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The Weather is Warm

Yes and you should keep cool by purchasing your summer clothes at The BIG CURRIE-NOYES Store. There will be three months of warm weather yet, plenty of time to wear out a summer suit, straw hat, etc. We have yet quite a large line of Ladies Dress Goods of many varieties at which we are offering some rare bargains. Our line of Shoes and Slippers for both ladies and gentleman are the best and most complete ever offered the buying public.

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A Wedding.

J. W. Wilson and Miss Maggie Winans, both of this city were married last Sunday morning at 9:30 by Rev. J. W. Newman at his residence.

After the ceremony they drove to the Massey hotel where they took their wedding dinner.

The groom is a partner in the blacksmith firm of Wilson & Wilson is well thought of in this community.

The bride has been making her home with her brothers of this city for some time her parents reside in San Angelo.

Here's luck to you and may prosperity attend you down life's pathway is the wish of the Banner-Leader.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, July 12th 1903.

Leader—Herbert O'Pannon.

Song.

Prayer.

Topic—What the Holy Spirit can do for me. John 16:5-12.

Song.

Three Things About Salvation—Miss Evie Routh.

Fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5: 22-26—Whit Patterson.

Song.

A Gracious promise—Joel 2: 28-32—Miss Dovie Thomas.

Christ's Parting Words—Luke 24:45-49—Acts 1:8—Louis Alexander.

Quartette.

Benediction.

W. A. Norman was in Houston several days this week on business.

Will S. Wood and wife are visiting home folks at Content before moving to San Angelo.

C. O. Harris has been in San Angelo the past week assisting Judge Spencer in the trial of several important railroad cases.

Dr. D. D. Fowler, of Paint Rock, while attending the County Medical Association Thursday paid our office an appreciated call.

Marriage license were issued to the following parties this week: J. W. D. Willson and Miss Maggie Winan; A. C. Newson and Miss Emma Drake.

J. W. Powell reports this week the sale of the Yancy Kemp 236 tract of land on Oak creek to Henry Seipps and J. B. Carlton both of Travis county.

Capt. C. A. Dailey bought last week of Joe Thiele of Miles a full-blood Durham bull for \$75, which he took to his ranch in Runnels county.

Jim Miller, a prominent stock man of the Wingo country, was the guest of his brother-in-law Mike C. Boyd, of this city, Thursday.

Miss Texia Adams of Kaufman, after a two weeks visit to Miss Lenna May Dav of this city returned to her Thursday.

H. J. Wade of Rock Springs, bought 68 head of mules, ones and twos, at \$30, \$35 and \$40, from Thomson Bros. of Sleicher county. They were shipped to Tennessee last week.

B. C. Kirk stated that while out in the country this week he passed 7 steam thrashers, which will give some idea of the importance of the grain crop in old Runnels.

Miss Minnie Guion Francis entertained quite a number of Ballinger young ladies and gentleman Tuesday night in the way of a party. It was given in honor of Miss Zadie Millsbaugh of San Angelo.

A fishing party consisting of Temple Hoffer, Pickens Butler Clyde Cockrell and Maurice Crews left Wednesday morning for the Concho to spend a week fishing and hunting and otherwise recreating.

The machinery for the Winters Gin Co. arrived Tuesday and parties interested were down Wednesday loading it out to Winters. It is a 4 gin stand plant and when completed will be one of the best gins in Runnels county. It's capacity will 40 bales per day.

Births.

Born to T. J. Parrish and wife last Monday a fine boy.

To J. D. Norwood and wife a girl.

A Blacksmith's Union was organized in Ballinger last Saturday, and all the blacksmiths of the county who were here at tending the barbecue enrolled as members. Mr. L. F. Gressett informs us that other blacksmiths of the county who were not here at that time have since sent in their names to be enrolled as members. One of their main objects for organizing is to establish the cash system in their business all over the county. They have applied for their charter and when it and other necessary papers arrive we will publish further details.

Hot Stuff in Love-making.

If any of my friends contemplate writing a love story, permit me to suggest the following strenuous love scene for the hero and heroine—
"Flightie McGinnis, I love you! Every minute I am from your side seems like sixty seconds. Darling Flightie do not for a moment think that the dumb waiter of indifference has carried the cold ashes of affection from the hot-blast base-burner in the guest chamber of my heart to the sub-cellar of oblivion! For such is not the case. This heart of mine is flaming with an incandescent flame of, which has grown so hot that I have to drink liquid asbestos to keep it from frying my lungs."

Then the hero does a hand-spin. The lovers fly into each other's arms and the pianola plays, "Call

Me Thine Own."—Will Waters, in Express Gazette.

Tom McGill sold to a New Orleans buyer, 25 mares at \$20 and 5 horses at \$30.—Texas Stock Journal.

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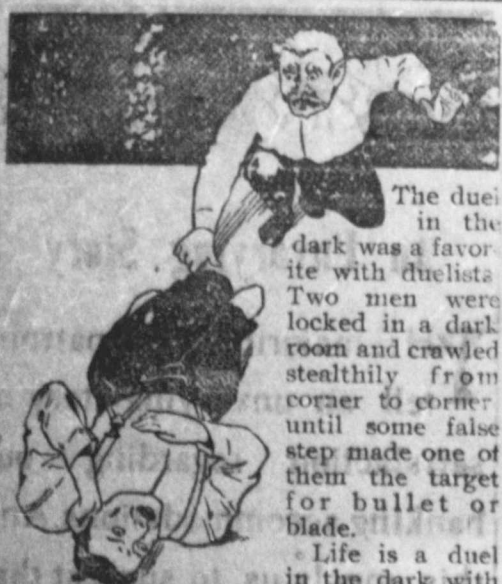
Past and Present.

