

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, SEPT 5, 1903

NO 47

## Visit the New Dry Goods Store

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Only one more week, Special Sale, after that will be sold at regular prices. Fall skirts are now in and are the right styles at right prices to please. Sorosis Underskirts, see them.

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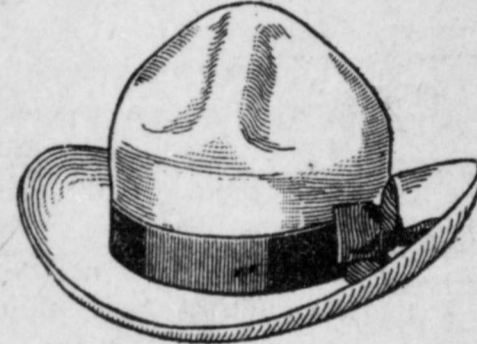
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Asa Cordill's fine line of jewelry.

Cordill has a beautiful jewelry.

Ira Allen of Coryell county nephew of Mr. Nath Allen is visiting his uncle.

All find the best line of watches, clocks, diamonds and jewelry at Asa Cordill's.

Miss Minnie Guion Francis gained a few of her friends yesterday morning at cards from 10 to 12 m.

W. B. Halley went to court this week to testify as expert witness in the Harp Corp case in which Robt. (col.) was seeking to recover custody of his child.

J. W. Powell sold this week lots 21, 23, 26, and 27, in block 6, (The Farmers Wagon Yard) for J. D. Justice to Hez. Cobb, price paid \$1100 cash.

C. K. Guinn, formerly a citizen of Ballinger, but more recently of Rock Island, is in the city the guest of friends.

Mr. Homer Perryman and wife and Walter Humphrey of Pideoke, Coryell county, are here visiting Mrs. Perryman's sister Mrs. W. D. Wilson.

Abe Millar and Joe Johnson, each shipped a car load of calves Friday of this week to St. Louis.

Best line of watches and jewelry at Asa Cordill's.

Best watch repairing done by Asa Cordill.

Miss Nannie King of Meridian, Tex., is visiting J. A. DeMerville and wife.

Miss Irene Guion and little sister, Coreia, came in Friday from Dallas.

Misses Nettie and Annie Massey left Friday for Dallas to visit relatives and friends.

See me for fine watches, diamonds and jewelry. Asa Cordill.

Miss Donye Belle Odom, after a month's visit with her aunt Mrs. C. A. Daily came in Friday afternoon.

On account of it being almost impossible to get the new text books distributed over the state by the first Monday in September, Superintendent Lefevre suggests that public schools not open before the third Monday in September.

#### Temperance Lecture.

The Rev. J. A. Maples of Greenville, Hunt county, delivered a soul stirring address on Temperance and for the cause of Prohibition on Friday at the 11 o'clock service of the Central Baptist Association now in session in Ballinger. Those present express themselves as considering it one of the most forcible and logical addresses ever delivered in this city.

The Rev. Maples is a fine speaker, a beautiful word-painter and carried his audience with him through his entire address of 2 hours. His illustrations were apt—he at times having his audience in tears and then again in laughter.

He delivers another address at the union service at the Methodist church in Ballinger Sunday night, and those who miss it will indeed miss a treat.

Mr. Robert G. Hollingsworth has purchased the Coleman Telephone Exchange and assumed management of the business September 1st. Mr. Hollingsworth is a polished gentleman and thorough business man and The Democrat is glad he has become identified with the business interests of Coleman.—Coleman Democrat.

We can assure the people of Coleman that Mr. Hollingsworth will give them good service, for he is an energetic business man and thoroughly understands the telephone business.

S. S. Mapes.

To my friends and customers: I am now at home attending to business. I have secured a complete discharge as the records will show. All of those indebted to me will please pay me in person and promptly, as I need the money badly. Thanking all for their kindness and custom and hoping that I may continue to have your good will, Respectfully,  
S. S. MAPES.

T. H. Shaw and wife left Friday afternoon for Austin.

## Do Not Hesitate

To ship Cotton this season. The market will favor the man who refuses to sell at home, and he will be handsomely repaid for his judgement in shipping.

There are great possibilities during this season in the cotton market for those who will ship to us.

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**CLYDE C. COCKRELL**  
BUSINESS MANAGER.

Entered at the Postoffice at Ballinger, Texas as second class matter.

**SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.**

PASSENGER TRAINS.

