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Sell "Mr. Bill" Planters; the Best Made.

UNCLE JOHNNY ANSWERS UNCLE JOSH

FLAT BREAKING VS. MIDDLE BUSTER. WRITERS CLAIM \$10 PER BALE PROFIT WITH MIDDLE BUSTER.

Editor Banner Leader,

I take the liberty in behalf of the readers of The Leader among the Rednecks to welcome our friend Sledge (Sledgehammer) back to the Leader.

I am also taking privileges as is my custom with the Leader in answering Uncle Josh in a recent issue asking about our system of soil culture in Runnels county.

I like the stright forward and sensible way in which Uncle Josh makes his inquiry and it falls out between the lines that this new uncle of ours knows something him self.

I am sure that many readers of the Banner Leader would like to have this new comer's ideas on dry farming.

Anent the big middle buster I can assure those few who have not tried out this splendid system that the right kind of a middle buster is the best piece of furniture on the modern farm. We know how hard it is to give up deep close flat breaking and level cultivation but it has been demonstrated over and over that the moisture is better conserved by wrapping it up in a bed than by flatbreaking and leaving loose and open.

Of course close students of scientific soil culture know that a harrow should follow close on the heel of the busters to seal up the top of the soil cells and prevents evaporation. By watching up the corners and keeping an eye constantly on the indicator we clear \$10.00 per bale on our last years crop of cotton and one of the main factors if not the greatest factor in this profit is directly traceable to a reduction

in the cost of production.

The next most valuable asset is the conservation of moisture and soil fertility.

Counter furrows should be run around the field in order that not a drop of flood water can possible escape.

Pardon for digressi but it is a reflection on our farm system that enough water and rich soil is allowed to go off down our creeks and rivers to make bumper crops in Runnels county every year. Now in order to hold these flood water on the fields and allow them to soak into the red jugelay subsoil and in order that the water may not flow to the one side or the other of the field the big furrow cut out by the middle buster in bedding at one trip is the best and most economical plan yet tried out and prove If these are those who are yet skeptical we can assure them positively that where there is no wiregrass or weeds land bedded with one furrow and then this bed busted good and deep with a big sweep when planting, will make as many and as big bolls of cotton, as many and as big maize heads and as many and as big Kafir heads as land broken to any depth.

I speak from an experience here of eight years and they "go in droves" around me who will vouch for this system. It doesn't sound quite so good in print but when you feel in your pocket, its there.

If Rednecks want the suelles to dance and play from one ear to another and from year to year he must abandon old antiquated traditional methods and adopt methods adopted to local conditions, soil, and climate. If the land in the field slopes to the North or South the beds should be put East and West but if the water in case of a local "sloshout" should run to one end of the rows or the other, there should be several cross rows at the ends of the main rows to catch and hold the water.

The ends of all open furrows should be "plugged up" no danger

GOOD ROADS



IMPROVING PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF DRAFT ANIMALS.

The domestication of animals and the invention of the wheel made road building the greatest problem of mankind. The cost of hauling products over the public highways of Texas is 43 cents per mile and the average in the United States is 23 cents. By improving our roads to the general average, we will almost double the horse power of 1,369,000 head of horses without increasing the number.

CONCHO COUNTY TO VOTE ON LIQUOR QUESTION

The much looked for Local Option Election is to be pulled off in Concho County March the 9th next. The Commissioners Court ordered the election on Wednesday of this week and the battle will begin in earnest now.

Opinion differs as to the outcome. Some are cocksure that it will go wet and there are those who take the opposite view, but from our point of view the outcome is doubtful and the side that wins will have to do some hard work.

Concho county polls about one thousand votes, and has been a dry county for many years, and this is in its favor for staying dry and the people will no doubt consider the question from every stand point and hesitate before voting saloons back into the county. However, we will await the outcome, and then tell how it all happened.

H. C. Fletcher, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger yesterday, enroute home from a business visit to Angelo. In conversation with the writer he stated that the campaign would be a quiet one, at least it was the desire of the citizens of that county that outsiders "hands off" and let the voters fight it out among themselves. "I don't think we will import any speakers," said Mr. Fletcher, and what campaigning we do will be strictly home talent. Mr Fletcher is an anti, and predicted that the county would go wet.

getting too much water bottled up in the subsoil.

It is a fact that no old or new comer will deny that where the most water settles in our fields there the crops are invariably the heaviest. Notice at the ends of the rows where an embankment of dirt is dragged up and the water is held long enough to soak in. There the crop always makes twice or three times as much as elsewhere in the field. I wish I had space to tell how we run two ridging planters or two section harrows in a breast operated by one man. Two harrows in a breast goes over 40 acres a day and is the best first cultivation for cotton and maize.

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

R. T. Jones went to Cleburne on business yesterday afternoon.

S. H. Puckett from the North end of the county, passed through yesterday en route to Williamson Co., on business.

Mrs. W. H. Premier and Mrs. Jasper Premier returned to their home at Comanche yesterday, after a visit to W. A. Tyson and family.

U. E. Hartman left yesterday afternoon for Comanche, in response to a message stating that his father was sick.

HERMAN GIESECKE MADDOX.

H. Giesecke received a telegram from John Maddox, Tuesday, stating that a baby boy arrived at his home Tuesday. He named the boy Herman Giesecke and stated in the telegram that the mother and babe were both getting along fine. Mr. Maddox is now living at Houston and his Ballinger friends will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Since Monday of this week the Commissioners Court has been in session.

All the Commissioners were present and with Judge R. S. Griggs presiding have been grinding away with the usual routine work.

A considerable term was devoted to appointing Road overseers and allowing accounts, nothing of an unusual or sensational nature developing.

The latter part of the week will be devoted to receiving reports from the various officers.

Some new roads are being discussed and will probably be established.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Since Feb. the first Dan Cupid has not been throwing off as County Clerk, O. L. Parrish has issued several marriage licenses.

Among the number are: Mr Edwin Hardin to Miss Jessie Ashorne of Norton; Sam Seay to Miss Alua Landers Marie; A. C. Howard to Miss Nellie Mountz, Valley Creek; H. E. Browder to Miss Eula Brown, Miles Joe Witherspoon to Miss Estle Brig Maverick; J. C. Bass to Miss Sarah Kent, Wingate.

The above is rather a healthy showing for the first half of the shestmonth in the year, and the hard times considered.

\$25,000 Fire AT ABILENE.

Fire broke out in the Minters Dry Goods store at Abilene Monday night about ten o'clock and the stock of goods were damaged to the extent of \$25,000 by fire and water. The Minter Dry Goods Co. was one of the largest dry goods houses in Abilene.

WILL PLANT BIG POTATO CROP.

TRUCK FARMERS WILL PLANT LARGE ACREAGE. BIG DEMAND FOR SEED POTATOES. MELONS AND CANTELOUPE ALSO.

Sec., Sledge of the Business League, is meeting with splendid encouragement in his efforts to work up interest in truck farming in the Ballinger territory. Quite a number of the South Ballinger farmers have notified him of their intention of planting a large acreage in sweet potatoes and grow potatoes on a larger scale this year, and will be in a position to accept the League's offer to supply the market. Perhaps the largest potato patch will be that of H. J. Jones. Mr. Jones says he will put twenty acres in potatoes, and will plant the famous Dooly and Pumpkin Yam. He has seventy-five bushels of seed potatoes, and will try the crop for all its worth.

F. T. Rushing will also be a heavy planter and will put in eight or ten acres. Several others have joined in the plan, but are undecided at present how many acres they can devote to the crop. There is a scarcity of seed potatoes, and as the time for bedding is near at hand, some difficulty will probably be experienced in obtaining slips.