Nowadays when a young hopeful is taken by the collar and gently shaken by a school teacher or his fond parents first have nervous prostration and then rush off and have the pedagogue arrested. Yet men who are scarcely middle aged can remember when the boy who came home from school howling that he had been whipped was very likely to be taken to the cellar for a repetition of the dose on general principals. It being argued that if he was licked at school he deserved it and probably did not get licked enough. Probably all this was very wrong, but we can not forget that there was not one juvenile "tough" in these days to a score in this era of moral suasion. The switch seemed to have the desired effect.—Paris News.

Stove Wood.

If it's wood your want phone J. A. Forbes and he will deliver it any length to suit you stove, always split fine.

Now wouldn't this "stop your stock!" Listen: The Brooklyn Eagle wants to send missionaries to the South. The Eagle claims that by reason of mob law and the hard lot of the negro, the Southern people should be taught the "Way of the Lord more perfectly." We have always heard that "charity should first begin at home," and before the Eagle sends its missionaries South, it had better send them to Delaware, the scene of a recent negro burning, and there get a few practical pointers on mob law. This scheme of evangelizing the South by Northern missionaries would not be a new experience to the Southern people. We had a taste of this evangelizing business during the days of reconstruction.—Ex.



The dark in the dark was a favorite with duellists. Two men were locked in a dark room and crawled stealthily from corner to corner until some false step made one of them the target for bullet or blade.

Life is a duel in the dark with disease. One false step, one mistake, and the attack comes swift and sudden. The mistake which commonly opens the way for an attack by disease is neglect of the symptoms of stomach trouble. When eating is followed by undue fullness, belchings, sour or bitter risings, etc., disease is attacking the stomach.

The best way to frustrate such an attack is to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, and makes the body strong and healthy.

"I was suffering very much with my head and stomach," writes Mrs. W. C. Gill, of Weldon, Shelby Co., Ala., "and was so dizzy when I could not get up in bed would fall right back. Could eat but very little, in fact scarcely anything, there seemed to be a heavy weight in my stomach so I could not rest; I had to belch very often and would vomit up nearly everything I ate. I was in a bad condition. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and five of his 'Favorite Prescription' and am now well and hearty. I feel like a new woman and give Dr. Pierce's medicines credit for it all. I had taken medicine from physicians without any benefit as I could see."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps on paper covered

Some Think of the Squires.

Feller's a fool to worry over spilt milk. Jest kick the blamed cow and go to milkin' agin.

A keeful study o' pigs 'll add a great deal to one's understandin' of human natur'. And of pig natur' too.

What red-bugs is to the flesh, life's little cares and worries is to the spirit. A little kerosene ole of philosophy is the only remedy. H. R. Greer in Pittsburg Gazette.

No Wonder they Wondered.

And it came to pass that after he had advertised his goods there came great multitudes from the country round about and did buy of him. And when his competitors saw it they marveled among themselves, saying, how be it that this man is kept busy while we lounge idly about our doors? And he spake unto them, saying, verily, verily, I say unto you that in this fast age of push and hustle, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a man to flourish in business without advertising.

According to late investigations South Texas is rapidly coming to the front as an irrigation center. About 200,000 acres are irrigated and devoted chiefly to rice raising. This land was formerly priced at \$50 per acre but after being irrigated jumped to \$60 per acre. A scheme is on foot to irrigate a large part of the country bordering on the Rio Grande. We believe it is only a question of time when a great area of land bordering the streams in West Texas will be put into irrigation. Even in feed alone one acre irrigated will produce 40 times as much. This writer believes that the "half has never yet been told" about the possibilities of irrigation for West Texas.

A ruling in the postoffice department, of late, declares a husband has no right to open letters addressed to his wife contrary to her wishes. A father has preference over the mother in opening the child's letters. This ruling was made by request of a large number of Postmasters who did not know what to do when a husband demanded, through curiosity or other reasons, his wife's letters. Under this ruling a husband has no more right to open his wife's letters than any other person.

Negroes were notified to leave Amorillo on the 1st of July but the Mayor summoned a special police force and the rangers were also ordered to assist in saving some of the trouble of skedaddling.

Dick Ake one of the prisoners who escaped from the Brownwood jail last has been recaptured at Junction City. Only one remains to be recaptured.

Steps are being taken by the Methodists to establish and maintain a High school at San Angelo.

W. T. Ward, of Ballinger, was awarded the mail contract from Ballinger to Eden, and took charge July 1st. The mail now arrives south in time to make connection with the east bound passenger. Tom Embrey, our former mail contractor, has taken charge of the Ballinger and Abilene route.—Concho Herald.

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No. 6757.

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, D. C. Apr. 29, 1903.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Citizens National Bank of Ballinger" located in the town of Ballinger, in the County of Rummels and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Citizens National Bank of Ballinger" located in the town of Ballinger, in the County of Rummels and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section fifty-one, hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this the twenty-ninth day of April, 1903.

T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting
Comptroller of the
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Lime, brick, cement and all kind of building material at the Ballinger Lumber Co.

New line of good summer

New Through Sleeping Car Line to Colorado.

Announcement is made, effective June 1st, that the International & Great Northern and Fort Worth & Denver railway lines will establish new through sleeping car service between Galveston and Houston, Texas, and Denver, Colorado.

This is one of the best and most important moves made by the International & Great Northern toward finally establishing its newly completed Galveston-Houston-Fort Worth line with the better part of the traveling public, because of the fact that Colorado is by far the most popular resort section of the country, being visited by thousands from the South and South west every season. The "Denver Road" being the pioneer and short line or outlet for practically all Texas to the Northwest and having enjoyed the great bulk of such travel for years, the International & Great Northern is fortunate indeed in having effected the joint through car arrangement referred to, and it may safely be predicted that through such co-operation the tide of tourist travel to Colorado resorts will be materially increased.

Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department

has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

Special Offer

If you are not talking THE ANNER-LEADER you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.80, cash in advance, we will mail you THE ANNER-LEADER and THE GALVESTON or THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

Notice.

