

Thursday, March 11,
Friday, March 12,
Saturday, March 13,
DON'T FORGET
THE DATES

R. A. RISSER & CO.

Thursday, March 11,
Friday, March 12,
Saturday, March 13,
DON'T FORGET
THE DATES

Spring Opening at the White Store

MILLINERY, LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR, DRESS GOODS

The Choicest Selections from Dame Fashion's Wardrobe

WE are pleased to announce to all our lady customers that on Thursday the 11th, Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th our annual Spring Opening will take place. All ladies are cordially invited to inspect as complete a display of choice up-to-date merchandise as will be shown by any store in the United States. Experienced sales-people will be in charge of each department, who will be glad to show the goods and answer all questions as to styles, etc. We assure each one of a hearty welcome and believe that a visit through our store will show you more about this season's styles than any other source.

Millinery Display

Miss Bessie McKinney in Charge

Every lady is especially invited to inspect our beautiful lot of Parisian Pattern Hats. French styles of Picture Hats in Wisteria, Cawtaba and staple colors made of fine straws, beautiful flowers, dainty mulles and tulle grouped together in combinations as exquisite and as beautifully colored as a fine picture.

Turbans, Toques in many original shapes and forms will be on display.

You will have a wide variety to select from, each and every one the very latest in style and effect. And as to the price you will find all the new models in every color from \$25.00 on down as low as you want to go.

Fancy Dress Goods

PLISSE—A beautiful crepe like material, for dresses and house clothes. All the plain colors and in fancy stripes.

Price 20c and 15c

SWISS APPLIQUE—White with beautiful scroll design every 40 inches. All colors in this design.

Price 29c yard.

TINSEL APPLIQUE—White and colors with scroll design of gold and silver dots.

Price 50c yard

Dainty silk lisle Hose in all the following colors: White, Black, Tan, Lavender, Corn, Wisteria, Reseda, Navy, Copenhagen, Dark Red, Light Blue and Pink.

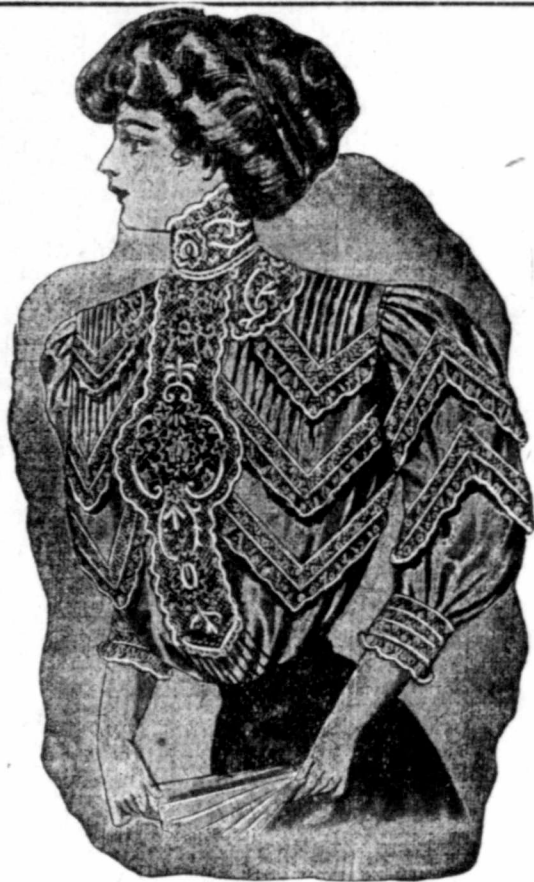
Price 50c and 25c

BELTS—In elastic and washable material. Colors—Black, Navy, Brown, Copenhagen, Light Blue, Pink, Lavender, Old Rose, Green, and Tan. Can match any skirt in an entirely new style belt.

Prices 50c to 15c.

LINGERIES—In 200 different styles, trimmed with val, baby irish and crochet laces or handsomely embroidered. Some have pretty lace coats to match dresses. All colors.

Prices \$3.00 to \$35.00



WAISTS—A big stock in Messaline, Silks, Linens, Linettes Nets and Lingeries. Colors, White Blue, Pink, Lavender, Green, Wisteria, Cawtaba, Eeru and Smoke Grey, 500 different styles.

Prices \$10.00 to 75c

SKIRTS—Fancy Worsteds in all colors. Wash skirts in all colors. Voiles in Black. Misses' skirts in Navy Blue, Brown and Red. Extra size skirts in Navy Brown and Black. Every one is an entirely new style every one is a bargain at our price.

Prices \$15.00 to \$2.00



Silk and Lingerie Gowns

FOULARDS AND MESSALINES—Beautifully made in draped Grecian effects, with net yokes, elaborately trimmed and tucked. Each and every one a work of art. All the new pastel shades.

Prices \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25 and \$30.

LINENS—In all colors with crochet and venise laces, some handsomely embroidered, all in the new one piece effect.

Prices \$25.00 to \$12.50

LINEN COAT SUITS—With one and two button cutaway coats, 42 inches long. Coats are cut in pointer effects and trimmed with venise insertion. Skirts are full gored and trimmed to match coats. Colors; Pink, Blue, Lavender and White.

Prices \$16.00 to \$10.00



4263

Ready-to-Wear

Miss Annie Spencer in Charge.

Ready to wear clothing is growing more popular every day and realizing this we have purchased a large stock and will have for your inspection a complete assortment of swell gowns, suits and waists and skirts.

The models we show are the pick of the market judged according to fit, making, style and value and we do not believe that you will find any prettier or daintier clothes anywhere in the state.

Every lady enjoys seeing pretty things and you will miss a treat if you fail to visit this department.



French Lingerie Dress, beautifully trimmed with val and baby irish lace. Lace coat to match. Lavender only.

Price \$18.00.



Lingerie trimmed with val lace and embroidery. A bargain at

\$5.00



French Lingerie Directory gown, trimmed with val and baby irish lace, daintly finished with pin tucks. White and Blue.

Price \$10.00



Pink Linen trimmed with cluny lace, plaid pipings and plaid buttons.

Price \$10.00

Dress Goods

Miss Ethel Moore in Charge.

In this department we have an assortment we are proud of. Every color is represented in hundred of new fabrics and weaves.

From material for a swell evening gown, a street or calling costume, down to dainty wash goods, you will find a beautiful range of patterns in an immense variety of styles.

We also have a complete stock of all that is new in trimmings, Laces, Tucked Nets, Bandings, Crochet buttons in all the new patterns. When you select the material for your dress, you will find the very latest in beautiful trimmings to match.

SILKS—Plain goods in all the new colors such as Rose shade, Wisteria, Reseda, etc.

Prices 75c and 50c

MESSALINES—In all colors, beautiful fine quality, an extra good value.

Price 65c

FOULARDS—In the new Grecian Patterns. Colors, Blue Green Wisteria and Brown.

Price 75c

NEW BROCADED SILKS—A beautiful cloth. Colors, Blue, Pink, White, Cawtaba.

Price 49c

Wash Goods

LINENS—Plain and pin stripe. Colors White, Light Blue, Pink, Wisteria, Lavender. 36 inches wide.

Price 25c

GLASGOW LINENS—Plain and stripe, all colors.

Price 15c

LINGERIES—Colors, White Pink, Lavender, Old Rose and Green. 36 to 40 inches wide.

25c to 15c

POPLINS and ENGLISH REP—All colors. Excellent material for cut Dresses.

Price 25c

SOISETTES—All colors. Price 20c

JACQUARDS—Fancy designs, all colors. Price 15c

LAWNS—White and colors in India, French and Persian. Our prices are 50 per cent less than the average stores for the same grades.

Price 35c to 10c

In trimmings for wash dresses we have a beautiful line of val, baby irish, cluny and crochet Laces, also baby irish and venise bands.

Allovers in white and colors, both lace and embroidery, in fact every thing to make the dress complete.

THE WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & CO.

Ballinger, Texas

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE TO CONTINUE FIGHT

You Shall not Vote Upon the Liquor Traffic.—Legislature. The Fight to Continue

The people of Texas wish to say to the friends of prohibition that the fight against saloons in Texas is nowise abated. A campaign of organization and education will go right along and as long as there remains a single saloon in our state the Anti-Saloon League will have a mission.

All are familiar with the fight for submission, and how we won at every point, until the matter came before the legislature. There, we will in all probability, be defeated by a small minority, who have forsaken the Democratic platform, and are saying to the people of Texas, "You shall not vote upon the liquor traffic." Ifeel sure the people will resent this, when they elect members of the next legislature, and none will be chosen except those who are in favor of people rule.

The friends of submission in the legislature have been very active for some weeks in securing remedial legislation in regard to law enforcement in prohibition territory. In this they have been very successful, and later on I shall give a full report of what has been accomplished along this line. There is nothing which helps our cause, and brings good people to our side of the question, more than strict law enforcement, and we are giving a great deal of attention to this part of the work.

Our cause is not defeated, but only postponed. And this will only tend to make our victory more certain when the time comes to choose members of the

next legislature. The Anti-Saloon League is not a political organization, but supports men for office who are opposed to the liquor traffic. We expect to go into every legislative district in Texas, and organize the forces opposed to saloons, and assist in the election of men to the legislature who will carry out the demands of the people. We are forced to this action from the fact that the present legislature has failed to give the people what they have asked for.

It is absolutely necessary that all who oppose the saloons should remain active in this fight, and help to make converts to our cause every day in the year. Because the influence of the saloon is always exerted, and their work of organization and pushing their nefarious business never ceases. Then why should those who favor righteousness and want to help the fallen and see the drunkard factories driven from our state, hesitate in the least to give this awful business a blow every day and every hour in the day.

No, the fight will never cease until every saloon is closed for all time to come. This is the purpose of the Anti Saloon League in Texas and all we ask is for the good people to stand by us and victory will be sure. Our workers will remain in the field organizing our forces, distributing good literature, and in every legitimate way possible. The cause of prohibition is stronger in Texas now than ever before, and we should see that no backward step is taken. It is only a matter of time when the people will have the opportunity of settling this question for themselves; so let us stand by the fighting forces under the Anti-Saloon League and drive the saloons from our state. Then the home, the school and the church can carry out their great mission without hindrance from the greatest foe to mankind—the open saloon.

Yours for the cause,
STERLING P. STRONG, Supt.
Anti-Saloon League of Texas.

Cures Dyspepsia; Trial Is Free

It is a popular mistake that only wealthy people who eat rich and highly-spiced foods suffer from dyspepsia, or, as it is also known, indigestion. The laborer in the street, the worker in the field also finds himself a victim of this disorder. Among the very greatest sufferers from it are women.

Dyspepsia is indicated by a constant feeling of lassness, by loss of appetite and troubled sleep, by sour stomach and distress after eating, by bad complexion and lusterless eyes.

There is no surer and speedier cure for this trouble than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which dyspeptics have been using successfully for twenty years. This great herb laxative compound cured Capt. Clark, of Buffalo, N. Y., of dyspepsia and sour stomach that he had had for forty years, or until the lucky day that he heard of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It cured Joel Adams, of Montgomery, Ala., after suffering continuously for sixteen months. These are only a few of the many. But it is not expensive to be cured with this grand remedy, as it can be bought at any drug store in a 50-cent or \$1 bottle.

Your very neighbors are probably life-long users of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, but if you want to know without expense what it will do for you personally, send your name to Dr. Caldwell and he will be glad to send you a free trial bottle. He is actually anxious to have you make a test of his remedy.

Thousands of families everywhere keep it in the house against such an emergency as constipation, sour stomach, indigestion, biliousness, dyspepsia, heartburn, torpid liver, etc., which may come on a member of the family any day. It is pleasant to the taste, acts gently and does not gripe. It is the great children's laxative tonic.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 500 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.



Everybody likes good biscuits, and Albatross and Light Crust flour make the most delicately delicious biscuits and cakes you ever saw, and they are so tender and fine grained too. You don't have to pull and tug to get the biscuit apart. They break open as easily and evenly as can be and display the rich white surface just right for spreading. Don't that make your mouth water and we can't even begin to describe how good they are. You must try for yourself, its easy enough. Just have A. L. Spann & Co. to send you a sack of Albatross or Light Crust flour and we promise you that if it doesn't make the kind of biscuit we have attempted to describe, you can have your money back. That's fair, isn't it? A. L. Spann, General Merchants. 24-4t

What's the Use?
Aches, Pains, Burns, Cuts, Sprains and all similar afflictions are always instantly relieved; often entirely cured by an application of that unequalled remedy, Hunt's Lightning Oil. Don't suffer. Don't delay. What's the use? Imo

STARTS BUSINESS IN THE HOLE

Taft Takes Over Big Load of Debts in Succeeding Roosevelt

President Taft's administration starts with a bankrupt treasury. Confronted with a growing deficit and insistent demands for larger appropriations, both the new president and congress are much exercised over the serious financial straits they will have to face in the near future.

