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TO THOSE IN OUR PIANO CONTEST

Information for the Girls Who are Trying to Win the Piano and Other Prizes.

As was announced a few days ago, the Daily Banner has been sold to the Ledger Publishing Co., and there will no longer be a daily paper issued from the Banner-Leader office. This change will in no way effect the piano contest, however, as the prizes will be given to the persons receiving the greatest number of popular votes as announced at the beginning of the contest.

Votes will also be given on subscriptions received for the Weekly Banner-Leader, 200 for six months subscriptions and 600 for yearly subscribers. The same rules apply to renewals and back subscriptions.

Votes will also be given on all money taken in on job work, where the work is actually solicited and secured by the contestants. 500 votes will be given for each dollar secured by the candidates on this class of work.

No votes will be given on advertising.

Votes will not be given on subscriptions unless party paying for same asks for votes at the time the subscription is paid. In other words, persons cannot give orders for votes on subscription they may have previously paid. The votes must be obtained at the time settlement is made.

The free votes appearing in each issue of the Banner-Leader will be good until the 15th of May. Ask all your friends to save these votes for you.

DAIRY COW ON THE FARM.

In his bulletin, just issued by the department of agriculture at Austin, on "The Dairy Industry in Texas," Charles H. Alford, professor of agriculture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, says:

"There is one feature of the dairy industry that has always appealed to the author very strongly, and that is its adaptability to the small farm and the farmer of small means. If only two cows were kept they can be maintained in a way that will be profitable and some of the most successful and profitable dairies I ever saw in contact with, consider-

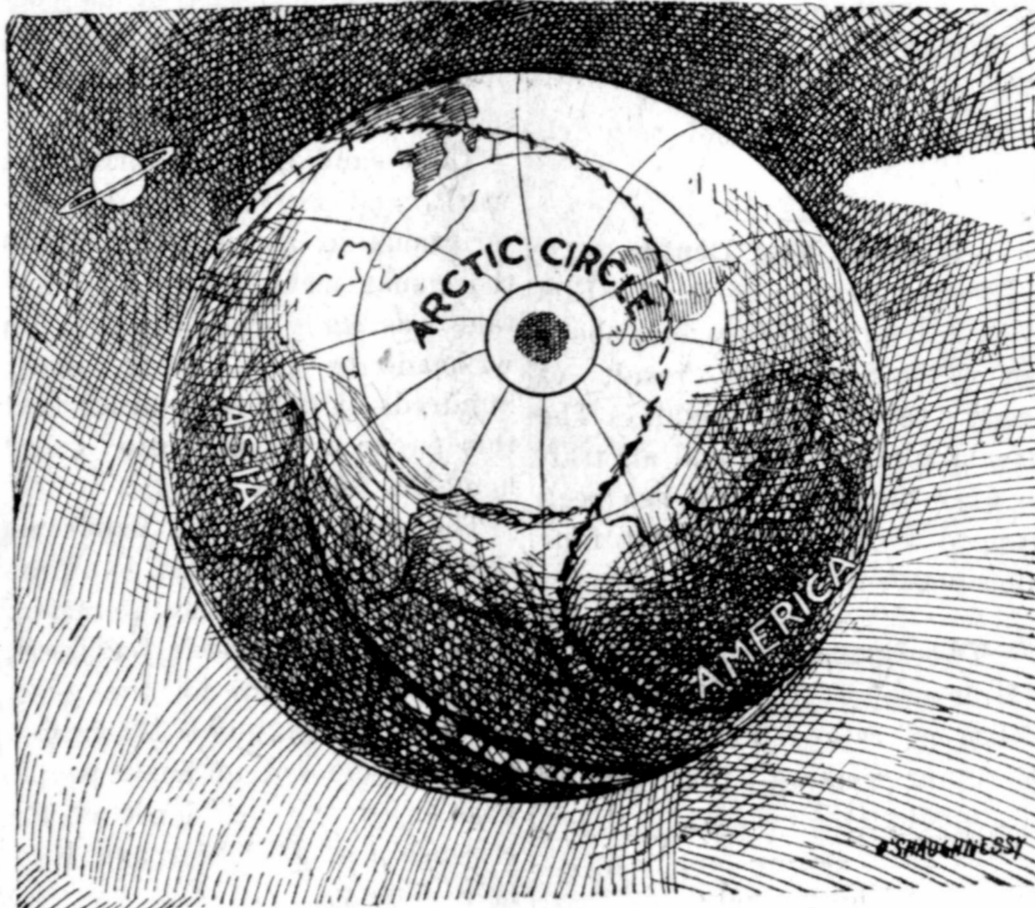
year, and I have seen some very common looking cows that would produce one and one-half pounds of butter fat per day and maintain the average for a long time. A few such cows as these should be found on every farm in Texas, and if fed and cared for properly they would be of more lasting benefit to the Texas farmers than the destruction of the boll weevil could possibly be. We like to talk about our big farms, our big plantations, our big ranches, and yet this country would be better off if every one of these big farms and plantations were sub-divided into 100-acre tracts and on each tract there was placed an intelligent family that could take care of the work on that farm with little outside help, growing cotton in rotation with corn, cowpeas, peanuts, or alfalfa as forage and roughness for the livestock, with an abundance of good pasturage well maintained; no one overworked or in want; out of debt; an abundance of all the good things of life that should make men happy and contented; a class of farmers interested in the welfare of their families and the upbuilding of their communities and the state in which they live. Such a condition of country life we find when stock farming is combined with crop farming, and the most prosperous sections of this country--those sections where we find good roads, good schools, land values high, good farms with buildings well painted and kept in repair, neat and tidy in appearance--are those sections where the dairy industry is the best developed on the small holdings.

DIED THIS MORNING.

Earl Henson died at his home near Crews at eleven o'clock Thursday morning, after suffering one year with consumption. The funeral will be held tomorrow and interment made in the Crews cemetery.

A STAR'S-EYE VIEW OF THE WORLD

(Copyright, 1909.)



As the Baseball Season Approaches.

WONDERFUL INTEREST IN PIANO CONTEST

New Nominations Every Day and Thousands of Votes Being Turned in by Contestants.

The interest being taken in our piano contest is indeed wonderful. When we put on this contest we were sure that it was going to prove of unusual interest, but it has already far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. In every section of the county the girls are busy soliciting votes, and the immense number being turned in shows they are meeting with most gratifying success.

At the present rate, within the next three months the Banner-Leader will be a regular visitor to every household in the county.

This is exactly what we desire. Two thousand new subscribers is what we are after. We decided to offer the valuable inducements in premiums in order to obtain these new names for we are determined to give the Banner-Leader the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper in this part of the state. We do not hope to make any money out of the contest, but we are sure to gain an immense circulation, and that means money to us.

The way the girls have gone into this contest is indeed gratifying to us. They are taking an interest that means great things and they are finding the work pleasant, and it is giving them an experience in dealing with the public that will prove of great benefit to them throughout their lives.

It is not a difficult matter to secure subscriptions for the Banner-Leader, for we are making it one of the best all round weeklies to be found in this section of the state, and those who pay their dollar for it feel that they are getting the worth of their money.

Now, girls, the world loves a hustler. The way to win this beautiful instrument is to keep busy hustling for votes. Let all your friends know that you are determined to win and they will assist you in every way possible. Ask them to save the free paper votes for you, and also request them to ask for merchant votes when trading with the houses giving them away.

Do not forget that the first official count will be made on the 2nd day of May, and that the one ahead at that time will be presented with TEN DOLLARS IN

GOLD. Determine that you will win this special prize.

Remember we will be glad to give you all information possible in regard to the contest at any time. If there is anything you are in doubt about, call us up and ask us about it.

WE WILL GIVE ALL THE NEWS.

The Banner-Leader, while it will be a paper for the country people, we will continue the society news feature of the paper, and Miss Herma Smith will continue to edit the society news. All society news items should be phoned in to her not later than Wednesday night or Thursday morning of each week.

Our intentions are to give a variety of news and in that way make the Banner-Leader a paper for all the people. We will devote one page to country correspondence; one page to editorial; one page to farm news; one page to personal mention; one page to society; one page to general news happenings of Runnels and adjoining counties. We will make the Banner-Leader a paper for all the people and cater especially to the country people.

BALLINGER HAS NEW MARSHAL

A fine boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKay Tuesday night, and greatly strengthens the official family of Ballinger. Jack is as proud of his new deputy as he can be, and will now make it hard for the violator of the peace and dignity of the city.

Mayor Kirk returned from Abilene Wednesday at noon, where he had been as a witness in court. Mrs. Kirk and children, accompanied Mr. Kirk on a visit to relatives in Abilene, also returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Guy were here from here from Talpa Wednesday. Mr. Guy came up on business and Mrs. Guy and the baby came along to spend the day visiting friends and relatives.

Fred Gerhart, of the Crews country had business in Ballinger Wednesday. He reports splendid seasons in his part of the county, and says the small grain crop promises to be good.

Mrs. Ralph Wofford and Mrs. John White went to Cuero Wednesday to visit for a short time.

SERIOUSLY HURT IN A RUN-AWAY.

On Wednesday as Wm. Esmond and S. C. Mann were coming to town the team belonging to Mr. Mann became frightened and ran away. Mr. Esmond was thrown from the wagon and received a fractured arm and several bad cuts about the head. He was brought to Ballinger and given immediate attention.

Mr. Esmond was suffering considerably from pain but his injuries are not considered dangerous now. It was fortunate that the results were not more disastrous.

BROWNWOOD PRESBYTERY CONVENE.

The Brownwood Presbytery of the Southern Presbyterian church convened at Winters this afternoon. A large number of delegates passed through Ballinger at noon today en route to the convention. Rev. J. D. Leslie and J. J. Erwin, of this place are in attendance.

MOVED TO MELVIN.

H. H. Kilpatrick left with his family Wednesday for their new home at Melvin, a new town on the Lometa extension of the Santa Fe, between Brady and Eden. Mr. Kilpatrick will engage in the hardware business at Melvin. We regret to lose him from Ballinger, and wish for him success in his new field.

INVESTMENT.

AS investment land is secure. It is safer than government bonds and more desirable, since there is no need for changes. To expect lands to return profits of ten or more per cent, when bonds bring three, or less, is unjust to land. Buy the home and realize more than money, or money's worth. There can be no valuation for uses of land as a home. It should have the price of affection--of affection for the home, and for wife and children, whose hearts will be made glad.--Farm and Ranch.

R. M. Hardwick of Memphis, Texas, is in Ballinger this week looking over the city seeking a location for a cold drink and confectionery business.

Judge B. B. Stone returned Thursday from Austin where he has been on legal business.

MAVERICK PEOPLE PICNIC DAY

Maverick School to Give Picnic and Entertainment Saturday, April 23. Ballinger Man to Make Address.

The picnic season is opening up, and the candidates will begin to get down to business in dead earnest. The first to announce a picnic is the Maverick School, and the Banner-Leader is in receipt of the following letter, which fully explains itself:

Maverick, Texas, April 12, 1910. Banner-Leader, Ballinger, Texas. Gentlemen:

Please announce through your paper this week that there will be a picnic and school entertainment at Maverick on Saturday, April 23rd. There will be a day and a night program. Rev. M. E. Hudson of Ballinger, and others will deliver addresses.

Everybody cordially invited. Yours very truly, W. W. Wooten.

BED BURNS WHILE MAN SLEEPS.

What might have been a bad fire was prevented at the Colorado hotel last night when the blaze of a burning mattress in which Fred Oliver was asleep crawled up and tickled Mr. Oliver under the foot and gave warning for him to crawl out.

Mr. Oliver retired at his usual time, and had entered dreamland when he was aroused by the burning bed to find his room full of smoke.

He almost suffocated before he could get out of the room, and he attributes his escape to the fact that the transom to the room was open, affording a means of escape for the smoke. Mr. Oliver takes a quiet smoke before retiring, and as is his usual custom he did so last night, and thinks that the head of the match in some way set the bed afire, and he fell off to sleep before it began burning enough to attract his attention.

Mr. Oliver lost no time in crawling out of the burning bed and soon had the fire extinguished, the loss amounting to perhaps fifty dollars, the bed clothes and the matting on the floor being damaged.

TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE EDUCATION:

When a boy or girl reaches the age to go to College, how seldom has he or she the necessary means to do so.

Yet if boys and girls would save a part of their spending money--their "Pocket Pennies"--during all the years they are going through public school, when college time they would find the path shining straight to the front door.

In the bank would be a sum that would go a long way and perhaps be entirely sufficient to finish their education.

Parents, encourage your children to save by opening an account for them and letting them add to it as they

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MENT CAUSEWAY ACROSS COLORADO

Judge C. H. Willingham Makes Proposition That Looks Good-- Offers to Donate Land if Causeway is Built.

Ballinger, Tex., April 11.—An open letter and a proposition:

Editor Daily Banner:—It is apparent to even the most casual observer that the county bridge across the Colorado is entirely inadequate to the demands of the present large and fast growing trade that comes to our city from South of the river. The crowded conditions may at any time result in some serious accident to passengers in crossing, especially when autos and nervous teams must meet on this narrow passage way.

Now as a solution of this problem I have this proposition to submit to our County Commissioners and others who may be interested.

If they will take prompt action and construct a re-enforced cement causeway across the river at the foot of Eighth street, say 30 feet wide and 10 feet higher than the present level of the water, I will donate a right-of-way through my land to an intersection with the present Paint Rock road, and in addition will set aside 100 acres of suitable land for a Fair Ground Park, 50 acres of this I will donate and the other 50 acres I will sell to a properly organized Fair Association for \$2,500 payable in stock of the association.

I will not take up your time and space in calling attention to all the benefits that our town and country would receive from the construction of such a causeway as the one suggested, it is enough to say that it will provide a short and convenient entrance into the town for all trade coming from down the river south of this place. It will shorten the distance to our neighboring city of Paint Rock and intermediate farms, and ranches, about two miles and enhance the value of every acre of land in this territory. It would form quite a large size lake, or body of water above the causeway ten to twenty feet in depth, which would be an advantage in many ways.

The advantages that would come from a well organized fair association owning their own land on which could be erected the necessary buildings for agricultural and live stock exhibits by our progressive, up-to-date farmers, are so many that this feature in itself would more than compensate the cost in one year. I am advised that the probable cost of such a causeway would not exceed seven or eight thousand dollars, and with the exception of the cement not one dollar would have to be sent away from home. Stone men and teams could build it during the summer months when other work is usually light.

