

Make Your Dollars, Your Dimes, do Their Full Duty. They Will at Higdon-Melton-Jackson Company



The purchasing power of a dollar is a thing you must consider when it comes to buying Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Millinery, etc. You not only want the best obtainable at the price, but you want it to go



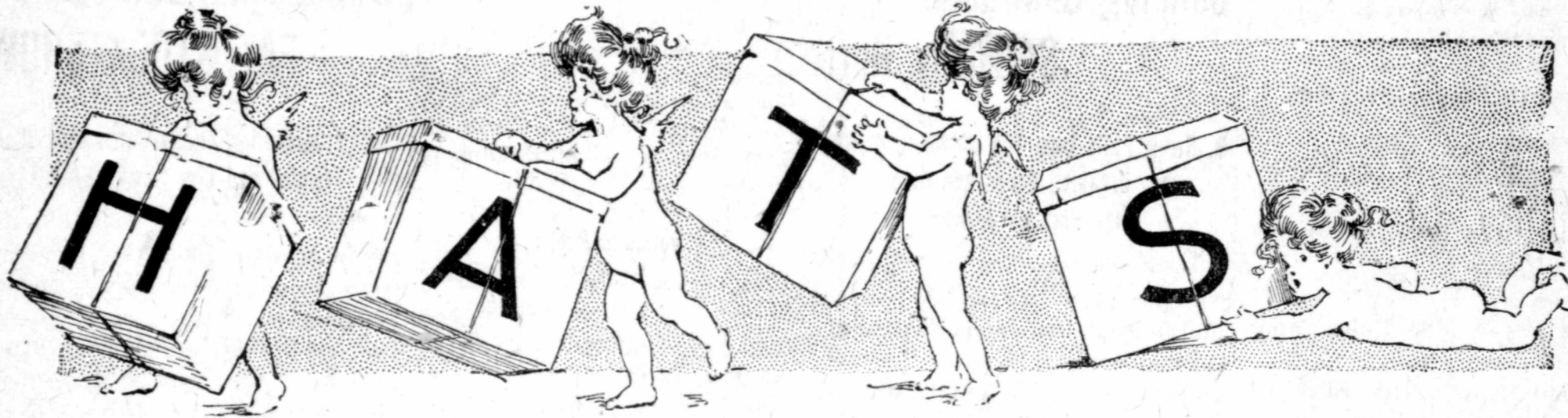
just as far as possible. In other words, you want it to do its full duty in the buying of dependable Merchandise. We will promise you that with every dollar spent with us you will in turn get value received. Our one price system, coupled with the best selected stock of Dry Goods in Ballinger at the lowest possible price, insures a square deal to one and all. Welcome hangs on the outside.

The Spring Millinery is Beautiful, and the Showing Here is Immense

In the Millinery section, with Miss Bigham in charge, we will show you, on Monday, over one thousand beautiful Spring models to select from. They comprise all the new Spring shapes, many beautiful flowered and tailored Hats, down to the plain Misses leghorn. Immense showing at \$10.00, 7.50, 5.00, down to \$1.00

Hair Goods

Todays express brought to us all the new things in Hair Goods for the blonde, brunette or the auburn hair. We have your shade here. Ask to see the Hair Goods on your next visit.



Veilings

The new auto veils in all the the new colorings — white, pink, wisteria, corn, rose, light blue, navy, Nile and black, at \$5.00, 3.48, 2.40 and 1.48 Nets by the yard at 75c, 50c and 25c.

SUPERB SHOWING OF LINGERIE SUITS, PRINCESS STYLES, NEW ARRIVALS, \$25 down to \$4.98

The Needed Notions Greatly Underpriced

At 5 Cents

Worth double. Extra good Pearl Buttons, on card, and the kind that usually sells at 10c a card, here only 5c.

At 5 Cents

A box of assorted Hair Pins that usually sells for 10 cents, here only 5c.

At 25 Cents

Misses' and children's skeleton Waists with supporters attached, nothing nicer nor cooler for the little ones, at only 25c.

At 5 Cents

Finishing Braid in white, pink and blue, black and white, white and red, navy and white, all six-yard pieces, special during the week, bunch 5c.

Washable Buttons

All white and color combinations in Wash Buttons, the large, medium and small size, are here at 50c, 25c, 15c and 10c per dozen.

At 10 Cents

Collar Supporters, made by Warner Bros. & Co. in the new silk covered kind, so different from what is usually sold, 10c.

At 10 and 5 Cents

Wash Braid in all the Spring colors, suitable for waist and shirt waist trimmings, 5c and 10c.

Spring Clothing.

Yes, sir, the style, the color, 'is here for you. Your size, whether slim, regular or stout figure, will be found in this immense department. We shall appreciate a look from you.

Deep interest in what's what keeps us in touch with the correct vogue, and you may rest assured that the clothes we are showing are all that can be desired in style and fabric, in a variety of patterns large enough to suit your individual taste. Our prices are as low, considering quality, as it is possible to mark them. You are invited to enjoy, with our present customers and friends, the opportunity of inspecting our Spring line for Men, Young Men and Boys.

Kuppenheimer in a range of styles and coloring at \$25.00, 22.50, 20.00 and

\$18.00

Society Clothing for the young man who cares. All silk lining in these suits. Prices range \$25.00 and

\$20.00

Ederheimer, Stein & Co. for young men and boys at \$15.00 down to

\$2.50

At 25 Cents

Extra good Hair Brush, the kind that usually sells for 50c, in fact one that we bought to sell at that price, 25c



The New Silks and Dress Goods Should be Chosen Now.

Ere many days shall have passed, Easter will be upon us and you will be disappointed over that Easter gown you are contemplating buying if you do not consider it now and even go so far as to buy. The assortment is immense now, in Silk Foulards, Shantung Cloth, Linen Suitings, airy Voiles and white snowy Linens. We want you to see this assortment and buy if you like—no trouble to show you through.

Special from the wash goods counter 36-inch bordered Linene in navy, light blue, white, brown, and copenhagen, easy worth 25c. special **15c**

36-inch white Linen Lawn, suitable for waists, dresses, and especially good for children's spring dresses, per yard **39c**

Hosiery

SILK AND LISLE HOSIERY Among the prettiest effects for Spring are the silk lisle Hose, in the following shades: Pink, white, black with lavender tops, rose, wisteria, navy, corn and champagne, special showing at the price **50c**

In the Ready to Wear Department

A story in a nut shell. We purchased 25 Lingerie Suits, Princess Style, at a great concession. The colors are pink, lavender and white. Beautifully trimmed in lace and medallions, lace insertion etc. The prices are \$6.50 and 750 and are ready bargains at these prices. on sale Monday and Tuesday only, special **\$4.95**

Cotton Goods Section

REAL WORTH HERE 36 inch apron check Gingham per yd. **5c**

Red Seal Gingham in plain, bordered in fancy colorings 10 to 20 yd length, 12½ quality per yd. **10c**

36 inch curtain swiss in white and colored effects big range of pattern per yard 12½c and **15c**

200 pieces fancy bordered Prints, the regular 7½ quality here only per yard **5c**

Best Indian head Dress Goods suitable for coat suits, skirts etc. per yd. **15c**

150 pieces bordered and fancy wash lawn in plain and fancy colorings, full 32 in. wide and worth all of 12½c per yard here **10c** per yd.

Easter Foot Wear

The time is ripe for you to put away your high top shoes and think of spring time, the time for Oxfords a more complete line of oxfords for men, women and children was never shown before in Ballinger. Price range \$4.00 down to **\$1.50** 1.50 Men \$6.00 down to **\$1.50**

Extra Special Monday

Lot of Black and Tan lisle hose, each and every pair bought to sell at 50c in fact are marked that price now. This the celebrated Onyx line. 1 Lot in conter tan and black all size 50 quality only **39c**



Men's Furnishings

The style we show this season in neckwear, shirts, Hats etc. are exclusive. We handle the Eagle Shirt at \$2.50 down to \$1.00. Hawes Hats sold only here at \$3.00. The best hose in America, the Cadet all colors, 25c per pair.

COME TO BUY YOUR SPRING BILL IS NOW---THE PLACE IS HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

NEW BUSINESS LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Directors Meet and Elect R. W. Bruce to Fill Vacancy of President Made by Resignation of C. S. Miller

The directors of the Business League of Ballinger met in the directors room of the Citizens National Bank last Friday evening and transacted business that means much for the town.

Chas. S. Miller requested the directors to release him from the position of president, on the account of the railroad committee, of which he is chairman, taking up so much of his time that he could not give the League work the necessary time to be successful. Mr. Miller's resignation was accepted and R. W. Bruce was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bruce accepted and has taken up the work in an enthusiastic way, and is calling for the citizens to give him their support by becoming members of the League.

R. P. Kirk, who has been serving the League in the capacity of secretary was retained and he was commended for the faithful work he has done since taking charge.

The membership of the Business League is not near what it should be, and the first work of the secretary and president will be to build up the membership, get every man in Ballinger, who is interested in the progress of the town, to become a member and do his part toward building Ballinger. There is great work for the League, and every citizen should help do the work.

BETTER FEELING BETWEEN RAILROADS AND PEOPLE

We believe there should be better feeling between railroads and the people; and there would be if it were not for things easily prevented. When railroad employees are as considerate as are clerks in stores; when there is courteous treatment of the public; when citizens are treated with justice and fairness, there will be an era of good feeling. About a year since, we published a defense of railroads by Mr. Yoakum, and in the same issue an editorial, in which we declared that

the era of good feeling was to come, when the roads wanted it. This is true now. An era of good feeling can be brought about, if the roads will bring it about; and in this we tender our offices. In this we should serve the people and the roads, and shall be glad of opportunity. And we believe it would be profitable to the roads to take that course.

Nothing need be done to bring about the era of good feeling, than to resolve to do right and let the people know of this resolution. In some cases, the feeling against the railroads is prejudice, but just resentment for conduct which would not be tolerated in an individual.

Some roads maintain a system of adjusting claims which is an injustice, so flagrant as to arouse resentment. A claim is presented and referred to some authority. There is delay, and delay, and a new reference. Then affidavits are taken and investigations made; and there is more delay. And after these delays there is more delay; and finally there is a refusal to pay, and the enlistment of the services of General Delay.

The claimant concludes there is rascality in the matter. He cannot understand why honest people cannot pay honest debts. He talks it over with his neighbors, and they also conclude there is rascality on the part of the railroads. The continual delays breed suspicion; and suspicion is just. Some delays are within themselves rascality.—Farm and Ranch.

Epworth League Program.

Following is the program for the Epworth League for Sunday, March 21st

- Leader, Miss Ethel Moore.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- First Paper, Miss Ruby Campbell.
- Second Paper, Miss Elizabeth Alexander.
- Third Paper, Miss Effie McKay.
- Fourth Paper, Miss Hale.
- Special music by May Butler, Pearl Farris, Lucile Powell and Elizabeth Alexander.
- Closing, League Benediction.

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 Schuttler 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.

Building Contractor Seriously Hurt

B. Strum Falls from Top of Rock Building, Breaking Bones and Otherwise Hurting Himself.

B. Strum, who has the contract for the building of the Noyes building on Hutchings Ave. next to the Walker Smith Co. fell from the top of the building Monday evening and was seriously hurt. The building is nearing completion and Mr. Strum was looking after the rock work on top when he lost his footing and fell through the joist to the floor, a distance of about fifteen feet. He fell on some rock and rubbish and sustained a badly bruised

head and three broken ribs, and was otherwise injured.

It was thought at first the accident would prove fatal as Mr. Strum is getting up in years, being about 65 years old, but the latest reports from him are to the effect that he is improving as well as could be expected.