I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
H. C. WYLIE.

Wyoming Social Function.

Saturday night was a cold one, but the "leaders" were a millin' all the time with no thought of "bed ground" for that night. The "circle riders" began rolling in about 9 o'clock and an hour later all reps some accompanied by their senoras, were there and ready for the "stampede" to turn loose. There were three reps present from the Fiddleback outfit, the Robinson brothers and Billy Blair who were called for "first relief" on night herd and when the inspiring strains of the two violins and organ pealed forth the tune "Turkey in the Straw" a bunch of mavericks did not do a thing but break loose and go to the "wild bunch" and such a warm up there never was down in Dixie.

Round up boss Howell assisted by his amiable better half had replenished the supply tenfold for the mess wagon, and at midnight feed was spread for the horses, at to which ample done.—New Castle

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Rev. J. W. Berry (of Arkansas Methodist Conference, writes): "Enclosed find 60c for which please mail me two packages of 'TEETHINA.' We wonder how we have raised children without it! The other day a lady in Missouri sent us a package and it came at a most opportune time; our babe was in a serious condition; his bowels had been in bad condition for days, and nothing that we gave did any good; the second dose of 'TEETHINA' gave perfect relief and he has had no further trouble. Other members of the family have used it and every dose has been a perfect success."

Yes Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.


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Suffer from indigestion, flatulence, or other ailments?
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This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure, No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

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THE FAMOUS LITTLE PILLS.
For quick relief from Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Dizziness, and all troubles arising from an inactive or sluggish liver, DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled.
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J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.
Sick stock or poultry should not eat cheap stock food any more than sick persons should expect to be cured by food. When your stock and poultry are sick give them medicine. Don't stuff them with worthless stock foods. Unload the bowels and stir up the torpid liver and the animal will be cured, if it is possible to cure it. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine unloads the bowels and stirs up the torpid liver. It cures every malady of stock if taken in time. Secure a 25-cent can of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and it will pay for itself ten times over. Horses work better. Cows give more milk. Hogs gain flesh. And hens lay more eggs. It solves the problem of making as much blood, flesh and energy as possible out of the smallest amount of food consumed. Buy a can from your dealer.

Catarrh of the Stomach.
When the stomach is overloaded; when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causes the glands to secrete mucin, instead of the natural juices of digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.—J. R. Rhea, Coppell, Tex. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Wm. Pumphrey of Pumphrey was trading here Monday.

The Foundation of Health.
Nourishment is the foundation of health—life—strength. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the one great medicine that enables the stomach and digestive organs to digest, assimilate and transform all foods into the kind of blood that nourishes the nerves and feeds the tissues. Kodol lays the foundation for health. Nature does the rest. Indigestion, Dyspepsia, and all disorders of the stomach and digestive organs are cured by the use of Kodol. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Miss Nell Daily of San Angelo is the guest of her aunt Mrs. H. H. Luckett.

A Surgical Operation.
is always dangerous—do not submit to the surgeon's knife until you have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It will cure when everything else fails—it has done this in thousands of cases. Here is one of them: I suffered from bleeding and protruding piles for twenty years. Was treated by different specialists and used many remedies, but obtained no relief until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Two boxes of this salve cured me eighteen months ago and I have not had a touch of the piles since.—H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C. For blind bleeding, itching and protruding piles no remedy equals DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by E. D. Walker.

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Just About Bedtime.
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Miss Donie Odom of Fort Chadbourne, is the guest of her aunt Mrs. G. G. Odom this week.

Croup.
Is a violent inflammation of the mucous membrane of the wind pipe, which sometimes extends to the larynx and bronchial tubes; and is one of the most dangerous diseases of children. It almost always comes on in the night. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and apply Ballard's Snow Liniment externally to the throat. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. E. D. Walker.

Geo. Pearce will fill the position vacated by Will S. Wood at the Pearce drug store. Geo. has many friends here who are glad to welcome him back to Ballinger.

Cheerfully Recommended for Rheumatism.

O. G. Higbee, Danville, Ills., writes, Dec. 2, 1901: "About two years ago I was laid up for four months with rheumatism. I tried Ballard's Snow Liniment; one bottle cured me. I can cheerfully recommend it to all suffering from like affliction. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. E. D. Walker."

Miss Blanche Marie Bell of San Angelo is the guest of Miss Edna Odom.

Baseball Players and Foot Racers.
Louis J. Kruger, ex-champion long distance foot racer of Germany and Holland, writes, Oct. 27th, 1901: "During my training of eight weeks' foot races at Salt Lake City, in April last, I used Ballard's Snow Liniment to my greatest satisfaction. Therefore, I highly recommend Snow Liniment to all who are troubled with sprains, bruises or rheumatism." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. E. D. Walker.

Mrs. J. B. Alexander of San Angelo visited Mrs. W. T. Padgett the early part of this week.

Indigestion.
With its companions, heart burn, flatulence, torpidity of the liver, constipation, palpitation of the heart, poor blood, headache and other nervous symptoms, sallow skin, foul tongue, offensive breath and a legion of other ailments, is at once the most widespread and destructive maldy among the American people. The Herbine treatment will cure all these troubles. 50c bottle. E. D. Walker.

Mrs. Ruben Gentry came in from San Angelo Monday.

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The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. Teey're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by J. Y. Leece.

No Pity Shown.
"For years' fate was after me continuously," writes (F. A. Gullett) of Verbeia, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store."

W. T. Nichols who resides down on the Colorado was transacting business in the hub Monday and remembered the Banner-Leader while here.

Brutally Tortured.
A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism, and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce Druggist.

G. R. Casey shipped 12 cars of cattle last Friday, 23 to the car, six cars were grass fed stuff and six cars were fed on cotton seed meal. They went to Kansas City.