Will Try Canteloupe Crop Again. Under favorable conditions canteloupes can be raised here successfully, and several years ago the truck farmers shipped canteloupes in car lots to the northern markets. Quite a number of the melon growers will try their crop on a larger scale again this year, and hope to be able to call on the Refrigerator Co. for a string of cars to handle the crop. An effort will be made through the Business League to find a market for all the melons and fruit raised.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford and Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavous spent last Sunday with relatives at Wingate, going up Saturday and returning home Sunday afternoon.

One Boll of Cotton is of small account

But a Whole Cotton Field has Great Value

A WHOLE field contains countless bolls. But before that field grew, it had to be planted—and then to be looked after. It is the same with money. A single dollar is of little use. But if you plant money in the bank dollar by dollar, it will grow in time to an amount of great value.

Start on the road to independence today by opening a bank account—here.

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Established 1886. Ballinger, Texas
Capital, Surplus and Shareholders Liability \$430,000.00



STOP AND THINK

How Should a Good Planter Work?

THE sweep should enter the ground first. Then the seed begins to drop and the covering shovels come down in time to cover the first hill. At the end of the row the sweep should come up first, then the seed stop, and the last hill be covered before the shovels come up.

What Planter Does Such Work?

The J. I. Case

The best way for you to see how this planter works, is to look it over. We are able to take care of your needs to good advantage in other lines.

Come to us, for Buggies and Wagons, Hardware and Lumber; in fact we can fit you from the cradle to the grave

Higginbotham--Currie--Williams Co.

The Store that gives a Square Deal or None. Ballinger, Texas.

FOR GOOD ROADS IN 1911.

TEXAS COUNTIES ARE BUILDING GOOD ROADS. RUNNELS COUNTY MUST WAKE UP. GOOD ROADS INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES.

Fort Worth Texas, Feb. 14.—The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has compiled statistics showing road bond issues in the various counties of Texas during the year 1911, information for such statistics being obtained from County Judges.

It is developed that bond issue for the purpose of building good roads to the amount of \$8,915,500 were voted on and successfully carried in Texas counties during the year ending December 31st, 1911, which is more than twice as great as the sum voted for this purpose the preceding year.

The amount of funds on hand January 1st, 1911, raised by appropriations and issues of bonds prior to that date, was \$2,589,456.45, making a total of \$11,504,956 available for road construction for the year, subsequent to sale of the bonds.

Tarrant county heads the list in the amount of bond issues with the sum of \$1,600,000. It is of interest to note that the following ten counties are credited with more than

one half of the total amount.

Tarrant	\$1,600,000
Bowie	500,000
Dallas	500,000
Grayson	400,000
Lamar	300,000
Orange	200,000
Victoria	200,000
Washington	300,000
Wharton	300,000
Liberty	250,000
Total	\$1,550,000

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus accompanied by T. S. Lankford and wife went to Wingate Saturday in the Doctor's big car, returning Sunday. They visited relatives.

Miss Singletary, of Ballinger is now employed as operator by the West Texas people here. The two young ladies that they have had left for their homes at Roscoe last week.—Winters Democrat.

Wm. Zachry took advantage of our clubbing offer, Monday, and ordered the Leader, Dallas News and Kansas City Star, getting all one year for \$1.75. This trio will make him a nice year's reading. Quite a large number are coming in now and renewing and taking advantage of this offer.

Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chilblains.

There is nothing that gives so quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The very minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniment has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

FATHER SETS GUN FOR WOLF KILLS OWN BOY.

FORMER WINTERS CITIZEN LIVES FOUR YEAR OLD BOY IN TRAGIC MANNER. CHILD BURIED AT WINTERS.

One of the most tragic deaths that has occurred in this section of the country for a long time was that of the little four year old boy of Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Griffith, of Sheffield, on Wednesday of last week. The child died at San Angelo, where it was brought for an operation, and the San Angelo Standard in giving an account of the accident and death of the little fellow says:

Shot through the stomach by a "wolf-gun," the four year old son of Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Griffith, teachers of the Sheffield school, died in San Angelo Wednesday night. The sad accident occurred at eight o'clock Wednesday morning when the child was playing a short distance from home tampered with the bait placed for wolves and caused the terrible death dealing weapon to belch forth its contents, the lead taking effect in the left hand and abdomen of the lad. Death would have likely been instantaneous had not the force of the bullets not been slightly checked by the hand, which was badly mangled.

The father hearing the discharge of the gun, ran in the direction from which the sound came, and found his son standing near the weapon. He at first thought that only the hand had been injured, but the little fellow in answer to an excited query said, "Papa, I'm shot in the stomach, too."

Temporary medical attention was obtained at Sheffield and as quickly as possible, the parents with their child started in an automobile the race with death. They reached Barnhart in time to catch the Orient train and arrived in San Angelo shortly after six o'clock Wednesday evening. The child was rushed to the Marberry sanitarium. However the loss of blood had been so great that an operation was of little avail, and death came about midnight. The contents of the gun has torn the walls of the stomach, perforated the intestines, and penetrated the liver. It is considered remarkable, indeed, that the victim did not succumb to the injuries long before this city was reached. The trip covered about seventy miles in an auto and fifty-four on the train.

Wonderful courage was exhibited by the four year old boy, in fact the attending physicians declare they have never witnessed greater bravery and endurance even in grown men. Retaining consciousness the entire trip to San Angelo, the child, although suffering greatly, assured his parents every little while that he would recover. Just before he underwent the operation he again told those around him that he would soon be alright never uttering a cry of agony, or refusing to comply with any of the instructions from the physicians. Following the operation he rallied for a moment, and calling his mother to his bedside he spoke calmly, courageously saying:

"Mamma, I'll be all right." Those were his last words. Death was hovering over him at that time, but, like the bravest of the brave, he met the end unflinchingly.

The parents of Prof. Griffith and the grand parents of the little child, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Griffith, live at Winters, and the remains of the child were shipped to that place for burial and the little form laid to rest in the Winters cemetery. The grand parents of the child and two sisters of the parents, Misses Valera and Ora Griffith, met the brief stricken father and mother here and accompanied them to Winters on their sad mission.

J. B. Hearrell, former cotton weigher for the Farmers Union at Ballinger, is in the race for cotton weigher of Coke county. He is a mighty good man, and will make the Coke county people a good weigher if elected.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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(At old Mixon Stand.)

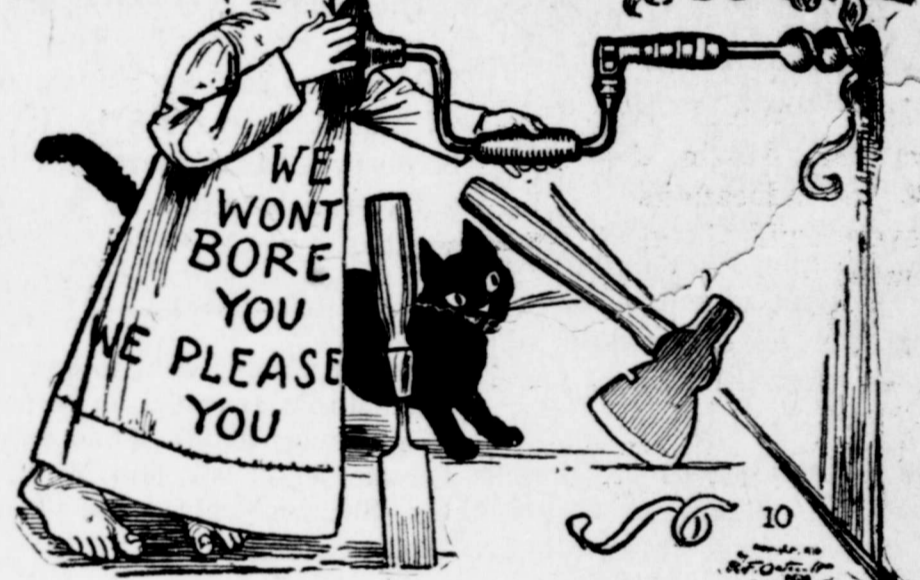
To my friends and neighbors:-

We have opened up a stock of Groceries at the old stand formerly occupied by J. O. Mixon, and we ask for a Share of your trade. We are going to carry the best stock and will sell just as cheap as possible. Our deliveries will be prompt and your orders will be carefully filled.

