

Children, We are Going to Make Your Hearts Glad by Showing You Pretty Easter Hats.

SATURDAY and MONDAY, MARCH 27-29, 1909.

Higdon Melton Jackson Co.
INCORPORATED
THE STORE AHEAD



Children, this is an Opening for you. It's gotten up solely for you and we want you to come here Saturday morning and Monday afternoon and help us make it a grand success. The hat that you most desire—the one you now have in mind to go with that pretty Easter dress you have been telling mama about is here. Miss Bigham and Mrs. Harris and their assistants will take special pains to help you make your selection, as well as entertain you in the best way possible. Now, come and be with us. It's Children's Day, Saturday morning and Monday afternoon from 3 to 6:30. Bring mamma with you but come. You are welcome.

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What We Will Have on Sale for You.—Pretty Milan Straw hats with plain sash, to the finest Leghorns, Chip, Tuscan effect. All beautifully trimmed in daisies, roses, ribbon, all to make the Misses and children more beautiful than ever before. We ask you to come, criticise, just the same as your mother would. But come, a souvenir Saturday.

In the Ready-to-wear Section

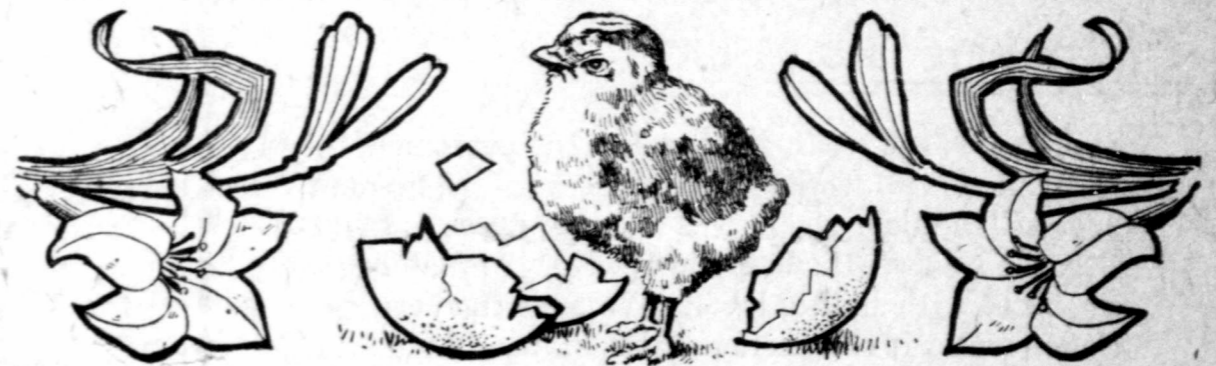
A more complete stock of Wash Suits, Lingerie Dresses, Silk Costumes, (new arrival) skirts for women and Misses and shirt waists has never been shown before in a town the size of Ballinger. Lend us your presence.

Exquisite Showing of Easter Millinery

While this is being written, we were notified by the expressman that we had three dozen Hats in the office and by the time this reaches you they will be out, marked and on display. They are Tailored Hats and Pattern Hats of Straw Materials trimmed in ribbon and flowers. They will be suitable for general wear and you are sure to be pleased with them. Prices range \$10.00, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$6.50, \$5.00 and **\$3.50**

Pretty Little Easter Rabbits, Eggs, Etc. Here

Every child wants something to remind them of Easter coming. Well, this season we have prepared for your wants. These little Easter novelties will make your little hearts glad when you see them. You know Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. never forget your wants. Come and see the goods. Paper cards, novelties, eggs, rabbits, chicks, ducks, etc. Ask to be shown, really, its no trouble. We are always glad to have you come here.



Boy's Clothing Specially Priced this Week. Other Things that Will Please You.



Young Men's Clothes.

Just look at that coat. It would look the same on you, give you just the same shoulder, the collar will be just as snug, the lapels will hang as properly on your body as they do in the illustration. Notice the extra length of the coat. Realize what a smart effect the coat presents. Its different, radically different, from the kind usually sold as first class. Its in fine good taste. Ederheimer Stein clothes are clothes that are made for young men and boys and are made right too. We have every style and color combination thats new here. Young Men's Suits at \$15.00, 12.50, 10.00, 8.50 and **\$5.00**

A Sale of Boy's Clothes This Week.

We saw lots of clothes that would have cost nearly as much as Xtragood clothes but they weren't extra good so we paid a little more to give a little more satisfaction. All the pants have the "Seat of Wear" and thats where the wear is the hardest. Really two pair of pants sewed together, because there is a lining all the way through just as in a coat. It is not heavy enough to make them un-wearable in hot weather, but its strong enough to double the service.

Opening Week—A Sale of Boy's Clothing, all Knickerbocker Styles too.
All \$6.00 Suits, Opening week...\$5.10 All \$4.50 Suits, Opening week...\$3.83
All \$5.50 Suits, Opening week... 4.68 All \$4.00 Suits, Opening week... 3.40
All \$5.00 Suits, Opening week... 4.25 All \$3.50 Suits, Opening week... 2.98
YOU NEED A SUIT FOR EASTER AND NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

Boy's Furnishings, Etc.

Boy's Negligee Shirts with attached collars at 98c, 75c and 50c
Boy's Knickerbocker Trousers at \$1.50, 1.25, 98c and 50c
Boy's Black Cat and Cadet Stockings, world's best at the price, only 25c
Boy's Outing Caps in all the spring colors and the blue serge at 75c, 50c, 25c
Boy's Spring Hats in olive, tan, brown and black \$2.00, 1.50, 1.25, 1.00 and 50c
Boys, make this your shopping place. Its just one price. You can trade here with the same satisfaction as those who have had years of experience.



Children's Underwear

Children's Drawers, made of good quality damask, cut fine, nicely made, sizes 0, 1, 2 3 at per pair 15c and 49c
Children's Night Gowns, made of extra good quality damask, trimmed in nice embroidery and lace insertion 10c
Children's Underbodies, made of fine bleached drilling taped throughout and buttoned backs. 1 to 4 yrs. 10c
Children's Underskirts, made of nice cambric and trimmed in swiss embroidery and lace insertion. each 50c

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Children's Shoes

Give your child's feet the same attention that you do your own. This department is filled with all that is new and stylish in fine children's footwear.
Misses Strap slippers in ox-blood, tan and patent leather, 1/2 school heel, sizes 12 1/2 to 2. Price \$2 and **\$1.48**
Others at \$1.25 and 98c
Children's one-strap slipper, in patent Leather, tan and ox-blood, with or without heel, sizes 3 to 5 **98c**
5 1/2 to 8 at \$1.25 and \$1.48.

Hats, Hats, Hats.

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

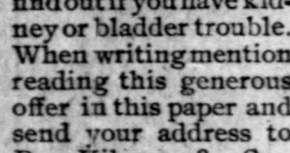
Do You Get Up With a Lame Back?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everyone knows of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because of its remarkable health restoring properties. Swamp-Root fulfills almost every wish in overcoming rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night.

Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been thoroughly tested in private practice, and has proved so successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root, and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.

When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Home of Swamp-Root, Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles are sold by all druggists. Don't make any mistake but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



COOPERS GUILTY.

The famous murder case which has been on trial in Nashville, Tenn., for the last two months came to a close last Saturday morning when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, finding Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper guilty of murder in the second degree and assessing the penalty at twenty years in the penitentiary.

The Coopers were charged with the killing of Ex-Senator Carmack. Senator Carmack had criticized Duncan B. Cooper and Cooper resented the criticism. The Coopers and Carmack met on the streets and Carmack was killed. The killing has been the cause of much comment on the account of the prominence of Carmack and the circumstances surrounding the killing. Cooper has been a leader in politics in Tennessee for many years, and he has many friends who have done everything possible to pull him out of the trouble. Carmack was an able man and his friends have left nothing undone to see that the Coopers were punished for the crime, and the killing has caused a breach in Tennessee politics that time only can remove, and it will take a long time, too.

ROWENA TRADE'S DAY.

On April 3rd Rowena will have its second Trade's Day. Come and bring your trading stock. Several races matheled for the day also broncho busting and a good time in general assured.

MISERY IN STOMACH IS ENDED FOREVER

Tells reader how to relieve Indigestion in five Minutes

Why not start now—today, and forever rid yourself of Stomach trouble and Indigestion? A dieted stomach gets the blues and grumbles. Give it a good eat, then take Pape's Diapepsin to start the digestive juices working. There will be no dyspepia or belching of Gas or eructations of undigested food; no feeling like a lump of lead in the stomach or heart-burn, sick headache or Dizziness, and your food will not ferment and poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin costs only 50 cents for a large case at any drug store here, and will relieve the most obstinate case of Indigestion and upset stomach in five minutes.

There is nothing else better to take Gas from Stomach and cleanse the stomach and intestines, and besides, one trangle will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all your food the same as a sound, healthy stomach would do it.

When Diapepsin works, your stomach rests—gets itself in order, cleans up—and then you feel like eating when you come to the table, and what you eat will do you good.

Absolute relief from all Stomach Misery is waiting for you as soon as you decide to begin taking Diapepsin. Tell your druggist that you want Pape's Diapepsin, because you want to be thoroughly cured of Indigestion.

JOURNALISM UP TO DATE.

We once heard a story of a managing editor of a great daily, who advertised for a new reporter. A young lady responded to the call, saying she was willing to do anything that a lady reporter would do. The editor answered, "Good, you are the girl I'm looking for. Now I want you to go right out and fall off a seven-teen story building, and then write up your sensations and give me a column for the evening edition."

Now, friends as we have no desire to resort to this means in order to have something to write about, we beg you to let us know any news item you may have, as it is our heart-felt wish, that all who read this paper will get all the news there is and that all our advertisers will be amply repaid in their expenditures and that the paper itself will be an honor to Rannels County.

Post cards for everybody at Kinzers.

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

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.
The Cash Grocery Co., composed of J. T. Dawson and John I. Guion, Sr., has this day dissolved, by mutual consent. Mr. Guion, Sr., retires from the firm while J. T. Dawson will continue the business and assume all liabilities. It
J. T. DAWSON,
JOHN I. GUION.

THIS IS SAID TO HELP MANY

Prepare at Home By Shaling Ingredients Well in a Bottle

Get from any prescription pharmacist the following:
Flued Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.
The above is considered as the most certain prescription ever written to relieve Bacheache, Kidney Trouble, Weak Bladder and all forms of Urinary difficulties. This mixture acts promptly on the eliminative tissues of the Kidneys, enabling them to filter and strain the uric acid and other waste matter from the blood which causes Rheumatism.

Some persons who suffer with the afflictions may not feel inclined to place much confidence in this simple mixture, yet those who have tried it say the results are simply surprising, the relief being effected without the slightest injury to the stomach or other organs.

Mix some and give it a trial. It certainly comes highly recommended. It is the prescription of an eminent authority, whose entire reputation, it is said, was established by it.

A druggist here at home, when asked, stated that he could either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription for our readers, also recommends it as harmless.

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. Imo

GOVERNMENT COTTON REPORT.

The Government cotton report for 1908 has just been issued and gives the number of bales of cotton raised last year 13,563,942, and the number of gins in the United States 27,578.

No Need of Scratching
Other afflictions may be more painful, but none more annoying than many forms of itching trouble. The quickest and most reliable remedy for itching diseases of any character is Hunt's Cure. One application relieves—one box guaranteed to cure. Imo

Man Dyeing at Stocklas Tailor Shop

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

Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixirs cures diarrhoea, dysentary, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies.

Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce. Imo

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

Do Not Suffer

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

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.

R. L. SHAFER SPREADING OUT

The writer accepted an invitation to call around and see the new line of buggies that had just been received at the saddle and harness store of R. L. Shaffer. Mr. Shaffer is adding this line of business to his saddle and harness business, and the line of vehicles added are made by the Cole Carriage Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., and have the reputation of being splendid vehicles. Mr. Watson, a former citizen of Ballinger, is secretary of the Cole Carriage Co., and is known to many of the old citizens of the town, having lived here during the early days. The Cole people are catering to the Texas trade. They are familiar with the requirements of Texas and know that their buggies, surreys, hacks, etc., will give good service in this section. Mr. Shaffer has just received a full car of the Cole buggies, pheonians, etc., and he will be glad to have you call and see his line before you buy.

FAIR WARNING TO EVERYBODY

I positively will not allow any one to hunt, fish or trespass in my pasture. This means everybody—friends and all. No one will be permitted and I will prosecute to the limit all trespassers. Fair warning, take notice, stay out and avoid trouble. Pasture located on Mustang Creek.
H. VANDERVANTER.

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

PILES
A cure guaranteed if you use RUDY'S Suppository
Dr. H. D. McMill, Charleston, Tenn., writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. Davenport, Farm Road, W. Va., writes: "They give universal satisfaction." Dr. E. D. McMill, Charleston, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 25 years, I have found no remedy to equal yours." Price, 50 Cents. Samples Free. Sold by Druggists. MARTIN RUDY, LANCASTER, PA.