Night was her Terror.
"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., and could hardly get a sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles for Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grippe, Bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

A. Hall wound up his business affairs this week and left for Valley View, Cooke county his future home. Mr. Hall has been a resident of Ballinger five years and by his upright conduct and honesty has made many friends who regret to see him leave.

A Woman's Complexion.
It is rank foolishness to attempt to remove sallowness or greasiness of the skin by the use of cosmetics, or "local" treatment, as advocated by the "beauty doctors." The only safe and sure way that a woman can improve her complexion is by purifying and enriching the blood, which can only be accomplished by keeping the liver healthy and active. The liver is the seat of disease and blood pollution. Green's August Flower acts directly on the liver, cleanses and enriches the blood, purifies the complexion. It also cures constipation, biliousness, nervousness, and induces refreshing sleep. A single bottle of August Flower has been known to cure the most pronounced and distressing case of dyspepsia and indigestion. New trial size bottle, 25 cents; regular size, 75 cents. At all druggists.

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If you have offensive pimples or eruptions, ulcers or any part of the body, aching bones or joints falling hair, mucous patches, swollen glands, skin itches and burns, sore lips or gums, eating, festering sores, sharp, gnawing pains, then you suffer from serious blood poison or the beginnings of deadly cancer. You may be permanently cured by taking Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) made especially to cure the worst blood and skin diseases. It kills the poison in the blood thereby giving a healthy blood supply to the affected parts, heals every sore or ulcer even deadly cancer, stops all aches and pains and reduces all swellings. Botanic Blood Balm cures all blood troubles, such as eczema, scabs and scales, pimples, running sores, carbuncles, scrofula, etc. Especially advised for all obstinate cases that have reached the second or third stage. Druggists, \$1. To prove it cures, sample of Blood Balm sent free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter.

Last week the editor of the Saline Citizen took a day off. A new reporter got in his work and the editor will extend his vacation. Here is what the reporter wrote:

"Marion Johnson, a laborer, shot John Ladd, a fisherman, in the face at Miami Thursday morning with a shot gun at the early hour of 5. It is the early bird that catches the squirm. They had had trouble over an old cow. She was not however, implicated and the whole affair was due to her admirers. It is said that Lawyer Dunlap was quite relieved when he heard Ladd was shot in the face and said: 'It could not disfigure him there.' It seems that Ladd had lost his nose and other landmarks. Johnson was brought to jail. Mr. Henry Bure, of Miami, kindly chatted to us about the case."

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PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger
11:30 a. m.

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4.45 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger
3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger
10:40 a. m.

The Red river is ten feet higher than ever before known. Nearly the whole eastern half of Texas is being flooded while this particular section is needing rain to mature the corn.

Reports from El Paso (Tex.) says that a colony of nearly one thousand immigrants from Russia are negotiating for lands upon which to settle in and near the Rio Grande Valley, and engage in agricultural pursuits.

Russia's War Minister has been sent to inspect the fortresses of Eastern Asiatic Russia. There is continued rumors of an armed clash between Russia and Japan. In that event Japan would probably be assisted by England, and by her aid would be liable to make things interesting for the Bear.

The cable reaching to the Philippine via Sandwhich Island from San Francisco was completed on the 4th of July and a message was sent by President Roosevelt around the world. It occupied 21 minutes time in transmission. It was the first message ever sent across the Pacific and marks an important era in the progress of the commercial world.

Dr. Allen J. Smith, dean of the medical department of the University of Texas, has been elected to the chair of pathology in the University of Pennsylvania. He has accepted the position and will report at Philadelphia about Sept. 1. Who will succeed Dr. Smith as head of the medical branch of the University of Texas has not yet been determined.

Paper Mills—John H. Kirby a well known Texas lumberman of Houston, makes the announcement that, within a year's time, he would have several large paper mills in operation in Texas. The successful operation of the Orange (Tex.) paper mill in the manufacture of white paper out of pitch pine shavings, is reported to be one of the incentives to the activity in the paper making industry.

Did you know you could exchange old goods for new at

About 50 dead is the result of celebrating the glorious fourth throughout the dominion of Uncle Sam. As long as there are fire works there will be somebody killed through carelessness.

A waterspout near Greensburg, Pa. caused great loss of life and property. About 40 persons were drowned and electrocuted. The walls of the dam enclosing a lake at the park gave way and a great wall of water swept down the ravine tearing down the trolley poles and sweeping away waiting rooms. Some of the drowning people caught hold of the trolley wires and were killed.

The National Teachers Educational Association is meeting in Boston this week. An attempt was made entertain and care for the negro teachers who also will meet there but the negro loving (?) Bostonese have a well defined case of balking.

It reminds us of the touching little story we once read in Webster's old blue back speller of the farmer's ox. And to cap the climax the governor of Kansas has been appealed to for the purpose of protecting the negro harvesters from the mobs. After all the negro is better off down South than in the North.

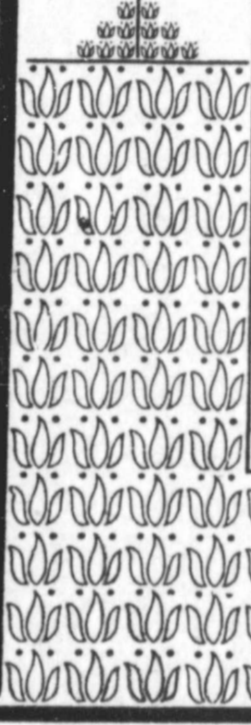
The Town Cow.