Notice to Public

Beginning Monday March 15, the price for horse shoeing at all shops in Ballinger will be \$1.25. Old shoes \$1.00

- Hicks & Moore,
- Gressett & Rodgers,
- John Pechacek,
- Wilson Bros.,
- Middlebrook & Son,
- Mullin & Armstrong,
- S. A. Whitesides.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

DOUBLE HEADER FOR FAT STOCK SHOW

Large Delegation Attend Cattlemen Convention and Live Stock Exhibit

The Santa Fe run double header passenger trains last Sunday and Monday evening to accommodate the heavy travel occasioned by the annual convention of the Cattle men of Texas and live stock exhibit which is now in session at Fort Worth.

The Sunday evening's train consisted of ten coaches, four Pullman cars, two chair cars, two smokers and the mail and express and baggage cars. The train was pretty well loaded when it reached Ballinger, but a large delegation was added to the crowd here, and if all roads leading into Fort Worth carry such crowds as went from this section of the state, Fort Worth will no doubt have her hands full in entertaining her guests.

The Monday evening train was also a double header, and consisted of eight coaches, three Pullman cars and the usual chair cars and smokers, express, etc. Most of the crowd from Ballinger went on Monday's train, there being 48 tickets sold.

Among those who went from here the Leader reporter noted Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Maddox, L. P. Wood, R. W. Gilliam, W. T. Routh, W. L. McAuley, J. M. Johnson, H. Vandervanter, R. P. Kirk, James Henderson and Sheriff Maddox of Concho county.

Election Proclamation

Whereas, the city council of the city of Ballinger, Texas, having failed to order an election for city officers in April next, therefore, I John Hoffer, mayor, of said city, by virtue of the authority invested in me by the laws of the state of Texas, do hereby order an election to be held at the city hall in the opera house building in the city of Ballinger on the first Tuesday in April, 1909, same being the sixth day of said month, for the election of the following officers, viz:

- Mayor,
 - City Attorney,
 - Secretary, Assessor and Collector, City Treasurer,
 - Marshal,
 - Two Aldermen.
- And Henry Zdaril is appointed presiding officer to hold said election.
- John Hoffer,
Mayor City of Ballinger.

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. Imo

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

SUE SYLER.

On Monday, March 8th, all that was mortal of little Sue, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Syler, was laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery. She died on Sunday, March 7th, after an illness of only a few days, scarlet fever and diphtheria being the cause of her death.

All that the family physician could do, aided by the hands of loving friends and parents, could not stay death, and the fond parents were called upon to submit to His will, and that little soul that had been instrumental in adding to the pleasures of a happy home was called to be with loved ones in another world.

Mr. and Mrs. Syler only had two children, and a little boy is left to keep home from being so lonesome for the parents.

We join the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Syler in sympathy during the dark hours through which they have just passed.

WHITE SALE A SUCCESS

The ladies of the Methodist church are feeling rather jubilant over the result of the White Sale pulled off at the home of Mrs. John A. Weeks last Tuesday. The ladies had worked hard in preparing nice articles in wearing apparel for women and children and deserved the success and we are glad to report that the sale netted them \$140.00

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.

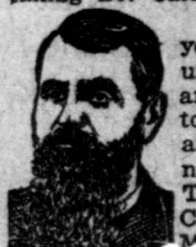
Best Stomach Remedy Free

It is an old saying that if the stomach is sound the whole body is safe, because so much depends upon the proper working of the stomach. Many persons find themselves with a disorder of the stomach which produces dyspepsia or a peculiar state of biliousness.

If you suffer from both stomach trouble and constipation you are on the way to a very serious disease. From just such conditions come appendicitis, rheumatism, skin diseases and similar disorders, because the waste matter that should have been expelled from the system through the bowels has found its way into the blood and vitiated it. What is needed at this point is not simply a violent cathartic tablet or salt, which usually does more harm than good, but a gentle laxative tonic like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which people have been using for these ailments for nearly a quarter of a century. It cured J. C. Lanham, of Warrensburg, Mo., of stomach trouble of long standing, also William Voll, of 903 Elliston St., Louisville, Ky., who had the trouble for fifteen years.

However, if you have stomach trouble you want to know from personal experience what Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will do for you. If so, send your name to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you. You are urged to send for the free bottle, as the results from it will be the best recommendation of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Then you will do over two million people did last year—to your druggist and buy a regular bottle at 50 cents or \$1, according to your preference. We could mention hundreds of families who have been benefited without it. You can never be a member of the family until it is gone, and then no time should be taken in taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

If there is any ailment that you do not understand, or if any medical advice to the doctor, an answer you fully, no charge for the address of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.



AS soon as you are ready to take up the question of a Spring suit, you will find us ready with a great line of



Hart Schaffner & Marx fine goods. You can bring any idea about suit-style that is on your mind, and we will match it with a smart, snappy model from these best makers in the world.

You won't have any real idea of the excellence of our showing until you come in and see; new models, new colorings and weaves; fine blue and black goods.

Ties, Hats, Shirt and Shoes.

This store is home of Hart Schaffner Marx clothes

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

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Special Cake Sale

More for Your Money at this Sale.
Saturday, Mch. 27th, Only

We have just received a fresh shipment of National Biscuit Company cakes, all varieties. The largest shipment ever brought to Ballinger. We

will sell these cakes Saturday, March 27th at a great reduction. The cakes will be put up in 25 cent sacks and will be put out at the special price as an ad of the goods we handle. Come early before they are all gone or phone 107 or 169.

DORNBERGER & HOPKINSON

ACCIDENTAL KILLING AT WINTERS

Unloaded Gun Gets in Deadly Work.

One of the most deplorable accidents which it has been our duty to record in Winters was that which caused the death of Lois Touchstone by the discharge of a 22 calibre Winchester rifle in the hands of Geo. Helmstetler, early in the forenoon Monday. A small crowd of young men had gathered at the Red Front livery stable and passing the time very pleasantly around the fire as the weather was too disagreeable for work. Mr. Touchstone was standing near the door when Mr. Helmstetler walked to the wall on the opposite side of the room, took down the gun and, carelessly swinging the muzzle toward the door pulled the slide back and then forward. As he did so Mr. Touchstone turned facing and in range of the gun. A report rang out and everyone was horrified to see blood trickling from Mr. Touchstone's forehead. For a moment he stood as if dazed, then raising his hand to his forehead and brushing away the blood, he asked, "Boys am I shot?" He then walked to the office of Drs. Allred & Sanders. No one being in he then went to the office of Dr. Tinkle who was also out, then

went to the office of Dr. Overton. In the rounds he walked about 300 yards, all the while laughing and joking with his companions.

An examination by Drs. Overton and Sanders developed the fact that the wound was a very serious one, the theory which was the most accredited being that the ball had passed through the head between the left and right hemispheres of the brain and lodged against the skull at the back side.

The wounded man was moved to his room at the residence of J. H. Roberts and his mother at Merkel notified. She and her sister came at once. The sufferer remained cheerful until after noon Wednesday, when a sudden change for the worse came and he soon became unconscious remaining so until his death at 2:20 Thursday morning. All symptoms indicated inflammation of the brain. His brother and sister and two friends, Messrs Harris and Armstrong arrived at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Touchstone came here from Merkel two months ago and has for some time been driving a team hauling rock into town. He was a young man of exemplary habits and made friends of all whom he came in contact with, his cheerful disposition winning him the good will of all. This was clearly demonstrated by the fact that all his associates laid aside their usual work and were constant in their efforts to do

something for their stricken friend, giving liberally of their means to procure him the best medical attention and offering their assistance to the sorrowing mother in her ministrations to the comfort of her son. Foremost among these was Mr. Helmstetler who, realizing the grave results of his careless act, wanted to make all the amends possible.

The remains were laid to rest Thursday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. L. S. Smith, pastor of the Winters Baptist church, conducting the ceremony.—Winters Enterprise.

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. 1mo

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

A solid train load of mill fed cattle left Ballinger for the Fort Worth market, with Kansas City privileges, Monday. G. G. Odum shipped 2 cars, Jinks Blocker 2, Tad Richards 2 and Jim Henderson 2.

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? 1mo

THRASHING MACHINE WILL RUN.

Our threshing machine will run Wednesday, March 24th, at the home of R. W. Gilliam, four miles west of Ballinger. If you have anything you want threshed be on hand with the same on the above date. It R. W. GILLIAM & SON.

Everybody likes good biscuits, and Albatross and Light Crust flour makes 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

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation for the kind acts and consoling sympathy of our good friends during our recent bereavement. The good people of Ballinger, by their kindness, made the burden lighter for us. One must go through with what we have just experienced to fully appreciate what good people live in Ballinger. We feel very grateful to those who were so kind to us. MR. and MRS. W. S. SYLER.

Grand opening of the White City Tuesday night March 23. Ladies Free.

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

ERROR IN GRAND JURY REPORT.

In the grand jury report published in this paper last week, we made the grand jury say that the county had the best jailer the county ever had, when it should have been one of the best jailers the county has ever had. The grand jury did not say the present jailer was the best, but complimented him very highly and said he was one of the best. We make this correction that no reflection may be cast upon the jailers of the past.

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. 1mo

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

NEW CANDIDATE FOR CITY MARSHAL.

We are requested to inform the voters of Ballinger that they have the chance of their life to elect a man for city marshal that will make one of the best peace officers that Ballinger has ever had. That man is no other than J. D. Justice. Mr. Justice has been prevailed upon to make the race for marshal, and says he is in to win, and to win he must have your vote, and he come before you soliciting same. He asks that you consider his claim, investigate his record as a man and citizen and if you think him worthy, he will certainly appreciate your vote. It is his first venture in politics, but nevertheless is amply qualified to make a splendid marshal if elected.

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.

W. E. Bartlett, the photo man successor to Bartlett & Deekle, is now located over Conn & Wiley Confectionery and will be glad to serve you when you want a first class photograph. tf

THE NEW SPRING GOODS

AT OUR STORE

CERTAINLY ARE ATTRACTIVE.

The styles this year are varied and every one should be pleased. Our stocks are large in every department of the store, and prices were never more reasonable than this season. We are not showing old goods at new prices, but new goods at low prices. We are receiving and marking our goods daily, and while we have not put on a formal opening, we are in a position to show you the new things, and we invite your presence here often, and we promise to show you one of the grandest stocks of merchandise it has ever been our pleasure to display.

Winkler

Dry Goods Co.

Ballinger, 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.

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

Every business man in Ballinger should be a member of the Business League. The town needs your support, and must have it if the League accomplishes anything.

A little early to predict but if Jack Frost will let this country alone, we are good for a fruit crop that will mean thousands of dollars to the fruit growers.

"I still have the rabbit foot I used in my race last summer."—Kennedy in letter to Miss Kendig. The rabbit foot failed to work at the critical time and Mr. Kennedy is no longer speaker of the house.

We regret to note that particular clause of the grand jury's report which says that crime is on the increase in Runnels county, but when we stop to consider that everything is on the increase we have some consolation. However, because we are growing is no reason why we should grow in crime.

Ex- (spelled) Senator Thomas is now at home in Hopkins county campaigning. It seems to be the general opinion of the people, judging from the reports sent out from Sulphur Springs, that he will be re-elected, and if he is it will certainly be an expression from the people as to what they think of the senate's action in expelling him.

Get your map and look up Ballinger, see where we are "at," and you will see that we are located just in the right place to land the West Texas Normal. After you have done this hunt up Bob Kirk and tell him to put you down as a member of the Business League. The Business League is trying to get the West Texas State Normal and you can help by joining the League.

Cisco, Texas, enjoys possession of a remarkably fine lake of water, from which it draws its water supply for all purposes. This lake which is known as Lake Bernie, is formed by the erection of a great dam, closing with rock a canyon one and one half miles east of the city and forming a lake of 135 acres, thirty feet deep in places.—Magazine Section Dallas News.

