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ARGUMENT FOR DEFENSE CONTINUES

Counsel for H. Clay Pierce Takes up the Whole Day.

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 2.—After having permitted the state to proceed in the prosecution of H. Clay Pierce to the extent of introducing witnesses and proving up the affidavit upon which the indictment charging Pierce with false swearing in connection with the readmission of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, the defense today attacked the sufficiency of the indictment.

Judge James H. Robertson, chief counsel for the defense, this morning resumed the arguments begun Wednesday afternoon. His argument will consume all of today's session of court.

The jury has been returned to quarters pending the outcome of the debate. Robertson contends that the indictment is not sufficient to maintain a felony charge as it involves a mixed question of law and fact and that false swearing or perjury should involve a question of fact only. Further, the defendant signed the affidavit at the advice of his counsel, and therefore cannot be held on a charge of wrongdoing for what his lawyers believed all right.

One of the most important points raised was the eligibility of a woman notary to acknowledge the affidavit. Miss N. M. Nagle took Pierce's oath.

Robertson insists that the state cannot proceed in the trial until two counts of false swearing and perjury contained in the indictment are separated.

WANT REWARD FOR SARTIN'S CAPTURE

Two Officers and Sartain's Relatives all Want the Money.

Special to The Banner.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 2.—Both Chief of Police Henry DeSpain and Sheriff Sam Rich will claim the reward for causing the arrest of Gus Sartain, who committed suicide yesterday in the jail at Sacramento, California, after admitting having murdered Mrs. John Winkelman of Fayetteville, Ark. It is probable that division will be effected.

The relatives of Sartain here today engaged counsel and will claim \$2200 which is deposited under Sartain's name at a Sacramento bank. They anticipate a legal fight for the possession of the money.

CAMPBELL DECLINES TO COMMIT HIMSELF

Will Say Nothing of Colquitt's Campaign for Governor.

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 2.—Governor Campbell today refused to deny or affirm the truth of the recent assertion by O. B. Witt that Campbell is trying to use his defeat. He was asked if he opposed Colquitt's nomination, but he refused to answer.

MONEY DEMANDED OF MARLIN BANKER

Correspondent Uses Mails, Asking For \$5,800—Several Ruses Were Resorted to to Catch the Man.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 2.—For some days past Mr. B. C. Clark, president of the First National Bank of Marlin, has been receiving some remarkable and interesting letters, which came through the Marlin postoffice. The first of these epistles came to him on the day of Thanksgiving, and demanded that he leave the sum of \$5,800 at a certain place on Ward street. It was demanded that the amount of money be left that night. The banker notified an officer, and it was arranged for Mr. Clark to leave at the place mentioned a roll of worthless paper, and the officer watched the place until two o'clock in the morning, and as no one had called he retired, thinking the entire matter a hoax and only intended to frighten Mr. Clark. However, the next morning the roll of paper was missing. That night another letter was dropped into the postoffice addressed to the banker. Upon this occasion Mr. Clark addressed a letter to his unknown correspondent asking that he make his demand for a smaller sum, as money matters are stringent, and heavy demands are just now being made of him for cash. The letter was deposited in the place designated for the money.

Postmaster Emerson was notified of all that had transpired and he set to work to assist in detecting the guilty man. One of the postoffice employees was detailed to watch the letter box at the postoffice all day yesterday and until a late hour last night. As soon as a letter was dropped into the box it was quickly removed and the address examined. About 8 o'clock last night a letter with another was placed in the box addressed to Mr. Clark. There were three young men in the office at the time, who are regular employees there, being Curtis McMillan, Charles Robertson, and Herbert Simon. They were properly armed for an emergency. As soon as this letter was dropped the address was noticed, and with the swiftness of bats from a cave the young men rushed out. A young man raised in Marlin, and of good family, was halted. He was then permitted to go his way and Postmaster Emerson was notified by telephone. The last letter, the one dropped in the office last night, reduced the demand to \$3,800. Threats of personal violence and destruction of property were made in all the letters. An arrest was made. Postoffice Inspector Bass is here from Waco to investigate the case.

\$100,000 FOR JEFFRIES JOHNSON FIGHT

Special to The Banner.

New York, Dec. 2.—The bid of Gleason, Coffoth and Rickard offering one hundred and one thousand dollars for the Jeffries Johnson this morning drank ear-ear after noon by the two fighters and their managers at Hoboken.

The contest will take place some time in July of next year and will be held at San Francisco.

ANOTHER COMET DISCOVERED

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Miss Tott finds a new heavenly visitor which overshadows in importance the coming comet.

ENDURANCE RACE CARS PASSED THROUGH TODAY

Only Six Autos in The Running When Ballinger was Reached-- Three Left by Wayside.

Only six out of the nine cars that gaily bowled out of Dallas at 10 a. m. Monday mornin, were in the running this morning when Ballinger was reached on the 700-mile Star-Telegram endurance run from Dallas to San Angelo, and return. Three cars were left by the wayside, and the drivers left to take their time in making home. The first cars arrived in this city at 11 o'clock sharp, and stopped here for lunch. Having left Abilene rather early this morning the drivers and observers were sufficiently hungry to use most of the allotted time, and were "among those present" at the various Hutchings Avenue lunch counters for some minutes. The cars reached here in the following order as to time: Marmon, No. 13, Pilot Car, not in race. Maxwell runabout, No. 2, class 5, first. Driven by Jesse Illings-

worth; McClure, observer.

Jackson, No. 4, Class 4, same time as Maxwell, but second as to honors, Geo. Clark, driver, H. M. Richley, observer.

Auburn, No. 16, driver "Skeet" Hall of Brownwood, observer, J. Waddell, third.

Overland, No. 6, Turkentoft, driver; Fosdick, observer, fourth. Moline, No. 7, J. A. Wickey, driver, C. P. Henley, observer, fifth. The pilot car Buick, No. 17, driven by Goldthwaite, broke down this side of Abilene, this morning. The Moline picked up an extra passenger from the car, bringing him to this city.

The cars remain at Angelo tonight, and will leave early Friday for the return journey, passing through here in the morning. Much interest is being taken in the event, and the outcome will be closely noted.

HASKELL'S LAWYERS STILL UNSUCCESSFUL

Haskell's Lawyers Cannot Get Records of Indian Land Sales.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 2.—So far as can be learned here, Gov. Charles N. Haskell, who secured a delay in the trial of the Chickasha indictments charging himself and five other Oklahomans with conspiracy to defraud the government of Muskogee town lots, has not gained access to the records of the Indian land sales. The lawyers decline to discuss the efforts made.

BALLINGER COTTON YARDS REPORT.

At Union	3383
At Peoples	5562
Total	8945

ONE KILLED THREE INJURED

Oklahoma Autoists Come to Grief—One Fatally Injured.

Special to The Banner.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 2.—Dr. W. B. Russell, a young physician, was fatally injured and O. C. Fordy and Virgil Jenkins were seriously injured this morning when the automobile in which they were speeding struck a stack of paving blocks. The machine was being driven by Russell at break-neck speed, hitting the paving blocks and rebounding sixty feet. The auto was a total wreck.

FORT WORTH LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT.

Special to The Banner:

Ft. Worth, Dec. 2.—Cattle received 3000; hogs 1300. Steers closed steady, tops \$4.45. Cows steady, tops \$3.35. Calves steady, tops \$5.25. Hogs steady, tops \$3.05.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Will Hold Two Days' Session at Ballinger Dec. 9 and 10—Prominent Speakers to be Here.

The Sunday Schools of Runnels county will hold a two day's convention at the Methodist church in Ballinger, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9 and 10. Representatives of the Texas Sunday School Association will be present together with representatives from other Sunday Schools in the county. A splendid program has been arranged as follows:

Program, Thursday, Dec. 9.

10 a. m.—Devotional Service, conducted by Rev. H. M. Bandy.

10:15 a. m.—Address of Welcome, Ed. S. McCarver.

10:30 a. m.—Response by Rev. C. L. Power, of Winters.

10:45 a. m.—Address by Mr. W. N. Wiggins, of Dallas, general secretary of Texas Sunday School Association.

11:30 a. m.—Business Session.

Noon.

2 p. m.—Address by Rev. M. E. Hudson.

2:30 p. m.—Address on Primary Work, by Mrs. Wiggins, general field worker.

3 p. m.—Address by Rev. W. B. Adkins.

3:30 p. m.—Round Table, conducted by Mr. Wiggins.

7:45 p. m.—Address, Trip to Holy Land, by Mr. Wiggins in Oriental costume.

Friday, Dec. 10.

10 a. m.—Devotional, conducted by Rev. D. E. Heaton, of Miles.

10:15 a. m.—Addresses by Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins.

11 a. m.—Organization of County Sunday School Convention.

The committees appointed for occasion from the various churches are as follows:

Committee on Program: H. W. Lynn, Geo. W. Fender, E. D. Walker; Entertainment, Ed S. McCarver, J. A. Biggs, E. J. Hardgrave; Invitation, Jo Wilmeth, R. W. Bruce and Ed S. McCarver; Advertising committee, H. S. Perkins, H. M. Bandy, and M. E. Hudson.

LOOKS LIKE WAR WITH NICARAGUA

Banner for Job Printing.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Felipe Rodriguez, in charge of the affairs of the Nicaraguan legation, was tonight tendered his pass ports by Secretary of State Knox, thereby severing the diplomatic relations of the two countries.

In delivering pass ports to Nicaraguan representatives, Secretary of State Knox informed them by note that the United States would hold personally responsible the men responsible for the torture and execution of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, recently killed in Nicaragua.

American marines are being landed on Nicaraguan soil, and will protect American interests. Estrada now controls more than half the country. Steamer Prairie, carrying marines, was ordered to leave Philadelphia for Nicaragua this afternoon.

GRIGGS AND WILMETH ON COMMITTEES

Ballinger Men Recognized on Committee of West Texas Development Congress.

Ballinger has been fully recognized by the promoters of the West Texas Development Congress which meets at San Angelo next Monday, December sixth. Judge R. S. Griggs has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee, to make recommendations and specific reports on resources, to the general assembly, and Jo Wilmeth has been chosen a member of the Finance Committee.

Both of these committees are of prime importance, and these gentlemen are known to be thoroughly capable of doing their share of the necessary work. While very busy just now, both gentlemen will accept the appointment and fulfill the requirements even at a sacrifice of time they can ill afford to lose just now.

MURDERER CAUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

Admits Killed Woman and Received Ten Thousand Dollars Last August.

Special to The Banner.

Sherman, Tex., Nov. 29.—Policeman H. DeSpain today received a message from chief of police at Sacramento, Cal., that Gus Sartain, who was arrested there recently charged with murdering Mrs. John Winkelman, of Fayetteville, Ark., last August, admits that he is guilty of the crime. It is alleged that Sartain received ten thousand dollars after committing the murder.