When Tom Reed was speaker he startled the country with a "billion-dollar congress". Under Joe Cannon, congress has become a two-billion and a half body, and at the present rate of increase the yearly appropriations will soon reach a billion and a half, or three billions for the two years of each congress.

The magnitude of these figures seems no longer to scare anybody, though the present expenditures represent a tax collection equal to \$12.75 a year for every man, woman and child in the United States.

President Taft has already begun casting about for means of making up the loss of income that may be caused by tariff reductions, and which is now actually accruing under the present schedule. He will call into conference many leading financial, industrial and importing leaders.

As bitter as the pill may be to the Republicans, it seems unavoidable that they will be forced to father and adopt revenue measures which they have heretofore derided as "Bryanities," and which have been advocated almost exclusively by the Democratic party.

The new revenue measures in contemplation include a national inheritance tax on all fortunes above a certain amount (as was imposed as a war tax) secondly to devise some new form of taxes upon interstate commerce; and, third, if these taxes are insufficient, a direct income tax may become necessary.

Instead of waiting until the extra session of congress, members of the house on both sides of the chamber have already begun to make speeches on the best means of raising revenues for the purpose of meeting the ever increasing expenditures of the government. The prediction has been made on the Democratic side of the chamber, and has not been denied by the majority, that before the new tariff bill is enacted into law the deficiency in the treasury will amount to \$50,000,000.

Ballinger's Gain.

The Rockdale colony at Ballinger, Texas will be further augmented when Dr. G. B. Renfrow leaves here early next week for that city, where he has established a dental office. Dr. Renfrow has been a citizen of this place for the past 13 years, and has made a host of friends in this and surrounding country. Dr. Renfrow came to Rockdale soon after he graduated from the Philadelphia Dental School with the degree of D. D. S. and has constantly practiced his profession here ever since. He is a most affable gentleman and will readily adapt himself to the ways of the open hearted people of the west. We are indeed sorry to see him leave us, as he is one of Texas, and we have no hesitancy in commending him to those people. The doctor has an estimable family which will be a valuable addition to the society of their newly adopted home.—Rockdale Reporter.

Dr. Renfrow has opened one of the most up-to-date dental parlors in Ballinger that the town has ever had, and is now in a position to do work for those wanting first class work. He extracts teeth without "hurting" and his method for treating teeth is the latest. Call and see him. tf

Good Liniment.

You will hunt a good while before you find a preparation that is equal to Chamberlain's Liniment as a cure for muscular and rheumatic pains, for the cure of sprains and soreness of the muscles. It is equally valuable for lame back and all deep seated muscular pains. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Walker Drug Co. Imo

Visits Scene of Cow Boy Days

Sheriff Cox, of Hill county was here Monday and put in a good part of the time trying to locate himself. Mr. Cox left Ballinger many years ago, and says the present Ballinger is altogether a different town from what it was when he left it. It was hard for him to realize that so many changes could take place even in twice the time.

Mr. Cox used to be a cowboy and worked for Joe Johnson, and Mr. Johnson had him in charge while here, and turned him over to Bob Kirk for a spin around over the city. Mr. Cox, like most all of the old timers, who left here when times were a little tough, expressed his regrets for so doing, notwithstanding that he is doing pretty well where he is. It makes a feller want to get out and kick himself when he looks back and realizes the great opportunities he let slip.

The government will use a flock of goats for the next two years in the Lossen national forest of California in eating the underbrush from a strip 300 yards around the foot of the mountains. The undergrowth is so dense that foot paths will parallel each other three feet apart around the base. It is proposed to turn 3,000 goats into the paths so they can eat the weeds, briars and grass from the ground and prevent devastation of the trees by fire should it break out in the valleys. A satisfactory arrangement has been reached with a California grower of Angoras, and the progress of the experiment will be watched with interest.—Stock Journal.

Bought Interest in School

Mr. J. A. Starnes of Brownwood has bought an interest in Prof. J. M. Carlisle's military school at Arlington, Texas.

Prof. Starnes will also be a teacher in the school and has been offered the chair of Natural Sciences. He will move his family to Arlington about next August.

The Carlisle school was founded by the former state school

Made from cream of tartar, derived solely from grapes. All the ingredients of Dr. Price's Baking Powder are printed on the label. They are pure, healthful and proper.

When baking powders are peddled or demonstrated, examine their labels. You will find they are not made from cream of tartar. You don't want them

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

superintendent and as an institution of learning and military training is a growing Texas institution. In grounds, buildings and equipments about \$40,000 has already been invested, and a material enlargement of the school is contemplated in the near future.—Brownwood News.

Prof. Starnes was superintendent of the Ballinger High school for a couple of terms and has many friends here who will be glad to know of his success.

The total wool clip of Texas last year was 8,923,045 pounds which was clipped from 1,439,200 sheep, the average weight of the fleece being 6.2 pounds. The fleece of the heaviest weight were grown in Washington, Oregon

and Wyoming, the average being eight pounds and the lowest in Alabama and Florida, which averaged 3.1 pounds. The total wool production last year in the United States was the largest in history, reaching 326,487,512 pounds, as against 316,097,099 in 1907, and 312,097,518 in 1906. These figures are a strong argument in favor of giving home industry a fair deal when the ways and means committee gets deeply absorbed in the wool schedule.—San Antonio Express.

WANTED—to buy one to ten car loads threshed bulk milo maize or kaffir corn. Minimum car 24,000 lbs. Address Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas.

There's Money in Farm Lands

ASK THE MAN who lives on a farm if it pays to own farm land. He will say yes many more times than no. Most any good farming land makes a profitable investment, but you'll make more money if you buy unimproved good land and improve it.

We have some splendid bargains in unimproved farms to offer interested parties. It will pay you to see us.

C. A. DOOSE & CO.

Office Corner Seventh and Hutchins.

QUEEN OF THE PANTRY FLOUR

Guaranteed to be the Best Flour Sold in Texas

Dornberger & Hopkinson
Sole Agents

THE BANNER-LEADER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.00 PER ANNUM

LEDGE-SHEPHERD PUBLISHING CO., Proprietors
A. W. SLEDGE, Editor; C. P. SHEPHERD, Business Manager
MILFORD M. HAMLIN, Manager Mechanical Department

Entered at the postoffice at Ballinger, Texas, as second-class matter.

If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us, and if necessary we will send our reporter to get data. It is our endeavor to make the best paper possible, though we cannot learn the news unless you tell us.

There is no better way to judge a newspaper than by its advertising columns. Live merchants advertise. Dead ones can't. Live newspapers carry live ads. Dead ones can't.

President Taft has signified his intentions of appointing Mrs. E. W. Carmack, the widow of the late Senator Carmack, postmistress at Columbia, Tenn. Mr. Carmack was comparatively a poor man, and left his wife and boy little money. The post office at Columbia pays a salary of \$2500, and if Mr. Taft makes the appointment as reported he will no doubt do some good missionary work for his party in Tennessee.

The Mayor has issued the election proclamation and we are publishing same in this issue of the Leader. The election will be held on the second Tuesday in April, and the people are called upon to elect a mayor, attorney, secretary, marshal, treasurer and two aldermen. The election promises to be a tame affair, as there is no particular issue involved and very little opposition among the candidates.

Clean up day was a day of unfavorable weather for such work, but many carried out the program and transformed their surroundings from a dump ground into a beautiful play ground. Some profited by not waiting for clean up day to roll around and had their premises cleaned the day before, when the weather was ideal for such work. Keep up the work and let's have a clean Ballinger which will mean a healthy Ballinger.

Speaker Kennedy of the house has been accused of wrong doing and his acts are now under the probe of an investigating committee. It is said that Mr. Kennedy appointed stenographers and placed them on the pay roll, and drew their pay when said stenographers had never been in Austin. The committee has not reported but judging from the evidence that has been introduced he will be "whitewashed," notwithstanding that he has been "indiscreet."

A regular side walk boom has struck Ballinger, and quite a number of our leading citizens are taking the lead in this work, as they do in other meritorious things. Competition in the trade has put the price down to where the cost of building nice cement side walks around your home is small compared to the benefit derived and the enhancement of property values. Let the good work go on, and may the fever spread until we can keep out of the mud when it rains. Yes, when it rains.

The lower house has just passed a bill establishing a West Texas Normal. Ballinger has just as good a chance as any town within the territory where the normal is to be located, and we should go after it in a way to win. Ballinger can furnish the material with which to build this building cheaper than any other town. We have a climate that is healthy and we are centrally located for the establishing of such an institution. There is not a single objection as to why this building should not be located at Ballinger. More work for the Business League. Now is the time to act.

Miss Hermia Smith has accepted a position with the Banner-Leader and will contribute to the make up of this paper each week. Miss Hermia is a writer of unusual ability, and we believe our readers will appreciate her service with us, and will help us to keep her employed by giving us your support in a financial way. Any favors shown Miss Hermia will be appreciated by the management. It is our intention to make the Banner-Leader the leader, and we respectively solicit your support to the extent of what you think we merit.

Some of our new comer friends are getting a little uneasy, and think that they are looking starvation in the face. We wish to call their attention to the fact that the old settlers are the most liberal hearted set of people that ever inhabited any part of this old world, and to assure them that the old settlers, those who have been here and stood the test, have a sufficient supply of the necessities of life, all made right here in Runnels county, to keep the wolf away from every door in the county, and nobody will be permitted to go hungry. Don't get uneasy; it will rain when the country needs it. We do not need rain now. However, a good rain would wash the moss out of the creeks and river and make fishing better.

Judging from the amount of railroad rumbling that we hear from the country south of Ballinger there is going to be some railroading at no far distant date. Every little town is up and doing and raising bonus and right of way subscriptions that are causing the rail road people to stand up and take notice. Paint Rock is straining every string to her pocket book to build a road from Paint Rock to Miles. Millersview has put up a pretty good purse for a rail road to come from any old point. They are not particular; will take a road from any old place. Paint Rock is hobnobbing with Miles, and will no doubt have trains operating between those two towns before the year is past. May be so.

Instead of being called the Thirty-first legislature it should, by what it is doing, be called the Thirty-first investigating committee. The times are out of joint when the people elect a body of men to make laws and they meet to do nothing but investigate the acts of each other—Brady Enterprise.

Truly, the lot of a Texas legislator is a hard one. If he investigates rumors and charges he is denounced for frittering away valuable time; if he doesn't investigate he is accused of conniving at official wrong doing. If he follows platform demands he is held up as an impediment to progress, while if he votes against them he is criticised as a traitor to his party. If he stays in session he is told that it is to draw per diem, yet if he adjourns the governor yanks him back in a special session. Verily, he is in the fix of the fellow who was "bedamned if he did and bedamned if he didn't."—Fort Worth Record.

UNION CONDEMNS COTTON BUYERS

Object to What They Term "City Picking," Committee Appointed to Investigate, Makes Report

Ballinger, Texas, March 8, 1909. I was one of the three duly appointed by the Runnels county Union to investigate what is known as "City Cotton Picking" and to bring this matter before the proper authorities to ascertain the legality of the business. It is estimated there has been near 150 bales picked and repacked in Ballinger, which amounts to (at 8c per pound, 500 pound bales) \$6,000. The question naturally arises by what method this amount of cotton is acquired? When you see a man with his knife slash the bagging from side to side, you wonder why such a big slash and why such a big wad taken out and why so many bales have almost all the bagging taken off. These people tell you that they are sampling cotton and the law allows them two pounds for samples. I asked one man how much on an average samples would weigh. He said about one pound, which would amount to 100 bales, but where are the samples? What has become of them? For what purpose are they used? Has this amount been used to bull the market or has it been used to bear the market, or has this one and two hundred bales been shipped to the bigger Mr. Speculator to be gone into to determine what cotton is to be sent him? Does the man that can pick the most use it as a balance to his credit to establish his sterling worth among men at the expense of the women and children of the South that have been deprived of the necessities of life to say nothing of the luxuries? Now, in our investigation we found one man that was willing to inform us. He said he had repacked at least thirty bales. Another one said he was running a compress and positively refused to give any information at all. How strange, men living in a Christian land and engaged in business of vital importance to all men and especially those who produce the real wealth of the South, are conducting their business in such a manner that they can not afford to let the people know.