There may be other towns in Texas that are growing just as fast as Ballinger, but we doubt if there is another town that is growing by building a class of houses that are more substantial than those going up in Ballinger. The unlimited supply of building stone so close to town makes building here void of that perplexing question of material and our business houses are built to last—every one a beauty, comfortable and here to stay.

San Angelo has taken notice of the fact that Ballinger will be her competitor for the West Texas Normal, and we want to inform that town that she will know that we are in the race before the finish. If that Normal should be located at San Angelo Ballinger would have to furnish the building stone, and this Santa Fe freight business is expensive, and we don't believe the state will stand for it. Ballinger is the best place in Texas for the school. We need it to go with our Catholic Academy.

The Paint Rock Herald in speaking of the railroad proposition for Paint Rock says, "All aboard for Miles and North, South, East and West; Paint Rock raised the bonus and soon you'll know the rest. Another long and steady pull, dirt will surely fly; everything is lovely and the goose hangs high." How is that for poetry. Editor Huston should not decline the spring poet's copy after publishing the above. He has set the pace and we can expect the spring poet to get busy.

The cattlemen's convention in session at Fort Worth this week is one of the most successful meetings of the kind ever held. While the farming interest of Texas is being looked after with every modern method, experimental farms, etc., the cattle interests is in nowise neglected. The cattlemen are improving their stock and the stuff now going on the market is one hundred per cent better grade than furnished from Texas in the early days, or even just a few years ago.

A move is on foot, which if proves successful will give Ballinger just such a lake. We have reference to the Los Arroya dam proposition. The city council appointed a committee to thoroughly investigate this matter and report at the next meeting of the council. There is nothing that makes a town quicker than a good supply of water and it is hoped that the project in question will be pushed to a success. We have the splendid water works system, but we realize that at the rate the town is growing we must have more water and we want better water.

The Ballinger negro may be a necessity, no doubt is, in some families, but one thing is certain the negro fixes the price for the services rendered and the price is in nearly every case unreasonable. It is no trouble for a negro woman to make \$3 per day washing in Ballinger. We recently heard a new comer say about the only objection he could find to this country was that it is so hard on the women folks. He, perhaps, had experienced a taste of this three dollar a day washing. Ballinger is a good town for the negro to make money, and we judge from the way this class of population is increasing that the negro world realizes this fact. We do not judge from any reduction in wages scale, for such, has never been made. Its pay the price or do the work yourself, and that old song "Let the Women do the Work" is no doubt often put in practice in Ballinger.

A LIVE CORNER IN RUNNELS COUNTY

What the People are Doing in Mazeland
Wilmeth Country. Citizens Love Jo
Wilmeth

Crowded out last week. Parties returning from Galveston on the excursion last week report that Ballinger is a long shot the liveliest town on the route.

Messrs Lancaster and Robertson went as Odd Fellows and two of the Ballew boys went as visitors.

Mrs. W. O. Parish is critically ill. Dr. Sanders of Winters has been attending her for a long time and the entire sympathy of the Mazeland-Wilmeth neighborhood goes out to the afflicted family.

Last week 24 of the neighbors gathered in and broke Mr. Parish's land for him.

A gentleman who is a close observer says that this neighborhood beats any community he ever saw to help each other in case of distress. We are proud of our citizenship and proud of this gentleman's opinion of our neighborhood. The religion of helping each other is a mighty good religion.

Tad Richards has bought a half interest in Mr. Nash's store at Mazeland.

A rural route has been granted out from Wingate and we understand it comes by Wilmeth and within a half mile of Mazeland. What effect it will have on these offices cannot be learned. We don't think it will have much effect on Mazeland.

Walter Wright and Miss Overman were married and D. W. Wright, Walter's father is building him a house on his place near Mazeland. We are getting so thick that we can hardly keep the chickens apart.

A petition has been circulated and signed by the requisite number for a rural route out from Norton and the telephone lines are coming in from every direction. This "divide" is going to look like a town. It is not unusual to see motor cycles spinning through.

John Anderson had the misfortune to run over Mr. Spence's dog and got the worst of the collision.

Dr. Sanders does his practice out here in an auto. So the farther west we go the faster we get. There are but two things to do, get in the procession or get out of the way.

The world moves, Mazeland moves with it. We are going at a better speed than we ever went before. We are going to increase our speed. There is no going back, there is no standing still. Progress is the word.

There is a general rejoicing in our neighborhood because of the fact that Jo Wilmeth has accepted a position with the new bank at Ballinger. The people of the Mazeland and Wilmeth communities love Jo Wilmeth.

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

I. L. OLIVER.

I. L. Oliver died at his room at the Smith Boarding house at ten o'clock Tuesday night, after being sick one week with pneumonia. Deceased was a young man who had been in the blacksmith business here for several years, and at the time he became sick held a position with L. F. Gressett. He was an industrious, honest young man, and leaves many friends in Ballinger to mourn his loss.

His father, M. D. Oliver, who lives in San Saba, arrived and was with his son when death came. Three brothers, Dee, Joe and Polk, all live in Runnels county, and were also present and did everything possible to help their brother.

The remains were shipped on Wednesday evening's train to San Saba for interment, accompanied by the father.

NEW GIN FOR NORTON.

J. R. Holloway of Norton, passed through Ballinger Wednesday enroute to Dallas, where he goes to buy new gin machinery to be installed at Norton. Mr. Holloway says their present plant at that place is not large enough to handle the business. We asked Mr. Holloway what he thought about the rain proposition. "We are not paying any attention to the weather," says he; "1906 made christians out of our people, and we are going ahead with our work and when it does rain we will be ready for it."

TO THE PUBLIC:

Tuesday night, March 23, 1909, the DeKoven Quartet, the fifth, and last attraction of the Lyceum course will appear at the opera house in Ballinger, and it is the opinion of the undersigned committee that this will be the best and most popular attraction in the entire course, and we feel that we are justified in asking a better patronage than has been accorded the other numbers of the Course.

So far the receipts have not paid the expenses of the course, and we are going to make a desperate effort to make this last not only take care of itself, but meet the deficit now existing which is about \$100 for the four previous numbers.

We have decided on the following plan to meet the deficit: we will have a committee to call on every citizen in Ballinger and ask each and every one to buy a ticket to this attraction. This ticket will be good for two and will be transferable, and if you do not care to go, give it to some friend who would like to hear the program. An effort will be made to get two young ladies who are interested in this work to sell these tickets and we shall expect a liberal patronage from the

public. Purchasers of the cards offered by these young ladies will be entitled to check a reserve seat at the Walk Drug company and the board will be ready Tuesday morning, March 23, for checking.

You will find in this paper a full statement of the merits of the DeKoven Quartette, assisted by a lady reader, Miss Smith, and we ask you to read "what others say" of this attraction, and when the young lady calls on you, buy a ticket, and help this worthy cause.

We are having constructed in our city a library building, the main purpose of which is for just such attractions as we have tried this season, and it is up to the better citizenship of Ballinger to rally to the support of this move.

Now make up your mind to help this cause out (and get value received at the same time) when you are called on to buy one of these cards from the young ladies who will call on you.

C. P. SHEPHERD,
MRS. F. C. MILLED,
MRS. B. B. STONE.

Read What the Management Says:

Does the title mean anything to you? A company of selected vocalists singing many of the old songs and singing them well. A male quartet and a soprano soloist in ensemble work, interspersed with readings, vocal solos, and the delightful musical and literary after-piece, "Firelight Memories." For several seasons we have contemplated placing before our committees a company of artists capable of correctly interpreting the songs of long ago. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have heard the great and only "Patti" will remember the storm of applause that greeted her when she sang "Home, Sweet Home." We have always claimed that it required greater art to render the familiar songs in English, than many of the Operatic selections in a foreign tongue. The individual members of the company have been selected with great care, they possess excellent voices and sympathetic natures, so essential in the

ensemble work. The DeKoven Male Quartet are so well known in all sections of the country that words of introduction are entirely unnecessary. They have been returned year after year over some of the best Lyceum Courses. The personnel is unchanged. The program this season will be stronger than before on account of the addition of Miss Smith, who is not only a fine reader, but soprano as well. The famous sextette from Lucia has been arranged for the five voices and will be used on the program. A new sketch is being written to take the place of "Back From Erstwhile Land" which made a pronounced hit the past season. The DeKoven Male Quartette strive to make their work different from all other organizations and introduce many novel features which make it highly entertaining as well as instructive. The program will be given in three parts each with different costumes.

Read What the Press Says:

The De Koven Male Quartette won the hearts of a big audience at the Bodley Auditorium last night. From the outset the entertainment was artistic and clever and the audience was thoroughly alive to its every merit. In addition to several classics which they rendered with splendid temperament, the quartette sang such old favorites as "Dixie," "Carry me Back to Old Virginy" and "De Sand Man," each of which so captivated the audience that several encores were demanded by the prolonged applause. The voices harmonized perfectly and evinced talent as well as culture and training.—Staunton, Va., Leader, January, 1908.

The best entertainment of its kind ever given in South Dayton was held last Friday night. The De Koven Male Quartet was certainly a very fine concert company. Their program consisted of eleven numbers; each selection being encoored once and sometimes twice to all of which they responded kindly and delightfully. The voices of the quartette blended perfectly and their selections were varied to meet the demands of a lyceum audience. They sang as a quartette without the accompaniment of piano. Individually and collectively the concert was a great success.—South Dayton, N. Y. News.

The concert given on Monday evening by the De Koven Quartet was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The well chosen musical selections were rendered in a very pleasing manner, characterized by such animation and vivacity that the real enjoyment of the audience was assured. A very clever "Twenty Minute Sketch" concluded this most pleasing program.—Olean, N. Y. Times.

The entertainment given in the town hall last Wednesday evening, given by the De Koven Quartet, was well patronized and worthy of the enthusiastic praise bestowed by all who were privileged to be present. It is rarely that we hear a male quartet so well balanced, as to tone quality, as this, while their social and seemingly informal manner pleasing.—Marlboro, N. H.

The De Koven Quartet visited Norwich Tuesday evening, and were given a rousing reception at Clark Opera house. From the very start every member of the company did ex-

cellent work. The numbers were all well rendered and every number came in for its share of applause. The twenty-minute sketch which concluded the entertainment was one of the finest things seen in Norwich in many months.—Norwich, N. Y. Sun, Dec. 4 1907.

The entertainment given at the Howard opera house last Friday evening by the De Koven Male Quartet was one of the finest attractions of the season that has appeared in Baldwinsville and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. The program was an unusually good one and every number was rendered with a spirit and pleasing harmony that delighted the most critical. The sketch is a clever one and the parts were well adapted. The presentation was a most successful one and was enthusiastically received.—Baldwinsville, N. Y. Gazette.

Miss Smith began her musical education at the East Greenwich Academy, where musical study, on the lines laid down by one of the pursued. Indeed, it was here that Madam Nordica commenced the studies that in time placed her at the forefront of opera singers. Miss Smith was graduated from there, taking not only the full musical course, but a similar course in the School of Oratory connected with the Academy. Since then she has studied with Miss Rose Stewart, of Boston, and when the "Mother Goose Jubilee" was given in Tremont Theatre, Miss Smith was selected from about sixty young women, vocal students of high standing, to assume the title role. Mr. and Mrs. Orth, who wrote the operetta, made the choice, and the excellence of the result proved their good judgment and Miss Smith's talent. She made an immense hit in the solo "Rock-a-Bye, Baby," in which her clear soprano voice was heard to advantage, and was also very fetching in a topical song "Old Stories." Miss Smith's forte is undoubtedly giving entertainments, and she has arranged a great many unique ones, the success of which has been attested not only by well-known critics of Boston and New York, but by the delighted encomiums of audiences wherever she has appeared. Miss Smith's entertainments have been a feature at Narragansett Pier and other fashionable resorts.—Boston Journal.



