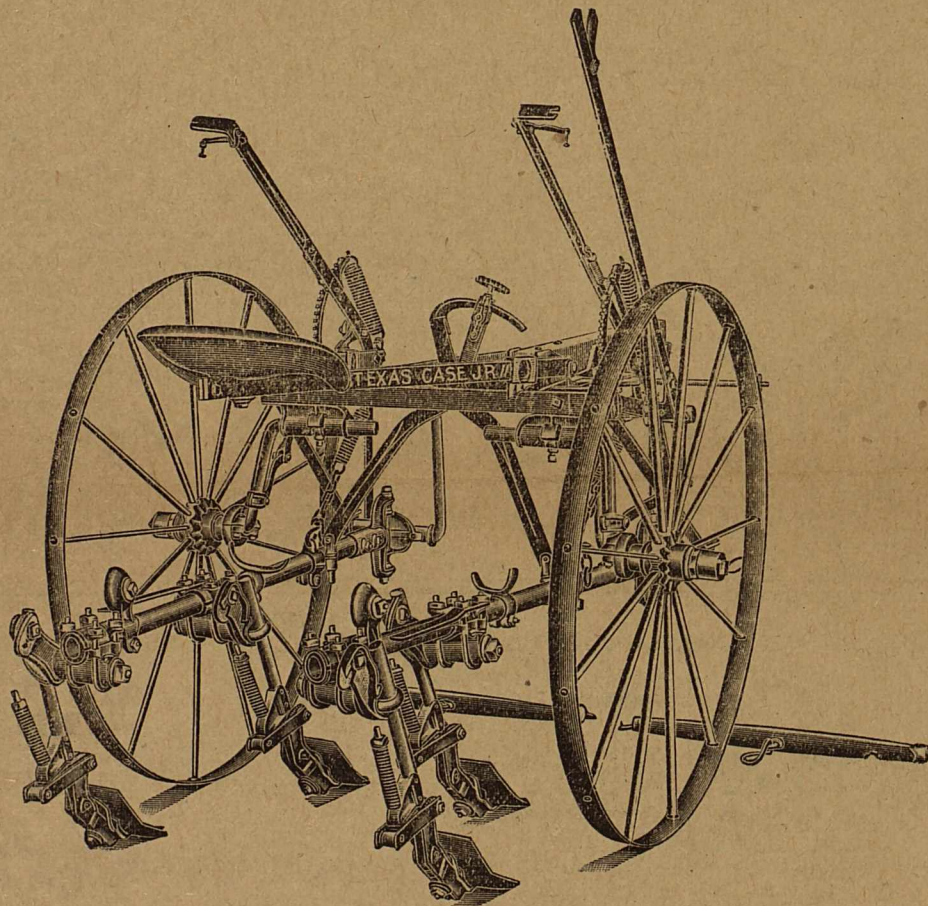
## Ballinger, Texas





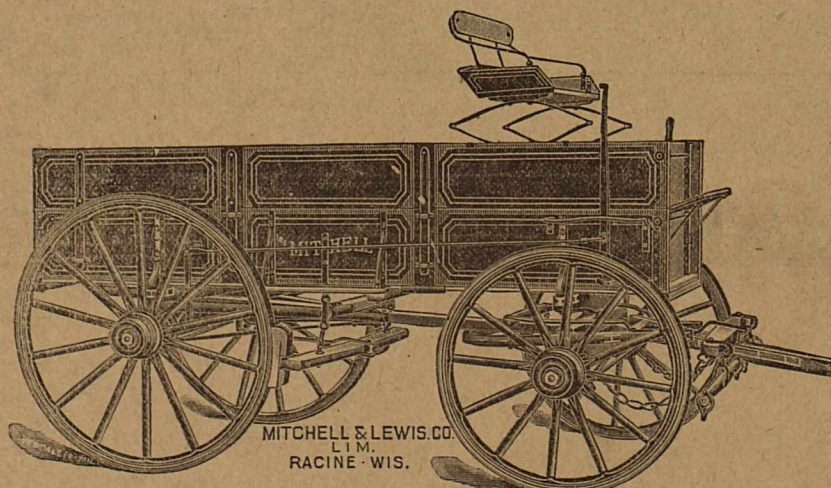
## THE PLANTER Without A Fault

Perfect in Construction, Light Draft, Four Horse Strong and one Lever Controls the Entire Planter Perfectly.



The Next Time You Are in Town, Come Around and Look at This Cultivator.

**SOME THINGS THAT WE SELL:---** John Deere Buggies, J. I. Case Implements, Mitchell Wagons, Hardware and Leather Goods, Groceries and Feed, Furniture and Coffins, Dry Goods, Clothing and Hamilton Brown Shoes.