Yours for business,

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Our line of hardware is always up to date. Our stuff will wear. If you don't believe our prices are low, come in and see.

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Changed Hands

I have purchased the City Meat Market, and am conducting the business at the same old stand and ask for a share of your patronage. We handle Good Meats and make prompt deliveries.

LEWIS (Stugy) MARTIN, Prop.

LAXATIVE SENT FREE TO TRY

It may be taken for granted that there is no family that does not sometime need a laxative. If you don't know of a good laxative, or the laxative you are using is losing its effect, we want to call your attention to Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which thousands of families are using successfully.

We have scores of letters from mothers, and scores from prominent men saying they are using it personally and giving it to their families, men like Mr. C. K. Smith of the Traffic Clearing House, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mr. George B. Turner, a lawyer of Harlan, Ky. The thousands of mothers who use it themselves and give it to their children would take too much space to mention.

The reason they prefer Syrup Pepsin is that it is a mild, gentle laxative- tonic that does not gripe—effective and yet so mild that babies can take it. Its tonic ingredients invigorate the body and strengthen the stomach and bowel muscles so that they again do their work naturally. If you have been a victim of salts, pills and strong cathartics you will discard them when you once use Syrup Pepsin.

You can buy a fifty cent or one dollar bottle of any druggist, but before doing so you may want to try it free. If so, send your address to Dr. Caldwell and he will promptly forward a free sample bottle. Then, being convinced, do as others are doing and buy it in the regular way of your favorite druggist.

For the free sample address Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

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Changed Hands

The New and Second Hand Store has changed hands, but will continue to do business at the same old stand, under the opera house, with selected stock of new and second hand goods.

Our store is the place to save money and buy useful articles - -

S. W. Cobb.

MILLION SCHOOL CHILDREN IN TEXAS.

Seventy-two Million Dollars in Permanent School Fund.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14—The scholastic population of Texas for 1911-12, which was taken in May, 1911, shows that there were 991,409 children in the state over 7 and under 17 years of age, September 1, 1911, that are entitled to free tuition in the public schools. This gives a gain of 23,143 over the enumeration of a year ago. Using this figure as a basis for the annual apportionment of the State's available funds, the State Board of Education apportioned to each of the school districts for the year 1911-12, either through the county or direct from Austin, the sum of \$6.80 for educational purposes for every child of school age enumerated in the scholastic census. The sum for 1911-12 amounts to \$6,741,581.20.

The permanent school fund is \$72,040,000. The total available fund derived from state, county,

and local sources is \$13,351,121. The income from the county permanent fund and from local sources will give an average of \$6.66 per capita, making a general average throughout the state of \$13.46 per capita, for the maintenance of the schools for the present scholastic year. This is almost \$3.00 more per capita than for the previous year.

There are 20,742 certificated teachers in the public schools of Texas, 17,560 of these being white teachers and 3,176 colored. Of the total number of teachers 68.65 per cent hold State certificates, 3.35 hold city certificates and 28 per cent hold county certificates.

The general average salary of a white teacher in Texas for 1909-10 was \$405.82, as compared with \$394.23 in 1908-9. It will be observed that there has been a material increase in every instance.

Mrs. R. Gentry went to San Angel last Saturday morning in response to a message telling of the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. N. Gentry. She accompanied the remains back to Ballinger.

RED HAMS AND YELLOW YAMS.

Wingate, Texas, January 12, 1912.
Mr. A. W. Sledge,
Sec. Business League,
Ballinger, Texas.

I notice your reference to sweet potato culture in Runnels County. I have often wondered why our farmers on loose sandy land did not plant more of it to sweet potatoes.

Last fall after looking South Ballinger over with Col. Chas. S. Miller who has large holdings over there I put this same question to Mr. Miller:

"Why do not your people plant more potatoes?"

Why, Sir, the sweet yams were actually sticking out of the ground.

I believe sweet potatoes will average one hundred bushels or better per acre and bring one dollar per bushel. I believe it as strong as a full grown man. I believe it strong enough to plant ever acre I could get out if I had land adopted to the growth of these sweet Juicy Yams.

"Yaller potatoes" sounds good to me. I thank you for the interest you are taking in the Registered Rednecks of Runnels County.

Big rain yesterday, 12th, Rah, for Runnels.

Yours for Red Hams and Yellow Yams.

Jno. Ballew.

ALF. WALKER.

Alf Walker arrived in Ballinger Thursday at noon after an absence of four and one-half years in the United States Navy. He left Ballinger in August 1907 and served the full time assigned less six months. Alf was on the Wilmington, one of Uncle Sam's big battle ships and has seen some of the world since he left Ballinger. He came from Hong Kong China direct to Seattle Washington and thence by rail home. His many friends are delighted to see him once more with home folks. He has developed into a fine looking young fellow and is in good health.

Monroe Hartman went to Comanche Wed to be at the bedside of his father who is seriously ill.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO H. M. WORKER

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now; for I shall not pass this way a gain."

"Heaven lies within, in kindness, in unselfishness, in faith, in love, in service."

You will find as you look back on your life that the moment when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."

The annual session of the Women's Missionary Council will convene at Mount Vernon Church, Washington, D. C., April 10 to 17.

"The Workers Conference" will hold a session over which Miss Mah el Head will preside. At this Conference the plans of work as adopted by Various Conference Societies will be discussed by the Conference Secretaries and other members of the Council.

As special work for 1912. The Women's Home Department will remodel Ruth Hargrove Institute dormitory and purchase the lots, \$7,000.00, and finish the cost of the Chapel at Mary Helm Hall, 3,000.00.

The Baby Division will maintain the Wesley House and School at West Tampa.

Biloxi, Miss., has one of the broadest doors for service in the Church. A lack of State Compulsory Education laws and a tax child labor law magnify the needs of the immigrants who seek employment in the various industries at this seaport. The modest Wesley House holding two workers is insufficient to hold the night school, kindergarten and the religious services. A classroom and chapel would enable the Church and social workers to co-operate and bring about far reaching results.

At Galveston the difficulties that we have had in saving the foreigners from demoralizing influences as they come to us call for better housing and larger equipments. This work calls for united effort to accomplish the good we should.

Dr. Strong was right when he said "He does most to Christianize the world who does most to make thoroughly Christian the United States."

Dr. Storrs said: "The future of the world is pivoted on the question whether or not the Protestant Churches of America can hold enlighten and purify the peoples born and gathered in its domain." If these great thinkers are right, the leaders of the Churches may look well to their plans, methods and forces for Christianizing the American people.
Press Reporter.
W. H. M. S.

LIST OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS.

The first week of the court will be devoted to non-jury work, and the following is a list of the Grand jury which convenes the second week, and the petit jurors for the first and second week:

Grand Jurors.

J. J. Raley, D. E. Bartlett, E. A. Trail, G. E. Schuhmann, Jno. Bryant, Tom Frierson, Jno. Mackey, Edgar Jayroe, Jim Clayton, Lon Mapes, L. L. Sims, S. M. Farmer, S. P. Eoff, H. A. Van Pelt, Tom Puckett, Guss Scott.

Petit Jurors 2nd Week.

W. F. Gresham, E. M. Eubanks, A. B. Absher, T. E. Davis, R. P. Gonn, L. S. Adams, Chas. Adami, E. M. Blackwood, W. R. Albritton, D. G. Arapt, E. M. Bond, L. M. Bates, C. B. Bonson, J. W. Batts, W. E. Allen, F. D. Bedford, T. E. Bost, W. J. Davis, J. M. Berson, E. V. Bateman, W. A. Francis, B. F. Pape, Ed. Futeh, E. I. Collingsworth, S. W. Cobb, M. Feist, T. E. Fisher, E. D. Farmer, C. E. Hightower, Tom Eagan, D. E. Caudle, Ed. Clayton, P. P. Ewald, H. K. Berry, W. S. Alcorn.