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Buck Shields, our popular deputy county and district clerk, was out of commission several days this week. We are glad to state that he is able to be at the office again, however.

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Another \$10,000 Suit Against Ballinger

Man Arrested for Gambling and Placed on Rock Pile Seeks Damages for Humiliation

John Hoffer, Mayor, S. J. Carpenter, night watchman, and J. W. Powell and W. T. Ward, bondsmen of Carpenter, were served with citations yesterday in a suit filed against Carpenter, his bondsmen and the city by Edward Harris, in which Harris is suing for \$10,000 damages.

From what we can learn of the case it seems that Harris was arrested for gambling and pleaded guilty. He did not have the money with which to pay his fine but gave bond that he would do so. Later he was arrested in another gambling case and pleaded guilty, and not having the money with which to pay the bill, was given a job on the city rock crusher to work the fine out at so much per day. This Harris claims humiliated him and caused him much disgrace, hence the suit.

Judge R. L. Williams, a Goldthwaite attorney is counsel for Harris.

RESOLUTIONS BY LADIES AID SOCIETY

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to a higher life our former member and beloved president, Mrs. Mary McGregor, who went to her heavenly home on March 9, 1909. While we bow in humble submission to His Divine will, who doeth all things well, and realize that our loss is her Eternal gain, still we would testify to our love and appreciation of our beloved leader, who has been our president for the past eighteen years. Therefore be it Resolved:

First, That in the death of Mrs. Mary McGregor our society suffers a severe loss, that all of us well realize and feel most keenly. We miss her wise counsel, cheerful presence, tender admonition and trust that her beautiful example as a Christian will inspire each of us to more consecrated lives.

Second, That to the mourning relatives our hearts go out in sympathy in the dark hours of sorrow and bereavement, but we know that they "sorrow not as those with out hope," but realize that she has finished her course, has kept the faith, and now has received her crown of righteousness in her Father's mansion, reunited with her many loved ones who have preceded her.

Third, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Society, and made of permanent record, and that copies be furnished the family, and also the local papers. Signed:

MRS. G. M. VAUGHN,
MRS. C. S. MILLER,
MRS. J. J. ERWIN,
MRS. JULIA BENNETT,
MRS. M. A. ROUTH.

NEW BANK TO OPEN MAY 15.
W. B. Ray and M. D. Chastain says "we are going to have our opening on the 15th day of May." We were talking about the new bank when this statement was made. The 15th of May is not a great ways off, and if the newbuilding is completed and ready for occupancy in the time specified it will be a record breaker for building in Ballinger.

Grand opening of the White City Tuesday night March 23. Ladies Free.

ROAD OVERSEERS MUST GET BUSY

New Law Makes Road Work Compulsory in the Strongest Terms. Penalty for Nonperformance of Duty.

The legislature has passed a bill that effects road overseers and makes the non-performance of duty severe. Road overseers must do their duty or stand the consequences. The commissioners Court has issued the following letter to all road overseers in Runnels county, calling their attention to the new law, and there will probably be something doing in road work in this county, as well as in other counties of the state.

Dear Sir:
Enclosed you will please find your commission as Road Overseer on your road, and on account of the laxness, indifference and carelessness on the part of your predecessors, we wish to urge upon you the importance of your duty in this capacity, and for your benefit we would advise you that you acquaint yourself with the law in reference to your duties and comply with same. We are very sorry indeed, that our roads have been so shamefully neglected, and it is our purpose to see that more attention is given to the working of our roads by overseers.

News is reaching us from every quarter of the deplorable conditions of our roads. Now gentlemen, we as commissioners of your county and road supervisors expect of you that you work every available man in your section on the road on which you are appointed, the time required of him by law, and see that he does a full day's work.

We especially call your attention to the fact that heretofore no attention whatever seems to have been paid to the stumps, holes and loose rocks everywhere in our roads, all of which should and must be remedied.

This letter is written in view

of the special road law for Runnels county recently passed by the present legislature, the terms of which are very stringent. Hereafter the District Judge will specially instruct all grand juries to investigate the official acts of all road overseers in Runnels county, and we trust no just

complaint can be filed against you.

W. H. WEEKS,
C. N. CRAFT,
J. E. McADAMS,
J. M. ADAMS,
County Commissioners Runnels County.

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SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

BY MISS HERMIA SMITH

PROPHECY

According to promise made in last week's issue of the Banner-Leader, I Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom come before you for the purpose of proclaiming the future destiny of some of the prominent young people of Ballinger. I shall now lift the future's sable shroud, that they may behold what secrets are hidden behind its many folds. Shakespeare has said: "We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

I boldly contradict the words of Shakespeare, and the people of Ballinger shall know some of future's secrets. Many great events and the destiny of many great men have been foretold by me. To those who know me not I will state that I am one of those unfortunate beings who wanders alone in this world, but,

"Here's a sigh for those who love me,
And a smile for those who hate.
And whatever skies above,
Here's a heart for every fate."

Of the thousands whose future I behold, none is so bright and fair as that of Mr. W. R. Bogle. For him, every cloud will have a silver lining, no "Day" will be dark and dreary. Into his life no rain will fall, for a bright "Day" will always be with him.

The next I see before me is Miss Estelle Underwood, who by her untiring efforts will win the good "Grace" of a man, and from their most holy and happy wedding day their hearts will dwell in enchanted dreams, and they will drink the sweetest cup of joy, without one drop of anguish or alloy.

For Miss Olga Schawe I see the realization of love's sweetest dreams.

For Mr. Eugene Risser I see the fulfillment of the one long desire of his life, that of being "Monarch of all he surveys." He will be placed on the moon, and will be the only occupant thereon, that the girls may sing, "My sweetheart is the man in the moon," and view him from afar and cry "Thou art so near and yet so far."

To Miss Kate Guion, I extend my deepest sympathy, her heart having turned to "Stone" when so young, I can see nothing of interest in the future for her.

Miss Frane Baker will soon begin an extensive tour throughout the world lecturing on "Woman's Rights" and she will have no patience with old maids who lament their fate.

A Mr. Winn comes before my vision, and love seems to be driving him to desperation. Cheer up Mr. Winn, the one you love, by perseverance, you "Mae Penn" her.

It is generally understood that Miss Neil Guion is desirous of becoming Queen of England, but as the one who loves her is not an heir to the throne, she will be content by being Queen of his heart and home, his throne will be a beautiful ranch in the Western part of Runnels county, Texas, U. S. A.

I see a gray haired old bachelor with many whimsical notions concerning the fair sex, however, he will be the "Leader" of your city and a man of renown, I suppose their is no doubt but that he will be the lion of the town.

In a crowded court room I see a talented young lawyer, moving the audience with his eloquence, fast becoming the foremost politician of his age. This celebrity is Mr. Hamil Ward, who by the

powerful influence of his intellectual wife, Miss Lois Crews, will reach the fame allotted him in life.

I see before me strange things, a palace grand and high, with lawns verdant, cool and shady o'er which zephyrs sigh. I see all that pleasure, wealth and true love can afford. The vision is growing plainer, I readily see it is only the vast possessions of Mr. Herman Travers, who is fulfilling his promise to Miss Irene Guion, to "come live with me and be my love, and we will all the pleasures prove, that hills and valleys, vales and fields, woods or sleepy mountains yield." Although the priceless treasure will be captured by Mr. Travers, I warn him to beware! watch! guard! for his wife will grow more beautiful, breaking hearts and reigning queen wherever she may be.

I find Miss Mira Penn's name connected with that of Mr. Harry Simmons. Rich gems and jewels are now gleaming, but beware! Old Minerva is never dreaming, I see clouds of dark despair, with not a single ray of gladness streaming around her anywhere, but should her name be connected with another, she would be given the power to "Buck" against the whole "Globe" and forever have faithful "Shields."

In Miss Hattie Hutton I read a strange confession that some times may annoy. She will make remarkable progression, if she let love be her employ. And on that theme without digression, she will find her greatest joy.

Mr. Dick Thorp believes that love is a little better than fame and well cooked food that is an essential to the longevity of man, therefore he will take unto himself a good "Baker."

There is in your city a spoiler of the aromatic limberger, who by his wonderful lyric tenor voice will win fame for him throughout the land. He will be an artist whom Caruso and the De Reszkes will do homage.

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To Mr. Hollingsworth I will say be not despondent, for happiness lies before you, fondest hopes are now hovering over you. She who you love will return as of old then the clouds will depart that shadow your heart, and joy will forever be yours.

"If music be the food of love" —(play on.) So thinks Mr. Fred Crook. To him the Eolian harp, the lute and the lyre will pass into oblivion, and the one musical instrument above all others the "Organ" will be his alone, to soothe and subdue his angry and tempestuous passions.

I see Miss Katie Bell Gregory filling the mission of an old maid school teacher, however, from choice not necessity. But she will ever possess the same fondness for automobiles and doctors as she has now.

Behold! A beautiful illuminated skating rink where Mr. Bruce Creasy will spend the remainder of his days.

I see a sign "Music Studio" where Miss Maggie Underwood is fulfilling her old calling, teaching music. I fail to see her connected in anyway with matrimony, however, the great poet, Pope, has said:

"There swims no goose so grey
But soon or late she will find
Some honest gander for
her mate."

Before me comes Mr. Ernest Plummer. Today for him scarce a hope in the sky is beaming, love and affection are only but dreaming. But soon all the clouds that with bitterness now are teeming will turn to joy in a measure untold.

There is some one who waits very impatiently for Miss Ellie Ward. Methinks it is a Pierpont Morgan, (in fame not in name) This Morgan is connected in some way with chemicals for I see his clothing burned by an explosion of sulphuric acid and I see him pouring water into hydrochloric acid to make fire.

Silence! An oracle is now before me! Mr. Ralph Erwin who much to the disparagement of some of his lady friends will always adhere to the maxim that "The happiest life that ever was led,

Is always to court and never to wed."

Miss Bertha Rasbury will pass several successful seasons in New York and Boston and her skill as a piano player will win for her laurels galore.

I see Mr. Tom Watkins, the Adonis of the West, who will be even more handsome than now, but will ever be impenetrable to Cupid's dart.

Never will a sorrow darken the door of Mr. Frank Maddox, for I see nothing but happiness before him.

The compound egotism of Mr. Malone will be his eternal ruin, for like Narcissus will be so enamored with himself, he will choose his own shadow to love.

Miss Lee Plummer seems to be very much in love. Indeed her case is so very clear, that perhaps it is needless to interfere, for Cupid has found this little maiden fair, but, Oh, I bid thee have a care, for all that glitters is not genuine, so be very careful of that heart of thine.

I see "the noblest Roman of them all" Mr. Jim Tom Lawrence, who as you know is so very dull he could never get "Sharp" so to marry he will ever object, and no one else need this expect, though many will sigh droop and die, but upon him they will have no effect.

Messrs Hal Wilson, V. T. Paul, Alex Sanders and Bob Norman will be a mutual admiration party. The whole world will be at their feet and the Ballinger girls will have to await their imperial pleasure.

I see Mr. Roy Reeder, a learned judge, whose word in law prevails and whose rulings are quoted far and near as impeachable, he will be without a doubt the most celebrated individual upon the bench, and Minerva trusts that every blessed one of the Ballinger girls may live to honor, love and wed as distinguished and brilliant an oracle as the Hon. Roy Reeder, L. L. D.

Mr. R. E. Stanton has serious intentions of pressing his suit to Miss Armor McGregor, but I bid him to desist at once, lest "like a struck eagle stretched upon the plain, no more through rolling clouds to soar again, will view his own feather in the fatal dart; and wing the shaft that will quiver in his heart."