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

East-bound due at Ballinger 4:45 p. m.

LOCAL TRAINS.

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

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

Joseph Pulitzer of New York has given \$2,000,000 to establish a school of journalism. It is to be hoped that the editorial incubator may have an enlightening effect on many of the northern editors. Some of them do not know enough to get in out of the rain when it comes to southern matters. No man is fit to edit a paper who cannot take a liberal unbiased view of both sides of a question.

Bill Arp, the noted Georgia humorist, died last Monday after a lingering illness of several weeks. It may be truly said of Arp that the world is much the loser by his death. His writings could always safely be read by the youth of this country—nothing irreverent or debasing could be found in them.

**A Scrap.**

Judge C. Wood, of the supreme court of Arkansas and Jefferson Davis, the present governor of that state, had a mix-up at Bismark, Hot Springs county, Wednesday. Judge Wood struck Governor Davis but friends intervened and prevented further blows. They are both candidates for the office of governor for next term.

**A TEXAS WONDER.**

**Hall's Great Discovery.**

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment. Dr. Ernest W. Hall, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and E. D. Walker.

**READ THIS.**

Abilene, Tex. Oct 16, 1901. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—I suffered two years with kidney and bladder troubles and one-half bottle of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery cured me entirely, and I cheerfully recommend it to all.

Yours truly  
**GEO. HAYDEF**

**From the Attorney General.**

Austin, Texas,  
Aug. 31, 1903.

Messrs. Harris & Shepherd,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This department is in receipt of your favor of the 29th inst. In reply to your first inquiry, you are advised that a man living in the corporate limits of an incorporated town, subject to the payment of city poll taxes, such poll taxes being due and payable prior to February 1st, 1903, must show the same paid, as well as also state and county poll taxes, as required by the constitutional amendment recently adopted, in order to be a qualified voter at the election mentioned by you.

In your second question you ask is such party offering to vote required to have poll tax receipt from both county and city regardless of the time that he may have resided in the city corporate limits?

In reply thereto you are advised that Article 4089 of the Revised Statutes, empowers a city council to levy and collect an annual poll tax not to exceed \$1.00 on every male inhabitant of the city over the age of twenty-one years (idiots and lunatics excepted) "who is a resident thereof at the time of such annual assessment." You are advised that if the party referred to was a resident of the city at the time of the annual assessment for the year 1902, under the statute referred to, he was subject to the payment of the city poll tax for that year, and must show the same paid as required by the constitutional amendment. Of course, if he moved into the city after the annual assessment, then he was not subject to the payment of city poll taxes for that year.

In reply to your third inquiry you are advised that a man who moved from another county to Ballinger after January 1st, 1903, and who paid his state and county poll taxes in the county from which he moved within the prescribed time, would be subject to the payment of the Ballinger city poll tax if he was a resident of the city at the time of the annual assessment for 1903, and must show the same paid as above stated. It follows of course that if a party moves into the city after such annual assessment he would not be subject to the payment of poll taxes for that year and is not required to show the same paid. This answers your fourth inquiry. Yours very truly,  
T. S. Johnson,  
Office Asst. Atty. Gen'l.

**Without Quality**

No price should be considered. When you buy look at the style, finish and workmanship. You will find all these at Bob Shaffer's, the saddle and harness man of Ballinger.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

I forbid hunting, fishing or cutting or hauling wood in my three pastures on Eagle, Mud and Elm creeks. Parties guilty of same will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
G. R. CASEY.

Mrs. Jessie McKenzie and children visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson this week

M went to Ft. W isit.

The boll weevil committee has finished its labors and gone home. They report that so far no satisfactory remedy for the pest has yet been found. However they are hopeful that it may be found by the time it is needed next year.

Many of the leading business men of Coleman have met and organized for the purpose of bringing about the cutting up of the large pastures near that town and inducing settlers to open up farms on them. It is argued that such an opening would greatly increase trade and wealth there. There is no question that such a measure would greatly benefit Coleman as there are vast stretches of good farming land devoted to the raising of a comparatively few head of cattle near that town.

**Ferguson-Finger.**

Married, August 21st, Chas. J. Finger, of San Angelo, Texas, to Miss Nellie B. Ferguson, at First M. E. church of Alamo-gordo, Rev. H. Van Volkenburgh officiating. No cards. The pair left for Cludcroft.—Otero County (N. M.) News.