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

Do You
Do you have a Bank Account? Do you pay your bills by check? Have you stopped to consider the advantages of transacting your business by this method? Every check you issue in payment of bills is eventually returned to you to be retained as a receipt for the money paid.
If you have no bank account come to this bank and make your first deposit, and let us help you to systematize your business. We furnish you with a bank book and checks.
First National Bank
Ballinger, - Texas.

DR. U. E. G. DYER
Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.
Office over Bennett Abstract Co., Ballinger

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.
A Safe, Certain Relief for Suppressed Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! There's Speedy Relief! Guaranteed Satisfaction. Guaranteed! Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per box. Will send three on trial, to be paid for when ordered. Samples Free. If your druggist does not have them send your orders to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.

OSTERTAG FURNITURE COM'Y
Undertakers and Licensed Embalmers
All details looked after
Day Phone 434 Night Phone 77

B. F. Allen
The House Moving Man.
I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.
Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

HERE TO STAY
Able to do your work Satisfaction guaranteed Solicit your sign painting. Leave orders at Express office.
S. S. PRINGE Jr.

AMERICAN BEAUTY CORSETS
"DAINTY AS THE ROSE"
Any woman who chooses an inferior corset, is sure to ruin her figure. Wear an AMERICAN BEAUTY \$1.00 to \$5.00
It will improve the appearance of any gown that is worn over it.
KALAMAZOO CORSET CO.
Exclusive Makers
KALAMAZOO, MICH.
Because we believe in them we sell and recommend them.
THE HUB, Ballinger, Texas

Cash Kash Cash
Notice One and All
On and after March 1st 1909, I will put my Business, on a cash basis to one and all, no favoritism shown.
JO HARDIN, WOOD AND COAL
So Please Don't Ask for Credit. PHONE 212

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

Jones, Walton & Co.
The Hardware and Implement People of Ballinger
We want your business and will give you value received for every dollar you spend with us. We sold 55 Sanders Disc Plows during December and January. Are selling Lone Star Cultivators, R. I. Special Sulkeys, Weber Wagons and Yale Buggies and Hacks every day.
In short, we have anything you need in Hardware or Implements.
We do Pipe Work and solicit your patronage in this line.
Jones, Walton & Co.
AFTER BUSINESS

The Gateway to Success
is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.
Some carry keys, others who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. LISTEN!!!
No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank
No man ever opened the gateway to success without that master key of opportunity--A Bank Account. Whether you deposit your money and check it out, or leave it to grow to large proportions, start a bank account, and do it right away.
We offer you our Bank and its facilities to help you.
The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Keep Your Eye
on
M. D. CHASTAIN,
the Grocer.
He's leaving the corner.

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

R. S. GRIGGS,
County Judge

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

J. E. POWELL
CIVIL ENGINEER & SURVEYOR.

Plans, Specifications and Estimates made on any kind of work and work superintended.
Land Surveying a Specialty.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, DENTIST

Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone No. 92

Office over Citizens National Bank

Dr. C. S. Jackson

the Brownwood Veterinary Surgeon, visits Ballinger once a month and will treat your sick or diseased stock.

M. C. Smith

.....ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.....

Office up-stairs
in C. A. Doose
Building.

Examining Land Titles
A Specialty.

Harris & Shepherd,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW—

Collection,
and Land
Litigation
Specialties

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STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.
BALLINGER, TEXAS

M. Kleberg, Jr.

Attorney-at-Law

Ballinger, - - Texas

Office over Ballinger State
Bank and Trust Company

Live Oak Flour the best at
Miller Mercantile Company
guaranteed.

Hulls and Meal

COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive value than common hay which costs 50 per cent more; is more convenient to handle, is perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and is healthful and appetizing.

COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

THE MIXED FEED forms a "balanced ration," giving better results, increased milk and butter production in Cows, and in Flesh, Fat and general condition in all animals than any other feed in the World

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

CAUSE FOR ALARM

Loss of Appetite or Distress After Eating
a Symptom that Should not be Disregarded

Appetite is just a natural desire for food. Loss of appetite or stomach distress after eating indigestion or dyspepsia. Over-eating is a habit very dangerous to a person's good general health and insatiable appetite is a sure symptom of diabetes.

It is not what you eat but what you digest and assimilate that does you good. Some of the strongest, heaviest and healthiest persons are moderate eaters. There is nothing that will create sickness or cause more trouble than a disordered stomach, and many people daily contract serious maladies simply through disregard or abuse of the stomach.

We urge everyone in Ballinger who is suffering from any stomach derangement, indigestion or dyspepsia, whether acute or chronic, to try Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets, with the distinct understanding that we will refund their money without question or formality, if after reasonable use of this medicine, they are not perfectly satisfied with the results. We recommend them to our customers every day, and have yet to hear of anyone who has not been benefited by them. We honestly believe them to be without equal. They are made from the prescription of a physician who devoted all his time to the study and treatment of stomach troubles. They give very prompt relief, neutralize the gastric juices, strengthen the digestive organs, create good digestion and assimilation, naturally regulate the bowels, promote perfect nutrition, and create a permanent cure of all unhealthy symptoms.

We urge you to try a 25c. box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets, which gives 15 days treatment. At the end of that time, your money will be returned to you if you are not satisfied. Of course in chronic cases length of treatment varies. For such cases, we have two larger sizes, which sell for 45c and 89c. The Walker Drug Co.

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.

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

McCAMPBELL SHOE STORE ANNIVERSARY OPENING

Ballinger was indeed given a metropolitan air last Friday, when the first anniversary of the McCampbell shoe store was celebrated.

One year ago last Friday this popular shoe store opened in Ballinger with a grand reception, which caused quite a sensation for its distinctive elegance.

And from the very start it has taken first rank in all that pertains to the shoe business, and that there are some things besides wine and song that grow rich and rare with age, is proven by the bustle and brilliance, din and dazzle, and their magnificent anniversary reception last Friday, added new luster to the artistic taste that stamps this house. All during the afternoon and evening a Mexican band, hidden by a group of slender leaf palms, played the sweetest strains of music, while the visitors, over a thousand in number, were refreshed by delicious fruit nectar, gracefully served by Misses Hattie Hutton and Mae Penn in the afternoon, and in the evening by Misses Louise Orgain and Ellie Ward.

To each guest was given, as a souvenir, a ticket to the Vaudette our most popular playhouse. The gentlemen were also given a fine cigar each.

Their goods were very attractively displayed under canopies of green and white. The credit of the decorations is due to Mr. McCampbell's valuable employe, Mr. Bob Stanton.

The "Runnels Co. girls" pump, which was specially designed and named in honor of the young ladies of our county were on exhibition.

Indeed there was the finest and most elegant line of shoes that has ever been made in the west.

In men's shoes were shown the Stacy Adams, Bostonians and Berry.

In the ladies' shoes were the Dorothy Dodd and Dupit evening slippers, in the most exquisite styles, and pastel shades of pink, blue lavender, champagne and white, and they were to be seen in suede and satin, with buckles or bows, embroidered or beaded, in fact they had on exhibition shoes that would suit the taste of the most fastidious. The Banner-Leader takes off its hat to such a store, which is indeed an honor to our town.

A test of far reaching importance was made on Monday when an automobile was substituted for the regular horse delivery on one of the rural routes leading from Fort Worth. The test made, proved highly satisfactory both to the postoffice authorities and to the representatives of the company manufacturing the machines. A thorough tryout will be given the machines and if they prove satisfactory it is probable that the days of the horse and wagon for the delivery of the mails on rural routes are numbered.

The experiment Monday was made by Jerome Ashley, carrier on Route 3, who covered his route of twenty-five miles and served over a hundred families in two hours and forty-one minutes. The usual time required to cover the same route with a horse and buggy is seven and one half hours.

This makes a saving in time of nearly 300 per cent and figuring upon this basis, Uncle Sam would soon save the cost of the automobiles by having one carrier with an auto do the work that is now done by three carriers with horse and cart. The trip of Monday was the first of a series that will be made and, if it is determined that this method of serving the farmer with his mail is more economical than the former plan, the use of autos will be probably become general.

The machine used on Route 3 is a run-about, weighing about 1,200 pounds, and a representative of the company that manufactures the machine drove the auto on this first test trip and will do so again Tuesday. Wednesday Mr. Ashley will manipulate the horseless buggy by himself. Later in the week the same scheme will be given a try-out at Dublin and Kerrville, thus making a thorough test of points representative of the whole state. The roads are fine for the test over the state now, barring the dust, and everything is favorable to the introduction of the machines.—Fort Worth Record.

Live Oak Flour guaranteed none better. Miller Mercantile Co.

HOG RAISING AND DIVERSIFICATION

Paper read by Tom Frazier, before the recent meeting of the Texas Swine Breeders association at Sherman:

That true success in practical farming can only be attained by growing a variety of crops, or as it is called by the agricultural press, diversification, is so well established that it seems any argument along that line would be useless. In the general scheme of diversification one of the most important items is that of raising necessary supplies for use of home first, and a money crop as a secondary matter.

I believe that cotton should always form part of the scheme and one of the money crops, but there are others, one among them being the lowly porker. The first thought in growing hogs on the farm should be to supply the home with its yearly supply of bacon, hams and lard, and also a part of the fresh meat used. After having the home supplied then a few, or as many as circumstances and inclinations will for the market. It is only a few years since the ordinary farmer who only had a few hogs to sell was dependent on the buyer, who had to ship to St. Louis or Kansas City and who necessarily had to have a good long margin of profit. Now all this is changed. We have unlimited market at the various packeries in Texas for all the hogs, mutton sheep and fat cattle that can be raised.

With the rural telephones now in almost every farm home and the rural delivery allowing every farmer to have the benefit of the daily newspapers with reliable market reports, the farmer is in a position to know just what his market stuff is worth at home. Another thing now, the man with only one or two hogs has a market, for the local shipper can put a few hogs in the car with his cattle and thus avoid waiting to get a straight car load. To the farmer living near a town there is always a good market for country-made sausage, backbones, spareribs, hams and lard at good prices, netting him much more than can be made in any other way. I have in mind a man who has created such an enormous demand for his pork products that he advertises to be at a certain corner at a certain hour on certain days with his products, and to see the crowds one might almost imagine it was a patent medicine vendor or a hypnotic faker of some other description.

Now, of course, this man nor any other man who succeeds in the hog business uses scrub hogs, if he did his trade would soon wane, but instead uses well bred hogs, well fed hogs and young succulent pasture crops, possibly with peanuts or peas as a side dish, but finished off with that king of all feeds when it comes to the finishing or fattening period—good old Indian corn.

Another man I know has this past year sold more than \$300 worth of hogs after supplying his family, a large one, too, and having pigs enough for another year.

and this from three cows and without buying a pound of feed. He is a small farmer, too, and does his own work, and yet finds time for his children to attend school regularly. This man also has seed oats to sell, a few bales of cotton, a colt or two and a few calves, yet he has only 130 acres. I use him merely as an illustration as to what a small farmer can do by growing and judiciously marketing a variety of crops or diversifying. I have seen the word diversify in the press until I can almost see it in

my dreams of mansions in the sky and yet it is a good doctrine and a good farm gospel and should be practiced as well as preached.

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Roosevelt is off for Africa. Look out for snake stories.

If you are a property owner in Ballinger and hold both a city and county poll tax receipt you can help to build more school buildings. Vote for the bond issue.

Say, Mr. Delinquent Tax Payer, did you know your neighbor was paying your children's school bill? If you haven't paid your Independent school tax, you should do so and, at least, help educate your own children.

Ballinger Banner-Leader: 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.

Ballinger is veritably a rock-ribbed city. Its solid stone commercial, residential and religious structures give that town a substantial aspect not common to most others of its size. There may be some who think the Ballinger building stone does not make pretty houses, but beauty is an arbitrary quality, and anything in the way of a building that looks good a hundred years from now is pretty in the sight of all practical eyes.—State Press in Dallas News.

Politics are red hot over in the Hopkins county district, and it begins to look now like Ex-(pelled)-Senator Thomas is going to have a run for his money. He returned home after being expelled from the senate and entered the race for re-election, and his re-election was predicted at first, but he has since made some bad breaks and his opponent has been gaining ground. Thomas is a peculiar character, to say the least of him, and the way he says things and then takes it back and says something worse is not building confidence for him.

While we are thinking of the city election to be held the first Tuesday in April we should not forget that another election of just as much, if not more, importance will be held on the first Saturday in April. The election we refer to is the school trustee election. D. M. Baker, W. T. Padgett and E. D. Walker will retire from the board unless they are again elected. The school trustee's place at this particular time is an important one, and the best men should be elected. These men are familiar with the work in hand, and if they will serve should be re-elected.