DeSpain has been commissioned as agent for the State of Arkansas, by the governor to go to Sacramento and return Sartain on requisition.

The hunt for Sartain extended over the entire country and a large reward will be paid for his arrest.

PYTHIAN OFFICERS RESIGN POSITIONS

Manager and Matron of Knights of Pythias Home Resign.

Special to The Banner.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 2.—J. B. Burehard, manager and Mrs. Burehard, matron, of the Texas Knights of Pythian's Widows and Orphans Home here, today resigned their positions on account of differences with the officers. Miss Quarles will be temporarily in charge until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge at Muskogee next April.

ARRESTED BY BROTHER BOY SUICIDES

Houston Boy Arrested for Forging Check—Drinks Carbolic Acid.

Special to The Banner.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 2.—After being arrested upon the complaint of his brother whose name it is alleged he forged on a check for twelve dollars, Connie Johnson this morning drank carbolic acid while in the patrol wagon en route to jail. Physicians say there is no hope for his recovery. Connie was only nineteen years of age.

RAILROAD COMMITTEE MET THIS MORNING

Col. Jones Will Expect Full Settlement Dec. 1st—\$18,000 Bonus Money Uncollected.

The committee, representing the guarantee committee, met in the office of Chas. S. Miller, chairman of the committee this morning and thoroughly went over the status of the railroad work in securing the A. & S. road, and outlined work for closing up the matter with Col. Jones, the man that built the road, and to whom will be due on Dec. 1st \$30,000, balance on bonus as per contract. The committee approved the report of W. J. Miller, treasurer, and passed an order reducing the price of all the railroad lots in Ballinger 20 per cent and the price of Hatchel town lots 25 per cent. This is done in order to get quick sale on them, and secure money with which to settle with Col. Jones in full when he called for his money. The committee went over the unpaid subscription list and found that it would require all the railroad lots and all the subscriptions to pay Mr. Jones.

Treasurer, W. J. Miller, was instructed to call on all those who had not paid their subscription one more time, and give them a chance to pay, and subscribers will be given until Dec. 4th, and if they do not pay the matter will be placed in Chairman C. S. Miller's hands with instructions to bring suit to collect. There is

due \$18,000, and it will require this to settle with Mr. Jones.

The guarantee committee guaranteed the bonus with the expectations that all would pay, and they regret to have to resort to extreme measures to get the money, but it must be paid. Those constituting the committee, and who were present at the meeting this morning are W. J. Miller, C. S. Miller, J. B. Wilmeth, C. A. Doose, J. McGregor, C. H. Willingham, Jno. F. Currie, R. P. Kirk, and J. H. Wilke.

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A. R. Burks left Saturday for a visit with friends at Silver Valley, Coleman county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle left Saturday afternoon for Temple, on a short week-end visit.

ANDREW CARNEGIE IS 72 YEARS YOUNG

Schemes of Philanthropy Will Still Occupy Time of Generous Millionaire.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Andrew Carnegie, capitalist, manufacturer and philanthropist, celebrated his 72d birthday Thursday. He spent the day quietly in his Fifth Avenue home in company with his family and a few intimate friends invited to partake of the Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Carnegie is still devoting the most of his time and attention to his vast schemes of philanthropy. Colleges, hospitals and the herofund, together with the Foundation for the Advancement of Learning, are receiving most attention. The great philanthropist is not giving much money nowadays for libraries, though he says he is well satisfied with the results of his expenditures in the library line.

A recent estimation places the total of Mr. Carnegie's benefactions at \$158,000,000. Of this vast amount about \$30,000,000 has been bestowed upon public libraries in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Wales.

The Carnegie Institute has received almost \$20,000,000 and the college professor's pensions have amounted to about \$15,000,000. Small colleges in the United States have received \$20,000,000 and half that sum has been bestowed upon Scotch universities.

The herofund benefaction amounts to \$10,000,000 and a like sum represents the amount given for the endowment of the Carnegie Institute in Washington. The remainder is represented in miscellaneous gifts in the United States and Europe, not able among the latter being the \$5,000,000 Dufferline endowment and the \$1,750,000 given for the establishment of the peace palace at The Hague.

SHOOTING AFFRAY NEAR HOUSTON

Two Prominent Farmers are Killed and a Third is Under Arrest.

Special to The Banner. Houston, Texas, Nov. 27.—Paul and Lee Durham are dead and Ed Weber is arrested and in jail from which he will be taken to answer a charge of murder.

It is said that Weber confronted the two Durham brothers in a road just outside of the Houston city limits at ten o'clock this morning, shooting and killing both men instantly.

Today's tragedy of an old difference between the Durham brothers and Weber families. The trouble originated over a boundary line. A short time ago Sam Weber, a brother of Ed, was shot from ambush and possibly fatally injured. He still lives, but is in a precarious condition, his jaw being torn away.

It is said that Ed Weber had avowed to avenge his brother's injury, and so he this morning killed both the Durhams.

COTTON BELT CONDUCTOR KILLED BY TRAIN.

Special to The Banner. Jacksonville, Texas, Nov. 27.—Ben Morris, a Cotton Belt railroad conductor, was killed by a freight train near here last night. Fourteen cars passed over his body. Morris' brakeman, M. H. Hughes, and a life-long friend of the conductor immediately quit work, declaring that he would never enter railroad work again.

BETTER MAIL FACILITIES.

Postmaster Cady informs us that he has perfected arrangements whereby the west bound train will carry a pouch of mail for Rowena. Heretofore Rowena has only been receiving mail from the west bound noon train, and mail mailed out here this afternoon would not reach Rowena until tomorrow, and with the change just arranged for Rowena will get mail from Ballinger several hours earlier.

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.

WONDERFUL MACHINE AT F. & M. BANK

The New Adding Machine at the Farmers' & Merchants State Bank.—Takes a Great Burden of Detail Off the Clerks.

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank has installed a new Burroughs Adding and Listing Machine of a very late model, equipped with keys for printing the date, etc., and driven by an electric motor.

The machine looks very much like the familiar Burroughs, except that it has eleven columns of keys instead of nine. Eight columns are used to list and add amounts, while the other three columns are used to print the dates and any abbreviations desired.

If the bank wishes, for instance, to make out what is known as a transit letter, which is sent to another bank with checks for collection, it is only necessary for the clerk to press one key for the month, another for the day, and the proper keys for the amount he wishes to list opposite the date. It is not even necessary to pull a handle, as the machine is operated by an electric motor and registers all that has been indicated on the keyboard at the touch of the little finger on a touch bar which makes the machine go. The amounts are added automatically by the machine and when all the amounts have been listed, pressure on a lever gives an instantaneous and correct total.

The Burroughs machine is a great blessing to banks, and indeed to any business which handles figures, for the clerk can write down figures and add them up a great deal quicker than a man could write them down alone. Then too, the machines are absolutely accurate, and there is no possibility of making the costly and annoying mistakes which are so common to everyone who handles figures.

The ease with which this machine at the Farmers & Merchants handles figures, and the simplicity of its operations are worth a trip to the bank to see. Anyone can operate it after five minute's explanation, and can readily see what a great saving of time and anxiety it is to the clerks, and what a satisfaction to the officials who go home at night secure the knowledge that no item of the day's work has escaped them. The books balance all the time.

A machine that will print figures almost as fast as the operator can think of them, and add them up in the wink of the eye is a wonder in itself, but when it prints the date in the same operation, and does it all by electricity, it is even more remarkable. The Burroughs company has, we are told, machines which will add hours and minutes, tons and hundredweights, gross, whole dozen and fractions of dozens, feet and inches any figures in fact, which are used in business. These machines will even subtract, multiply and divide without possibility of mistake.

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BUT THEY HAVE STRAW-BERRIES AT HOUSTON.

Special to The Banner. Houston, Tex., Nov. 29.—The first strawberries of this season were marketed here this morning, the price being \$1 per qt. The shipment was received from Aldine, Harris county, where it is reported that dry weather will shorten the crop.

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John Thurman visited home-folks at Talpa Sunday.

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WILL SUPPORT BALLINGER CREAMERY.
S. A. R. Hamilton, of Ballinger, was here Monday. Mr. Hamilton is one of the promoters of the Creamery that will, no doubt, be established in Ballinger soon, and the object of his coming here was to see if the Rowena farmer was interested in the proposition to the extent that he would patronize it. The success of the Creameries established at other places, from every standpoint—the farmer as well as the stockholder, is too well known to need any comment of our part. We believe that the Rowena farmer will take kindly to this new enterprise, knowing as he does, that he will be directly benefitted.—Rowena Review.

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Undertakers and Embalmers

FRISCO ENGINEERS NEAR SAN ANGELO

Movements Being Watched With Interest in West Texas—Runs West From Brady.

Railroad surveyors, in the employ of the Frisco, are now in the vicinity of the Kickapoo between Eden and San Angelo. These men are headed this way and at

the present rate they are traveling it is expected they will reach San Angelo before another two weeks have passed.

The people of Brady seem to be very much worried over the plans of the Frisco, as are the people at Menardville. The contract for 17 miles of grading has been let out of Brady, but this runs west, while Menardville is southwest. Last Saturday, a week ago, a meeting was held at Eden and a bonus and a right-of-way through Concho county was subscribed by the

Edenites.

It begins to look now as if the Frisco was not going direct to Menardville just at the present time, but instead, is going to continue its western course on to Eden and thence to San Angelo. At any rate the railroad movements are being watched in all Western Texas with a great deal of interest since the new corps of surveyors are in the field and since no one seems to know just what is doing.—San Angelo Standard.

HERE TO INSPECT NEW P. O. HOME.

Postoffice Inspector Smith, of Fort Worth, is here today to inspect the new quarters of the postoffice and receive same. Of course he found everything in tip top shape and an office that would do credit to Uncle Sam in cities much larger than Ballinger.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CASE SET FOR DECEMBER 8.

Special to The Banner. Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—The case of Itasca Independent School District vs. McElroy, set for today was postponed, and will come up December 8th.

J. R. Evans of Talpa, was here Tuesday on business.

FRISCO WRECK HEAVY LOSS

Freight Train Goes in Ditch Near Brownwood Delaying Traffic and Causing Heavy Loss.

An incoming freight train was wrecked early this morning near Delaware Station, five miles out from Brownwood, and five freight cars and caboose went into the ditch. The track was so badly obstructed that it was necessary to build a false track around the wreck in order for the passenger trains to pass. The Record special was following the freight and did not arrive in Brownwood until nearly 2 o'clock.

There was no one hurt in the wreck but the railroad company sustained a heavy loss. The wreck was due to spreading rails, caused by the heavy rains of yesterday and last night.—Brownwood Bulletin.

ANOTHER GOOD CITIZEN COMING

M. J. Stacy, of Stacy, Buys Home and Will Move to Ballinger.

R. A. Terry has sold his beautiful home on Seventh Street to M. J. Stacy, of Stacy, Texas, and Mr. Stacy will move to Ballinger about the first of December, and become a citizen of our town.

