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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Bryan, Bailey, Wynne--- True Democratic Convention

Most Enthusiastic Political Gathering in the History of Runnels County was Held in Ballinger Monday

DELEGATES ELECTED TO STATE CONVENTION

Bryan, Bailey and Wynne Endorsed. Banner-Leader and Miles Messenger Endorsed in Their Fight Against Socialism and Anarchy

Monday, March 23rd, is a day long to be remembered in the political history of Runnels county. In pursuant to a call of something near a hundred and fifty true democrats, the representative citizens of Ballinger, and quite a number from Miles, Winters, and other sections of the county, assembled in the court house at 2:30 p. m. to place the stamp of condemnation upon the opposers of Democracy, to elect delegates to the Democratic State convention, which meets in Fort Worth, which state convention is for the purpose of nominating delegates to the National convention.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Jno. I. Guion, a life long pure Democrat. Judge Guion prefaced his remarks by saying there were only two dominating parties in our country, the Republican and the Democratic party; the former a black man's party, the latter a white man's party, and that the idea that party lines were being wiped out was all farce. Judge Guion went back to the time when the carpet bagger held the reins, and when the negro was placed in power in the good old native state of Mississippi. He reminded his hearers of the fact that today federal offices in the South were filled by negroes. He said that the Democratic party did not need the help of the populist independents, or any other party to elect a president, and that if they would quit "fussing" within their own ranks and pull together that Democracy would sweep the country. Judge Guion paid his respects to the traitor; the man who bolted, and said this was the class in main that was fighting our great statesmen, Joseph W. Bailey, today. "Cyclone Davis never breathed a Democratic breath in his life" said Judge Guion. Here the speaker quoted from a speech "Cycloen" made at a Galveston convention, which is familiar with all who read the papers.

Judge Guion's speech injected enthusiasm into the convention from the start, and he was applauded in a way that caused those present not in sympathy with the convention to blush like a courting school boy.

After explaining the object of the meeting, Judge Guion called for nominations for chairman. J. S. Moore, an old Democratic war horse, was nominated and unanimously elected. Mr. Moore was escorted to his seat by W. E. Sayle and Edward S. McCarver. Mr. Moore in a short address told his experience with the enemy, and gave the large audience to understand that a Democrat held the chair. W. A. Brundage, editor of the Miles Messenger, was elected secretary of the meeting. On motion

a committee of three was selected to draft proper resolutions. Judge M. C. Smith, S. D. Williams and W. L. Towner were appointed by the chair. While the committee were in the committee room, speeches were called for, and on motion were limited to five minutes, in order that the many prominent speakers present could address the meeting.

Stone! Stone! Stone! cried the audience. Judge Stone responded and stated that it was an injustice to limit him on five minutes time, and when he began to speak no doubt his hearers felt the same way. Judge Stone handle the bolters without gloves. He said he read the Dallas News, and did so because he wanted to be on the right side, and knew if he went contrary to the News he would be on the right side. He reminded the audience of the fact that the Dallas News had always opposed Democracy, and was perfectly natural in opposing Senator Bailey. "It supported McKinley and Kirby, fought Hogg," said Judge Stone. "Show me a paper that is fighting Joe Bailey and I will show you a paper that advocates socialism, single tax, and anarchy," Judge Stone's remarks were delivered with a vim and vigor that demonstrated that he was a Democrat of the true blue, and he was heartily cheered, for making the biggest five minutes speech ever made in the Runnels county court house.

Judge W. E. Sayle and E. S. McCarver followed with able speeches and in a forcible way condemned the opponents of Democracy. Judge Waide of Miles, was called for. Mr. Wade said he had only been a citizens of the state for three years, but had been here long enough to be a Bailey man, and that he could not be anything else and be a true Democrat. All of these speakers brought forth hearty cheers for the able way they defended the principles of Democracy.

That good and true Democrat, who has been tried in the fire furnace, Hon. John F. Maddox, was called for. Mr. Maddox was caught napping, and was taken by surprise, but he came forward. He said "you gentlemen look like you all want to make a speech, and let's give three cheers for Bryan, Bailey and Democracy," and with Mr. Maddox as leader the cheers were heartily given.

The committee on resolutions reported ready to make their report, and Judge M. C. Smith, chairman of the committee, was called upon to read the report, and read as follows:

When Judge Smith finished reading, the resolutions offered were loudly applauded, and upon

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CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

Meet to Pass on Applications for Engineer and Superintendent of the Water System, Smith and Tucker Elected

The city council met in call session Wednesday evening to pass on the applications for water works superintendent and to elect a man for the place and to pass on the resignation of the pumper and engineer and to elect a man for that place.

Seventeen application were before the council for the place of water works superintendent. They were all examined as to ability, qualification, etc., which requires considerable time. After a thorough examination the council appointed W L Smith to fill the unexpired term of Joe Soonts, resigned.

Pumper Payne put in his resignation to take effect on the first of April. This was acted upon favorably by the council and seven applicant examined for this place, after which the council appointed Henry Tucker. Changes in both places will take effect on April the first.

Another good slow rain amounting to about one inch has fell generally over this section of the state and so shortly after the rain of a few days ago makes the farmers smile while vegetation grows.

SEWERAGE WORK PROGRESSING FAST

Big Force of Hands Digging the Main Ditch and Laying Pipe Will Soon be Completed,

When you hear a man say that things are a little dull in Ballinger, caused by the lack of employment for hands, etc., and just kicking and cusing his town, take him by the arm and lead him around in the alley and show him a force of forty-five men at work putting in the Ballinger sewerage system. The Sanitary Sewerage Co., has on its payroll this week forty-five men, drawing all the way from \$1.50 to \$3 per day. With teams, plows, plows, scrapers, and a large bunch of men with pick and shovel the dirt is made to fly, and the ditch work on the system will soon be completed, pipe laid and connection with the consumers.

Mr. Gellispie, a member of the Houston party of visitors, who was here last week, said he was surprised to find a town the size of Ballinger undertaking such a thing as putting in an up-to-date sewerage system. He said it was an undertaking that was a credit to the town, and stated further that the town could have done nothing that would have been of greater benefit to the people. But, we must remember that this sewerage system is go-

ing in all on account of the nerve of a few business men, who have confidence in the town and her people, and are investing their money in the system. It is a private corporation regulated by the city.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY PLANS HERE

Plans for Library Accepted and Specifications Being Made.

The plans for the Carnegie Library arrived first of the week, and with a few changes made, have been accepted, and the architect called on for the specifications. Valk & Co., of Los Angeles, Calif., are the architects and an exact print of how the building would look when completed has been made by them and is on exhibition at the Bennett Abstract Co. office.

The building will cost, as estimated by the architect, \$12,600. The building committee will make a few changes to cut the cost down to within the \$12,500 mark.

The seating capacity of the auditorium will be 470 with a stage sufficient to seat a large number of people.

For Sale Cheap.

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ECHOES FROM HOUSTON HUSTLERS

Houston Chronicle Man Talks of Ballinger and Her People.

The Houston Chronicle of last Sunday contained a write up of the Houston Trade Excursion and the territory through which they traveled. Following is the mention made of Ballinger:

"Bountiful Ballinger welcomed Hungry Houston at noon Thursday." That's about the way Hon. T. H. Stone paraphrased the Ballinger Daily Ledger, which had called in "apt alliteration's artful aid" in describing the reception planned in honor of the Houston business men.

The reception occurred at Ballinger park, where a network of tables supplied the hungry guests with an elaborate repast of barbecue, coffee and pastry. Din-

ner over, there was a gathering of hosts and hostesses at the pavilion, where addresses were delivered by Judge John I. Guion and Hon. T. H. Stone. Judge Guion established himself thoroughly with the Houstonians by declaring in his opening sentence that Houston is the greatest commercial city in Texas, and that it has lived up to its name and traditions financially, morally, commercially and socially. He gave an interesting summary concerning the records made by Ballinger and said Ballinger did not extend to visitors the keys to the city because it is "a wide open town." He declared that Ballinger had a warm heart and a glad hand for every class of citizen except the professional politician. He concluded by quoting from an old colored woman who had declared she didn't see why the good Lawd made such a good town as Ballinger and made it so far from Houston. He de-

clared that Runnels county's chief asset was 3500 tillers of the soil, who in 1906 produced and marketed in Ballinger 40,000 bales of cotton, the largest receipts by wagon enjoyed by any cotton market in the world for the year mentioned. Ballinger's public utilities, including water plant, sewerage system, lighting plant and proposed street paving, were commented upon, and attention was called to the remarkable fact that during the past 15 years there has not been a commercial failure in Ballinger.

Responding to the sentiment of Judge Guion, Hon. T. H. Stone declared that the primary object of the trade excursion was not to advertise Houston, but to associate with the people of Ballinger and elsewhere. In his tribute to the ladies present, Mr. Stone declared that if they took advantage of leap year opportunities during the stay of the Houston visitors, the county clerk would have the busiest day in his history.