Before me come Mr. Maurice Winkler. Who will have needles and notions for sale, At prices that never prevail.

He will have cuffs and collars, For dimes and for dollars. He will have towels and crashes, satins and sashes;

And everything else that is fine. He will guarantee measure with the greatest of pleasure. And warrant his patterns to wear.

Bargains he will be giving As sure as you are living. His goods you will find to be square.

The future of Misses Willie Allen, Mae Johnston and Helen Crosson, I refuse to reveal, for the shock would be too great for their nervous organization.

Miss Baucknight, your lover's heart will be as true as the stars to the blue. If you will "Grant" him one request,

To always believe him And now receive him No matter if its not for the best.

Miss Emma Bennett, by her unaffected graceful mien, will captivate the hearts of many admirers, but the objections she will have to her suitors will be more numerous than those of Portia in the Merchant of Venice.

The heart of Miss Katie Ray Ward will undergo a most wonderful change. It is generally believed that her heart is made of stone, and impenetrable to Cupid's darts, but Shakespeare has said: "Stony limits cannot hold love out, Love never fails to master what it finds, But makes a different way in different minds; The fool he enlightens and the wise he blinds." Mr. Cecil Glenn will turn her stony heart to a true loving one, and mutual love will bring mutual delight.

Mr. Ed Schawe having been disappointed in love when quite young, will ever remain an old bachelor.

Mr. Scott Mangum longs for the intoxicating cup of love, but will receive only the cool sober beverage of friendship.

Mr. Leon Ward, though subject to flights of mental gymnastics, will always have a polish of mind and be a gentleman at heart.

Miss Ethel Truly is "Dum" with everything in life but love, for, "riches take wings, comforts vanish, hopes wither away but love stays with her.

I see for Mr. Will Doose stocks and bonds, of lands he will have a plenty, his great resources will be untold, when he is only thirty.

As I have no desire to emulate the example of Tennyson's "Brook," and go on forever, I will take one last look into the future, where I now see the leading newspaper of Runnels county the Banner-Leader, with a Mr. Milford Hamlin, as manager of the mechanical department, who will ever be ready to lock the forms containing a standing invitation to the homeseekers to come and dwell in this land of peace, happiness and content.

GUSTAVUS-MORGAN.

The wedding of Miss Pyle Morgan, the daughter of Mrs. N. J. Morgan, and Mr. Audie Gustavus, a valuable employee of the First National bank, Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, was the most beautiful home wedding of the Easter tide.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor, the wedding party occupying a position in front of stately palms and Easter lilies, banked with feathery ferns, and over the exquisite shrine of cloister lilies, was a curtain of smilax and English ivy, which gracefully festooned and caught with empire bows of white satin ribbon.

Just before the ceremony Mrs. Pat Douglas sweetly sang "Because I Love You Dear." Miss Hermia Smith presided at the piano and as joyous notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march broke forth, the maid of honor, Miss Pink Jenkins of Amarillo, who was handsomely gowned in an empire of champagne crepe messaline with directoire sash and gloves and shoes to match, carrying a muff of violets and ferns entered in the arm of the best man, Mr. Lee Malone, followed by two sweet and pretty little flower girls, Maurine Patterson and Maurine Weeks, who were daintily attired in white French organdie frocks with violet sashes, and carrying pretty baskets filled with violet, then the bride and groom entered.

The bride was indeed a radiant vision of loveliness in her princess wedding dress of lace and taffeta and carrying an arm bouquet of white carnations. The groom was handsome in the conventional black.

The Rev. Amerson of the 9th street Baptist church united

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Come and See our Goods. You can Make Some Easy Money for Money Saved is the same as Money Earned.

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A. F. C. and Toile du Nord Gingham, Everywhere 12½ c
Our price per yard 10c
Lonsdale Domestic, yard wide, bleached, everywhere 10 and 12½ c. Our price 8½c
10-4 Pepperill Sheeting, everywhere 30c Our price 25c
10-4 Brown Sheeting, everywhere 25c. Our price 20c
27 inch White Lawn sold usually at 20c. Our price 10c

Shoes.

We sell every pair of shoes with a positive guarantee that they are solid leather throughout. Buy Risser's Wear Well Shoes and save half on your year's shoe bill. LADIES' SHOES in all the new styles, ankle strap pumps, Colonial Ties, Pocono Ties, etc. in patent leathers, tan, and oxbloods, etc.

Risser's Wear Well Blucher Oxford, Vici with patent leather tip, cuban heel. A strictly up-to-date slipper worth \$2.25 anywhere. Our price \$1.50

Risser's Wear Well Patent Leather, plain toe, blucher style, newest toe, high cuban heel, a pretty snappy little shoe \$3.00. Our price \$2.50

Other styles at \$4.00, \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50. A full line of Children's and Misses' Shoes and Slippers. Prices \$2.50 to 75c
We carry the largest stock of shoes in West Texas. No matter what kind you want, we have it or will get it for you. Our shoes are the kind that wear. If they do not, it is our loss, not yours.

Clothing Department.

This department is filled with some of the prettiest novelty ALL WOOL SUITS that a man ever looked at. Beautiful imported Worsteds in the new tans, greens, olives and light shades of brown made up with fancy cuffs on the sleeve, flaps on the pockets, belt straps, fancy linings, etc., in fact hundreds of little details that go to make up the newest suits.

These goods are worth easily from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per suit. Our prices are \$10.00, \$12.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00.

A big line of pants just received. All the new colors and styles.

Prices, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50, \$1.50

EXTRA SPECIAL

One lot of Worsteds and Cashmeres, worth \$3.00 and \$2.50 now priced at \$1.50

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BALLINGER, THE BANNER COTTON MARKET OF THE WORLD



The following, together with the cut herewith reproduced, appeared in a recent issue of the Dallas News and the Semi-Weekly Dallas News, having been contributed to that paper by one of our citizens:

A glimpse of the cotton industry of a great cotton growing country is pictured in the above. Where only a few years ago there was nothing but a vast open range,

inhabited by the frontier cowboy, a country is now made to blossom as a rose, furnish homes for thousands and produce millions in wealth. At that time this land was worthless, no demand for it at any price. Now the man who holds a clear title to 160 acres is considered "comfortably fixed." It has advanced from a free, open country to \$40 per acre, producing a

bale of cotton to the acre, or 75 bushels of oats or 40 bushels of wheat, and is the happy home of the industrious farmer.

In 1884, two years before the thriving little city of Ballinger was born and two years before the whistle of the Santa Fe was heard west of Brownwood. R. F. Counts established a little experimental farm in this county and raised the first bale of cotton

ever grown in the county. The bale was carried forty miles to a gin and brought back to Runnels City and put up as a curiosity. The two years following, 1885-86, a drouth caused a famine in this county, the people being compelled to call for help. Cattle died by the hundreds.

Those who faced the hardships have witnessed a marvelous change—a barren, drouth

stricken country develop into a great cattle raising section, and from that into a great cotton-growing country.

From one bale in 1884 to fifty-five thousand in 1908 gives you in round numbers the growth of this country in the production of cotton. It was thousands of dollars in cattle then—it is millions of dollars in cotton now.

The progressive farmer pushed the cattelman to a cheaper range,

the steam plow converted the rich prairie lands into wealth-producing fields, and in a short space of time many wonderful changes have been wrought.

At that time in the forks of the famous Colorado river and Elm creek was a rugged hillside covered with rocks, sloping into a mesquite valley. On this site now stands the pretty little city of Ballinger, with every modern convenience of a young city.

these young lives in a most impressive manner. "Hearts and Flowers" was softly played through the entire ceremony.

After the newly wedded couple had received God's blessings on their new estate, the wedding march was again played while the happy couple stood and received congratulations and best wishes for a life of true happiness.

The wedding was attended by about fifty friends and relatives. An informal reception was held.

The beautiful dining room was put into a special bridal scheme, where one of the largest and

most elegant bridal collection that has ever been showered on a Ballinger bride was in view.

The mantle and buffet was smothered in violets and ferns. The dining table was laid with a handsome Cluny lace cloth, and in the center was a reflector bordered with violets, on which was placed the punch bowl. Ferns, violets and brides tulle completed the table decorations.

Over the punch bowl Mrs. U. P. Melton gave a beautiful toast to the "Bride and Groom."

Misses Foy Walker, Mae Butler and Lizzie Alexander presided over the punch bowl and

poured the delicious fruit nectar.

The snow white horse shoe shaped wedding cake which was placed in a bed of ferns was cut, Mr. Milford Hamlin having the good luck to cut the dime and Mr. Tom Watkins was highly elated over cutting the ring. Mr. Everet Hardgrave had the horrible fate to get the thimble.

PUPILS RECITAL.

A very interesting recital was given Wednesday afternoon at the Eighth street Presbyterian church by the pupils of Mrs. H. H. Halley.

There was present a large audience of patrons and admirers of this successful teacher, to hear the rendition of the program, which though necessarily long owing to her large class, was listened to from beginning to end with evident pleasure and satisfaction.

Mrs. Halley is possessed of that rare faculty of getting the very best out of her pupils and of inspiring zeal and ambition that is very essential to the progress of a pupil.

To discriminate seems scarcely justice, for all had that clear-cut technique and understanding of expression, however, special mention should be made of a few.

Little Eloise Allison, only nine years old and having just learned her notes in November, beautifully played "Annie Laurie" from memory.

A high and mighty boy, Master Quinton Shelton, showed great talent in the rendition of his piece.

Miss Marion Wooden and Gladis Taylor showed application and thorough study.

Mrs. Halley will give another recital in May, just before leaving for St. Louis, where she will study music during the summer months.

IN FASHIONS REALM.

HIGDON, MELTON, JACKSON

That Ballinger is distinctly on the fashion map of Texas, was proven by the beautiful display of spring goods at the elegant emporium of Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co's. Monday night, when vast crowds visited this

store which was decorated for the occasion.

Flowers were used in profusion and Steinlines orchestra furnished music throughout the evening.

The showing of gowns, hats, dress goods, laces and accessories represented an outlay of thousands of dollars, which demonstrates that Ballinger has men whose courage and enterprise has formed the corner stones for the progress of our city. The greatest fashion dictators were represented in the magnificent exhibit in their ready made department, where we noted exquisite lingerie costumes and evening gowns of lace silk and messaline, also a beautiful line of coats suits and tailored skirts.

Their millinery department was "a thing of beauty," the latest ravishing modes being shown. We cannot picture in cold type their attractive Easter windows, only the eye, the window of the soul can do it justice. This handsome emporium would be a credit to any city.

R. A. RISSER & CO. OPENING.

Magnifique! the Parisians would exclaim if they could have taken a peep into the elegant store of R. A. Risser & Co., Monday and Tuesday when they gave their grand spring opening.

Their laces, fabrics, gowns, hats, gloves, parasols, hose and shoes to match are from the most noted loom, makers and designers of New York, and are indeed fit for a princess.

Special mention should be made of their beautiful line of trimmings and novelties. That Ballinger has reached the acme, as a fashionable center is proven by our women stepping forth from this store as ultra and perfectly gowned as from the famous shops along the Rue de la Paix.

Their ready made department which always lead in the procession showed taste, style and quality.

Their millinery department was in full bloom and Madam Vogue was in full sway. Miss McKinney a noted trimmer of New York has charge of this department.

While the store has the ap-

pearance of being very exclusive, yet they have the goods that will suit all classes of trade, tastes and pocket books.

BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO. MILLINERY OPENING.

The Ballinger Dry Goods Co., has long since been recognized as one of our leading dry goods establishments. The metropolitan strides it has made places it in the constellation of the leading stores of the West. And an event which contributed to its metropolitan aspect was its day which was as usual the sensation in fashionable circles.