We, the Runnels County Farmers Union, have placed ourselves on record this day as denouncing this method in the strongest terms and not belonging to this age where justice, equity and the golden rule should be on the hearts of all men, but to that age back in the sixties where the foundation was laid to pauperize the masses by the classes. Now, brother farmers, laborers and all who stand this side of right, regardless of consequences; rouse ye like men and help to cleanse the South of this system that goes down into the deep mire and slush of the earth and delivers into the hands of some of the most degraded character of the earth, those who

You Will Always Be Satisfied

If you build your house out of lumber bought of the Ballinger Lumber Co. If you need anything in lumber and builder's material let us figure with you. We carry lumber, paint, cement, lime, common and fire brick, cedar posts, etc.

Ballinger Lumber Company

have not yet given themselves over to God or mammon near three million bale annually, which is charged up as loss to the farmers. Hence this low price.

Farmers, is it any wonder there are so many renters and back debts. Think of it, I had nine bales of cotton on the yard up to Jan. 1st, four of the nine had been graded and in looking over the list last week I found every bale cut and some three times. If I were to appropriate a calf that did not belong to me, where, oh, where would I go: Think of 150 bales being appropriated by men that did not turn a hand towards producing.

D. B. SEBRING.

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

Eighteen Indictment Turned in. Crime on the Increase

To Honorable John W. Goodwin, Judge of the 35th Judicial District of Texas.

We, your Grand Jury organized at the March term 1909 of the District court of Runnels county, beg to submit the following as our report:

We have been in session eleven days, have examined witnesses from all portions of the county, have inquired into all violations that we deemed worthy of our attention, and have returned into your court 6 felony indictments and 12 misdemeanor indictments.

Quite a number of violations have been brought to our attention, which we believe should have been disposed of by the different precinct officers.

We recommend that hereafter such cases be investigated by the different Justices of the Peace, thereby relieving the grand jury of the burden and the county of the expense of such investigations.

We find considerable complaint throughout the county as to peace officers, where violations have been committed, making arrests, assessing and collecting fines themselves before any complaint has been filed with, or any fine imposed by the proper authorities, we consider this a bad practice and recommend that it be discontinued.

We find in some cases where a jail penalty has been imposed, the defendant has been required to serve only a portion of the time in jail, being at liberty during such sentence to spend a portion of the time out of jail on the streets. We feel that this is a bad practice and when any defendant has received a jail penalty, that such penalty is a part of the punishment and that he should be required to serve the full time of the jail sentence with in the jail.

We are sorry to say that we find crime in our county on the increase, but believe this is due to the floating population coming into our county to assist in gathering and moving our enormous crops. We find considerable violations of the swindling law, but in a great many of such cases we are unable to return indictments on account of the irregularity of the business transactions or sufficient proof as to facts.

We have inspected the jail and find it well kept and in the best of condition, with the exception of some repairs needed on the walls.

While we find considerable repairs are needed about the court house, we also find that arrangements have been made to have this work done in the near future and we heartily commend the county commissioners for the work they are having done on the court house yard. We find that the city is co-operating with the county in beautifying the court house yard, and feel that if the present plans are carried out in converting our square into a park that we shall have one of the most beautiful public grounds in our state.

We congratulate the county officials in the selection of the present jailer and janitor and feel that he is one of the best the county has ever had.

We wish to thank your honor, the district and county attorneys, the sheriff and all officers for courtesies extended us while in session.

R. L. MADDOX,
Foreman Grand Jury.

A good time to buy Embroidery, March 15 to 25. You save 1-3 of the price.—Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

My Hats Are Here

My new stock of Spring Millinery has arrived, and we are opening same for your inspection. We invite all our old customers and friends, as well as those who are strangers to us, to come and see our line before buying. We can assure all who come here that they will obtain the very latest in Millinery effects and colors. Our customers of the past know our business method, which we intend to carry out in every detail—the very best goods in the very latest styles at reasonable prices.

MISS ETHEL PARKER

AT THE HUB



Sometime, Somewhere,
Someone "May"
Make an Abstract
"as Good as"

THE BLUE-BLACK ABSTRACT

NEVER, ANYONE, ANYWHERE
will make a better one.

GIESECKE-BENNETT COMPANY

H. Giesecke, Pres. Chas. S. Miller, Vice-Pres. Jno. F. Maddox, Sec.

MANAGEMENT

The success of a bank and the safety of the funds intrusted to it depends upon a judicious administration of its affairs. Every active officer of the Winters State Bank is a practical banker of long experience.

Its Directors are well known men selected for their business ability and financial standing.

The strength of this bank lies not alone in its capital, surplus and resources, but in the responsibility of the men who conduct its affairs.

THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

BY MISS HERMIA SMITH

George Washington Eclipse

At a recent meeting of the Shakespeare Club Miss Margaret Cofer, our bright and intellectual teacher of history in the High school, was on the program for a paper the subject of which was "George Washington." The paper was so fully enjoyed by the club, that by special request of the Inner-Leader reporter, Miss Cofer has kindly given her consent for its publication. Following is the paper published in

A statement was heard lately that George Washington's greatness was due to these birthday celebrations and that every year his star reached a higher zenith because of the eloquent oratory of some young hopeful. This caused me to consider the question, "Has Washington been foreshadowed?" I tried to picture in my mind the amazement of George should he return, and what would be his attitude to certain political issues and changes made since his decease.

The United States that Washington took such pride in naming is just about one hundred and twenty eight years old. When Washington lay down the reins of government, it consisted of thirteen feeble, inexperienced, jealous states—a mere infant in the world of nations. Today Washington would find labelled, U. S. A., forty six states, three territories to say nothing of her adopted child of another color across the water, a veritable queen of nations, feared and respected at home and abroad.

"Feared and respected abroad!" Would not Washington have revelled in the Monroe Doctrine? No doubt, fear existed in his heart to his dying day that this struggling republic would once more be engulfed by England. To conquer England

is one thing, but to be able to say to all Europe, "Hands off! America is for Americans!" Imagine the enthusiastic welcome of Washington to Monroe when the latter crossed the River Styx. "Monroe I've been eclipsed." It must be remembered that Monroe was almost as popular as Washington. He received all the electoral votes but one. That vote was cast against him in order that the honor of a unanimous election be retained for Washington, only.

If Washington could see that Peace building at The Hague, erected by Andrew Carnegie, an American. If he could realize the import of the peace conference and the position of the United States in maintaining justice in the world. If he was living he might be chairman of the Hague Tribunal, or at least, have preside at the recent Peace of Portsmouth. Then would not the chairmanship of the Constitutional Convention fade into insignificance?

Could Washington adjust himself to the changed condition of the capitol? When a cabinet of three members were sufficient to aid him in transacting business, could he find enough for nine to do? "How would he use \$100,000 salary with \$200,000 to defray the expenses of the White House when he served both of his terms for nothing? (His free service may not be authentic, I've read only one authority.) Would he be willing to close Mt. Vernon and occupy a \$250,000 summer home to be erected by the present congress? Do you think he could ever ease his conscience to sign the bills of one congress for appropriating \$1,000,000,000? But Roosevelt has done all this and more besides.

Think with what regret Washington would view the present state of the tariff question. How carefully and judiciously that

first congress argued tariff and free trade. Finally they reached the conclusion that levying tariff was a privilege easily abused but absolutely necessary, at that time, for the protection of infant industries. Unfortunately they never foresaw the Dingley tariff bill, which put 100 per cent duty on some articles and forced prices so high, that, on seeking building material for the Panama canal, the government could make a cheaper bargain in Germany than at home. Perhaps Washington, were he here, instead of Taft, would make a sweeping reduction on tariff—but he would first have to remove the lid in the House, Speaker Canon. This would be a stronger and harder job than lowering the tariff. In case this paragraph is misleading, Washington's political connections should be explained. Today he would belong to the Republican party. He was a Federalist. This party believed in a loose construction of the constitution and favored the greater amount of power being placed in the federal government and not in the states. This would have made him a unionist in the matter of secession, but like Lee, he doubtless would have fought for Virginia and not secession.

Although the strongest and most capable man of the young republic and revered by all people as a king, he spurned all appellations of power that smacked of royalty and desired to be nothing more than a private citizen, believing that the power should be in the hands of the people. What would he think of the executive aggressiveness today? Would he have stooped to outwit congress in the matter of forest reserves? Could he have served the United States as president, and at the same time, have personally conducted a presidential campaign? Would he have had the audacity to ask the people of the United States to increase their taxes for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a retinue for a two years trip in Africa? Yes the thing has been done! Surely Washington has been eclipsed.

The internal improvements as well as the political (?) would interest Washington. There was not a railroad in the country. He started to his inauguration in February and got there in April. Candles and oil lamps were used for lighting purposes. Doubtless, today, Washington would be guilty of blowing out the gas, or leaving the electric light on all day. Airships would meet his disapprobation. Railroad trains would make him dizzy. He would view with suspicion a 64 story building. He would condemn heartily the large unwieldy navy, made solely for the purpose of a trip around the world. Why should the United States need such a navy, when John Paul Jones of the revolution, beat England with one lone ship and won sufficient fame to be buried in two or three countries and then be lost to the world, then to have his bones mixed up with some one else's.

I doubt if Washington would believe that since that memorable Revolution the United States has fought two wars, one with Mexico and Spain, and has never lost a battle. Such would be impossible, for even he lost Brandywine and Long Island. The Spanish war to him would be an absurdity—to last six months, cost \$130,000,000 and only 400 men killed. Why, it was all he could do at Valley Forge to keep soul and body of his men together and there was no fighting. He spent all night in the most beseeching prayers to heaven in their behalf. The trouble was that he knew nothing of the absent treatments of Mr. Eddy.

If it were not for the hatchet tale, it would seem that Washington was completely out done. But, if he dotse on felling one tiny cherry tree with his hatchet how much has Carrie Nation done with hers? But George would argue "it was my veracity." Today veracity in public officials is not needed, as the whole Civil Service Department is at the service of the president to make investigations.

I do not know how Washington would feel when he set down to his daily draught of wine from the celars of Mt. Vernon to be petitioned by three hundred thousand women, wearing white ribbons and breathing the name of the late Francis Willard. Much more shocked would he be to learn that most of the Southland had hounded from its boundaries that very thing that he licensed. Nor do I believe he could reconcile himself to those conditions, forcing two

Continued on Eighth Page

The Home of New Things



to Wear for
Men, Women
and Children

BALLINGER
DRY GOODS
COMPANY
The Place for
them all



GRAND SHOWING OF

SPRING MILLINERY

Here Dame Fashion Reigns Supreme

Springtide is here.

Fashion News from Fashion Centers.

The Home of Women's Smart Clothes

The Ballinger Dry Goods Company

Where Quality is First.

Mrs. Birdie Lynch, manager of our millinery department, will have ready for your inspection, on Tuesday, March 16th, the most interesting display of spring and summer Millinery that it has ever been our pleasure to show you. There is such a variety, such clever adaptation of Parisian types to individual taste, such a wonderful range of picturesque styles, that the collection is beyond description. We invite you to come and enjoy the beautiful display with us.

Our Ready-to-Wear Department.

In our Ready-to-Wear Department for the Ladies we are showing some especially good things in Ladies' Dresses, Tub Suits, Waists, Skirts and Underwear.

At Prices that are Right.

WUNDERHOSE.



Men's Wunderhose, 4 pair for \$1.00
Women's Wunderhose, 3 pair for \$1.00
Children's Wunderhose, 4 pair for \$..... 1.00

We Are Exclusive Agents

For the celebrated Carhart Overalls. You know what the Carhart garment is. Sold at the usual price, worth twice the common ones.

Spring Clothing for Men and Boys

The famous Kirshbaum, made to fit and wear well—fit as long as they last, and last as long as they fit. We can fit you from head to foot in our men's furnishing department. We can fit you—both in both in style and purse. Every garment guarantee to be all wool and to give satisfactory wear.

BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO.

"QUALITY FIRST"

Spring Opening

Pants Made in 6 Hours; Suits From 2 to 10 Days

Over 5,000 All-Wool and Worsted Samples
to Select From.