Now I have only roughly outlined this proposition, but if the merit of it appeals to the "powers that be" I am ready to get busy with my part so that this gateway into our city may be ready to accommodate the thousands of dollars worth of farm products that will seek a market here this fall, and that are now practically fenced out.

Yours truly,
C. H. Willingham.

The Missouri Milling Co., will pay the highest market price for maize.

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NARROW ESCAPE FOR CHILD

The fourteen months old girl of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norwood came near dying yesterday from the results of drinking a quantity of coal oil. She got hold of the oil can and before her mother discovered her she had drunk enough to make her a very sick child. We are glad to report that she is out of danger today.

W. M. Robinson, a substantial farmer of Benoit, was in the city trading today, and reports the conditions very favorable for a bumper crop year. The farmers are all very busy planting now.

WILMETH ELECTED DELEGATE TOO.

Jo Wilmeth, who attended the Brownwood Presbytery, was also elected as a delegate to the general assembly of the U. S. A. church, which meets in New Jersey in May. This gives the Brownwood Presbytery, which comprises a number of counties two delegates from Ballinger to the general assembly, and is quite a feather in Ballinger's cap.

PURSE AND TICKETS FOUND NEAR BROWNWOOD

Thief Evidently Threw Them from Car Window When Well Out of Town.

Ticket Agent Wheat at the Frisco informs the Bulletin that the missing purse and tickets, belonging to Mrs. Hallonquist, were found this morning about five miles out on the road to Blanket. The purse was unharmed and the tickets were safe, but the money amounting to about \$15, was gone. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hallonquist had her purse stolen from her after she had boarded the train with her children to go to Forney, Texas, and was compelled to remain over for a day to make different arrangements. The thief was evidently on the train and as soon as the way was clear threw the purse out of the car window.

The tickets and purse will be forwarded to Mrs. Hallonquist and she can redeem the tickets.—Brownwood Bulletin.

BIG LABOR CONVENTION IN GALVESTON.

Special to The Banner: Galveston, Tex., April 11.—William L. Poenen of San Antonio, the leading candidate for the election to the presidency of the Texas Federation of Labor, which will hold a convention here tomorrow. Teague, Waco and Austin are trying to secure the meeting for next year. The Fort Worth delegation is the largest to arrive so far, there being 27 in the party.

COTTON SWINDLER ON THE WAY HOME.

Special to The Banner: Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—A. E. Hudspeth, of Bowie, Texas, who with his partner is charged with swindling Moody & Co., of Galveston, out of \$20,000 left today for Bowie in the custody of the sheriff of Montague county. Hudspeth says he will be acquitted and does not fear the outcome of the trial.

HEAVY RAINS FELL FRIDAY NIGHT

Several Places Report Good Downpours, Resulting in Many Washouts.

Waxahachie, Tex., April 9.—The heaviest rain of three years fell here late last night making the creeks bank-full. Several small bridges have been washed away and the Texas Central suffered a washout on its main line at Richland creek. All trains are delayed several hours.

About two inches of rain fell here.

Washout Near Denton.

Denton, Tex., April 9.—Elm Fork is today eighteen feet above low water mark as a result of heavy rains last night. The stream is still rising and all traffic over the joint track has been stopped as a bridge is out four miles south of town.

Two Inches at Hillsboro

Hillsboro, Tex., April 9.—Two inches of rain fell here during the night soaking the ground throughout Hill county.

Special to The Banner:

Waco, Tex., April 9.—Heavy rains over this section last night raised the Brazos river many feet and it is still rising.

BALLINGER PICTURE MAN GOES TO DALLAS.

J. H. Wilbourne, proprietor of the Ballinger Photo Co., left this afternoon to spend Sunday in Brownwood. On Monday Mr. Wilbourne will go to Dallas where he will attend the Eastman School for professional photographers that will be in session there for several days.

Mr. Wilbourne is secretary of the West Texas Photographers Association, and is an enterprising, hustling business man, always keeping abreast of the times in his profession.

POST MASTER KILLS AN EX-CONVICT

Muskogee, Okla., April 11.—Lum Campbell, postmaster at Nicholson, in this county today shot and killed A. C. Head, an ex-convict. Head was convicted twelve years ago with assaulting Miss Sallie Harris and was sent to the penitentiary. He returned to Nicholson today hunted up the girl, who now is Campbell's wife, and used abusive language in demeaning the woman for causing his arrest and conviction. Campbell, as soon as he learned that Head had abused his wife, hunted him up and killed him on first sight. Campbell surrendered to the officers.

Mayor L. P. Dale, of Bangs, arrived Sunday to visit at the home of W. W. Chastain, where Mrs. Dale and the children are also visiting, having come up from Bangs last week.

FELIX JONES CASE CALLED AT ABILENE.

Special to The Banner: Abilene, Tex., April 11.—In Judge Blanton's District Court here today the case of Felix R. Jones, charged with the murder of Alf B. Cogsdell was called. Cogsdell was killed in an office on Pine street on Dec. 21st of last year. Jones is a cattleman and Cogdell was in the confectionery business.

This is the fourth murder case for this term of court.

JERSEY CREAM COW FEED.

Meal and hulls mixed, put up in 100 pound sacks, only 90 cents per sack. The best and cheapest cow feed on earth. wtf The Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

EVERY DAY SEES INTEREST INCREASE

Over Fifty Contestants are Now at Work, and Subscriptions are Coming in at Lively Rate.

For the first time a complete list of the contestants is given to the public. Elsewhere in this issue you will find more than fifty of the leading young ladies of Runnels county entered as contestants in one of the greatest premium winning contests ever seen in this part of the state.

These candidates are already at work, and are turning in subscriptions in a way that makes the management feel that no mistake was made when the decision was made to give away many hundreds of dollars in order that this paper may go into every home in Runnels county.

The first prize, the handsome Clarendon Grand Piano, is on exhibition at the Ballinger Music Co. It is present to speak for itself, and is backed up by the guarantee of the Ballinger Music Co., a firm composed of home people who enjoy the confidence of the citizenship of Ballinger and Runnels county.

The hundred and twenty-five dollar rubber-tire buggy is on exhibition at the store of Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., and this firm will be glad to have you call and see for yourself the sort of prize they are offering in this contest.

The other prizes can be seen by anyone interested and they are all well worth working for. By all means ask to see them.

The girls who are already in this contest are finding it a pleasant task to solicit subscriptions. Their friends are interested in their success, and will do all they can to help them along in the work.

Nominations are still open, and there is still room for others who may desire to get into the contest. If you have a friend whom you would like to see win the handsome piano or one of the other valuable prizes, send in her name and it will be added to the list.

Do not forget that the first official count will be made at four o'clock on the second day of May, and the candidate ahead at that time will be presented with a ten dollars gold piece. Are you trying to win the prize?

SWEETWATER MAY DIG FOR ARTESIAN WATER.

Much interest at this time is being manifested in Sweetwater as to an inexhaustible supply of fresh water, and this interest will likely develop into realization by the sinking of a deep well in search of a vein of artesian water.

It is now a demonstrated fact so far as obtaining a sufficient supply of water by means of dams and reservoirs is concerned but our people are not satisfied with this measure and the matter of fresh water will eventually cause these deep wells to be sunk. The whole of Texas is underlaid with artesian stratas and all that is necessary is to get busy and solve the problem.—Sweetwater Signal.

EASTER LILLY NOW IN BLOOM.

Lee Maddox has a variety of the Easter Lilly in his office that is now in full bloom. The plant is a thrifty specimen and has a very beautiful flower. Mr. Maddox says he coaxed and coaxed in order to have the bloom for Easter, but without results. He has several pot plants in his office and takes a great deal of pain with his flowers.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! w12-52t

ATTEND COURT AT ABILENE.

Judge R. S. Griggs, Sheriff Flynt and Mayor R. P. Kirk left yesterday afternoon for Abilene where they were summoned as witnesses in the Felix Jones murder case. Jones is charged with killing Alf Cogsdell.

Mrs. Kirk and children accompanied Mr. Kirk and will spend a week visiting relatives in Abilene.

Constipation Cure Free

With the first signs of constipation you resort to the home methods of relief, such as hot or cold water on arising, lots of stewed fruit with your breakfast, etc., but what do you do when these fail?

The majority then start on salts and purgative waters, then change to cathartic pills, etc. If you have gone through these various stages you know they were all useless, so far as permanent results go. Now you should try just once again, but try something practical and sensible, a remedy made and intended for the purpose you are trying to accomplish. Such a remedy, as thousands can testify, is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is guaranteed to be permanent in its results. Its ingredients are such that by a brief use of it the stomach and bowel muscles are trained to again do their work normally, so that in the end you can do away with medicines of all kinds. That it will do this Mr. G. V. Dodson of Sanville, Va., will gladly attest, and so will Mrs. S. A. Hampton of Portage, O.

To those who are still skeptical there is a way to prove these assertions without a penny of expense: Simply send your name and address to Dr. Caldwell and obtain a free sample bottle. After using it, if you are then convinced it is the remedy you need, buy a fifty cent or one dollar bottle of your druggist and continue to use it for a brief time until cured. The directions are simple and the dose is small. It is pleasant to the taste, does not gripe and is promptly effective, and these statements are guaranteed or money will be refunded.

This remedy is over a century old and is personally taken by more druggists than any other similar remedy on the American market. Because of its effectiveness, purity and pleasant taste it is the ideal laxative remedy for children, women and old folks generally. Dr. Caldwell personally will be pleased to give you any medical advice you may desire for yourself or family pertaining to the stomach, liver or bowels absolutely free of charge. Explain your case in a letter and he will reply to you in detail. For the free sample simply send your name and address on a postal card or otherwise. For either request the doctor's address is Dr. W. E. Caldwell, R. 500 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

J. A. ARNOLD MAKES STATEMENT.

Austin, Tex., April 8.—J. A. Arnold of Ft. Worth, president of the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association is here today. He made the statement that the Association will maintain its legislative bureau at the next session of the legislature regardless of who is elected governor.

SANTA ANNA CO., BUYS OIL TANKS.

Fred Turner of Santa Anna today contracted for three large oil tanks in Brownwood to be used for the Trickham oil well for storing oil. The tanks have a capacity of 3,300 gallons. Mr. Turner says the well is flowing nicely and that the output is thoroughly satisfactory to the company. He will have the tanks moved to the well at once.—Brownwood Bulletin.

THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Insurance Key Rate Points Out Weak Places That Could be Strengthened at a Saving in Dollars and Cents.

We are publishing today in the advertisement of the Fidelity & Credit Co., the Ballinger rate for local insurance regulations. We wish to call special attention to a number of things on which we are penalized that could be cut out, thereby saving the property owners of Ballinger a great deal more than the cost of making such improvements. For instance we are penalized ten cents on the hundred dollars insurance for iron clad pumping station; 5 cents for a fire alarm system; 3 cents for Fire Marshal. These as well as a number of other items we are taxed on, that could be cut out by making the improvements The Banner has been suggesting and advocating.

These items look small to the individual insured, but taking the matter as a whole, the amount paid would more than make the improvements, and save the property owners money. The rate, we are glad to say, is six cents less than the old rate, and fourteen cents lower than our neighbor city, San Angelo has. But there is room for improvement, and the city should make the needed improvements, and cut the rate a great deal lower.

The cost of an up-to-date fire alarm system would not amount to a great deal, and would save the property owners just five cents on every hundred dollars worth of insurance they carry. The same applies to the other penalties that could be cut out.

TRICKHAM OIL WELL STILL SPOUTING

J. A. Lawrence Says Well Continues to Flow Despite Efforts to Cap it.

Capt. J. T. Lawrence, the veteran merchant of Trickham, was in Brownwood yesterday and last night looking after business affairs, and of course spent considerable time in talking about the well at that place. He says the well continues to spout pure oil, although the flow is not so strong as it was at first. The company is putting the oil in barrels and storing it. Mr. Lawrence says that a great many visitors have been to Trickham and a number of companies have been formed for the purpose of sinking wells. He took the fever in a small way and purchased a fifty acre tract of land that joins with in a few hundred feet of the well. It is his purpose to do some drilling if the others find oil.—Brownwood Bulletin.

PAINT THE RURAL MAIL BOX WHITE

Post Master Cady is in receipt of a letter from the postal department in which the department suggests some improvements in the rural mail route facilities boxes on rural routes as well as the post on which the boxes hang, painted white, and name of the person and number of the box painted in black letters.

This will not only benefit in the way of preservation of the box and post, but will be a benefit to mail carriers, enabling them to render better service.

BALLINGER CHURCH IS INCORPORATED

An application was filed yesterday for a charter for the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, U. S. A., of Ballinger. The application contains the names of the incorporators.

Just Received

A large stock of Edison Phonographs and Records.

Also have a full stock of Pianos, Organs, Columbia disc Phonographs, Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins, Accordeons all kinds of Strings and extras for any musical instrument.

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Anything you want in Fresh Cured Meats, Sausage etc. Prompt delivery if you phone or orders to No. 185.

TY MEAT MARKET

E. Bennett, contest manager of the Banner, came in today at Brownwood where he spent the day.

Family Recipes

The valued family recipes for cough and cold cures, liniments, tonics and other remedies have as careful attention here as the most intricate prescriptions.

Our fresh, high grade drugs will help to make these remedies more effective than ever.

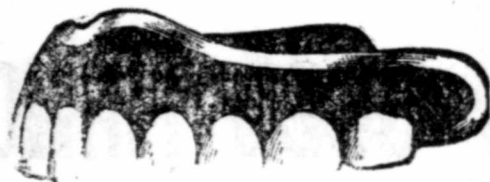
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A cure guaranteed if you use RUDDY'S SUPPOSITORY. Dr. Matt. Thompson, Rapt. State School, Stateville, Ill., writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. DeWitt, State Hosp., W. Va., writes: "They give superior relief." Dr. H. D. McGill, Clarksville, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 25 years, I have found no remedy so equal yours." Price, 50 Cents. 8 samples Free. Sold by Druggists. **MARTIN RUDDY, LANCASTER, PA.**

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NOT PRESENT AT CONVENTION.

Galveston, Tex., April 12.—It is announced here today that O. B. Colquitt will not come to Galveston to address the Labor convention on account of the previous arrangements interfering.

Davidson, Poindexter and Johnson are all here and will be given an opportunity to tell their troubles. Gov Campbell and Railroad Commissioner Williams are also here.