Mrs. Bertie Lynch, whose reputation as a leading trimmer is already well known in our city, being in charge of this depart-

ment, is proof alone of its grand success. This department was indeed a panorama of loveliness.

Fashion tuned to the glad some spirit of transformation, brought forth the most fetching bonnets, which were shown in the latest rich and exquisite shades of amethyst, wisteria and cawaba, which is a beautiful reddish grape hue.

Hand made hats were very much in evidence, which carried an individuality of taste.

Special note was made of the beautiful line of fruits and flowers, feathers, persian bands and pins of ruby, emeralds and jet, also jet and pear trimmings.

The hats this season must be properly worn and the position

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Groceries, Ranch Supplies,
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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.

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Someone "May"
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SHOWING OF NEW SPRING GOODS

every Transaction here must be a satisfactory one.

on the head is very much emphasized by the milliner. Delicous fruit punch was served throughout the day to all visitors.

HIGGINBOTHAM, CURRIE WILLIAMS CO., OPENING.

The very latest creations and conceits in spring millinery were to be seen at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co's., great emporium Friday and Saturday, when they gave their semi-annual opening. This handsome store is an especially popular one, not only from its mammoth stock of goods from which to make selections, but from the delightful courtesy and cordiality one receives while there. Without a doubt one of the grandest collection of tailored and dress hats that was ever brought to our city was on exhibition.

A handsome souvenir hat pin was presented to each visitor who attended the opening.

In the dress goods and ready made department dame fashion reigned supreme, which caused quite a furore of admiration.

Eleven of our young ladies met at the home of Misses Mae and Mira Penn Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing strictly a social club.

The name given the club was "Sans Pariel."

The object of the club is "a jolly good time."

Cards and dancing will be the main features of their entertainments.

The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday after Easter, when the plans of the club will be further perfected. The eleven young ladies who are the members of this society club are Misses Mae Penn, Mira Penn, Neil Guion, Irene Guion, Hattie Hutton, Katie Ray Ward, Delia Day, Estelle Underwood, Blanche Baker, Louise Orgain and Herma Smith.

ST PATRICK'S DANCE.

The lovers of the terpsichorean art, which holds first place among the society crowd, celebrated St Patrick's day by a dashing and delightful dance at the rink Wednesday night. The Mexican band from Cole-

man furnished the music for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Risser gracefully led the grand march. The dancers were refreshed all during the evening with delicious sherry punch.

PICNIC.

A crowd took advantage of the bright sunshiney day Tuesday and hied away to the banks of Coyote creek where the day was spent in fishing and devouring a fine dinner. Those constituting the crowd were:

Madams Tom Ward and D. Reeder, Misses Louise Orgain, Blanche Baker, Ellie Ward, Katie Ray Ward, Addie Ward, Messrs Roy Reeder and Vada Edgar.

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

Mrs. W. T. Jones and little baby who have been spending a few weeks with Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Allen, ten miles west of Ballinger, returned to their home at Pioneer, Texas, Wednesday.

Grand opening of the White Cith Tuesday night Mach 23. Ladies Free.

NEW SOCIAL CLUB ASSURED

Contract for Club Room Closed and Work of Building Same Under Headway

We are able to report to our readers that the Men's Social Club is no longer a hot air proposition, but a certainty. The men promoting the club have worked with energy and determination, to succeed, and they have succeeded, and those who are interested in the club can give credit to M. A. Traylor, H. Giesecke, J. McGregor, D. M. Baker, C. A. Doose, J. Y. Pearce, J. Whit Patterson, Leon Ward and R. E. Risser.

The club rooms are to be located over the new building which is just being put under course of construction facing the court house on Seventh street. Mrs. R. A. Smith, who owned one lot, purchased from Jas. E. Brewer the adjoining lot and is building a two story stone building, 60x128, and the second story will be used for the club rooms, and will be arranged to include everything that properly belongs to a successful club. The lower story of this building has not been rented, neither has the building adjoining this being built by Chas. Miller, but the

buildings will be modern in every respect and will no doubt be rented by the time they are ready for occupancy.

And, the town just grows, grows, grows all the time.

MISSIONARY RALLY.

Following is the program of the Missionary Rally to be held with the First Baptist church at Ballinger, Texas, beginning April 1st, at 8 p. m. and continuing three days.

Thursday Night at 8 p. m. Sermon—By D. E. Heaton.

Friday's Exercises.

At 9:30 a. m.—Devotional meeting, led by J. H. Tyre.

At 10 a. m.—"How to Build a Bigger Soul."—W. T. Rutledge.

At 11 a. m.—"Why are not More Men Church Members?"—Ed Thompson.

At 2 p. m.—Devotional meeting, led by W. S. Maddox.

At 2:30 p. m.—"What Kind of Sermons Will Meet the Present Day Needs?"—Dr. A. E. Baten.

At 3:30 p. m.—"What Argument there is for Missions in Christ's Account of the Last Judgment?"—L. S. Smith.

At 8 p. m.—"Will the Heathen be Saved Without the Gospel?"—Dr. A. E. Baten.

Saturday's Session.

At 9:30 a. m. Devotional Meeting, led by J. D. Allen.

At 10 a. m.—"What Conditions in Heathen Lands Call for an Increase in Missions?"—D. E. Heaton.

At 11 a. m.—"Saving the Life"—J. D. Allen.

At 2 p. m.—Devotional Meeting, led by W. I. Dunn.

At 2:30 p. m.—"Our Obligations to Associational Missions."—Ed Thompson.

At 8 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. Rally. By request of the First church, the arrangement and rendering of program was left exclusively to her.

Sunday's Session

At 11 a. m.—Missionary Sermon by Missionary Elect, W. F. Tremmell.

At 8 p. m.—Sermon—To be supplied.

It is earnestly hoped that all those who are on the program to open discussions will be present. All subjects will be open for general discussion.

Pointed speeches will be expected from many who are not on the program.

Each and every church in the association should be represented in this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Z. J. AMERSON, Chairman Program Committee.

Facts for Weak Women

Nine-tenths of all the sickness of women is due to some derangement or disease of the organs distinctly feminine. Such sickness can be cured—is cured every day by

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

It Makes Weak Women Strong, Sick Women Well.

It acts directly on the organs affected and is at the same time a general restorative tonic for the whole system. It cures female complaint right in the privacy of home. It makes unnecessary the disagreeable questioning, examinations and local treatment so universally insisted upon by doctors, and so abhorrent to every modest woman.

We shall not particularize here as to the symptoms of those peculiar affections incident to women, but those wanting full information as to their symptoms and means of positive cure are referred to the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser—1068 pages, newly revised and up-to-date Edition, sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only; or, in cloth binding for 31 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



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NEW MACHINERY FOR LAUNDRY

W. A. Talley is keeping his eye on the growth of Ballinger and proposes to keep right up with the procession and see that Ballinger has just as good laundry as the business of the town will justify. He placed an order Wednesday for \$1500 worth of new machinery, and will install same in about thirty days, or just as soon as it arrives.



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

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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.

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Absolutely Pure

Renders the food more wholesome and superior in lightness and flavor.

The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CALLS PASTOR

At a recent conference of the Baptist church the congregation extended a call to Rev. M. E. Hudson to become pastor of the church. It is not known whether Rev. Hudson will accept the call or not, but he will be here to preach to the congregation Sunday, and at that time will give them an answer. Rev. Hudson has served this church as pastor before and has many friends here among the church people of the city who will be glad to see him return.

METHODIST CHURCH

Services at the Methodist church Sunday, March 21. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "What Does God Expect of Me as an Individual Member of the Church." Preaching at 8 p. m. Subject: "What is a Revival of Religion." Strangers and visitors in the city have a special invitation to attend these services.

J. A. BIGGS.

NOTICE—Do not forget the protracted meeting at the Methodist church, beginning the

fourth Sunday in March, to continue two weeks. All the pastors and their people have a special invitation to come and help. The singers of the town are invited to come and help in the song service.

J. A. BIGGS.

NINTH STREET BAPTIST.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject: "The Origin of the Church of Christ." Evening subject: "True Greatness."

Special music at these services. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Z. J. AMERSON, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. R. Chandler, state missionary, will preach at the First Baptist church Friday night and Saturday night. Rev. M. E. Hudson will preach Sunday and Sunday night. Everybody cordially invited to attend all services at this church.

W. J. Crunk, F. N. Wyatt, W. D. Kirkpatrick and J. W. Norman have bought an option on the Boswell ranch on Fuzzy creek, near town. They have until October 1st to make good to the amount of \$24,500. It is the intentions of these gentlemen to cut up and sell the land. It is a good body of land, two miles from town, and will on prove valuable property.—Paint Rock Herald.

Opportunity Offered for Catholic School

The Town will be Offered a Chance to Secure Building of Catholic Academy

The Catholic people purchased a nice block of land in Ballinger last year, and expressed a desire to build an Academy here, and the following letter is self explanatory. If our people want to secure such an institution now is the time for them to act. This is more work for the Business League and we hope they will not overlook this matter:

Banner-Leader:

Please announce as follows: Rev. H. A. Constantinean, Provincial of Divine Providence of San Antonio, will be here next Saturday and stay over until Monday and make arrangements towards raising a bonus for the Academy that the Sisters intend to build here. You will remember the above parties were here last summer, and were very favorably impressed with Ballinger and her surrounding country. You may also state that from a business standpoint, as well as educational, it will be a good enterprise for Ballinger, if we can get them to build.

Very respectfully,
 REV. A. P. FLETCHER.

Notice to Prospective Candidates for School Trustee

All parties who desire their names on the ticket for School Trustee of the Balinger Independent School District at the coming election on April 3rd, 1909, will please hand their names to either the President or the Secretary of the School Board not later than Friday, April 2nd, at 1 o'clock p. m. So that the tickets may be printed in time for the election Saturday.

The names will be placed on the ticket in alphabetical order.
 L. C. ALEXANDER,
 President Board of Trustees.
 E. D. WALKER,
 Secretary Board of Trustees.
 27 2t

RESIDENCE BURNED LAST NIGHT

The home of L. L. McCleod on Tenth street was destroyed by fire about 9:30 last night. The house and contents were destroyed. The family was away from home and the origin of the fire is unknown. Loss about \$500, partially covered by insurance.

PUPIL KILLS TEACHER

Prof. A. C. Wike, who was cut in the thigh last week while correcting a pupil in school at Stacy, an account of which appeared in this paper, died yesterday from the effects of the wound. The young man who did the cutting has been arrested. Parties were here today from Stacy after a coffin and reported the death.

MILES GOES WET.

The Miles people pulled off a prohibition election yesterday. Very little interest was manifested by either side, and as was expected by nearly every one, the antis went out by about two to one.

JAS. J. CALLAN FOR PRESIDENT

Jas. J. Callan, of Menardville was elected president of the Cattlemen's Association of Texas at the annual election held in Fort Worth yesterday.

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.