Petit Jurors, 3rd Week.

D. L. Burford, Will Chastain, J. G. Ensor, R. W. Coulson, G. W. Durlap, C. Black, W. L. Duke, J. W. Bigby, G. W. Hester, Jno. W. Smith, Sam Baker, C. L. West, Preston Duna, E. J. O'Kelley, J. B. Carlton, Frank Schwerthner, Sr., L. Baldwin, W. H. Calloway, Pat Fox, Jn Engler, Will Pruitt, W. L. Bell, M. T. Hensley, Jno Lovenloss, C. W. Caswell, J. H. Bootho, J. W., Goodwin, J. H. Patterson, Ed. Dean, W. W. Hall, H. B. Halfmann, W. L. Ellis, A. Y. Crow, Asa Cordill, S. L. Nason, W. E. Ratliff.

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15 per cent Discount

In other words we sell you our new \$4 shoe for \$3.20, and so on—a saving of 15 cents on the dollar.

Sale Begins Saturday, Feb. 17---Last Ten Days Only---Ends Wednesday Feb. 28th.

Rosenwasser & Levy.

Ballinger, Texas.

Money For Farmers

We can save you from 25 cents to one dollar on each plow point, and we can save you money on the plow extras for almost any make of plow including the Avery, Canton, Casady, Case, J. o. Deer, Oliver and Rock Island.

COME TO US WITH YOUR PLOW TROUBLES.

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We can save you \$25 on a buggy or wagon and at the same time give you something that will give good service. We guarantee this. The Owensboro is guaranteed to stand the test in wear and tare.

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Blacksmithing and Blacksmith Supplies

We carry in stock a complete line of blacksmith supplies, wood material, etc., and can furnish you such goods at a big saving. We are equipped to handle your blacksmith troubles by giving you prompt service. Call on us.

F. F. Moore & Co.

SPLENDID RAIN COVERS BIG TERRITORY.

February 13th was a lucky day for Runnels county farmers. That day found the earth soaking wet with a gully-washing rain that fell Monday afternoon about sundown, and which is reported from one and one-half to two inches, some localities receiving more rain than others.

The rain was accompanied by a heavy hail in some places. The hail was small but fell thick and fast. The hail was heavy right in Ballinger, Rowena, Miles, San Angelo and Leaday report heavy hail, but there were nothing much for it to damage at this season of the year.

new Pastor Arrives

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Hammack came in from Brownwood yesterday at noon, and are now at home at the Manse on Fifth Street. Rev. Hammack is the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church. We join the church people and the citizens in welcoming them to our city.

FOR TRADE.

We have for trade for improved farm, a clean stock of merchandise and accounts. Good location.

Address Box 701
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IF IT IS LUMBER YOU WANT

The Ballinger Lumber Co is ready to fill your wants, at the same old stand, with prices that are right. We carry a complete line of building supplies and mill-stuff. Call on us.

J. R. McVAY, Manager.

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In Papers and in Bulk at

Dornbergers.

Cotton Seed

In Exchange for Cotton Seed we will give Three Tons of Cotton Seed Hulls for One Ton of Cotton Seed, and let you have Cotton Seed Meal at the Market Price less 10 per cent when paid in Cotton Seed.

THE
Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Ballinger, Texas

MAN FOUND DEAD ON RIVER NEAR PAINT ROCK

On Thursday evening Feb. 1 a man the name of Brayan found dead a few miles up the river. An inquest was held and it is decided that deceased met his death from (hemorrhages of the lungs) The boy was taken to Miles for burial. He was working for his brother-in-law at the time. — Paint Rock Herald,

MENINGITIS KILLED 162 LAST JANUARY

Austin Feb. 13. — The State health record to the end of Jan. show 518 deaths from meningitis in Texas in the last 13 months of which 162 occurred this last Jan. The total number cases during the same same period is roughly estimated at 12 to 13 hundred.

Judge B. B. Stone Himself Again.

We are glad to note that Judge B. B. Stone is rapidly improving from a tussle with the appendicitis. He was operated on and is now able to be up and among his friends again.

Thru Sleeper TO Kansas City

VIA



Leaves South Texas every night, North Texas next morning, arriving in Kansas City following morning.

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Fred Harvey Meals

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For reservations, ask Santa Fe Agent or address

W. S. KEENAN,
G. P. A., Galveston, Texas

Joe Spill a Candidate.

In this issue of The Banner Leader appears the announcement of Joe Spill for the office of County Treasurer of Runnels County Texas. Mr. Spill is no stranger to the people of Runnels county having resided here for many years and there's not a more honest and upright citizen in all of this county than Joe Spill, his gentlemanly conduct, his honesty, his consideration for the interests of others, his friendly disposition has won for him many warm friends who will do all in their power to further his candidacy in the coming election.

Mr. Spill has been a sufferer from Rheumatic troubles for quite a while which unfits him for many kinds of labor, and this among other reasons, is why he is seeking this office, and he thinks his long residence in the county, entitles him to a further consideration at the hand of the voters.

He is thoroughly competent to handle the duties of the office and would no doubt give satisfaction in the performance of these duties, and the Banner Leader takes pleasure in presenting his name to the voters of this county for their earnest consideration.

RAILROAD COMMISSION TO INSPECT SANTA FE

The Texas Ry. Commission may be in Brownwood the last of the week on a inspection of the Santa Fe lines. The Austin Statesman of Tuesday says:

The Railroad Commission has been invited by F. G. Pettibone of the Santa Fe to make a trip of inspection over its lines and has accepted the invitation. The trip will begin Tuesday from Galveston the Railroad Commission going from here Wednesday. The new trackage of the Santa Fe especially the Pecos Northern Tex. and West Texas lines will be looked over especially. Chairman Mayfield, Commissioner Williamson and Engineer Parker are sure to make the trip. Commissioner has not concluded definitely whether or not he will be able to go.

A Sure Cancer Cure.

Without the knife and with very little pain. I guarantee a cure or no pay. I can give you good reference, so if you have a Cancer and want it cured, come and see me.

M. M. Hamilton.
267 North Fourth St.

H. C. Fletcher, the auto man, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger yesterday, en route home from a business trip to San Angelo.