Ballinger is to have a fifty thousand dollar hotel. This will settle the question of hotel facilities. For some time this cry has been more hotel room. Last fall during the busy season of the crop harvesting there were many nights when people were compelled to sleep on their feet. The town continues to grow, and the man with the money has come to the rescue, and will have the hotel ready before the fall rush strikes the town. The hotel will be modern and will be a credit to the town and stand as a monument to G. G. Odom. Hurrah for the Central!

It seems from the picture that cotton is hauled into Ballinger upon ox wagons. But, judging from the receipts at that market, the oxen get there with the goods.—Dallas News.

Fifty-one thousand does sound a little big, but that is what the count is up to date, with more to come. The ox team that hauled cotton here during the season has been pretty well advertised on account of the working of oxen being something unusual in this country. It was necessary to work oxen though, and everything else that could pull a wagon to get the large cotton crop to market. Perhaps by another season the ox teams will be replaced with auto wagons.

Ballinger is to have a sixty thousand dollar hotel. This will settle issue election. Ballinger people are nearly all of the same opinion. They realize the situation and know there is no other way out of it except to issue bonds and provide a means of education for our children. We go in debt individually and pay a heavy rate of interest when we do so, and for things of far less importance than the education of our children. If we can borrow money at 4 or 5 per cent interest with which to educate our children, and there is no other way to get it, we should jump at the chance. We are glad to know that there is very little opposition to the bond issue.

The stock farmers in Runnels county, as well as the country in general, are improving their stock by introducing better grades. They are waking up to the realization that it is just as cheap to raise a hundred dollar colt as it is a ten dollar colt, and just as cheap to raise a hundred dollar colt as it is a ten dollar colt, and just as cheap to raise a twenty dollar yearling as it is a seven and a half yearling, and a great deal more profitable. The farmer who takes some pride in the kind of stock he raises is the one who generally has money in the bank and finds a ready market for what he produces. This is an age of advancement and progress, and we are glad to see that the progressive spirit is not confined to the town interests but prevails on the farm and on the ranch.

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PROMINENT CITIZEN OPPOSES BONDS

Judge Jno. I. Guion Says Bond Issue Wrong
Pleads with Voters to Investigate

To the tax payers of the Ballinger Independent School District: The Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, have ordered an election to be held to determine whether or not an additional issue of bonds to the amount of \$20,000 shall be made claiming that it is necessary to erect another large school building immediately to accommodate the children of the scholastic age.

I wish to sound a note of warning, to put the people to thinking, to investigate for themselves, that they may vote intelligently on this question and not be swept away by the specious arguments of a few interested people, and by the cry "Ballinger is a great city and we must not let our children grow up in ignorance for the lack of school buildings."

Do not take it for granted, that there is "a great necessity for another large building" but ask your County Superintendent of Education, how many rooms our present buildings contain, how many pupils regularly attend the school, how many pupils are taught in each room, ask him if it is not a fact, that some rooms have only about fifteen or twenty pupils, while others are crowded, by reason of a new fangled mode of classifying and teaching, ask him if the erection of three more rooms would not sup-

ask him if children not entitled to attend the Public Schools are not crowded into our Ballinger school, overs and under, ask him, if it is not a fact that the highest salaried instructors, have the fewest number of pupils to teach and that those receiving the least salary have the crowded rooms, then ask him, if this can not be remedied, ask him if it will require an issue of twenty thousand dollars to remedy the trouble. Investigate the expense account of your public schools for the years 1907 and 1908, see if its affairs have been economically administered, in a manner that you would conduct your private business. Do all these things for yourself, intelligent voter, before you vote to burden yourself and your property with an additional \$20,000 in bonds. Remember that an issue of \$20,000, means \$60,000 to be collected in taxes before the bonds can be paid off.

The tax payers of the Ballinger Independent School District are practically the same as those of the town of Ballinger—we already have a School bonded indebtedness of \$20,000, a city bonded indebtedness of \$49,000, which requires a tax collection each year of \$5,050 to pay the interest thereon and create the lawful sinking fund. Now issue \$20,000 more as you are urged to do, and you will have an additional amount of \$1,500 to pay each year to pay the interest and create the legal sinking fund for this additional \$20,000 bond issue, making an aggregate sum of \$6,550 to be paid in taxes each year for the next forty years on our bonded indebtedness. In addition to this we pay a School Tax, not a City Tax, of 35 cents on the hundred dollars valuation, for maintenance of our schools, which in round numbers amounts to \$7,000.

In round numbers, our available school fund is, or will be, \$13,000 per year, now with a scholastic population of 750. It does seem to me, that it does not or should not require the expenditure of this \$13,000—but that out of this amount we should be able to save enough in the next two or three years to add three or four rooms to our present buildings, if they be really needed without the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds, even though we cut down the term to seven month for one year.

In addition to all this, these same people have just subscribed at least \$80,000 or rather obligated themselves to pay that amount to Morgan Jones for the building of a railroad to Ballinger, and their burdens are sufficiently heavy, unless it be necessary to increase them for furnishing the town with a plentiful supply of good water.

We are at the turning point in the history of the town. We do not know what the next two years will bring to Ballinger of weal and woe. Let's wait awhile and see what the next two years has in store for us, there will be plenty of time to assume other

and heavier burdens when it becomes absolutely necessary to do so and when we are assured that we can carry them without breaking down. A large bonded indebtedness scares the investor and drives away prosperity.

This article is not "a kick." It is not intended as a reflection on the Board of Trustees as to their management of the financial affairs of our Public Schools, but is simply an appeal to your reason and judgment by one who feels that there is no necessity for this bond issue. By one who favors the upbuilding of Ballinger and Her Educational Institutions by every proper and legitimate means. The figures given are correct and you can verify them for yourselves.

You will be told, and exceedingly plausible articles will be written to convince you, that this bond issue will not increase your taxes "one cent," that the "rate can and will only be 15 cents on the dollar, and consequently your taxes will be no higher." I wish to say now that any such statement will be absolutely false, and made to deceive you. Common sense will convince you that it will require twice as much tax to pay the interest and create a sinking fund for the \$40,000 as it will for half that amount, \$20,000.

The property owners of Ballinger Independent School District are already paying over \$30,000 per year in taxes including, state, county, city and school. Don't you think that enough, for what you receive from the public, can you figure out \$30,000 per year in benefits?

This is just to put you to thinking for yourselves. If the tax payers would like to hear a public discussion of this question, I will meet in joint debate any citizen favoring this bond issue, except a paid speaker, at any time at the court house in Ballinger.

Remember that if the town continues to grow, we will be compelled to raise money to supply our citizens with water, and it is my opinion that we need a system of water works at this very moment, and I favor the issuance of bonds for that purpose to the utmost limit of the law, but believe we can do without

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another \$20,000 school building for several years yet, at least until the town has grown to such dimensions, that such a building, if ever needed, should be built in West End addition. I am willing to pay taxes on every dollar of my property for all time to come to furnish the people of this town with good, wholesome, healthy water in abundance. Which do we need most, a perfect system of waterworks, or another costly school building in which to teach Latin or Greek?

Respectfully,
JOHN I. GUION.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

William Jennings Bryan will speak at Brownwood on Friday, April 2nd. The Santa Fe will give excursion rates.

A terrific wind and electric storm destroyed the prosperous little village of Slidell in Wise county Wednesday morning. Thirteen people were killed.

Precinct No. 1 in Brown county will vote to issue \$100,000 worth of bonds for road building.

State Sunday School convention meets in Fort Worth tomorrow. This is a very important meeting and many delegates from all over the state will attend.

A storm struck Laredo Tuesday night destroying much property, killing one person and injuring four others.

Brownwood has at last secured free mail delivery. The service

is not in effect yet, but has been ordered by the department.

Fire destroyed the barn of Scott & Wilson at Fort Worth yesterday, burning to death 14 head of horses and two mules.

Three prisoners broke jail at Quannah Wednesday night. Each one had been sentenced for three years in the penitentiary. No capture has been effected as yet.

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SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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MRS. J. F. CURRIE ENTERTAINS MYSTIC WEAVERS

The premier function of the week was the reception Wednesday afternoon, given by Mrs. J. F. Currie complimentary to the "Mystic Weavers" and a number of friends.

It was a very large and dressy event. The hostess' home which always wafts the fragrance of a charming flower garden, was put into a special floral dress to greet her guests. The elegant reception hall, library and dining room which are ensuite, were filled with handsomely gowned matrons.

Pleasant conversation and repartee was entered into, and enjoyed with much spirit. The afternoon was topped off with delicious refreshments, consisting of bisque cream and a variety of elegant cake. The hostess was assisted in receiving and entertaining by Madams C. P. Shepherd, G. G. Odem, H. Zadaril and J. O. Grundy.

Those who had the honor of attending this delightful function were Mesdames John Weeks, J. W. Francis, W. F. Sharp, Lee Maddox, Jones, J. R. Lusk, Jim Patterson, J. O. Grundy, J. W. Powell, M. C. Smith, A. Schawe, W. J. Miller, G. G. Odem, I. Vancil, R. A. Risser, Jr., A. S. Love, Will Dunlap, W. B. Ray, J. E. Brewer, R. O. Walton, E. A. Trail, Will Penn, Cal Kirk, E. L. Hagan, Pat Douglas, R. B. Creasy, Harry Thompson, Geo. Holeman, D. Reeder, H. Zadaril, J. J. Erwin.

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MRS. W. E. BARBEE ENTERTAINS B. Y. P. U.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. was charmingly entertained by Mrs. W. E. Barbee last Saturday.

It had been Mrs. Barbee's intention to entertain these young people with a picnic at the park, but owing to the inclemency of the weather they spent a most enjoyable day at her home, with various games of amusement.

The furniture was removed from the dining room and the delightful picnic dinner was spread upon the floor, where the feast was enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Those present were Bula Stuart, Lila Thompson, Lola Thompson, Jessie Dickinson, Nelma Jackson, Nadine Currie, Bernadene Armstrong, Cola Barbee, Hallie Armstrong, Verd Ferris, Eric Stuart, Mary Stuart, Ruth Davis, Thelma Drew, Margäret, Raby, Ida Ray, Cockrell, and Ernest Thompson.

FORTY TWO PARTY.

A forty-two party that was given Thursday afternoon claimed Mrs. J. F. Currie as hostess.

Her pretty home was a veritable jardin des fleurs, so profuse and perfumy was each artistic room with spring blossoms, which added spice to the go and gayety of six games of "forty-two," coming to a close over delicious refreshments.

Those present were Mesdames John Weeks, H. Zadaril, C. P. Shepherd, G. G. Odem, Will Penn, J. G. Douglass, Will Dunlap, D. Reeder, Harry Thomson, J. O. Grundy, Oscar Pearson, Misses Georgia Vaughan, Mae Penn, Mira Penn, Bula Beal and Hermia Smith.

AN ENJOYABLE DANCE.

Friday night when the McCampbell Shoe Store closed their first anniversary celebration, the Mexican band from Coleman which had been playing for them was procured, and a crowd of the young people enjoyed a very pleasant dance at the rink. Fruit punch was served throughout the evening. Those present were: Misses Kate Guion, Helen Crosson, Lois Crews, Florence Westbrook, Mae Penn, Hattie Hutton, Blanche Baker Estelle Underwood; Messrs. Grace, Shaw, Deible, Stone, Grant, Penn, Stanton, Mayes, Travers and Winn; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Melton.

Lent is here and the devil is supposed to be off on a vacation however, it is a violent supposition, for the devil never takes a

rest and it is very evident he got in good work at Miles last week. "How did you vote? That's the question.

To license the hell-holes of sin? Did you vote that your boy May be ruined by entering in?

How did you vote? That's the question. That the soul of your boy may be lost?

Did you vote for the legalized traffic?

That so many heart-breaks have cost?

How did you vote? That's the question.

That your fellow man may go down?

To people the regions of darkness?

With his blood on the hem of your gown?

How did you vote? Will you tell us?

Did you vote for truth and right? Did you help to lift up the fallen?

And show them the pathway of light?

How did you vote? Will you tell us?

'Twas either for right or wrong. You voted to help make the drunkard

Or you voted to help make him strong."

THE SPRINGTIME OF LIFE.

The Lee King has called in his noisy, biting messengers that moaned and sighed in the leafless trees through the long winter nights.

He no longer hangs the icicle from the dripping caves or clothes the hill-sides and valleys in a garment of white, or scatters abroad his hoar frost, or lays icy fingers upon the waters.

Lo! Spring with her soft breezes, whispering in the tall tree-tops; with her bright sunshine dispelling the shadows from every corner, with her joyous songsters pouring fourth sweetest strains from every leafy bower, and arrayed in a robe as varied as the many colored flowers, is with us again.

Once more the merry song of the plow-boy is borne to us upon heard the song of the whippoorwill. All nature rejoices and exults in this happy change.

If nature is glad in the spring-time of the year, should not those who are in the spring-time of their lives be filled with hope and gladness?

Their paths are arched with a rainbow of many hopes and strewn with the choicest roses of promise.