Mr. Stacy is moving here for the purpose of engaging in business and will take charge of the bakery and confectionary business known as the Ballinger Bakery.

Mr. Stacy is a splendid man, and we are glad to welcome him and his family to Ballinger.

Mr. Terry expects to either buy or build another home.

Clyde Blanks, of Abilene, came in Wednesday afternoon and is the guest of Ernest Plummer.

W. E. Sayle went to Abilene Tuesday on business.

COLORADO RIVER ON 20-FOOT RISE

The Colorado river is on a big rise. Phone reports from Bronte say the rise is in excess of 20 feet. With the unusual volume of water already passing through the channel, the river will be almost full here by night, although it will likely not overflow the banks.

The K. C. M. & O. railroad bridge is endangered at Bronte, and cannot be crossed, although it is thought the foundation will not be wrecked, as the water is not rising higher at present.

Banner for Job Printing.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN AT GALVESTON

Special to The Banner.

Galveston, Nov. 30.—William Jennings Bryan arrived here this morning and is the guest of Col. W. L. Moody. The Nebraskan declines to discuss the incident with newspaper reporter at San Antonio yesterday when he presented query as to prospective candidacy for the fourth time for the presidency. Col. Bryan will speak here Thursday night on tariff and will hunt ducks in the meantime.

Mrs. A. P. Holman and baby returned to San Angelo to-day, after a visit to relatives here.

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Spool Cotton, sale price 2c the spool	Men's Underwear, extra heavy, fleece lined sanitary, 33c gar't	Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 15c and 25c kind, 8c	Children's Hose, fast colors, sale price, 6c pr pair	
Men's Suits \$8.00 kind.....\$4.98 \$12.00 kind.....\$5.98 \$18.00 kind.....\$9.98	Bed Spreads, in white, colored and fringed, extra large size, sale price 98 cents.	Petticoats, black mercerized, extra large size. The \$1.50 kind. Sale price 79 cents.		

Space is entirely too small to name the many Bargains offered you in this Great Salvage Sale. Everything marked in Plain Figures. All we ask is come and be convinced. Remember the Place.

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PEACE.

The Banner favors peace at all times, and the explosive noises of war are extremely distasteful to our perceptive senses. Just now our esteemed contemporaries, the Standard of San Angelo, and the Bulletin of Brownwood, are indulging in a skirmish of linguistic pyrotechnics over the use of the term "cliff dwellers" as applied to citizens of our fair and beautiful city, now and then, by the former journal, and likewise condemned from time to time by the latter periodical, as well as by our own gentle expression. And notwithstanding the danger of hurling ourselves, as it were, into the terrors of conflict, we humbly ask that peace prevail, and that the angry mutterings of war give way to the insistent whisperings of peace and love.

Now it is true that the cliff dwellers lived centuries ago, but who questions the fact that they were far more highly civilized than the savage races that succeed them? And who will gain-

say the fact that their knowledge of science, and skill in handiwork of various sorts was in many respects far ahead of not only that age, but any age following, even to this good day. So it would be no dishonor to any people to be characterized as "cliff dwellers." Then too, the fact that the "cliff dwellers" were in every sense a much greater people than the savages that followed after, might give some grounds for the contention that, after all Ballingerites are "cliff dwellers," because they are fully a century ahead of those people who "follow after," in the wake of our city's transcendent progress.

But we are for peace, and would not willfully give vent to any expression that would offend even the most fractious. We are not calling other folks names, and if others see fit to give appellations to our citizens we will calmly permit them to do so, knowing that any name that does not do full honor to our people will be its own condemnation, stigmatizing its authors as unlettered, unlearned and unstrung. That is all.

If there is a fire bug in Ballinger—and such seems to be the case—our citizens should be very vigilant, and try to bring about a capture of the nefarious creature.

The efforts on the part of some of our larger cities to discredit the state rangers should meet the condemnation of thinking people over the state.

The farmer smiles while the splendid season makes wheat and oat crops grow. The farmer with a grain crop is the wise man this winter.

Colquitt says he will not resign his present office, in seeking a higher one. A mistake, Oscar, we feel sure. Think it over again.

ATTENTION.

Many people of average intelligence and fair capabilities do not achieve the things in life their friends expect of them, simply because they lack one faculty of mind, not sufficiently stressed in these days. They do not pay attention. There may be opportunities at their beck and call, and perhaps means of advancement at hand, yet, with unseeing eyes, and ears that hear not, they go their aimless ways, unheeding the calls to higher walks of life.

Attention. Who gives it? We are a nation of readers, and get yet how many of us remember what we read? How many people in this city can quote a couple of dozen stanzas from the major poets, or can repeat more than a paltry dozen standard quotations? Or, to bring the matter closer to our own times, how many of us understand the present situation in Turkey, the status of the Nicaraguan affair, or our perennial tariff question? Even echo would be ashamed to answer. And yet we all read daily of these matters, never with a clear understanding however, we fear.

We attend church. We hear countless sermons. And yet who remembers the texts, the trend of arguments, or the illustrations? Who? Fact is, we do not think as much as we should, and whether it is because we are too self-satisfied, too lazy, or whatever the reason be, we should speedily break away from the dangerous habit.

The best citizenry is a people composed of intelligent, thoughtful individuals. For intelligence is Democracy's safeguard against tyranny and oppression, and ignorance is, and ever has been, the opportunity of the autoeracy. But intelligence can only be gained by study, observation and attention. And attention will broaden even the wisest.

A hundred Ballingerites should attend the West Texas Development Congress, at San Angelo.

Buy your holiday goods before the rush, and trade with merchants who invite you through the local paper to do so.

ARE THEY SO SIMPLE?

In his speech at St. Louis Senator Aldrich said: "I do not come to you with any plan of monetary reform. Indeed, if I should be delegated today to individually and personally prepare a new system of finance for the country. I should be at a loss as to how to proceed. I should find it necessary to enter upon a careful investigation, and would not undertake to formulate anything without much more study than I have been able to give to this subject. Even in that event I should want your advice and co-operation, and should ask your aid just as I am asking it now for the commission."

Does anyone imagine that Mr. Aldrich and his associates have not devised an explicit scheme as their plan of "monetary reform?" Does anyone imagine that on the monetary question Mr. Aldrich will take the advice of any one outside of the exclusive circle of financiers he serves so cleverly? Was it not, in fact, an insult to the intelligence of the St. Louis business men for Senator Aldrich to pretend that he sought their advice? To be sure he wants their co-operation and aid just as he wanted it for the tariff bill; just as he will want it for the ship subsidy scheme—just as he will want it in furtherance of any measure intended to increase the dividends of the men for whom Mr. Aldrich speaks in the United States Senate.

Is it not strange that the business men of St. Louis, Chicago and of other cities who are depending for success upon honest business methods, do not understand that their interest lies with the masses of the people to whom Aldrichism is oppressive rather than with the Rhode Island senator and his small coterie of monopolists?—Commoner.

Now that the report of the penitentiary investigating committee is all in, fair-minded folks must admit there is little disclosed of a startling nature. A few errors in the system perhaps, and a few brutal guards that should be promptly displaced and punished, and no need for a special session of the Legislature.

The Banner did not adopt the phrase, "A paper for all the people," without an earnest consideration of what that expression means. Our aim is to serve every person or object worthy of success and to give all the news with utter fearlessness and absolute fairness. You are to be the judge, remember.

Don't get the idea that Ballinger real estate has taken a tumble because the railroad committee reduced the price of their town lots. There is a cause for their action, and such action stimulates real estate activity.

Just six more days until the meeting of the West Texas Development Congress at San Angelo. Let Ballinger be fully represented at that great assembly of empire builders.

And, now, the farmers can be thankful for another good season.

The fire-bug has come to life in Ballinger again. Set your trap and let's catch him.

Texas can furnish a snow storm and a strawberry crop the same day. Great is Texas!

If you think teachers don't have their share of schooling, attend a Teacher's institute and keep awake.

"Uncle Andrew's" birthday has passed, and now it is to be hoped that he will remember the Ballinger library.

Ballinger Bicycle Shop

We sell Bicycles, new and second hand. We are agents for Motor Cycles.

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We repair bicycles, guns, phonographs, motor cycles, do key fitting. Give us a trial

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COTTON THIEVES CAPTURED WHILE STEALING COTTON

Farmers Make Their Beds on Pile of Cotton, and Give Midnight Callers a Warm Reception. Two Men in Jail.

As reported in yesterday's Banner, cotton thieves have been working south of town for a week or more and were very bold in going into a man's field and hauling off his seed cotton. The farmers had been missing cotton for several nights and the matter was reported to the officers and the officers were working on the case, with the assistance of the people in the territory where the thieves had been working.

On the place of H. W. Whitley the thieves were captured last night, and caught not only with the stolen goods, but in the very act of loading their wagons with another man's cotton. Harve Knight and another young man equipped themselves with their gatlin guns and secluded themselves close to a pile of seed cotton they had in the field, and with the assistance of their good shepherd dog they captured the thieves. The boys thought they could do better without the dog, and left him at home, but in the early part of the night the dog came to where they were in waiting for

the thieves. The boys and the dog too were sound asleep and it was the alarm given by the dog that aroused the boys when the thieves arrived, and after a merry chase the thieves were captured and brought to town.

The thieves had visited the cotton field of W. H. Whitley and P. P. Holton before going to the field where Knight and his friend were waiting for them. At the Whitley field they stole 300 lbs of cotton and also stole 300 from the Holton field. They had this cotton loaded on their wagon, and were perhaps intending to make up the load in the field when they were captured.

The thieves are young men and gave their names as Reeves and say they live in Concho county. They plead guilty to the charge filed against them for stealing cotton last night, and it is very probable that other charges will be filed against them. Mr. Halton and Whitley came in to-day and recovered the cotton the thieves had on the wagon when captured last night.

MAN LOSES \$145 THINKS HE'S ROBBED

Mexicans Arrested on Charge of Robbing Man Are Held on Gambling Charge.

Deputy Constable Slaughter arrested three Mexicans this morning on a complaint filed by a man for robbery. The man was short \$145 and circumstances were such that the man suspicioned three Mexicans and had them arrested. The man later discovered that he lost the money out of his pocket, but in the mean time the Mexican were carried to Winters by Constable Slaughter and Marshal McKay when they expected to get evidence that would clear them on the charge, and while this was being done a case of gambling developed and they were held on this charge.

ALLEGED SMUGGLER'S TRIAL POSTPONED

Cases of Those Charged With Smuggling Chinese Into This Country Continued Until December 11th.

Special to The Banner. Galveston, Texas, Nov. 27.—The case of Jim Lee and the two other Chinamen and the four Greeks who are charged with having entered into a conspiracy with the steamship companies operating into this city have been continued until December 11th. It is said that the accused men smuggle Chinese into this country and are paid for doing so by the steamship companies. All efforts of the defense to obtain a reduction in the amount of bail failed, and each was again placed under a one thousand dollar bond.