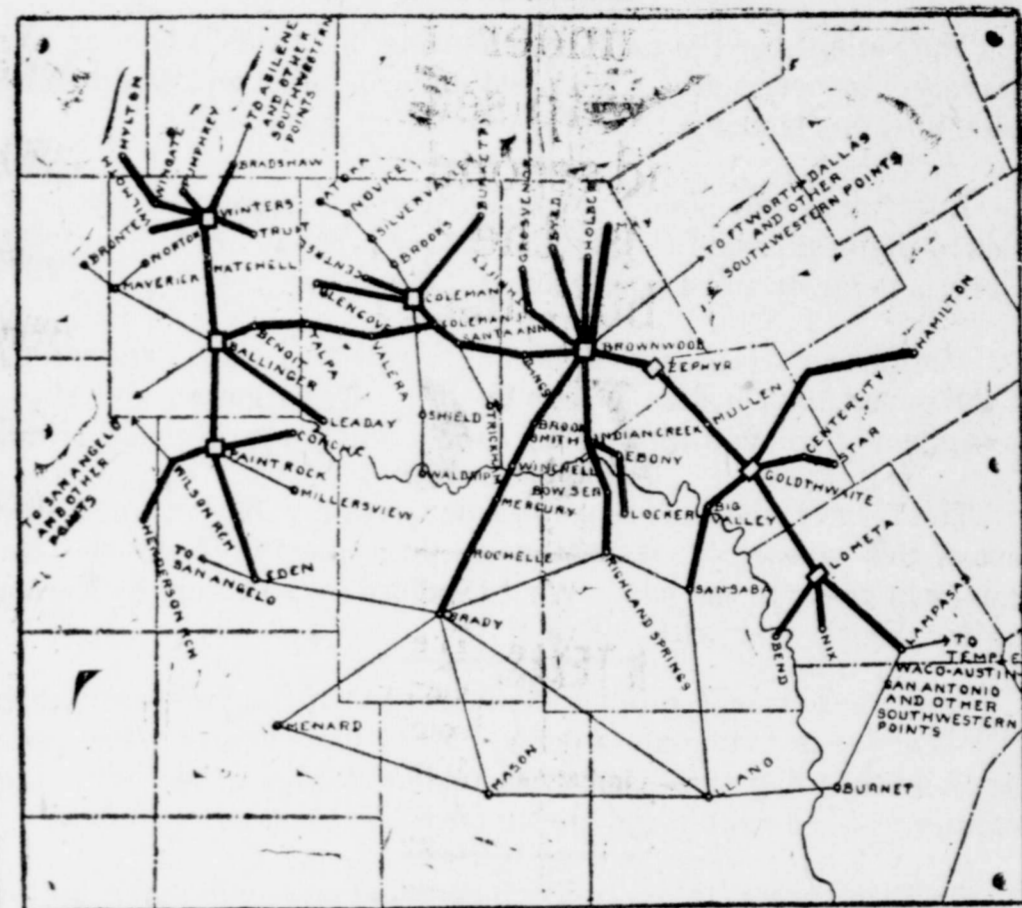
C. A. Doose attended a stockholders meeting of ligndating-First Nat'l Bank at Paint Rock yesterday.

Good Citizen Dangerously Sick.

B. B. Hamilton, who lives on the Paint Rock road South of Ballinger, and one of the best citizens in Runnels County, was carried to Temple Wednesday, where he will be under the treatment of a specialist. Mr. Hamilton is suffering with a stomach trouble and his condition is considered serious.

The West Texas Telephone Co.

"The System Reliable"



LOOK AT THE MAP

Heavy black lines represent W. T. T. Co's lines.
Light black lines represent connecting line companies' lines.
Squares represent exchanges owned and operated by W. T. T. Co.
Circles represent exchanges owned and operated by other companies.

Our exchanges at Winters, Ballinger, Coleman, Brownwood, Zephyr, Goldthwaite and Lometa are connected with heavy copper metallic circuits, as are also the connecting line exchanges at Brady and Lampasas. By means of our long lines of copper, and those of connecting line companies, our patrons have the advantage of long distance service of very highest quality.

Our connections at Brownwood, Bradshaw and Lampasas with the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co., and at Ballinger and Paint Rock with the San Angelo Telephone Co., and at various points with other companies, afford our patrons an outlet to all the principal cities and towns in this, as well as adjoining states.

Our system is national in its scope and absolutely reliable in its entirety. If you have a WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE the party you desire is no farther than your telephone.

Whether in town or country, you should have a WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE. See Our Manager Today.

Our Rates are Reasonable---Our Service Unexcelled



Glucksman

The Fine German Coach Stallion, will make the season at my place three and one-half miles North of Ballinger, on the Ballinger and Winters road.

Black Sam

My Fine Catalonian Black Mammoth Jack, will also make the season at same place

B. F. KEMP, Ballinger, Texas.

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Mrs C. P. SHEPHERD, Society Editor. H. W. FULLERTON, Mech. Foreman.

We hear the howl every day about the high cost of living. There is only one way to reduce the cost of living. Make producers out of idle consumers.

Jack Johnson, world's champion prize fighter, took unto him a wife last week, and the press reports say she is a white woman. We say woman because it sounds better than lady.

The patience of the public in enduring bad roads is one of the marvels of modern times. Let's get a move on us and build good roads in Runnels county. Just keep talking good roads.

Every man who plants trees, shrubbery, flowers, etc., not only adds to the beauty and commercial value of his home, but he is a public benefactor and a good citizen. Plant 'em.

The farmer who has land he can irrigate and takes advantage of the opportunity has an income for life. By irrigation and sensible system of soil culture a whole family will get a decent living.

The farmer who fails to smile now certainly has an incurable case of the "grouch." A season in due time to keep the oat crop from going to the bad. We can afford to go through March, the dry month, now with out rain.

Last week ended the fall and winter term of the Ballinger public schools and was examination week. Many little hearts were made happy by the promotions that were made to higher grades with the beginning of the winter and spring term last Monnay.

Goobers, sweet 'taters, milk, butter and eggs will make up for short cotton crop and short cotton prices and the farmer who includes these in his 1912 crop is the man that will have money next Christmas.

The 1910 census gives Runnels county 133 negroes, an increase of ten negroes a year and just an even hundred over the 1900 census. At that rate it will require a long time for Runnels to become a negro county.

Ballinger egg buyers are shipping eggs at the rate of about ten thousand eggs per day. That's some cacklin'. Mighty good money in eggs at the prevailing price and they sell for double the present, price most of the year. Plant chickens.

With the latest issue of the Ballinger Banner-Leader the announcement is made that A. W. Sledge will be editor of that publication in the future. Sledge is a hustler, gets the news, knows the news when he sees it and will add greatly to the standing and influence of the Banner-Leader.—Coleman News.

The subjugation of substance and the harnessing of the elements and making them faithful, reliable and obedient servants to mankind has been the crowning event of our civilization. but our road improvements have not kept pace with our advancement in motive power. Build good roads and keep up with the procession.

Luck to you, A. W. Sledge. May your pathway be strewn with floral covers, which have no thorns thereon. Mr. Sledge is back on the Ballinger Banner-Leader, as Editor, the right place for him. He is a good writer, and, too, he knows what "printing" means. Luck to you, Wilton.—Miles Enterprise.

The Commercial Club and the leading business men of Brownwood are urging the farmers of that county to plant sweet potatoes. An effort will be made to get as many as a thousand acres planted. There is no county with better advantages for growing sweet potatoes than Runnels, and at \$1. per bushel and from 150 to 300 bushels per acre it is a paying crop. The sandy land farmers near Ballinger will give the crop a fair trial this year.

Life is controlled greatly by habit. Our entire method of living is nothing but habit. If you do a wrong of which you are not in the habit of doing your conscience will respond to that wrong. You can continue to do that wrong until you think nothing of it; it becomes a habit with you, and as a result you do not look at it as a wrong. It is important that we form correct habits. Get in the habit of right living and bad habits are easily controlled.

The Abilene Daily Reporter made its appearance last Sunday in seven column form, being the first issue printed on the new Goss Comet press recently installed by the Reporter Company. It speaks well for Abilene and Abilene business men that a paper of the Reporter class goes out to the public every day. The new press turns out 3600 papers per hour, the Reporter office is well equipped and the Reporter publishers are alive to the interest of the town. No town is giving better support than the Daily and Semi-Weekly Reporter is receiving from the merchants of Abilene.

The Cuero Star says, "An advertisement in the Herald states that one of Yoakum's creameries in one day received enough cream to make 1,400 pounds of butter, worth, \$560." That's the kind of institution that makes a community prosperous. With a market for cream—adding to the income of farmers—with the employment given local laborers and the money received from the sale of the butter distributed in that section, everybody living there is benefited, either directly or indirectly. Texas needs several more such institutions.—San Antonio Express.

The farmer that raises the best crop of milo maize in Texas will get a cash prize of \$300; the second best \$200 and the next ten best \$50 each. There is no reason under the sun why Runnels county farmers can not pull down the best prize offered. The Industrial Congress is offering these prizes, and while their offer takes in the entire State, the Ballinger Business League will put up some nice prizes to be awarded to Runnels county farmers. You must get a blank and enter this contest by April 1st. No charges are made, and we hope that a number of Runnels county farmers will try for the money.

