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**SELLING PRICE
WILL GOVERN
PICKING PRICE**

WINTERS, Sept. 8.—Previous to the announcements a meeting was called today at the Opera House for the purpose of fixing the price of cotton picking. The meeting was characterized by the number of "old heads" in attendance, most of whom took an active part in the discussions and the remaining part of the work of the conference.

H. O. Jones, as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order and at once H. L. Chapman was selected as chairman and Dallas Hawkins as Secretary of the meeting. As the temporary chairman had outlined the purpose of the meeting, the question of what shall the farmers pay for cotton picking in and around this vicinity, including Winters, Wingate, Wlmeth, Crews, Truitt, Hatchell, Shep, and all the surrounding communities, was opened for free discussion. A. Pinnix, a member of the Wingate Committee, soon opened the question in an earnest talk. He asked all the laborers that were present to feel free and take a part in the discussion, as this was representative conference of the farmers, business men,

and laborers. The price of cotton offered another complication other than what had been aroused by this time. This was worried over by several of the farmers present such as "Samp" Davis, W. T. Lacy, "Uncle Johnnie," Randall Davis, D. O. Dobbs and later discussed by Cashier Jno. Q. McAdams of the Winters State Bank.

Mr. Pinnix moved that we "go home and pay what we want to pay," but aroused some opposition in "Uncle Johnnie's" corner and it was soon withdrawn. "Uncle Johnnie" offered this motion, which was carried by a vote of 25 to 6, very few participating: "The price of cotton picking should be a graduated one: if the price of cotton is 6 1-2 cents the farmers must pay 65 cents per hundred for cotton picking or 50 cents and board. If the price of cotton is 10 cents the farmer must pay \$1.00 per hundred or 85 cents and board. The price of cotton picking is to be governed according to the price of cotton.

Jno. Q. McAdams made a short talk on the warehouse proposition in which he assured the farmers that Winters would have a warehouse if it became a necessity. At this point the conference adjourned with everyone well pleased.

S. B. Caperton and family of Maverick, moved into the Tom Shaffer residence on 11th Street Monday, to take advantage of our splendid public schools for the ensuing year.

**WILL PRAY FOR
PEACE OCT. 4TH**

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.
---President Wilson today proclaimed October 4, as a day for prayer for the cessation of the gigantic war in Europe. In his proclamation he asks that all people of the United States say a prayer that the great war be brought to a close.

**MISS MINNIE MILLER
IS DEAD AT AUSTIN**

Chas. S. Miller received a telegram early Tuesday morning from Austin announcing the death of Miss Minnie Miller, which occurred in Austin at four-thirty Tuesday morning.

Miss Minnie was the twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller. She was born in Ballinger. The family moved from Ballinger to Austin about three years ago.

The news of the death of this young lady will be sad news to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their family, who have known them so long. Miss Minnie was popular with her school mates and the young people of Ballinger and the news of her death will be sad news to all.

The young lady had been ill for some time, and underwent an operation some time ago. It was known among her relatives and close friends that her condition was serious, but this does not lessen the sorrow caused among them by her death.

While no funeral arrangements were announced in the telegram received Tuesday morning, it is supposed that the funeral will be held at Austin and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Austin.

This paper joins the many friends of the grief stricken family and relatives in kindest sympathy during the dark hours through which they are now passing.

LATER—A later message from Austin says the funeral will be held at Austin Wednesday at five o'clock.

The father, W. J. Miller, is sick at Hutchings, Kanass, and is not able to come home.

W. W. Harwell, of Greenville, brother of R. L. Harwell, the auto dealer, came in Tuesday to look after the cotton situation in our section and may decide to locate here permanently.

**MEETING TO AGREE
UPON PRICES FOR
COTTON PICKING**

A meeting will be held in Ballinger Saturday at 3 o'clock at the offices of the Young Men's Business League at which place and time, the farmers of this community will agree upon prices to be paid for the picking of cotton. The meeting was called Tuesday by Messrs. Haveley and Taylor, farmers living near Ballinger.

According to reports received here recently, many farmers over the Ballinger territory are not together on the prices to be paid helpers in the cotton field. On account of the variances in prices, the farmers in calling the meeting realize that something must be done immediately in the way of setting a uniform price for the gathering of the fleecy staple.

Ed Boler, secretary of the Young Men's Business League, is co-operating with the farmers in establishing a uniform price in Runnels county, especially in the Ballinger territory, and he is doing all in his power to bring a large number of farmers to the city Saturday when the meeting will be held. He urges all farmers of the county to make arrangements to be present.

TO COURT AT PAINT ROCK.