GOOD CATTLE DEAL.

S. P. Stone sold the Roby red cattle, 77 head, to E. E. Griffin of Abilene, for \$20 per head. It is a nice bunch of cattle. Griffin is here and will move cattle to Taylor county.

TALPA TOIL'S TERSELY TOLD

News Notes of Neighboring Town from Latest Issue of the Reporter.

Mr. Oscar George resigned his position as manager of the Perry Gin Monday, and left on the afternoon train for Brownwood.

Mr. A. C. Smith of Ballinger was here Tuesday.

Mr. E. L. Singleton, of Arkansas, and Miss Robertson, of Benoit, were married by Rev. D. W. White Sunday morning at Rev. White's house.

Misses Annie Fonville and Bernice Slaten and Messrs. Boyer and Crews were in Brownwood Sunday.

Mrs. F. C. Cole returned Monday from San Angelo, where she had a delightful time attending Synod of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

V. N. Zivley made a business trip to Ballinger and Maverick this week.

Mrs. Haywood Miller's guests for her elegant Thanksgiving dinner were the families of Messrs. Aug. Hering, Albert Livingston and Will Hale, all of whom pronounced Mrs. Miller a charming hostess.

On last Sunday evening Mr. Green Givens and Mrs. Minnie Thurman Eason were united in marriage. Mr. Givens is one of our best citizens identified with every thing that is worthy in Talpa. The bride is an estimable lady, and has many friends who wish her and her life partner unlimited happiness.

DROPS DEAD ON FORT WORTH STREET.

Special to The Banner. Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 27.—Will Trimble, age 45, accountant for Glenn Furniture Co., fell dead in street here this morning. Heart failure attributed as cause. Trimble was born in Fort Worth. He leaves a wife.

ANTIS WIN IN WILSON COUNTY.

Special to The Banner. Floresville, Texas, Nov. 27.—Wilson county prohibition election went wet yesterday by a majority of 233 votes. This restores saloons in Floresville which voted dry last September but gave wets seven majority yesterday.

RECENT NEWS OF WINTERS TOWN

Items of Interest About Winters, Clipped From the Winters Enterprise.

Mrs. Sanders Walker of Electra, has visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Oliver, near Winters and with her sister, Mrs. Terry, at Ballinger the past week.

County Attorney Edw. S. McCarver, was in Winters on professional business Saturday, remembering the Enterprise force and giving us one of his usual pleasant calls.

J. M. Hibbitts left Monday for Oklahoma in response to a message informing him of the serious illness of his mother. Later reports are that the aged lady is very low and little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

The foundation for the new S. Lipp stone building is completed, and the work of carrying the wall up will begin right away. It requires good buildings for Winters business people now and S. Lipp doesn't propose to be behind the prosperity procession.

H. A. Snively marketed a porker in Winters Monday that was the largest so far reported. McKown & Cook at the City Market paid 10c per pound and his hogship weighed 397, dressed, thus netting the nice little sum of \$39.70. Snively says the hog never saw a grain of corn, but was content to feed on maize till he got too big to live.

DIED.

Mrs. Tom Moreland, age 23 years, died at her home on Valley Creek, yesterday at noon from typhoid pneumonia. She leaves a husband and other relatives to mourn her death. The funeral 4 p. m. and the burial will be made in the Runnels cemetery.

Mrs. Amanda Vinyard, age 80 years, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Lovelady, ten miles northwest of Ballinger, late yesterday afternoon. Funeral to-day at Runnels cemetery.

How about that **PORTRAIT?**

You have been intending to have made? Let us make it for you

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 - Doll Go-Cart,
 - Toy Trains
 - Automobiles,
 - Wagons
 - Fire Wagons
 - Milk Wagons
 - Hobby Horses,
 - Merry-Go-Rounds
 - Drums,
 - Horns,
 - Whistles,
 - Flutes,
 - Balls,
 - Blocks,
 - Rubber Toys,
 - Rattlers,
 - Toy Wash Tubs,
 - Washboards,
 - Clothes Pins,
 - Toy Barns,
 - Toy Houses,
 - Noah's Ark,
 - Horses,
 - Cows,
 - Dogs,
 - Animals.
- For the older folks we have some nice presents in
- Chinaware,
 - Manicure Sets,
 - Collars and Cuff Boxes,
 - Comb and Brush,
 - Sets, Albums, Etc.

Your dimes will buy a lots of Christmas at Our Store. It's real headquarters for Santa Claus this year at

KINZER'S

AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR AMARILLO.

Special to The Banner: Amarillo, Texas, Nov. 27.—Geo. Burnett, an architect of this city, sustained serious internal injuries in an auto accident near this city last night. He was driving a car owned by J. M. Petty, of Amarillo, and containing besides the driver and owner, J. J. Petty and C. D. Cole, both of Denver, Colorado. The car was near Vega,

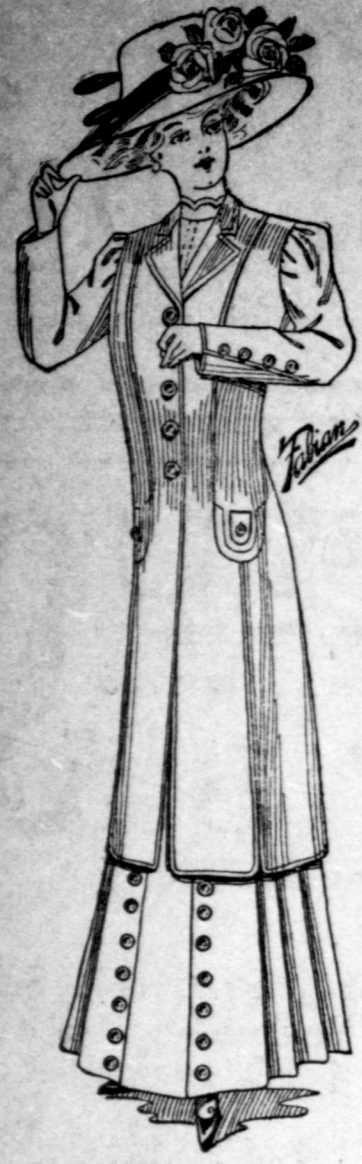
when Burnett attempted to pass a wagon that did not divide the road as the driver was asleep. As a result, the car was forced into a ditch and it turned turtle seriously injuring Burnett. The other occupants were only slightly injured.

TWO NEGRO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Waxahachie, Texas, Nov. 27.—Two negro children—a son of A.

Williams and a daughter of Jas. Hall—were burned to death last night when fire destroyed the house in which they were in near Hamler. The two families occupied the same house. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Business League is spending some money improving the Leaday road. Every merchant in Ballinger will be benefitted by the road; are you a member of the Business League?



Attractive Values in Suits

LADIES' TAILORED GARMENTS

Every Suit is a Suit that will hold its shape—for they are tailored throughout. Garments that have fit. You will find all the leading shades of Greens, Greys, Rose, Cardinal and Blue. Read the prices listed below, pick out the price you want to pay, and we can show you a garment that is sure to please, both in style and fit. Every garment is guaranteed by "Fabian" to be just as represented. Come early while the picking's good

\$32.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	\$23.95
27.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	21.85
25.00	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	19.15
22.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	17.48
20.00	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	16.35
18.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	14.95
17.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	12.95
15.00	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	11.23
12.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	9.95
7.50	Suits, a Special Price for 10 Days	5.95



Coat Sweaters

Just received a shipment of pretty Coat Sweaters for Ladies, Misses and Children in new fancy weaves, colors of white, grey and red, also combination colors.

Childrens and Misses sweaters in solid and fancy colors, button fronts, with or without belts, a big line to select from, priced at 2.50 down to 48c

Ladies sweaters in white, full 33 inch length, large roll collar, double breasted pattern, an all wool garment in fancy knit, priced at 4.48

Kimonas

Every woman admires pretty Kimonas—what would make a more acceptable Xmas present. We are showing a big line in Silk and Flannelette, both long and short designs.

Kimonas, made of good quality flannelette, with fancy borders of silk and satin with or without belt, priced at 2.00 down to 48c

Full length Kimonas, made of Fancy Flannelette, crepe and silk, with fancy silk borders, beautiful patterns, priced at 6.00 to 1.48

MILLINERY PATTERN HATS

The first loss is the best loss, but that is our business, we have determined to clear this department of all stock on hand. Now is the opportunity to buy pretty stylish hats at half price, nothing reserved, they all go. Its an opportunity you don't often have, come, pick the plumes, for they are here in abundance.

- All 12.50 Hats priced at... 6.25
- All 10.00 Hats priced at... 5.00
- All 9.00 Hats priced at... 4.50
- All 8.50 Hats priced at... 4.25
- All 7.50 Hats priced at... 3.75
- All 6.50 Hats priced at... 3.25
- All 6.00 Hats priced at... 3.00
- All 5.00 Hats priced at... 2.50
- All 4.50 Hats priced at... 2.25
- All 4.00 Hats priced at... 2.00
- All 3.50 Hats priced at... 1.75

Knit Head Wraps

Its a marvelous lot of Knit head wear we're showing in mercerized wool and silk, in plain weaves and fancies, in colors of white, blue, black and combination colors.

72 inch scarfs, made of wool, in fancy weaves, colors are red, blue and pink, priced at 23c

Extra heavy knit scarfs in fancy and plain weaves, colors are white, pink, blue and red, these are extra good priced at .50c

Ladies' Tailored Waists

The vogue of the season, neat tailored waists with laundered collars and cuffs, made of plain madras and white linen in tucked designs. If you want comfort and style buy a waist made by Mendel Bros, they know how to make them

Plain Laundered waists, made of madras, laundered collar and cuffs, sizes 34 to 42, an extra value at .98c

Ladies waists, made of pure "Irish Linen" laundered collar and cuffs, tucked fronts, many grades, priced at 3.50 to 1.48

DINNER SET GIVEN AWAY EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY. TICKET WITH EACH 10C PURCHASE.

THE HUB

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Men's High Grade Suits Under Priced

Now is the time to get fitted in that new Fall Suit. Prices are on the decline, values are above the level. We have fitted your neighbor in his suit—why not you? Give us a look at those "HIGH ART" Suits made by Strouse, the people that fit your figure— Why pay \$2.50 to \$5.00 more for your suit, for there's a saving on each suit. Read list below. Overcoats, Cravenetts, big stock to pick that coat from, at a real money saving price.

"Strouse" High Art Suits

This season's newest styles colored with this season's newest colors. Clothes don't make a man, but they make him look better. We can fit you. Now is the time to get in on the "High Art" suits. Read the prices.

\$25.00 "High Art" Suits	\$19.85
22.50 "High Art" Suits	18.45
20.00 "High Art" Suits	16.95
18.50 "High Art" Suits	14.95
15.00 "High Art" Suits	12.65

We have cheap suits not listed in this list. It makes no difference what you want to pay come to us, we can sell you your suit.