One by one the great men and women are laying down the duties of life, and are passing over to the spirit land. You who are in the spring-time of life must step forward to take their places on the stage of action.

This country needs another Demosthenes to shake this rotten government from ocean to ocean and from the great lakes to the "Land of Flowers." We need another Galileo to sweep the telescope across the sky, and while the "curtains of night are pinned back by the stars," look into the far beyond and tell us of its mysteries. We need another Longfellow to strike chords of love in the human heart that shall echo and re-echo in strains far sweeter than those of an Eolian harp.

We need some more Kate Barnards to go about lifting up the fallen, carrying sunshine and joy into many dark homes and bringing aid to the needy.

They all must come from those who are in the spring-time of life.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flow leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat, and we must take the current when it serves or lose our ventures."

KENZER'S EASTER WINDOW.

Mrs. Clara Ransome, the valued employee of Mr. Kinzer's five and ten cent store, deserves much credit for the beautiful Easter window which she arranged for the pleasure of the passers-by.

The quaint little lake with miniature ducks, apparently swimming about, nests of Easter eggs, trees, birds and Easter lilies are indeed very artistically arranged, producing a most pleasing effect.

Society is very much wrought over an anticipated wedding ceremony, which, those who are supposed to know, say will be a most successful party most conserved by the least disturbed, relieving the anxiety and distress of the people.

d, the Tailor.

PROTECTION IS NEEDED.

The Palestine Herald thinks there should be some way of protecting homeseekers from the unconscionable "land shark," but does not know what provision can be made to remedy this evil.

Well, in a measure the homeseeker could protect himself. In the first place, he ought to know that the "land shark" is a boomer, and he should not rely upon that individual exclusively for information concerning the community in which he is seeking a location.

Let the real homeseeker go to a community, take his time and make his investigations for himself, and he is not apt to be seriously hurt. If he will mingle freely with the business men of the town, and visit the farmers on their farms, and in an intelligent manner seek information, those who will give him the "straight goods," he is not liable to be "sharked" very seriously. The "sharks" are not herding homeseekers in palace cars, and running them thousands of miles over the country, and then taking them out in hacks, buggies and automobiles to the land they have for sale just for the motive of philanthropy only.

While every true and patriotic citizen of Texas should rejoice to see his state grow and develop in all agricultural, commercial, manufacturing and other industrial pursuits he should seriously consider whether or not Texas lands are not being over-boomed.

It is not every citizen who comes to Texas and invests in land, who does so with the intentions of becoming a citizen. Many make investments purely for speculative purposes, and every tract purchased for such purpose only removes it further from the

reach of the actual settler, and to that extent retards the actual settlement and development of the country by those who would become bona fide citizens and producers.—Dallas News.

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THIS WEEK marks the beginning of our Spring and Summer women and children. **THIS WEEK** begins our demonstration of our great Higginbotham chain of stores in Texas. **THIS WEEK** we have a tile business when over one million dollars is back of our enterprise. **THIS WEEK** the result of buying in large quantities direct from the factory begins a cutting and slashing of prices never before witnessed. **THIS WEEK** it's yours for the asking. Come and investigate the bargains. **READ, READ** and re-read descriptions and prices of high quality goods. Come quick—for now is the accepted time. The sooner you

NEW FURNITURE, MATTINGS AND RUGS

How about some New Furniture for the Home---Something Worth While?

Davenports, \$25.00 to \$75.00, Rockers, \$1.00 to \$20.00 Chiffoniers, \$10.00 to \$35.00
 Dressers, \$8.50 to \$45.00 Suites \$17.50 to \$100.00
 Four-piece 75.00 Parlor Suite for \$53.75 Three-piece 70.00 Parlor Suite for \$50.00



UP-TO-DATE MILLINERY

We are showing the very latest in new, ready-to-wear Spring Hats, and we have by far the greatest variety to be found anywhere. We have a nice large place to display our Hats, and you can look and look to your heart's content; try on all of them if you wish, and our ladies will give you all the assistance and advice you wish. We are especially proud of the fact that we have room for displaying our hats and we feel sure our customers will appreciate the privileges and convenience of our display.

**We Especially Invite You
to Look Through This Department**

Big Lace Curtain Values

25 per cent discount on our entire stock of Lace Curtains. You can afford to buy at these prices.

New Novelties

Combs, Barrettes, Beauty Pins, Belts, Collars, Fancy Hat Pins, Ruchings, Shirt Waist Sets, Sash Pins, Hair Switches, Sychies and Rolls. They are priced right

Big lot of India Lawns, Nainsooks, Check Muslin, Batiste at prices below all competition.

Beautiful line of Swiss Flouncing, worth 75c and \$1.00, Sale price 50c

Pongees in all colors go at 25c

Common Sense Reasoning

People as a rule are prone to drift with the tide—to travel the trodden path, as it were—even though a better road might be found near-by by investigating. Such is the way some people now buy, they continue to pay excessive prices: when if they would crane their necks and look out of the deep rut they could see the smooth street paved by Higginbotham—paved with the mighty dollar, making it possible for you to buy at the lowest possible price. Some have become so accustomed to this routine that they go blindly on—uncomplainingly bearing the burden down the rough rocky road having only their master's voice bidding them go on the straight and narrow way (which leads to poverty.) To you we make this appeal—you owe it to yourself and family to make your hard earned dollar go as far as possible. Your neighbor is buying from us. Why not you.



HART, SCH

If you are going to buy clothes with a nation anteced—clothes with a nation ---clothes that the longer you clothes are made by Hart, Sch us in Ballinger.

You don't know how to ap unless you have visited our sto departments, and noticed the ne weaves, the fine serges and wor

Any idea about suit-style th we will match it with a smart, sh of clothing in the world. The st and you will be pleased with the s in these goods, too, which you can put your hand on them. These g world, which have s good the test fo of experience they are able to mak the price is lower, too.

As soon as you are ready visit our store and you will fir

HIGGINBOTHAM-CUR

Exhibition

ONE-THIRD OFF ON WHITE QUILTS

About 25 slightly soiled white Quilts, as long as they last, at 1-3 off. Better come quick—they won't last long.

LET US SHOW YOU

the largest assortment and cheapest stock of Wash Goods ever shown in West Texas, prices range, per yard, from .5c to 50c

Big lot of Suitings, worth 12 1-2 and 15c, your choice for only 10c
 25 pieces English Long Cloth, worth 20c, Sale price 15c
 200 pieces of Gingham at 5c

Embroidery Remnants

You Will Thoroughly Enjoy and Appreciate the Privilege of Looking Through Our Big Piles of Remnants of Embroideries.

All fresh, new goods, direct from factory, being short lengths from making up their regular stock. Some wide, some narrow, some short, some long; just as they fall from the loom. The price is the shortest thing in the lot. The mills ship them out to us in case lots at a small clean-up price, and we in turn allow you to select what you want at a fraction of the regular wholesale cost. It's a regular picnic, and you should hurry if you get first choice. You'll enjoy the privilege of looking through these remnants and will find many real values that will interest you.

Summer Exposition of high grade wearables for men, demonstrations of the wonderful purchasing power of the WEEK we will show you what is possible in the mercantile expert buyers. THIS WEEK we will show you the way, rather than through the middle man. THIS WEEK we will show you what is possible in Ballinger. It's up to you to get your share—no gains offered here and be convinced of our statements. High grade merchandise on these pages, then come—and you will come the better you'll be pleased.

STOP AT OUR REMNANT TABLE

Here you'll find Remnants of almost everything, and in many cases at less than half price. Take a look; it will pay you. You may find just what you've been looking for, and you'll save money on it, too.

DRESS GOODS

Crisp Panamas 38 inches in width, in black, navy, blue, brown and the best colors, worth 75c, for - 50c
 Beautiful silk Voiles, 42 inches in width, worth 1.50, Sale price 98c
 Big lot of foulard Silks in peacock, brown, navy, old rose, worth 1.25, Sale price 95c
 Big lot of China Silks, all colors, worth 75c, at - 50c
 Big lot of Fancy Silks at Half Price.

Big Reductions on Lace

We want you to see our Laces, the Prices are tempting

Lot No. 1. Values up to 7 1-2c, at Sale price .4c
 Lot No. 2. Values up to 12 1-2c, Sale price .8c
 Lot No. 3. Values up to 15c, Sale price 11c

Big Values in Ladies' Handkerchiefs

3 for 5c

Everybody will want a few of these. Better come quick and get your share.

Silk Gloves

Long and short lengths, all colors.

The Elite Petticoat

The Elite is the perfect fitting Petticoat. Once tried you will have no other. \$6.00 down to \$1.50

Ready-to-Wear Dresses and Suits

We only ask that you give this department a look. The style, quality and prices will please you. It's a pleasure for us to show you.

Polka Crepe, worth 35c, sale price 25c
 This is an excellent value.

Victory Silver Stripes, 35c quality, Sale price 25c



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MILLER & MARX.

Do not buy clothing that is guaranteed—clothes that fit you perfectly and are better you like them. Such clothes are sold exclusively by Miller & Marx.

the excellence of our showing has been fully and gone through our clothing, the new colorings, the new blue and black goods.

Bring your mind, bring it along and model from these best makers of this season are very attractive, and you will find them here. There's quality and price but notice as soon as you come from the best mills in the many years past. With these years we offer better cloth than ever before, and

In question of a Spring Suit, look at this great line.

WILLIAMS Company



Robinson Crusoe and Society

Robinson Crusoe didn't worry about stylish clothes because he was alone on the island; but when a man is only one among millions he must be careful of his personal appearance because **SOCIETY DEMANDS IT.**

OUR BUSINESS IS TO KEEP THE MEN WELL DRESSED

We are tailors to men who demand the best that Twentieth century methods can produce. Our clothes are draped to fit your form—designed for the individual with individual style—made to give satisfaction. Spring materials show over five thousand patterns in soft, pretty shades of Green, Drab, Fawn, Olive, Gray, Brown and Blue. Come in and inspect our line.

Suits, \$15, 18, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40



A. J. Stocklas, BALLINGER'S LEADING TAILOR

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANQUET TO-NIGHT

Cotton Buyers and Few Friends to be
Guests of Citizens National Bank
To-Night

For several years past it has been the custom of the cotton buyers to give a barbecue at the end of the season, and invite a number of their friends. The cotton buyers have been very kind and liberal in their patronage with the Citizens National Bank during the last season, and as a token of appreciation the Citizens National bank will entertain the cotton buyers with a few friends with a banquet at the Central hotel tonight. This bank never does things by halves, and judging from the tone of the invitations their reputation will be sustained on this occasion. The invitations were sent out on regular telegraph blanks and delivered by a messenger boy, each party receiving the message being required to sign up for same just as receiving a telegram. Following is a copy of the important cotton bulletin:
Received at Ballinger Mar. 24.
To John Jones.

Ballinger.
Market bullish. Strong demand for your presence. Good picking at Central hotel, 9 p. m., Friday 26th. Answer.
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.

THE HIGHER LAW.

In a Kansas village there lived a man of deep and abiding piety. He was a pillar of the church and walked ever in the fear of God. Some years ago his admiring neighbors elected him to the of-

fice of Justice of the Peace, and one of the first criminal cases that came before him involved a charge of petty larceny. The evidence produced by the prosecuting attorney showed that the accused had entered the vineyard of a householder in the precinct of the justice, and there, without the consent of the owner, had gorged his stomach with the ripe and luscious fruit. It was not shown that he had carried away any of the grapes except those with which he had satisfied that craving for food which had existed in man before the common and statutory law were invented. The defendant's attorney, having nothing to offer by the way of legal defense, determined to exploit the pious persuasions of the worthy justice, and by the way of plea in abatement of the prosecution cited Holy writ, Deut. chap. 23, 24th verse, the command which is as follows: "When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel." The good justice evinced a lively interest of the argument put forth, and, in spite of the vociferous protestations of the prosecuting attorney, chose to regard the plea as possessing unanswerable cogency. The inspired words of the Good Book were brought forward to over ride man made laws, and the prisoner was discharged. And the government still lives at Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner at Bronte last Sunday. They made the trip in Mr. Brewer's auto, and report a very pleasant trip.

THE WHITE CITY.

The White City promises to be the most popular play ground in Ballinger for the summer months. The opening of this place Tuesday night was a grand success, and a large crowd was present to enjoy the opening bill. "The Kidders" Bert and Dorothy, entertained the large crowd with vaudeville specialties and the moving picture show was good. Steinlien's orchestra furnished music for the opening. Those present went away with the best of feeling for the management of the White City, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the show. The managers are in touch with some of the best vaudeville circuits in the state, and promise splendid shows for Ballinger show lovers during the summer months. A free performance will be given next Wednesday night.

THE VAUDETTE A POPULAR PLACE

The people of Ballinger are attending the Vaudeville as they never attended a picture show before. Large crowds attend every night and the manager is compelled to repeat the performance to accommodate the crowds that come. The pictures are the best, and are displayed better than any ever shown in Ballinger before. Splendid music is rendered between acts, and the attendants get the full worth of their dime at every show.