It is because of the excellent special features of scientific construction, best materials, perfect refrigerative beauty and durability the White Mountain refrigerators have met with unparalleled success. Sold by Ostertag Furniture Co. 88tf

C. W. Johnson left this afternoon for Abilene, Sweetwater and Midland on a business trip.

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS

A Rare, Certain Remedy for Suppressed Menstruation. **BETTER THAN THE PAIN, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, GONORRHOEA, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY TRACT.** Sold by Druggists. **UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.**

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BURNED TO DEATH AT MARBLE FALLS

Marble Falls, Tex., April 9.—Mrs. Mollie Moore, residing near here, was burned to death this morning when her dress caught fire from a burning trash pile while cleaning the yard. The dead woman's husband is a wealthy land owner and the family is prominent in this section of the country.

SILVER LACE WYANDOTTS.

Eggs for setting from thoroughbred Silver Lace Wyandott chickens at 50 cents per setting. Leave orders with J. W. Francis at Miller Mercantile Co., or write J. H. Powers, Winters, Texas. wt.

LUMBERMEN'S CONVENTION MEETS.

San Antonio, Tex., 12.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Texas Lumbermen's Association opened here today and will continue three days. Delegates are attending from all over Texas and Louisiana. Needed legislation regarding freight rates and the aid of forest conservation will be discussed.

GOVERNOR ADDRESSES LABOR CONVENTION

Galveston, Tex., April 12.—Before more than three thousand representatives of organized labor of this city Gov. Campbell today delivered the address which officially opened the Thirtieth annual convention of the Texas Federation of Labor. Mayor Fisher and H. H. Hays also addressed the convention.

Among the organizations represented here are the railroad carmen, state printers, council railway trainmen, locomotive engineers and firemen railway conductors. Politicians from all over the state are here, and three candidates for governor, Davidson, Poindexter and Johnson will all speak before the convention adjourns.

REFUSES TO ISSUE LICENSE.

Austin, Tex., April 12.—The State Comptroller today refused to issue license to an applicant from Beaumont to sell liquor on excursion steamers. He held that the law does not provide that such license can be issued, but does not provide that minors shall not frequent premises where liquor is sold, as would be the case on excursion boats.

W. C. Reeves left today for Benoit, Talpa and Valera on business.

HOW A RAILROAD MEETS EMERGENCIES

Pennsylvania Official Met the Requirements of an Acute Occasion at Pittsburg.

Several persons who happened to be in Pittsburg a few Sundays ago witnessed an incident which threw a very interesting sidelight on the almost limitless possibilities of high-class railroad service under modern conditions.

Two of the party—a newspaper man and a well known Chicago broker, happened to be in conversation with one of the traffic officials of the Pennsylvania. Suddenly there entered on the scene a wild-eyed individual who announced himself between gasps as the special representative of a theatrical company which had missed train connections for Chicago, but which had to be in that city in time for an evening performance.

The traffic manager asked two or three leading questions about the same number of seconds, got a complete grasp of the situation, and arranged for a special train in another instant.

Within half an hour a special train, consisting of three baggage cars, two coaches and two sleepers pulled out of the Pittsburg yards. It carried 86 passengers in addition to all the baggage of the company, and a dining car was added at Ft. Wayne.

The two Chicagoans, who had been permitted to travel on the train, were very much impressed with the smoothness and ease with which the whole thing was done. Notwithstanding the presence at the Pittsburg station of four score of excited people, all demanding to know different things at once, the work of making up and loading the train proceeded with the utmost swiftness. The necessary right-of-way orders were dispatched and there was not a single hitch during the entire run.

It was an example of marvelous facilities of a modern railroad organization in the matter of meeting emergencies, which certainly opened the eyes of all who witnessed it.

ENGINE OVERTURNS FIREMAN KILLED

Freight rain Runs Into Washout—One Dead and One Badly Injured.

Corsicana, Tex., April 9.—A freight train on the Texas and Brazos Valley Railroad ran into a washout near here late last night. The engine turned over catching and crushing the fireman Tom Hicks under same, and he received injuries from which he died in the hospital here today. He was badly scalded and mangled.

We Welcome Deposits

Did you ever think that a small accounts make a bank than a dozen large ones? That of our reasons for urging the limited means to transact his business with us,

Large accounts are welcome too, for it is our purpose to serve all the people.

It matters not what amount of money you have to deposit, we will accept it at this bank. We welcome the small depositor, we extend to him the same consideration and courtesies accorded all of our patrons. Our customers all know this.

THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas.

MRS. R. K. WYLIE SELLS TEN THOUSAND ACRES

Dick Russell Buys Ten Thousand Acres of The R. K. Wylie Ranch For \$9 Per Acre--More Homes for The Farmers.

Mrs. R. K. Wylie is here from Mineral Wells for the purpose of closing a land deal between herself and Dick Russell, of San Antonio, in which Mrs. Wylie sells to Mr. Russell ten thousand acres of land out of the Wylie ranch on the Colorado river, for a total consideration of \$90,000.

It will be remembered that the Wylie ranch was sold some time ago, or at least part of it was sold to Col. R. A. Smith. Mrs. Wylie retained ten thousand acres and Mr. Wylie retained something like eight thousand acres, and Mr. Smith purchasing the balance of the thirty thousand

acre tract. This deal has been pending for some time, and the forfeit has been up, but the parties were waiting until the deeds could be drawn and abstracts made.

Mr. Russell is a stock holder and one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, and we understand he will subdivide this land into small tracts of from 160 acres up and put it on the market to be sold to farmers. This will make homes for at least fifty families, and means a great deal towards the development of the thousands of acres of undeveloped farming land in this county.

Engineer Robert Whiteside, was also badly scalded, but he may recover.

FIRE WAGON STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Dallas, Tex., April 12.—While

making a run to a fire this morning the engine of the fire department was struck by a west bound T. & T. passenger train.

both horses were fatally injured and the firemen badly shaken up and the trucks demolished.

Farmers, Attention! Important!

50,000 POUNDS AT \$1.00 PER BUSHEL.
COTTON SEED

GOOD SEED is fully as important as good cultivation. "What you sow, you reap." Plant the best. We have carefully selected FIFTY THOUSAND pounds of SEED, of the VERY BEST, and MOST PRODUCTIVE COTTON ever offered at our gins the past season.

It is all clean, well selected seed, and we now offer it to the Farmers

For Planting at \$1.00 Per Bushel

Don't plant "Any Old Seed," and expect a good turn-out.

Get the Best, Plant the Best. And raise a Bank Account.

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Jones, Nagle & Thompson

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

...- ST CANDIDATES

are Being Added Daily
Interest in Contest Con-
tinues to Increase.

... generally of Runnels county are interested
... and gift contest is demonstrated by the large
... candidates who have been placed in nomination by their
... Below we give a list of those who have been thus nomi-
... and a look at the list will show that the very best of girls
of the county are in this contest. We desire to say that nomina-
tions are not yet closed, and if our readers have a worthy friend,
they would like to see win one of the valuable prizes, they will
have time to get her in the contest.

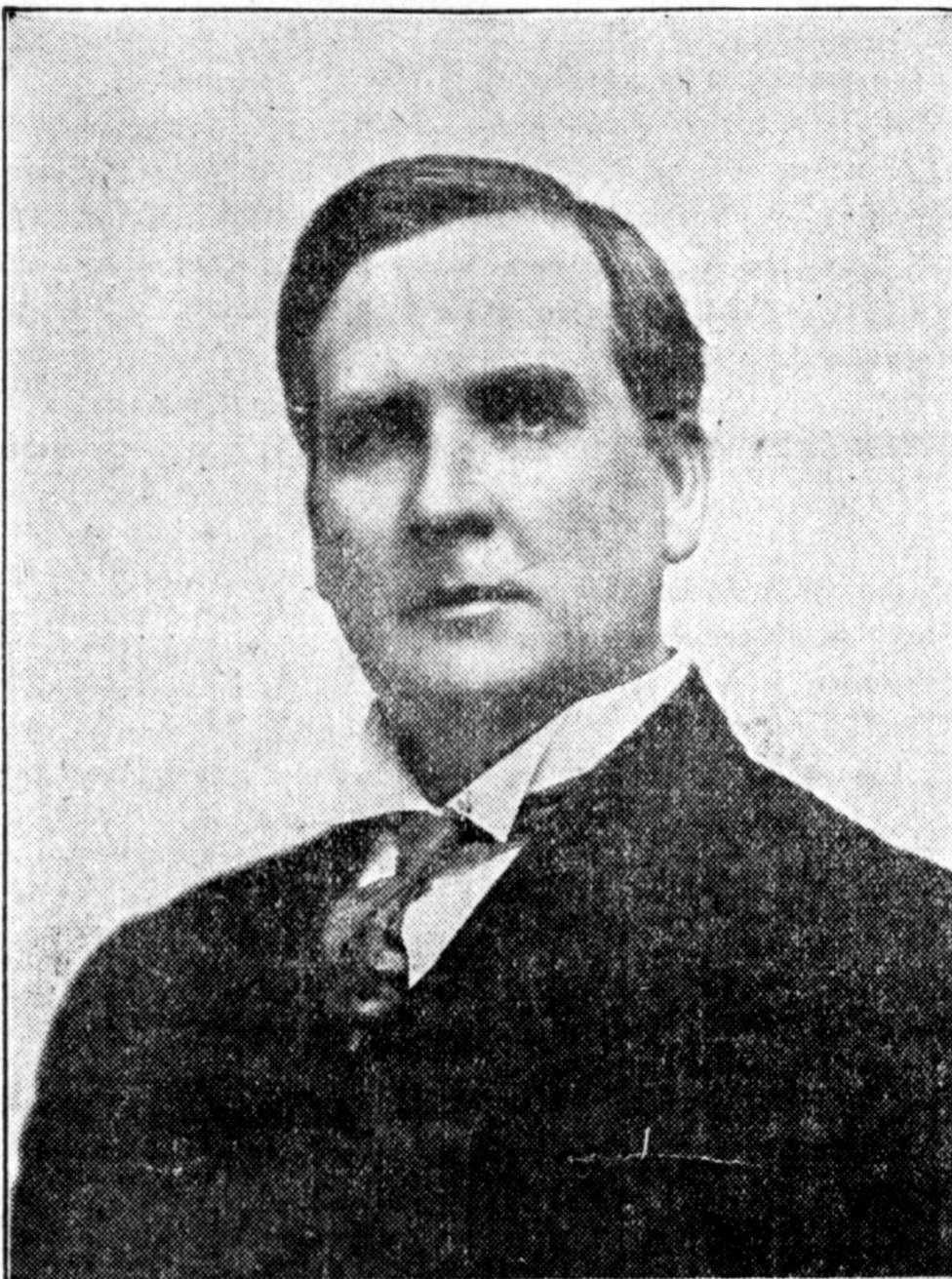
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Miss Maud Cooper	Guion
Miss Sadie Wyatt	Truitt
Miss Jessie Osteen	Ballinger
Miss Francis Higgins	.....	Ballinger
Miss Morie Moore	.....	Ballinger
Ballinger W. O. W. Lodge	.....	Ballinger
Miss Hazel Barr	.....	Ballinger
Ballinger High School	.....	Ballinger
Miss Dona Armstrong	.....	Ballinger
Miss Oris Cole	.....	Ballinger
Miss Emma Williams	.....	Ballinger
Miss Vera Lumpkin	.....	Miles
Miss Prebble Clark	.....	Miles
Miss Nellie Singletary	.....	Miles
Miss Nettie Smith	.....	Miles
Miss Georgia Singletary	.....	Miles
Miss Winnie Perry	.....	Miles
Miss Jessie Lamberth	.....	Winters
Miss Katie Collins	.....	Ballinger
Miss Ola McMillan	.....	Ballinger
Miss Lou Baker	.....	Miles
Miss Bonnie Shaler	.....	Miles
Miss Bettie Feist	.....	Rowena
Miss Angelina Gallia	.....	Rowena
Miss Celeste McMinn	.....	Ballinger
Miss Doris Wynne	.....	Ballinger
Miss Mary Thompson	.....	Hatchel
Miss Ella Cole	.....	Winters
Miss Bessie Taylor	.....	Norton
Miss Eunice Lilly	.....	Norton
Miss Leslie Holloway	.....	Norton
Miss Eva Lilly	.....	Norton
Miss Della Walker	.....	Hatchel
Mrs. M. F. Norris	.....	Ballinger
Miss Bernice Little	.....	Maverick
Miss Joe Davis	.....	Hatchel
Miss Maggie Setser	.....	Norton
Miss Hattie Black	.....	Ballinger
Miss Lela Holshouser	.....	Winters
Miss Minnie Rider	.....	Winters
Miss Dale Williams	.....	Norton
Miss Katie Bell Gregory	.....	Ballinger
Miss Rosa McMillan	.....	Ballinger
Miss Maggie Taylor	.....	Norton
Miss Anna Baker	.....	Maverick
Miss Myrtle Davis	.....	Hatchel
Mrs. J. T. Laurence	.....	Ballinger
Miss Mary Sue Spill	.....	Ballinger
Miss Pearl Sandlin	.....	Ballinger
Miss Beulah Montgomery	.....	Miles
M. E. Chureh	.....	Crews
Miss Selma Lewis	.....	Crews
Eastern Star	.....	Maverick
Miss Josie Glenn	.....	Marie
Miss Alma England	.....	Bradshaw
Miss Maggie Ashley	.....	Wingate
Miss Minnie Johnson	Wingate
Miss Edna Cordell	Wingate
Miss Minnie Thompson	Wingate



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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

WILL SPEAK IN BALLINGER FRIDAY, APRIL 22



HON. CONE JOHNSON,
Candidate For Governor.

MRS. FRANK MADDOX ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Frank Maddox, who is at home in her handsome new cottage, contributed one of the gay forty-two parties to last week's social run. It was given in honor of the Forty-two Club, however a number of other invited guests were present.

The hostess had her artistic reception suit abloom with delicately tinted roses, shading into a soft radiance with the spring sunbeams, that is so kind to the beauty of feminine fair. Quite a number of games were played, keeping up with great zest from three to six, when elegant ice cream, wafers and stuffed dates were served.