Mens Overcoats-A Big Saving

If it is a long ulser, a short dress coat or a cravenette or rain coat you are looking for, you'll find it and at a real saving, not only in quality but in dollars and cents. Read and think!

\$20.00 Cravenetts and Overcoats	\$16.95
17.50 Cravenetts and Overcoats	14.95
15.00 Cravenetts and Overcoats	12.95
12.50 Cravenetts and Overcoats	10.95
10.00 Cravenetts and Overcoats	8.95

A big line of cheaper coats both in mens and youths. Don't buy until you have seen the stock at the Hub—its worth your while.



Men's Shoes

Not bragging, but we believe we can save you money on your shoes. We have built a big business on the kind of shoes we sell, honest solid leather shoes, shoes that wear and fit. Bring us your shoe troubles and if honest values, and fair dealing counts, we can sell you your shoes.

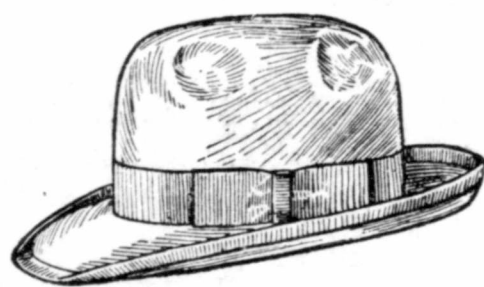
Mens shoes made of vici Kid and Box Calf, with or without caps, shoes that sold at 3.50 to 4.00. Broken lines, all sizes priced at 2.95

Mens shoes made of Vici Kid, Box Calf and patent colt, with welted soles, all solid leather, a fine fitter, priced at 2.50

"Eclipse" a name on a shoe that stands for value and wear, made of Kid, Calf and Patent Colt, new toes, every pair warranted to wear satisfactorily, priced at 3.50

\$4.00, not just the every day kinds, but shoes that have style; in all the new toes, all widths in Patent colt, gunmetal and plain kid, price 4.00

MEN'S HATS



Have you been wondering where all those nobby hats come from? Why its the Hub. Hats made by Buckskin Felt, Thoroughbred and Stetson, the people who know how to get the snap in them.

Mens hats in pinch tops and new crush Elk, in colors of Grey, Black and White; bound edges, strictly new shapes priced at 2.50

Hats, new hats in colors of Olive, Grey, Blue, Tan, Purple and plain Blacks, new shapes, pinch tops and crushers priced at 3.00

Furnishings

You may be hard to please when it comes to furnishings, but with a well selected stock and prices right, buying is made easy. A special assortment of ties, Hosiery, underwear, Shirts, Gloves, in fact anything you need awaits your coming.

Mens shirts, made of madras and percale, cut full, attached cuffs, worth 65 and 75 cents, broken lots all sizes, priced at 35c

Mens Overshirts in wool and cotton, made extra full with collars, light and dark colors, solid and fancy colors, priced at 3.00 down to 75c

How about your sock troubles? Buy "Iron Clad" and they will end. Colors of Tan, Black, Grey, Green and Blue, every pair will give satisfaction, priced at 25c

Fleeced Underwear, heavy weight, weighs 14 pounds to the dozen, shirts and drawers to match, extra value at the price of per garment 50c

Great Sale of Dependable Furniture



Never before have we been in so good a position to save you money on Strictly First Class **DEPENDABLE FURNITURE!** Buying for our 8 Stores in Big Lots, we are able to get Prices and Discounts that small buyers cannot get, which enables us to sell **Dependable Furniture** at prices of the inferior kind. Come here for your House-Keeping Outfits and save 10 to 25 per cent.

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We Guarantee to Save You Money. Seeing is Believing. Come and See.

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Easy to Buy Hard to Beat

It isn't often that you can secure such big bargains in Real Estate but we have three or four splendid offers in farms which it will pay any man with a little ready capital to investigate.

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These farms can be bought for a few hundred dollars down and the balance in payments to suit purchaser, Now is the time to secure a farm of your own. Interested parties should see us at once.

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ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR A GOOD STOMACH.

This Offer Should be a Warning to Every Man and Woman. The newspapers and medical journals have had much to say relative to a famous millionaire's offer of a million dollars for a new stomach.

This great multi-millionaire was too busy to worry about the conditions of his stomach. He allowed his dyspepsia to run from bad to worse until in the end it became incurable. His misfortune should serve as a warning to others. Every one who suffers from dyspepsia for a few years will give everything he owns for a new stomach.

Dyspepsia is caused by an abnormal state of the gastric juices. There is one element missing—Pepsin. The absence of this destroys the function of the gastric juices. They lose their power to digest food.

We are now able to supply the pepsin in a form almost identical to that naturally created by the system when in normal health, so that it restores to the gastric juices their digestive power, and thus make the stomach strong and well.

We want every one troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia to come to our store and obtain a box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. They contain Bismuth-Subnitrate and Pepsin prepared by a process which develops their greatest power to overcome digestive disturbance.

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets are very pleasant to take. They soothe the irritable, weak stomach, strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs, relieve nausea and indigestion, promote nutrition and bring about a feeling of comfort.

If you give Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets a reasonable trial we will return your money if you are not satisfied with the result. Three sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at the Walker Drug Co.—the Rexall store.

Sheriff Flynt returned last night from Winters. He reports that his baby is some better, but is still very sick.

WIND UP THE OLD YEAR RIGHT.

T. F. Hogan, the optician, will be with the Walker Drug Co. from Dec. 20 to 22. Better wind up the old year right by calling on him and having him fit your eyes with a pair of the celebrated toric Kryptok glasses, with which you can see perfectly both near and far. All corrections guaranteed two years. Don't forget the time and place w10&17 d11&18

the organization papers a copy of their by-laws, which must provide for at least monthly meetings.

MULES WANTED—From 4 to 8 years old, from 14 to 16 1-2 hands high, good flesh, broke to harness. Will be in Ballinger until Monday at City Wagon Yard C. B. WHITE.

J. W. Brice, of Truitt, is in Mineral Wells for his health and writes back that he is not very well just now.

Furniture and Undertakers Goods at Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

Old instruments, horses or cows taken in exchange for new pianos or organs. Ballinger Music Co.

Arthur Holton left Thursday afternoon for Sabinal, where he will attend school.

Save money on furniture by trading at Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

Nice up-to-date stock of popular sheet music at Ballinger Music Co. d11-wtf

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and happy. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

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Fit Your Machine and Last Forever
Purer, clearer, more brilliant tone. Call for a catalog. A splendid repertoire to choose from—and we are adding to it right along.
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A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition of the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. City Drug Store, Special Agents.

Why buy elsewhere when you can get it here just as cheap? Ballinger Music Co. wtf Mon daily.

Mrs. W. A. Jackson and baby went to Lometa this evening to visit relatives.

Iron beds cheap. Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

The Banner Job Printing.

SHERIFF SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the sixth day of November, 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said Court, against C. A. Parker and T. A. Smith, for the sum of six hundred and one 40-100 (\$601.40) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 987, in said Court, styled W. B. Stubbs, plaintiff versus C. A. Parker and T. A. Smith, defendants and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, did, on the 10th day of November 1909, levy on certain real estate, situated in Runnels County, and did then and then seize the same to be sold under said order of sale and judgment and decree of said court rendered in said cause on the fifth day of October, 1909, which land real estate is described as follows to-wit: All of lot No. eight (8), in block No ninety-one (91) of the original town of Ballinger in the county of Runnels and state of Texas, as shown by the map of the plan of said town on file in the County Clerk's office of said county. Which judgment was and is a decree of foreclosure of the of the vendors lien existing against said tract of land in favor of said plaintiff, W. B. Stubbs and against said defendants, C. A. Parker and T. A. Smith as shown by said judgment and decree of foreclosure and levied upon as the property of said C. A. Parker by said order of sale and on Tuesday the seventh day of December, 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land and lot at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. A. Parker by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 11th day of November A. D. 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company versus E. B. White, Ben S. Long, Lewis Elexander, L. G. Bills, R. P. Conn I. E. Brown, P. L. Montgomery and H. A. Montgomery, No. 1015, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in December, A. D. 1909, it being the seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger the following property, to-wit:

The west one-half (1-2) of lot No. two (2) in block no twelve (12) in the town of Miles, Runnels County, Texas, levied on as the property of P. L. Montgomery and H. A. Montgomery \$737. 75 with 9 per cent from October 8th 1909, with foreclosure of vendors lien, in favor of The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 11th day of November, A. D. 1909.

Witness my hand this 10th day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 11th day of November, 1909, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said Court, in favor of J. A. Tyler and against L. G. Bills, J. Arthur Stowe and I. W. Evans for the sum of \$426.65, and in favor of M. P. Middleton and against L. G. Bills, J. Arthur Stowe and I. W. Evans, for the sum of three hundred and thirty-one (331.00) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1050, in said Court, styled J. A. Tyler, et al. versus L. G. Bills et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 11 day of November, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County described as follows, to-wit:

Washington County Railroad Survey No. 135, Cert. No. 28-5, Patent No. 35, Vol. 1, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning 100 feet north of the N.E. Corner of a 10 acres tract heretofore sold by Chas. Mowervy to D. L. Harrison; thence south with said D. L. Harrison's east line 190 1-2 varas for corner; thence east 158 varas for corner; thence north parallel with the west line of this tract 190 1-2 vrs. for corner; thence west 158 varas to the place of beginning and levied upon as the property of said L. G. Bills, Arthur Stowe, I. W. Evans, W. J. Farmer and Blanche Farmer. And on Tuesday, the seventh day of Dec. 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. G. Bills, J. Arthur Stowe, I. W. Evans, W. J. Farmer and Blanche Farmer by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day, Nov. 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the eighth day of November, 1909, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said Court in favor of H. H. Brooks and against Wm. Spain, J. A. Hicks and T. M. Curry for the sum of five hundred, twenty and 90-100 (\$520.90) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1019 in said Court, styled H. H. Brooks versus Wm. Spain et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 8 day of November, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

The following described tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Miles, Runnels County, Texas, being the west 1-2 of lot No. 10, Jackson's Addition to said town of Miles, a plat of which addition is of record in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which plat reference is here made for further description and levied upon as the property of said Wm. Spain, J. A. Hicks and T. M. Curry. And on Tuesday, the seventh day of December, 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Wm. Spain, J. A. Hicks and T. M. Curry by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8 day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

In the County Court, Tom Green County, Texas.