J. J. Burroughs, manager of the Vaudeville has won the confidence of the show going people, and when they start to the Vaudeville they know they will see a good show.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The popular Peyton Sisters and their big company will be the attraction at the opera house all next week commencing Monday night March 29th. The Peyton Sisters come this season with a repertoire of new plays, and a line of new vaudeville feature-between acts. The opening play will be "The Heir to the Hoopah", one of the most successful plays of recent years. Among the other plays are "For Her Child's Sake," "In the Bishop's Carriage," "Twixt Honor and Duty," "The Idler," "A Night in the Air," and the "Little Aristocrat." A complete vaudeville show will be given between acts.

Good Liniment.

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

A Swollen Jaw

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

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



Young Men

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

The Globe
Tailoring
Company
Of Cincinnati

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

W. S. MOREHEAD
Tailor and Hatter

GO RIGHT AT IT.

Friends and Neighbors in Ballinger Will Show You How.

Get at the root of the trouble. Rubbing an aching back may relieve it. But it won't cure it. You must reach the root of it—the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills go right at it; Reach the cause; relieve the pain. They cure, too, so Ballinger people say. J. S. Collins, carpenter, living south of court house, Ballinger, Texas, says: "Upon two occasions Doan's Kidney Pills have relieved me when having trouble with my kidneys. These organs seem to be the weakest part of my body causing me a dull aching through the small of my back. The kidney secretions would also become frequent in action at such times, and cause me to get up three or four times during the night. When Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me I procured a box from the Walker Drug Co. and found soon after beginning their use, that they were just what I required. My advice to anyone afflicted as I was is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a fair trial. For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

A CORRECTION.

In a card of thanks published in last week's Leader the name of Dr. Thompson appeared when it should have been Dr. Johnston. It was in the Oliver card of thanks, where the father and brother were thanking the friends, nurse and physician for their kindness and attention to their son and brother during his illness and death. Dr. Johnston was the physician and not Thompson, and the error was made in the printing office.

DR. W. R. WALLIS

Has located in Ballinger and can be found at the office of Dr. Renfrow, until he secures other office room. tf

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".

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

FURNISHED ROOMS—Nice rooms at my home on Tenth Street for rent Mrs. Jno. F. Drew. It

LOST—Coin purse with Jno. F. Drew name on outside, containing 25 cents, Finder keep money and return purse to Leader office.

ESTRAYED—Bay mule about 13 1-2 hands high, old, upper teeth out, small brand on thigh. Left Leaday about two months ago. Will pay liberal reward for mule or information leading to his recovery. E. D. Stephens, Leaday, Texas.

FOUND—A child's bearskin coat on the Eighth street railroad crossing, Thursday evening, March 25th. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. Coat at the Banner-Leader office.

Notice to Prospective Candidates for School Trustees

All parties who desire their names on the ticket for School Trustee of the Ballinger 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

No Man is Stronger Than His Stomach

A strong man is strong all over. No man can be strong who is suffering from weak stomach with its consequent indigestion, or from some other disease of the stomach and its associated organs, which impairs digestion and nutrition. For when the stomach is weak or diseased there is a loss of the nutrition contained in food, which is the source of all physical strength. When a man "doesn't feel just right," when he doesn't sleep well, has an uncomfortable feeling in the stomach after eating, is languid, nervous, irritable and despondent, he is losing the nutrition needed to make strength. Such a man should use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enriches the blood, invigorates the liver, strengthens the kidneys, nourishes the nerves, and so GIVES HEALTH AND STRENGTH TO THE WHOLE BODY. You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic medicine of known composition, not even though the urgent dealer may thereby make a little bigger profit. Ingredients printed on wrapper.



A New Line— A Full Line of Fishing Lines.

When you think about going fishing think of the Walker Drug Company. Use our fishing tackle and you will always have good luck. If, after your trip you don't feel well, remember we are "in business for your health".

THE WALKER DRUG

"In Business for Your Health"

IN

Miller Mercantile Company

Groceries, Ranch Supplies,
Vegetables, Fruit

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

Miller Mercantile Company

PREMIUM FOR COTTON GROWERS

Hall Hardware Co. Offers Prize to Farmer Raising Most Cotton Per Acre

The Hall Hardware Company have an announcement in this issue of the Leader that the farmers will no doubt be interested in when they understand what it is.

They are offering to the farmer raising the largest cotton crop on ten acres a Standard Automatic Balancing Frame Cultivator absolutely free. The offer is made upon the condition that the crop be cultivated with Emerson Manufacturing Co. Standard Implements. This is an example that other merchants might follow and encourage scientific farming. We understand that the Business League are framing up some premium offers to be made, and the farmer that gets up and farms will have a chance to make more than the actual receipts of his crop.

CHANGE AT DEPOT.

The negro waiting room at the Santa Fe depot has been reduced just one half. The petitions have been changed and the business offices now take in half of the negro waiting room. This change was made necessary on account of the growth of business. It is expected that the Santa Fe will build a passenger station some time in the near future and the present quarters will be turned into offices and used to handle the freight business.

See Kinzer for post cards.

BUILDING BALL PARK.

The local fans are not talking much, and there is very little interest in base ball in Ballinger, at present, but that the town will have a nice park for such sport is assured. L. O. Wooden who circulated a list and raised money for that purpose is now at work having a park fence put around his land on the south side of Eighth street, between Hutcheins Avenue and the city park. The location is close to town and a very desirable one for such sport. Mr. Wooden promises to have the grounds ready by the time the boys get warmed up and lined up.

San Angelo and Brownwood both have organized teams and are getting in trim to take Ballinger's scalp, and with the teams of other neighboring towns this line of sport will no doubt pick up in due time.

NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The Ninth Street Baptist church had a good day last Sunday. Evangelist W. R. Chandler of San Angelo, preached at both hours. At the close of the eleven o'clock service the regular Home and Foreign Mission collection was taken, amounting to \$200 in cash and \$40 in subscription. The church gave \$100 to support a native missionary in China for one year. The 9th street church recently paid \$950 of the church debts, relieving the meeting house entirely of debt. The house will be dedicated in the near future.

VEGETABLES—E. A. Jeanes & Co., handle the best the market affords. See them for produce of all kinds. 2t

JO WILMETH SELLS CENTRAL HOTEL

G. G. Odom Becomes Owner of Popular Hostelry. Will Give Ballinger \$60,000 Hotel.

The Central hotel the property; Jo Wilmeth the seller; G. G. Odom the purchaser and the price \$40,000. This deal was made about three weeks ago, but was not closed until last Saturday, and we were not permitted to give an account of it.

This deal will not cause any change in the management of the hotel for the present. R. F. Orris will continue to be "mine host," and the hotel will be conducted in the usual good order. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmeth retain their apartments at the hotel for the present, but will very probably build a nice home in the near future.

Mr. Odom will begin at once, and as soon as he can get plans and let the contract, will enlarge the hotel. He expects to spend about \$20,000 on improvements which will give Ballinger a \$60,000 hotel and the best in this section of the state. The plans will no doubt call for the tearing away of the old building on the west and the erection of a new one to correspond with the new addition on the east completed two years ago. This will leave

a nice court between the two buildings and will give Ballinger a hotel of about 100 rooms, and one of the most modern and best furnished in Central West Texas.

Jo Wilmeth bought this property about three years ago from S. C. Royalty, paying \$12,000 for same. As soon as he got possession he let the contract for the new addition and spent several thousand dollars in giving Ballinger a hotel that has met the demands of the traveling public up to the present, notwithstanding at that time the hotel was crowded to overflow. The town is advertising that pays. A \$60,000 the Abilene Southern railroad, which is due to be in operation by September 1st, the present hotel facilities would be inadequate, and Ballinger isto be congratulated on getting one of the most serious problems confronting us out of the way. There is hardly any one thing that advertises a town more than a good hotel. A bad hotel advertises a town too, but not the kind of advertising that pays a \$60,000 hotel in Ballinger properly conducted will mean much to the town.

BRYAN TO SPEAK AT BROWNWOOD

Will Talk on "Prince of Peace" on April 2nd.

Williams Jennings Bryan, the peerless democratic leader, will deliver his famous lecture, "The Prince of Peace," at the Christian Tabernacle in Brownwood on Friday night April 2, next. Mr. Bryan will reach Brownwood Friday morning over the Frisco. He will spend the day in the city except the time he will give to investigating the growing of pecans down the Bayou. People who come to hear the famous Nebraskan lecture will have an opportunity to see him by daylight, and perhaps hear a little side talk from him on the political situation as he sees it. For the Bryan lecture both railroads will give excursion rates to Brownwood of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets for the lecture are now on sale by Will H. McLaran at the Brownwood Bakery on Baker street. The Tabernacle will only seat two thousand, and the crowd that will gather to hear the Nebraska Statesman will no doubt make standing room a premium.

MORE BUILDINGS.

Plans are being drawn for another two story stone building right in the heart of Ballinger. We are not permitted to give full particulars this week, but will do so later.

Work is progressing nicely on the C. S. Miller building and the Mrs. R. A. Smith building on 7th street facing the court house square.

Jones-Walton & Co., will build a large warehouse on Ninth street near where they are now doing business.

The new building of Gus Noyes near the Walker Smith Co., is about completed.

The second story of the Pearce drug store building is rapidly going up and will soon be ready for occupancy.

New residences are too numerous to mention, and many others are being planned.

Cement sidewalks are taking the day, and the craze, just like all others, strikes just anybody who has the price to foot the bill. Mighty good improvement, and the man who builds side walks is a public benefactor.

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

See Morehead, the Tailor.

CHANGE IN HARDWARE FIRM

Geo. F. Schroeter Sells Interest in Jones Walton Co.

A deal was closed this week in which G. F. Schroeter sells his stock in the Jones-Walton Co., to S. H. Daugherty, bookkeeper for the firm of Rasbury & Bruce, and W. L. Smith, waterworks superintendent.

Mr. Schroeter will retire from the business. Messrs Daugherty and Smith will take no active part in the business at present but will continue to fill their present positions, and the change doesn't amount to anything more than a transfer of interests and the retirement of Mr. Schroeter.

The Jones-Walton company are spreading out on account of their growth of business. They have leased lots from Lankford & Hathaway and are constructing a large warehouse just below and across the street from their main building.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Besides the big deals reported elsewhere in this paper, there are quite a number of other of considerable importance.

Judge C. H. Willingham sold lots 1 and 2 in block 123 to M. A. Traylor, J. C. Roots and J. Whit Patterson for \$500.

D. Reeder sold 640 acres of land in Reagan county to J. T. Baker for \$8000.

Northington & Son sold 8 lots in Fairview addition to J. F. Golden for \$1500.

W. F. Street and T. A. Tidwell sold to Judge C. H. Willingham lots 1 and 2 in block 23 for \$3000.

C. A. Doose sold for W. A. Gustavus to H. A. Bradley lot 7 in block 7 for \$400.

Judge C. H. Willingham and T. A. Tidwell sold to W. F. Street 225 acres of land three miles north of Ballinger for \$30 per acre.

CALL FOR MASS MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Ballinger at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Monday night, March 29th, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the Public Library for the ensuing year and to attend to such other matters as may properly come before the meeting. Every citizen of Ballinger is an ex-officio member of the Library Association and it is your duty to attend. The directors will hold a meeting immediately after the mass meeting adjourns.

Dr. R. C. Wallis and C. W. Northington went east in Dr. Wallis' auto Sunday. Dr. Wallis went on to Rockdale and Mr. Northington went as far as Goldthwaite and returned to Ballinger on the noon train Wednesday.

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PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

FOR

INDIGESTION, CONSTIPATION, KIDNEY TROUBLE.

IT CLEANSES AND INVIGORATES.

Sold by Druggists.
Price \$1.00 per bottle.

CITY DRUG STORE, Special Agents

PROSPECTING FOR GROCERY LOCATION

Abilene Firm Seeks New Field for Wholesale Business

Representatives of the Radford Grocery Co., a wholesale firm of Abilene were here this week prospecting for the location of a wholesale grocery house. Mr. Radford and two other parties were here and spent a day or two sizing up the town thoroughly. They did not give out anything as to what they thought of the location, but their visit here is evidence sufficient that Ballinger is attracting the attention of new business, and will no doubt get all that the growth of the town and the development of the country will justify. Most every line of business is represented in Ballinger, but it is natural for more competition to spring up as the country advances.

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

CLEAN CLOTHES

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

TOM THOMPSON
Fronting Seventh Street

Pure Water

Drinking pure water is the only way to avoid sickness during hot weather. We make pure distilled water and deliver in five gallon bottles. Will sell you a water book and you can order as you need it.