A young man of our city recently sent \$3 to a New York firm for a "marriage guide." He received a fifteen cent bible and these words, "There is no better guide for marriage than this book." He got value received, more than many get.

Talking is one of the strongest indications of life. Let our readers be governed accordingly and notice the firms who talk through our columns. They are alive and full of business and it will profit you to trade with them every time.

Don't advise the preacher how to preach, help him and he will preach better. Don't tell the lawyer how he ought to plead, pay 'im and he will plead better. Don't tell the physician how he should do pay fees and you will get better treatment. Don't tell the reporter, editor or solicitor how he could make a better paper, patronize and pay for the paper and mak it better each week.

It is amusing to watch the average boy start in to learn his trade. One week's work and he knows he will make a success. At the end of the second week he graduates. Another week and he knows more about the business than his employer and makes up his mind to have things run to suit him. Then by the middle of the next week he is loafing the streets, by invitation, and telling people how ignorant and how foolish that fellow is who owns the store, shop or office down the street. Do such boys ever own a dollar's worth of property? Hardly.

When we meet you of course we will quiz you—editors always do. We must know what you know and thus it is we learn of a great many things that every body does not know, and after combining them in columns, you will discover a great many things you did not know, and even things you did not know appear so vastly different you will not know them and thus it is you have a continual feast of things, something new, fresh or done over. In conclusion when you meet us know what to expect and prepare to divulge freely, fully, candidly and good-naturedly.

Recently one of our most fastidious young men bought a pair of overalls and found in them the name of the sewing girl who had made them. He very promptly wrote her a letter with all the effusiveness necessary in such a case and in due time received a reply, which, however, was void of the romance usual in such cases. Here it is: "I am a working girl, it is true, but I make a good living and I do not care to support a husband, as I would probably have to do if I married some silly noodle who gets mashed on a girl he never saw. Permit me to further say that I do not know how my card got in that pair of overalls, and that when I do marry, if ever, it will be some fellow who can afford something better than a forty-seven cent pair of breeches."

It is all very well, when you have nothing to do but kill time, to talk about keeping the boys on the farm; but you might as well spend your time spitting at a crack. Boys will stay on a farm as well as anywhere if they receive decent treatment at home. The boy who is yanked out of bed by the hair, kicked out to milk and cuffed in to breakfast, as a preliminary to being popped through in the field all day, is not likely to be consumed by his love for the glories of agriculture nor for his sire. Give the boy a fair show, and he'll stay with you till the cows come home. If you are so mean he can't stay at home, don you go to your neighbors with a hypocritical snuffle and tell about your boy's ingratitude after you have raised him.

MANY LIVE MEN WANTED.

It takes live men to make a town dead men are only fit to inhabit cemeteries. If they are really decidedly dead all over, we tenderly lay them away in the sleep of the tomb if they are dead to all enterprise and spirit, outside the narrow lines of their own selfish interest and yet persist in walking around, moving their calloused hearts and conscience where real business is wanted to push and throbb with vigor, they are only like the drone bees, in the way until they are stung to death and dragged outside the hive in the way until they are stung to death and dragged out side the hive of legitimate industry. Twelve really live men are worth more to a

town generally than a round thousand of such useless material that lays around like rubbish in any stream that is aching and foaming to run mills and factories. Live men bless and dead curse a town.

FORCED EDUCATION.

Boys and girls forced against their will through a long course of study distasteful and abhorrent to them, are always failures only mere parrots and chatterers through their lives. We love the rough honesty of homely humor and comic good sense, even though some of the higher rules of rhetoric may be violated. We love a man whose native boyishness is not all lost by the use of a hair brush and shoe blacking; whose nature is not all combed out and brushed away. We don't care if his coat is a little out of fashion, and his speech a little too much emphasized—we say "that man is natural, he does really live—he shows it; he acts just as he feel and means what he says." On the other hand we hate with a true hatred, the sham who weighs every meal he eats for fear he shall take more than a law of physiology allows; who marks s with the most exact precision ever word he utters values the cut of a coat and is most scrupulously nice about contact with this nasty world; who hates good honest dirt, uses eye glasse young; goes to the theatre with "very nice" young ladies, bows well at a party, and is an excellent judge of perfumery.

From all such, good Lord deliver us. We like boys who give evidence of a determination to live their own way in the world. They are the natural kinds of society, and if left to develop the natural, untaught impulses of their souls, will make their mark in the world, and be of some use to their fellow creatures.

INNOCENT MAN WINS PARDON WITH POEM.

The following poem was handed to us by our fellow-townsmen J. N. Admas, Mr. Adams being acquainted with the man who wrote the poem, and familiar with the circumstances under which he was sentenced to serve a life term in prison for murder. The man who wrote the poem and addressed it to Gov. Colquitt, held out to the very last that he was an innocent man, and a victim of circumstance, caused from being in bad company that caused him to be convicted. He was not a lone in his fight for freedom, as many thought the man innocent of the charge, and after serving two years in prison his life was such to lead others to believe he was not guilty.

Following is the poem:
Hon. O. B. Colquitt,
Austin, Texas,
Dear Governor:
Another chance, 'tis all I ask,
In freedom's sun again to bask;
To hear the voice of love at home
And amid familiar scenes to roam;
What saith the scriptures? Is it wise
To gain the world and lose the prize
Of future joys of Him above,
Who came to save because of love
Of sinful man imprisoned here—
In sin's corrupted atmosphere?
Another chance to know the life
Beyond this cruel prison strife
Where Beauty, Truth and Culture
Reign
And pleasure comes from labor's gain
To see the golden sun at dawn
Spring forth to light the rural laws,
Wet with the kiss of midnight dew,
And brightened to a gorgeous hue;
To please the eye of all mankind
A gift of God to man so blind.
Another chance to show the world
That darkness hid my flag unfurled
That flame of ingenuity
Burns brightest where the darkness be;
As all is not as some would tell—
"Another chance I crave of thee,
Oh Governor feel and set me free,
Make the conditions what you may,
I will live up to them every day;
I have no friends to intercede for me,
Dear Governor, can't you set me free?"

Most sincerely,
JAKE MCKENNEY.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson returned to her home at Baird relatives of the week after a visit to first wife's and spending several days here looking after property interest. Mrs. Johnson owns two farms in this county, and she has many friends here who are always glad to see her come.



No anxiety on Baking-day if you use

DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
Baking Powder

Insures light, sweet, wholesome food
A pure Cream of Tartar Powder

No Alum
No Lime Phosphate

Mr and Mrs J H Wilbourne spent Sunday in Brownwood with relative

Temple Hoffer, chief engineer with the Texas Company, with headquarters at Wichita Falls was here this week on a visit to his fathers John Hoffer.—Winters Enterprise.

Miss Sallie Farmer, of Winters, is with Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack at this place, having been transferred here when the firm moved their stock of dry goods to Ballinger.

A. Cambridge, who recently returned from Knowles, New Mexico and who has been residing in Ballinger, is expecting, shortly to move to the country and try farming again this season.

Commissioner J. E. McAdams, of the Token country, is here attending court this week. Mr. McAdams estimates that there are three times as much land planted in oats in this county as there ever was before.

E. V. Bateman and W. F. Caldwell returned last Friday from a business trip to Edith and the western portion of Coke county. Mr. Bateman declared that they saw sections of oil and coal and maybe rich deposits of iron and precious metals. They were guests on Thursday night of friends of Billy Caldwell and received a pressing invitation to spend some time time up there in the hills during the Summer. Mr. Bateman returned Saturday to his home in Ballinger.—Bronte Enterprise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Office \$10.00
County Office 7.50
Precinct Office 5.00
Payable in Advance.

County Treasurer:
MRS. MATTIE O. (C. F.) DICKINSON.
W. L. (WILLIE) BROWN.
JOE. SPILL.