Judge Jno. W. Goodwin and District Attorney Walter Early of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Paint Rock, where court convened Monday also Attorney Brownlee of San Angelo, Judge Burleson of San Saba and Judges Wade & Doss, M. C. Smith, Jno. I. Guion and Chas. S. Miller of Ballinger.

**Proof In Your
Own Hand Writing.**

That's what you should have when you disburse funds for any purpose. It's not the part of business wisdom to depend upon the memory or receipts for a record of money paid out.

When you write out your personal check on the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., a record is made in your own hand writing that is dispute-proof. It is always more business like to pay by check.

**Ballinger State Bank & Trust
Company**

"We take care of our customers"

NOTICE

We have purchased for the FREE use and benefit of all and more especially the farmers, a

SCIENTIFIC COTTON GRADER

containing the 9 grades of cotton as established by Act of Congress. Learn to grade your cotton. We also have Cotton Pickers Records for farmers. Don't fail to ask for one.

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Member of Federal Reserve System.

**Buy-A-Bale
Movement
Opens Here**

The buy-a-bale-of-cotton movement is being received in Ballinger favorably. Several citizens have expressed their willingness to purchase a bale of cotton at 10 cents per pound. A subscription list was started today in the city by the Young Men's Business League.

The business organization of the city has adopted slogan, "Buy a Bale and Boost for Ballinger." The Young Men's Business League in its announcement that the movement would be pushed to the limit in this city declares through Ed Boler, the secretary, that every bale purchased in Ballinger will help the city that much. By the terms of the agreement which is signed at the time the subscription is made, the bale will be purchased from a farmer and that the cotton will be purchased in the Ballinger trade territory.

The following is the terms of agreement which is now being circulated among the men financially able to purchase a bale of cotton: "Ballinger, Texas, Sept. 9, 1914, State of Texas, County of Runnels, Know all men by these presents: Being desirous of giving farmer class and thereby prevent financial assistance to the tenant a sacrifice of the fruits of their lawe, the undersigned citizens of said county and state, do hereby agree, bind and obligate ourselves, respectfully, to purchase a bale of cotton, if obtainable, upon the following terms and conditions:

"1. The said bale shall be purchased from a farmer.
"2. This said bale shall have been procured within the trade territory of Ballinger, Texas.
"3. That the price to be paid therefor shall be on middling basis of 10 cents per pound.
"4. That no such purchase shall be made by either of us from any farmer, who has there fore sold to either of us a bale of cotton, during the year 1914, raised within the Ballinger territory at said price."

It is believed by one of the directors of the Young Men's Business League that several names will be subscribed to the list. An effort will be made to make Ballinger stand at the head of her class in the buy-a-bale-of-cotton movement.

U. P. Melton bought the first bale of cotton in Ballinger accord-

**475,555
BALES OF
COTTON**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The government cotton report issued today gives the information that 475,555 bales of the 1914 crop of cotton had been ginned up to September 1. On September 1, 1913, 799,990 bales had been ginned.

ing to the terms of the buy-a-bale movement. The purchase was made this morning. Mr. Melton has agreed to sell twenty-five more bales to Ballinger men who desire to join in the movement.

FARMER NOT WORRYING

Henry Seipp, the one-horse farmer of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and is not worrying much over the cotton situation as he has his barns full of feed and plenty hogs to make his meat, and other home supplies. Mr. Seipp is the class of man who is never caught by the panics, low prices, etc., for he prepares at all times to live at home.

J. L. and R. B. Hambright and their sisters, Madams Jim Good and John Landon, of the Norton country, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday afternoon for Itasca, to be at the bedside of their father, who is dangerously ill and not expected to live.

RETURNED FROM CAMP.

Quite a number of the young ladies and gentlemen and chaperon returned home Monday from the Vanceil ranch near Hatchel, where they had been camping the past week or two and those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tucker, Misses Margarette Gregory, Hattie and Juliett Miller, Margaret Trail, Messrs. Harry Lynn, Delbert Vanceil, Elmer Allison, Ralph Vanceil K. V. Northington, Robert L. Williams, Diaz Wood, Mrs. R. S. Griggs and two children, Madames Vanceil, Jno. Currie, Dan Moser Jr. and W. C. Penn. They report a most enjoyable outing.

Dr. Todd, of Maverick, was in Ballinger Tuesday to meet his nephew Herman Todd and Floy Reed who came in at noon Tuesday.

Patronize our Advertisers.

TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS:

Anticipating the great need of this country for farm labor, especially cotton pickers, we placed an ad in The Dallas News and Houston Chronicle and we are receiving good results.