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

## Higginbotham-Currie Company

The CASH or CREDIT Store.

### YOU MAY NOT NEED IT NOW

Put this Simple Home Recipe in Some Safe Place, for it May Come in Handy Some Day.

Here is a simple home-made mixture as given by an eminent authority on kidney diseases, who makes the statement in a New York daily newspaper, that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; painful and discolored urination, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe; try it: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here in town is authority that these ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure, and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorders and cure the Rheumatism by forcing the Kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and foul, decomposed waste matter, which cause these afflictions. Try it if you aren't well. Save the prescription.

### 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.

### Bair & Conn.

Office Brewer Building

### B. F. Allen

The House Moving Man

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

Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

### 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.

—The Leader sells old papers.

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.

### 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.

Letter to Higginbotham-Currie Co., Ballinger, Texas

Dear Sir: Here's the concentrated fact:

Every job painted Devoe takes less gallons than of any other paint.

And the paint that takes least gallons, wears longest; Always. We can't help it.

Yours truly

F. W. Devoe & Co.

Ballinger Lumber Co. sells our paint.

### 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.

### It's a Hustler.

Hunt'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.

## \$30 California

Branch Line points slightly higher ONE WAY COLONISTS

March and April

Thru Tourist Sleeper every Tuesday



Stopover at Grand Canyon  
FRED HARVEY MEALS  
Write for booklets  
W. S. KEENAN G. P. A.  
Galveston

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

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

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

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

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

### 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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ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

The only baking powder made with Royal Grape Cream of Tartar  
No Alum, No Lime Phosphate



Brewers new bracelets are beautiful.

Dick Thorpe came in Wednesday from Round Rock.

Are you "Sensible"? Ask the Walker Drug Co.

Judge R. B. Truly went up to Rowena Tuesday on legal business.

Those new style ladies collar pins, you must see them at Brewer's.

Jo Wilmeth attended the Stockmen's Convention at San Antonio, this week.

Judge's C. O. Harris and B. B. Stone went to Miles on important business Wednesday.

Sheriff Kirk went to San Angelo Wednesday night, and returned with the Houston crowd.

A girl baby arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sledge Wednesday morning.

County Clerk Terry was confined at home several days this week on account of sickness.

Attorney C. F. Dickinson left Wednesday afternoon for Central Texas to look after legal business.

Alarm clocks the best on earth at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Miss Fentress, of San Saba, is here this week, the guest of the Misses Guion, and other relatives.

Wm. Havenhill is here from Thorp Springs this week, to look after property in the Winters country.

D. Reeder made Mrs. Reeder a present of a handsome ball bearing rubber tire pheaton, yesterday.

Jones Webb came in from his ranch up the river, Saturday and went to San Antonio to attend the Stockmen's Convention.

*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*

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hinkle were in from the Eagle school community, Monday, trading and looking after other business.

Ask the Walker Drug Co., How to get "Sensible."

T. M. Osteen was here from Bronte, first of the week. He report the Coke county town all right, and the country in fine shape.

Station Agent Holt, came in Wednesday from the pine clad Hills of old Arkansas, where he has been on business since last week.

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. tf

W. D. Howard, of Brown county, purchased 320 acres of unimproved land out of the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$16 per acre.

G. R. Hughes, a truck gardner from Dallas, came in yesterday with his family and house hold effects to make Ballinger his home.

The ladies of the Christian church relized a nice little sum of money from the ice cream served in the Metropolitan building last Saturday.

C. A. Doose & Co., sold to Bert Fletcher, of Mills county, 120 acres of unimproved land located on the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$16 per acre.

C. A. Doose & Co., sold to A. L. Barton, of Eastland county 112 acres of unimproved land out of the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$18 per acre.

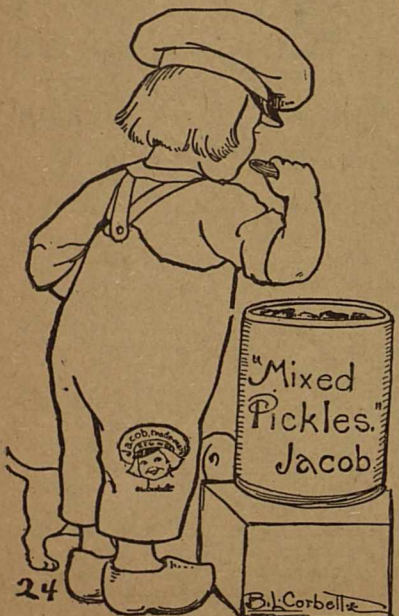
The insurance adjusters were here this week and through their local agent paid the fire losses of J. H. Price, J. N. McKay and U. E. Hartman.