The above announcement will be read with surprise by many people in San Angelo. Miss Ferguson is the daughter of C. Ferguson the well-known merchant and ex sheepman of San Angelo and Crockett county respectively. She is a sweet and accomplished young lady. The groom is the popular musician and journalist of San Angelo. The Standard extends congratulations.—San Angelo Standard.

At last our gallant friend and heart smasher has yielded to the pleadings of Cupid and succumbed to the wiles of a fair maiden, and launched his little craft on the sea of matrimony. Here's luck to you and may the bark that bears you on through life, float between banks of living green and each turn in the voyage bring you under summer skies through flowery plains and by pleasant streams where all is peace and harmony. May there be just enough clouds to make a pleasant sunset.

**Reduced Round Trip Rates.**

Palestine, Texas.—Date of sale Sept. 14-15 and 16. \$11.35.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Date of sale Aug. 18, Sept. 15. \$18.90.

San Francisco, Cal.—Date of sale Oct 8 to 17. \$55.75.

Austin, Texas.—Date of sale Aug. 17 to 23. \$8.70.

Austin, Texas.—Special Aug. 22 and 23. \$6.65.

Clarksville, Texas.—Date of sale Sept. 16 and 17. \$11.00.

Brownwood, Texas.—Date of sale Sept. 22. \$2.45.

Houston, Texas.—Date of sale Sept. 21. \$14.15.

National Irrigation Congress, (Gden.) Utah. Dates of sale Sept 12 to 14, 1903. Limit Oct. 1, 1903.

Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. Sherman, Texas. Dates of sale Oct. 4 and 5. Limited Oct. 10.

Gov. Lanham has issued a proclamation that Sept. 7th next be observed as Labor Day.

J. M. Edwards.

Agent.

Through sleeper Ballinger to Fort Worth. Rate double berth \$1.25.

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

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**W**e answer this question. 1st. Where the prices are right. 2nd. Where the goods are fresh and first class. 3rd. Where you will receive Courteous and Honest Treatment.

**The Miller Mercantile Co**

Fulfills the above requirements in every respect. Give us a trial order and we are sure you will be our regular customer.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.  
Capital - - \$50,000.00.  
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D. M. Baker, Cashier.  
Sam Baker, Asst. Cashier.  
**We Solicit Your Business.**

**Ballinger Light and Power Co.**  
Monthly residence rates: 16 cp lamps \$1 each the first two lights, additional 25c.  
Business rates: \$1 the first light, 75c each the next 6, additional, 50c.  
Saloons, \$1 each light.  
For 32 cp lamps double the former ratio. Arch light \$10.00 each.  
Meter rate 15c per K. W. hr.  
Plain incandescent wiring \$1.25 per droplight.  
No less than two lights will be installed.  
Remittance must be made by the tenth of each month.  
Your patronage solicited.  
Respectfully,  
**W. J. MILLER,**  
Secretary and Manager.

**Dr. Buchanan**  
SPECIALIST  
Practice limited to Diseases of the  
**Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat**  
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BALLINGER, TEXAS

**PERSONAL MENTION**

George Guion spoke at Content last Sunday night.

Currie returned from last Sunday.

Parks was shaking hands with friends here Saturday.

Powell went to Brown Wednesday afternoon on business.

W. L. Browne is now holding down a position with the Humphrey Lumber Co.

Lee Bedford of the Winters country was here Monday and reports things prosperous in his section.

Raby Padgett left Tuesday for Ennis on a short visit and to accompany his sister Miss Sammie home.

Misses Emma Lankford and Earl Gressett spent last week at Wingate, the guests of their friend Miss Wyatt.

This week Skinner & Shepherd sold their one half interest in the Jome Steam Laundry to Smith & Corum who took charge on the 1st.

C. M. Chambley arrived this week from Bell county where he effected a deal for his section of land 6 miles northeast of Winters at \$10 per acre.

J. T. Powell received a phone message Monday night from S. J. Williams, Texas, stating the death of Mrs. Jones, wife of Col. Wash Jones, deceased.

A good rain fell in this community last Sunday night. At this point there was about 1 1/2 inches. This will be of immense value to the cotton crop.

**To All Voters.**

On day of election please bring your poll Tax Receipts, City, County and State, as you will be required to produce them before voting.  
C. R. CREWS,  
Presiding Officer.

**THERE'S A DIFFERENCE**



in banks as in all other institutions and

**The CITIZENS NATIONAL**

is no exception. It is different in that it holds the business of its depositors to be of paramount importance and their money and interests are carefully safeguarded. No investments are made unless the security offered will bear the closest investigation.