If you want cotton pickers or farm hands write, phone or come and tell us just which you desire, and whether you want single men or families. If families, how about house, wood and water. State plainly what you have and what you want.

We offer our services absolutely free, both to the farmer and the laborer, our only desire is to be helpful. Very truly yours,

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

"FATHERS AND MOTHERS BANK"

"THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS"

**"WHERE THERE'S A WILL,
THERE'S A WAY"**

Is an old and a very true saying, and in nothing does it apply with more force than in the matter of saving money. Everyone should save some part of his earnings, as it is not what one earns but what he saves that makes wealth. Start an account this month with

**The WINTERS STATE
BANK**

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Uncle Sam fights for peace.

Even Turkey wants to gobble.

And not a chirp from the mili-

To call it war is inadequate.

When stumped for an answer,

We are emphatically in favor of

The longer they fight the less

If all of the money in the United

Th rulers of Europe are all linked

The president is leading a stren-

What Europe is engaged in the

It takes all kinds of nerve to

Chalk marks on a man's coat

Just as a suggestion: Why not

Our neighbor town on the north,

There never was a better time

Yes, I told you so. If the farm-

This "everybody buy a bale,"

movement is nothing but another

homy and less of the fleecy

Now is the time to get on the

Jas. E. Ferguson, the next gov-

Ten carloads of hogs, 44 of them

We heard a farmer say right out

WOMEN AND GOWNS.

And now the women of America

France is war-ridden and the

IT IS DONE.

We have depended upon Paris

We have accepted the hideous

It is safe to predict that when

Common sense and decency will

The future gowns to be design-

American women are of the

The designing of their own

**Warehouse, Good Roads and
Agricultural Subjects**

The directors and members of

Those attending the meeting

The committee on good roads

It was decided not to push the

J. Y. Pearce, R. T. Williams,

It was decided to hold at Ball-

**HOW ARE YOU GOING TO
VOTE ON THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS?**

The Ledger has just completed

The law requires that these

One of the amendments is for

Another amendment to be vot-

The members of the legislat-

When a man is elected to rep-

We are opposed to the init-

Our opinion in passing on the

November election.

**MILLER SCHOOL
HOUSE FARMERS
HOLD MEETING**

Realizing the importance of the

Among those who attended from

The three citizens who were ap-

The secretary of the Young

"Ballinger, Texas, Sept. 7, 1914.

At a meeting of the special

Stop That First Fall Cough.

Check your fall cough or cold

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

- List of letters advertised
- September 5, 1914:
- Barnet, Miss Margorie,
- Bly, Nellie,
- Briley, D. F.
- Dumas, Walter,
- Gray, L. W.
- Poryear, J. C.
- Rogers, Will,
- Roberson, Miss Lora.

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You are hereby warned not to

GODFREY MASSEY,

**Corns Quit, Pains
Stop, With "Gets-It"**

Quit Plasters, Salves and What-Nots.

After using "GETS-IT" once you

Why "Suffer-
Yet" With
Corns? Use
"GETS-IT."
They'll Vanish!



If you have tried other things by

**ROWENA FAIR A
GRAND SUCCESS**

While some of the stock and ex-

The ladies' art exhibit in the

The agricultural exhibits were

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E. H. Voelkel, one of the suc-