OUR MADE-TO-MEASURE CLOTHES ARE
MASTERPIECES OF THE TAILOR'S ART



That's why we make that bold claim. Let us take your measure, and when your suit is finished if you find that in any way the quality, the style, the fit and the workmanship are not as represented, we don't want you to take the suit.

The truth of these utterances has taken root in the minds of the discriminating men who are visiting our tailoring department daily, and as the result we have been very busy.

Suits Made to Measure
\$15.00 and Upwards

Our stock is large and varied and we are showing the latest creations of spring patterns, in all the latest colors of imported and domestic cloth.

The really newest things in colors for this Spring are Oyster Gray, Olive and Green Mixtures

The only up-to-date steam cleaning and dye works in West Texas. We have not stopped at ordering the very latest machinery to make old clothes new, but we have also secured the services of the most thoroughly experienced man in the State.

Old Hats Made New in Two Hours

A. J. STOCKLAS
BALLINGER'S ONLY TAILOR

Phone No. 264.

Next to Walker Drug Co.



SPRING OPENING

The First General Showing of New and Stylish Millinery

BECOMINGNESS THE KEY-NOTE OF THE SEASON

The styles that Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. will show you Monday for the first time, by far the most becoming and the most exquisite the town of Ballinger has ever seen. Ladies of Ballinger and surrounding country may come prepared to see all that is new and stylish in Millinery. An opening no one should miss. It is a style show that will be appreciated by everyone. Our efforts this season have been untiring to make this the greatest ever attempted by this store. Though scarcely two years old it has become Ballinger's Biggest and Best Dry Goods Emporium—one that is governed by no other store. **The kind of Hats that will be on display: Elaborate Flower Hats with large and Small Roses, Lilacs, Daisies, Violets. Wings, Ribbons and Laces used to make this season's hats the most beautiful yet. Remember, March 15th, we shall expect you.**

STEINLEIN ORCHESTRA, Evening, 8 to 10 P. M.

In these columns you'll find something that you'll need and the price will be to your liking—Special during opening week.

Linen Handkerchiefs

Extra Special—50 dozen ladies all linen handkerchiefs would be cheap at 15, we bought them at a great concession and have marked them 10c, this week special only 5c

Hosiery

The famous Cadet hosiery with the linen heel and toe. Positively guaranteed to give service or another pair—for men women and children, pair only 25c

Red Seal Gingham

8-10 to 20 yard lengths, about 300 pieces to select from, beautiful colorings and bordered effects. This lot only yd. 10c

Bordered Fancies

Over 200 pieces to select from, suitable for every day dresses sacks and childrens school dresses, actually worth 7½c yd, but to you during opening week, yard only 5c

Black Taffeta

\$1.25 grade, yard wide black taffeta, guaranteed to hold up and cheap at the price asked. Extra special during the week only yard 95c

Choice Linen Lawn

36 inch pure linen lawn, suitable for waists, suits and childrens dresses, Special 49c quality and cheap at that, special only 39c 39c quality only 29c

Talcum Powder

1 Lot Mennens Borated Talcum powder the best 25c seller in America, you all know it. Box special 19c

Lace Curtains

A saving here. We purchased this season an immense lot of white and ecru curtains. 1 Lot special 3½ yds long worth and cheap at 2.00, special only per pair \$1.48



Billikin Pins

Billikin Good Luck Pins are the newest fad in the jewelry novelties and everyone should wear "Billikin"—it means good luck.

In quite a variety of styles at 25c and 50c

Sash Ribbon

Beautiful Sash Ribbon for pretty dresses 10 inches wide in W Changeable effect in pink, rose, wisteria, corn, white and black. Per Yard 75c

Women's Fashionable Tailored Suits and Lingerie Dresses.

We have gathered together for the show a magnificent line of Women's Wash Suits, Silk Suits and Lingerie Dresses. The prices quoted are very low, consider

Tailored Suits, \$20.00, \$15.00, \$10.00, \$6.50.

LOT 610. Women's Pin Coat Suits, long hipless form, cleverly trimmed in baby irish lace, princess skirt, and made of Rep cloth, also in blue and linen shade, Price, only \$12.50

LOT 632. Women's Coat Suit, made of Linen Rep cloth, long, single breasted style, silk trimmed with buttons, skirt very full, neatly made. Price, only \$7.50

LOT 711. Women's White Lace Trimmed Suit, good quality of Linette. Skirt plain with folds around bottom. Also in pink and blue shades. Price, only \$6.50

Lingerie Dresses, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5

LOT 723. Women's Lingerie Suits, made of white soft mull material, Empire trimmed with lace, panel front Price only \$15.00

LOT 741. Women's Lingerie Dresses, made of light mull, lavender shade, plain trimmed in embroidery, tucks and lace Price only \$10.00

LOT 714. Women's Lingerie Dresses trimmed in tucks and insertion of lace, style and worth 6.50 at only \$5.00

Beautiful Wash Goods for Early Spring Wear.



SUITINGS LINENS, in stripes, plain colorings and bordered effects, alic, navy, brown other shades, yd. special 25c

GINGHAMS, in bordered, plain and fancy colorings suitable for every day wear, also the checks for children. A very fine quality at 12½c per yard

REP CLOTH, in all shades, pink, tan, copenhagen, brown and blue, a new and stylish cloth suitable for coat suits or skirts at per yard 19c

VOILE, Cotton voile in all the new shades open airy goods suitable for pretty, dressy dresses full 30 inch wide, yd. 19c

CORONA CLOTH an embroidered zephyr cloth, in blue, pink and tan checks with figure effect, fast colors and worth 35c per yard 25c

EGYPTIAN TISSUE, a very fine sheen wash fabric corded effect, colors are pink, copenhagen and tan, yd. only 35c

Space forbids mentioning everything and even though we spent a week telling about our goods the story would only be half told. Come and see. buy if you please.

In the Skirt Section—Many Becoming Styles

Over 400 Spring Models to Select from. There is a fine good taste in the an unusual beauty of their material, and a faultlessness of Tailoring that gives a distinctive look that is beyond expression in words. Won't you come to them tomorrow and every day this Week? Come any way.

LOT 1548. Women's all wool voile, elaborately trimmed with wool and satin folds a very dressy skirt and cheap at 20.00 here only \$15.00

LOT 1549. Women's handsome black voile skirts, elaborately trimmed with silk braid, nine gore, actual worth 15.00 at only \$12.50

LOT 895. Women's light gray striped skirts, empire style self trimmings and buttons at only \$10.00

LOT 1527. Women's blue voile skirts, plain 15 gore, trimmed in buttons, beautiful style at only \$9.00

LOT 133. Women's chiffon panama skirt in olive shade, self trimmed with button, nine gore at \$7.95

LOT 180. Women's skirt made of light tan striped novelty cloth, self folds and buttons at \$5.00

Others at 16.50, 15.00, 12.50, 10.00 and down to 3.50

TO THE PUBLIC

At the beginning of this new season we desire to express our thanks for the evidence of your good will and confidence that has come to us in greatly increased since our opening in Ballinger a little over a year ago. We can best show our appreciation of the favor we have received by striving harder to merit a continuance of it, and a constant effort will be to work each day some improvement in the selling of good merchandise at the lowest possible prices and to make this store more than ever the most comfortable and satisfactory shopping place in Ballinger.

Originators and First in Everything--and the Store that Saves You Money

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

MEN'S NEW SPRING APPAREL

This store is now ready with all that is new and stylish for men, young men and boys. We specialize Kuppenheimer & Co. and Society Clothing for men, and Ederheimer, Stein & Co. for young men and boys. The name of "Kuppenheimer" or "Society Brand" on the inside of your coat insures you of that quality, style, fit and workmanship that cannot be excelled by other clothiers in the country. Lend us your presence for a try-on---we never count it a trouble to show goods, and we wont urge you to buy. We welcome you.



Copyright 1909
The House of
Kuppenheimer
Chicago

EXCLUSIVE STYLES IN THESE MODELS

Lot 1251 Men's smoke gray sack suits coat cut with deep lapels, lined with fine silk alpaca, center vent, coat sleeves trimmed in buttons, pants full peg with turn up cuffs and belt straps. Sizes 33 to 40. Price **\$25.00**

Lot 1810 All wool light tan two piece suits, coat cut saffolk style, silk alpaca lining, center vents a real snappy suit indeed, pants cut full and roomy belt straps and turn up cuffs. Sizes 34 to 40 Price **\$22.50**

Lot 8610 Men's all wool green herringbone suits, coat cut 3 button sack style, deep lapels and center vents, pants peg top and turn up cuffs. Sizes 34 to 40 Price **\$18.50**

Lot 1946 Men's all wool, blue serge suits, fine alpaca lining, center vent and deep lapels, pants cut one-half peg top. Easily worth 18.50, but a lucky purchase enables us to sell these suits at **\$15.00**

Lot Men's all wool blue serge two piece suits, coat 3 button sack, best serge one-half lining, for men who want an inexpensive, yet a good suit at the price and its worth two fifty more. Sizes 34 to 42 Price **\$10.00**

LOT SPECIAL

1 Lot broken sizes, medium Winter and Spring weight clothing, a bargain unrepresented---if your size is here---at just one-half the regular price. Ask to be shown this lot.

Young Men's and Boy's Clothing---Attractive Styles Here

Lot 9289. Young Men's wool blue serge suits, two piece style, fine serge lining, deep lapels, coat three-button style, turn back cuffs on coat. Pants, belt straps and peg tops. A swell young man's suit at the price. **\$12.50**
Sizes 30 to 36. Price only

Lot 9288. Young men's light tan worsted suits, two-piece style, coat cut with a dash, the dash that the young fellows like. Pants **\$10.00**
medium peg top. Sizes 30 to 36. Price

Others at 15.00, 12.50, 10.00, 8.50, 7.50, and 5.00.

Lot 34307 Boys double breasted blue serge suits, all wool material outside flaps on coat pockets. Pants with belt straps and a real nobby suit ages 8 to 17 yrs. Price **\$5.00**



Lot 34368 Boys double breasted suits of tan worsted material. Pants knickerbocker style with belt straps. Ages 8 to 10 years **\$4.50**
Price

Lot 34322 Boys knee pants suits, coat double breasted style of brown wool material. Pants knickerbocker style with belt straps. Splendid for school wear. Ages 8 to 17 years. Price **\$3.50**

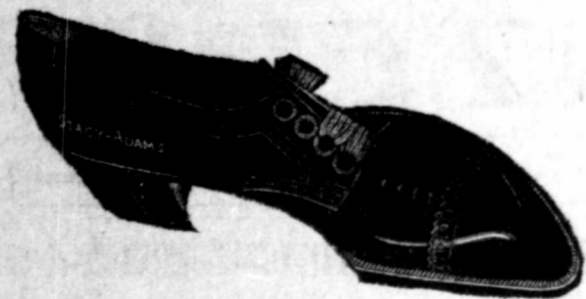
Lot 34332. Boys' two-piece spring Suits, coat double-breasted, of brown striped worsted material, pants cut knickerbocker style, with belt straps, ages 8 to 17 years. Price **\$3.50**

Others at 6.50, 5.00, 4.00 3.50 down to 1.50,

Smart Spring Oxfords for Men, Women and Children

We are daily receiving new instalments of our new Spring Oxfords for men, women and children, and if you will inspect them you will be convinced that they represent the latest and highest art in Shoe making. The word "Guaranteed" goes out with every pair sold. Our reputation of selling Shoes of quality stamps us as the leaders in this line. We cordially invite you to come and inspect our new arrivals, just for comparison's sake, and whether you wish to buy or not.

Spring Oxfords for Men



Stacy Adams & Co. for men, all styles, all toes and widths, price \$5.00 and **\$6.00**

The famous Walk-Over, Howard & Foster, and Williams-Kneeland are sold only by us. These well known makes are noted for style, fit and workmanship. They represent the world's best at the prices, \$5.00, \$4.00 and **\$3.50**
Others at \$3.00, 2.50, 2.00 and \$1.50.

Oxfords for Women

The famous Ultra in the latest styles - - - **\$3.50**

Walk-Overs for women - - - 3.50 and 4.00

Brockport, all the toes - - - 2.98

Moore-Shafer & Co., every style, at - - - 2.50

Others at \$2.00 and \$1.50.