While on our rounds Saturday our attention was called to the town cow, that had appropriated a sack of bran in front of the Mercantile building. This incident straight way reminded us of an article that has been going the rounds of the press, in which the town cow is described in all her peculiarities. Here is the article:

"O, thou gentle heifer; daughter of thy mother and the despoiler of garden truck. Thou bringest grief to our heart and Blue John to our coffee. We hail thee with a fence board and things like that. Thou goest forth in the night and seeketh the open gate; thou wanderest in by forbidden paths beside the unripe cucumber. Thou smellst of the blushing beet and trompeth on the lettuce. Moreover, thou peerest into the rain barrel and drinketh thereof. The man neither the woman, knowest not of thy going or coming. Thou spied out the onion bed and lieth down thereon, while thou cheweth thy cud like a summer girl. Bimeby thou lifeth up thy voice and bawleth. Then trouble suddenly o'ertaketh thee. The man riseth up in anger and a balbrigan suit. He hiketh out and setteth up an old hoe handle and smiteth thee sore on thy porterhouse. 'Tis then thou histeth the caudal appendage and getteth the hence. Thou scootest up a darksome alley and maketh thy gateway. The man seeketh after and desireth thy post office address and findeth it not. 'Tis well. Had he discovered thy abiding place he would have chewed rag with the inhabitants thereof and gone with his nose on bias and a purple dural under the eye."

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The Universal Habit.

I saw her go shopping in stylish attire;

And she felt
Of her belt
At the back

Her walk was as free as a springy steel wire

And many a rubber neck turned to admire

As she felt
Of her belt
At the back.

She wondered if all the contraptions back there

Were fastened just right--'twas an unceasing care.

So she felt
Of her belt
At the back.

I saw her at church as she entered her pew

And she felt
Of her belt
At the back

She had on a shirt that was rustly and new

And she didn't quite know what the fastenings might do

So she felt
Of her belt
At the back.

She fidgeted around while the first prayer was said,

She fumbled about while the first hymn was read,

Or she felt
Of her belt
At the back.

Jack told her one night that he loved her like mad.

And she felt
For her belt
At the back.

She didn't look sorry, she didn't look glad.

She looked like she thought, "Well that wasn't so bad"

And she felt
For her belt
At the back

But--well, I don't know 'twas a great deal of harm.

For what should the maiden have

When she felt
For her belt
At the back.

--S. W. Gilliam, Los Angeles Herald.

A big race riot broke out in Evansville Indiana, July 6th, caused by the killing of a policeman by a negro. The mob numbering several thousands attacked, but the negro was spirited away to Vincennes for safe keeping. A crowd of negroes gathered near the jail threatening the whites, but were chased away by the whites. Nearly all the hardware stores were broken into and the whites arming themselves chased the negroes wherever they appeared. Several negroes and one or two whites were killed. The Governor ordered out the militia and stopped the rioting for a short time, but at 10 o'clock p. m. the mob attacked the sheriff and his deputies. 1000 men tried to capture the jail, but were fired on and seven killed and many wounded. Gov. Durbin will probably declare martial law. Additional indignation is kindled against the negroes because one of the leaders of them had been fined \$1 for assault and battery.

Notice.

All parties indebted to the undersigned party will please call around and make settlement at least once a month. On account of my small working capital it is necessary for me to collect my small accounts in order to carry on my business.

W. T. SWINK,
Ballinger, Tex.

Attorney Jno. I. Guion and Jack McGregor spent a few hours Tuesday in San Angelo on business.

Rev. R. M. Hall will preach in San Angelo next Sunday the

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A Bovine Soliloquy.

A cow of grave and thoughtful men, lay stretched at ease upon the green; an ancient kine whose snowy brow proclaimed her patriarch of cows. She glanced with retrospective gaze, across the plain where cattle graze; and resting peacefully and sedate, preceded thus to ruminate: "For some decades and sundry years, I've browsed about this vale of tears; and seen full many a shift and change take place on this terrestrial range; I've seen my kinfolks day by day in countless thousands led away, to fall beneath the butcher's stroke or groan beneath the driver's yoke; in cutlets, joints, ribs, steaks and chops, we grace a thousand butcher shops; our bones by all mankind are gnawed, our hides beneath their feet are trod; we're fried, stewed, roasted, grilled and boiled; corned, canned, jerked, embalmed and broiled; dried, tinned, pickled, chopped and mashed; pressed, boned, deviled, smoked and hashed. For centuries we have been misused, humiliated and abused; but now at last our day has come—the great bovine millennium, when man must pay for all our ills, and dearly, too, in long green bills; for now we're in the great Beef Trust, and pay one price he will and must. No more he sneers at corned beef hash, today its worth its weight in cash; with every bit of juicy beef, he mingles bitter tears of grief." Thus musing on her altered state, the old vaccine waxed quite elate; and when the butcher came to slay, she ambled peacefully away, remarking calmly as she went: "Farewell to all, I die content, the man that whets his teeth on me, gets all that's coming to him, see?" Concluding as she glanced around, "I feel like thirty cents—per pound."—Van Alstyne News.

Legal Weights in Texas.

Article 52³. The following shall be the legal number of pounds per bushel: Wheat 60 pounds, corn shelled 56 pounds, corn in the ear, shucked, 70 pounds, unshucked, in the ear, 7 1/2 pounds, oats 32 pounds, barley 48 pounds, rye 56 pounds, buck wheat 42 pounds, sweet potatoes 55 pounds, Irish potatoes 60 pounds, onions 57 pounds, turnips 55 pounds, dried apples 28 pounds, dried peaches 28 pounds, bran 28 pounds, Hungarian grass seed 48 pounds, hemp seed 48 pounds, flax seed 56 pounds, stone coal 80 pounds, charcoal 22 pounds, salt 50 pounds, clover seed 60 pounds, Timothy seed 45 pounds, cotton seed 32 pounds, millet seed 52 pounds, tomatoes 55 pounds, apples 45 pounds.

Ballinger, Texas.

July 8, 1903.

Banner-Leader:

The mail going west will close at 11:00 a. m. when the train is on time. Mail going East will close at 4:30 p. m. Postoffice will be open on Sundays for one hour after mail from the east is distributed.

Henry A. Cady, P. M.

R. B. Truly received a telegram Monday morning announcing the sudden death of his mother at Whitesboro, and left on the evening train to attend the funeral.