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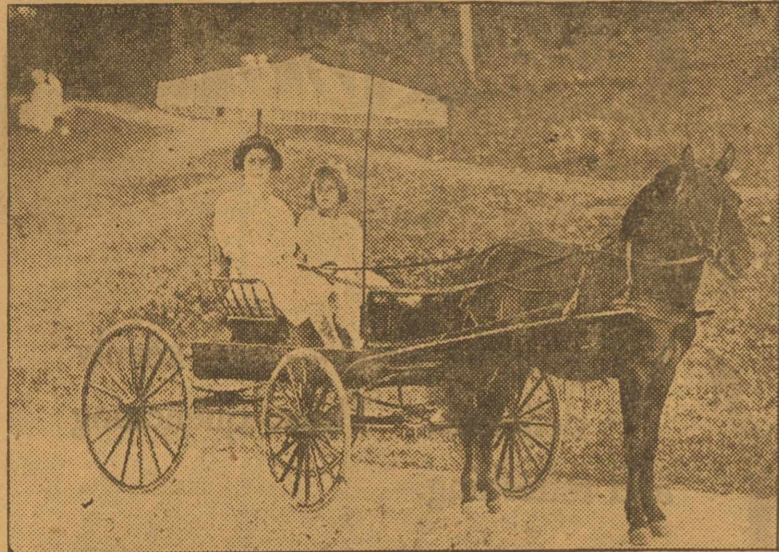
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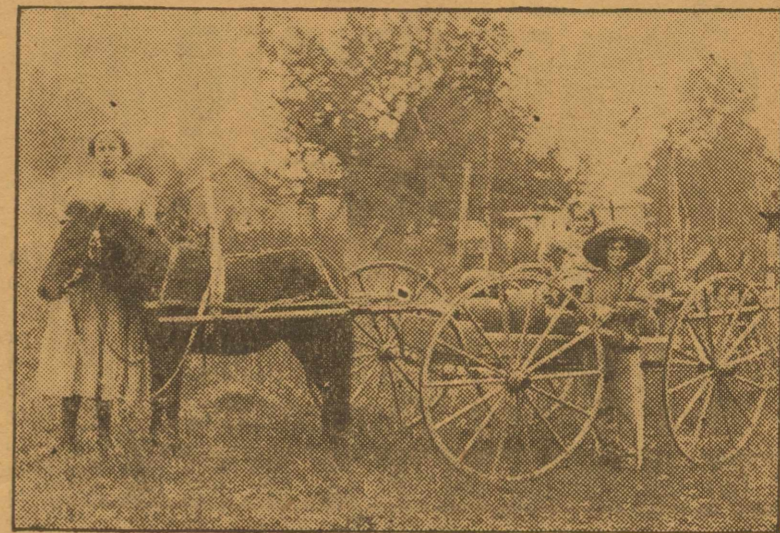
A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kid-

Great Shetland Pony Contest



Started Monday
September 7th.



Closes Few Days Before
Christmas.

Shetland Pony, Harness and Buggy to Be Given Away
By Merchants Whose Names Appear Below---Help Some Boy or Girl Get It.

Only Fairyland

Adjoining Greenfield, Ohio, lies over 800 acres of rich land literally covered with Shetland ponies of royal lineage. This place is not an idle dream, but a glorious reality. Pony Fairyland is the name of this wonderful institution, which is owned by the Dunlap Pony Company.

Hundreds and hundreds of these precious little pets are being reared and trained for the pleasure and happiness of the children of this country. On a bright May morning you can see a hundred baby colts frisking around in the sunshine. In the winter you can see the ponies clad in their fur coats, romping and playing like children. Boys and girls from the surrounding country spend many happy hours fondling, riding and driving these handsome little creatures. We wish every child could enjoy this pleasure, but as that is impossible we are going to do our best to bring similar happiness to children who cannot visit this farm for who is not able to own a pony.

When the ponies are two or three years old they are thoroughly broken, so that small children can use them, and are sold for sums varying from \$150 to \$300 each to parents who can afford to purchase expensive toys. Now you doubtless think that we want to sell you a pony, but you are mistaken. We want to present one to some child in your community. That sounds better, doesn't it?



A Golden Opportunity

Eight of the enterprising business men of Ballinger will conduct a Great Pony Commercial Contest, in which a Pony, Vehicle and Harness are to be given away, thus presenting an unparalleled opportunity to the boys and girls of this community. This outfit is not to be given to the handsomest child, nor the ugliest child, nor the best child, but to the most energetic boy or girl. All of the participating business firms will give out votes to their customers for all money received by them in their respective places of business during the progress of the Contest, either for new purchases or payment of old accounts.

A space on the coupon will be left for the insertion of the child's name. The name of the favorite child is written on the coupon and the coupons deposited in a sealed ballot box. The child receiving the greatest number of these coupon votes will be awarded the handsome pony outfit worth several hundred dollars. In case two or more Contestants tie and the outfit cannot be satisfactorily divided among them, \$300 in gold will be divided equally among the tying Contestants.

These ponies are not to be gifts to the idle but to energetic boys and girls who are hustlers and who will go out and show that they possess true American pluck.

How To Enter The Contest.

Any child under Sixteen years of age may become a contestant either by going in person or having a friend go in their behalf to the places of business mentioned in this ad, and inform the proprietors of these establishments that they desire to enter the contest. Their names will then be entered without any cost whatsoever. Remember, however, that you are not a full-pledged contestant until your name has been entered at all of said places. Enroll the names of your children in this great contest, which is given through the generosity of your enterprising citizens. Do it at once. It cost nothing. The child who wins this handsome outfit will be the happiest child in the county. The prize is worth striving for.