The stay of The Chronicle representative in Ballinger was made especially pleasant by courtesies received at the hands of Mr. A. W. Sledge of the Banner-Leader and Messrs. P. E. Truly, James B. Harris and other members of the editorial force of the Ballinger Daily Ledger and the Runnels County Ledger. The Daily Ledger issued a special illustrated souvenir edition in honor of the Houston visitors, copies of which were placed at every plate at the dinner tables. Mr. A. W. Sledge of the Banner-Leader supplied the visitors with copies of an excellent illustrated souvenir entitled "Prosperous Ballinger."

During the afternoon at Ballinger open house was kept by the Citizens National Bank. Punch was served and badges and violets distributed. Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. Dan Moser, Mrs. W. J. Buck, Mrs. M. E. Taylor, while the badges and violets were attached to coat lapels by Misses Estelle Underwood, Clara Malone, Ella Ward, Anna Van Doren, Nellie Miller, Louise Orgain, Katie Ray Ward. At Ballinger Mr. John A. Weeks, president of the Commercial Club, was especially active in providing entertainment for the Houstonians.

At Rowena, between Miles and Ballinger, a stop was made by request of citizens of the town long enough to allow Mr. A. C. Homann, cashier of the First State bank of Rowena, an opportunity for supplying the special with some interesting literature concerning Rowena. Rowena was named for a daughter of the Mr. Miles who gave his name to the now flourishing city of Miles.

Winters News Items.

Mrs. Earl Baldwin of Ballinger is spending the week in the city with her father, J. V. Davis and family.

I. L. Beard had business in Ballinger Monday. He disposed of his cotton while there and says he will be in shape to handle his part of the crop this year.

Mrs. Louie Afflebach and son returned to their home at Ballinger Monday after spending several days in the city with Mrs. Afflebach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Spill Sr.

H. P. Hudgens informs us that he will complete his new modern five room house out on his farm, four miles west of the city this week. He expects to move his family out there in the near future.

The plans and specifications for the Church of Christ have been accepted and the contract let to C. L. Hudgens. Work will commence on the building in a few days and pushed to completion. Messrs. Reed, Dale and Lamberth compose the building committee. — Winters Enterprise.

BANK DEFRAUDER WORKS HIS GAME

Passes Worthless Checks on Ballinger Merchants. Now Peeping Through The Bars.

The officers arrested a man first of the week and landed him in the Ballinger jail on a charge of passing worthless checks. It seems that the man drew a draft on a Knox county bank through the Talpa bank for \$900, getting a deposit collection slip for same. He came to Ballinger and using the deposit slip as proof of his having money in the Talpa bank, he checked on same and the check was honored by a Ballinger merchant. It developed later that the man was not known by the Knox county bank, and no funds were to his credit there or had ever been. Of course the checks on the Talpa bank were no good, and he was soon placed where it is impossible for him to play such tricks on his fellow men.

W. A. Boyd, a bank detective was here Monday and Tuesday, and he is pretty certain that the man is a professional at the game and Mr. Boyd had pictures made of him and carried them away with him, and if the pictures corresponds with a man wanted at other places, this man will be in for a good time.

He gives his name as T. E. McDonald and says his home is in Knox county.

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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.

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.

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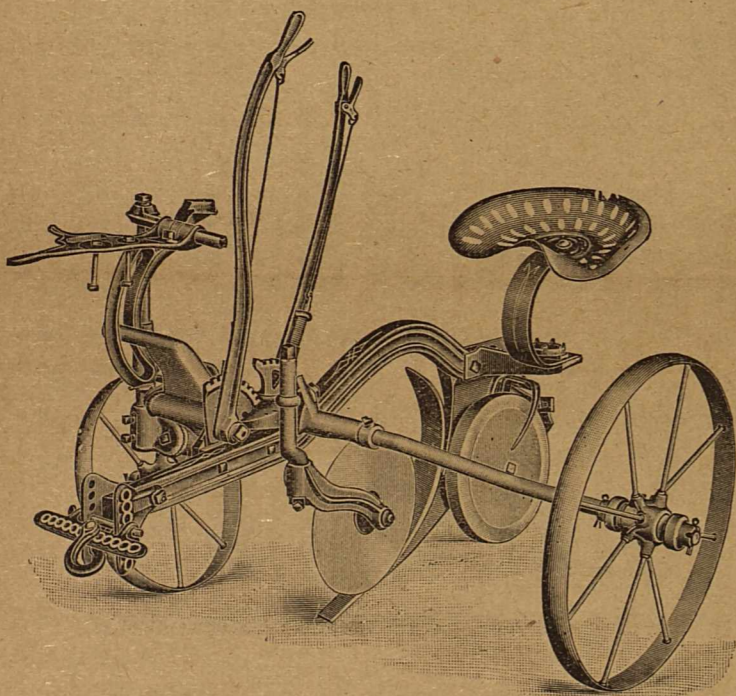
It would be folly to say that a person should always be his own doctor. There are times when one cannot be too quick in consulting a competent and reliable physician, but the fact does remain that there are many ailments that can be cured at home at very little expense. Such remedies can be bought at any first-class drug store for a small sum.

Among the diseases that can be effectively treated at home are such as pertaining to the stomach, liver and bowels, like constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, flatulency, sour stomach, bloated stomach, sick headaches, heartburn, etc. For these troubles there is no better remedy than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great herb laxative compound, and among its staunchest friends are the doctors themselves. In such troubles they know they have nothing better to offer than the ingredients contained in this remedy, and hence the liberal ones advise their patients to take it. It often happens that at the commencement of an attack some people hesitate to take such a simple remedy, and run to a doctor, but after trying various doctors they finally take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and have their confidence rewarded by a cure. A good case in point is that of Mr. Herrin, of Lawrenceville, Ill., who suffered from what the doctors called catarrh of the stomach. He was given up to die by three leading physicians. He had no appetite, could not digest what little he did eat, had severe pains in the stomach, and finally, moments when he himself thought he would die. Ultimately he was advised to try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and did so, and now he is entirely cured and has gained 25 pounds. He naturally advises all sufferers from weak stomach to use it. It can be had in 50 cent and \$1 bottles, and results are absolutely guaranteed or money is refunded.

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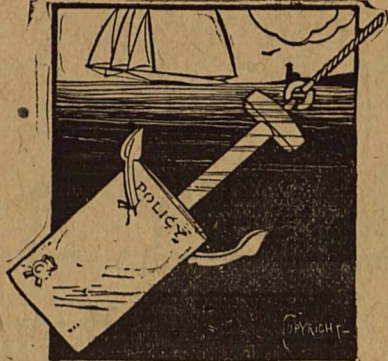
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STATE PROHIBITION FULLY EXPLAINED

Mr. Strong Explains Purposes of Prohibition Democrats. Says Intention is to Get Matter Before the People

To the Democrats of Texas:

At a conference of Democrats from many localities in Texas held in the city of Fort Worth Feb. 29, it was decided to enter into a campaign for the submission of the question of State prohibition to the people.

"I was selected as manager of this campaign, and earnestly solicit the aid of every democrat in Texas and all others in sympathy with this great cause.

"We will establish headquarters in Dallas and push the work of this campaign with all the energy and power we can muster within our ranks.

"At the conference above mentioned the following resolution was passed:

"We, your committee, recommend that the State Democratic Executive Committee be properly petitioned to submit to the Democratic primary election of July 25, 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 will be seen by this resolution that we are not trying to commit the Democratic party of Texas to new doctrine, but simply ask that it vote in the primaries in July to submit a Constitutional amendment to the people of Texas for their adoption or rejection as to them may seem proper.

"To state the proposition more clearly, will say that we are acting under section 120 of the Terrell election law, which provides in part as follows:

"Any political party in this State in convention assembled shall never place in the platform or resolutions of the party they represent any demand for specific legislation on any subject, unless the demand for such specific legislation shall have been submitted to a direct vote of the people, and shall have been indorsed by a majority of all the votes cast in the primary election of such party. The State Executive Committee shall on petition of 10 per cent of the voters of any party, as shown by the last primary election vote, submit any such question or questions to the voters at the general primary next preceding the State convention."

"In accordance with the provisions of this law, we have prepared petitions and sent out to the various counties of the State to secure the required number of signatures. These petitions will be presented to the Democratic Executive Committee at their meeting in June.

"The question will then be placed upon the ticket to be vote-

ed in the primary election July 25, and all Democrats participating in the primary will have the privilege of voting for the submission of a Constitutional amendment or against the submission of a Constitutional amendment."

"If a majority of Democrats voting in the primary are in favor of submitting the amendment then we will ask that it be inserted in the platform of the party and become a platform demand.

"This will give the Legislature which convenes next January instructions to submit to the amendment for State prohibition to the people of Texas for their adoption or rejection as to them may seem proper.

"You will understand, therefore, that we are not asking the Democrats who vote in the primary election, to vote for or against State prohibition, but are asking them to vote whether or not a prohibition amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the people of Texas for their approval or rejection.