Men's and Young Men's Furnishings. Everything That's New is Found Here

Eagle Shirts

Magnificent line of all the new spring colorings. See the new bordered effects, white ground with fancy cuffs. Big line in all the latest shades at 2.50, 1.50 and **\$1.00**

Hosiery

We keep the kind that wear and unhesitatingly recommend to you the famous Onyx hosiery for women at 1.00, 75, 50 and 25c. Cadet and Black Cat Stockings, big line at **25c**

Swell Hats

Stetson and Hawes. When you wear a Stetson or Hawes' hat---well you have a hat that's right in every way. Many styles Stetson hats \$10.00 down to \$4.48. Hawes always **\$3.00**

Neckwear

Immense showing in club ties and the new flowing ends. They come in stripes and all the fancy colorings, in fact this is a season of fancy shades. Big line to select from at **75c**

Men's Trousers

If you need an extra pair of trousers. We recommend to you the famous R & W line. We have them peg top, medium peg, with belt straps and turn up cuffs every size, price 6.00 to **\$1.50**

Easter Doings for Little Folks. Rabbits, Chicks, Eggs, Ducks, etc. Pretty little Easter Cards are for you at 10 and 5 cents. them.



Your Shopping Place. Make this Store your shopping place. Every convenience for you in the way of rest room in balcony. Toilet in connection.

Tornado Insurance

"Sixty miles a minute is going some", said Bill,
"But wait till a Cyclone hits you,
And you'll think that's standing still".

The Tornado season is now at hand. Several disasters having already occurred. The Cyclone may carry you sky high, but with one of our Tornado Policies you will be able to return to earth and rise again. We can also protect you against hail with our Policies. Let us carry the risk for you as the cost is nothing compared with the protection, only \$2.50 a thousand for one year and \$5.00 a thousand for three years, with \$1.00 per thousand added if you want hail protection also. Even if your policy blows away we have a record of it. Protect your property from loss by fire and Tornado and sleep sound.

LEE MADDOX & CO

"Insurance of all Kinds"

Phone 18

Social Events of the Week

Continued from Fifth page

hundred white men into voluntary servitude, and at the same time bow down, if not sit down with a genies of Booker Washington.

The Dallas News classified him as our "classic" president. Was it his Apollo-like brow or his powdered wig that gave him that mien? No doubt those knee trousers, buckled slippers, "fluffy ruffled" jabot added to his comeliness. Were he to return he would don long trousers, a prince albert, a standing collar and a black tie. With a little loss of dignity Washington could bow to Dame Fashion, but never, no, never, would he allow Martha to adopt the directorie.

In conclusion, I beg you not to judge my sentiments or estimate of Washington from the foregoing. I had to resort to these means to avoid "The Liberty Tree" and "Crossing the Delaware." I realize that a man's greatness is limited by the time in which he lived and the character of work he does. True merit means the surmounting of all difficulties at hand in the wisest manner. This Washington did above all others. Yet I believe firmly that when all the assembled of ex-presidents meet in the great beyond and begin telling, "What I have done," at the conclusion of Teddy's "Bears that I killed in Africa," Washington will bow in meek submission to him—preferring to be "a door keeper in the house of a Roosevelt than to dwell in the tent of oblivion.

MARGARET COFER.

A Birthday Party

The birthday party given by Mrs. C. A. Doose, in honor of the seventh anniversary of her little son Collis, gave his birthday an aureole of pleasure that will illuminate it through life. The thirty little guests danced, laughed and coquetted with the sunbeams for two hours coming to a finale over a feast of cake and fruit punch. Then they angled from a pretty improvised fish pond, dainty sacks of nuts and bon bons. Collis was the recipient

of a number of gifts from his little friends.

Those present were Lorena McWhirter, Olga Zappie, Minor McVay, Brandon Stone, Garland Hardin, Lucile Norman, Manrice Ward, Elenor Kirk, Raymond Dawson, Marion Flint, Margaret Weeks, Leona Norman, Hubert Zappie, Sarah Norwood, Addie Raby, Cola Barbee, Mahota Chastain, Ralph Vanciel, Hattie Hardgrove, Nellie Allison, Billie Burt, Carl Ubank, Sidney Winkler, Roger Story, Clarence Smith, George Wright, Calvin Kirk, Tom Lankford, Maurine Patterson, Bernice Smith.

Mrs. Wix Currie Entertains

The home of Mrs. Wix Currie presented an animated scene Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Currie entertained her Sunday school class, the infant class of the First Baptist Church and a few other little tots.

When fun, merriment and jolly games had run the gamut of pleasure, the hostess added to the enjoyment of the afternoon by serving delicious ice cream and cake. The little hearts that were made happy by this delightful affair were:

Geraldine Lankford, Grace Lankford, Mary Stuart, Lucile Ellis, Helen Suggs, Blanch Hill, Bernice Hill, Maurine Weeks, Halley Adams, Ethel Drew, Jap Adams Jr., Cola Barbee, Carrie Flint, Morris Nicholson, Sudie Hamilton, Vera Nickleson, Dazie Thompson, Grace Thompson, Vanita Boyd, Amie Currie, Lizzie Alexander, Sam Baranger.

Mrs. John Hopkinson and "500 Club"

Mrs. John Hopkinson, one of Ballinger's most clever and charming young hostesses, entertained the "500" club this week in a very pleasing manner. The game "500" which is riding on the crest wave of popularity, with our society people, was set in the hostesses reception room which was decked in violets and ferns.

At the close of seven highly exciting games the card tables were spread with handsome drawn work cloths and a dainty repast was served.

Those present were: Mesdames

D. Reeder, Bob Bennett, Ira Hobdy, Geo. Holmes, Oscar Pearson, and Misses Georgia Vaughn, Sophie Shure and Hermia Smith.

Mrs. Will Dunlap Entertains

Mrs. Will Dunlap, whose penchant for delightful entertainments, only equalled by her grace in presiding at them, on Thursday afternoon entertained in the most delightful manner the "Mystic Weavers." Palms, ferns and Roman hyacinths were most effectively arranged, harmonizing with the happiness of the occasion and the daintiness with which Mrs. Dunlap presides.

After an interesting exhibition of skill, demonstrating how the needle is subdued and made to bend to the will of the artful seamstress, a delicious ice course was served.

The hostess was assisted by her charming sisters, Misses Mae and Annie Massey.

Sunday night several couples took advantage of the beautiful moonlight and hid away to the banks of the placid Colorado, where they spread a delightful supper, and while their hunger was being appeased, they also dreamed of love and had conveyed to their understanding a faint idea of the sweet soothing influence of the warblers caroling, of the blending harmonies of nature whose lingering cadences filled the whole world with an ecstasy of melody. There was also painted upon the canvas of their perception, the soft and calm reflections of the glorious moon with her fleets of silver stars as they went majestically swimming through infinite space. At last awaking from dreamland they descended to earth, realizing the dangerous effects of fair luna. After several hours of pleasant repartee and reminiscence they returned home with delightful memories of a most pleasant evening.

Those who for awhile witnessed that pleasant sensation of ethereal realm were Misses Katie Ray Ward, Ellie Ward, Louise Orgam, Blanche Baker and Delia Day. Messrs Jimmie Morgan, Cecil Glenn, Dick Thorp, R. W.

Bogle, Walter Early of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeder.

The fortune teller who recently worked our town to a finish, set Ballinger agog with her wonderful and marvelous things revealed. Indeed it is yet all the absorbing topic in social circles. The art of divining or telling fortunes by the lines and marks in the palm of the hand is an impostor and the practice of it is indeed "an abomination unto the Lord. Notwithstanding the admonition the people fell over each other in a wild struggle to be victimized by the fortune teller. But there is in our city a modern Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom, who will in the next weeks issue of the Banner-Leader proclaim the future destiny of some of the young people of our city and while they may not be pleased with their fate, yet, "Fair or foul the lot appointed in life we must bear alike."

Mrs. J. D. Norwood entertained the Ladies Aid of the 8th street Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon. Most delicious hot chocolate and whipped cream and cake was served. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Emma Nash. Those present were Mesdames Taylor, Guy, Lankford, Cockrell, Miller, Wilmeth, Fender, Bateman, Dawson, Wilkie and Grant.

A jolly crowd of young ladies chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson and Master Alex McGregor spent Saturday on Coyote creek fishing. A fine dinner of fried fish and numerous other appetizing viands, was reported. Those constituting the party were Misses Lois Crew, Lee Plummer, Helen Crosson, Armor McGregor, Mamie Gregory and Mae Johnston.

The very latest conceits in spring hats are to be seen at our millinery establishments. Hundreds of ready to wear and semi-dress hats are teeming with the very latest ideas, every one of which is fascinating and becoming.

The members of the Shakespeare club of our city have purchased two handsome Texas flags one of which will be presented to the Ballinger High school and the other to the kindergarten.

Church Announcements

The Leader will be glad to have an announcement of the Services from each Church each week if copy is furnished by Thursday afternoon.

Missionary Address

Mrs. George, a representative of the Woman's Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian church will be in Ballinger next Thursday, March 18th and will deliver an address at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at 8 p. m. on that day. She will also meet the ladies in a conference at the same place in the afternoon. Mrs. George comes highly recommended as an interesting and instructive speaker. Everyone is most cordially invited to hear her. Remember the date.

Ninth Street Baptist

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. The morning services will be conducted in the interest of the children. The program is as follows:

Voluntary.
Doxology.
Invocation.
Hymn—By the choir.
Song—"God is love.—By chorus of little girls and boys.
Reading scripture and prayer.
Morning offering.



Patriotism

The stomach is a larger factor in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" than most people are aware. Patriotism can withstand hunger but not dyspepsia. The confirmed dyspeptic "is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils." The man who goes to the front for his country with a weak stomach will be a weak soldier and a fault finder.
A sound stomach makes for good citizenship as well as for health and happiness.
Diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition are promptly and permanently cured by the use of

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY.
It builds up the body with sound flesh and solid muscle.

The dealer who offers a substitute for the "Discovery" is only seeking to make the little more profit realized on the sale of less meritorious preparations.

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps for the paper covered book, or 31 stamps for the cloth bound. Address: World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y.

Song—"Step by step"—By chorus of boys and girls.
Sermon—Subject: "Fox Hunting." Cant. 2:15.
Closing hymn by choir.
Evening services at 8. Subject: "Christ's power over winds and devils." Lev. 8:22-39. A cordial invitation is extended to all to bring their children to the morning service. Strangers will always find a hearty welcome at our services.
Z. J. AMERSON, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Services at the Methodist church Sunday March 14.
Sunday school at 9:45. The Sunday school is doing well. Lots of push for a big growth during the spring months.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Gods plan for reaching the world."
The leagues meet at 3 and 4 p. m. They both had good attendance last Sunday. Come and meet with them.

The night services will be devoted to the interest of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Special music. Sermon on woman's work in the church. At the close of the sermon the ladies will install their new officers. They have a beautiful installation service. Come and see what these good women are doing. I will preach at 3 o'clock at the

German church. To all these services you will have a hearty welcome.
J. A. BIGGS.

First Baptist

Rev. Hulen R. Carroll of Hearn Texas, will preach at the First Baptist church, Sunday, March 14th, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

All strangers in our city are especially invited to come out and worship with us, we will be glad to have you with us. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Eighth Street Presbyterian

The usual services will be held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and the pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. At the evening hour, Mr. Milford M. Hamlin will sing "My Redeemer and My Lord," by Dudley Buck.

First Presbyterian

There will be regular services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10.

Strangers and visitors are most cordially welcomed to these services.

J. D. LESLIE, Pastor.

For All Kinds of CEMENT WORK

At reasonable prices an First-Class work see

J. H. Stalcup

Curb and Walks A Specialty

ENAMEL WARE

Visit the 5 and 10-cent Store and see the big display of Enamel Ware. It is cheap, it is good, and a vessel for every purpose

See the Jumbo Table

A Great Feast of 10-Cent Bargains.
A Treat for the Ladies

KINZER'S

Ladies' White Sale

The Ladies of the Methodist Church will give a White Sale at the home of Mrs. J. A. Weeks, Tuesday, March 16th, beginning at 2:30 P. M. Refreshments will be served.
EVERYBODY CORDIALLY INVITED.