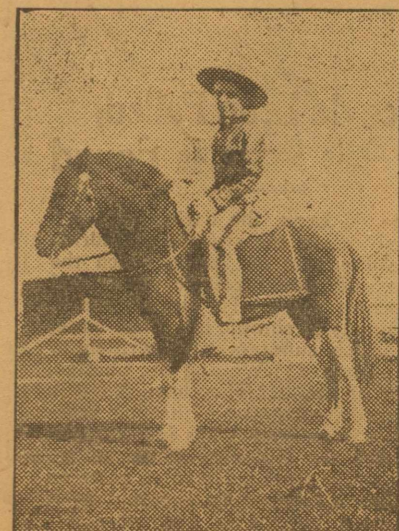
Boys and Girls Get In Now. Get Tickets From:

The Walker Drug Co. "In Business for Your Health" Phones 12 and 13. **Ostertag Furniture Co.** Furniture with Quality and Service.
Jas. E. Brewer, Everything in Jewelry, special attention given to fitting glasses. **J. H. Wilke,** Dry Goods, clothing, shoes, hats trunks and furnishing.
Princess Theatre and White City, A good show all the time. **L. B. Stubbs,** Staple and fancy groceries, grain, hay, bakery in connection.
Leach Auto Works, General garage and automobile repairing. **Ballinger Printing Co.,** Daily Ledger, Weekly Banner-Ledger and Job Printing.



Think of the happy hours some boy or girl will have playing with this handsome outfit. The pony will be gentle for children to play with and the buggy and harness made to fit. Help to make some heart happy by calling for tickets at above places and giving them to your choice.

No one connected, directly or indirectly, with any of the firms giving tickets, or related to any members of said firms, will be allowed to enter the contest.



To Our Country Friends

The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.

**Special Attention to Hurried Calls.
LEACH AUTO WORKS**

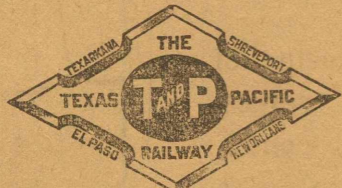
PHONE 69

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H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

YOUR NEXT TRIP EAST
WHY NOT GO VIA
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need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

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Hall Hardware Co.

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

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Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

VISITS LEGISLATURE

HEARS BAILEY TALK

Scott H. Mack is at home from a business visit to Austin and Dallas. Mr. Mack went to Austin to get at first hand the progress being made by the special session of the legislature. He went to Dallas to confer with bankers and wholesalers, and to learn what he could about the outlook for the cotton market.

Mr. Mack did not gain any information that clears up the trouble as he views it, but he is not pessimistic in his report of what he heard and saw while on the trip. The country is in such good shape from a crop standpoint that the price is not working on the nerve of our business men like it is in localities where the crop both feed and cotton is short.

When asked what he thought the legislature would accomplish towards bringing relief to the farmers and business men, Mr. Mack says "absolutely nothing." "I was in the legislative hall," said Mr. Mack, "while the law-makers were in session and heard them discussing the warehouse bill, and I feel sure that they will not be able to pass any law that will solve the problem."

Mr. Mack stated that he talked to a number of men while at Austin and Dallas that are high up in the commercial world, and that they were free to admit that they did not know anything about the question that is confronting the South, and said that any man who claimed to know was a prevaricator. "There is all kinds of theories and suggestions offered," said Mr. Mack in discussing the question, "but when it comes to real action the theorizing will not work out."

While at Austin Mr. Mack had the pleasure of hearing Hon. Joseph W. Bailey speak. Mr. Mack says that a tremendous crowd heard Mr. Bailey speak, and that he held the attention as he usually does and that the applause was just as enthusiastic as the crowd was large. Mr. Mack went to the speaking with Representative Griggs, who was supposed to have a seat in the legislative halls, but Mr. Mack stated that when they reached the hall Judge Griggs and himself could not find any kind of a seat, and they stood for more than one hour and listened to Mr. Bailey.

FAIR EXCHANGE.

A New Back for an Old One. How it Can Be Done in Ballinger.

The back aches at times with a dull indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame that to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back if the kidneys are weak. You cannot reach the cause. Ballinger residents would do well to profit by the following example.

George Onslow, Coleman, Texas, says: "One of my family was troubled by kidney complaint for several years, although never so bad as to be laid up. When Doan's Kidney Pills were advertised, I took home a box and they were used. A second box was used, and there is no doubt that they did a world of good. The person who used them now has no trouble from the kidney secretions and her back is much stronger."

Price 50c, a all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Liver Pills—the same that Mr. Onslow had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sharp, of Abilene, came in Saturday morning to visit relatives and to look after business a few days. Their nephew, Master Jack McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nealcomb McKay returned home with them Sunday and will attend school at Abilene the ensuing school year.

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE.