"This proposition is Democratic and in thorough accord with the principles of the Democratic party, from its organization down to the present time. This being so, we earnestly appeal to every Democrat in Texas to vote in the primary election July 25, of this year, for the submission of this question to the people of Texas.

"The reports we have from various parts of the State clearly indicate that the time is ripe for this move, and if every Democrat in sympathy with us will do his duty the results will be all we could desire; so let us rally to this cause with a determination to win. Very Respectfully,

"STERLING P. STRONG,
"Chairman."

POWELL DECLINES THE HONOR

Judge J. W. Powell is not in Politics. Thanks Friends for Past Favors

Why should Runnels county not put out a candidate for representative in the next Legislature? No one has announced? We want a good conservative business man in that position; and one that has made a success by honesty and fair dealing in his own affairs we think may be trusted. We have recently heard the name of our fellow townsman Hon. J. W. Powell mentioned for the place; though he is not a candidate. He has lived in Runnels county for 20 years and his life has been an open book.

Should he consent to become a candidate he will have strong support from the beginning.

Let's get him in the race. A Voter,
Backed by many others.

The Daily Ledger of Friday March 20th 1908 contained the foregoing suggestion that I be a candidate for Representative in the next Legislature for this district. I hereby return my thanks for the call. It has been my lot to serve my people often in local public affairs, and I have turned over the trust to my successors with clear conscience to myself and I hope to the full satisfaction of those who honored me with those several offices I am not in politics for any office, in fact I have resolved to spend the remaining time allotted to me, as a private citizen retiring from aggressive business and will be found mostly enjoying my home and family, my office will be still open to all, many have given me lucrative business and I shall endeavor to give my best efforts to all those who have entrusted their business to my care.

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get data.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the
following candidates subject to the ac-
tion of the Democratic Primary:

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:

R. S. GRIGGS.
T. T. CROSSON

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 WEIGHER:

JOE SPOONTS.
FRANK STUART.

FOR SUPT. PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

E. L. HAGAN.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR:

J. E. POWELL.

FOR J. P. AND COMMISSIONER:

B. S. TAYLOR.
W. H. WEEKS.

J. A. DEMOVILLE.

City Announcements

FOR ALDERMEN:

W. J. MILLER
T. S. LANCKFORD

H. GEISECKE

FOR MARSHAL:

JACK MCKAY

B. W. PILCHER

S. A. WHITESIDES

The hit dog always howls.
Some time life is so near extinct
that the howl is weak.

Wonder if the chicken crop
will be sufficient in Runnels
county this year to feed the hun-
gry candidates? School closing
time will soon be here and picnic
season will open before you can
realize it.

We hear people say they don't
take any part in politics; leave all
that for the other fellow. Well,
do you think you are doing your
duty to your country? If you
can't take any part in politics
you should keep quiet when poli-
tics don't run to suit you.

Only a few more days until
City election. We don't know
how many names will be offered
for Aldermen, but it is impor-
tant that every citizen go to the
polls and vote, and see that men
who have the interest of a great-
er Ballinger at heart are elected.
We are at a stage when it is
necessary that we forge forward,
and not fall in a state of somnolence.

We have good cause to stand
up and proclaim the greatness of
Ballinger. As mentioned by one
of the Houston visitors, "Ballin-
ger is the smallest town in Tex-
as to have paved streets," and
when we stop to compare our
public utilities with those of
towns many times the size of
Ballinger, we can't help but feel
proud of our town. Especially
are we proud of our street lights,
and the fact that we are soon to
have an up-to-date sewerage sys-
tem and will be walking on paved
streets.

When you can't find what you
want, come to the 5 and 10 cent
store we have it.

A comparison of two factions
on the Bailey question is out of
reason. There is no comparison.
Look at the delegation going
from Ballinger today to the Ft.
Worth convention, and compare
them with the bunch that went
to Waco convention. Not a single
man from Ballinger attended the
Waco hatefeast, while over thirty
are off to the Fort Worth con-
vention. The Fort Worth bunch
are representative citizen of Ballin-
ger, and are rock ribbed, life
long, simon pure true Democrats
and they will advertise the fact
that Runnels county is a Demo-
cratic county and stands pat
for Bailey.

The big Bailey meet at Fort
Worth Saturday is the chief top-
ic of discussion on the streets of
Brownwood this week. A large
delegation from here and the
west will go if the low rate is
secured. The delegation will
not be confined to Bailey men,
since quite a number of the antis
have signified their intention of
going.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The delegation from Ballinger
will be Bailey men and they will
go in a special car and will have
credentials properly certified to
beg the chairman and secretary.
Of course there will be others
who will take advantage of the
low rate to go to Fort Worth
hear Hon. Joseph W. Bailey
speak and they will no doubt re-
gret that their democracy is not
of sufficient purity to entitle
them to be delegates to this
great convention of Democrats.
The car from Ballinger will be
Democrats and will so be labled
in no uncertain terms.

In almost every town may be
found a few men who owe al-
most all they possess to the
growth and development of the
town in which they live; but
when solicited to contribute a
trifle to some cause that are al-
most of vital importance to the
town they invariably refuse.
Such citizens seem not to realize
that if their neighbors were all
of the same class as themselves
that it would be utterly impossi-
ble for a town to grow or become
of any importance. These are the
people who are generally heard com-
plaining when a few dollars, city
or school tax are to be paid.
When you talk about voting
bounds to build a school house or
some other necessary improve-
ment they say all such work
should be done by private sub-
scription; but if this class should
be depended upon to do the sub-
scribing and paying, absolutely
nothing would be done. Imagine
for a minute a colony or com-
munity composed entirely of
this class of citizens and you
have about as dark picture as
the imagination can present.—
Sweetwater Reporter.

We should be thankful that
Ballinger has very few of this
class. We have some, but they
are so few that the town is not
held back by them, but is getting
every good thing that comes our
way and all by the effort of the
progression element.

Mad Dog Fright

"Old Rip" a faithful old bird
dog belonging to Harry Scott,
went mad Wednesday and caused
considerable excitement on Eighth
Street. He bit several dogs in
town, among the number two
birds dogs of Sheriff Kirk, two
scotch collies belonging to Col.
C. L. Morgan and J. A. Weeks
and it is thought he bit other
dogs. "Rip" had been sick for
some time but showed no signs
of hydraphobia, and his master
did not anticipate anything of
the kind, and he was allowed to
run loose. Mr. Scott was out of
town at the time, and the officer
was called on to dispatch the
faithful old dog to the happy
hunting ground.

Tetter, Salt Rheum and Ecze- ma.

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.

True Democratic Convention

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motion by Judge Stone were
unanimously adopted.

Following are the resolutions
as passed by the convention:—
To the Chairman of the Runnels
County Democratic Convention:

We, your committee on resolu-
tions, beg to report as follows:—
Whereas, in view of the assault
now being made within the bor-
ders of our State against the
Democratic party by a clan of
malcontents, disgruntled and de-
feated-office-seekers and disap-
pointed politicians, such as as-
sembled at what is commonly
known as the anti-Bailey Con-
vention held at Waco, on March the
7th composed chiefly of men of the
type of the well known populist,
Cyclone Davis, who has never
breathed a Democratic breath,
and Cone Johnson whose politi-
cal record is perforated with
deeds of misdoing, who have
in view no other purpose than
to disrupt the organized Demo-
cracy of this the greatest State
of the American Union, and to
destroy, if possible, the influence
of the South's greatest States-
man and most brilliant United
States Senator, Hon. Joseph
Weldon Bailey:

Now, therefore, be it resolved:
First, That we reaffirm our al-
legiance to the time-honored
principles of Democracy as prom-
ulgated and advocated by
Thomas Jefferson and ever since
faithfully adhered to by pure and
eminent statesmen, such as Cal-
houn, Reagan and Hogg, who
have crossed the river to rest
under the shades beyond, and in
whose footprints walks to day
the champion of those principles,
the ablest and noblest son of the
South, the Hon. Joseph Weldon
Bailey.

Second, That we, in common
with all true Democrats of this
great Commonwealth, having
implicit faith and confidence in
the ability and integrity of Sen-
ator Bailey, and believing that
his absence from the councils of
our Nation would be a great loss
to the Democratic party, we
hereby unanimously indorse him
for delegate at large to the Na-
tional Democratic Convention at
Denver in the interest of true
Democracy.

Third, That we indorse the
Hon. William Jennings Bryan as
our matchless leader of the Na-
tion, believing that under his
generalship he will lead the hosts
of Democracy to victory.

Fourth, That for Attorney
General of Texas, we indorse
that grand old patriot, Colonel
R. M. Wynne who fought for
southern-rights on the battle
fields of the early sixties and is
in the fight today to uphold and
maintain the true principles of
Democracy against the malcon-
tents, socialists and political ren-
egades that characterized the
aforesaid Waco meeting.

Fifth, That we indorse the
policy of our Runnels County
Democratic papers, the Banner-
Leader and the Miles Messenger,
in their ardent and manly fight
in behalf of the true principles
of Democracy, and against social-
ism and anarchism which today
is a menace to Democracy and
good government.