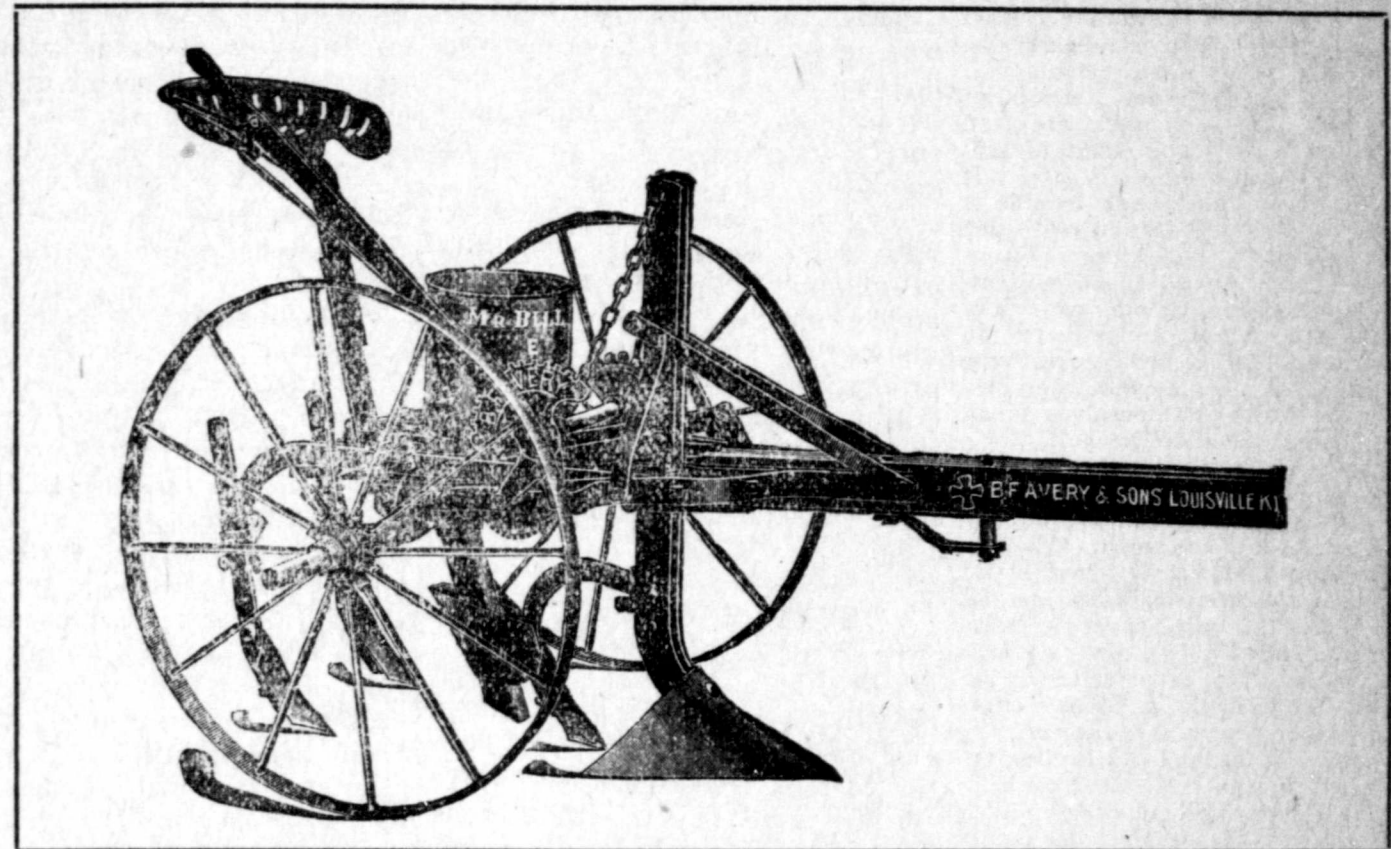
The day you neglected to read the Want Ads you "dropped a stitch"—probably the stitch that would have "saved nine".

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.

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

PIANO—Good \$300 upright piano for sale for \$75 cash, or will trade for gentle young horse. Dr. T. L. Todd, Maverick, Texas. 3t

"Mr. Bill" PLANTER



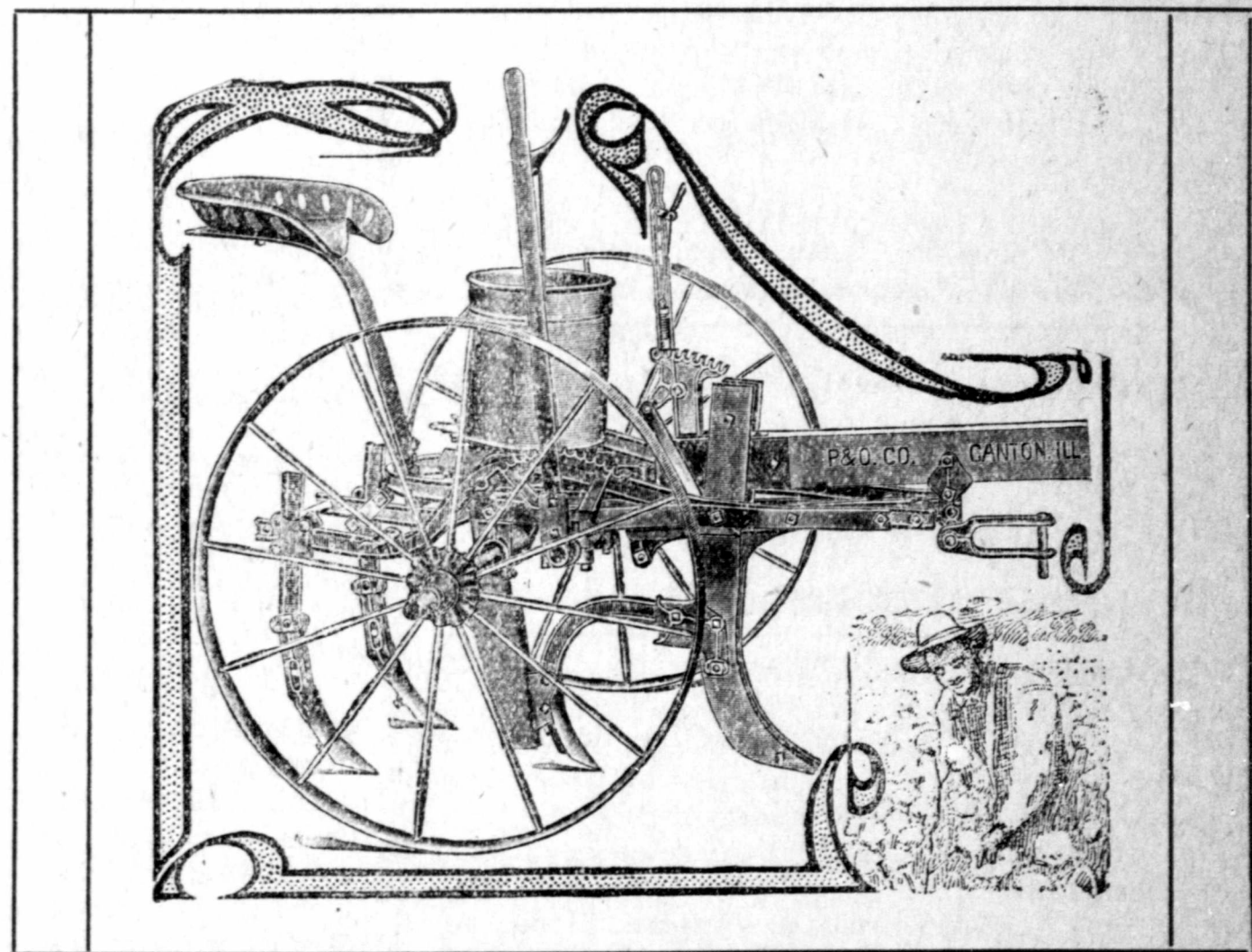
It Leads. Others Follow.

There is a reason. After several seasons of hard service in every variety of soils: "Mr. Bill" has won for himself a world wide reputation for effective work. It is very simple. It plants on a level, on beds or ridges, or lists in the water furrow. The flow of seed is steady, it does not skip or bunch the seed. The dropping seed are always in sight of the driver.

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There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. **Swamp-Root** corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, 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, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, and don't let a dealer sell you something in place of Swamp-Root—if you do you will be disappointed.

NEW PHONE ADDED TO GROCERY HOUSE

Dornberger & Hopkinson have had another phone installed in their grocery store to accommodate the trade and to enable them not to miss an order that properly belongs to them. Their business has grown until it has reached a point where at certain hours in the day it taxed the one phone to handle the orders.

This firm also has two delivery wagons on duty all the time, this is done in order that they may be prompt and not cause their customers delay in receiving goods.

You can now ring the store with some degree of certainty of getting prompt connection and when you place the order know that the goods will be promptly delivered.

Ring phone 107 or 169 when you want the best service in grocery dealings and want the best groceries in grocery service.

SUPT. HAGAN SICK.

Prof. E. L. Hagan, county superintendent, has been on the sick list for the last two weeks, and has not been able to visit the various schools in the county. We are glad to state that he is improving and is able to get down town and will be able to look after the duties of his office in a few days.

Grand opening of the White City Tuesday night March 23. Ladies Free.

THE DOCTOR'S QUESTION

Advice against the Use of Harsh Purgatives and Physics

A doctor's first question when consulted by a patient is "are your bowels regular?" He knows that ninety-eight per cent of illness is attended with inactive bowels and torpid liver. This condition poisons the system with noxious gases and waste matter which naturally accumulates and must be removed through the bowels before health can be restored.

Salts, ordinary pills and cathartics may be truly likened to dynamite. Through their harsh irritating action they force the passage through the bowels causing pain and damage to the delicate intestinal structures which weakens the whole system, and at best produces only temporary relief. The repeated use of such treatment causes chronic irritation of the stomach and bowels, hardens their tissues, deadens their nerves, stiffens their muscles and generally brings about an injurious habit which sometimes has fatal results.

We have a safe, positive and pleasant remedy for constipation and bowel disorders in general. We are so certain of its curative value that we promise to return the purchaser's money in every case when it fails to produce entire satisfaction. This remedy is called **REXALL ORDERLIES**. We urge you to try them at our entire risk.

Rexall Orderlies overcome the ant to take, they act quietly and have a soothing, strengthening, healing influence on the entire intestinal tract. They do not purge, gripe, cause nausea, flatulence, excessive looseness, diarrhoea, or any other annoying effect, and they may be taken at any time without inconvenience.

Rexall Orderlies overcome the drugging habit and cure constipation and all similar ailments, whether acute or chronic. They are especially good for children, weak persons or old folks. Price, 36 tablets, 25c, and 12 tablets, 10c. The Walker Drug Co.

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is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, tooth-ache 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. 1mo

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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.

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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."

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Unequaled as a Cure for Croup.

"Besides being an excellent remedy for colds and throat troubles, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is unequaled as a cure for croup," says Harry Wilson of Waynetown, Ind. When given as soon as the croupy cough appears, this remedy will prevent the attack. It is used successfully in many thousands of homes. For sale by Walker Drug Co. 1mo

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. 1mo

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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. 1mo

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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.

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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. 1mo

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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. 1mo

Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday School convention will meet at Longbranch the first Sunday in April. Program as follows:

Miss Pearl Martin, organist. Opening song by congregation, 9:30 a. m. Scripture Reading—R. B. Ingle.

Prayer by Brother Hurt. Welcome Address—Licha Bogaard.

Response—Ola Kenedy. Lesson by all the schools. Talk on the present lesson—Rev. J. B. Reese.

Prayer. Noon. House called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Song by choir. Prayer—Rev. Dave Wiley. Composition on Sunday School—Naomi Williams, Miss Jimmie Gilliam and class.

Song by choir. Will you take a part—Will Martin.

Recitation—Miss Ella Walden. Song—Rev. G. W. Collins. Crown.—Miss Rosa Watson.

Recitation—Miss Nellie—Trammel. Talk—Rev. Norrell.

Recitation—Lola Watson. Song—"Down in the License Saloon."

Business Meeting. Closing Address—Miss Hattie Trammel. Prayer—Bro. Tyre. Song.

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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.

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Indigestion and Dyspepsia Misery ends in five minutes later

Take your sour stomach—maybe you call it Indigestion, Gastritis or Catarrh of Stomach; it doesn't matter—take your stomach trouble right with you to your pharmacist and ask him to open a 50c case of Pape's Diapepsin Triangule and see if within five minutes there is left any trace of your stomach misery.