See or phone

Arctic Light & Fuel Co.
Phone 312
BALLINGER, TEXAS

GIVEN AWAY

For a Short Time Only at

Dornberger & Hopkinson's

A Full Size Can of

Calumet Baking Powder

with the purchase of a sack of flour

Calumet-Baking Powder is a high grade baking powder of rare merit and is sold at a moderate price. It should be in every home.

Received highest award at World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago.

Call early before all the cans are given away.

Dornberger & Hopkinson

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Ballinger, Texas

TWO SITES OFFERED FOR NORMAL

Los Arroya Lake Co. and Cemetery Association Make Offers

The Ballinger Business League are putting forth every effort to secure the West Texas Normal. The League forwarded application for the Normal to the proper authorities Monday, and embodied in the application the proposition to donate a suitable site for the building and to place the stone on the ground free, and asked that Ballinger be given a chance to meet any other requirement that the committee might exact.

The offer made by Ballinger is a very liberal one, and if the site for the building had to be purchased would require a stronger pull to fulfill but the Cemetery Association has offered

a very desirable site, and Mr. J. McGregor, speaking for the association says the site can be had at very little cost. The Cemetery Association are raising money with which to fence the cemetery, and they would be willing to donate the site for the Normal if the town would furnish money with which to fence the cemetery. The stone which the League offers to place on the ground will amount to a pretty good item, and taking all these things into consideration, we have good reasons to believe that the locating committee will consider Ballinger's application. The town is centrally located, and the climate is as healthy as there is in Texas, and we are free from all contagious diseases, the committee will meet with when they go further west.

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.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

Sunday night at the opera house, the Rev. Father H. A. Constantinean, Provincial of the Oblate Fathers of San Antonio, delivered a most interesting lecture on his travels through Europe. So beautiful were his descriptions and word paintings, that our vivid imaginations almost assumed the reality of having taken this trip ourselves.

We first went with him thru Ireland, a land of beauty, mystery and grandeur, with ruined castles, weirdly solemn mountains, lonely rivers and innumerable lakes. The melancholy years of her heart breaking history, dark with innumerable clouds of misery, brought forth our deepest sympathy for Erin's sons.

Then passing on to London, the greatest and most powerful city in the world, over two thousand years old and with nearly six million inhabitants, made us feel the life-surge of humanity uplifting us.

We then went with him to the ancient, mediaeval, artistic and modern Rome, the Eternal City, the City of the Caesars, where we spent most of the evening in admiration of the wonderful Roman architecture, and the monuments of antiquity. The Colosseum, the "Kink of Ruins," desolate but defiant, dethroned but yet sublime. He partly conveyed to our understanding the immensity of St. Peter's, the greatest temple in the world, where are to be seen the mosaic copies of the most famous painters, and works of the greatest masters of art.

A full description was given of the catacombs, and it was in these catacombs that this lecturer had the honor while there of offering up the holy mass.

In speaking of his voyage, he stated that he crossed the Atlantic on the Cunard liner and that every morning on board the ship the daily news of America was published, the news having been received by the wonderful Marconi system of wireless telegraphy. He sent a Marconi-gram to San Antonio from mid-ocean, costing five dollars. The only sea sickness he had was in crossing the English channel, when he very gratefully paid his respects to Neptune.

He also spoke of the "Universal language." He stated to ask a German which was the greatest language in the world, they would say the German, and a Frenchman the French language, etc., but that "money" was the "Universal language" and the greatest necessity and aid in traveling in a foreign land.

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

NECK BROKE WILL GET WELL

Man Who Fell from Wind Mill and Broke His Neck is on Road to Recovery

It will be remembered that J. P. Beddo, one of Runnels county's good citizens, who lives north of Ballinger, fell from the top of a wind mill tower some two weeks ago. Mr. Beddo was on the tower working with the mill when he got his fingers caught in the cogs, and in trying to extricate himself fell to the ground, a distance of about 40 feet. It was thought at first that Mr. Beddo had been killed, but he rallied a little and his condition has since been serious, and little hopes for his recovery were entertained. The fall broke his neck, and he was completely paralyzed from his neck down. The unfortunate man took a turn for the better yesterday and it is now thought he will get well, but perhaps will be a cripple for life, but it is possible that he will fully recover.

Mr. Beddo is one of the industrious men who have come to this country with small means and has succeeded. He has many friends in his community and Ballinger, who wish for him a speedy and full recovery.

A TEXAS BOY.

Jeff McCarn lassoed bronchos on the Texas plains and took a notion that he would see what there was in the educational line, and having heard of Vanderbilt University landed in Nashville with his belongings in a trunk. It was only a mile or so to the college campus, so he shouldered his trunk and took it along. He lassoed several things in the educational ranch and emerged a lawyer.

They were trying to straighten out Nashville with a committee of 100 righteous people about then, and needed a man with some nerve to do the job. McCarn did not know any better than to undertake it. He had the gamblers on the jump and sprinkled decency around quite generally where there had been rottenness. He did not know any better than personally break into almost any dive and also into the serenity of the police.

The consequence is that Jeff McCarn, the red-headed Texas chap, became "Gen." McCarn, and he is now the central figure in Tennessee's most noted murder trial.—Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal.

There are several citizens in Ballinger who know Jeff McCarn of old. He formerly lived at Brownwood, and his success in life, and especially in the Cooper trial in which he has just won a verdict of "guilty," causes his old friend to rejoice.

A FISH FRY.

Coyote creek seems to be the most attractive place for fishing parties these beautiful spring days. Saturday a crowd of ladies and children went out to this famous fishing resort in the Luce Woods' pasture, and caught more fish than could possibly be eaten for dinner.

Those who on this occasion clung to the teachings of Izak Walton and angled the time away were Mesdames Pearson, Boyle, Currie, Nash, Dawson, Joe Johnson, Zadaril, W. G. Bair, Maddox, Routh, Townsend, and a number of children.

J. S. Hall and J. Hood were in from Winters, first of the week, soliciting funds with which to erect the new Presbyterian church at Winters. They apologized for calling on Ballinger people to help out, and stated that they thought they had enough money raised for the building, but the plans drawn required more money than they had and the plans suited them so well they did not want to change. Don't mention it, gentlemen! Ballinger people are always found ready to help out in any good cause, and we are glad to say that you were successful on your trip to 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.

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Rupture, Piles, Stricture, Varicocele, Fistula cured without the knife or detention from business; also that Organic Lack of Energy or Exposure, producing some of the following effects: Nervousness, Debility, Self-Distrust, Defective Memory, Pimples on face, Adversion to society, Loss of Ambition, Melancholy, Dyspepsia, Pain in Back, Safety Speedily and Permanently cured.

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Whiskey habit and Syphilis quickly, positively and forever cured without the use of Mercury or Iodide of Potash, by the wonderful vegetable Compound: makes a clean, healthy being,

after a complete failure with the Hot Springs and other treatment. Call or write for Symptom blanks.

BUYS FINE CATTLE.

Among the Ballinger visitors to the stock show at Fort Worth last week who purchased fine cattle, were Tom Benge of Concho county, who bought five head, W. T. Routh of Ballinger, two head and Joe Johnson of Ballinger, one. The stock purchased are herefords, yearlings, and are just about the prettiest bunch of yearlings ever shipped into this country.

A Constipation Remedy Free

There is no action of your daily life of greater importance than to see that your bowels move. They should move at least once a day naturally, and by that is meant without any help. If they do not move at least once a day you can consider yourself constipated and it is time you did something about it.

You will be glad to know there is a way out of the difficulty. Lemuel Landerdale, an old soldier at Quincy, Ill., Elmer McMillan, of Speed, Mo., Mrs. Monahan, of Stonehill, Miss., and many others were as you are now. But one day they awoke to the fact that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin was curing their friends, so they bought it too and it cured them. Today they are loud in praise of it.

What Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin did for them it should do for you. Surely your constipation is no worse than theirs, one of whom had it since '61. It only remains for you to realize that salts are of but temporary good, and what you want is a permanent cure; that purgative tablets, cathartic pills and such violent things make a great show of doing something, but do nothing that is lasting. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a scientific preparation, a laxative- tonic, a mild syrupy liquid that contains ingredients that not only cure the constipation, but tone the intestinal muscles so that they learn again to work without help. A bottle can be bought of any druggist for the small price of 50 cents, and there is a dollar size for families who have already found its wonderful value in stomach, liver and bowel troubles, in old or young.



Send your name and address to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you so that you can test it before buying. If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. E. Caldwell, 500 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

C. C. Thomas returned visit to his brother a last Sunday. The fi he did after returning home to round up the Leader man failing to fill an order for paper to go to his brother. ordered the paper a couple o months ago, and for some reason or neglect we had failed to give the Mexia brother the news. She goes now, and we will guarantee to give him the best paper from the best town in the best county in the best state in the Union. Mr. Thomas didn't say so, but his general looks and good feeling lead us to believe that he was satisfied with Runnels county and had no desire to return to his old Mexia country.

W. W. Stocklas came in the first of the week to be with his son, A. J. Stocklas. Mr. Stocklas is an experienced tailor and will help his son during the rush season, and those patronizing this tailor shop will get good work.

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SUBJECT OF LECTURE:

"The Prince of Peace"

Tickets are now on sale at the Brownwood Bakery. Seats are 75c. Sale of tickets limited to seating capacity of the house. All mail orders for tickets will be taken care of when accompanied by check or money order to cover, and tickets reserved until called for.

Excursion Rates on Both Roads

For Further Information apply to or Address.

Will H. McLaran

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS.

BUSINESS LEAGUE GETS BUSY

Application Made for West Texas Normal. Building Site and Material Offered Free.

If the locating committee for the West Texas Normal selects Ballinger as the place for the Normal the question of securing suitable site will not be hard to settle. Two offers have been made. The Los Arroya Lake Co. proposes to donate ten acres of ground and give the stone for the building. The Cemetery Association propose to give ten acres of land for the site. The lake land is located out near where the proposed dam is to be built. The cemetery land is located about a mile northwest, and is the land that was donated to the city for a cemetery but was never used for that purpose.

The Business League has made formal application for the West Texas Normal, and President Bruce informs us that nothing will be left undone to secure the school. The League will keep in touch with the locating committee and will offer every inducement necessary and will meet every requirement of the committee, and if we don't get the school it will not be because of any neglect in the matter.

SECRETARY KIRK HAS SUCCESSFUL TRIP

R. P. Kirk returned home Sunday from a trip to Dallas, Fort Worth, Temple and other places, where he had been in the interest of the Business League work. Mr. Kirk talked Ballinger going and coming, and while he was there, and he returned home very much elated over the work the Business League is doing. He did some advertising that will be of great benefit to Ballinger and Runnels county. Since returning home he has received many letters from parties making inquiries about our town and county, and he has been busy looking after the work of the League. He has many strings to his bow now and the League will get up and push for all the West Texas Normal. The West Texas Normal want to establish a Normal here, and have placed Mr. Kirk in the line to get this Normal if we want it. The Normal people want a bonus of \$100 for an academy, and the West Texas Normal is considering Ballinger. Mr. Kirk will do his part towards securing these institutions and every citizen of the town should back him up with their support, and if you are not a member of the League you should not stop until you have placed your name on the roll. The monthly dues are just whatever you want to give.

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

You Will Always Be Satisfied

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

Ballinger Lumber Company

\$52,000 IN TWO LAND DEALS

Runnels County Dirt Sells for Good Price. More Land for Actual Farmers

There has never been a great big boom and windy hurrah on in Ballinger. Just a steady substantial growth—the kind that makes a town.

H. Giesecke returned last Saturday from South Texas. He visited several places on business and while on the trip did some good missionary work for Runnels county. He sold over \$52,000 worth of land on the trip. That is the total sum of his trip, and he did this in a very short time.

He sold for Jo Wilmett the Odom section of land located near Wingate, for \$30 per acre, a total of \$19,200, cash. William and Martin, Schertz of Seguin, bought this land. Mr. Giesecke also sold for Long Bros. 1650 acres of the Hughes ranch in Concho county for \$20 per acre or a total of \$33,000, one-third cash, balance on time. G. M. Ryan, of Rockdale, bought the Long Bros. land.

Mr. Giesecke did some advertising while away, and expects to make other deals as the result of his trip. The Giesecke-Bennett Co., have charge of the 810 acre tract of land known as the Werner land, twelve miles northeast of Ballinger. This is being subdivided into small farms and will be sold to the actual farmer. They also have charge of the lots in the western part of Ballinger, known as the Woodward Heights Addition, and they have been put on the market. Notwithstanding that the spring rains have not arrived, dirt in the county is changing hands and at a good price.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS.

Prof. E. L. Hagan and Rev. Z. J. Amerson went to Norton Friday to address the school. Rev. Amerson addressed the school on "True Greatness," and Prof. Hagan addressed the school on "How to make the schools in Runnels county the best in the State."

The school enjoyed each address and extended a hearty invitation to these gentlemen to come again.