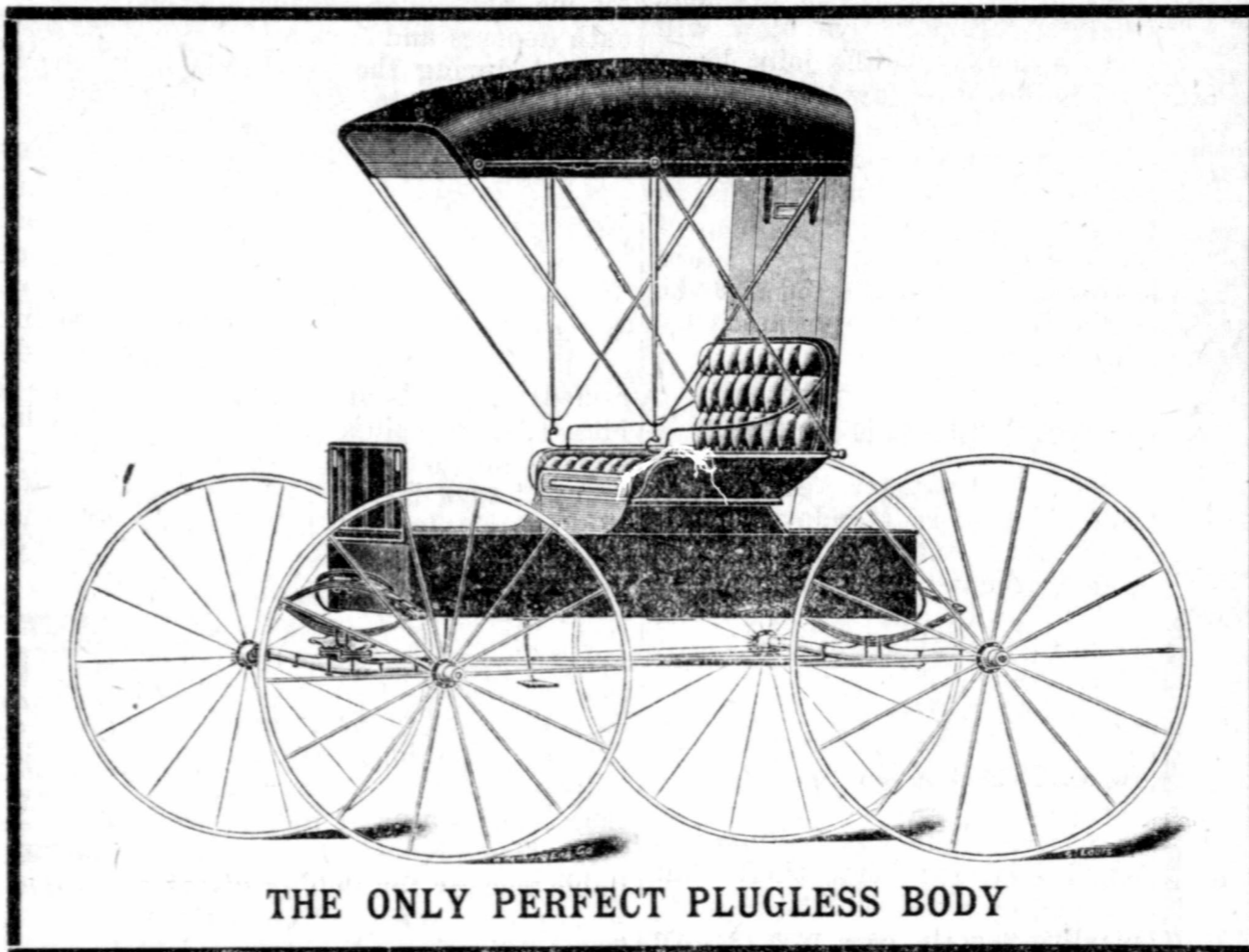
Ladies' White Sale

IT STANDS ALONE

The Moon Bros. Buggy

In its class, it has few equals and no superiors. If you are contemplating buying a new vehicle, why not buy one that will give you entire satisfaction, and will cost you no more than an inferior vehicle. Moon Bros. Buggies stand in a class of their own.

The Style is Correct
The Workmanship Perfect
The Finish Sublime
The Material the Best



THE ONLY PERFECT PLUGLESS BODY

We Have the Stock
We Have the Quality
We Have the Terms
We Have the Price

Moon Bros.' patent plugless Body is the only radical improvement made in buggy building in the past twenty years. The ordinary buggy body has 150 screws, plugs and nails that are dispensed with in the Moon Bros.' patent body--no screws, no plugs, no nails, no unsightly spots to mar the appearance of the body. Moon Bros.' plugless body is the only one made without screws or nails; the only body made that always looks good and will wear as long as the gear. This feature alone, without considering the high quality and superior construction used throughout puts a Moon Bros. Buggy in a class to itself.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

Bailey and Culberson Visit White House

For First Time in Seven Years Texan Enters White House. Era of Good Feeling

Washington, Mar., 10—One of the events of the day which attracted most attention in official and newspaper circles was the visit made by Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas to the White House. It was merely a courtesy visit on the part of the senator to pay his respects to the new

President, but it was noticeable because of the fact that Mr. Bailey had not been inside of the White House for seven years. He ceased his social visits when President Roosevelt entertained Booker Washington, and after the president's breach of faith with him and Tillman in the rate fight. Senator Bailey had nothing but contempt for President Roosevelt, and never had anything more to do with him. As one of the committee to notify the president that the senate had met, Senator Culberson, on the day after inauguration, paid his first visit to the White House in several years. His opinion of Mr. Roosevelt was not very dif-

ferent to that entertained by his colleague, Senator Bailey, and he esteems President Taft as in many ways superior to the late President.

To the newspaper men who surrounded him afterwards Senator Bailey pointed out the difference between the two, but not for publication. Most of the Democratic senators have called on the new president and they express themselves amicably inclined towards him.

CURE YOUR KIDNEYS

Do Not Endanger Life. When a Ballinger Citizen Shows You the Cure.

Why will people continue to suffer the agonies of kidney complaint, backache, urinary disorders, lameness, headaches, languor, why allow themselves to become chronic invalids, when a certain cure is offered them?

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use, because it gives the kidneys the help they need to perform their work.

If you have any, even one, of the symptoms of kidney disease, cure yourself now before dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease sets in. Read the following Ballinger testimony:

J. A. Cole, living in the West End on Thirteenth street, Ballinger, Tex., says: "I had pains across the small of my back that kept me in misery for several months. They were especially severe when I stooped or lifted and sometimes attacked me without warning. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I was given a desire to try them and secured a box from the Walker Drug Co. The first few doses relieved me and by the time I had taken the contents of half a box, the distress in my back had entirely disappeared. It has never returned since, but should such be the case, Doan's Kidney Pills would certainly be the first remedy to which I would appeal."

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. 262t

Want Column

RATES: One cent a word for first insertion. One-half cent a word for each additional insertion.

Gray hairs won't come ten years ahead of regular schedule time if you solve your little worries in the Want Ad way—an advertising column for the little wants.

The day you neglected to read the Want Ads you "dropped a stitch"—probably the stitch that would have "saved nine".

SAVE YOUR CARPETS. By placing old papers under them. 5000 old papers for sale at Leader office. You fix the price.

PEOPLE READ these want ads. You are doing it now. Tell your little wants here. The cash amounts to little compared with the results.

THOROUGHBREDS—W. T. Brown, the hog and poultryman, thoroughbred Poland China Hogs, Boonze Turkeys, White Wine Dotts, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Red, Stock and Eggs. For sale, Hylton Texas. 9t.

FARM FOR RENT—Will give entire crop to man for breaking 150 or 200 acres, or more sod land near Ballinger. The land is the very best and is now ready to break. A good proposition for some man with teams. Call at Banner Leader office for particulars or see W. T. Routh.

WANTED—to buy one to ten car loads threshed bulk milo maize or kaffir cern. Minimum car 24,000 lbs. Address Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas.

FOR SALE—Ten acre choice fruit land in South Ballinger, also three houses and lots in West End and other properties at a low bargain. See E. A. Bean, Ballinger, Texas. 26-6t-H

We are headquarters for mens' ladies' and children's shoes.—Bair & Conn—"The Globe."

J. P. Maddox had business in San Angelo first of the week. A complete showing of New Spring styles. Beautiful and artistic Hats trimmed most effectively with the newest trimmings.—Mrs. DeCalve Baines, with S. S. Cobb, former Davis & Co., building. 1t

Vaudette to Open

The new play house on the corner of Eighth street and Santa Fe boulevard is just about ready for business. It will be known as the "Vaudette." Manager Burroughs is leaving nothing off that will take from the conveniences or that will hamper him in any way from conducting the place successfully. Already he has attractions booked that will be drawing cards to start

with, and he expects to give an opening at an early date. Judging from the way the Vaudette is being equipped you will not miss but get your money's worth when you attend the attractions that are given.

Attend our opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday and see our handsome tailored hats.—Mrs. DeCalve Baines, with S. S. Cobb. 1t

Miller Mercantile Company

Groceries, Ranch Supplies,
Vegetables, Fruit

A large host of satisfied customers patronize this store daily. If you are not among this list you are missing some good things. Fair treatment, prompt delivery.

Miller Mercantile Company

MEN, READ THIS!



Are you a diseased man? Are you a weak man? Have you taken treatment for your trouble and not been cured? If so you are just the man I want to talk with. I want you to investigate my new method of curing diseases like yours in a remarkably short time, without pain, detention from business or pleasure.

ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE

I absolutely guarantee to cure, to stay cured the following diseases if the patient takes the prescribed course of treatment laid down by me and follows my direction:

Whiskey habit, Varicocle, Hyprocele, Stricture, Syphilis, Gleet, Gonorrhoea, Kidney and Bladder Trouble, Loss of Power and Vigor, Night Dreams, Premature Discharges, Nervousness Piles, Fistula, etc. in a remarkable short time, at a very moderate cost. Don't fool time away. Come to me and be cured.

BLOOD POISON

My Serum Specific Treatment for Blood Poison is a certain remedy to absolutely cure the disease, removing every trace of poisonous taint and rebuilding the entire system from the damaging effects of any injurious drugs, leaving the patient with new flesh, new blood and perfect health.

DR. J. ROBERT MAYHEW, SPECIALIST

In Rape Building Ballinger, Texas
The Doctor is giving consultation and examination absolutely free to all who call within ten days. Call or write today. Hours, 9 to 12, 2 to 4. Night hours by appointment.

INDIGESTION ENDS IN FIVE MINUTES

Misery from an Upset Stomach goes before you realize it.

Every family here ought to keep some Diapepsin in the house as any one of you may have an attack of indigestion or stomach trouble at any time, day or night.

This harmless preparation will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour stomach in five minutes.

If your meals don't tempt you or what you eat seems to fill you or lay like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heart burn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Ask your pharmacist for a 50-cent box of Pape's Diapepsin and take one triangle after supper each night. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness of stomach after eating, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or Intestinal griping. This will all go and besides there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for all stomach misery, because it will take hold of your food and digest it just the same as if your stomach was not there. Actual, prompt relief from all

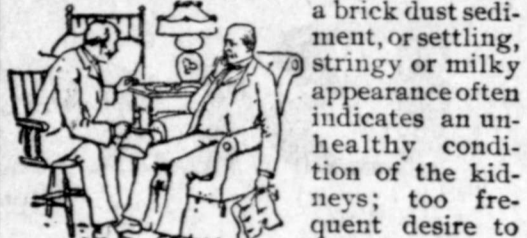
your stomach misery is at your pharmacist, waiting for you.

These large 50 cent cases contain more than sufficient to cure a case of indigestion or Dyspepsia.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect it.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with water and let it stand twenty-four hours;



a brick dust sediment, or settling, stringy or milky appearance often indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back are also symptoms that tell you the kidneys and bladder are out of order and need attention.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills almost every wish in correcting rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. 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 through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. 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 sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Mention this paper and remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

DEATH BLOW TO BOOT LEGGERS

Texas Legislature Pass Laws that Put a Crimp in the Blind-Tiger Building

The old song "It Won't Prohibit" is a back number now. The present legislature has tried to compromise matters with the prohibitionist of the state for not submitting the submission question, and passed some laws that strikes the joint keepers and local option violators in a tender spot.

A bill fixing an annual tax of \$4000 on the sale of malt drinks such as "Uno," beer, Hiwatha, etc., when sold in local option towns was passed and became a law on February 25th, and since that time joints have been closing in those towns. Where heretofore they have paid no attention to the law it is probable that a more effective blow will yet be landed on the joint keepers before the law makers adjourn. A bill is now pending that will when passed, make it a felony to sell intoxicants in a local option precinct instead of a misdemeanor. The lower house has passed the bill and the senate will very likely pass it before they adjourn.