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. tf

New hat pins, stick pins, shirt waist pins and baby pins lots of them, all kinds at Brewer's the Jeweler.

Don't forget to attend the Democratic convention to be held at the court house Monday, March 23. Every true Democrat is requested to be present.

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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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.**

# 25% Discount For Cash

## FOR FIFTEEN DAYS, BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 23rd

We will sell our entire stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods at this tremendous reduction from actual cash value. DON'T DELAY, BUT COME NOW. Below we give a partial list of our Bargains:

SUITS			SHOES		
\$25.00	Suits	\$18.75	\$6.00	Shoes	\$4.50
\$20.00	"	\$15.00	\$5.00	"	\$3.75
\$15.00	"	\$11.25	\$3.50	"	\$2.65
\$10.00	"	\$7.50	\$1.50	"	\$1.15
PANTS			HATS		
\$7.50	Pants	\$5.65	\$7.50	Hats	\$5.65
\$5.00	"	\$3.75	\$5.00	"	\$3.75
\$4.00	"	\$3.00	\$3.00	"	\$2.25
\$3.50	"	\$2.65	\$1.50	"	\$1.15

UNDERWEAR AT 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT

COLLARS 10 CENTS

SWEET ORR JUMPERS 75 CTS.

SWEET ORR OVERALLS 75 CTS.

## The Ballinger Dry Goods Company

G. G. Odom and wife left Tuesday afternoon for San Antonio, where Mr. Odom goes to attend the Stockmen's Convention, and Mrs. Odom will remain a month visiting relatives. San Antonio was Mrs. Odom's old home.

Miss Ella Bowden passed through, Monday, en route to her home at Brownwood, after a visit to her sister. Mrs. Mrs. W. B. Woodruff, of Paint Rock.

J. Ford Ivy left Wednesday evening for San Antonio. He will return by San Marcos and bring his family, who have been visiting at San Marcos, home.

Among those who attended the fat stock show at Fort Worth last week, from Ballinger, were A. A. Hargrove, Ed Globber, Scott H. Mack, and L. P. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Guion Jr., are entertaining a new guest at their home. The young man arrived Monday and is as promising as a youth of his age can be.

Rev. Chandler, president of the Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, delivered two able sermons at the First Presbyterian church in Ballinger, last Sunday.

W. A. McClinton, of Mart Texas, was here first of the week, having come in response to a telegram telling him of the death of little Troy Davis McMinn, his little nephew.

Mrs. G. A. Lehnhoff, who has been visiting her brothers C. P. Shepherd and J. M. Skinner the past two weeks returned to her home at Macon, Missouri Monday afternoon.

H. A. Massey did without the Leader a month or two, but said he had been taking the paper for fifteen years and couldn't get along without it. He is on our list again.

W. C. Duffie, representing the Texas Life Insurance Co., is here this week for the purpose of paying the death loss of H. H. Halley. Mr. Halley carried a policy in this company for two thousand and five hundred dollars, and it was paid in full this week.

J. M. and G. W. Newman purchased 271 acres of unimproved land out of the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$15 per acre. The sale was made by the C. A. Doose & Co., agency.

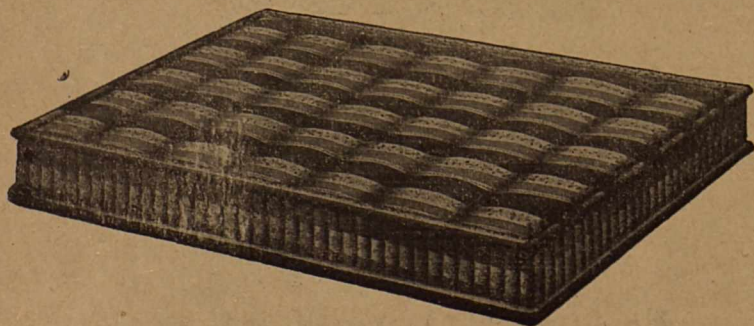
Get "Sensible." Ask the Walker Drug Co.

Dr. Hamblen and wife came over from Miles Tuesday afternoon and were the guests of Dr. W. B. Halley and wife while here, returning to Miles on the noon train Wednesday.

Dr. Scott of Temple came up Monday and was in consultation Dr. A. S. Love several hours. The case in question was that of Mrs. C. O. Harris who has been in ill health for some months.

Prof. E. L. Hagan has the plans for a nice residence in the hands of the carpenters, and expects to let the contract for same soon. He will build on the hill near the home of Dr. W. B. Halley.

### 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 82

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