For Sheriff:
J. P. FLYNT.
B. W. (Chop) PILCHER

For County Judge:
W. D. Jennings.
MARCELLUS KLEBURG
A. E. WOOD

Representative, 11th. District:
R. S. GRIGGS

For Dist. Clerk:
MISS MARY PHILIPS

For County Attorney:
H. ZDARIL

County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN

For Constable Precinct No.
J. A. (Dad) DEMOVI

For County Clerk:
O. L. PARISCH.

Remember The Alimo!

Remember Goliad and Remember the Glass Sale Saturday, Feb. 19. A Wonderful at 10 cents the piece.

The Fair.

YOUR GROCERY BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY!

WE Want it. Nice, Clean Groceries, courteous treatment and prompt deliveries— Is what we offer you.

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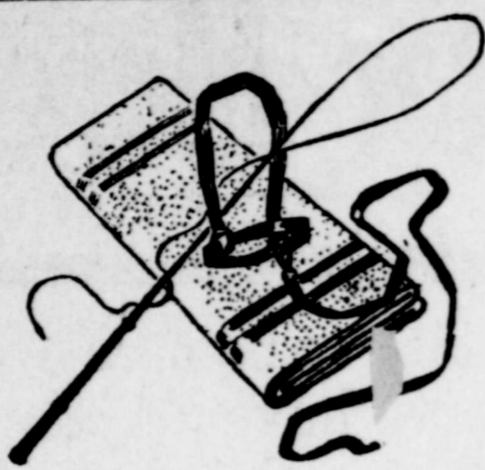
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in all our Harness. Fine select-
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and no more, and does it
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Dont Give Up

Discouraged Citizens Will Find Comfort
in the Experience of a
Ballinger Man

Experience is the modern in-
structor.
- It may save your life.

The testimony of Ballinger
people.

Will bring newed encourgmet
Here is a case in point:

R. Rutherford Ballinger says;
I always praise Doan's Kidney
Pills when I can. My kidneys
were out of order and I got up
several times at night, I had a
dull pain in my back over my left
kidney. Two boxes of them from
the Walker Drug Co. procured
me rid me of annoyance and I
take pleasure in recommending
this excellent remedy to my
neighbors.

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

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

UNCLE SAM TOO SLOW FOR TEXAS

TEXAS has been a puzzle to
Uncle Sam ever since she was
admitted to the Union and has
caused his statisticians more trou-
ble than all other states combined.
We develop so fast that we out-
grow our statistics while Uncle
Sam is at work on the adding ma-
chine.

The Census Reports which are
being made public from time to
time read like ancient history.
While Uncle Sam was calculat-
ing the number of acres land cul-
tivation we turn over about 1,500,
000 acres of virgin soil; the cen-
sus was taken there have been a
quarter a million people born in
Texas and 150,000 have settled in
the State. By the time the cen-
sus reports are ready for distribu-
tion we will add a few ciphers to
the righthand side of figures in or-
der to bring them up to date.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals
slowly if neglected. The family that
keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW
LINIMENT on hand is always pre-
pared for such accidents. Price 25,
50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J.
Y. Pearce.

Cotton Cotton

We can issue you a fire insur-
ance policy on your cotton in town
or country at a very small cost.
A. F. Voss & Co. tf.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is
a disagreeable symptom of a torpid
liver. To get rid of it quick take
HERIBNE. It is a marvelous liver
stimulant and bowel purifier. Price
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How Foolish—

To suffer from Skin Diseases
(Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc) when
one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is po-
sitively guaranteed to cure or your
money promptly refunded. Every
retail druggist in the state stands
behind this guarantee. Ask your
druggist and see the guarantee
with each box. You don't risk any
thing in giving it a trial.

Lest

Heavy black overcoat on eighth
street between my residence and
my home finder please return and
get reward.

R. A. Nicholson,
Ballinger,
Texas.

Holding Cotton.

Fire Insurance on cotton cost
very little and we can cover same
in town or out on your farm.

A. F. Voss. & Co. tf.

If you have young children you have per-
haps noticed that disorders of the stomach
are their most common ailment. To correct
this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach
and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy
and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in
effect. For sale by all dealers.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

IV. GENIUS.

MICHAEL Angelo made the canvass glow with life and Phidias made
marble speak and throughout ages civilization has felt the elevating
influence of the painter and the sculptor. Their success was due to the fact
that they had the ability to put the stuff in their work and what is true
in art, is also true in government. We need in our Legislature men who
can put the stuff on our statute books that will make industry glow with
life and the soil speak with a glorious harvest.



A MASTER HAND.

To meet the issues of civilization now confronting us, we must place
in position of power men who can chisel out empires, draw the ten-
drits of civilization Texasward. We must have statesmen who can pour
wisdom into the fountain head of prosperity and who can wave the
magic wand of genius over a land as full of opportunities as the morning
of creation. Texas needs great men.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist.
Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-12

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and Ranches. Long time. 33-1f.
Lee Maddox.

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We would be glad to show you
at what a small expense you
could carry insurance on your cot-
ton.

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stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and
correct that and the headaches will disap-
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LOST APPETITE AND HOPE

Neglected Cold Caused Compli-
cation, Promptly Restored
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Mrs. Rosa Boyer.
"I thank Peruna for new life and
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me."

Hair Health

If You Have Hair Trouble Accept
This offer

When we promise your money
back for the mere asking if Rexal
93 Hair Tonic does not do as we
claim it will, you certainly have
no reason for even hesitating to
try it. We do not ask you to obli-
gate yourself in any way.

We could not afford to so strong-
ly endorse Rexal "93" Hair Tonic
and continue to sell it as we do
if it did not do as we claim. Shall
our enthusiasm to carry us away
and in consequence our business
prestige would suffer.

Therefore when we assure you
that Rexal 93 Hair Tonic will pro-
mptly eradicate dandruff and pre-
vent premature baldness you may
rest assured we know what we
are talking about.

We honestly believe that Rexal
93 Hair Tonic will do more than
any other. It comes in two size
50 and \$1.00. Remember you ob-
tain it only at our store. The
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Co.

Bankrupt Sale

At the COURT HOUSE DOOR
in Ballinger at 2 P M 24th day of
February 1912 I will offer for sale
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the notes and accounts belonging
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One More Week of Value Giving

If you have not attended this great Reorganization Sale make your preparations to be here one day next week. In order to give all an opportunity to share in the Great Value Giving Event we have decided to continue this sale one more week. Extraordinary inducements offered you to trade here the coming week. Read the list of Bargains carefully:

Ladies Tailored Suits: \$20, \$25, \$35. Ladies Tailored Suits Last call price	\$7.95
Dresses: \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25, Dresses Last call price	\$6.95
Skirts: \$8.50 Skirt Last call price	\$5.65
\$7.50 Skirt Last call price	4.95
\$6.50 Skirt Last call price	4.35
\$5.00 Skirt Last call price	3.35
\$3.50 Skirt Last call price	2.35
Sweaters: \$5.00 Sweater Last call price	\$2.95
\$4.00 Sweater Last call price	2.45
\$3.50 Sweater Last call price	1.95
\$2.50 Sweater Last call price	1.49

Cotton Goods. 12c and 15c Gingham Last call price	9½c
10c and 12c Outing Last call price	7½c
36 in Bleached Domestic worth 8½ Last call price	5c
104 Pepperell Bleached Sheet-ing Last call price	23c
Regular Huck Towels Last call price pair	19c

Boys Suits Half Price: \$2.50 Suits Last call price	\$1.25
\$3.50 Suits Last call price	1.75
\$4.00 Suits Last call price	2.00
\$5.00 Suits Last call price	2.50
\$6.00 Suits Last call price	3.00
\$7.50 Suits Last call price	3.50
\$8.50 Suits Last call price	4.25

Men's Overcoats Just Half Price.