The Club members present were:

- Mrs. Lee Norman.
- Mrs. Lee Maddox.
- Mrs. H. S. Paramore.
- Mrs. John Head.
- Mrs. Josie.
- Mrs. John Maddox.
- Mrs. Sails.
- Mrs. J. T. Lawrence.
- Mrs. Audie Gustavus.
- Other invited guests were:
- Mrs. Emma Nash.
- Mrs. R. O. Walton.
- Mrs. J. G. Douglas.
- Mrs. Baskin.
- Mrs. Ferris.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Moore.
- Mrs. Harry Sharp.
- Mrs. W. E. Barbee.
- Mrs. E. L. Rasberry.
- Mrs. R. W. Bruce.
- Mrs. T. W. Robertson.
- Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.
- Mrs. U. P. Melton.
- Mrs. R. O. Roots.
- Mrs. E. L. Hagan.
- Mrs. D. Reeder.
- Mrs. W. K. Hutton.
- Mrs. R. A. Terry.
- Mrs. J. O. Grundy.
- Mrs. W. B. Dunlap.
- Mrs. J. I. Guion.
- Mrs. Willis.
- Mrs. W. T. Padgett.
- Miss Sammie Padgett.
- Miss Hester Padgett.
- Miss Maggie Sharp.

BOOSTING HOME ENTERPRISE.

Secretary Kirk in conversation with a Banner man this morning said that Ballinger people should

be more loyal to their home enterprises. "Just to give you an idea of what I mean," said Mr. Kirk, "we have a business college here, with teachers that are qualified to give good training and equal those in larger cities. Our people should give the Ballinger Business College better support. There is no use to go to Waco, Dallas, Ft. Worth, or any where else to take a business course when you can get such a course right here at home, and at a great deal less expense than you can by going away from home. I wish Ballinger people were more loyal to their home enterprises and would practice keeping money at home more." Correct you are, Mr. Kirk. There is nothing that makes a town quicker than to keep money in circulation. And there is nothing that kills a town quicker than to send away from home for everything you buy. We know people who even order their groceries from mail order houses.

The Banner is a stickler when it comes to patronizing home industry. We were urged by a foreign outfit to put on a piano contest and buy a piano from them, or in other words, let them furnish the piano, a cheap-john instrument, and give them fifty per cent of all the money we took in on the contest to pay for the piano. We turned this down and bought our piano from home people, and conduct our own contest, and paid the regular price for our piano, and thereby keeping money at home.

ROOSEVELT ENDORSES GIFFORD PINCHOT

Porto Maurizio, Italy, April 12.—Theodore Roosevelt today promised Gifford Pinchot that he would address the National Conservation Congress wherever held this summer. He will talk on Forest conservation.

This is taken here to mean that Roosevelt will endorse Mr. Pinchot.

MOVED.

I have moved my tin shop to the new rock building next to the fire station, and will be glad to have your sheet metal work at the new place. 82-6w4
FRANK WOODEN.

Our Experience and Equipment qualifies us to handle your business. We would be glad to talk with you about your Insurance and Collections.

Fidelity and Credit Co.



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Repeating Shotguns
USED IN THE U. S. ARMY.
The U. S. Army authorities know a gun; that is why, when they decided to equip some troops with repeating shotguns, they selected the Winchester in preference to all other makes. The experts of the U. S. Ordnance Board also know a gun; that's why, after submitting a Winchester Repeating Shotgun to all sorts of tests, they pronounced it safe, sure, strong and simple. If you want a shotgun—buy the one whose strength and reliability led the U. S. Army authorities to select it and the U. S. Ordnance Board to endorse it—that's the Winchester.
THE RELIABLE REPEATERS

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If you are looking for the best things to eat in the grocery line come to us. Our stock is clean, up-to-date and well kept up at all times. We have what you want in the store. We give prompt attention to phone orders and make deliveries promptly. Give us a chance to prove it.

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Your property may burn up blow away, but you are all right if you have seen M. D. Chastain & Co. for insurance. Office of Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Judge B. B. Stone left yesterday afternoon for Austin where he goes on legal business.

FREE VOTING COUPON

25 Votes 25 Votes
This Free Coupon is Voted For

These votes cost you nothing, and you should clip them from the paper, write the name of your favorite, and see that they reach this office before the 15th of April.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of March A. D., 1910, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., versus E. B. White, L. G. Bills, Ben S. Long, I. Z. Brown Lewis Alexander and R. P. Conn, 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 May A. D., 1910, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being Lot No. 3 in Block No. 95 in the First Railroad Addition to the town of Ballinger, as same appears on the map of town and addition made by Thos. King, Engineer, now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas. Levied on as the property of R. P. Conn, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$561.90 in favor of Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co., now transferred to J. A. Long, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand and seal, this 5th day of April A. D. 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, 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 5th day of April 1910, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said Court, against August Maass, Sr., et al., and in favor of Mrs. Auguste Floege for the sum of six thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight and 27-100 (\$6,768.27) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1045 in said Court, styled Mrs. Auguste Floege, vs. August Maass, Sr., et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of April, 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit:

Being 320 acres of land off of the N. end of a tract of 640 acres known as W. C. R. Co., Survey No. 159, the said tract being more fully described as follows:

Beginning at a fence corner 20 feet S. and 23 feet E. of the original N.W. corner of Survey No. 159 in the name of the W. C. R. Co.; thence E. following fence 1932 varas to fence corner; thence S. following fence 219 varas to fence corner; thence 20 feet to stake and mound on E. B. line of said Survey No. 159; thence S. with said line 714 varas to stake and mound in said line for S.E. corner of this 320 acre tract; thence W. 1936 varas to stake and mound under fence for S.W. corner of this tract; thence N. following fence, crossing branch 933 varas to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of said August Maass, Sr., Otto Maass, Martha Maass, Meta Maass, Emil Maass, Willie Maass, Frida Maass, Adolph Maass, Louisa Maass and August Maass, Jr., and on Tuesday, the third day of May, 1910, 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 real estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of above named defendants, 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 6th day of April, 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
By W. T. PADGETT, 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 6th day of April 1910, by R. A. Terry, Clerk of said court, against Marie Brown and Doc Brown, and in favor of G. H. Youngblood, Alma Whittington, Mary Francis Adkins, Lucretia Spoon and Willie Virden, for the partition of the property described below, and costs of suit, in cause No. 1051, in said Court styled G. H. Youngblood, et al., versus Dulcinea R. Youngblood, et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, on the 6th day of April, 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, and personal property situated in Runnels County, described as follows to-wit:

1. 49.8 acres of land out of the Adolphin Floyd Curvey No. 519, Abst. 192, Bounty Warrant 8091, patented to Dolphin Floyd Nov. 9, 1851, by Letters Patent No. 902, Vol. 6, said 49.8 acres being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the W. line of Survey 519 above described, which point is 358 3-4 varas N. of the S.W. corner of Survey 519; thence E. 950 varas to a stake for corner; thence N. 294 3-4 varas to a stake for corner; thence W. 950 varas to a stake for corner; thence S. with the W. line of said Survey 519, 294 3-4 varas to place of beginning.

2. One gray horse about 14 1-2 hands high, named Paddie, and one bay mare 15 hands high, about 3 years old, and levied upon as the property of said plaintiffs and defendants above named, and on Tuesday, the third day of May 1910, 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 property at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said plaintiffs and defendants above named, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give 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 6th day of April, 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
By W. T. PADGETT, 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 31st day of March, 1910, by R. A. Terry, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of seventy-seven and 20-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Mrs. C. E. Blount, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1118, and styled Mrs. C. E. Blount vs. J. W. Powell, et al., placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of April 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, and all of lot No. 5 in Block No. 2 in the Thomas Addition to the city of Ballinger, and levied upon as the property of J. W. Powell and M. L. Page,

and that on the first Tuesday in May 1910, the same being the 3rd day of said month, 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., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. W. Powell and M. L. Page.

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 4th day of April 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, 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 31st day of March, 1910, by R. A. Terry, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of four hundred and eighty-seven and 89-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of S. L. Hicks in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1136, and styled S. L. Hicks vs. J. Webb, M. E. Harrell, and W. H. Rogers, placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 4th day of April 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots No. 7 and 8 in Block No. 26 in the town of Truitt, Runnels County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. Webb, M. E. Harrell and W. H. Rogers, and that on the first Tuesday in May 1910, the same being the 3rd day of said month, 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., by virtue of said levy and 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 J. Webb, M. E. Harrell and W. H. Rogers.

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 4th day of April 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, 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 31st day of March, 1910, by R. A. Terry, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of sixty-nine and 24-100 dollars, and costs of suit, under a judgment for the foreclosure of this lien, in favor of W. B. Wood, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1074, and styled W. B. Wood vs. Tom Downs, placed in my hands for service, I, James P. Flynt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of April 1910, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being lots No. 9 and 10 in Block No. 5 in Fairview Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Thomas Downs, and that on the first Tuesday in May 1910, the same being the 3rd day of said month, 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., 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 Thomas Downs.

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 4th day of April 1910.

J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff.
By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy.

COLQUITT'S FOLLOW-

ERS DUMBFOUNDED.

The special followers of Mr. Colquitt are quite dumbfounded over the Itasca speech of their candidate. They are unable to harmonize the following with their understanding that he was the one champion of anti-submission with whom their interests would be a special consideration:

"My position as to prohibition has been designedly misrepresented." "Now I want to tell you that if I am elected governor, the white aproned brigade will have to obey all laws regulating the liquor business." "While I am an anti I have no objection to the submission of a statewide prohibition amendment, if it is done in a constitutional way."

The saloonkeepers are justly indignant at the contemptuous tone and offensive language of the ultra prohibitionist, as applied by Colquitt, calling them the "White aproned brigade." And the personal liberty fad receives a shock in the declaration, "I have no objection to the submission of a statewide prohibition amendment," etc. This arouses the suspicion of those conservative German citizens who felt sure of a special candidate in Mr. Colquitt.

Ask for the White Mountain refrigerators. The chest with a chill in it. Having one inch interior walls of tongued and grooved stock. Many other makes have no interior walls whatever and others only 3-8 inch at best. Sold by the Ostertag Furniture Co. 88tf

1-4 of Pound a Week

at least is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Price 25c and 50 cents.

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HAWLEY REPEATS HIS FORMER STATEMENT.

San Antonio, Tex., April 9.—Edwin Hawley, of New York, chairman of the executive board of the M. K. & T., railroad company, arrived here this morning from Galveston, and after stopping here five hours he went on to Austin.

While here, he reiterated his former declaration that the higher officers of the road are all well pleased with Texas conditions and the officers of this division. He also announced that the board is considering the advisability of building an extension south from this place to connect with the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico.

FOR SALE ON EASY TERMS.

One of the best homes in Ballinger, consisting of eight rooms, bath and two fire-places, closets, one acre of ground, two underground cisterns, each one 200 barrel capacity, city water, good barn, 100 bearing fruit trees, nice shade in yard, good garden spot. Price \$2,500. Cash \$500. Balance either 5 or 8 years time to

suit purchaser. For particulars call on C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas. d&w

HENRY CLAY PEARCE IN DALLAS TODAY.

Dallas, Tex., April 11.—Henry Clay Pearce and wife of St. Louis, accompanied by a party of capitalists arrived here this morning and are spending the day in the city. They will leave tonight for South Texas. Pearce refused to discuss his plans in Texas.

JUDGE REFUSES TO REINSTATE CASE.

Ft. Worth, Tex., April 9.—District Judge Simmons, before whom Frank McCue was tried three times for murder, today refused the motion of McCue's attorneys to reinstate the case in his court. McCue was released by prosecuting attorney on old charge and rearrested on another indictment in Dallas, where the murder was committed, but the defense prefers to try the case out side of that county.

McCue's counsel will appeal the case to the court of criminal appeals in an effort to reinstate the case in Judge Simmons' court.

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News items appreciated. Phone 27.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss Hermia Smith who was connected with the Ballinger Daily Banner in the capacity of Society Editor will continue with the Banner-Leader and will have a department that will be of interest generally in the social realm. Any favors shown Miss Smith will be appreciated by us.

This country will have fruit to spare this season. A cannery will be a means of saving the surplus crop.

When the Pecos gap is filled in Ballinger will be on the main line of the Santa Fe. Watch the prediction and see it come to pass, and that in a very short time.

The Santa Fe boulevard adjoining the new depot will be paved with brick. The Santa Fe is doing the loyal thing for Ballinger. Just a stamp of the company's approval on the town, is all.

A larger mattress factory, a tent and cot factory, an overall factory, are some of the things promised for Ballinger and are sure to come if that cotton mill is landed. We are losing time in deferring the matter. Push it!

That move to put down a test well is a good one. There is no telling what we would find under the ground. A gusher of oil or water either would be a great thing for Ballinger. We will never know until the test is made. Let's get busy.

Graft seems to be the chief of past time for corrupt politicians, and is being practiced from New York to Jackson, and in every state between. That Mississippi scandal is nauseating to honest people, and a stain on Southern Democracy.

The citizens have shown by their liberal support of the tag day move that they want the school campus improved, made beautiful and thereby save money to the patrons. It is up to the new school board to carry out the demands of the platform.

Candidate Cunyus is creating just about as much racket as any of the candidates for governor, and says he is certain to be elected. If the prophecy of all the candidates come true, Texas will have five governors. We believe one is as much as Texas can stand at once.

We understand that a move is on foot by some of the boys to build another "Bachelor's Den." We suggest that the Mayor call the council together at once and pass laws prohibiting the erection of such houses. Or perhaps it would be better for the old maids of the town to have a convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Banner-Leader will publish in this column the names of candidates for the various offices until the primaries, and of the successful candidates in the primaries, until the election.

Cash in advance must invariably be required, before any announcement will be made.

For District Clerk:
MISS MARY PHILLIPS.

For Tax Assessor:
MIKE BOYD.
W. T. CALDWELL.
W. O. MOORE.
FRANK STUART.

For County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN (re-election).

For Sheriff:
J. P. FLYNT (re-election)

For County Attorney:
Edward S. McCarver (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector:
J. EDWIN DAY.

For Justice of the Peace:
W. H. WEEKS, (Precinct 1.)

For County Clerk:
J. (Buck) SHIELDS.
OVERTON L. PARRISH.

For County Judge:
R. S. GRIGGS.

For Constable:
B. W. PILCHER, (Re-election.)
BEN F. ALLEN (Precinct 1.)

For County Treasurer:
T. J. STOCKS (Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:
JOE TURNER.
J. M. ADAMS.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
J. E. McADAMS.

The report of the city secretary shows that \$39 was collected on dog tax for the year. Is it possible that Ballinger only has 39 dogs, or is it possible that some official has been derelict in law?

Ballinger has on her Sunday clothes this spring and improvements can be seen under way over the town. New houses going up, cement walks, beautifying the yard all count in making a city beautiful.

The cotton mill proposition is taking on new life again. A local man says he is ready, and has the money to put in a tent and cot factory just as soon as the mill is assured. Ballinger should lose no time in landing this great enterprise as it will bring other factories.