We will buy your maize or crush it for you. We have just installed another crusher. See us before you sell your maize or have it crushed. Lankford Crusher Co. Ltdy

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Indigestion, Constipation, Biliousness, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Nervousness, and all ailments arising from an impure and unbalanced condition of the blood. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 50 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

**YOUR ATTENTION
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR SALE**

Three in Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, one in Draughon's Business College Ft. Worth, one in Draughon's Abilene.

We guarantee these to be all right and as represented and that you can get just what is promised on the face of the scholarships.

We are offering these scholarships at a bargain and it will pay you to investigate what we have if you contemplate going off to school.

THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

SCHOOL BOARD

FILLS VACANCIES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ballinger Independent District, held Friday afternoon the places made vacant by the resignation of Jo Wilmeth and Ed Walker were filled by the appointment of Judge J. B. Wade and the re-election of Jo Wilmeth.

At a previous meeting of the board the contract was awarded to the F. and M. Bank making that institution the depository of the school funds. The first thing the board did when it convened Friday was to rescind this action, and receive bids from others. W. C. Penn bid six and one-quarter cents on daily balances, and he was made custodian of the funds.

In the election of trustees to fill the vacancies, both Walker and Wilmeth were placed in nomination for re-election, and were unanimously elected. Mr. Walker declined to accept the place, while Mr. Wilmeth accepted. The board immediately elected J. B. Wade to succeed Mr. Walker.

H. W. Lynn has been elected secretary of the board to succeed Mr. Walker, who has been secretary of the board since his election as trustee.

The resignation of the two members caused a slight change in some of the committees, and Scott H. Mack, president of the board, appointed W. B. Ray as chairman of the finance committee and appointed Jo Wilmeth as chairman of the committee on grounds, building and purchasing.

HOW'S THIS.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENNY & CO. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

RUNNELS COUNTY

INVESTED BY HOBOES

Complaint is being made that gangs of hoboes are here and that more are coming, and that they are declining work offered them at fair wages. It is reported upon good authority that eight or ten young fellows spent the night last night in Ballinger out in the open, sleeping on the ground and covering with the clear West Texas sky, after they had been offered a place to sleep and work to do.

A man was heard venting his spleen on the streets Friday afternoon, and was giving the country a hard name. He was offered work at \$1.50 per day, when he declined by saying he would not work for no d—man for \$1.50 per day.

With the return of a cotton market and a demand for labor, which will bring hundreds of honest laborers here to help gather the crop, there will come the usual dirty element of low down characters—hoboes, who will not work, and who will make trouble by crying the price paid for the hands up. Under the conditions as they exist now the farmers of this county should not pay over sixty cents per hundred for cotton picking, and this price should be adhered to until the bulk of the cotton is picked and until the cotton becomes scattering. With good cotton the average picker can make from \$2 to \$3 per day for the next two or three months in this county, and that is good wages for farm labor.

Those who come here to loaf around town, refuse to work and are without visible means of support, should be arrested for vagrancy and put on the streets and public roads and made to work. We do not need any leeches—grafter and gamblers, in this country, and through the officers the people should make such fact known to those who come here with the purpose of plying their nefarious game just as soon as they are located, and if they do not show a disposition to fill places of usefulness, give them the limit and set the proper example for others.

Best for Constipation.

Mild and pleasant to take, Simmons' Liver Purifier is recognized as the best liver medicine now in use. It causes no unpleasant feeling, but gives new life and vigor to the liver. Sold in 25c yellow tins only.

BOX CAR LODGERS

MOVED TO JAIL

It is dangerous to sleep in box cars in Ballinger, and this should be a warning to all new comers in the future.

Five young men chartered a box car in the Santa Fe yards Saturday night, and without the permission of the Santa Fe the roammers converted that car into sleeping quarters.

Some time after the mid night train had pulled out Deputy Constable Pilcher called on the boys and extended a pressing invitation to them to accompany him to the hotel conducted by the county, where they were provided with beds for the remainder of the night.

When Mr. Pilcher called at the jail Monday morning to escort the boys to the court room, he had a clever trick played on him by one of the bunch. He opened the jail door and walked in to turn them out of the cell, and while he had his back turned the big brass keys which he had left sticking in the door to the jail, mysteriously disappeared, and when the prisoners walked out followed by the officer, there was no keys to lock the door. The young men were lined up and questioned and officer, there were no keys to lock keys could be found. The prisoners were replaced in the cell and other officers called in to help locate the keys, and after considerable searching they were located on top of the cell under some papers.

The prisoners were later carried into court where two of them explained matters to the satisfaction of the officers and were released. Vagrancy charges were filed against the other three, and they were given twenty-four days work under a guard on the court house park, in which time they will square themselves with the court, and will be used to a good advantage in making that park the cleanest and prettiest in Texas.