The Norton community has a fine school. The spirit of education is taking hold of the young people. Several grown young ladies and young men are attending school at Norton. This is a healthy sign. Education is the hope of our country. Each and every community should feel proud of its school and should do everything possible to make it the best in the state.

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

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



DATE SET FOR UNION REVIVAL

The various pastors of the city announced from their respective pulpits last Sunday that the date for the Union revival had been fixed for the first Sunday in May, will be May 2nd. Rev. Lockett Adair, the ex-policeman, writes from Newark, N. J. where he is now holding a meeting, that he will be here to begin the meeting on that date. Rev. Adair is known in the larger cities as the "Cop" preacher, and the success he has in his revivals is wonderful. The people in many sections of the United States are familiar with his work, and Ballinger is indeed fortunate in securing him to conduct the Union revival. The committee has secured the skating rink for the occasion, and every available space will be arranged with seats. A local furniture dealer ordered a car of chairs and will unload them direct to the rink, and everything will be arranged for the biggest meeting ever held in Ballinger. Remember the date and make your arrangements at home so you can attend this meeting. The country people are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Watch for further announcements.

SUDDEN DEATH AT WINGATE

Gus Peoples died at his home near Wingate on Friday night, March 12th. Mr. Peoples was in the very best of health, a strong able man, and up to within ten minutes of his death, had not suffered a pain or bad feeling of any kind. He had just returned from visiting a neighbor, who was sick, and while at the sick neighbor's house had spoken of his good health, stating that it had been so long since he had taken a dose of medicine that he could not remember it. He was in the act of retiring for the night when heart failure caused sudden death.

Mr. Peoples had just joined the Woodmen camp at Mazeland, and his insurance policy came in the day after his death, and under the constitution of that order, was of course no good. F. B. Kimbler the council commander of the Mazeland camp, was in Wednesday of this week, having some circular letters printed to send out to camps over the state, asking for help for a wife and little baby that was left without support by the death of this man.

Mr. Peoples was one of the best citizens of the Mazeland country, and his sudden death caused sorrow in the community in which he lived.

DRUNK MAN INSULTS LADY

The east bound train dumped a man at Ballinger Monday, that had either been to San Angelo or Miles, and carried off a heavy load of the wet goods of those towns, and as he got off the train at Ballinger he insulted a Ballinger lady, who also got off the train on a return visit from Miles. The man was drunk, and of course would not have done such a thing with a sober mind, but then the law does not excuse a man that does wrong when he is drunk. In fact the law that makes the man a drunkard also punishes him for getting drunk, and Constable Pilcher and his deputy, Ed Slaughter, were soon on the scene and escorted the boozier to jail and when he got in shape to talk business he was brought into court and plead guilty and left the usual amount of money to square himself with the court for acting ugly.

A Swollen Jaw

is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, toothache or accident, Ballard's Snow Liment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. The great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds—by J. Y. Pearce. mo

BOND ISSUE ELECTION ORDERED

School Board Orders Election for April 10th. School to Continue Full Term

The trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District held a meeting Monday and ordered an election for the issuance of \$20,000 worth of bonds. The election is to be held on the 11th day of April.

The board also discussed the question of the present condition of the finances, which is in a bad shape on account of tax payers failing to pay their school tax. The rolls show considerable unpaid taxes, and looks ugly to the man who has the best interest of the school at heart. One of the trustees remarked to the writer that "it seems that the people do not understand the situation, or at least some of them don't. Those who have not paid their taxes are sending their children to school at the expense of somebody else. There are tax payers who are plenty able to pay, who have children in the school, and they have not paid a cent. We do not feel that this is right, and we believe that if the delinquent tax payer will stop and think, they will see the mistake they have made in not paying and will pay up at once. Notwithstanding the fact that the funds are about exhausted, the school will continue the full term. "You can tell the people that if they will not pay we will borrow the money" says one of the trustees.

Dr. W. W. Fowler returned from a visit to his mother at Culleoka, Tenn., last Sunday. While away he spent several days in Nashville, attending the Cooper-Sharp murder trial. He heard a part of the evidence and the argument of three attorneys in the case. Dr. Fowler was an old school mate of ex-Senator Carmack, with whose death the Coopers and Sharp were charged and of course felt good over the conviction of the accused.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hood, of Wingate, were here a couple of days this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boyd, and looking after business.

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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.

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Don't You Need a Windmill This Dry Weather?

You can't go wrong if you buy an "Aermotor" or a "Sampson". We also have Galvanized Tanks, Piping and Fittings. In fact, everything in the Windmill line.

Lots of Fishing Tackle and Sporting Goods now on hand.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

See Morehead, the Tailor.

Latest styles in silk neckwear.
W. A. Gustavus & Son. 1t

Jo Wilmeth went to San Angelo on business today.

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

The clothes are worth the while for wear and style. See W. A. Gustavus and Son. 1t

See the Jumbo ten cent table at Kinzers.

Miss Irene Guion left Thursday for Stamford to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Pauline McAlpine.

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

W. B. Ray left last Monday on a business trip to Elgin, Waco and Dallas. He will be back the first of next week.

Our stock of spring and summer goods are complete and sold at right prices.—W. A. Gustavus & Son. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell were in from their home near Winters Wednesday, and were caught in the dust storm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Caldwell came in from the Winters country yesterday and spent last night in the city. Mr. Caldwell is helping Tax Assessor Day assess taxes.

Feed your cow Jersey Cream Cow Feed—cotton seed meal and hulls mixed in the right proportion, put up in 100 pound sacks. Manufactured by the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. 4t

Jo Hardin is in Mineral Wells this week attending the coal dealers convention. Jo has put his business on a cash basis, and the man that does business on a cash basis can afford to go to conventions.

R. W. Bruce returned last night from a trip through the country, visiting quite a number of inland towns. He reports that the oat crop is in a bad shape on account of the want of rain.

Kodak work finished promptly at Bartlett's Studio. tf

Mr. Eubanks of Lometa, father of our fellowtownsman, E. M. Eubanks, is here on a visit to his son.

W. B. Woods left Saturday for Panola county, wher he goes as a witness in an important case.

Dr. D. R. Wallis is building a nice cottage home on Seventh street in College Heights Addition.

E. A. Wilson of Brownwood, referee in bankruptcy, is here attending a creditors meeting in the Sshumm case.

Pots for your flowers at Kinzers.

J. R. Smart, of Logansport, La., formerly in the drug business in Ballinger is here this week on business.

J. H. Patterson son and wife and Miss Pink Jenkins went to San Angelo Sunday in Mr. Patterson's new automobile.

Staple and fancy groceries at rock bottoh prices.—W. A. Gustavus & Son. 1t

W. S. Morehead, who was called to Sulphur Springs on account of the death of his brother, returned home first of the week.

EGGS, EGGS.—E. A. Jeanes & Co., are paying the highest market price for eggs, and pay cash. Don't fail to see them before you sell.

Hugh Stinson, constable from the Wingate precinct, was here Wednesday and called to transact some business with the Leader. Mr. Stinson says the little shower was very little at Wingate, only a sprinkle.

Misses Clara Malone, Ione Cockrell, Mrs. G. W. Fender and Everett Hardgrave were elected as delegates from the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday School to attend the Sunday School which convenes in Fort Worth today. The above parties left yesterday evening to attend the convention.

A. L. Burk, the Paint Rock merchant, who was here in the sanitarium for a month or more, has recovered sufficiently to make the trip home. T. K. Wilson was over from Paint Rock today and carried Mr. Burk back in his auto. Mr. Burk was operated on for pleuresy, and was in a serious condition for a couple of weeks. His many friends in Balinge and Paint Rock will be glad to know tat he is improving and will soon be himself again.

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.

EIGHTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The regular order of services Sunday.

The Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a. m.

Pastor Fender will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

At the evening hour Mr. J. M. Dickey will sing "For Another Night" by C. E. B. Price.

All are most cordially invited to these services.

Edited Banner-Leader:

Please make the following announcement: I will preach at the Dietz School House on the first Lords Day in April at 11 o'clock, if the Lord is willing. Subject, "Gods Dealing With Man." Beginning with the creation on down to the present time. I have a diagram 21 feet long which I will use on this occasion. Everybody come.

C. D. JOHNSON.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Services at the Methodist church Sunday, March 28th.

Sunday School at 9:45.

Preaching at 11 a. m. This will be the beginning of a protracted meeting to continue two weeks. Rev. G. S. Sexton from Houston, will be here to take part in the meeting. Also Rev. H. F. Brooks will be here to help. We hope to have some good help in will help in the meeting. The pastors will cooperate in the meeting and I trust that not only the preachers of the town, but all the Christians will help and pray that we may have a great meeting and that our friends will be converted and saved.

J. A. BIGGS.

NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Morning subject: "The Origin of the Church of Christ." This subject will be treated purely in the light of the scriptures. No history referred to. The time and organization and the parties composing the church will be clearly shown from the word of God.

Evening subject: "The Man who is Really Great in God's sight."

Interesting song service will be rendered.

You are invited to worship with us.

Z. J. AMERSON.

S. P. Stone returned from Fort Worth Monday and says he came back to stay and says Mrs. Stone will be here in about two weeks, and until then friends will have to take care of Mr. Stone.

John Hall and wife and Mrs. Hall's mother, Mrs. W. H. Rodgers, of Winters, passed through Ballinger yesterday enroute to Temple where Mrs. Hall will be under the treatment of a specialist.

Cicero Smith, the millionaire of Mineral Wells, was here this week looking after property interests. Mr. Smith owns more land in Runnels county than perhaps any other one man, and he expressed himself as being very optimistic of Ballinger's future. Mr. Smith says, "Ballinger is destined to become the best town in this part of the state, and I think it is just reaching the point where capital is becoming interested, and the town will grow as it has never before." Mr. Smith left on the three-thirty train Wednesday for his home at Mineral Wells, after consulting with his representative, C. A. Doose, on matters pertaining to his Runnels county interests.

LETTER TO C. C. CALDWELL, Miles, Texas.

Dear Sir: How two men differ Avery, Delhi, N. Y. had two houses painted two ways; the houses alike, the same painter, different paints. One paint 6 gallons. The other 12.

Adealer there was selling 12-gallon paint, threw it out and put in the 6-gallon paint.

Do you se why? The less gallons paint cost less for the job by 6 gallons of paint and 6 days labor (according to painters' wages \$2 to \$4 a day)

Adealer in paint at Malone, N. Y., was selling this 6 gallon paint was offered the 12-gallon paint for 15c less a gallon, and took it! To make that extra 15c a gallon he saddles a loss of \$22.75 to a job on his customers. What if they find it out?

The people had better look out for that \$22.75 or \$34.75, which ever it is—we don't know what the painters day wages are there.

The two paints art Devoe and another sold at the same price by the gallon. Will you figure out that 12 gallon paint: what a man can afford to pay for a gallon of it?

The answer (if you figure it right) taking wages \$2 per day: A man could afford to put on that paint if somebody pays him 12 1-2 cents a gallon; and, taking wages \$4 a day, he must get \$1.21 a gallon.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & Co.
P. S. Ballinger Lumber Co., sell our paint.

S. P. Hale, who has been running a moving picture show at the opera house is moving back to Brownwood. Mrs. Hale and the children left first of the week and Mr. Hale will follow in a few days. The family made many friends while in Ballinger who hate to see them move away.

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. Pearee.

DAN VAN PELT DEAD.

Just as we go to press the death angel visited our town and removed from our midst one of our best and most prominent young men, Dan Van Pelt. Deceased was operated on for appendicitis Wednesday evening, but the operation was not performed in time.

Misses Bertha and Alva Van Pelt, sisters of Dan are in school at Milford, and no arrangements for the funeral will be made until it is learned when they can reach home.

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.

10 Per Cent

Ten per cent in cash returned on all Dry Goods bought at my place. Come and see.