Constructive boosting is the only kind that will build a city.

The hot air man is so common that he is not entitled to much credit for his boosting extravaganza.

The Banner stands first and last for all the good things that will be for the betterment and upbuilding of Ballinger and Runnels county. Don't be selfish in anything that is for the good of all.

The Banner has been advocating a Fire and Inspection Marshal for Ballinger and the new insurance key rate shows that such an officer would reduce the insurance eight cents on the hundred dollars and the total amount saved would more than pay the salary of a competent officer. There is another thing aside from the economic question involved. The fires would be reduced 50 per

Many Roofings Fall

at the laps, the cement is poor. The lap cement used with TEXACO ROOFING makes the joints absolutely secure. It will pay you to investigate if you intend to use roofing.

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cent at least greatly lessening the risk of life that is involved in every fire.

It seems that the demand for eggs and chickens would create a little more activity in the poultry business. A good poultry farm would pay big money, and if every farmer would raise a few chickens for market, he could realize an income from them every time he came to town.

Ballinger papers are still talking cotton mill, but appear to be unable to get up much enthusiasm among the people.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We are compelled to admit the truth of the above statement, but the Banner is going to "Keep on Keeping ON," and finally we hope to see a goodly portion of substantial things come our way—and stay.

You can easily tell by a man's antics, if not by his words, when he is sitting on a tack—a lot of noise sometimes accompanies this painful situation, and sometimes it does not—it all depends on the individual, you know.

Jere Lillis, the Kansas City libertine who has been traveling in Texas for his health, is quoted by a San Angelo reporter as saying: "I like your city very much and am sorry I did not visit the charming place sooner." No doubt this is one time Lillis told the truth.—Milam County Enterprise.

The Banner has used up several good pencils preaching "hog culture," and hog products, even to the hair of the hog, continue to climb. With lard selling for twenty cents per pound the farmer can not expect to make ends meet when he doesn't raise his own grease.

If we do not land the cotton mill here we can land other things maybe not quite so pretentious, but will be worth the effort.

A GOOD THING TO TIE TO.

Ballinger Banner: The beautiful court house park would look a great deal better if the old iron fence was out of the way, and it is to be hoped, that the Commissioners' Court will reconsider the matter when they meet Monday and order the fence removed. It is not an ornament by any means, and serves no purpose for any good.

Serves no purpose for good? Why, isn't it convenient for the farmers to hitch their horses to? It is the observation of most tourists that a centrally located court house surrounded by a stiff iron fence affords the most popular wagon yard facilities in the country.—Dallas News.

No sir, the Ballinger court house fence is not convenient for the farmers to hitch horses to. We have hitch posts provided for that purpose. The court house park is enclosed with a splendid

cement walk, and the fence is on the inside of the walk and is a useless would be ornament. If the State Press Editor will take a day off and come out this way we will show him an up-to-date town—Beautiful Ballinger, and a town where the court house fence is not used for hitch posts.

Fire and tornado insurance written in the best companies by M. D. Chastain & Co. Office over Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

The Banner is right in its contention for a Fire and Inspection Marshal—the key rate for Ballinger will prove the matter.

pay the highest price for milo maize, cane and kafir corn. Missouri Milling Co. 79-1wtf

FARMERGRAMS.

William J. Burtcher.

The only kind of jewelry is the ring of the silver dollar.

The wide-awake farmer is usually also a deep and sound sleeper.

It is so much easier to talk about an ideal farm than to work it up.

One may be up-to-date and still be bothered with a few out-of-date debts.

Better kill the flies than run the risk of having them contaminate you with germs that may kill you.

Remember, "almost," will take you half way to heaven, but all the way to the other place that begin with an "h."

The best thing a father can do with the money he intends to leave his heirs is to spend it on them while he is still living.

All the farm is a college with daily lessons and problems. The farmer and his family constitute a faithful class of students. There are few recesses and few vacations.

Cream Separators at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN LADIES AID ENTERTAIN MRS. R. K. WYLIE.

Mrs. R. K. Wylie who now resides at Mineral Wells, but is in our city on business, was informally entertained Wednesday afternoon by the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, at the palatial home of Mrs. J. J. Erwin.

The handsome rooms which were filled with perfumy blossoms and the soft rose light that fell from the sconce and electrolier, put to shame the weeping elements without and gave the honoree a rosy welcome.

Elegant ice cream, angel food and marshmallow cake was served

Those present were:

Mrs. J. J. Erwin,
Mrs. J. Y. Pearce,
Mrs. C. S. Miller,
Mrs. M. C. Smith,
Mrs. Geo. Vaughn,
Mrs. R. B. Creasy,
Mrs. J. I. Guion, Jr.,
Mrs. Jack McGregor,
Mrs. J. W. Francis,
Mrs. Bob Bennett,
Mrs. Tipton,
Mrs. W. J. Miller,
Mrs. C. R. Stephens,
Mrs. C. C. Schuhardt,
Mrs. J. R. McVay,
Mr. A. H. Van Pelt,
Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton,
Mrs. E. A. Trail,
Mrs. LaGrand,
Mrs. Warren Lynn,
Mrs. Townsend,
Mrs. H. C. Lynn,
Mrs. H. Zdaril.

Herrick Refrigerators cut your ice bill down. Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

BANKRUPT SALE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

(In The Matter of J. W. Brice, Bankrupt; In Bankruptcy, No. 114)

WHEREAS, in the above numbered and entitled cause, on April 11, 1910, an order was entered by A. E. Wilson, Referee in Bankruptcy, authorizing the trustee to sell the goods, wares and merchandise, fixtures and all notes and accounts belonging to the estate of J. W. Brice.

NOW THEREFORE, I, F. Holt Smith, Trustee in the above said estate, in accordance with said order, do hereby give notice that on April 25, 1910, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the courthouse door in Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas, I will sell the above described property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, which sale will be made subject to the approval of the Referee in Bankruptcy.

I give this notice by publishing the same in the Banner-Leader, for two successive issues, a newspaper published in Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas.

F. Holt Smith, Trustee.

Go to Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. for Ice Cream Freezers and Refrigerators.

O. B. Preston Traveling Freight Agent for the Frisco Railroad, spent Wednesday in Ballinger interviewing our business men that buy in the northern and eastern markets.

Greatest values ever offered in Ladies Dresses and Waists. Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Chas. E. Wynne, Division Freight Agent out of Fort Worth for the Frisco lines, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

We save others money, why not you? Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

The Same Old Stand

Is where we hold the fort. We give you what you order and in a first-class manner and always strive to please our customers. No need for waits in our shop. We have five of the best barbers to be found in the city. Give us a trial.

Hot and Cold Baths.

The City Barber Shop

JIM McWHIRTER, Proprietor

JOB PRINTING

IS Our Specialty Now.

WE have disposed of the Ballinger Daily Banner and will devote our entire time and efforts to the Publication of the Banner-Leader and to JOB PRINTING.

"THERE IS A REASON" We can give you The BEST in our Weekly News Service and in Job Printing.

Our Equipment And Experience

Should receive your earnest consideration.

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THE BANNER-LEADER

The WATCH & the TYPEWRITER A Matter of Mechanical

THE expert manufacturers of the L. C. Smith & Bros. ball-bearing joints of their writing machine to the expensive watch. It is interesting to know, on the part of a watch manufacturer, that he thinks of the L. C. Smith

The watch manufacturer whom we shall quote is an expert at the famous Elgin works, at Elgin, Illinois. It is true we hold no brief for the Elgin (to repeat what Elgin had lost--and luckily found again--the Elgin watch he gave him, which kept him "punctual at his meals without a cent for repairs."

"A fool and his Elgin are soon parted," says Hubbard (an Elgin) does not come back and want a divorce. As it has been said that

there is no advertisement equal to the customer."

Six well-known makes of typewriters were recently in competition. One of the typewriter representatives was permitted to make a test of the expert inventor of the Elgin factory's special labor-saving device, and pass upon the merits of the different typewriters. At the conclusion of the test, pointing to the L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter, he said in favor of the product of the Elgin works:

"That is the finest piece of mechanism I have ever seen, aside from an Elgin watch."

To-day the Elgin National Watch Factory is one of those "best kept secrets" of the L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter--"A SATISFACTION." The decision to purchase was solely the result of the favorable expert opinion of such a mechanic good enough for YOU.

Full Visible Writing Line.
You see what you write as you write it--after you have written it--all the time.



L. C. Smith & Bros. ALL-BEARING VISIBLE

The ball-bearing, greased rod, friction bearing typewriter was good enough in its day, but the old ox-wagon was good enough in its day, but NONE TOO GOOD for YOU. If you were to buy an automobile you would demand and have the ball-bearing kind. The same rule apply in the purchase of a typewriter. The

L. C. Smith & Bros. The Best Typewriter

Mr. Garvin, Special Representative, has been in Ballingore, and failed to see you this splendid writing machine. If he failed to see you of the latest models by calling on Mr. H. G. Knight, our Inner Leader Office. If your typewriter is not giving you an exchange proposition--we will take your old machine and "trust" says it is worth according to factory number actual value.

G. Knight, BALLINGORE,
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pains, catarh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists \$1.00 per bottle. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of blood or skin diseases, as it cures after all else fails. Sold in Ballinger, Texas, by the City Drug Store. 52t

HOBOS HIT TOWN AND ARE TOLD TO DRIFT.

A bunch of about half a dozen hoboes of the ultra professional type hit San Angelo Wednesday night and Thursday and Friday were busy delivering various orations to unsuspecting citizens of the more prosperous looking type. The hobo lectures of yore were listened to by scores of San Angeloites who were stopped by the bums and doubtless the clan succeeded in extracting several nickels from the jeans of their victims. One citizen declares he was attacked by the full half dozen, and that each gave himself away when he had asked change for a ten dollar bill.

The officers got right in after the bums and made them seek newer fields in which to carry on their operations.—San Angelo Standard.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE

People Should Learn to Detect the Approach of Kidney Disease.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are so unmistakable that they leave no ground for doubt. Sick kidneys excrete a thick, cloudy, offensive urine, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding. The back aches constantly, headaches and dizzy spells may occur and the victim is often weighed down by a feeling of languor and fatigue. Neglect these warnings and there is danger of dropsy, Bright's disease or diabetes. Any one of these symptoms is warning enough to begin treating the kidneys at once. Delay often proves fatal.

You can use no better remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's Ballinger proof:

J. S. Collins, carpenter, Ballinger, Texas Says: "Upon two occasions Doan's Kidney Pills have relieved me when having trouble from my kidneys. These organs seemed to be my weakest spot and whenever I caught cold, it was ache through the small of my back up during the night. When came too frequent in passage at such times and obliged me to get The kidney secretions also be-

sure to settle there, causing a dull Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me, I procured a box at the Walker Drug Co., and soon after beginning their use, I was greatly relieved. My advice to anyone afflicted in a similar manner is to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

MARION MULLINS DIED AT MILES SUNDAY.

Marion Mullins died at his home in Miles Sunday morning. Mr. Mullins was one of the best known newspaper men in this part of Texas. He was one of the founders of the Miles Messenger and was post master at Miles for a number of years. Before going to Miles he was engaged in the newspaper business at Brownwood for a number of years. He is survived by a widow and several children.

The Banner extends condolence to the bereaved ones.

A KNOCKER

is a man who can't see good any person or thing. It's a habit caused by a distorted liver. you find that you are beginning to see things through blue spectacles, treat your liver to a cleaning out process with Ballard's Herbine. A sure cure constipation, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, all liver, stomach and bowel troubles.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

EGGS FOR SETTING.

I have eggs for sale from prize-winning White Plymouth rock chickens. Call and see chickens and get eggs. \$1 setting.

MRS. C. G. ALLISON
1001 11th st. Balloinger

M. A. Traylor returns from Hillsboro, Itasca; a burne where he has been in business.

THE CIRCUS.

acrobat finds it necessary times to keep his muscles joints supple. That is why he has a bottle of Ballard's Snuff always on hand. sure for rheumatism, sore throat lame back muscles, corns bunions pains. Price 25c, 50c per bottle.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

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M. J. Stacy, Owner

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712 1-2. HUTCHINSON

The free votes appearing in the Banner-Leader will be good until the 15th of May.

It's easy to cut your ice bill if you buy a Herrick Refrigerator. Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

It is being generally conceded that the Banner-Leader's piano contest is the most interesting thing today in Runnels county.

Children's Dresses and Boys' Waists at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Do not forget to ask all your friends to save the free votes appearing in each issue of the Banner-Leader.

All the world admires a hustler. Let your friends know that you are in earnest about winning the piano, and they will be only too glad to assist you.

Solid leather Shoes at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Who is going to be the winner of the ten dollars in gold to be given away on the 2nd of May?

New Millinery at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

FOR SALE—Our entire stock of Merchandise. Invoice about \$15,000. See us at once if you want a good cash business in a good live town.

BAIR & CONN.

Trade at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. and get High Quality and Low Prices.

If you are thinking of purchasing a Piano or Organ, let us put one in your home on trial. It does not cost anything to try. We take stock as part payment. Always buy at home when you can get the same goods for the money. Turbeville Bros., Props., Ballinger Music Co.

Something **NEW** at the Big Store. Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Ballinger Music Co. takes in old Instruments on new ones.

Let us show you the **BEST** Refrigerator. We will take your word for it. Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Sheriff Flynt and County Judge Griggs returned Wednesday from Abilene, where they were called to testify in the Felix Jones murder case.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. are showing wonderful values in \$2.50 and \$3.00 Pumps and Oxfords for ladies.

Mrs. August Spill and daughter, Miss Emma, of Winters, passed through Wednesday en route to Mineral Wells, where they go for the benefit of Mrs. Spill's health.

If it's new, Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. have it.

W. W. Embry, who owns a nice home and fine tract of land on the Paint Rock road south of Ballinger, left for points in East Texas Tuesday, where he goes to buy some fine stock for his farm.