Prisoner Returned to Sweetwater

Sheriff Crutcher of Sweetwater was here Monday to take Lewis McGinnly back to Sweetwater, where he is being held in jail to await the action of the higher courts, in a case that puts McGinnly in the pen for two years, if affirmed. McGinnly was tried at Sweetwater for cattle theft and given two years in the pen.

He was brought to Ballinger to stand trial for horse theft but escaped on account of some technicality and the case was thrown out of court.

For Sale

A desirable residence lot 70x140 located in a desirable part of Ballinger. Will take \$125—\$25 cash and balance in ten monthly note of \$10 each without interest.

Also a good six room cottage with two galleries, pantry and bath room, been built two years. Two lots, each 60x140, one corner, northeast front. Possession given any first. Price \$1500 spot cash. For further particulars call on or write C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas.

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 Liniment relieves all aches and pains, and heals all wounds. Sold by J. Y. Pearce. Imo

Sour Stomach, Fullness after eating, flatulence are all caused by imperfect digestion, PRICKLY ASH BITTERS corrects the disorder at once, drives out badly digested food and tones up the stomach, liver and bowels.

City Drug Store, Special Agts. Bloating after eating, indigestion, flatulence or water brash, may be quickly corrected through the use of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. It strengthens digestion, cleanses and regulates the bowels. City Drug Store, Special Agts.

Hats, Hats, Hats.

Old hats made new in 2 hours. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor and Hatter. Phone 264.

BUSINESS LEAGUE WANTS INFORMATION

Secretary Kirk Requests Farmers to Report on Crop Raised

Secretary Kirk of the Business League is compiling some information for the purpose of doing some special advertising for Runnels county. He requests that the farmers who will furnish him with information do so at once. Write out a statement of just what you raised on your farm and hand same to Mr. Kirk.

Following is a statement made by Lon Mapes and will give you an idea of what Mr. Kirk wants:

State of Texas, County of Runnels. Before me the undersigned authority in and for Runnels county, Texas, on this day personally appeared Lon Mapes, who being by me first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says as follows: That during the year 1908 he had 350 acres in cotton in said Runnels county, Texas, off which he gathered 246 bales of the average weight of 545 pounds, or 268.19 500 pound bales.

LON MAPES.

Unequaled as a Cure for Croup.

"Besides being an excellent remedy for colds and throat troubles, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is unequalled 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. Imo

No Need of Scratching

Other afflictions may be more painful, but none more annoying than many forms of itching trouble. The quickest and most reliable remedy for itching diseases of any character is Hunt's Cure. One application relieves—one box guaranteed to cure. Imo

School Boy Stabs Teacher

One day this week Prof. A. C. Wike, principal of the school at Stacy, was stabbed three times by one of his pupils by the name of Spillers. Prof. Wike, we understand, had corrected the pupil and afterwards attempted to whip him when the young Spillers drew a pocket knife and stabbed Mr. Wike. He is not dangerously hurt, but the wounds are painful and he will doubtless be confined to his bed for several weeks.—Paint Rock Herald.

Man Dyeing at Stocklass Tailor Shop

May we dye for you? We dye to live, others live to die. The longer we live the better we can dye. We are doing the latest method of steam cleaning and dyeing. All work guarantee. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor & Hatter.

Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. 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 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce. Imo

A. L. Spann & Co. the new spot cash store sells all kinds of feed, chops, bran, oats, etc., and buys all kinds of country produce for cash and pays high market price. Look us up when in Ballinger. 24-4t

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—by J. Y. Pearce. Imo

Post cards for everybody at Kinzers.

Is it not better to be ready for a fire and never have it, than to have a fire and not be ready for it? See Ernest Plummer.

Do Not Suffer

No use suffering from Itching Piles when one box of Hunt's Cure is guaranteed to cure any case. One application will convince you of its merits. Imo

THIRTY THOUSAND ACRE DEAL

Tankersley Ranch in Irion County Brings \$150,000

The biggest ranch deal recently made in West Texas, and one which is far reaching in its results, has just been consummated. The deal has been pending for some time, and it required a good deal of careful engineering to bring it through. Shield & Shield, composed of Rome Shield and Jas. Shield, is the firm through which the deal was made.

Messrs Shield & Shield sold for Fayette Tankersley his 30,000 acre ranch, located 60 miles from San Angelo, in Irion county, to Knoxville, Tenn., capitalists. The consideration is \$150,000 cash—the largest cash deal, perhaps that has ever been made in San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard.

For Diseases of the Skin

Nearly every disease of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by the intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by Walker Drug Co. Imo

PILES RUDY'S PILE SUPPOSITORY

A cure guaranteed if you use RUDY'S PILE SUPPOSITORY.
D. Matt. Thompson, Sup't. they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. Stover, Brown Rock, W. Va., writes: "They give universal satisfaction." Dr. H. D. McGill, Chickaburg, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 25 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

Do You

Do you have a Bank Account? Do you pay your bills by check? Have you stopped to consider the advantages of transacting your business by this method? Every check you issue in payment of bills is eventually returned to you to be retained as a receipt for the money paid.

If you have no bank account come to this bank and make your first deposit, and let us help you to systematize your business. We Furnish you with a bank book and checks.

First National Bank
Ballinger, - Texas.

DR. U. E. G. DYER

Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.

Office over Bennet Abstract Co., Ballinger

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

A SAFE, CERTAIN REMEDY for Suppressed Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Satisfying! Guaranteed of Money Returned. Best prepared 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 orders to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by The Walker Drug Co.

OSTERTAG FURNITURE COM'Y

Undertakers and Licensed Embalmers
All details looked after

Day Phone 434 NightPhone 77

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.

HERE TO STAY

Able to do your work Satisfaction guaranteed Solicit your sign painting. Leave orders at Express office.

S. S. PRINCE Jr.

AMERICAN BEAUTY CORSETS

"DAINTY AS THE ROSE"

Any woman who chooses can improve her personal beauty with little effort or expense. Wear an AMERICAN BEAUTY \$1.00 to \$8.00. It will improve the appearance of any gown that is worn over it.

KALAMAZOO CORSET CO.
Exclusive Makers
KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Because we believe in them we sell and recommend them.

THE HUB, Ballinger, Texas



Cash Kash Cash

Notice One and All

On and after March 1st 1909, I will put my Business, on a cash basis to one and all, no favoritism shown.

JO HARDIN, WOOD AND COAL

So Please Don't Ask for Credit. PHONE 212

Equipment Comes First

Skill can do the work, but it takes the equipment to turn out skillful work. We have both equipment and skill, and our shop turns out the BEST. Why? Because we have the best equipped shop in Ballinger, combined with skillful labor. We have the best carriage painter in this section of the state. We do the best horse shoeing. If you want the best go to the shop prepared to do the best. That's us. A modern shop and experienced workmen combined give you the very best.

Opposite Court House Square **HICKS & MOORE**

Jones, Walton & Co.

The Hardware and Implement People of Ballinger

We want your business and will give you value received for every dollar you spend with us. We sold 55 Sanders Disc Plows during December and January. Are selling Lone Star Cultivators, R. I. Special Sulkeys, Weber Wagons and Yale Buggies and Hacks every day.

In short, we have anything you need in Hardware or Implements. We do Pipe Work and solicit your patronage in this line.

Jones, Walton & Co.

AFTER BUSINESS

The Gateway to Success

is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened. Some carry keys, others who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. LISTEN!!!

No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank

No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity—A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.

We offer you our Bank and its facilities to help you.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Keep Your Eye

on

M. D. CHASTAIN,

the Grocer.

He's leaving the corner.

ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE
 All copyrights in the Southwest. All the latest songs, records, etc.
 HALF PRICE. All publications. Phonographs, Victrolas, Records, etc.
 include everything needed. Write for catalog and prices. Bank of Dallas
 Five Days "FREE". GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

W. E. SAYLE
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
 will practice in all the Courts
 Office over the Ballinger State Bank
 BALLINGER, TEXAS

R. S. GRIGGS,
 County Judge
 Will practice in District and Higher
 Courts. Special attention given to
 deed writing, and examination of
 titles, etc.
 Office at Court House.

J. E. POWELL
 CIVIL ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.
 Plans, Specifications and Esti-
 mates made on any kind of work
 and work superintended.....
 Land Surveying a Specialty.
 BALLINGER, TEXAS

DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, DENTIST
 Satisfaction guaran-
 teed. Phone No. 92
 Office over Citizens National Bank

Dr. C. S. Jackson
 the Brownwood Veteri-
 nary Surgeon, visits Bal-
 linger once a month and
 will treat your sick or
 diseased stock.

M. C. Smith
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.....
 Office up-stairs
 in C. A. Doose
 Building.
 Examining Land Titles
 A Specialty.

PATRONIZE
Joe Hardin
 The Wood and Coal Dealer
 handles the best grade of
 Coal and Wood. Will give
 all orders prompt attention.
 Phone No. 212.

Harris & Shepherd,
 ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW—
 Corporation,
 Collections,
 and Land
 Litigation
 Specialties
 OFFICE OVER BALLINGER
 STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.
 BALLINGER, TEXAS

Hulls and Meal

COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive value than common hay which costs 50 per cent more; is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and is healthful and appetizing.
 COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.
 THE MIXED FEED forms a "balanced ration," giving better results, increased milk and butter production in Cows, and in Flesh, Fat and general condition in all animals than any other feed in the World

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

LIFE ISN'T WORTH LIVING

This Statement May be Generally Attributed to the Lack of Good Health.

We want to talk to people who are nervous, who suffer frequent headaches, who don't enjoy their food, who are irritable, quickly lose their temper, are so tired and worn out that they feel that they must give up, and have become so despondent that life does not seem worth living. We know exactly what is the matter with people in this condition, and if they will follow our advice, we can tell them how to regain good health and buoyancy of feeling which makes life seem all sunshine and happiness. Most of the above described conditions are caused chiefly by catarrhal inflammations of the mucous membranes. This delicate weak like linings of the body becomes inflamed and congested until weakness and mental depression follows. The only way that this can be overcome is through a treatment of the blood. We have the treatment and we are so positive that it will produce the results we claim for it, we will supply it to any one with the understanding that we will return to them every penny paid us in every instance where the treatment is not in every way satisfactory and beneficial to them.

We want you to try Rexall Mucu-Tone, which is a powerful nutritive tonic and body builder, and a mucous membrane alternative that cleanses these membranes and restores their natural and healthy functions. Rexall Mucu-Tone drives out all the catarrhal poison, restores the mucous cells to good health, tones up the whole system, allays inflammation, removes congestion and stimulates the whole system to healthy activity. It is splendid for building up flesh and muscle tissues and removing all weaknesses. Come to our store today and get a bottle of Mucu-Tone, and after giving it a reasonable trial if you are not satisfied with it simply tell us so, and we will hand back your money without question. Surely nothing could be more fair than this. Two sizes, 50c and \$1.00. The Walker Drug Co.

A Pleasant Physic.
 When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. Call at Walker Drug Co's., drug store for a free sample. 1mo.
 Make our store your head quarters. You are always welcome.—
 A. L. Spann & Co. 24-4t

M. Kleberg, Jr.
 Attorney-at-Law
 Ballinger, - - Texas
 Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company

THE SCHUBERTS ARE COMING

Popular Company Will Give Show in Ballinger Benefit of Fire Boys

The Schubert Symphony club will appear at the Ballinger opera house Tuesday night, March 16, for the benefit of the Ballinger fire department. This is the best attraction of the kind that ever billed to play Ballinger. Read what the Dallas News says of the show:
 "The Schubert Symphony club and female quartette delighted a good sized audience at the city hall last night with melody and song which was not only far above the average but teemed with talent that seldom appears except in metropolitan centers. The quartette gained immediate favor with the audience in the opening song of the evening's entertainment. Mendelssohn's "March Nuptial." The range and adaptation of each voice fitted the number to a nicety and made the air heavy with harmony.
 Like the more pretentious Bostonians, the Schubert Symphony club has for the past twenty years numbered among its members some of the highest class artists of the country and has gained a national reputation."
 Help the boys by attending the show. Seats on sale at Walker Drug Store.

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 condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel troubles. Sold by J. Y. Pearce. 1mo

Good for the Blues
 Is your appetite on a vacation, your energy absent, and everything else out of "Whack?" If so, you had better take something and take it now. Simmons' Sarsaparilla is the King of Tonics. It will make you eat all you want to pay for. Try it and hear yourself laugh again. 1mo

Kid gloves cleaned or dyed, ostrich plumes, kid slippers, silks and tissues made to look as good as new. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor and Hatter.