M. C. Smith,

W. L. Towner,

S. D. Williams,

Committee.

When it comes to the election
of delegates to the Fort Worth
Convention Judge Guion stated
as there was no limit as to the
number, and it not being known
who could attend, he thought the
best way would be to authorize
the chairman to appoint and fur-
nish with credentials all true dem-
ocrats who wish to go. This plan
was agreed upon and names called
for, and in a few minutes a list
of twenty names had been
secured, and as fast as those
wishing to go could decide defi-

nately their names were added to
the list, and a full car load was
on the list, and a special car se-
cured for the Ballinger delega-
tion. Following are some of
those who will go from Ballinger
as delegates:

Jno. I. Guion, B. B. Stone, B.
C. Kirk, Bob Kirk, W. E. Sayle,
Jno. F. Maddox, M. C. Smith, F.
C. Miller, J. N. Adams, Scott H.
Mack, W. R. Gilliam, J. B. Alvis,
J. W. Goodwin, M. A. Traylor,
J. E. McAdams, W. P. Hawkins,
D. M. Baker, J. M. Garlington,
J. Shields, W. B. Wray, Ed.
Dickinson, Dr. W. B. Halley, J.
A. Weeks, R. F. Golden, H.
Vandevanter, J. S. Moore, J. B.
Waid, and several others from
Miles.

The special car was side track-
ed here last night, and was de-
corated with Bailey and Demo-
cratic banners to-day, and will
leave attached to the regular
train this evening at three thirty,
and the enthusiastic crowd
will herald to the people between
here and Fort Worth the fact
that Ballinger and Runnels
county is for Bailey and Wynne,
and is composed of people who
stand for the true principles of
Democracy.

Letter to Davis Fancher Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Dear Sir: Ten years ago,
there was one pure paint and
200 adulterate, about half of the
latter short-measure besides.

There is still but one best, and
the difference is ten gallons De-
voe goes far as eleven next best
\$5 in every ten gallons.

A new word has come up in
paint; it is strong. Strong paint
goes further and wears longer;
weak paint takes more gallons
and wears out sooner.

The proper cost of a 10 gallon
job is \$50. Paint that takes 11
gallons makes it \$55. Paint that
takes 12 gallons makes it \$60.
Paint that takes 13 gallons makes
it \$65. Paint that takes 20 gal-
lons makes it \$100.

The \$50 job wears twice as
long as the \$100. These figures
are not precise; they are round.
The 10 gallon paint is Devoe.

Yours truly

F. W. Devoe & Co.

Ballinger Lumber Co. sells our
paint.

Do Animals Reason?

While studying in the Zoolo-
gical Garden in London, I made
the acquaintance of a mischiev-
ous baboon that, because of its
irresistible desire to make a
rough house of the cage and its
many smaller occupants, was
chained in one corner of the in-
closure. I have seen him walk
the length of his chain, turn,
reach out with a hind foot and
pick up or drag to him some bit
of food or trinket that caught
his eye, and which he could see
without trying was beyond the
reach of his hands or front feet.

When the other monkeys, in a
moment of playfulness and for-
getfulness, got too near him, he
would suddenly rush out to the
full length of the chain and
quick as lightning snap about
and grab blindly at them with
a hind foot. Usually he failed
in his object, but sometimes he
succeeded in catching one, when
he would haul the screaming,
struggling victim to him, and
hold it firmly with his hind feet
while he submitted it to a close
examination for half an hour or
more.—Forest and Stream.

Notice to the Teachers of Runnels County.

There has been a great deal of
carelessness on the part of the
teachers in making out their
monthly report. Therefore I sug-
gest to them to be more careful
and especially in making out
their term report, otherwise I
shall return all reports for cor-
rection.

E. L. Hagan, County Supt.

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

1908

Spring Beauties

We've got them in the
latest Spring wearables.
See our handsome line of
**Spring Waists in Silk
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white and ecru colors**

To describe these Waists is be-
yond our ability. The lowness
of price, beauty and quality re-
quire an inspection with your
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DRESS GOODS In the latest patterns and
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see them. We bid for business on the plan
of your money's worth every time, and you'll
get the best and save money if you come here
and make your purchases.

WINKLER DRY GOODS CO.

Gressett-Pickett.

In the presence of a large num-
ber of friends at the home of the
bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.
F. Gressett, in West End, Wed-
nesday evening at 2 o'clock, Miss
Earl Gressett and Mr. Tom Pickett,
were married, Rev. Wil-
liams, pastor of the Methodist
church performing the ceremony.

For practically her entire life
Miss Earl has been a Ballinger
girl, and her friends are number-
ed by her acquaintances. For
several years she was connected
with the Higginbotham Currie
Co. and later with the Higdon,
Melton Jackson Co., and during
this time she has become well
acquainted with the people over
the entire county, and many will
regret to learn that she has gone
from Ballinger to make her
home in another town.

Mr. Pickett is a prominent rail-
road man, running out of Brown-
wood on the Santa Fe as
freight conductor, and is a man
who will make Miss Earl a faith-
ful husband.

Aster the ceremony and the
usual congratulations and well
wished for a happy life, the bride
and groom left on the 3:30 train
for their future home at Brown-
wood.

8th Street Presbyterian Church,

The usual services will be held
at this Church next Sunday. Sun-
day School will meet at 9:45 a.
m. The pastor will preach at 11
a. m. and 8 p. m. The morning
subject will be "The Impossible
Realized," the subject at night,
"The Golden Streets." Mr. Mil-
ford M. Hamlin will sing "The
Door of Hope" by Ernest B.
Ball at the morning service and
Lord Tennyson's poem, "Cross-
ing the Bar" set to music by
Dudley Buck at the evening
hour. Every one invited to
these services.

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Get the best seeds. We have
the most complete and fresh
stock of the Old Reliable Lamb-
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bulk.

tf Dornberger & Hopkinson.

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

tf M. M. Hamilton.

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Lumber from mill to consum-
er. We fill house bills complete
including doors, windows, blinds,
mouldings, columns, lime, ce-
ment, plaster and shingles in
mixed cars at panic prices. Re-
liable agent wanted. Address
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TO THE LADIES.

\$2.25 for \$1.00

We are anxious to have you
try our line of goods, and to in-
troduce them, we make you the
following proposition. Upon re-
ceipt of \$1.00 either cash or
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by mail, prepaid,
One Large Jar of Mexican Rose
Cream, 50 cts.,

The Greatest of all Skin Foods.

One Large Jar of Mentho-
mexico 50 cts.,

The Great Mexican Salve.

One Package of Mexican Tal-
cum Powder 25 cts.,

Made from imported Talc.

One Booklet on Massage.

One Lady's Handkerchief,

swiss embroidered \$1.00

Total Value \$2.25 for \$1.00

Write today.

The Mexican Mfg. Co.,

WICHITA, KANSAS.

WHAT CONGRESSMAN SMITH HAS DONE

A Brief Analysis of His Record While Serving The People of This District.

A member of the lower House of Congress is called a representative. In truth, he is elected to represent in Congress the people of his immediate district. Insofar as he does, that constitutes his record of efficiency and by that standard we must judge him.

W. R. Smith, of Colorado, Mitchell county, was elected in 1903 to represent this, the 16th, district in congress. The chief industries of this district are farming and stock raising. Every citizen not engaged in these occupations is indirectly dependent upon them for a livelihood. Let us see how well Smith has looked after the live-stock and agricultural interests of the district and we will know just how well he has represented us in Congress.

TICK ERADICATION.

When Smith took his seat in Congress one of the most vexatious local questions was that of the cattle quarantine. People south of the line, who had their range and markets restricted, vehemently demanded that the quarantine be abolished. Cattle raisers north of the line, who feared the destruction of their herds by the tick fever, urged a rigid enforcement of the regulations. Feeling over the quarantine line ran high and the situation was both helpless and deplorable. However, largely through Smith's efforts that question has been solved and ultimately we may expect that the disease will be stamped out and the quarantine abolished.

Beyond question it has been proven that the fever can only be transmitted from one animal to another by the Texas fever tick. Three or four years ago it was discovered, through experiments of the Department of Agriculture, that this species of tick could be completely exterminated. The matter was first brought to the attention of Congress by Representative Smith who in 1905, introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to begin the work of tick eradication and making appropriation therefor, \$82,500.00 was appropriated for the work in 1906. The work proved of such importance that the amount was increased to \$150,000 for 1907. This year Mr. Smith introduced a bill providing for an appropriation of \$300,000 for tick eradication work and the Committee on Agriculture has just recommended to Congress that \$250,000 be set apart for the work in 1908.

IRRIGATION.

For three years past Congressman Smith has been successful in getting the Department of Agriculture to detail for special work in this district experts on irrigation and drainage to instruct the farmers in the best methods of irrigation. These experts have gone about the country showing our farmers in the drouth stricken sections how best to utilize the water from creeks, ponds and wells for irrigation and this without one cent of expense to the farmers. Certainly this has been an important work.