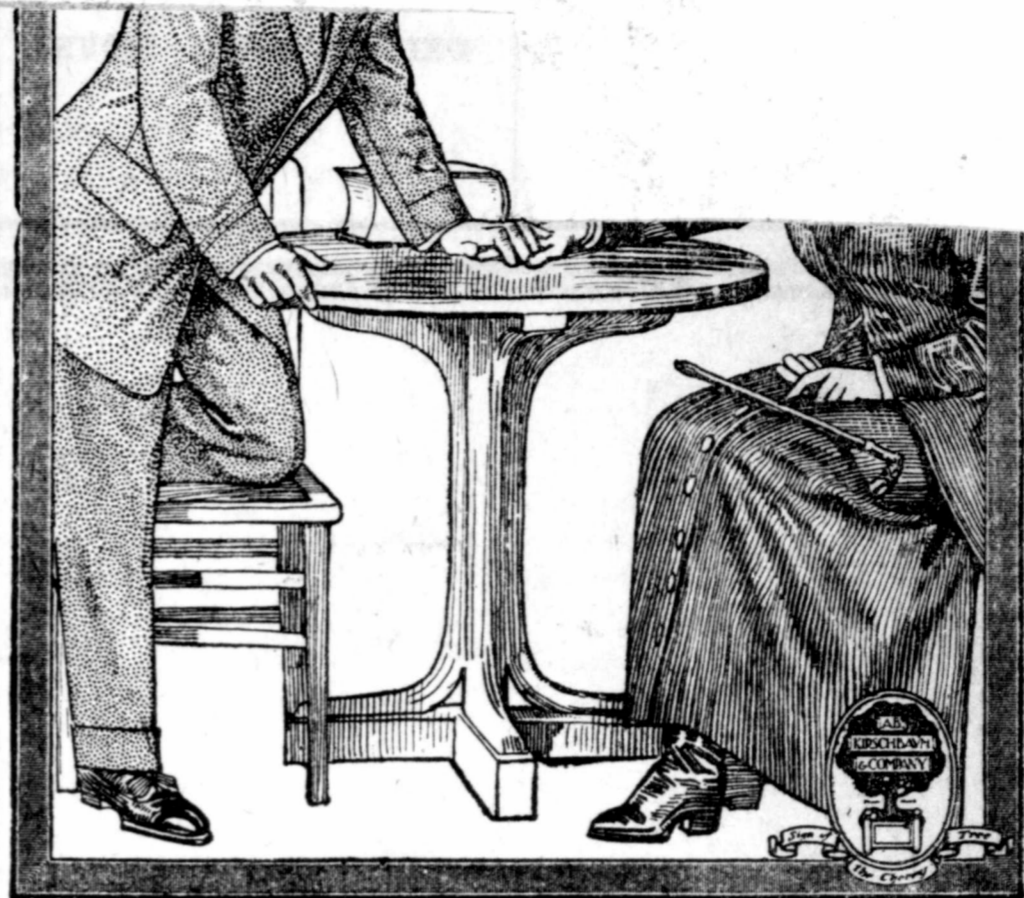
If you trade at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. you save money.

Mrs. Bettie Boyle, mother of Mrs. R. A. Risser, went to Bryan Tuesday afternoon on a visit to friends and relatives.

Get your Spring Hat at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Dr. J. H. Grant spent a few days this week on his ranch fishing and resting up.

New Belts, Pins, and Hair Goods at Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.



The Four Quarters

THE four quarters of a suit are Fabric, Tailoring, Style and Fit. These are four things you pay for in clothes; and if any one be lacking—you lose.

The fabrics in Kirschbaum Clothes are all-wool; the better grades are all hand tailored; the styles are approved "city" fashions; and the fit will make the merchant tailor jealous.

To *know* and to *feel* that you are better dressed than your fellows, wear Kirschbaum All-Wool Hand Tailored Clothes,—always look for the label. The new Spring and Summer Models in all popular fabrics and novelty mixtures are here. : :

We guarantee these goods. Should you find imperfection in the cloth or tailoring of a "Kirschbaum hand-made" garment, return the same and money will be refunded. : :

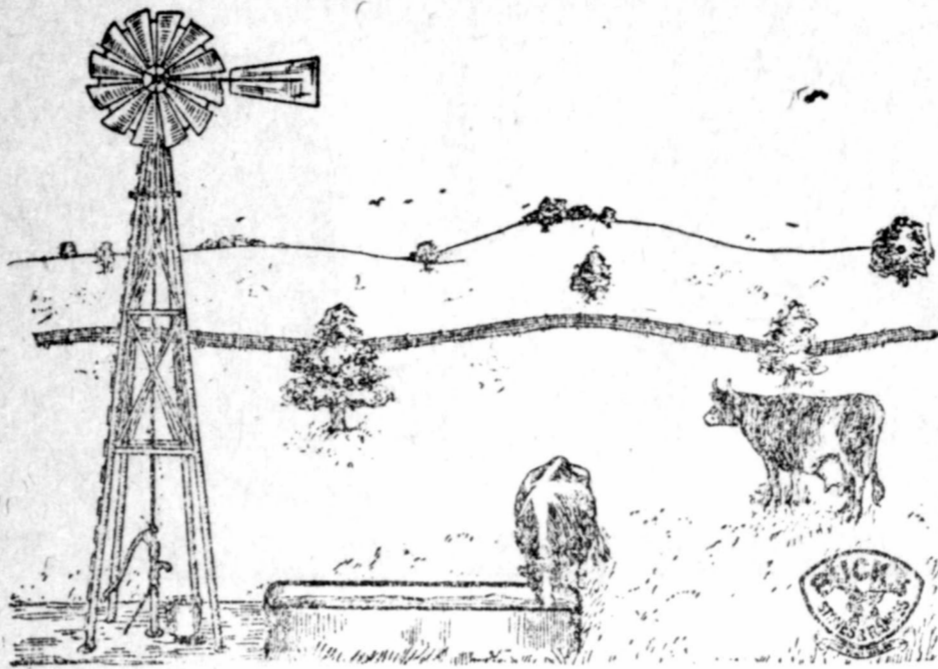
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Company.**

Doose to Chastain & Simpson's Grocery store. I wish to express my thanks to Guion & Doose for their favors, and make the move to get more centrally located Phone No. 40 and leave you number, if I am out. dlw-m
T. J. STARKEY

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I have moved my transfer headquarters from Guion &

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We sell the line that has passed the experimental stage. THE STANDARD LINE heads the class in DISC PLOWS, CULTIVATORS, PLANTERS, HARROWS, Windmills, Pumps, Pipe Work

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Plumbing work of the most approved Sanitary order properly installed. Bath Tubs, Sinks, Lavatories, etc.

We solicit your business on all lines. Builders Hardware a Specialty.

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FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

Is the enormous sum of MONEY that was paid for EGGS in the UNITED STATES during the year 1909.

A similar sum was paid for CHICKENS and TURKEYS. You can make large sums of MONEY raising poultry, and eggs, they sell for CASH at all seasons, just as readily as Cotton, Corn, Wheat, Cattle or Hogs.

Free Booklet

We have published a BOOKLET in which you can get a great deal of valuable information relative to the successful raising and marketing of Chickens, Turkeys and Eggs.

A copy of this BOOKLET in your home will enable you to materially increase your BANK ACCOUNT. It is free for the asking. Kindly cut out the coupon below, write your address plainly and mail today. Do it RIGHT NOW.

TEXAS PACKING COMPANY,
Temple, Texas.

Gentlemen: You will please send by first mail your BOOKLET, "PROFIT IN POULTRY," without cost to me.

Name

Ladies will please put the prefix, Miss or Mrs.

Street address, Box No. or R. F. D.

Name of town where you market your poultry.

County State

The Gateway to Success

Is across the pathway of every man. It is just ahead of many, ready to be opened.

Some carry keys, other who do not, turn away regretfully and realize that the chance of a life time has slipped away from them. Listen!

No Man ever won Riches without making use of a Bank

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

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

Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

More Than Six Hundred Dollars

Is being Given Away in our great Subscription-Getting Contest. Never before has there been such a generous offer made to the young ladies of Runnels county. These prizes will go to those who will put in a part of their spare time hustling for votes. Will you be one of them?

THE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE: Clarendon Cabinet Grand Piano by the Banner. Value \$300.00. This instrument is now on display at the Ballinger Music Co's.

SECOND PRIZE: Rubber-Tire Buggy by Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. Value \$125.00. Ten votes with every dollar you spend there.

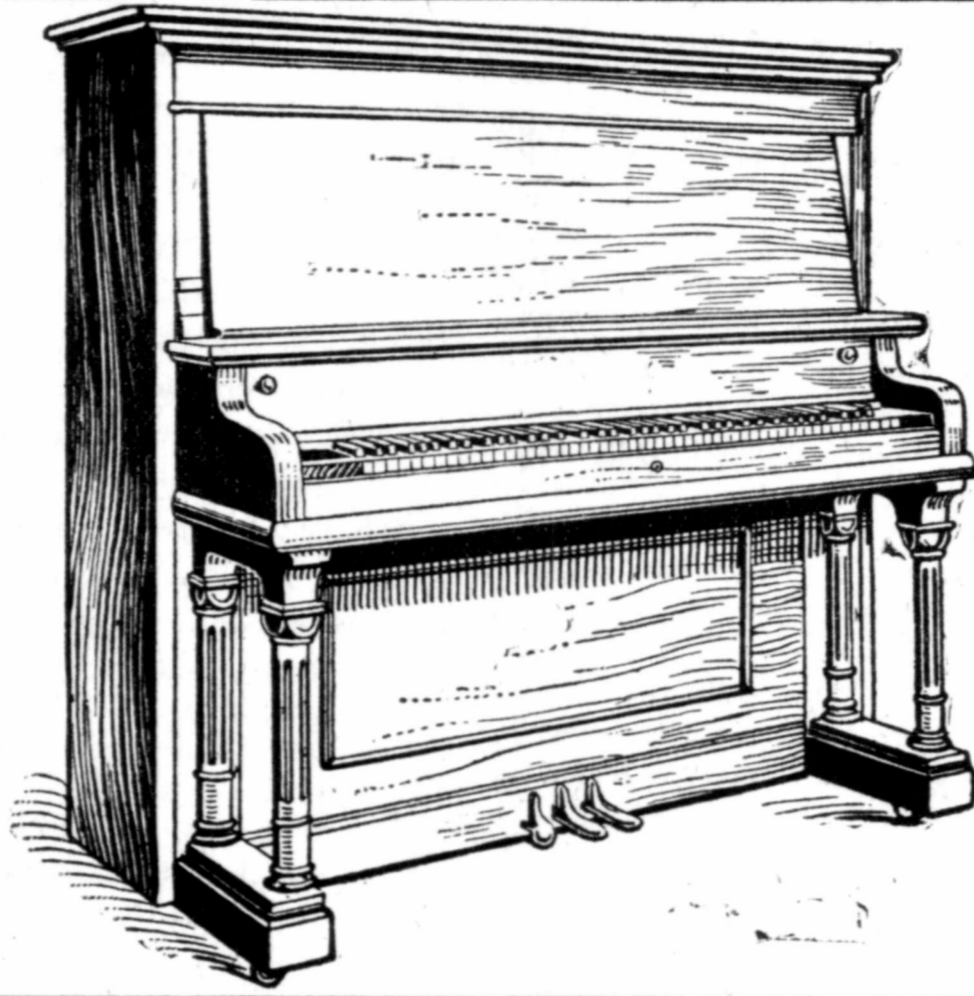
THIRD PRIZE: Seventy-five dollar lot in Cameron Heights Addition. Votes given with all lot purchases.

FOURTH PRIZE: Life-time Scholarship in leading Business College by The Banner. \$50.

FIFTH PRIZE: A twenty-five dollar violin by the Walker Drug Co. Here they also give you ten free votes with every dollar cash sale.

SIXTH PRIZE: A twenty-five dollar Washburn Guitar by the Ballinger Music Co. This company is giving ten free votes with every dollar cash sale.

SEVENTH PRIZE: Asa Cordill, The Jeweler, gives a handsome prize, and also gives ten free votes with every dollar cash you spend in his store.



A TEN DOLLAR GOLD PIECE

THE FIRST OFFICIAL COUNT will be made on the second day of May, and the candidate who has the most votes at that time will be presented with a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. Are you going to try to win this prize? There is no reason why you should not be the winner. Show your friends that you mean to win, and they will be only too glad to assist you.

Don't Forget The Votes: Your special attention is directed to the fact that a number of the merchants are giving free votes with purchases at their stores. Every contestant should tell their friends about this and ask them to save these free votes for them. You should also ask your friends to save the free votes appearing in each issue of this paper for you. Be determined to win the first prize of Ten Dollars to be given on the Second day of May. Let "Hustle" be your motto, and you will be a winner.

BALLINGER BANNER - LEADER

IMPORTANT MEASURE BEFORE CONVENTION.

Galveston, April 12.—Perhaps the most important measure to come before the Federation of Labor convention is proposed by the employers compensation legislation which is strongly endorsed by the State Labor Commission Myers, who arrived here last night.

Politicians who are to speak at the convention during the week, are expected to voice their opinion in the proposed law.

While many laws will be recommended for bettering conditions for railway employees, it is not expected that railroads will oppose the measure in any way here, but will wait until the bills are introduced in the legislature. There will be conflict over the provision of some of the amendments to the constitution of the Federation Thursday.

You can get sheet music at 125 at Ballinger Music Co. Special prices ordered from publisher at price. Patronize your home. Can furnish all kinds of music, both instrumental and vocal.

Grand Lodge K. of P. Convenes at BEAUMONT April 25-28 every Low Fares via



Round trip tickets to Beaumont on sale April 23, 24 and 25, and for trains arriving Beaumont morning April 26, 1910. Tickets will be limited to April 29, 1910.

Thru Sleeper Worth to Beaumont saves Ft. Worth 8:45 p. m. daily. S. Keenan, G. P. A., Galveston

A TIP FOR THE TIPSTER.

I always tip the porter when he puts my grip upon the train; and when he brings it to me then I always tip him once again; I tip the nearby passenger who shares his velvet seat with me, and thus by tipping him or her I get along quite swimmingly; I tip the modest brakeman who calls out the stations with strange speech and all persons who pass through the aisle as far as I can reach; I throw a tip to them to show good will, and I leave where'er I go, on bureau, bed and window sill; and I am here to paraphrase a saying of the good King Ted: If you would travel pleasant ways and be well brushed and groomed and fed, speak softly, let no bitter words from your quick tongue in anger slip—speak softly, just so you'll be heard; speak low, and Carry a Big Tip!

I always tip the waiter when he comes to see what I would eat, and later give him other sums, and then da capo and repeat; I tip the man who takes my cane, and also him who takes my hat, and him who leads me down the lane of tables to the one I'm at. I tip the man who pulls my chair and him also who shoves it back, and I tip all the waiters and other bric-abrac. I tip them all when coming in and who chances to be somewhere about, and double smiles I always win by tipping them when I go out. I cannot reach the orchestra that plays delightful airs for me, but I can keep within law and toss tips to the gallery; and you may take a tip from me, that to get on without a slip speak softly and respect fully, be kind and Carry a Big Tip.