**When in Need**

Of something to eat you naturally go to the grocery. The question is to which one for there are many. It is good common sense as well as economy to go to the man who is anxious for your trade.

**We are It**

And when we get even a little of

J. S. Jones, of Bastrop, nephew of Col. Wash Jones deceased, was here this week the guest of J. W. Powell and wife. Mr. Jones is a prominent young attorney of Bastrop and was looking after his uncle's land in this county. He left Tuesday afternoon in response to a telegram stating that Mrs. Wash Jones, his aunt, had suddenly died.

The Rev. J. A. Maples came in from Greenville Thursday and will make a series of speeches in Runnels county in behalf of local option. Mr. Maples carries maps, charts, etc. and his illustrated lectures on the subject are unique and interesting. He will speak at the Methodist church next Sunday night, Sept. 6th.

The Winters band enroute for Brownwood passed through Thursday afternoon and while here played several selections on our streets which were very much appreciated. They were engaged to play for a prohibition rally in Brownwood Friday the 4th.

The prohibition rally here Wednesday was interesting and well attended. Hon. C. F. Dickinson and Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh were the orators for the occasion and both made splendid speeches which were well received.

The Banner-Leader acknowledges the receipt of a pretty souvenir in the way of a paper weight from our friend Mrs. Stella Forbes this week, and when we cut a green watermelon we will certainly invite her.

Sheriff McGaughy of Sweetwater was here this week to see Henry Wylie about the right of way through the latter's pasture in Coke county for the new Orient road from Sweetwater to San Angelo.

J. H. Tyer and John Latham of Panola county, Miss., are here this week prospecting in the Winters country with a view to becoming citizens of the greatest country on earth.

J. A. DeMerville made a trip up in the Pumphrey community this week and down Valley Creek and reports a splendid rain in that section.

C. C. Culwell of Miles one of the county commissioners was in Ballinger the last of this week enjoying himself among his many friends.

B. Leatherwood and wife have returned from Garza this week where Mr. Leatherwood went to transact some business in the house line.

Prof. S. D. Williams and family have moved to the C. S. Miller ranch to enjoy the country breezes for awhile.

A complete and elegant line of matting now on hand and the price on it is right.  
Lankford & Hathaway.

R. G. Erwin after a month's tour in old Mexico came in last Friday looking as handsome as ever.

Barton Brothers shoes—the best on earth for the money. For sale at Hixson Bros.

Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth returned last Sunday from an extensive trip in old Mexico.

Jenks Blacher came in Sun-

Jas E. Brewer is after you jewelry trade

Miss Tub Thomson of Santa Anna is the guest of Misses Mame and Kate Thomson of this city.

Miss Augusta Hardgrave came this week from Van Horn where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Ben Wylie the past month.



**A Mountain** is delivered by of Coal our wagons every year. The quality permits no chance for fault finding. Every pound of coal that leaves our yard is

**GOOD COAL**

It is free from dirt and other impurities. It will make very hot fires, burn evenly and burn up clean. The percentage of waste is very small.

**J. A. FORBES**

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\$25.00 Worth of Chewing Gum, Prizes with each 10cts worth—Pocket Knives, Razors, Jewelry—given away. Fresh Candies. Cigars, 5 cents straight, 2 for 5, 3 for 5, 5 for 5, and 10 for 5—At

**W. T. SWINK'S.**

**W. W. Fowler,**  
Physician and Surgeon,  
BALLINGER, -- TEXAS.  
Office over Walker's Drug Store.  
Will do a general practice.—All calls day or night, answered promptly.

**IF YOU WANT**

Information in criminal, civil or private matters address **LOCK BOX 62** Ballinger, Texas

Will Mullen of Winters was here Thursday.

You can find window shades in endless variety at Lankford and Hathaways'.

D. E. Adams of Content is in Ballinger today attending Baptist Association.

Window shades in endless variety and various prices to suit you at Hixson Bros.

Miss Earl Williams has returned from Walker county where she visited friends.

Special bargain this week in a good second hand watch Lankford & Hathaway.

Judge Hutchinson and Oliver T. Hixson left Monday overland for Kerrville to attend the fair at that place.

Miss Franc Baker came in Sunday from an extensive trip in old Mexico where she has been spending a month.