Give us a trial when others fail. A. J. Stocklas the Tailor and Hatter.

A PINK PILL
 for stout people is sufficient for one dose, provided the pill is the one we put up and guarantee. Why swallow a handful of patent pills to get the results of ONE OF PEARCE'S PINK LIVER PILLS. Try them. Price 25c.

J. Y. Pearce
 The Leading Druggist

Meeting
 Texas Cattle
 Raisers' Ass'n
 FORT WORTH
 March 16-19
 LOW FARES
 VIA

 Tickets on sale March 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, limited to return March 22, 1909.
 SEE SANTA FE AGENT
 W. S. KEENAN
 G. P. A. Galveston

THIS IS SAID TO HELP MANY

Mixed This Simple, Helpful Recipe at Home and Try it, Anyway.

Get from any pharmacist the following:
 Fluid Extract Dandelion one half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.
 Shake well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful dose after each meal and bedtime.
 The above is considered as the most certain prescription ever written to relieve Backache, Kidney Trouble, Weak Bladder and all forms of Urinary difficulties. This mixture acts promptly on the eliminative tissues of the kidneys, enabling them to strain and filter the uric acid and other waste matter from the blood which causes Rheumatism.
 Some persons who suffer with the afflictions may not be inclined to place much confidence in this simple mixture, yet those who have tried it say the results are surprising. The relief being effected without the slightest injury to the stomach or other organs.
 Mix some and give it a trial. It certainly comes highly recommended. It is the prescription of an eminent authority, whose entire reputation, it is said, was established by it.
 A druggist here at home, when asked, stated that he could supply the ingredients or mix the prescription for our readers, also recommends it as harmless.

Pant made in six hours, A. J. Stocklas the Tailor & Hatter.

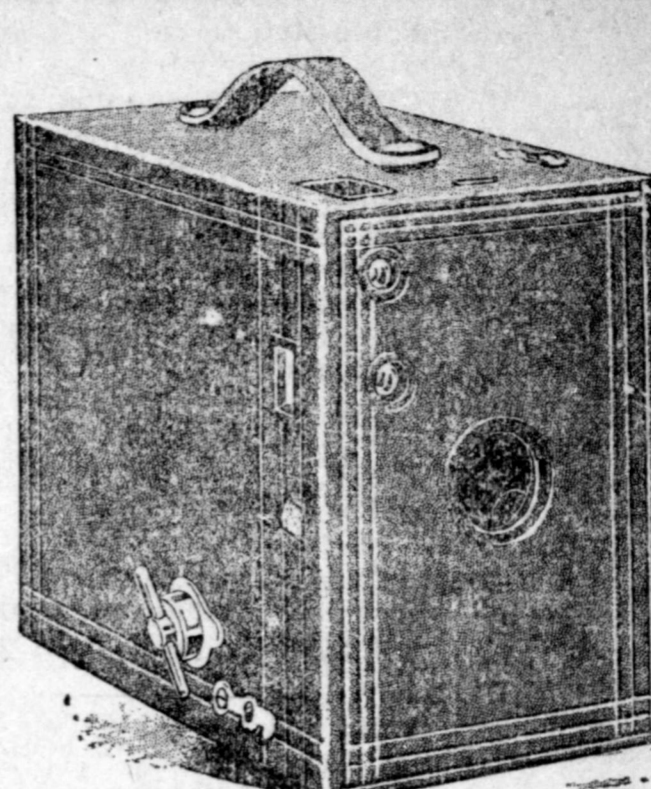
Pots for your flowers at Kinzers.

Full line of Chase & Sanbourn coffees and teas fresh. Can grind coffee if wanted.—
 Miller Mercantile Company.

Chemical compound put up for all cleaning & dyeing purposes. See A. J. Stocklas the Tailor & Hatter.

A. L. Spann & Co. buys chickens, eggs, butter, etc, and sells you best goods for least money all the time. 24-4t

ANYBODY CAN KODAK.



\$3.00

The No. 2 A Brownie
 Takes pictures 2½ x 4¼ inches.

Built on the Kodak plan—uses Kodak film cartridges and may be loaded and unloaded in broad daylight. No dark-room for any part of the work. A perfectly practical little camera for snap-shots or time exposures.

THE KODAK CATALOGUE fully describes and illustrates our six styles of Brownies and fifteen styles of Kodaks ranging in price from \$1.00 to over \$100.00, and fully explains the daylight development methods which have done away with the dark-room. Free at any Kodak dealers or by mail.

EASTMAN KODAK CO.
 ROCHESTER, N. Y., The Kodak City.

How About Going Fishing?

If you have not a glimpse of our show window will put you to thinking. When you think of going fishing you will think of us, because you want the best in fishing tackle. It is to your interest to see our line of fishing tackle before you start out to do battle with the finny tribe. It is complete in every particular. You are sure to have luck if you use the right kind of "bait". We have it.

THE WALKER DRUG CO.

"In Business for Your Health" PHONE 13

Experience

Experience counts for a great deal in any calling. Ever since the doors of this Bank were opened, six years ago, it has studied the banking needs of this community. It has justly earned the title of "The Bank That Does Things for You."

Remembering always that a good Bank is first of all a safe Bank, it exercises precaution in all its transactions, but it has been ever ready to grant every possible favor to its customers within the limits of sound banking practice.

A Capital and Surplus of \$225,000.00
Stockholders Liability - 200,000.00
 and Governmental supervision, make it an absolute safe depository.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
 OF BALLINGER

TOM WARD, Pres. M. A. TRAYLOR, Vice-Pres., Active R. G. ERWIN, Cashier

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR MAYOR:
R. P. KIRK
FOR CITY SECRETARY
J. ROBERT LUSK
FOR ALDERMEN:
JO WILMETH
PAUL TRIMMIER
FOR CITY MARSHAL:
TOM LIVELY
JACK MCKAY

See Morehead, the Tailor.

\$18.00 men's suits \$12.48 this week at "The Globe."

Every phone in Runnels county is connected with phone No. 264. tf

M. R. David of Abilene has accepted a position in the dry goods house of W. H. Davis.

You save 1-3 if you by Embroidery at Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co's., March 15 to 25.

R. B. Creasy is building a nice cottage home out on Seventh Street in College Heights Addition.

Ralston's \$4.00 green and wine colored Oxfords now on display at "The Globe."

Live Oak Flour the best. Try a sack from Miller Mercantile Co.

See our handsome tailored hats, 11th, 12th and 13th.—Mrs. De-Calve Baines, in former Davis & Co., building, with S. S. Cobb. It

Do You Like Good Biscuits and Cakes, Albatross and Light Crust flour makes them. For sale exclusively by A. L. Spann & Co. General Merchants. 24-4t

The old burnt shack on Hutchings Avenue formerly occupied by Aflerbach's eating house, has been torn away and the lots cleaned off.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

\$1.50 to \$2 hats 97c at "The Globe."

Mrs. Clara Miller visited in San Angelo last Friday and Saturday.

Prices are right at Bartlett's Photo Studio. tf

Jumbo ten cent table at Kinzers—see it for bargains.

Hal Wilson and Vaughn Paul visited lady friends in San Angelo last Sunday.

1-3 off on Embroidery, March 15 to 25.—Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

Mrs. Lewis Alexander of Winters is spending the week in Ballinger with relatives.

A. L. Spann & Co. the spot cash store wants your trade and will treat you right. 24-4t

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Osteen and children are here from Bronte, visiting at the home of L. F. Gressett.

Buy old papers at the Leader office to put under your carpet and matting. You can have them at your own price.

See Dr. Baskin for safe, conservative dentistry. Ten years experience. tf

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford visited Mrs. Lankford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cathey, at Wingate Tuesday, returning home Wednesday evening.

WANTED—to buy one to ten car loads threshed bulk milo maize or kaffir corn. Minimum car 24,000 lbs. Address Austin Mill & Grain Co., Brownwood, Texas.

Clifton H. Tupper, wife and baby, Judge W. A. Wright and wife came down from San Angelo last Sunday in their auto and spent several hours in Ballinger.

1 3 OFF

Seeing is Believing--Come and See!

Special for Ladies Embroidery Sale

Beginning Monday, March 4th, AND CONTINUING TEN DAYS ONLY

We will give 1-3 off on every piece of Embroidery in our Store. This will give you an opportunity to buy embroideries at prices far below their value.

All of our nice, dainty match sets go at 1-3 off. All of our wide edgings and bands go at 1-3 off. We ask you to give us a call. You will be well paid in a saving of dollars and cents.

Take a look at our new Pongees, new Linen Suitings, new Waistings, new Wash Goods, new White Goods, new Messaline Silks. We want you to see our Pattern and Tailored Hats. Newest creations moderately priced.

Higginbotham--Currie--Williams Co.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

We handle the best on the market. We sell for cash. You know what that means—LOW PRICES.

Cash Grocery Co.

J. T. DAWSON, Manager
Phone No. 19 BALLINGER, TEXAS

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Fishing tackle of all kinds at "The Globe."

L. Litt of Coleman came up Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary McGregor.

See the Jumbo ten cent table at Kinzers.

Arthur Wilson of San Angelo is the new prescription clerk at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Loaded shells 45c box at "The Globe."

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Kodak work finished promptly at Bartlett's Studio. tf

Miss Manye Sue Gressett left Thursday for Brownwood to visit her sister, Mrs. T. B. Pickett.

One bar of Sweetheart Toilet Soap free to all who bring us the coupons—"The Globe."

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., will sell you Embroidery at 1-3 off, March 15 to 25.

W. C. Montgomery was here from Paint Rock Tuesday, and was presenting a proud appearance on the strength of his town securing railroad connections with Miles.

See Kinzer for post cards.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Bartlett's Studio is the home of good photographs. tf

Mrs. W. T. Ward left Sunday for Houston to attend the state convention of the Woodmen Circle.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark and children went to Brownwood last Sunday. H. Zdaril carried them through in his auto.

We want every lady in Ballinger and vicinity to buy Embroidery at our 1-3 off sale.—Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

R. A. Risser and Leon Ward visited San Angelo last Sunday, making the trip in an auto. Alfred Luckett of Miles accompanied them.

When you think of good flour you will naturally think of Albatross and Light Crust for sale exclusively by A. L. Spann & Co. The spot cash store. 24-4t

Rev. C. M. Schuffler was here this week in the interest of his church work. He left yesterday for his home at Baird.

When you want to buy your next bill of groceries, call on A. L. Spann & Co. and get their prices. If we can't do any business together we would be glad to meet you any way call, around and let's get acquainted even if you don't want to buy anything.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Edwards of Winters are in Ballinger with their little boy, whom they brought here to have operated on. The little fellow did not have good use of his feet and was compelled to use braces. The operation was successfully performed and it is now thought that he will be able to discard the braces and will have perfect use of the limbs.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Same men, same business, same place.—Bair & Conn at "The Globe."

CLEAN CLOTHES

I am in the cleaning and dyeing business, also buy and sell second hand clothing. I have had years of experience in the business and can please you with any line of work you give me. Call on me when you want colored help of any kind. I will take a pleasure in looking after this for you.

TOM THOMPSON
Fronting Seventh Street



Young Men

want their clothes to be up-to-the-minute in all the proper "kinks" and ideas. They can be sure of authoritative styles if their orders are placed with

The Globe Tailoring Company
Of Cincinnati

The Globe fashion pictures show what's right in novelty effects for Spring and Summer. You can see these pictures and The Globe's entire line of woollens at our store. The smartest suitings of the season are here.

W. S. MOREHEAD
Tailor and Hattee

The FARMERS

Of this section are most cordially invited to call and inspect our line of Farm Implements before purchasing the "Just-as-good" kind. We carry the Old Reliable "STANDARD" Implements.

Standard Disc Plows,
Standard Disc Harrows
Standard Cultivators
Standard Planters

Standard Walking Plows
Standard Sulky Plows
Standard Drag Harrows
Standard Stalk Cutters

"Studebaker" and Peter Schuffler Wagons, "Staver" and "Columbus" Buggies, Wagons and Hacks.

Well Supplies, Cisterns, "DANDY" Windmills, "Eclipse" Mills, Cylinders, Etc. Pipe and Plumbing work promptly attended to and fully guaranteed.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

Respectfully,

HALL HARDWARE CO.