I hold no service too small to be remembered with a tip, and so I tip them one and all from first to last with a skip; and thus no matter where I go among what serving maids or men to call—and tip—again; by tipping once and tipping twice and tipping maybe one time more I get hot water and cracked ice and other things I'm paying for; so if you'll

take a tip from me—I've got the habit from long use—I'll tip my hat and leave you free to go without the mere excuse. Forego the big stick, you were told to carry always for your trip, be no cocksure nor over bold, speak low and Carry a Big Tip! —New York Times.

\$27.00 GIVEN AWAY.

Have paid \$102.00 on new piano in Ft. Worth at \$8 per month and will take \$75.00. Will be shipped when desired prepaid. May pay on better one if you desire. If interested address Mrs. C. S. Bowden, Box 302, Ballinger, Tex.

Eminent Authorities Say

that out-door exercise is needed by the American people. That's all very well, but, how can people with rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liment and the rheumatism will go; leaving you as spry as a colt. Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains.

For Sale by J. Y. Pearce.

FOR SALE—One Jersey bull, 15 months old, subject to registration. Price f. o. b. Brownwood \$52. 201-6-w-1-pd

J. B. WATTS
Brownwood, Texas.

NOTARY PUBLIC—For Notary public work, call at Banner office.

INMATES OF POOR FARM ELOPE.

Ft. Worth, Tex., April 12.—Lee M. Dale, a cripple, who is unable to walk except with the aid of crutches, and Miss Birdie Dawson, a confirmed invalid, due to paralysis, both inmates of the Tarrant County Poor Farm, eloped late last night and their whereabouts is unknown. The authorities are searching for them, although no arrest can be made. Dale obtained license to marry yesterday.

\$60 PER ACRE TURNED DOWN

J. F. Coffield Refuses \$60 per Acre for 440 Acres Near Rowena.

H. Giesecke, of the Giesecke Bennett Co., informs us that he received a letter from J. F. Coffield, the man who owns 440 acres of land two miles from Rowena, which he was offered \$60 per acre for, in which Mr. Coffield turns the offer down and instructed Mr. Giesecke to take all the land he owned in this county off the market, as he did not care to sell now.

From the above we judge that the Milam county man has a pretty good opinion of Runnels county dirt, and will hold for a better price.

We hear the remark every day to the effect that land in Runnels county is too high, is over estimated, etc. It may be too high for the man who wants to buy, and to the man who does not realize the possibilities of this country, but anything is generally worth what a man can get for it, and we have not heard of any land going begging in Runnels county recently, or for the past several years, but it continues to climb.

\$350,000 FOR 44,000 ACRES LAND.

Forty-four thousand acres of land in McMullen county were sold yesterday by M. H. Townsend and associates to Carl L. Wulf and associates of Wichita Falls, Kan. This property is known as the Kerr ranch. The consideration was \$350,000. It will be subdivided into small farms and placed on the market for colonization. The purchasers intend to bring to this land a large number of German farmers from parts of Kansas where they are acquainted. This sale is of special interest

at this time because of the proposition pending for the construction of a railroad from Crystal City to Aransas Pass and Rockport. Should the road be constructed it would pass through or near the Kerr ranch. J. E. Franklin of the Bankers' Trust Co., of St. Louis recently inspected the proposed route. This company now owns the railroad which is under construction from Gardendale on the International & Great Northern Railroad to Brundage, forty miles off the main line. It is proposed to continue this road to connect with the Uvalde & Crystal City road and later to continue the several links on to the coast. This is independent of the Eagle Pass proposition for a railroad to Aransas Pass. The purchasers of the Kerr ranch, which lies about midway between Tilden and Oakville, are much interested in the railroad proposition.

NEGRO CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Waxahachie, Tex., April 12.—Zeeke Smith, the negro who shot and wounded Deputy Sheriff Davis last winter, was convicted

in the district court here this morning, charged with assault on murder and given twelve years and six months in the pen.

YEGGMEN WORK WICHITA FALLS.

Wichita Falls, Tex., April 9.—A band of Yeggmen last night entered the postoffice at Jolly miles east of here in Clay county. The post office is located in a general merchandise store, which was also robbed by the burglars. The cracked the safe, and got away with a small amount of cash and some valuable papers and quantity of stamps. A large amount of money was overlooked by the yeggmen.

NEGRO FATALLY STABBED AT DALLAS.

Dallas, Tex., April 12.—Sam Barnes, a negro porter in the Main Street barber shop was stabbed several times this morning by George A. Morgan, a barber. Morgan has been arrested charged with assault on murder. He claims that the deed was justifiable. Barnes is expected to die.

Nomination Blank

GOOD FOR 1,000 VOTES

Only one nomination ballot will be credited for each Contestant.

I hereby nominate, as a Contestant in the BANNER PIANO CON-

TEST, M _____

Address _____

Date _____

Signed _____

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Be first to nominate Winner and get \$5.00 in Gold

FINE NEW STONE IMPROVEMENTS

Today a Banner reporter visited the various stone buildings under construction and finds that the total of the present improvements amount to \$55,000. All these buildings are of the most modern design and are an honor to any town.

The Santa Fe heads the list and will cost \$26,000 when completed. The materials are arriving daily that have delayed the work for some time, and now the structure will be hurried to completion. J. A. Gowen, the contractor and builder, says that the work will be finished by July 1st or sooner. \$2,000 will be spent in laying side walks and vetrified brick crossings by the Santa Fe.

The park that will be made around the depot will add greatly to the beauty of the building. We are indeed fortunate to secure such splendid improvements from the Santa Fe people.

The stone school house in South Ballinger is just about completed. Plastering will commence in a few days and then this beautiful building will be ready for occupancy. It is of modern design, two stories and will have eight rooms.

The ward school house in West End is of the same design as the South Ballinger building and will be completed by July 1st. Each of these new stone structures will cost \$7,500.

J. A. Kelly, the contractor, says that if we have a good crop year in the Ballinger country this year, that a tremendous lot of stone business building will be done. He is optimistic as to the future of Ballinger and predicts that our growth will be steady and sure.

Mr. Kelly stated that recently a number of inquiries have been received about the Ballinger building stone. The Santa Fe asks for bids in sand and stone for buildings at Lometa. Letters have come from distant states where the fame of our stone has penetrated. The stone cutters here say that Ballinger stone is better than the famous Bedford Indiana stone which is supposed to be the best in the United States.

The A. J. Zappe building on the corner of Seventh and Hutchings will be a two-story stone, and will cost \$8,000. This is a 30x120 and will be a helpful improvement, replacing as it does the old wooden structure that has been there since the earliest days of Ballinger.

W. M. Harvey is the contractor and builder of this splendid structure and says that the stone work will be completed in two weeks. The second story will contain ten rooms which will be used as offices.

I. O. Wooden has just completed \$4,000 worth of stone improvements, having added 70 feet to one of his Eighth street building, and a new 30x60 structure facing the Santa Fe right-of-way.

Many other valuable improvements are to be made soon. The Catholics are to build a new \$15,000 stone church. The West Texas Telephone Co., are going to start a \$20,000 building on Eighth street in a short time. Other contracts are pending of which we are authorized to withhold for a few days.

Who can doubt the future of Ballinger with such substantial buildings as are now going up and are already in sight? No better stamp of approval can be given than the splendid improvements that are coming to our city.

We have here the statement of a great truth from the lips of a man said to be the wisest the world has ever known, spoken at an age when reflection appropriates the richest fruits of experience. The religious experience of the human race all down

the intervening ages attests the wisdom of the utterance. Yet with all this evidence in support of it the world is still prone to under value it as a rule to guidance in the education of youth. Had the saying been given its true value in practice, the flood of tears and bloodshed which every age has witnessed would have been reduced manifold times.

All great truths are the embodiment of general principles, and in the exceptions which are sometimes brought forward to contest their correctness the logical minds find confirmatory evidence of their strength. It will be noted by the observant reader that the statement is not that the child trained up in the right way will not depart from it at any stage of its career, but the promise is, "And when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Herein is to be found the supreme value of installing into the minds of the youth right principles respecting his relation to things around him. It is an obligation that parents can not evade without reaping bitter consequences to themselves and at the same time sending their offspring out into the world crippled, so to speak, to meet the duties this relationship to the world in general imposes upon them. In no way can the desired impressions be made upon the child more lasting than by approaching him through his moral sensibilities; hence it is this character of training in the home—at mother's knee—that, however faithless the man may have been to the ideals there instilled, brings him back to them when he starts down the slope and hears the lashing of the waves that separate him from the shores of the Eternal Beyond. Then it is that mother's training is recalled, and as memory effaces the intervening years of strife, struggle and turmoil, and he hears once again her gentle voice, "Now I lay me down to sleep," the old faith an trust some back to him and the soul-felt tears of penitence well up in his heart and make the angels in heaven rejoice. Even the savage warrior of the aboriginal American when he sees the end approaching, wraps his blanket around him, and, as the chill of death slowly creeps upon him, chants to the Great Spirit the invocation he learned around the parental campfire when he was a mere papoose.

The great Catholic church has, perhaps, shown a deeper appreciation of the value of the early training suggested by the text than any other Christian denomination. The proof of this is found in the unserving fidelity to that faith of its communicants through out their lives. It has come to be almost a proverb, "That once a Catholic, always a Catholic."

The message, then, that The Post would bring and impress upon its readers, irrespective of what their faith may be, is to look well to the training of their children in the fundamental principles which make for all that is best in this present life and offer the greatest encouragement in looking forward to the life to come.—Houston Post.

Roosevelt the Politician.
President Roosevelt is a consummate politician of the best sort. He is a leader, not a trailer. He has broken more paths, set more precedents, than any of his predecessors. What he has done, not against the law, for the interests of the people, his successors will find or make law for. The people, even the people of the East, believe in him, and he, an Eastern man, is idol of the Western States. So the politicians are anxious to learn what he will do, and the interests which he has attacked for the benefit of the people would be glad to sidetrack him, and do not like to see that he has returned in sound fighting

trim from the jaws of the lion and the horn of the unicorn. But they are in a sad plight, for President Taft, though in a different way, is carrying the policy of his predecessor. We are not of those that, after only one year of his term, would allow the President Taft is a weak man easily submissive to the influence that would divert him from his responsible for the sins of Congress in the way of the new tariff law, even though he has tried to make the best of it. It is not strange that he has sought to secure legislation through the ruling Republican majority in Congress. It is not his business to make the laws; only to execute them. He does not think it his province to hold a whip or a club over Congress; it is enough to give recommendations and urge Roosevelt and Governor Hughes, may appeal stoutly from their lawmakers to their people, and it is a good way but not all Executives believe it the best way. We shall give President Taft time to make good. He is not now a candidate for the succession three years hence, nor is Roosevelt, and perhaps not Bryan. Let us be patient.—The Independent.

Huntsville Normal Home-Coming.
To all former students of the Sam Houston Normal, Greeting:
The faculty, student-body and Alumni Association of the S. H. N. L., and the Business League and citizens of Huntsville invite you back to a great home-coming during commencement, with Monday May, 30, pre-eminently home-coming day.
All students, from 1876 to 1910 are expected to be at the Normal then, and we are seeking and urging each and every ex-student to send their names and address, so that we may be able to send every one of these a program and an invitation.
A splendid program has been arranged, from May 28 to June 1 and the people of the "Old town" have provided homes and entertainment free and inviting to every ex-student, young and old; and you will disappoint old fellow student, if you are not present.
Let every former student send in their names and address to Mrs. C. G. Darrett, Huntsville, Texas, Secretary of the Alumni, at once, in order that your comfort and pleasure may be provided for by the committee.
Fraternally yours,
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School Picnic Friday Afternoon.

Miss Harwood, teacher of the eighth grade pupils at the High School, treated her pupils to a very enjoyable picnic at Pecan Mott, yesterday afternoon. Several hours were spent on the banks of the Classic Colorado in gayest amusement. The principal event of the occasion was the splendid lunch which was provided by the young ladies—the young men, well they contributed valiantly toward the total consumption of the repast.
The occasion will be long and pleasantly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

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Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company

STRONG RESIGNS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League Gives up Office to Enter Private Business.

This morning's papers contained the resignation of Sterling P. Strong, who has been at the head of the Anti-Saloon League for the past two years.

It will be remembered that Mr. Strong recently visited Ballinger, and while here he made some talks on the streets that were construed as being made in the interest of Cone Johnson for governor. The Poindexter, pros raised a protest about the leader of the Anti-Saloon League taking such a dish in the gubernatorial campaign, especially as the Anti-Saloon League was supposed to be a non-partisan organization, and its constitution specifically stating that it should not be a political organization.

Many of the local pros are inclined to think that the disturbance which was created here, a detail account of which appeared in the Ft. Worth Record, a few days afterwards, had something to do with Mr. Strong's resignation. Be this as it may, he at least made a mistake when he stated that Johnson's following would go to Davidson if Johnson withdrew from the race, and he did make such a statement in Ballinger, all of which was later sworn to by those who heard it.

Mr. Strong did a great deal of good of the cause he represented during the two years he was in charge of the work, but like many of us, he let his prejudice on political matters get the best of him. He was a good speaker, an able man, and a man of no small influence among with whom he was associated.

Waco Secretary Still at Large.

Waco, Tex., April 9.—No legal steps have been taken to bring about the arrest of R. P. Dickey, former city secretary, who was found short \$14,000. The matter has been referred to the city attorney, but so far no charges have been filed against Dickey, although he has admitted the shortage.

Dickey is said to be in Marlin.

Boiler Makers Return to Work.

Terrell, Tex., April 9.—The boiler makers of the Midland railway shops of this city, after being out on strike two weeks, returned to work this afternoon at one o'clock, the road agreeing to pay them 40 cents per hour. They were getting 37 1-2 cents per hour, and when they struck they demanded 42 1-2 cents.

Burglars Work at Huntsville.

Huntsville, Tex., April 12.—The James Daugherty merchandise store was robbed last night by burglars. They escaped with fifty dollars cash and \$300 worth of goods.

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FALSE HAIR FAD MAY BRING LEPROSY

Bulk of the Stuff from Which
Rats are Made from Heads
of Lepers.