The society young people of Ballinger enjoyed a ball at the

West Texas Campmeeting.

The Second Grand Annual Encampment and Re union of the Christian church of West Texas is now approaching. Winter is past and the long-delayed summer is here. The ardent rays of the King of Day remind us of the intended vacation. There is no more fitting place than our camp ground on the grassy banks of the beautiful Brady river. Beneath the shadow of the stately pecans and elms that sheltered a hundred years ago mighty herds of kingly bison, listening to the music of the babbling waters and singing birds, with Heaven's glad sunshine and God's pure air about you will find the rest and peace you crave and need.

"Oh, man bowed down with labor,

Oh, woman young yet old,

Oh, heart oppressed in the toiler's breast,

And crushed by the power of gold."

Here you can realize the cry of "Back to Nature." Here you can find refreshment for body, mind and spirit

Last year we had 500 people camped on the ground, with 1000 at Sunday services. That was 100 miles farther west in a thinly settled country. This year we expect to easily double that number. Come with us and renew the friendship of other years, hear the splendid sermons and sweet songs, and enjoy the fellowship of the best people on the earth—West Texas Christians. John W. Marshall will tell anew the "Old Story" with power and pathos. John Bower will lead the hosts in the "Sweet Songs of Zion," while saints are lifted Heavenward and souls are born anew. Brady is the liveliest town in West Texas, and will welcome you with outstretched arms and true Western hospitality. Come saint and sinner, and we will do you good. Let us unite to make it the greatest gathering of Christians over had in West Texas.

The railroads will give reduced rates, and every expense will be reasonable. Address for further information,

Arthur W. Jones,
Comanche, Texas.

A Chicago Diagnosis of Kentucky.

Kentucky's hills are full of rills
And all the rills are lined with stills,

And all the stills are full of gills,
And all the gills are full of thrills
And all the thrills are full of kills.

You see the fendists dot the hills
And camp along the little rills
Convenient to the busy stills
And thirsting for the brimming gills,

And when the juice his system fills
Each feudist whoops around and kills.

Now, if they'd only stop the stills
They'd cure Kentucky's many ills—
Men would be spared to climb the hills
And operate the busy stills.

However, this would mean more gills
And that, of course, would mean more thrills,
Resulting in the same old kills.

So all the hills and rills and stills
And all the gills and thrills and kills
Are sended for the coffin mills
And make more undertaker's bills.

—W. D. Nesbit in Chicago

Women as Well as Men
Are Made Miserable by
Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Notice.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BALLINGER:
Having been elected City Health Officer of your city, I offer the following suggestions for the general good of the city:

We all know that the season is upon us for the development of typhoid fever, and it behooves every citizen to use every effort to ward off these epidemics, therefore I offer the following suggestions, viz. That every resident within the corporate limits have his premises thoroughly cleansed, and I further recommend that each resident supply himself with a quantity of lime and use it freely at least once a week, thereby insuring himself and neighbors from infection. Further, I would recommend to the city authorities that they employ an energetic and reliable scavenger, whose duty it shall be to visit the resident part of the city not less than twice a month, and the business part of the city not less than once a week, said scavenger to clean alleys and front of stores as often as the judgement of the health officer may demand.

Respectfully,

A. W. BARTON, M. D.
City Health Officer.

Notice to the Public.

I have opened a drug store in the building known as the K. of P. building. I solicit the patronage from the town and country.

I will keep everything in the drug line needed by the public. My prescription department will be complete and every prescription intrusted to us will be carefully compounded from the purest drugs that can be procured.

During my absence from the store the prescription department will be looked after by my wife Mrs. Lula Barton, a registered pharmacist and an experienced prescriptionist. We hope to gain your patronage by fair dealing and courteous treatment.

Respectfully,

A. W. Barton, M. D.
Ballinger, Texas.

John Stricklin was called by phone message to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Keeler of Coleman, who died Saturday night, after an operation per-

A GRAND SUCCESS.

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The picnic given under the auspices of the Red Men's Lodge was a big success from every standpoint.

The street parade was unique and interesting in the extreme and was attended by a large crowd.

150 tickets were sold at San Angelo for Ballinger besides those who rode on buses, which makes about 400 in attendance from that place.

Two ball games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, were among the most interesting features of the program.

The morning game was between the second nines of Ballinger and San Angelo, and it was a hot game from start to finish, Ballinger taking the game by a score of 8 to 3.

The afternoon game between the first nines was even more exciting than the morning game. Ballinger again took the game by a score of 16 to 9.

To say there was plenty of dinner expresses it mildly. Enough was left for supper and then some to give away, and no visitor can say that they were not fed on this occasion.

The program rendered at the Opera house at night by local talent was very creditable to each and every performer. The only thing that marred the pleasure of the exercises was the bad order caused by the excessive heat in the hall.

The Winters band furnished music for the occasion and their music was very creditable indeed.

Among the ex-residents of Ballinger in attendance we noted Editor P. E. Truly of the San Angelo Press, Harry Sharp, J. B. Alexander and wife and Miss Mamie Sue Toms.

To the Public.

On account of the many small accounts out and my lack of time to collect same, I will conduct my wood business practically on a cash basis in the future.

I will deliver through the week and collect Saturdays and Mondays and I must have the cash in order to carry on my business.

J. A. Forbes.

Mrs. J. A. Forbes left Sunday afternoon for Cross Plains, Callahan county to visit relatives. She will remain there until the 15th of August when she will go to the market for her fall millinery stock.

The proceeds of the entertainment at the Opera house last Saturday night under the auspices of the Red Men netted \$121.25 which was very satisfactory.

Tremendous rain storms occurred during the early part of the week in the eastern half of Texas. Gainesville was terribly flooded on the 4th inst. Trains in nearly every direction have been delayed.