For twenty-five years previous to Smith's election to Congress the people of the Western portion of Texas had been working on a project to irrigate that arid section by means of water taken from the Rio Grande river. They wanted the aid of the National Government and because of complications with Mexico an act of Congress was necessary. Mr. Lanham, since governor of Texas, Mr. Cockrell and Mr. Stephens, who preceded Mr. Smith as representatives in Congress from this district, introduced

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Opening Exhibit of Spring Fashions



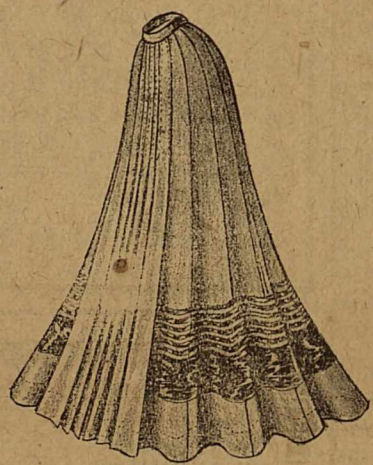
WE MERIT YOUR PATRONAGE BY GIVING YOU THE BEST.

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HATS EXCEL

THE OPENING DISPLAY OF MILLINERY is of far greater magnitude than anything ever attempted in Ballinger. The exquisite new colorings, the charming new shapes, the unique arrangements of trimmings—from Smart Tailored Hats at \$2.50 to elaborate creations in Paris Models up to \$25.00. Our Hats were purchased largely in New York City. Many Paris Models among them—the two fashion centers of the world. Consequently, if you buy of us you get the style, that few, if any, will show in West Texas. We urge you to see this exhibit in its first completeness. We welcome you. Come.

THE SPRING SHOWING IS READY

Assortments were never more complete, styles never so attractive. Weeks and months of careful planning and selecting have brought together an array of which we are justly proud. Every style feature peculiar to the season finds expression in our extensive stock and notwithstanding the hue and cry of hard times, values were never better than right now. The store has taken on new attire. Everything suggestive of winter is in the background and in its place are apple blossoms in such profusion that it seems one can almost scent their sweet fragrance. When in our store you are in the midst of spring.



Opening Display of Skirts

A notable collection of ladies' Skirts, in beautiful voiles and the new Rajah wool, also browns, blue and browns predominate. Prices range \$22.50, 19.48, 16.48, 15.00, 12.98, 9.98, down to 4.98.

WHITE SUITS—SKIRTS

We wish to call your attention to our white Suits and Skirts—and a showing in light blue. Suit prices at \$10.00 and 8.98. White Skirts at \$3.00, 3.48 and 4.98.

Opening Display of Corsets

We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of buying an American Lady Corset. Without question they are the best and most comfortable corsets made. All styles shown. \$1.00, 1.25 and up to 2.00.

OPENING DISPLAY OF WASH GOODS

The rich colorings, the daintiness of patterns, and the fineness of material added to the great variety shown, make this an exhibit never before equaled in Ballinger. The new crisp white goods are in abundance; the prices were never lower. Extra sheer white Linen Lawn, 36 inches wide, worth 48 cents, special price 39 cents.

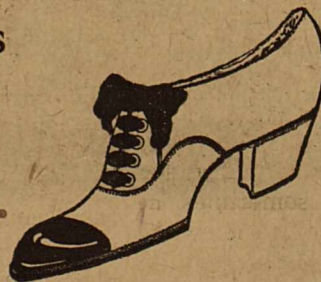


OPENING DISPLAY OF SILKS AND DRESS GOODS

EXQUISITE SHOWING OF SILKS Dainty stripes, checks and medium small figure effects. Very good for jumper suits. All the new Rajah silks in copenhagen, navy, brown and natural shades; 27 inches wide, worth \$1.00, only 85 cents a yard.

Oxfords

New Spring styles in women's footwear ready. Make a point of seeing them, if only to know what will be the newest when the warm snap comes. The Tan "Innovations," Gibsons and Pump styles—plentiful here—Prices \$2.48, 2.98, and 3.48.



NEW LONGERIE WAISTS

The very popular kind only, shown here. Waists in Longerie, Mull, Swiss, plain Lawns trimmed with fine Maltese and Filet Laces, some with Medallions of embroidery. French Collars boned high. Full line shown at \$8.98 down to \$1.24.

SILK GLOVES

Sixteen and eighteen button length, tan, brown, copenhagen, navy, white and black. Price \$1.25, 1.48, and 1.98. EXTRA—Eighteen button length silk Gloves, double tipped fingers; black, copenhagen, blue and navy, the \$1.98 kind, special \$1.48.

We want you to make this your shopping place. We want you as a customer, want your friend and your friend's friend. Want you to help us build up this store to one of the best in all the West; want your hearty co-operation with us. In return we offer to you the best service possible, giving you one price, treating all alike, giving the best values at all times for the least possible money. Meet with us, the latch-string hangs on the outside and we bid you welcome.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

THE STYLE CENTER OF WEST TEXAS

ills providing for this work. Not one of the bills had ever been reported favorably by a committee. Smith took the matter up when he went to Congress and it was freely predicted that nothing would come of his efforts, but he had the bill enacted into law during his first term. The work on the \$7,000,000 dam across the Rio Grande has begun and soon more than 100,000 acres of Texas arid lands will be under irrigation.

THE RECLAMATION ACT.

Some years ago Congress set apart certain public lands to be sold and the proceeds applied to the irrigation of arid lands under the direction of the Reclamation Bureau. Texas was not included in this act, because, so the framers of the bill alleged, there were no lands in Texas belonging to the National government. We had millions of acres of arid lands and it seemed a discrimination that we could not avail ourselves of the provisions of the act. Smith took the matter up and after a long fight the law was amended to include Texas in the work. The fund now amounts to \$40,000,000 and there are yet 50,000,000 acres of land to be sold and the proceeds applied to irrigation work. All the available fund was allotted before the law was amended, but very soon Texas will come in for a share of this work.

FORAGE CROPS.

One of the problems in Western Texas is to find some kind of forage crop that will withstand the long drouths so frequent. To that end Mr. Smith has interested the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture and that Bureau is now co-operating with hundreds of farmers and ranchmen of the district in the work of growing drouth resisting forage crops.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY OF MAILS.

So important has become the business of the farmer and stock raiser that a daily mail is almost a necessity to them. This is to be had by means of the rural free delivery service. When Smith was elected to Congress there was not a single rural mail route in operation in his entire district. Today, thanks to his efforts, over 9000 farmers and cattle raisers are being supplied with mail through the means of more than 70 rural free delivery routes, thus placing them in daily touch with the markets of the world.

The most exacting citizen of the district could not demand a more faithful representative of our interests than Mr. Smith's shows. His most violent opponent can find nothing to criticize therein. It seems to us that this is a most consistent record and an exceptional one for a new member of Congress. In addition to this any one who has had occasion to write Mr. Smith on even the smallest matter of business will bear us out in the statement that such matters are always promptly attended to. San Angelo is indebted to Smith for a Federal Building and other towns in his district, large enough to justify it, will, no doubt soon profit in the same way by his representation.

When elected to Congress, Smith had all the qualifications of a useful member, save experience, and now just as he is acquiring that, and it counts for much in the National Congress, it would be a blow to the interests of the district to retire him. He has been a hard worker, has shown his ability, and has proven true to every trust imposed in him. We cannot hope to profit by a change of representatives and it behooves us to give him a large majority at the July primaries and thus show our appreciation of his faithful service.—San Angelo Standard.

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.

Election Notice.

By virtue of an order passed by the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, at their regular meeting, March 7th, 1908, I, J. McGregor, president of the Board of Trustees order an election to be held at the Court House in Ballinger, Runnels County Texas on Saturday the 4th. day of April 1908 between the hours as prescribed by law, to elect four Trustees for said Ballinger Independent School District, as Provided by the amended Special act of the 29th. Legislature of Texas, creating and regulating the said Ballinger Independent School District.

H. A. Massey is appointed manager of the Election.

J. McGregor,

Pres. of Board of Trustee.

E. D. Walker,

Sec. of Board of Trustee.

Resolutions of Respects.

Whereas, the Supreme Guardian of the Universe has seen fit to take from this life little Troy, son and nephew of Sovereigns Julia McMinn and R. S. Griggs. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Ballinger W. C. Grove No. 613, in the Grove assembled, offer our deepest sympathy and respect in this sad hour of grief and sorrow. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Sovereigns Julia McMinn and R. S. Griggs, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Grove and a copy be furnished each of our local papers for publication.

Annie Harmon
A. S. Justice } Com.
Ada Billert }

Attest: Mary Phillips,
Clerk Ballinger Grove No. 613, W. C.

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.

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.

Notice to Prospective Candidates for School Trustee.

All parties who desire their names on the ticket for School Trustee of the Ballinger Independent School District at the coming election on April 4th, 1908, will please send their names to either the President or Secretary of the School Board not later than Friday April 3rd. at 1 o'clock p. m. so that the ticket may be printed in time for the election Saturday.