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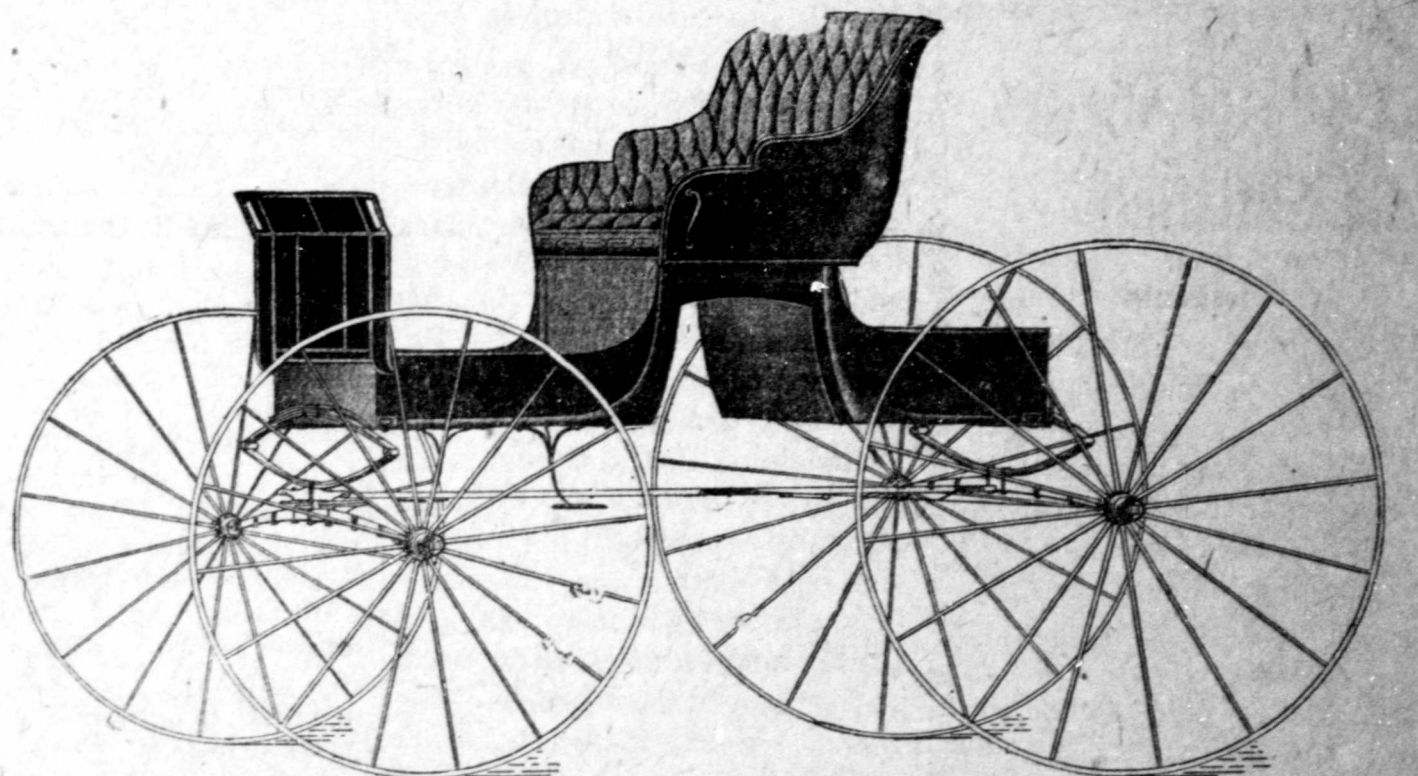
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nutritive value of corn and more than four times
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half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or
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sour on your stomach if you will
occasionally take a little Diap-
epsin after eating.

Your meals will taste good,
and anything you eat will be di-
gested; nothing can ferment or
turn into acid or poison at stom-
ach gas, which causes belching,
dizziness, a feeling of fullness af-
ter eating, nausea, indigestion
(like a lump of lead in the stom-
ach), biliousness, heartburn, wa-
terbrash, pain in stomach and in-
testines or other symptoms.

Hearches from the stomach are
absolutely unknown where this
effective remedy is known. Diap-
epsin really does all the work of
a healthy stomach. It di-
gests your meals when your
stomach can't. Each triangle
will digest all the food you can
eat and leave nothing to ferment
or sour.

Get a large 50-cent case of
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and start today and by to-
morrow you will actually brag
about your strong, healthy stom-
ach, for you then can eat any-
thing and everything you want
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or misery, and every particle of
impurity and gas that is in your
stomach and intestines is going
to be carried away without the
use of laxatives or any other as-
sistance.

Letter to W. H. Harrison,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: You are to paint
Mr. ———'s house for \$—— we
won't tell your private affairs—
no matter what figures, it's a fair
price.

What paint'll you use?
We're thinking of one, all paint
and as strong as paint can be; it'll
take about 15 gallons, \$75 for
paint and painting.

Another, half paint; it'll take
about 30 gallons of that paint,
\$150 for apint and painting.

The least gallon paint, of
course, will wear a long time;
the other is good while it lasts.
Least gallons, best job, least cost.

It isn't every trade that lets
a man do a cheap job and make
money and friends like that.

Yours truly,
76 F. W. DEVOE & Co.
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our paint.

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times to keep his muscles and
joints supple. That is the reason
that hundreds of them keep a
bottle of Ballard's Snow Lin-
iment on hand. A sure cure for
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throat, lame back, contracted
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pains. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00
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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.

Jumbo ten cent table at Kin-
zers—see it for bargains.

EXECUTION OF WOMEN.

Yesterday a woman paid the
death penalty for murder in the
New York state prison.

The circumstance is unusual.
In the records of trials for crime
in the United States there has
been a small percentage of con-
victions of women. When con-
victed and sentenced for any
cause whatever pardons have
been much more easily secured
than for men, and when as has
happened in rare instances there
have been convictions for murder
in the first degree and the ex-
treme penalty has been assessed,
by the efforts of interested parties
the sentence has been com-
muted to life imprisonment. Not
a half dozen women have paid
the death penalty in the United
States.

These things prove conclusively
that the sentiment throughout
the country is against meting
out severe punishment where the
offender is a woman. That the
effort made to save her was un-
successful though every recourse
was resorted to, and public opin-
ion was strongly against having
her sent to the chair, is persua-
sive evidence that little could be
said in extenuation of her brutal
crime.

And it was not because there
was any question of her utter
degeneracy that an effort was
made to send her to prison in-
stead of the electric chair. New
York people merely felt that to
have a woman executed would
reflect unhappily upon the state.
One is moved to ask why, if the
death penalty is sound in theory,
does the execution of a woman
reflect on the state any more than
the execution of a male criminal?
A fine sense of chivalry is back
of it, no doubt, but it sounds a
little neurotic and sentimental.
When a woman has come to the
point of being convicted of cold
blooded murder, she has become
a sexless menace to society and
should be treated with exactly
that mercy-tempered justice that
would be visited upon a male
prisoner—that much and no
more.

As to the death penalty for
criminals, whether they be men
or women, there is a wide diver-
gence of opinions by those who
have given the matter study in
its most practical as well as ethi-
cal aspect. Manifestly, harsh as
it may seem, it is a sound princi-
ple that those who have made
themselves a menace to orga-
nized society and its law-abiding
members have forfeited their
right to life or liberty as the case
may be. The man who has killed
may kill again; therefore, aside
from any consideration of pun-
ishment and retribution, he must
not be left with his liberty. It
is difficult to determine whether
there is any reformation possible
for the creature to whom a cold
blooded and deliberately plan-
ned murder is possible. There
are many fine points, which in
the present imperfect and unde-
veloped study of the psychology
of crime and criminals remains
unsolved. We are ignorant of
many facts which would help ma-
terially to better the understand-
ing of what makes the criminal
mind and how reform may be
accomplished. But in the mean-
time it would seem that the best
thing is being done when the
criminal is removed from con-
tact with other and from oppor-
tunity to accomplish more harm.

Therefore, life imprisonment
seems the safer method.

The life sentence is approved
by many, as it was in the case of
the New York woman, because of
the objection to capital punish-
ment. Yet is life imprisonment
any better in any way than the
death penalty? When the life
sentence begins not only is the
criminal legally dead, but to all
intents and purposes he is dead.
Mere physical existence is scarce-
ly to be called living. If the
sentence must be death or life
imprisonment, isn't the speedy
ending of the matter the most
humane of the two?—Fort Worth
Record.

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at least is what a young baby
ought to gain in weight. Does
yours? If not there is some-
thing wrong with its digestion.
Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and
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Directions to Prepare Simple, Yet Re-
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A well-known authority on
Rheumatism gives the following
valuable though simple and
harmless prescription, which any-
one can easily prepare at home:

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

Mix by shaking well in a bot-
tle, and take a teaspoonful after
each meal and at bedtime.

He state that the ingredients
can be obtained from any good
prescription pharmacy at small
cost, and, being of vegetable ex-
traction, are harmless to take,
without buying a pound of feed.

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

Inquiry at the drug stores of
this neighborhood elicits the in-
formation that these drugs are
harmless and can be bought sep-
arately, or the druggist here will
mix the prescription for our
readers if asked to.

See Morehead, the Tailor.


Do You

Do you have a Bank Ac-
count? Do you pay your
bills by check? Have you
stopped to consider the ad-
vantages of transacting
your business by this meth-
od? Every check you issue
in payment of bills is event-
ually returned to you to be
retained as a receipt for the
money paid.

If you have no bank ac-
count come to this bank and
make your first deposit,
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Some houses may have stocks more pretentious in scope and more imposing in cost; but we believe none has one that will meet the varied wants of the people better than ours, and when they have learned by actual experience, that no matter what class of merchandise is desired, (the cheapest article is the most expensive), it can be obtained here, quality compared with quality, at the same price if not lower, than elsewhere. And back of this merchandise will stand our absolute guarantee for it to be as represented. And if it is not entirely satisfactory in every way, it can be returned and the money cheerfully refunded.

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14 and 18 inch Hair Rolls, made over wire and sanitary frames—all colors. Prices

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Colored Repps, for wash suits, full 27 inches wide—in Blue, Tan, Mercerize finish

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Men's Handkerchiefs, size 18 x 18 inches 3/4 inch hems "all linen", a bargain at the low price of

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Ladies' Suits in Blue and White Linen. Coat 36 inches long, trimmed in eluny bands, in back and front, pointed effect of eluny lace back and front. Skirt, seven gored, panel effect of eluny lace, trimmed in buttons, made nice and full. Price **\$7.50**

Children's Dresses—made of solid color Gingham. Blue and Pink, trimmed in white braid. Ages 8 to 14. Yes, priced at **\$1.50**

Misses' and children's slip over gimp, trimmed in light blue, fast colors. Ages 6 to 14 years. Priced at **\$1.50**



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The way a skirt hangs—the way it fits—is an insight to the firm who made it—"Fabian" is the house who turns out high grade work. Every garment is strictly tailored—there is no happen so as to the fit. We have voiles, which are shrunk before making, that are all wool, and won't get rusty looking.

Voile, all wool, 11 gore, trimmed in cluster rows of taffeta, taffeta band up side, trimmed with large buttons. A garment of unusual merit. Priced at **\$11.85**

A real wire Voile in black, 17 gore, trimmed in 8 inch fold of satin and small cluster folds, every seam is bound and pressed. A swell creation in a skirt, worth every cent of \$18.00. A special at **\$15.85**

15 gored, Black Voile, braid trimmed up side with satin buttons, six rows of satin folds, which graduate to a point on each side. A high grade garment that will suit the most skeptic. Priced at **\$17.85**
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If you have put off buying your Easter suit until the last thing—come to see us—there are plenty of styles to choose from and accommodating salespeople to wait on you.

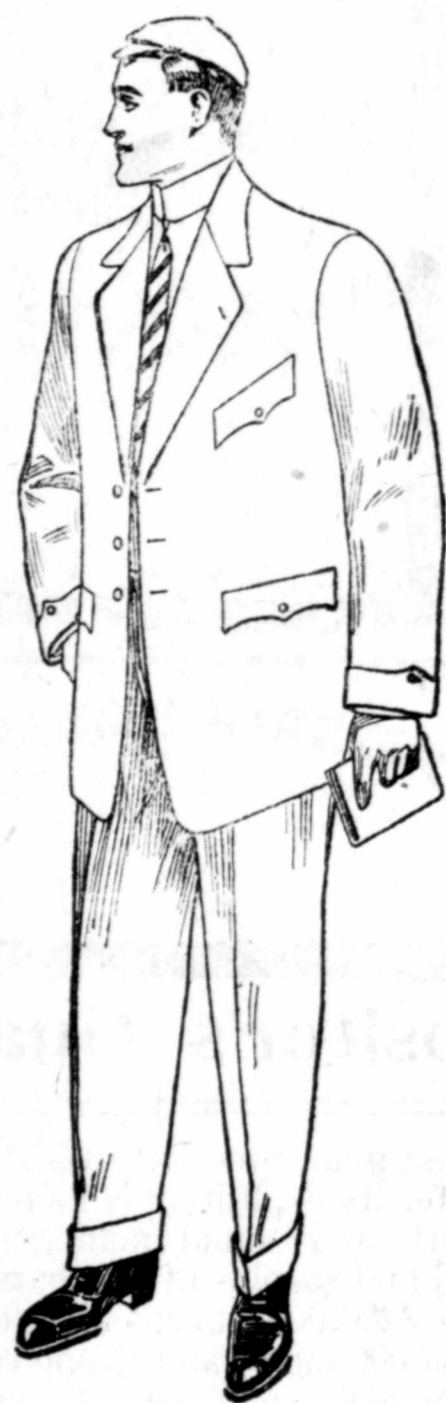
Men's "all wool" suits made of hard finish worsted. Style, two button sack, pockets with fancy flap, 8 inch vent in back, cuff on sleeve. Pants, half peg top, belt straps, with or without cuffs, side straps, tailored throughout, new colorings. You can buy no better for \$5 more. Priced at **\$20.00**

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