The West Texas Gun Club League will have a big gun shoot the 13-14 and 15 of July. A large attendance is expected and a general all round good time.

For insurance in nothing but the best old line companies. See Lee Maddox.

Africa's Poetical Language.

The most poetical of savage language is that of the Madagassians, of Madagassas, of Africa. They call everything by a name that expresses its appearance or its meaning perfectly. Thus, a hill is "mountain child," in the mouths of these people. Rivers are "twain mothers." A machete path the Madagasse calls a "ripe path." The brain is the "head's utter most," and the pupil of the eye is the "eye king." The grinding teeth are the "teeth princesses," and the fingers are called "hand branches." If a man lives carelessly the Madagassas say that he "is eating his soul." "A jungle of boys" is the way the youngsters are described when they gather in numbers, and a very short space of time is denoted by the expression "while one could roast a grasshopper." A selfish man is said to be "embracing the crocodile," and a miser is said to be a "lover of the scorpion." If a person is vain the Madagassas say that he is "grass that is trying to grow bigger than a banana." The saucer is the "wife of the cup." —Washington Post.

His Name "Queered" Him.

The King of Greece has an aid de-camp, who rejoices in the name of Pappadimantopoulos. In the ordinary course of things the gallant colonel would accompany his Hellenic majesty on his travels abroad every summer, but his name was found to leave a train of dislocated jaws in the royal wake; moreover it was charged as two words in telegrams and was mutilated by telegraphists beyond all recognition, so he is now left at home and a gentleman of the name of Thom takes his place in attendance on King George on his annual visits to Aix-les-Bains and Paris.

Estray Notice.

To W. L. Towner County Clerk, Runnels county, Texas.

In compliance with Estray law now in force, I herewith return the following estrays which has been found running at large, and not estrayed and state that the owner of the same is unknown, one white mare 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high, branded HIL on left thigh and branded and counter branded R on left shoulder. One sorrel mare 14 hands high, streak in face, 7 or 8 years old, branded D on left thigh and blotch brand on shoulder.

The above animals are running at large 4 miles East of the town of Ballinger June 1st, 1903.

J. E. Smith

County Commissioner Prec. No. 1 Runnels County, Texas.

To the Public.

I will be absent in Coryell county about ten days on business and will not be at my place of business.

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S. J. Carpenter sells fine California extracts for flavoring ice cream, cakes, etc. Give him a trial order. Phone No. 19.

Rev. & M. Hall will read the Banner-Leader in the future.

If you want a nice hair cut for 25c go to the City barber shop.

Miss Ethel Heald, of San Angelo, is the guest of Miss Bessie Miller this week.

If you want a diamond let me figure with you.

Jas. E. Brewer

Sam Baker was able to resume duty Monday after several days sickness.

Go to the City barber shop for living prices and polite treatment.

F. E. Abney came in from Winchell Tuesday to look after some business matters.

Joe B. Johnson and family left last Monday for Martin to recuperate at the wells for several weeks.

J. W. Copeland was in from the Winters country Tuesday and dropped a wheel in the editor's hand to encourage us.

The Holiness meeting, under the direction of Rev. Neely, began last Sunday night and has had a fair attendance, through the week.

T. J. McCoughan was in from Norton Monday after goods and while here he made us a pleasant call, and will read the Banner-Leader in the future.

The new building being erected by T. S. Lankford is rapidly nearing completion. It is needless to add that it's a credit to the business section of Ballinger.

Hereford Bulls for sale at reduced prices 12 to 22 months old, highly bred and fine individuals. **J. L. Chadwick & Son**, Cresson, Texas.

There was quite a large crowd of people in town last Monday, it being public sale day. It appeared prohibition talk was the order of the day, and there was some very loud discussions heard on the streets.

Mrs. John Stricklin left Tuesday afternoon for Coleman, where her husband will join her and from there they will go to Roswell, N. M., to see her sister who is quite ill.

Misses Jessie Wright and Emma Russell left Tuesday afternoon for Goldthwaite after a two weeks visit with their cousin, John B. Alvis, of this city. They will visit relatives at Goldthwaite several days before returning to their home at Winsboro, Texas.

The negro who outraged then stabbed Mrs. Kronle in Gaudalupe county, was captured near Lockhart. The negro's name is Henry Fields, is an escaped convict from a camp in Gaudalupe county. He was tracked about ten miles and captured in a cane field. His captors dressed him in women's clothes, brought him to New Braunfels from which place he was escorted by sheriffs and militia and safely landed in San Antonio jail. The negro confessed committing the crime but afterwards denied doing it.

Nothing but insurance and I attend to that right. See me for a policy. **Lee Maddox.**

Let me repair your ring. **J. E. Brewer**

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Jim Dumps and wife invariably had "Force" for Sunday evening tea. When cook went out that afternoon, "Tis but a saucer and a spoon To wash—a task not grim— And all are pleased," laughed "Sunny Jim."

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To the Public.
 I have severed my connection with the Miller Mercantile Co. and will be found at my new location where I have purchased an interest with T. S. Lankford.
 I will be glad to see my friends at my new place of business.

THE OLD RELIABLE



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We're the printers.

Mrs. G. W. Givens has been quite sick the past week.

Your jewelry wants supplied by Jas. E. Brewer.

Tom McGill was in from the Concho country this week.

Best apple vinegar 25c per gallon at Stubbs & Hartman.

Tom Brown of Mills was down Thursday afternoon.

Bring me your watch, I want to repair it. Jas. E. Brewer.

O. M. Fitzhugh went down to Brownwood Thursday.

For second hand goods of all kinds phone 82.

W. T. Padgett and daughter, Miss Alma, went down to Miles Thursday.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon, over Walker's

Mrs. B. Leatherwood went to Alvarado Thursday to visit relatives.

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Judge White of Coleman was down Wednesday attending business matters between trains.

You will be surprised at the new look on your jewelry when Jas. E. Brewer repaired it.