The names will be placed on the ticket in Alphabetical order.
J. McGregor
President of Board of Trustees.
E. D. Walker
Secretary of Board of Trustees.

"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.

Veterinary Surgeon,

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

C. S. JACKSON,

Veterinary Surgeon.

MALES WORK EASIER

Ballinger People Are Pleased to Learn How It is Done.

It's pretty hard to attend to duties

With a constantly aching back; With annoying urinary disorders.

Doan's Kidney Pills make work easier.

They cure backache. They cure every kidney ill.

Wm. A. Barnes, carpenter and builder of Lampasas, Tex., says: "I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills for rheumatism and kidney trouble from which I had suffered for over three years. There were back-aches, dizzy headaches, blurring of the eyes and a very distressing urinary trouble. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me complete relief and finally cured the trouble. The pains in my knees have gone and the kidneys are strong and healthy. We consider the money expended for Doan's Kidney Pills wisely spent."

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.

Good Fire Proof Safe For Sale.

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

Alarm clocks the best on earth at Jas. E. Brewers.

Pure Drugs are Fresh Drugs

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

The man behind the Prescription

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

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

The Walker Drug Co.

We sell Eastman Kodak Supplies.

THE TWO INVINCIBLES

Cod Liver Oil and Iron.

Cod Liver oil and iron in some form or other are prescribed by physicians the world has ever known for anemia or poor blood, weakness, convalescence, and all wasting and pulmonary diseases.

Iron, because it is the basis of blood and without a sufficient amount the blood is impoverished, watery, pale and impure.

Cod Liver Oil, because it contains curative and reconstructive qualities greater than that possessed by any other one medicinal agent.

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.

Vinol 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 oil.

As a body builder and strength creator for old people, delicate children weak run down persons, after sickness and for Chronic Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles, Vinol is unexcelled.

We ask Ballinger people to give Vinol a trial. It won't cost anything unless it gives satisfaction. The Walker Drug Co.

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 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.

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.

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

A Lazy Liver

May be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. It would be a stupid as well as a savage thing to beat a weary or starved man because he lagged in his work. So in treating the lagging, torpid liver it is a great mistake to lash it with strong drastic drugs. A torpid liver is but an indication of an ill-nourished, enfeebled body whose organs are weary with over work. Start with the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition. Put them in working order and see how quickly your liver will become active. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has made many marvelous cures of "liver trouble" by its wonderful control of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the normal activity of the stomach, increases the secretions of the blood-making glands, cleanses the system from poisonous accumulations, and so relieves the liver of the burdens imposed upon it by the defection of other organs.

If you have bitter or bad taste in the morning, poor or variable appetite, coated tongue, foul breath, constipated or irregular bowels, feel weak, easily tired, despondent, frequent headaches, pain or distress in "small of back," gnawing or distressed feeling in stomach, perhaps nausea, and "risings" in throat after eating, and kindred symptoms of weak stomach and torpid liver, no medicine will relieve you more promptly or cure you more permanently than Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Perhaps only a part of the above symptoms will be present at one time and yet point to torpid liver or biliousness and weak stomach. Avoid all hot bread and biscuits, griddle cakes and other indigestible food and take the "Golden Medical Discovery" regularly and stick to its use until you are vigorous and strong.

The "Discovery" is non-secret, non-alcoholic, is a glyceric extract of native medicinal roots with a full list of its ingredients printed on each bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. Its ingredients are endorsed and extolled by the most eminent medical writers of the age and are recommended to cure the diseases for which it is advised.

Don't accept a substitute of unknown composition for this non-secret MEDICINE OF KNOWN COMPOSITION.

CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT

Says Many Persons Here Can Be Made Happy Again By Using This Home Made Mixture.

There is so much Rheumatism here in our neighborhood now that the following advice by an eminent authority, who writes for readers of a large Eastern daily paper, will be highly appreciated by those who suffer:

Get from any good pharmacy one half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces of Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Shake these well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime; also drink plenty of good water.

It is claimed that there are few victims of this dread and torturous disease who will fail to find ready relief in this simple home made mixture and in most cases a permanent cure is the result.

This simple recipe is said to strengthen and cleanse the eliminative tissues of the Kidneys so that they can filter and strain from the blood and system the poisons, acids and waste matter, which cause not only Rheumatism, but numerous other diseases. Every man or woman here who feels that their kidneys are not healthy and active, or who suffers from any urinary trouble whatever, should not hesitate to make up this mixture, as it is certain to do much good, and may save you from much misery and suffering after while.

Our home druggists say they will either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription ready to take if our readers ask them.

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.

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

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

TOM WARD, President
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R. G. ERWIN, Asst. Cashier

CAPITAL \$200,000.00
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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

For Rent.

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

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.

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

A SAFE, CERTAIN RELIEF FOR SUPPRESSED MENSTRUATION. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, to be paid for when relieved. Samples Free. If your druggist does not have them send your order to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

PILES RUDY'S Suppository

A cure guaranteed if you use RUDY'S PILE Suppository

Dr. Matt. Thompson, Sup't Graded Schools, Statesville, N. C., writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. Devere, Haven Rock, W. Va., writes: "They give universal satisfaction." Dr. H. D. McGill, Clarkburg, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 23 years, I have found no remedy to equal yours." Price, 50 Cents. Samples Free. Sold by Druggists. MARTIN RUDY, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co. CALL FOR FREE SAMPLE

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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GLUCKSMAN --- Imported German Coach Horse

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

W. E. SAYLE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
will practice in all the Courts
Office over the Ballinger State Bank
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R. S. GRIGGS,
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Will do a civil practice in all courts.
Special attention given to probate mat-
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Examining Land Titles
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W. L. Towner,
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Examines Land Titles, Fur-
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torney-at-law Solicits your
Probate Business.
Office over First Nat Bank.
Ballinger, - - Texas.

J. H. Price
Ballinger, Texas.
Builder and Contractor
Estimates furnished on short notice.

Business Change.

T. J. Kenzer, of Vickburg, Mississippi, arrived Saturday with his bride, and on Monday took charge of the 5 and 10 cent store, which he purchased about two weeks ago. Mr. Kenzer was here prospecting and closed a deal with R. M. Moorehead for this business. He returned home to wind up some business affairs, among which was the marrying of Miss Haley, a popular young lady of Utica, Mississippi, and he has returned to make Ballinger, his home. We welcome Mr. Kenzer and his bride to Ballinger, and wish for them a successful career.

A Word of Thanks.

I wish to thank the gentlemen working on the sewerage system in Ballinger for locating my mules, last Wednesday and notifying me of same, and other kindness shown in reference to the matter.

S. W. Long,
Winters, Texas

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.

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.

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

Johnson Valley

Our community is moving along nicely with only now and then a ripple in the wave to relieve the monotony.

Farmers are well up with their work and with a slow rain falling at this writing, small grain and garden truck should move out nicely. A great many farmers have planted corn and we hear of a few who have planted cotton. We suppose however those who have planted cotton have reserved planting seed enough to plant again.

The health of our community is good with the exception of a few cases of La Grippe, that seems to stay with its victim regardless of treatment or weather condition.

Our school at Baldwin is moving along nicely under the management of two young but well qualified teachers Prof. G. C. Beard as principle and Miss Pauline Lee of Goliad as assistant.

We have preaching three Sundays in each month. Bro. J. L. Speer Methodist preacher of Winters preaches at 11 o'clock on the first Sunday. Bro. W. I. Dunn the Baptist pastor preaches on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock and again at night and Bro. A. E. Turney the Methodist Pastor preaches in the afternoon of the second Sunday. Our faithful ministers and Sunday school superintendant has labored under disadvantages during the seige of La Grippe and series of colds cloudy Sundays but hope now as spring is here that they will meet with more encouragement.

The young people have an interesting B. Y. P. U. which meets at 4 o'clock every Sunday afternoon.

We also have an interest literary society which meets at the school house the 2nd and 4th Saturday nights in each month. Quite a number of young people from this place attended the concert at Winters Saturday night all reports a fine time. Well this slow rain gets better and sounds good to us.
"Thelma"

AN OPEN LETTER

To the People of Ballinger.

To Whom it May Concern:

Of late there has been a good deal of discussion in Ballinger in regard to advertised medicines and their value—the papers are full of them.

We want to say to every man, woman and child in Ballinger in regard to advertised medicines and their value—the papers are full of them. We want to say to every man, woman and child in Ballinger that we believe the most valuable preparation of cod liver oil—the best tonic reconstructor, health restorer and strength creator—we have ever sold in our store is Vinol.

Vinol is not a patent medicine, it contains no injurious drugs, but it actually does contain all of the medicinal, curative elements taken from fresh cods livers, without a drop of the useless oil to upset the stomach and retard its work, and tonic iron added.

Vinol is recognized throughout the world as the greatest strength creator for old people, weak, sickly women and children, nursing mothers, and after a severe sickness.