Ladies Hats: 79c Positively last call on ladies hats. Take your choice of any hat in the house and values up to \$8.50 your choice	79c
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Supply Your Shoe Needs Now:

Shoes for men, women and children. This last call price includes all high top shoes; none reserved. If you need shoes now is the time to get busy.	
Lot 1. Mens high top shoes, tan and black, lace and button styles, values \$4 to \$6	\$2.98
Lot 2. Mens high top shoes, value up to \$3.50 Last call	1.98
Lot 3. Boys hightop shoes, value up to \$3 Last call	1.48
Lot 4. Ladies hightop shoes, lace and button value up to \$3.50 Last call	1.48
Lot 5. Childrens shoes hightop sizes, 5 to 12, value up to \$1.50, Last call	79c
Lot 6. Childrens shoes, value up to \$2, most every size Last call price	98c

Extra Specials: Mennens Talcum	13c
50c Ladies gloves	25c
25c Ladies gloves	19c
10c Pearl buttons	3c
\$3.50 Laprobes	\$1.95
\$1.50 Flannett Gowns	89c
All remanents half price.	
Laces worth up to 10c only	3c
50c Caps only	25c
\$3.50 Corduroy pants only	\$1.95
\$2.00 Men Shirts	98c
25c Ladies fleeced hose	16c
\$3. and \$4 Mens novelty hats Last call price	\$2.39

See Table Display.

HIGDON MELTON JACKSON COMPANY

THE STORE AHEAD. Ballinger, Texas.

BUYS SECOND HAND STORE.

is now proprietor of hand store under the bought out the Barrett last week. Large Monday.

AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. E. V. Cox has been doing some Expository preaching at the 11 a. m. services that is attracting attention and causing much favorable comments. The Book of Esther next Sunday, 11 a. m. A warm welcome awaits you.

FORMER BALLINGER CITIZEN IN FIRE.

A \$40,000 fire occurred at Rockdale last Friday and among those who lost property was Dr. G. B. Renfro formerly a Ballinger dentist and who moved away last fall. Dr. Renfro lost his dental office and fixtures, valued at \$1200. He had \$800 insurance. His Ballinger friends regret to hear of his misfortune.

WILL PLANT TWENTY ACRES IN POTATOES.

H. J. Jones was the first man to respond to our plan for planting sweet potatoes for shipping purposes. Mr. Jones says he has seventy-five bushels of seed potatoes, and expects to use some of them in making sprouts for his twenty acre 'later patch. He will put out twenty acres in the famous Dooly and Pumpkin Yam, and expects to harvest some good results. Mr. Jones made a splendid potato crop last year and sold his crop at a good profit. We are anxious to get list of those who will grow potatoes for shipping and the number of acres they will plant.

RUNNELS ITEMS.

Last Monday night a nice rain fell which was needed very much as the oats were not coming up for lack of moisture. Miss Vera Patterson and Miss Alpha Setser of Ballinger spent from Friday until Sunday with the for-

mer cousins the Miss Dickinsons.

Mr. Kyle Dickinson from his farm near Wingate were also their guest. Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Gilj entertained the young people last Saturday night. Miss Willie Wood spent Sunday after noon with Miss Rhoda Kemp. Miss Cynthia Wood of Ballinger came Sunday eve, to be on hand for her school Monday. She spent her short vacation with home folks.

SHIPPING EGGS BY THE CAR.

Judging from the way local merchants are shipping eggs the old hens of the county have gone back on the job and are working on full time. A. L. Spann & Co., shipped 100 cases last week, or to be more explicit, just 36,000 eggs, and this week they shipped fifty cases. W. B. Wood & Son also shipped fifty cases this week and made a nice shipment last week \$1000 per week turned lose in the Ballinger territory for eggs will go along ways towards keeping the farmers from buying on a credit. Plant more chickens.

MRS. W. N. GENTRY DEAD.

Mrs. W. N. Gentry died at the home of her son in San Angelo last Friday and was buried in the Ballinger cemetery Saturday. Mrs. Gentry formerly lived near Norton in this county, where her husband died several years ago.

She lived to a ripe old age and passed into another world after a useful life spent here. She raised a family who are numbered among the best citizens of this country. They were among the early settlers in this country, having moved here from Williamson county.

The friends and acquaintances of the sorrowing relatives met the remains here on the arrival of the train from San Angelo last Saturday morning and the last sad rites were performed in laying away one who had made this world better by her life.

Editor Eason was in Ballinger last Sunday in the interest of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, having been delegated to make some investigation as to the best way to care for the fire fighting equipment. Mr. Eason was here to see how the fire hose was dried, and the equipment cared for.

FORTY TWO CLUB.

The 42 Club held their regular meeting on last Friday afternoon with Mrs. John Weeks.

The score cards and decorations were suggestive of the approaching St. Valentine day.

The guests were permitted to try skill with the bow and arrow and obtained their heart shaped score card by piercing them with the arrow.

After nine interesting games of 42 a delicious luncheon of baked crabs, mayonaisse dressing, pickles, sandwiches and coffee was served. Those present were Mesdames, W. A. Norman, J. R. McVay, R. O. Walton, R. S. Griggs, John Hopkinson, W. A. Jackson, S. P. Stone Warren Lynn, John Patterson, O. Pearson, Townsend, C. P. Shepherd and Miss Alice Morgan.

\$2,000 FIRE AT WINTERS.

Winters, Tex., Feb. 13.—Fire almost entirely destroyed the stock and fixtures of the Palace drug store owned by E. F. Edwards, at 3 o'clock this morning, the origin being unknown. There was \$2,000 in insurance. The house belonging to William Smiley was badly damaged. The new water system completed last week prevented a serious fire.

Calomel is Bad.

But Simmon's Livery Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.) Tried once used always.

CAPT. GARLIC SANTA FE CONDUCTOR, IS ILL.

Temple, Tex., Feb. 12.—Capt. Ed. Garlick, of this city, a pioneer resident of Temple, a veteran passenger conductor on the Santa Fe railway, and a personal friend and admirer of William J. Bryan, is lying seriously ill at the Santa Fe railway hospital, in this city. During the last presidential campaign Capt. Garlick was connected with the headquarters of the Democratic National campaign committee in the interest of Mr. Bryan for president.

Conductor Garlick is one of the oldest in service conductors on the Santa Fe. He has been on this branch of the road for many years, and he has many friends all along the line from Temple to San Angelo who will regret to hear of his serious illness.

AUTO CHANGES HANDS.

A deal was closed first of the week in which W. A. Francis sells his Buick auto to J. A. Weeks. Mr. Francis gets Mr. Weeks' handsome black horse and pheon in the deal.

1200 ACRE OAT PATCH.

Perhaps the largest oat patch in Texas is that of S. L. Alexander, of Pumphry country. Mr. Alexander, has 1200 acres planted in oats, and the crop is in fine condition. He harvested 36,000 bushels of oats off of 966 acres last year. Under favorable conditions he will certainly make more oats than Cater this year.

Col. Cicere Smith, of Mineral Wells, came in yesterday to look after his land and other interest in this county.

Dr. Srurgiss, of San Angelo, had business with some of the Ballinger doctors, first of the week.

Will Lowery is in Mineral Wells, where he will spend a few weeks recuperating.

Leslie, Tom and Clyde Flower spent last Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Francis Holliday, in Winters. The boys made the trip in an auto.

Miss Armour McGregor is at home from a visit to relatives at Stamford.

T. B. O'Bryan, editor of the Miles Enterprise, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Gatesville where he will appear in court as a witness in the murder trial.

Harry Scott was here yesterday mixing boys.

THE TEST OF TIME

We have been in the Retail Grocery business in Ballinger many years, and have built our reputation by the quality of the goods sold. The best groceries that we can buy is what we offer to sell you and at prices as reasonable as the character of the goods offered will permit.

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