Cicero Smith & Company, Plaintiff, vs. King Brothers, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an alias execution, issued on October 27th, 1909, out of the County Court of Tom Green County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on July 7th, 1908, in favor of said Cicero Smith & Company, a corporation and against the said King Brothers, a firm composed of J. Edwin King and John H. King, No. 932, on the docket of said court, an abstract of said judgment having been thereafter, and on July 17th, 1908, filed for record, and duly recorded in Book 1, page 235, record of judgments, of Runnels County, Texas, I did, on the 10 day of November A. D. 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land, situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, and belonging at the time said abstract of judgment

was filed and recorded as aforesaid, to the said King Bros., defendants, to-wit:

296 acres, being part of Surveys twelve (12) and thirteen (13), in the name of Thos. T. Williamson, made by virtue of Certificates Nos. seventy-four (74) and seventy-five (75), and patented by patent Nos. 279 and 280, Vol. 30, Abst. 680 and 681, respectively, said tract being situated about seven miles in a northwesterly direction from Ballinger, the County Seat of said County, and being known as the J. W. Battles old place, and being the same land purchased by defendants, King Bros., from W. L. McMasters and O. R. Sellars.

And, on the 7th day of December, 1909, same being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock, a. m., and four p. m., on said date, at the court house door of said Runnels County, I will offer for sale and sell, at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest which the said King Bros. had in and to said property on the 17th day of July, 1908, have since had, or may now have in and to the same.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 10th day of November, A. D. 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 8 day of November 1909 by R. A. Terry, clerk of said Court, in favor of S. L. Hamilton, plaintiff, and against the defendants, D. E. Caudle, Jo B. Wilmeth, G. W. Johnson, W. A. Merrill and T. R. Shelbourne for the sum of \$1,750 with interests from October sixth 1909, and costs of suit, in a certain cause in said Court styled S. L. Hamilton, vs. W. A. Merrill et al., and on a certain judgment rendered in said cause in favor of the defendant, D. E. Caudle, on his cross action, against the defendants, G. A. Buchanan, G. W. Johnson and W. A. Merrill for the sum of \$767.90, with interest from Oct. 6th, 1909, and costs of suit, placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the eighth day of November 1909, levy on certain real estate situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

206.18 acres of land off the west side of Wm. F. Wilson Survey No. 2, Abstract No. 679, Cert. No. 5031, patented to Wm. F. Wilson, May 12, 1882 by Letters patent No. 256, Vol. 16, said 206.18 acres of land is bounded as follows: Beginning at an old stone mound the original S. W. corner of this survey and the S. E. corner of Survey No. 105; thence north 1776 varas to stone mound in E. B. line of Survey No. 105, for N. W. corner of this survey; thence east 655 1-3 varas with the north boundary line of this survey for N. E. corner of this tract; thence south 1776 varas a rock mound in original S. B. line of this survey; thence west with said south line 655 1-3 varas to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of D. E. Caudle, Jo. B. Wilmeth, G. W. Johnson, W. A. Merrill, T. R. Shelbourne and G. A. Buchanan. And that on the first Tuesday in December, 1909, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the court house door of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10, a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said D. E. Caudle, Jo B. Wilmeth, G. W. Johnson, W. A. Merrill, T. R. Shelbourne and G. A. Buchanan.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8 day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the tenth day of November 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Mrs. Sallie Marberry and husband, A. J. Marberry versus F. B. Huddleston and John G. Key No.

1018, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales on the first Tuesday in December A. D. 1909, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following property, to-wit:

Lots Nos. thirteen (13), fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), in block "F" Woodward Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, levied on as the property of F. B. Huddleston and John G. Key to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$501.65, in favor of Mrs. Sallie Marberry and her husband A. J. Marberry and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 10th day of November, A. D. 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of M. P. Middleton, versus L. G. Bills, J. Arthur Stowe, I. W. Evans, W. T. Williams and A. H. Moore, No. 1025, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours described by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in December A. D., 1909, it being the seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Miles, Runnels County, Texas, being situated in Boykins first add. to Miles and beginning at a point 50 feet west of the E. E. Eggleston's N.W. corner in said block G, for the N.E. corner of this lot; thence west 58 feet for the N.W. corner of this lot; thence south 145 ft. for the S.W. corner; thence east 68 feet for the S.E. corner; thence north 145 feet to the place of beginning, levied on as the property of L. G. Bills, J. Arthur Stowe, I. W. Evans, W. T. Williams and A. H. Moore to satisfy judgment amounting to \$420.08 in favor of M. P. Middleton and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of November, A. D. 1909.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 8 day of November, 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of said court in favor of J. M. Edwards and against J. W. Habermacher, Jo Wilmeth and J. B. Ash for the sum of two thousand, three hundred and ninety seven 15-100 (\$2,397.15) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1001 in said Court, styled J. M. Edwards, versus J. W. Habermacher et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 8 day of November 1909 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

The following described tract or parcel of land being the David Tabor Survey No. 14, Abstract No. 805, patented to David Tabor April 8, 1856, by patent No. 342, Vol. 18, situated in Runnels County, Texas, except one acre of land out of said survey conveyed to the County Judge of said Runnels County for a school house site—said survey being described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point 940 varas west of the N. E. Corner of Wharton County school land Survey No. 510, a stone found from which a mesquite bears S. 30 W. 41 vrs; thence west 950 varas to stone mound; thence north 950 varas to stone mound; thence east 950 varas to corner on top of mountain; thence south 950 varas to place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of said J. W. Habermacher, Jo Wilmet, J. B. Ash, G. E. Cambron and wife, Belle Cambron. And on Tuesday, the 7 day of December, 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. W. Habermacher, Jo Wilmeth, J. B. Ash, G. E. Cambron and wife, Belle Cambron, by virtue of said

levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8 day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 8 day of November, 1909 by R. A. Terry, clerk of said Court in favor of Sarah J. Wilson and husband, J. W. Wilson and against J. A. King and J. A. Tyler for the sum of four thousand, one hundred, eighty seven & 10-100 (\$4,187.10) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1054 in said Court, styled Sarah J. Wilson, et al. versus J. A. King et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the eighth day of November, 1909, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Aunnels County described as follows to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being 213 1-3 acres of land out of the Geo. Ross 1280 acres Survey No. 543 Cert. 9916—said 213 1-3 acres being the north 1-2 of the west 1-2 of said survey and being described by metes and bounds as follows:—Beginning at the N. W. corner of said Ross survey; thence S. 15 E. with the west line thereof 896 varas to the N. W. corner of a 213 1-3 acre tract formerly sold to R. A. Bishop; thence N. 75 E. with the north line of said Bishop tract 1344 varas to the N. E. corner thereof; thence N. 15 W. 896 varas to the north boundary line of said Ross survey; thence S. 75 W. with said north line 1344 varas to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of said J. A. King, J. A. Tyler and G. W. Moore. And on Tuesday, the seventh day of December, 1909, at the Court House door of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. A. King, J. A. Tyler and G. W. Moore by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8 day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.
By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ON PETITION.

On this, the 13th day of November, 1909, this court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of Joe Wilmeth and more than fifty other persons, citizens and tax-paying voters of Commissioners' Precinct No. One, of said County and State, which has been created as Road District No. One, of said County and State, praying that bonds be issued by said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest, maturing 40 years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof;

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such Road District No. One of Runnels County, Texas.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the court that an election be held in said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, on the 18th day of December, 1909, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas,

shall be issued in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest and maturing 40 years from the date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said County for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three weeks prior to said election.

Said election shall be held at the following regular voting places in said Road District No. One: Court House in the City of Ballinger; Runnels School House; town of Benoit; Fuzzy Creek School House, and Pony Creek School House, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election at each voting place, respectively, as hereinbefore designated, namely C. R. Crews, for Ballinger; W. R. Nunn, for the Runnels School House; H. Vaudevanter, for the town of Benoit; B. Mattison for Fuzzy Creek School House; and Jno. Bigsby, for Pony Creek School House.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road District Act passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property tax-payers of said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREFOR," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREFOR."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections.

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge of said County is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and caused to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District No. One, of Runnels County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three weeks prior to said election.

R. S. GRIGGS,
County Judge.

Land, live stock and insurance is our business; let us handle it for you. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank. M. D. Chestain & Co. wktf

**S. H. EVANS
DREW DINNER SET.**

S. H. Evans drew the elegant 42-piece dinner set given away by The Hub, Friday afternoon. These free sets are awarded twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are certainly valuable prizes. Each one who purchases 10cents worth of merchandise, gets a free coupon.

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc Jersey Swine. Bred sows and gilts; open gilts; service boars and 3 mo. pigs at farmers price. Our head comprises the most popular blood lines and most of the aged hogs are prize winners. Can furnish pairs, trios or heads properly mated. Registered Jersey bull calf, high grade cows and heifers. Call on or address Glendale Stock Farm, Miles, Texas. 10-4t

**TRUITT SCHOOL
OPENS TODAY.**

The Truitt Public School opened this morning with Prof. T. T. Neal in charge, ably assisted by Miss Lena Waller. This is one of our strong county schools.

Fresh ear Albatross Flour just received. You know it's the best. Only \$3.50.
11-2t&81-2t A. L. Spann & Co.

A. F. Roberts, the Winter druggist, was a visitor to the city Sunday.

NEW MOVE IN H. CLAY PIERCE TRIAL

Special to The Banner.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—Counsel for Henry Clay Pierce, head of Waters-Pierce Oil Co., on trial here charged with false swearing in connection with readmitting the oil company into Texas, this morning sought to secure immunity for Pierce on the ground that statute of limitations had operated against prosecution. Upon conclusion reading indictment when court convened a motion asking immunity was immediately presented to Judge Calhoun. The motion contends that Pierce was not a resident of Texas, and while absent from the state was not a fugitive from justice, and for same reason a citizen of the state would be immune from prosecution after expiration of limitation Pierce should be immune. Counsel argues that limitation

operated in the case of Pierce as if he was a citizen of Texas. The court granted recess to enable the state to prepare an answer.

This will probably be one of the most important questions in the trial.

CALIFORNIA GETS BIG PRIZE FIGHT.

Special to The Banner.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Sporting circles here are confident that California will get Johnson-Jefferies fight, scheduled for next July. Bids were opened this morning in New York, but selection has not yet been announced. It is thought that the bids will not reach eighty thousand dollars.

MOVING TO ABILENE.

H. E. Bauknight left this evening with his family for Abilene, their future home. Mr. Bauknight recently traded for a nice home and business property at Abilene. We regret to lose this family from our midst.

BEAUMONT SHERIFF SUED FOR \$30,000

Officers Arrest Wrong Man for
Bangs Bank Swindle Case
—Interesting Case.

Sheriff Frank Emison returned this morning from a business trip to Beaumont. Mr. Emison, with other Brown county citizens, went to that city for the purpose of identifying a man, who was supposed to be W. T. Thomas, who last December swindled the First State Bank at Bangs out of \$123. The arrest was made some time ago at the instigation of certain officials who have been on the trail every day since the crime was committed, and at first it was believed that the right man was had in the Beaumont man, but when Bob Allen, Henry McGeorge and Green Mathis failed to recognize him as the prospector who visited Bangs about a year ago, Sheriff Emison began to think perhaps they had arrested the wrong man. The man, when he gained his liberty, filed suit against the Beaumont sheriff for \$30,000 and the case is set for today.