Vinol cures hacking coughs, chronic colds bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. We ask the people of Ballinger to try Vinol on our offer to return money if it fails.

\$30
Cali-
fornia
Branch Line points slightly higher
ONE WAY COLONISTS
March and April
Thru Tourist Sleeper
every Tuesday

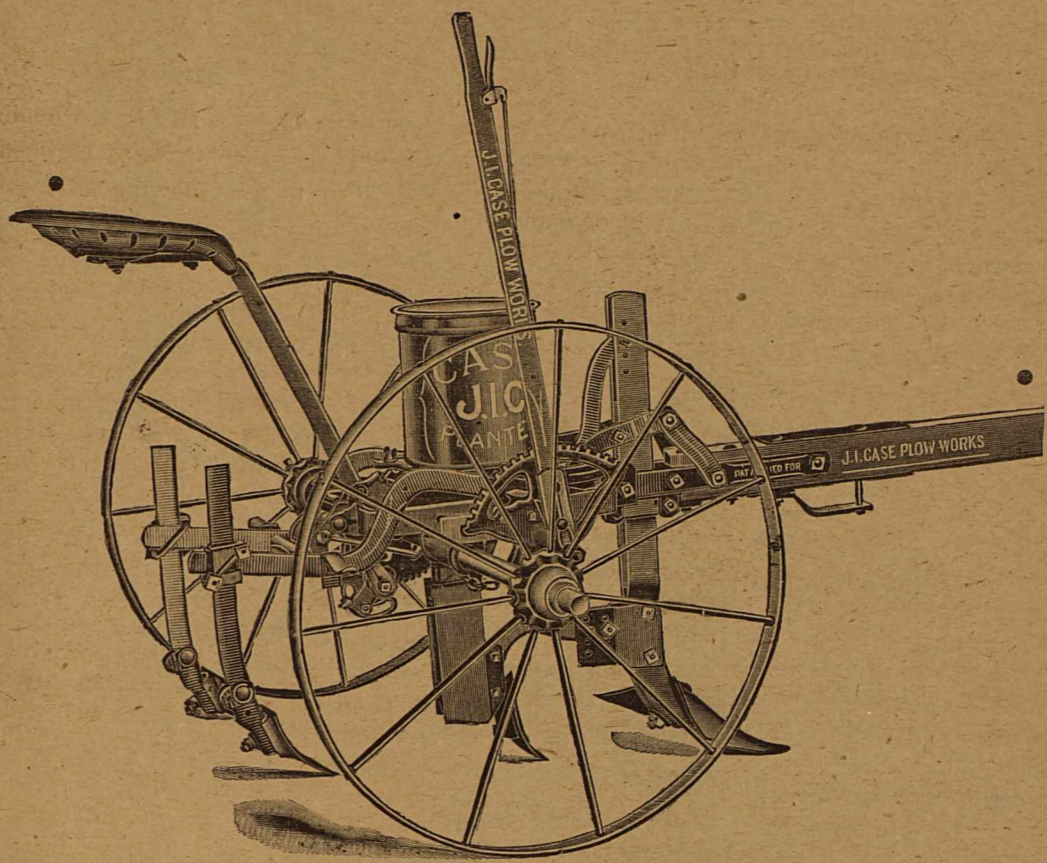
Stopover at Grand Canyon
FRED HARVEY MEALS
Write for booklets
W. S. KEENAN G. P. A.
Galveston

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect it.

Prevalency of Kidney Disease.
Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalency of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost the last recognized by patient and physicians, who content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease undermines the system.

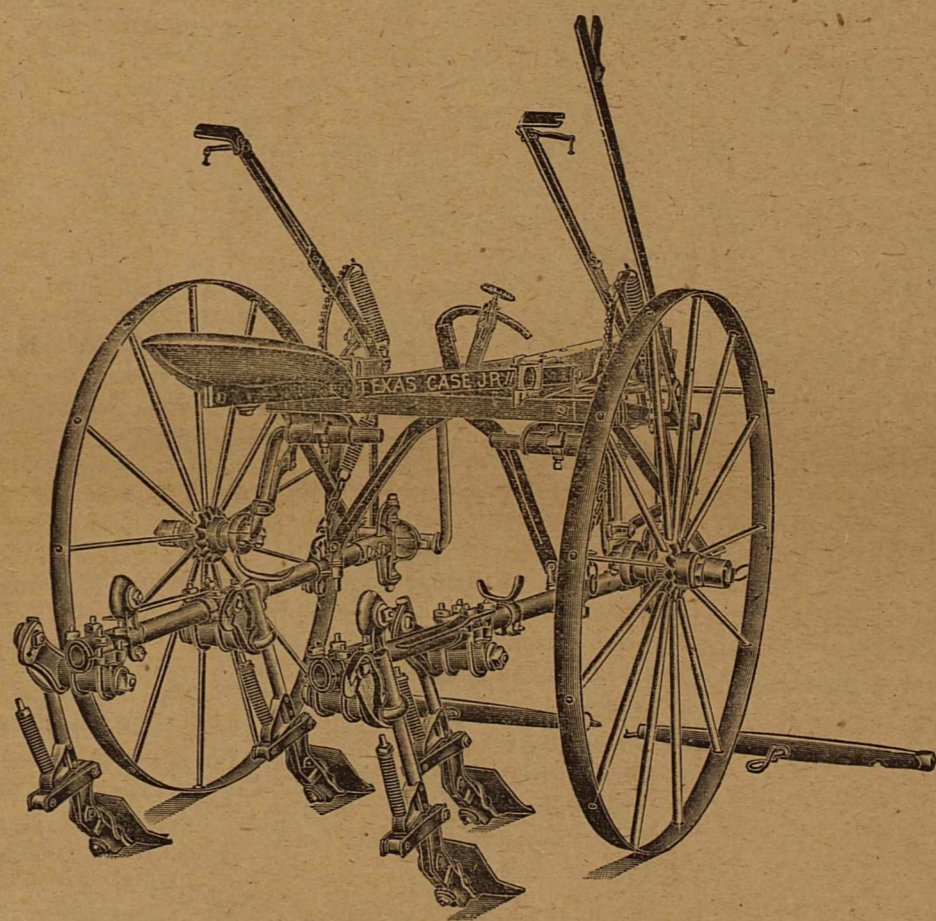
There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention this paper and don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y.

Made from Pure Grape Cream of Tartar
DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING POWDER
Shields the Food from Alum



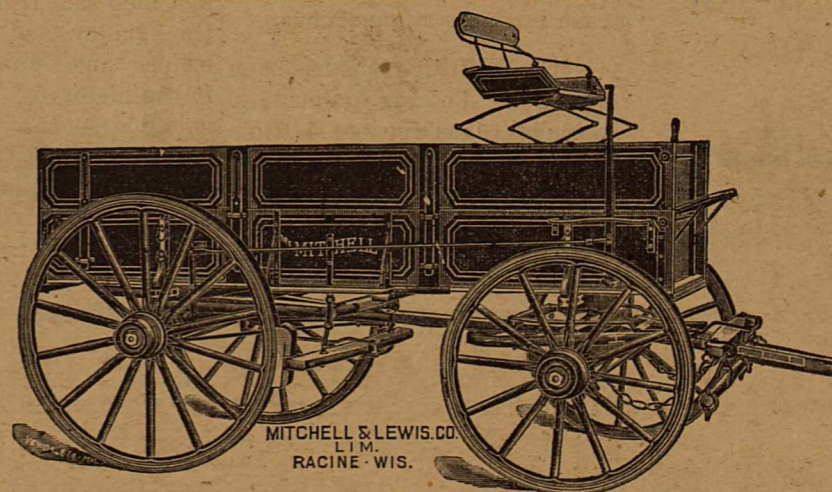
THE PLANTER Without A Fault

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.

Brewers new bracelets are beautiful.

Judge and Mrs. W. E. Sayle went to San Angelo yesterday.

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

W. L. Ellis returned yesterday with his family from a visit to relatives at Rock Rock.

A. L. Higdon, of Lampasas, is here looking after his interest in the Higdon Melton Jackson Co.

You can save money by trading at the 5 and 10 cent store.

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

Miss Bettie Miller returned Monday, from a visit to San Angelo friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thompson are at home to a fine baby boy, which arrived Wednesday.

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

Mrs. Hardgrave returned from San Angelo, Monday where she went to visit her daughter Mrs. Smith who is under the treatment of a San Angelo doctor.

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

W. B. Wray orders the Leader for a year. Mr. Wray is a Democrat and likes the Leaders politics.

Enamel ware, tin ware, queenware, at the 5 and 10 cent store is cheaper than you could imagine.

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

Mrs. Lawrence and daughter, of Indiapolis Ind. are here on a visit to the formers parnets, Capt. and Mrs. N. F. Bonsoll.

After the delegate primary on May 2nd no doubt Davidson will retire from the race for attorney General.

Miss Norma Harris, of Lampasas, will arrive on tomorrow's train to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Powell.