The correct name for your trouble is Food Fermentation—food souring; the digestive organs become weak, there is lack of gastric juice; your food is only half digested and you become affected with loss of appetite, pressure and fullness after eating, vomiting, nausea, heartburn, griping in the bowels, tenderness in the pit of stomach, bad taste in mouth, constipation, pain in limbs, sleeplessness, nervousness, belching of gas, sick headache, dizziness and many other similar symptoms.

If your appetite is fickle and nothing tempts you, or you belch gas or if you feel bloated after eating, or your food lies like a lump of lead on your stomach, you can make up your mind that at the bottom of this there is but one cause—fermentation or undigested food.

Prove to yourself, after your next meal, that your stomach is as good as any; that there is nothing really wrong. Stop this fermentation and eat what you want without fear of discomfort or misery.

Almost instant relief is waiting for you. It is merely a matter of how soon you take a little Diapepsin.

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue of an order passed by the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, at their regular meeting March 13th, 1909, I L. C. Alexander, president of the Board of Trustees, order an election to be held at the Court House in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas on Saturday the 3rd day of April, 1909, between the hours as prescribed by law, to elect three Trustees for said Ballinger Independent School District, as provided by the amended special act of the 9th Legislature of Texas, creating and regulating the said Ballinger Independent School District.

H. Zdaril is appointed manager of said election.

L. C. Alexander,
 Pres. Board Trustees.
 E. D. Walker,
 Sec. Board Trustees.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

M. Kleberg, Jr.
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 Ballinger, - - Texas
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Difference in Eggs

It is interesting to note that the different markets demand different colored eggs. The Mediterranean class of fowls lay a white egg, while the American classes lay yellow eggs. Just why the epicures of the large cities have such educated ideas there has really been no satisfactory explanation. It is said that Chicago has very little choice between white and brown eggs, although often white eggs demand a little higher price. In Boston the opposite is true. The market there for brown eggs is always a little above that of white eggs. Strange to relate, the retail dealers in these cities demand a uniformity in the size of eggs. Where fancy prices are paid considerable attention is given to the color of the eggs placed on the market. One never sees a case of large and small eggs or brown and white eggs in any of the big city markets. Quite an evolution in the egg market has been worked in the past five years. Previously eggs commanded 10 and 12 cents per dozen during the summer months. Now they are never below 20 and 25 cents.

A Little Turkey Talk

I will try give the readers of dear old Farm and Ranch my experience in raising turkeys. I raise a few for the market every year, and in the spring my trouble begins—watching the hens to see where they make their nests. They do love to hide. Every evening I gather up the eggs and keep them in a dark, cool place until I have 100 or more, and then I get several hens at the same time, usually placing 18 to 20 eggs under one hen. When they hatch I give the little fellows a good feed of curd and black pepper and put them in a small pen at first day, providing there is plenty of sunshine, for they love to lie in the sun and sleep. The next day I turn them out in green seed after the dew is gone. It will not do for them to get wet the first day of their lives. Take all the hens away from the young except two or three. Three hens will take care of 100 little ones. In about two weeks the hens separated from the little ones, will begin to lay again.—Mrs. Dehl, in Farm & Ranch.

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

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to those who were so kind to our son and brother during his illness and death. Especially do we want to thank the nurse, Mrs. Ethel Waite, and the doctor, Dr. Thompson. We thank all our friends and assure you one and all that we appreciate what you did for us in administering to the wants of our brother and son.

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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.

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

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YOU MAY NOT NEED IT NOW

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Here is a simple home made mixture given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases, who makes the statement that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; painful and discolored urinations, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe. Try it:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon one ounce; Compound Sarsaparilla three ounces. Take a tea spoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

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

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.

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JO WILMETH
PAUL TRIMMIER
FOR CITY MARSHAL:
TOM LIVELY
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See Morehead, the Tailor.

J. O. Tillery visited San Angelo last Sunday.

Bartlett's Studio is the home of good photographs.

Have you seen Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co's. Millinery and fine dress goods.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

For furniture and wall paper go to Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., they will save you money.

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

Judge Powell says his father and mother were both Irishmen and he celebrated St. Patrick's day by buying his wife a new surry.

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.

Rev. Geo. W. Fender and Tom Lankford attended the Presbytery of the Presbyterian church U. S. A. at Santa Anna this week. The meeting adjourned Wednesday and the delegates returned home Thursday.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

If it is new you will find it at Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, of San Angelo, is here this week, the guest of friends.

Prices are right at Bartlett's Photo Studio.

R. W. Bruce is improving his home on Broadway by the addition of a new room.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison of San Angelo, came down on the noon train Tuesday to attend the Gustavus-Morgan wedding.

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

Miss Katie Turner, a former Ballinger girl, but now of Gail, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell.

Kodak work finished promptly at Bartlett's Studio.

Mrs. D. C. Simpson and W. W. Chastain went to Brownwood last Monday to attend the wedding of their son and brother, Elmer Simpson.

Save some money on builder's hardware at Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

R. A. Bishop was in from Crews, first of the week. He called at the Leader office to leave an order for the weatherman to send some rain out his way.

The car containing the household goods of R. T. Williams, arrived Thursday. His family will follow in a few days. Mr. Williams is the congenial manager of the Higginbotham, Currie Williams Co., and we welcome such men and his estimable family to our midst.

See Kinzer for post cards.

Walter Cox of Miles was a visitor in our city Sunday, the guest of one of our fair young ladies.

More for the money at Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co's. We stand ready to prove it.

Just a few more days in which to buy Embroidery at 33 1-3 discount.—Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

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

We regret to report that the little child of Mr and Mrs. Tom Lively is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller were in from Wingate first of the week and Mrs. Miller went to Brownwood to visit relatives.

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

Grand opening of the Write City Tuesday night March 23. Ladies Free.

M. D. Oliver, of San Saba, was called here first of the week on the account of the illness of his son, who died Tuesday.

Troy Simpson, the Leader's all-round man and an allround good boy, visited in Brownwood this week to see his brother get married.

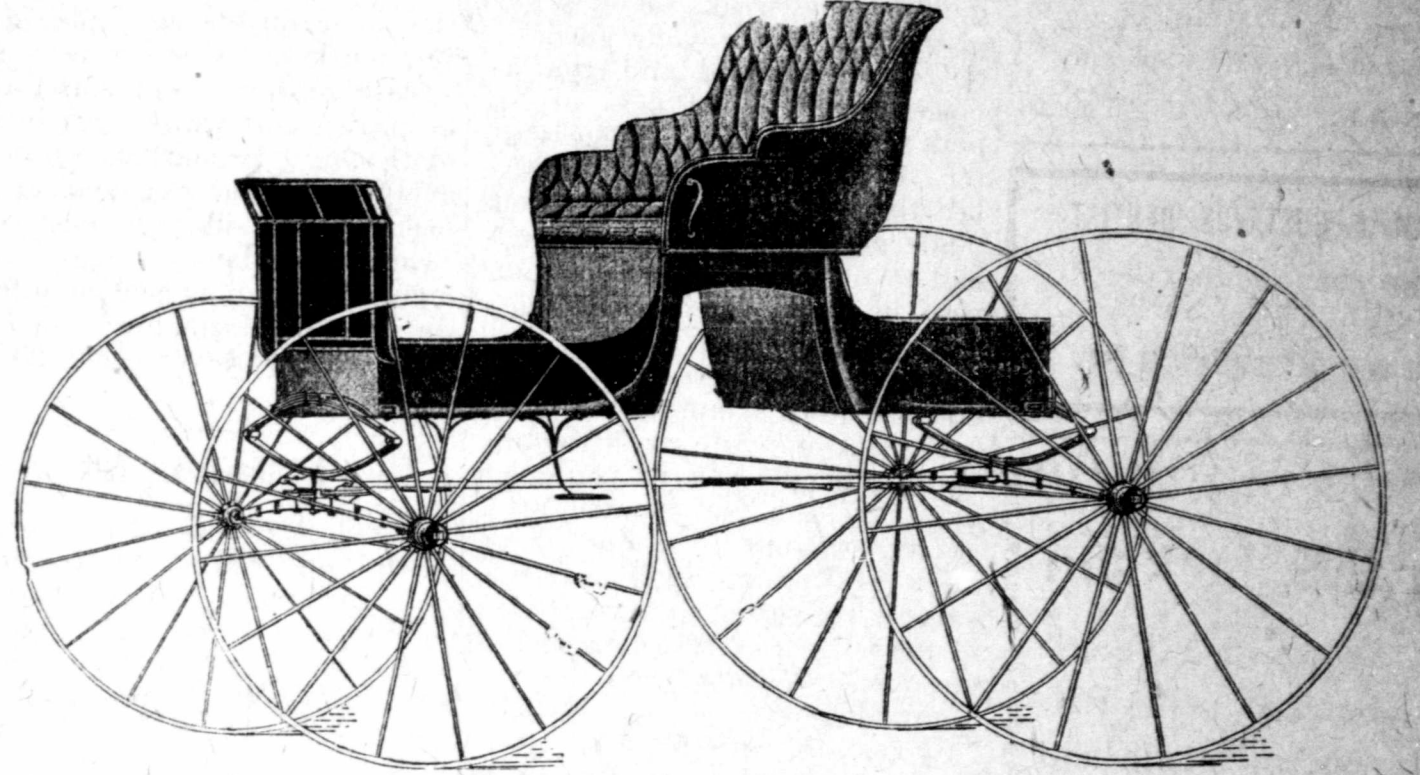
Mrs. Geo. Wright and little son who are here from Sweetwater, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Doose, wen to San Angelo first of the week to visit relatives and friends.

We regret to report that J. R. McAdams, who has been in bad health for several months, is not getting along well. He left yesterday for Mineral Wells, accompanied by his son-in-law, S. N. Allison.

See Morehead, the Tailor.

We Have Added a New Line

We have added to our stock of Saddles, Harness and Leather Goods a carload of Cole Buggies, Phaetons, Surreys. Etc.



We are in a position to save you money on this well known line of buggies, and we ask you to call and see them. The Cole Buggy has advantages that no other buggy can claim and we will be glad to show you these good features.

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Mrs. Ed Kelley is reported quite sick this week.

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W. S. Mullin had business in San Angelo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Douglas left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth to attend the fat stock show.

Chas. Furgason went to Fort Worth last Sunday to attend the Cattlemen's convention and will visit Cleburne before returning home.

W. R. Carrol of Denver, Colo., arrived Monday on a visit to his sister, Mrs. W. E. Barbee, whom he had not seen in a number of years.

H. Giesecke and little boy went to San Antonio Monday, where Mr. Giesecke has relatives and where he went to look after business matters.

Mrs. A. C. Homann and children of Rowena, are here this week, the guests of Mrs. W. J. Miller, Mrs. H. Giesecke and other friends.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, of Austin, is here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Adolph Wilke, and looking around with a view of moving to Ballinger.

The tea given by the Junior B. Y. P. U. at the residence of their president, Miss Lola Thompson, Saturday night met with quite a success, both socially and financially. An interesting program was rendered during the evening.

Dr. R. C. Wallis and Charlie Northington visited San Angelo yesterday, making the trip in the doctor's auto.

Rev. Whithurst, presiding elder of the Brownwood district of the Methodist church, was here first of the week enroute to his home at Brownwood. He had been making a trip over the district.

T. J. Osteen, the pioneer eating house man of Ballinger was here this week looking around like he wanted to come back to Ballinger. Mr. Osteen left Ballinger more than a year ago, and is now living at Hamlin. We believe that he will not be satisfied until he gets back to Ballinger.

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