Messrs. McGeorge and Mathis remained in Beaumont to attend the trial and if possible make up their minds as to the man's identity. Thomas came to Bangs last November and stayed around until about the first of December, when he secured \$123 from the bank and hurriedly departed. He had, in the meantime, gone over the country with land agents in search of a place and had closed a trade for Green Mathis' place—contending even for a cow, a horse and some chickens to be included in the trade. When he came to town to make the deed he put up a draft against a Seymour bank for \$500 and offered another draft to the bank which was cashed in part. He secured the money about train time and disappeared.

Local officers and bank detectives have been trailing the man and it was thought he was located in Beaumont. The case is being watched with interest because the Bangs witnesses say that the two men are very much alike, except for the absence of a mustache, which Thomas wore when at Bangs.—Brownwood Bulletin.

OFFICER ARRESTS HIS OWN SON

Mt. Pleasant Constable Arrests
His Son—Boy is Charged
With Murder.

Special to The Banner.

Mt. Pleasant, Tex., Nov. 29.—Constable H. U. White this morning arrested his own son, Walter White, following a murder at Winfred. Young White got into an altercation with Max Dodson, a negro, at Winfred which is just eight miles west of this place, and during the quarrel, White emptied his six-shooter into the negro's body. Dodson was killed instantly and this morning the elder White was called upon to arrest the boy and place him in jail.

ENGINEER BADLY SCALDED AT TEMPLE.

Special to The Banner.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 1.—Asa Bunn, engineer at the power house for the Temple-Belton Traction Co., was seriously scalded here this morning when the boiler head blew out, partly demolishing the plant. The traction service was suspended for several hours.

FRITZ G. LANHAM FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Special to The Banner.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 1.—Fritz G. Lanham, son of former Gov. S. W. T. Lanham, today announced that he would be a candidate for representative from Parker county next year. He is a prominent local attorney.

CAVALRYMAN SUICIDES AT FT. SAM HOUSTON.

Special to Banner.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 1.—Sergeant Maj. Samuel B. Bogart, 3rd cavalry U. S. Army at Ft. Sam Houston, was found dead on the roadside near the post, early this morning. A pistol near by denoted suicide.

JOHNSON HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

F. B. McClellie, of Mineral Wells, who recently bought the Johnson Hotel, assumed charge today. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, who have been conducting the hotel are undecided as to their future plans.

S. M. Farmer, of Miles, was in the city awhile Wednesday, on business matters.

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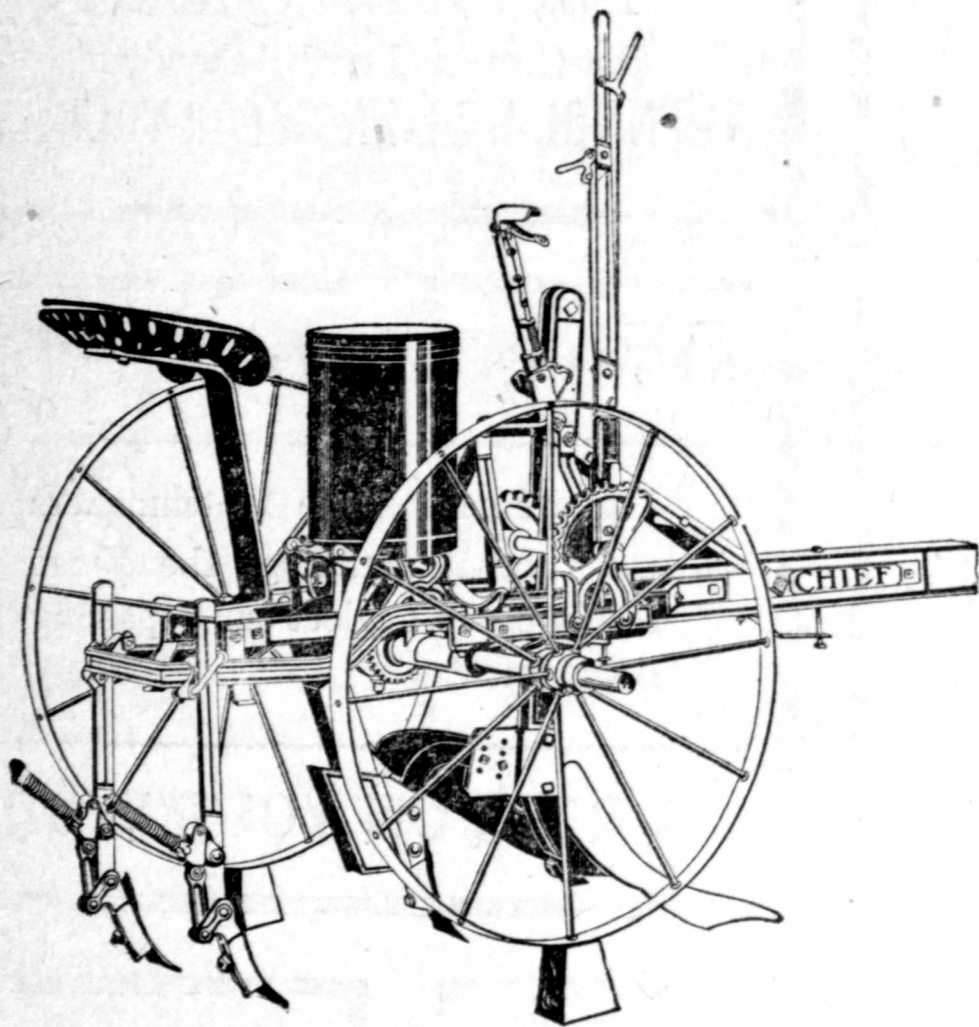
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The C. S. S. & L. V. established temporary headquarters at Concho bridge Monday morning, by establishing a depot in a box car; and putting a man in charge of the company's affairs as agent.

F. E. Crouch from Kansas City is the man in charge. Mr. Crouch is a young man, and understands the duties of agent thoroughly, and is a pleasant gentleman. He is ticket, freight, and express agent, and goes about his business like an "old stager." He has interviewed most of the business men of Paint Rock, and has assured them that every thing possible will be done to give satisfactory service.—Paint Rock Herald.

BANK ROBBERS INDICTED.

Special to The Banner.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.—Dallas grand jury this morning returned indictment against Roy Nix, Geo. Howard, Eddie Rivers and Alex Taylor, charging attempt to rob banks and postoffice in McLennan and Milam counties.

Maj. Formwalt returned to his home at Granbury Wednesday afternoon, after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Allen.

FOUND DEAD IN BATH TUB

Bridesmaid Found Dead in Bath Tub After Rehearsing for Wedding Ceremony.

Special to The Banner.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 1.—Miss Margaret Bacon, of Evansville, Ind., was found dead in a bath tub last night at the home of Judge A. B. Fall, where she was the guest of Miss Caroline Fall.

Miss Bacon was here to attend the wedding of Miss Caroline Fall today, and was the bridesmaid. After rehearsing for wedding ceremony at eight o'clock last night Miss Bacon retired to the bath room, where she was found dead one hour later. Miss Fall's marriage to Malon T. Everhart, of Pueblo, Col., has been postponed temporarily.

Judge Fall is former attorney general of the United States, and is a personal friend of Ex-president Roosevelt.

OLD MAN ESCAPES HORRIBLE DEATH.

An old gentleman on the noon East bound Santa Fe train stepped from the train while in motion, near the local depot, and was thrown on the ground forcibly, and but narrowly escaped death under the wheels of the cars.

B. H. Armstrong, of Coleman, was here Monday, en route to Abilene.

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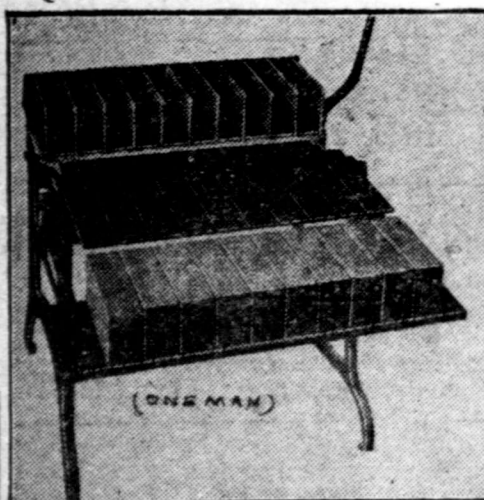
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**An Indigestion
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Many people who are otherwise healthy suffer from indigestion, or dyspepsia. When you consider that the stomach and allied digestive organs are the most important organs of the body, it would seem that a disorder there is to be taken very seriously.

Dyspeptics cannot eat the things they like; food sours in the stomach; then chronic constipation begins, or, as is often the case, you have been constipated all along, and the stools are forced and irregular.

But there is no use letting indigestion go until it becomes chronic and undermines your health. It is good advice to suggest to you that you go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the wonderful cure for stomach, liver and bowel troubles. That is what C. Fowler, of Carson City, Mich., did and he is well today. Others who did the same and are cured are Ida A. Fortune, of Grand Junction, Tenn.; B. F. Thompson, of Shenandoah, Ia., who actually considers that it saved his life. You can obtain a 50-cent or \$1 bottle of the druggist, and, taken according to directions, it will probably be all you need. It is a liquid, acts gently, never gripes, and besides the laxative effect, contains exceptional tonic properties which tone the stomach, and that is what is especially needed in indigestion.

All sufferers from indigestion who have never used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin can obtain a free test bottle by writing the doctor. It will be sent direct to your home without any charge. In this way thousands have proven to their own satisfaction Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the very remedy they needed to cure indigestion. When once you use this grand remedy you will throw violent cathartics, tablets, salts, etc., away.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 509 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.



SHERIFF SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the tenth day of November, 1909, by R. A. Terry, clerk of the court, on a certain judgment directing the sale for partition of the hereinafter described real estate and premises, in a certain cause in said court No. 1056, and styled Helen C. Brundage et al. vs. Cornelius Baker et al., placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the tenth day of November, 1909, seized the following described real estate and premises situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows to-wit:

1. The west 1-2 of 640 acres of land Survey No. 94. Certificate No. 799, Abst. No. 1008, patented to R. K. Wylie by patent recorded in Runnels County, Texas, in Vol. 1, page 186, and which said 1-2 section of land is more fully described as follows: Beginning at a stake the S. W. corner of Survey No. 93, and the N.E. corner of Survey No. 91, both made for T. & N. O. R. R. Co.; thence south 1900 varas to the S.E. corner of said Survey No. 91; thence east 950 varas to a stake; thence north 1900 varas to a stake for the N.E. corner of this tract; thence west 950 varas to the place of beginning.