Waco, Tex., April 8.—Under
the caption, "Are the American
people Threatened with Leprosy,"
the following was today
given out by Dr. W. F. Cole of
this city:

"A few days since the papers
are giving considerable space to
the mysterious appearance of hu-
man hair being wafted hither and
thither about a certain freight
yard in Chicago. The mystery
was solved by the discovery of
a carload of human hair, with no
one to claim it. The police took
possession of it and carted it
away for safe keeping. A certain
party in a nearby town in Texas
bought a bill of several hundred
dollars worth of hair for his mil-
linery department from one of
the largest mercantile firms in
Chicago a few weeks since, but
before the goods arrived he re-
ceived a telegram advising him
to open the goods, as a let-
ter of explanation would follow.
The letter came in due time, advis-
ing him to burn all hair at the
use of the Chicago firm, as it
had been learned that hair was
coming from the head of lepers.
Since this incident occurred
it is reported that fourteen girls
in this Chicago firm had been
checked with leprosy. In the
number of Pearson's Magazine
there is an article in which
it is stated that all the cheap hair
comes from the heads of dead
Chinese and Indian women. It
states that half of the false
comes from China and some
from a leper island in the
Caribbean sea where Cuba has a
leper colony. This arti-
cle also states that a short time
ago the head of the glove de-
partment in New York store pur-
chased a switch from the hair de-
partment. Two weeks afterwards
the upper part of her body was
stricken with a skin disease
which the doctors pronounced
leprosy. I do not think that it
would require the detective wits
of Sherlock Holmes to clear up
the mystery of the Chicago false
hair."

With this prelude to the sub-
ject I desire to address the pub-
lic on this, to my mind, the great-
est danger which has ever menac-
ed the public health of our
country. The nation and the state
are in a peril against the introduc-
tion of the plague known as
leprosy and also against the intro-
duction of other epidemic dis-

eases, and it is due to this and to
medical science that the popula-
tion has not been decimated in
civilized countries during the last
century, as was the case before.
As I am writing this article for
the public, I will address the pub-
lic and not as doctors. It is the
oldest disease that is known and
described historically. It is fully
described in the thirteenth and
fourteenth chapters of Leviticus,
which to the scientific student is
to be one of the most interest-
ing passages in ancient history.
Here you will find minute de-
scriptions of the symptoms and
diagnosis of leprosy, with direc-
tions for disinfection and isola-
tion of infected persons to pre-
vent infection by contamination.
In the same connection is given
minute directions for purifica-
tion, which sounds to us as the
veriest voodooism, but let us bear
in mind that this occurred some fif-
teen centuries before Christ.
Leprosy is due to a scientific
germ, the bacillus lepra of Neiser
but so far no cure has been dis-
covered, though at the present
time some of the brightest minds
in the world are seeking a cure,
and it is only a question of time
when such will be discovered. It
has been the scourge of Asia
and Africa from time immemorial
and all of the diseases that have
afflicted mankind it is the most
horrible, for to be afflicted with
it means isolation and a living
death. Long before Moses wrote
Leviticus the Assyrians and Egyp-
tians and doubtless the Chinese
and Hindoos isolated all per-
sons so affected. Even in the
time of Christ we read that the
lepers stood afar off and called
upon the Savior to heal them
because even then, as at the pres-
ent time, in Palestine lepers were
isolated. No better picture of the
horrors of the dread of the dis-
ease has ever been found than in
the story of Ben Hur. Who has
not read the story of the sacrifice
of Father Damien, who lived
among the lepers at Molokai?

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"TRAIN UP A CHILD."

Train up a child in the way he
should go; and when he is old he
will not depart from it.—Pro-
verbs 22-6.

COMET COMMENT-- WHERE TO LOOK

Phenomenon May Be Seen in
Eastern Sky by Early Risers.

Several Ballinger people have
seen Halley's comet for the last
few mornings. It is as yet dim,
but growing brighter every day.

Get up early in the morning
and see Halley's comet.

According to astronomical cal-
culations it should beat the sun
up a few minutes and thus be vis-
ible before the sun obscures it
with its gerater light.

Each morning it will beat the
sun up a little more and be more
readily seen, and by the middle of
the month it will have a full two
hours start on the sun in the
mornin.

At this time the comet is visible
in the east, near the point where
the sun rises. It will become
more distinct each morning as
it gets further in advance of the
sun. From May 1 to May 15 it
will be visible from about 3
o'clock until dawn, the time vary-
ing each day.

As the rising time of the comet
grows earlier, it will become opti-
mistic with the comet gazer
whether the will stay up late or
get up early. All the time it will
be changing its position in the
sky. It will grow larger in ap-
pearance and by the time of its
greatest magnitude will appear
almost as large as the sun does.

The comet is expected to be-
come most brilliant during the
last two weeks of May. On May
19 it will pass before the sun
and about that time the earth
will meet with its tail. It is de-
clared this phenomenon will not
be noticeable except perhaps in
atmospheric and electric distur-
bances.

Astronomers say about two
o'clock a. m., May 19, the comet's
tail will brush the earth.

It is quite probable though
that the expected phenomenon
may be something of a fizzle, and
not be so scintillant after all.

FAMILY REUNION AT THE VOELKEL HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, of
South Ballinger, were at home to
all of their children Sunday, and
the day was spent most pleasantly
in a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Voelkel, of
Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
Voelkel, of Rowena; Mr. and Mrs.

L. C. Voelkel returned to his
home at Brownwood today after
a visit to his father, A. J. Voelkel.
Mrs. Voelkel, who accompanied
him will remain for a longer visit.



"A picture of father
and mother."

How it would delight your
children, how it would please
your friends.

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GOV. CAMPBELL HELPS MEXICAN WOMAN.

Austin, Tex., April 9.—Gov.
Campbell today interested
himself in behalf of a Mexi-
can woman, Julia Delgado,
from whom District Judge
Calhoun yesterday ordered a

white child taken. The child
was given to the Mexican wo-
man in San Antonio more
than a year ago. Gov Camp-
bell obtained an attorney to
assist the woman. The or-
phan's home here brought
suit to get the child away
from the Mexican woman.
The woman is heart-broken
over the loss of the child.

W. A. Schumann of Rowena; Ed-
die Voelkel of Ft. Worth and
Homer Voelkel of Brownwood
constituted the crowd, together
with the younger children who are
most too young to launch out in
the world for themselves yet
awhile.

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CLEBURNE MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Cleburne, Tex., April 9.—Con-
Burgin was run over and fatally
injured by southwestern passen-
ger train No. 5 here this morning.
He jumped from a switch track
to get out of the way of a switch
engine and in doing so got in
the track down which the passen-
ger train was rushing. He is still
alive, but unconscious and there
is no hope of his recovery.

INSURANCE MEN MAKE PROTEST.

Austin, Tex., April 11.—The in-
surance men of Texas today enter-
ed vigorous protest against the
proposed clause in policies to pro-
vide on final adjustment rates by
the Fire Rating Board. Any ex-
cess in rates previously charged
must be refunded by the insur-
ance companies. A hearing was
granted the insurance men this
morning.

W. R. Whitmore left today af-
noon for New Mexico to be gone
for ten days or more on land bus-
iness.

NINE MEN BLOWN TO PIECES IN COLEMAN CO.

Premature Dynamite Explosion
Near Novice on Santa Fe Texico
Cut Off Sunday Afternoon--
9 Dead, 3 Injured, 1 Missing.

Coleman, Tex., April 11.—Fur-
ther investigation at Novice, 20
miles northwest of here on the
Santa Fe Texico Cut Off, show
that nine men were killed out-
right, and three more seriously
injured in the explosion which oc-
curred at fourteen minutes after
one o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The blasting crew were tapping
in the last of eighteen hundred
pounds of blasting powder, when
the powder was prematurely set
off, and the terrific explosion oc-
curred, which was heard for many
miles, and instantly killed nine
men.

It seems that the blasting crew
is the only crew of the more than
200 men that work on Sunday,
and they put in full time on Sun-
day as they returned to work after
dinner that the awful accident occurred.

The bodies of the men were
badly mangled and some of them
could not be identified if it had
not been known who was on the
work. One man was blown one
hundred yards, and another was
picked up some distance from
where his head was lying, his head
having been blown from his body,
and fragments of some of the other
bodies were picked up one hun-
dred yards from the scene of the
explosion.

As soon as the report of the ac-
cident reached Novice, W. L.

Stockard, cashier of the Novice
State Bank, phoned to Coleman
for a relief train and physicians.
A train was made up and left im-
mediately for the scene of the ex-
plosion, carrying Drs. Bennett
and Bailey. Their attention was
given to the three injured men,
and they, together with the bodies
of the dead men, were brought
to Coleman late yesterday after-
noon. The physicians say that
the three injured men will recov-
er.

There were fourteen men in the
party, eight of them were instan-
tly killed, three injured and one
is missing, and it is thought that
he was blown to pieces or is still
under the debris.

Capt. Harris, foreman of the en-
tire crew located at Suderman &
Dolsen's camp, was at Houston.
He is en route home. A. T. War-
ren had charge of the blasting
crew, and was among the ones
killed. His home is in West
Virginia.

Following is the complete list
of the dead:

C. H. Blalock, Ada, Okla.
M. T. Bussey, Coleman, Texas.
Pat Ward, Paris, Texas.
Jack Reagan, Ft. Worth, Texas.
Ed Garlington, Ft. Worth, Tex.
R. C. Pryor, Stewart, Okla.
Jesse Flores, (Mexican) resi-
dence unknown.

The bodies are being held here
awaiting instructions from re-
latives.

WINTERS TELEPHONE TO BALLINGER MAN.

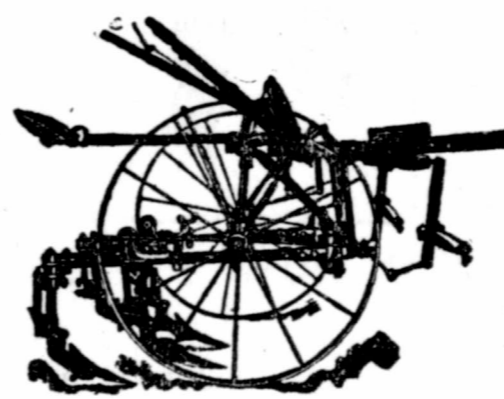
W. A. Norman closed a deal
last week for the Winters Inde-
pendent Telephone system, paying
\$12,000 for same. The Winters
Telephone Co., was owned by R.
A. and Leslie David and Dr. J. L.
Alred. We understand that Mr.
Norman bought the business for
W. T. Stromeyer, of the West
Texas Telephone Co., and will
turn it over to him.

CITY ELECTION AT MILES.

Geo. S. Graves was defeated
for Mayor in Miles by H. W. Big-
ler. Mr. Graves was running on
the Sunday closing law, being in
favor of closing cold drink stands
barber shops, etc., on Sunday, and
his opponent was in favor of a
wide open town.

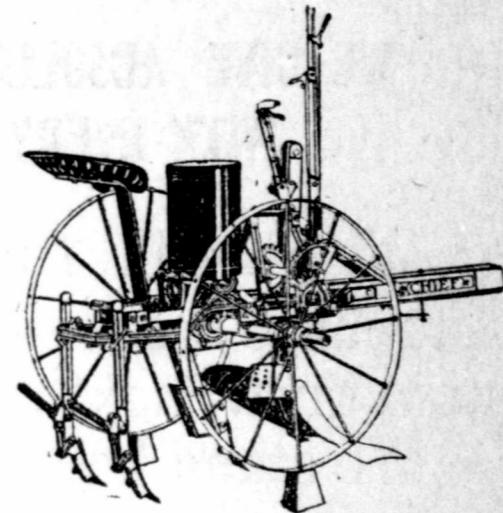
Bert Dellinger was re-elected
marshal over his two opponents
by a large majority.

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AN ANNOUNCE-

MENT LUNCHEON.

The announcement luncheon given to the Beau Not Club and a few young men friends, Wednesday night by Mrs. Tom Crosson was the smartest and most thrilling event that has been chronicled in our city for several seasons, being given with the style so well known of the hostess and its raison d'être, to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of her daughter, Miss Helen Crosson, to Mr. Clyde V. Gilliam, of Stamford, Texas, the wedding to take place Tuesday, April 19th,

1910.

The handsome home was enfeited for the happy event, a profusion of pink roses, ferns and brilliant lights, adding their beauty and charm. The guests were met by Miss Beulah Baker and the bride-to-be in dainty white lingerie costumes, carrying an arm bouquet of pink roses. After the arrival of the guests, walnut hulls, tied with the club colors, pink and green, were passed and upon opening them, were found to contain numbers to be matched for partners. The dining room doors were thrown open, and a number of tables were placed for a progress-

ive luncheon. A lace covered table occupied the center and was treated with a great bed of pink blossoms about which burned pink shaded candles, from here pink and green mints were served.

The luncheon tables were numbered by pink rosebuds and the lights that fell from the electrician sent forth a shower of prismatic rays over the room.

The following four course luncheons were served:

First course—Mushrooms in patties, sliced tomatoes on lettuce leaves with mayonaise dressing, salted wafers tied with the club colors.

Second course—Pressed chicken salad with whipped cream in rosettes, tomato jelly on lettuce, sweet gerkins, sandwiches tied with club colors.

Third course—Pink divinity whip, with pale green whipped cream garnished with strawberries, pink angel food with green icing.

Fourth course—Coffee, cheese wafers and salted almonds

After ample justice had been given the elegant repast, the guests repaired to the parlor, and Mrs. Frank Miller in her graceful stately manner, entered carrying a dove and made the following statement:

"This white dove has a story to tell,

If you would remember, listen well,

For it bears the fate of some one here,

And tells in true words a marriage is near

For the first to catch it as it flies away,

Will be the first to have a wedding day."

And upon the release of the dove a merry chase ensued, Miss Lee Plummer catching the bird, which bore around its neck a card tied with pink and green ribbon. Miss Plummer was requested to read aloud the message which it bore and to the utter surprise of most all present was the announcement of Miss Helen, who is one of the special favorites of the Beau Not Club as well as being one of the leading belles of our city. The day set for the wedding will be the marriage anniversary of Miss Crosson's grandparents and an aunt in the Crosson family, making the third generation to marry on the 19th of April.

Those present were:

- Miss Mammie Gregory,
- Miss Lee Plummer,
- Miss Florence Westbrook,
- Miss Kate Guion,
- Miss Ellie Ward,
- Miss Zenette Willingham,
- Miss Nelle Miller,
- Miss Mabel Fowler,
- Miss Lois Crews,
- Miss Beulah Baker.

Messrs.

- Bob Norman,
- Hamil Ward,
- Lee Malone,
- Felix Schuhardt,
- John Ray,
- Alex Saunders,
- Jimmie Morgan.

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