We take this method of thanking our many friends and patrons for the large number of letters we have received telling us of the wonderful results gained by the use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in the treatment of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache and other character of pain. We appreciate this spontaneous outburst of approval. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Welcome All To The Opening Days Of Fall Millinery

THE HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO., announces its readiness to show all the Newest style ideas in Millinery and Ready-to-Wear for Fall 1914.

A showing that is of the greatest importance and interest to the women who desire exact information on the authoritative millinery fashions that New York, Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis have adopted as correct. We desire that every woman who reads this announcement will consider it a personal invitation to see this great display whether as a visitor or purchaser. We welcome you and promise a great treat in store.

New Fall Suits Are Ready

Never have we shown such a variety of coat suits so early in the season. The long coats are very much in favor, however there are some coats that are short cutaway in front and long in the back. The skirts are mostly all made with the long tunics on them. Green, negro brown, navy and black predominate. The prices are extremely reasonable and we urge all who are interested to buy their suits earlier than usual this season. Visit this department and let us fit you now. Suits price range from \$4.98 to \$35.00.

OPENING DAYS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 11th AND 12th 1914

The Newest Will Be Found Here---

There will be no occasion to send to Dallas or elsewhere for anything when you can get it right here in Ballinger at a great deal less.

Novelties

that are shown here as quickly as in most cities. See the new Party Boxes, Persian Girdles, Beads in every color combination, Ear Rings, Bracelets, Pretty new Collars, Hand Purses, in gold, silver and leather, Pull Braids, Novelty Laces and Trimming. In fact a wonderful selection here.

New Dresses On Display

A very complete showing of dresses, made of wool, serges, satin crepe de chene and combination of serges and satin. The styles for fall are beautiful. The long tunic over skirt, some in plain, others are heavily pleated.

The new long basque effects are very graceful. The prices are the most reasonable it has ever been our good fortune to offer. Dresses of serge at \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 crepe de chine and satin at

\$9.95 and Up to \$45.00



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Cape Brothers & Co.
Chicago

Fall Foot Wear Now Ready

Every wanted style that's good for the fall season 1914 is here. While it's true that shoe leather has advanced 4c a pound in past 30 days, you would never know it here. We will show you a better stock at less money than last year. Over \$10,000.00 invested in our shoe department. We can fit you now.

Ladies' Shoes \$1.50 to \$5.00



The Favored Skirts Are Here

Made of stylish materials in the newest and most popular style. Many with deep tunic effects, made of gabadine, voile, wool plaids, and serge material. Over 200 now ready for your inspection. Every wanted size from 22 to 36 waist. Come and let us fit you while the stock is complete. Prices range

\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 and on

Opening Specials For Friday and Saturday Only

Special Lace Values
Friday and Saturday Only
Three thousand yards linen, Torchorn and thread laces, 2 to 5 inches wide, 7 1-2c to 12 -12c values **5c**

Special Silk Hose Values
Friday and Saturday Only
Lord and Taylor's imported silk hosiery, unusual values at \$1.25 Friday and Saturday **95c**

Special Silk Values
Friday and Saturday Only
36 inch black silk charmeuse \$2.00 values, Friday and Saturday only, a yard **\$1.49**

Special Corset Values
Friday and Saturday Only
\$2.50 values **\$1.95**
\$3.00 values **\$2.45**
\$3.50 values **\$2.95**

CONTRACTS FOR FEED WILL FATTEN CATTLE

H. Giesecke visited San Angelo first of this week, where he closed a deal with Chas. E. Speck of Eldorado, in which he sells to Mr. Speck about seven hundred tons of ensilage, the contents of the two big silos just filled by Mr. Giesecke east of Ballinger. It is needless to say that Mr. Giesecke received a price that brings him a handsome profit on his feed crop.

The contract between the two parties also requires Mr. Giesecke to construct feed pens and feed troughs near where the big silos are located. The site where the pens will be located is an ideal place to feed cattle. Located on high ground facing the river with ample protection for the cattle in bad weather.

Mr. Speck has also contracted with The Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., for meal and hulls which will be used to mix with the ensilage, and he will bring 500 head of steers here and place them on feed about the first of November.

PAINT

Every gallon costs a painter's day's work.
Poor paint, more gallons; good paint, less gallons.
Every extra gallon adds to your job its price and the painter's day's work: not far from \$5 a gallon.
There are a dozen good paints and hundreds of poor ones. Devote one of the dozen. The chances are: there isn't another in this town.

DEVOE
Ballinger Lumber Co. sells it.