2. 320 acres of land being the south 1-2 of Survey No. 91, Certificate No. 98, Abstract No. 460, being the land patented to John C. Conner, assignee, which patent is of record in Runnels County, records of patent Vol. 1, page 341; said south 1-2 being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake the S.W. corner of Survey No. 91, and the S.W. corner of Survey No. 76, both made for T. & N. O. R. R. Co., thence east 1900 varas to stake for the S.W. corner of Survey No. 94; thence north 950 varas to a stake for corner; thence west 1900 varas to stake in east line of Survey No. 76 for N.W. corner; thence south 950 varas to the place of beginning.

And that on the first Tuesday in December, 1909, the same being the seventh day of said month, at the court house door of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said seizure and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder in compliance with said judgment and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in The Banner-Leader, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand this tenth day of November, 1909.

J. P. Flynt,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

By D. L. Baker, Deputy.

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No. 3583
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

OF BALLINGER, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS at the close of business, Nov. 16th, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$353,533.15
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured (Cotton)	148,483.32
U S Bonds to secure circulation	112,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	19,000.00
Other Real Estate owned	20,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	15,721.20
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	15,507.12
Due from approved reserve agents	68,167.89
Checks and other cash items	5,493.91
Bills of Exchange	166,854.90
Notes of other National Banks	4,500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	731.11
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	34,159.75
Legal-tender notes	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	1,015,777.35
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,329.49
National Bank notes outstanding	12,350.00
Due to other National Banks	132,917.97
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	26,552.66
Individual deposits subject to check	518,355.18
Demand Certificates of Deposit	20,000.00
Time certificates of deposit	1,673.16
Cashier's Checks outstanding	2,598.89
Bills payable, including Certificates of Deposit for money borrowed	50,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated (Special Deposit)	30,000.00
Total	1,015,777.35

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss.

I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. Erwin, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 19th day of Nov. 1909.
Annie Van Doren Notary Public.
Correct:—Attest:
Tom Ward
D. M. Baker } Directors.
M. A. Traylor

Recapitulation

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$502,016.47
U S Bonds	112,500.00
Bonds, Securities, Etc.	50,000.00
Banking Houses Furniture and Fixtures	39,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas.	625.00
Bills of exchange, \$166,854.90	
Cash in vault and with Banks	144,780.98
	311,635.88
	\$1,015,777.35
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock (paid in)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	21,329.49
Circulation	12,350.00
Bills Payable	50,000.00
DEPOSITS	
Bank	\$213,742.68
Individual	518,355.18
	\$1,015,777.35

POSTED KEEP OUT.

My place on Valley creek is posted and I give fair warning to all trespassers to stay out. Positively no fishing, hunting, cutting timber, gathering pecans, or trespassing in any way will be tolerated. This means everybody and I will prosecute those who violate this warning.
wtf J. W. RABY.

SHERIFF FLYNT CALLED TO WINTERS.

Sheriff Flynt was called to Winters this morning on account of the serious illness of his baby. Mrs. Flynt and the children were there on a visit when the baby was taken sick. Mr. Flynt left about noon for the bedside of his sick child.

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**LOAN CO.'S OPINION
OF RUNNELS COUNTY**

Large Loan Company Prefers West Texas Business Over All Other Sections.—Inspector Here.

R. L. Slaughter, representing Brown Bros., of Austin, one of the largest loan companies in the South, has just returned home after spending a week in Runnels county inspecting applications for loans.

Mr. Slaughter, in company with Jo Wilmeth, inspected applications for over \$100,000 worth of loans, and most of those inspected will be accepted. As stated above Mr. Slaughter spent a week here and with Mr. Wilmeth, the traveled over five hundred miles in an auto inspecting this property, and before leaving Mr. Slaughter stated that this was the longest time he had ever spent at one place inspecting property, and he never before covered as much territory at one time or inspected as many applications. It was a record breaking trip for him notwithstanding that he travels all over the state. He said he had been coming here for a number of years, and that his opinion of the country grows more favorable each visit.

Mr. Slaughter's loan company has faith in West Texas, and out of the more than three million dollar business they do in Texas each year, the majority of it is west of Brownwood. Mr. Wilmeth recently sent in an application for one of his clients in which the client asked for a two dollar per acre loan on some Brazos county land. Notwithstanding the Brazos county land was valued at \$15 per acre, the loan was rejected and Mr. Wilmeth received a letter from the company stating that they were fighting for West Texas business. This only gives an idea of what the man with money thinks of Runnels county. On this trip of inspection a loan of \$16 per acre was granted, the highest loan ever made in Runnels county on real estate.

Just as a sample of how eager these people are for West Texas business, and how prompt they are in passing on applications. Mr. Wilmeth forwarded the papers in a case to Austin Monday, while Mr. Slaughter was here, and the papers were accepted and returned Thursday.

When experienced men, with strong financial backing, display such confidence in a country, it is evidence sufficient that the country is on a sound basis, and is bound to go forward in development and progress. While real estate has doubled up in value, many times within the last few years, the development of the country is really in its infancy, and the half has not been advertised to the outside world. The natural resources here are wonderful, and confined with a few clear heads of progress and push—men who really get up and do things, the county will make a showing that will excel any section of country in the South.

This same land, that is to-day being accepted as collateral for a loan of \$16 per acre, could have been bought four or five years ago for less than that amount. The times have changed and the change goes on, and the man with a clear title to 160 acres of land in Runnels county is independent and is the man to be envied above all men.

Get a Monitor Windmill from Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

**JUDGE B. B. STONE
MEMBER OF COM.**

Committee Named to Draft Constitution and By-Laws for West Texas Development Congress.

In accordance with the will of the Abilene preliminary conference, on which occasion it was deemed wise for the chairman to appoint a committee of three to draw up a constitution and draft by laws for the permanent organization of the West Texas Development Congress. Hon. W. T. Bartholomew, president of the Congress, and likewise chairman of the Abilene meeting designated as the members of this committee Judge T. C. Wynn, of San Angelo, Hon. W. T. Potter, of Merkel and Judge B. B. Stone of Ballinger.

This committee is expected to draw up a constitution and fix by-laws, to be submitted to the Congress when that body meets in this city December 6th. Although the action of this committee is to be submitted as a recommendation to the Congress, it is thought that there is likelihood of changes being necessary, as the committee men are of such calibre that their ideas can hardly be excelled in this connection.

It is the idea of the officers of the Congress that all the preliminaries shall be in readiness for the opening of the big meeting to obviate any confusion that would result from lack of preparation.—San Angelo Standard.

**W. C. PADGITT
DEAD AT DALLAS.**

W. C. Padgitt, the pioneer leather dealer of Texas, died at his home in Dallas on Thanksgiving day. He was sixty years old and had been engaged in the leather goods business in Texas for thirty years. He was at one time in the retail business in Brownwood and moved to Dallas where he engaged in the wholesale business. He was well known over the state.

**EDWIN DAY GOES
TO BEDSIDE SICK FATHER.**

Edwin Day received a message Saturday that his father, T. P. Day, of Fort Worth, was very ill. Mr. Day left on the afternoon train for Fort Worth. We sincerely trust he may find his father much improved.

The largest line of Winter Lap Robes in the city. Just received Call at R. L. Shaffers and see them.

City Attorney L. L. Montgomery, of San Angelo, was in the city today, en route home from a visit to Austin.

**SIMPSON, OGDEN,
LYONS OR ATWELL**

These Four are the Most Talked of Among Possible Republican Candidates for Governor.

Special to The Banner.
Dallas, Tex., Nov. 29.—Although silent heretofore, prominent Republicans of authority today announced that they would take up campaign work in the near future. Already great interest has been aroused among the Democrats of the state, especially in the gubernatorial contest, and it is in this race that the Republicans will put forth their strongest efforts. Those most prominently mentioned as possible candidates are John N. Simpson, the nominee of last year; C. W. Ogdan, Cecil A. Lyon, and W. H. Atwell. These four men practically control the Republican party in Texas.

It is also said that the Republicans will oppose statewide prohibition as they did in the last campaign.

It is thought by some that Simpson will decline the nomination on account of having been a former candidate, and that Lyons prefers not to run. This brings the number down to two probable candidates—Atwell and Ogdan—although some dark horse may be nominated at the last moment.

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Clifton H. Tupper, of the San Angelo Standard, passed through Sunday en route home, from a business trip to Ft. Worth.

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Nos. 376 and 369 are made especially for rough wear. The leather used is a soft calfskin that will not scale up. Solid one piece tap leather soles uppers sewed with rip-proof stitch. Shoes that will last under any condition. Prices 8 1-2 to

11, \$1.25. 11 1-2 to 2, \$1.35

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Kant-Slip Line of Children's high grade shoes in patent leathers with black, blue, tan, pink and red tops. These shoes are hand sewed throughout, and will fit perfectly any child's foot no matter how fat it may be. Bring your child in and let us show you.

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Infants' cotton vests, button all the way, price 15c

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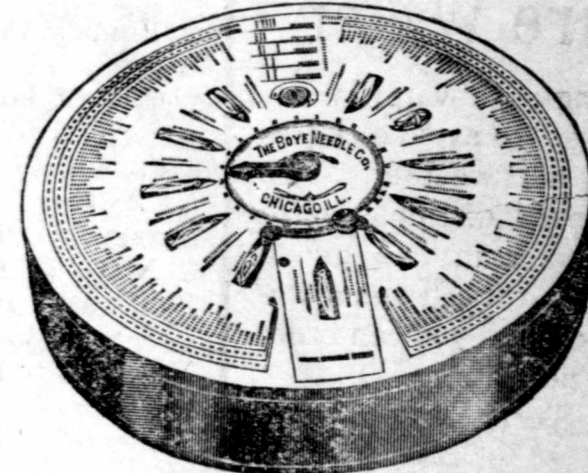


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NO. 265.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels:

It those indebted to, or those holding claims against John M. Young, deceased, the undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of John M. Young, deceased, late of the county of Runnels and State of

Texas, by R. S. Griggs, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 20th day of November, 1909, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to her at her place of business in Winters, Texas, where she receives her mail, this 20th day of November, 1909.

LENA ARNOLD YOUNG.

Administrator of the estate of John M. Young, deceased. w12-3t

ASSAULT ON MURDER AT CLEBURNE

Special to The Banner. Cleburne, Tex., Nov. 30.—Jno. Mann, a Santa Fe brakeman, and H. C. Sparks are in jail here today charged with assault on murder W. Fonash, manager of the Harvey Restaurant at the Santa Fe station. It is said that the trouble was started by a dispute over the amount of a bill.

Mayor Kirk and R. P. Conn went to Leaday Wednesday. Mr. Kirk went on road business and Mr. Conn went to shoot a few birds.

Tom Condra was up from Talpa Tuesday.

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Crawford Wardlaw returned to his home at Sonora Tuesday, after a short visit with homefolks.

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W. B. Page returned from a business trip to Brownwood, Tuesday.

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