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

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

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Guy last Friday, and is being introduced to the friends of the family as little Miss Maurine Guy. Jack is about the proudest papa in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey stopped off to visit their daughter Mrs. Scott Mack, this week while enroute home from the San Antonio Stockmens convention.

Get "Sensible." Ask the Walker Drug Co.

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

Up to the present prospects are fine for a fruit crop in this section of the state. Ballinger is famous for its delicious peach and grape and the benefit to be derived from this crop in a financial way is no small item.

Walter Gray was here from Coleman, Wednesday, en route to Winters to deliver an automobile which he had sold to A. L. Roberts, the druggist at that place.

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

Mrs. Lee Barnhill and children came in from Temple, first of the week, to visit the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn.

Groves Key has opened a new meat market in the corner room cut off in the I. O. Wooden building next door to the pool hall, and he says he expects to do a cash business and sell cheap.

George Eskridge who has been running a shooting gallery at Colorado, Texas for some time came in first of the week, having disposed of his interest in that place. He will make Ballinger his home for a while.

J. P. Maddox returned from Fort Worth Tuesday where he sold two cars of steers for \$4.95 per hundred pounds. The steers averaged 1135, and figured out a little better than \$56 per head.

J. W. Caldwell came down from San Angelo last Saturday to visit his little daughter, who is making her home with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Guest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ivey returned from San Marcos, first of the of the week. They were accompanied home by Leon Ivey, a nephew of Mr. Ivey, who will spend some time here on a visit.

A bird dog belonging to cotton buyer Buck, was shot in front of the Central hotel this morning. Some low down dirty beast in human form had no doubt poisoned the dog, and he was having fits. The mad dog scare of this week made it necessary that Mr. Buck kill the dog.

J. W. Whitt and his family are here from Hylton, this week visiting friends. Mr. Whitt formerly lived at Ballinger but for some time has been in the hardware business at Hylton He recently disposed of that interest and is now a full fledged farmer.

Sheriff Futch, of Coleman county, was here yesterday on business connected with the Coleman count sheriff's office. Mr. Futch is a small man, but he is an officer to be admired by all law respecting citizens, and he has freed Coleman county of that undesirable class of club men and their followers.

"It is better to be safe than sorry," is the way a new sign reads on the front window of the Beunet Abstract Co. Quite a number of new signs, newly painted awning and store fronts, new cement side walks and curbing, have recently been added to the business district, which all tends to the spirit of progressiveness so prevalent in our town at present.

August Globber, who has been a Citizen of Ballinger since the beginning, and who recently sold his tin and plumbing shop here to I. O. Wooden, will leave with his family to-morrow for Dallas, their future home. Mr. Globber has accepted a good position in that city but his friends say he will be a citizen of Ballinger again by Christmas.

Joe Chumley one of the proprietors of the City Meat Market is carrying one arm in a sling on account of having the middle finger of his left hand pulled off at the first joint. Mr. Chumley was trying to lead a cow when he got the finger caught in a rope and happened to the painfully accident.

D. C. McCaleb editor of the Fort Worth Star and a prominent Texas newspaper man, was here on business Tuesday, and guest of his wives parents, Judge and Mrs. Jno. I. Guion. Mr. McCaleb said from all indication the Bailey convention would eclipse any public gathering in the history of Texas. Special cars and special trains will be run from all section of the state. 860 people put up money for a special train from Gainesville, the home of Senator Bailey.

Lost

Ed O'Kelley and Bob Shaffer on a Rabbit Hunt. Finder please return and receive reward.

The ladies of the First Baptist Church gave a box social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mixon last night. The attendance was large, about all the house and yard would accommodate, and something like \$40 profit was realized from the sale of nice boxes of all good things to eat. An interesting musical program added to the evening's entertainment, and it is an occasion long to be remembered within the circle of the Baptist church and those who attended the social.

We wish to call the attention our readers to the election notice for school trustees for the Ball-Independent District, published elsewhere in this paper. The retiring members are J. McGregor, L. E. Bair, L. C. Alexander and J. W. Godwin. It is the desire of some that the old board be re-elected as they have made faithful members and looked well after the interest of the school. We have heard no names mentioned, but to say the least of it the people should see that nothing but good conservative business men are elected on the board.

Some of the lovers of sport are making an effort to organize a base ball team in Ballinger and start this popular game again. A list is being circulated to raise funds to buy uniforms, provide suitable place to play, etc. It is reported that Frank Stuart and I. O. Wooden who owns the territory between Eighth Street and the big ditch between town and the city park, are considering the advisability of enclosing same with a good eight foot plank fence, building grand stand, and laying off a fine ball park. This ground is convenient to town, and if their plans are carried out the town will have a place for such amusement, and it will no doubt prove a good investment for Messrs Stuart and Wooden. The boys are meeting with good success in raising funds for the team, and that a team will be organized is a certainty.

The Leader is the only Democratic paper in Ballinger.

For Rent.

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

WANTED.

Good Vendors Lien Notes—tf Giesecke-Bennett Co.

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.

Get Ready.

Get Ready for the revival meetin to begin the first Sunday in April.

All Christians are urged to make their arrangements to attend these services and be ready for effective service.

Brother sinner, are you ready to meet God? Are you ready to stand before the great white throne where the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed?

Do you not think you served sin long enough? Will you not make this the time when you will enlist under blood stained banner of the all conquering Christ?

We Would be very much pleased to see you at the services Sunday.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. E. P. Williams, Pastor.



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"ON THE SQUARE."

Another Sad Death.

The Leader failed to make mention in last week's issue of the paper of the death of little Troy Davis McMinn, which occurred on Friday, March 13th.

The little boy was the seven year old son of Mrs. Julia McMinn and the nephew of Judge R. S. Griggs. The day before he died he was in his usual good health and was playing, having a little saddle on the fence, from which he fell striking his head against the ground. The accident was not thought to amount to much at first as the little fellow paid very little attention to it, and was up and about in his playful way until the usual bed time. Some time during the night he became violently ill and went into convulsions from which he never recovered, and passed out of this world at four o'clock Friday evening, about twenty four hours after the accident.

In an effort to save his life the doctors performed an operation, but it failed, and death was due to concussion of the brain.

The funeral was conducted from the residence Saturday evening at four o'clock and with tender hands the little form was laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery, Rev. Grimes, pastor of the Ninth St Baptist Church, performing the ceremony.

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.

The State Democratic Executive Committee is in session in Fort Worth last Saturday, set May 2nd as election day for the people of the state to vote for delegates to the National Convention. Hon. Joseph W. Bailey and one Cone Johnson will head the ticket. It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Bailey will be elected as delegate at large to the convention. Some estimate he will carry the state by five to one.

Junior B. Y. P. U.

Ninth St. Baptist Church. 3:30 p. m. March 29, 1908.

Subject:—The cross. John 19: 16-19.

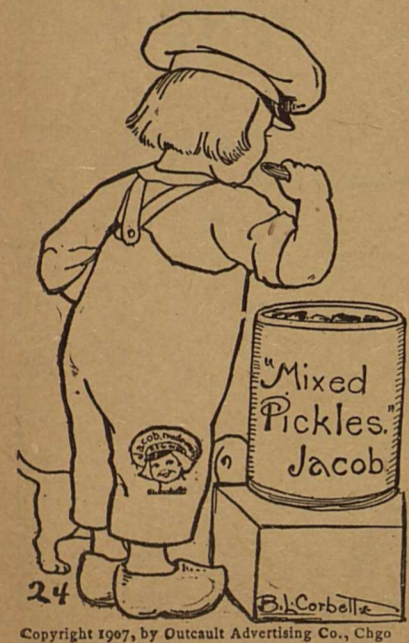
Leader—Erie Routh
Song
Prayer
Memory verses John 3:14-15.
Scripture readings: John 19:1-16—Ruth Grundy, Matt. 27:1-4—Corinne Eskridge.

Talk—Mr. R. S. Griggs
Song.
Recitation—Modenia Wylie
Recitation—Jessie Ruth Nash
Select reading—Lucille Powell
The books of the Bible from I Chron. to Isaiih named in order by Juniors.
Closing Prayer.

Gun Found.

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Joe Calder,
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Mixed Sweet Pickles will cost you 25 cts

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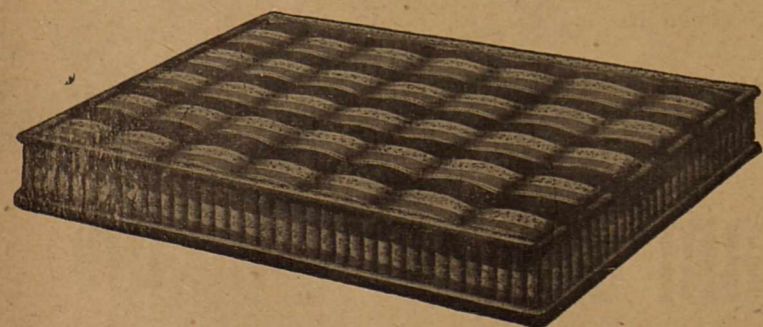
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