Edmond Walker went to Coleman Tuesday to visit his grandfather a few days.

DR. A. W. BARTON, Physician and Surgeon Office in the K. of P. building. Ballinger, Texas.

John W. Gannaway, of Wingate, was a pleasant caller at our sanctum Wednesday.

New goods coming every day at Hixson Bros Opposite City hotel.

Dr. T. L. Todd, of Maverick, attended the County Medical Association here Thursday.

Rare bargains are always found at Hixson Bros. Opposite City hotel

Mrs. Sarah Adams and Mrs. Carleton, of Hico, came in Thursday to visit their son and brother, Jap Adams of this place.

Why not trade where a dollar will buy the most. You can get more for the \$ at Hixson Bros. than any other store in town. Stand opposite City hotel.

The Fool-killer Discouraged.

"What's that?" asked the fool-killer.

"That's an unemployed man in a vacant lot," said I.

"Why don't you have him work on the lot and produce something?" asked the fool-killer.

"Because," I said "we suffer from over-production already; and besides, the owner of the lot won't let him work on it."

"I must get my club," said the fool-killer.

"Hold on," I said. "Pretty soon we will arrest the man, because he does not do anything; then the judge will fine him, because he has no money; and we will keep him idle in jail; and the workers will tax themselves to pay for all that."

The fool-killer gasped, "I must order a gatling gun."

"Don't go on half cocked," I said, "Those are laws."

"Who made those laws?"

"Everybody, civilized men," said I.

"The men that pay the taxes?" asked the fool-killer.

"Why, yes."

"I must swear in some deputies," said the fool-killer.

"Stop," I said, "no one speaks like that about laws; they are the accumulated wisdom of the ages, and must be treated with respect."

"Why don't some one tell the truth, and say the laws are stupid and wicked?" asked the fool-killer.

"We kill such fools as speak the truth about such things," I said.

"Come," said the fool-killer, "I will go and poison the water supply."

On the way the fool-killer asked again; "What are those places?"

"That is a tobacconist's," I said, "and the other is a gin mill. You see we poison our own water supply—oh, the next is a drug store, and beyond is a hospital—"

"I will go home" said the fool-killer. "These fools are doing my work themselves."—Boston Hall in the Game of Life.

The Spirit of Music.

The spirit of music, like an arch-angel, presides over mankind and the visible creation. Her afflatus divinely sweet, divinely powerful, is breathed on every soul to some nobler sentiment, some higher thought, some greater action. O music, sweetest sublimest ideal of Omniscience, first born of God fairest and loftiest Seraph of the celestial hierarchy, Muse of the beautiful, daughter of the Universe. In the morning of eternity when the stars were young her first grand oratorio burst upon enraptured Deity; and thrilled the wondering angels; all heaven shouted; ten thousand times ten thousand angel tongues caught up the song; and ever since, through all golden cycles, is breathing melodies, old as eternity, yet ever new; as the old as fitting hours, have floated on the air of heaven. The Seraph stood with outstretched wings, on the horizon of heaven—clothed in light ablaze with gems, and with voice attuned swept her burning harp strings and lo! the blue infinite thrilled with her sweetest note: The trembling stars heard it, and flashed their joy from every flaming center. The wheeling orbs that course their paths of light were vibrant with the strain, and pealed it back into the ears of God, the far off milky stream of light, the bright stream of light.

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astral glories, spanning the ethereal deep, responded with its harmonies, and the star dust isles floating in that river of opal, re-echoed the happy chorus from every sparkling strand.—Bob Taylor.

The Japanese are buying land in South-east Texas for the purpose of planting colonies which will engage in rice planting.

A collision occurred between two trains near Rock Fish, Va. and twenty-three people were killed. On Tuesday last a passenger crashed into a freight owing to a misunderstanding.

I. A. Moore, city secretary of Dallas, got on a protracted spree and attacked one of his sons, threatening to kill him, when another one of his sons shot and killed the father.

Read It Both Ways.

The London Express prints this poem with a double reading. Read it as it seems, and women is highly flattered, but read alternate lines (one and three, two and four of each verse), and the sentiment is very much the reverse—

Happy a man may pass his life If he's directed by a wife.

If free from matrimonial chains He's sure to suffer for his pains.

No tongue is able to unfold The virtues in women you behold;

The falsehoods that in woman dwell Are almost imperceptible.

In woman's heart you'll see appear Truth, darling of a heart sincere

Hypocrisy, deceit and pride, In women never can abide.

Destruction take the men, I say. Who no regard to women pay;

Who make the women their delight, Keep always reason in their sight.

Pope Leo was attacked by pneumonia about a week ago and has been very sick since. His life up to today, Friday, still hangs by a thread. He is very old but seems endowed with wonderful vitality and may yet recover.

Important Notice. All consumers of water are requested to shut off the water from their service pipes after 8 o'clock p. m. July 11th, in order that the mains may be flushed and cleaned.

Wanted.

At once eight or ten laborers at the oil mill. Jno. F. Drew. Ballinger, Texas.

An interesting communication from Norton received too late for this issue will appear next week.

Judge R. B. Truly came from Whitesboro Friday where he has been to attend his mother's funeral.

Prof. M. L. Hill was in from the Pumphrey country Friday and announced that a 10 pound girl arrived at his house the 22d, of last month.

M. S. Edwards brought in wheat Friday which graded higher than any received at this market so far, it weighing 68 pounds.

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Mrs. Petty's place has just received a telegram from Roswell, N. M. John Stricklin and wife had just arrived and that his sn...

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A. Hall's Accounts. A. Hall left a few accounts in my hands for collection, and all parties knowing themselves indebted to him will please call and settle. C. P. Shepherd.

A syndicate recently purchased five million dollars worth of land near Brownsville recently. Arrangements were recently made to build a railroad to that place from San Antonio and it is predicted that a big boom will strike the town of flowers.

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