187,338 BALES IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, Sept. 9.—The agricultural department of the state of Texas today declared that 184,337 bales of cotton had been ginned in Texas this year to September 1, compared with 521,030 last year.

BIG SALARIES

Seek business employment, and at every door you are "turned down." Why? Because you are not trained. Business men are looking for trained young men and women.

Your head, if trained, is worth from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a day; your hands are worth from \$1.00 to \$2 a day. Are you drawing a Head salary or a Hand salary? The Draughton Training, At College or By Mail, will educate your head—will fit you for the highest positions, will put you into the \$10.00-a-day class, and Draughton will find the position for you.

S. G. Parson, Cashier First National Bank, Jefferson, N. C., writes: "On completing a two-months' course at Draughton's and without previous bookkeeping experience I took up my duties as cashier of this bank, and because of the thorough and practical training I received at Draughton's I have had no trouble in doing my work."

If you want to draw a head salary, attend Draughton's Practical Business College, Abilene, Texas. Catalogue free.

ECONOMY OPPORTUNITY

IF YOU BUY HERE ITS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT YOU WILL MAKE MONEY SAVINGS—

Good VALUES coupled with liberal methods and straight forward dealing, have made this store the wonderful business success that it is today.

ONE GLANCE at the splendid merchandise that we offer at our famously low prices will impress you vividly with the wonderful opportunities that this store always holds for you. We can truthfully say that we have gone the limit this season and we believe you will agree with us that what we show for the Fall 1914 will not only be correct in style but will surpass anything in quality and price heretofore shown. We earnestly believe it will repay you to investigate.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

"The Store Ahead"

BOY AND GIRL BORN THIS MORNING

Twins, a boy and a girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKay on Ninth Street, Wednesday morning. The two babies and the mother are getting along nicely. This is the second pair of twins that have come to bless this home, two girls having been born several years ago.

FOR SALE—Choice farms, at bargains—Runnels and Concho counties. Apply to W. B. Page, Ballinger. 11-4tdpd

SUNRISE BREAKFAST.

A merry crowd of Ballinger's lovely young ladies were up with the Lark Wednesday morning and enjoyed a delicious sunrise breakfast on Elm creek near Ballinger. Those present were: Misses Etta Hutton, Nell Alexander, Winnie Trail, Bettie Miller, Ada Allen, Lois Crews and Mamie Gregory. No gentlemen admitted.

See the new goods at The Fair. 11-4tdpd

BIG SHIPMENT OF WHEAT GOES FROM GALVESTON

GALVESTON, Sept. 9.—Four hundred, forty thousand bushels of wheat left here today for Europe on two vessels.

We aim to satisfy. Come and give us a trial and you will find that The Fair is the place for bargains in racket goods. 11w

SOME REAL "JUMBOS" SHIPPED TODAY.

T. A. Knight brought in the finest lot of melons Wednesday morning that has been on the local market this season. In the lot there were eighteen melons that ranged in weight from 70 to 94 pounds, the most of them weighing not less than 85 pounds. The melons were brought by different parties and consigned to different points by express, and will be living advertisements for Ballinger where ever they appear in public.

These melons bring a fancy price generally selling for cent per pound, but Mr. Knight received one dollar for the largest one.
Herman Giesecke bought 13 watermelons Wednesday from Tom Knight of South Ballinger that weighed 1049 pounds. Mr. Giesecke shipped them by express to friends east.

Big Red Apples.
Car of fine fresh red apples has just arrived, now is the time to get your apples. Phone 318. Jeanes Produce Co. 8-2dlw

JUDGE KLEBERG IS MUCH IMPROVED

Southern Judge M. Kleberg, according to a letter received from Mrs. Kleberg yesterday by a Ballinger party, is considerably improved at Galveston where he was taken during a severe spell of sickness. Judge Kleberg and his wife left Ballinger a few weeks ago for Temple where they met Dr. Kleberg of Galveston, where he is now being treated. It is believed by his friends, that Judge Kleberg will be able to return to this city within a week or two.

See W. B. Page, real estate man, Ballinger. 11-4tdpd

John Thurman of the First National Bank, is going on three legs as the result of a mix up with a horse he chartered for a horse back ride a few days ago. In the mix up Mr. Thurman had the misfortune to get his knee injured.

Cures Old Sores, Ulcer Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Judge B. B. Stone, of Fort Worth, Judge T. C. Wilkerson, of Brownwood, E. A. Camp, of Rockdale and F. M. Newman, of Brady, were attorneys who passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to their homes from Paint Rock where they had been attending District Court the past few days.

We can please you at The Fair. The largest and most complete line of dishes ever shown in Ballinger. 11w