Sam Mapes and family returned Friday from a week's fishing trip on the Concho. He reports splendid success.

The Banner-Leader comes out in a 16 page issue this week, 1440 inches of solid matter. This is the largest regular edition of our paper ever published in Ballinger.

**TEARFUL OR CHEERFUL?**

Whether a woman is tearful or cheerful depends not on what she has materially, but what she is physically. Many an indulgent husband is driven almost to despair by the tearful outburst of a wife who has "everything she wants." He wants to know what's the matter. But the wife can't tell. She only knows that she is depressed and despondent. Such a condition is usually related to some form of womanly disease.



**\$500 REWARD FOR WOMEN WHO CANNOT BE CURED.**

Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States, for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure. Mrs. Alice Adams, of Laboratory, Washington Co., Pa., says: "With many thanks I write to let you know how I am. I can say by God's help and your help I am well. I have taken six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and two of his 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and I can do all my work. I can't praise your medicine too highly. I will recommend your medicine as long as I live. If any one doubts this give them my address." Keep the bowels healthy by the timely use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

**For Sale or Rent:**  
**The R. G. Bosworth Residence,**  
Located on Corner of 9th St. and Railroad Ave. Opposite Depot.  
See  
**C. A. DOOSE.**

**Boyd Bros.,**  
Will Give you an easy shave, a neat Hair Cut, Shampoo, Massage, Etc.—Hair Cut 25c, Shave 15c, Six Baths \$1.00. Give them a trial Location:—Harry Scott Building on 8th street.  
**Boyd Bros.**

**THERE IS NO BETTER**  
Just received a car of JOS. W. MOON Buggies that have been bought right and will be sold right.

Buy your sulky plows. See the **CASADAY PELT & KIRK**

# WILL PROHIBITION PROHIBIT

Read some facts, the testimony of people who have tried and are now trying local option in Texas and draw your own conclusions.

The antis continually assert that "prohibition will not prohibit" and say that for this reason it ought not to be voted on the county. For proof of the truthfulness of their assertion they run to Mississippi, Kansas and Iowa,

Now voters of Runnels county lets get the case squarely before us and then take the evidence of people who know.

Understand first that the thing it is proposed to prohibit by local option is the open legalized saloon—that and nothing else. Antis and pros are agreed on the evils of drinking and both condemn the habit. Proe also say that the saloon itself is evil and only evil and ought not to be allowed to exist. The antis themselves say if prohibition will prohibit it is a good thing.

The other thing we need to keep in mind is, will the Texas law prohibit the open saloon. It is only the Texas law we are dealing with and from Texas alone our evidence should all come. Hear them, what those say who ought to know.

## The Saloon Men Speak.

The following was printed in the Dallas News June 12, 1902.

### MAY LEAVE TEXAS.

Report that spread of prohibition will drive large liquor houses from the State.

Because of the spread of the sentiment in favor of prohibition a number of the largest whole sale liquor houses in north Texas are contemplating a removal to Cincinnati, O. This statement comes from one of the firms.

It is told that since last January the success of prohibitionists had reduced the business of one house \$150,000 per annum, and it is feared that the reduction will be still greater.

Now what say the voters of Runnels county? Does not that look like prohibition is prohibiting something.

## Prohibition

In Hood County, Prohibits, so say the County Officials.

FROM DISTRICT COURT CLARK HOOD COUNTY.

Granbury, Texas, July 14, 1903.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that local option is in effect in Hood county, Texas, and has been since December 1902, and that the local option law is being strictly enforced. There is not a place in the county where spiritous liquors are sold, nor has there been an indictment returned into this court by the grand jury of this county, against any persons, for violating the local option laws, but on the contrary, the grand jury, at its April term, 1903, of the district court of the county, in their report to the judge of said county, reported that they had thoroughly investigated this class of crime, and had failed in their investigations to find any violations of the local option laws in Hood county, and in this connection, I wish to state for the benefit of all who may see this that they may know from what source it comes, that I voted and have, on all occasions, in elections of this kind, voted an anti-prohibition ticket, but notwithstanding this fact, I say, most emphatically, that local option in Hood

county does prohibit.

Yours truly,  
T. J. Williams, Clerk  
Dist. Court Hood Co.

FROM SHERIFF HOOD COUNTY.  
Granbury, Texas,  
July 14, 1903

To whom it may concern:

I have information from a reliable source that some of the speakers in other counties where there is a prohibition campaign now on, are making the statement that prohibition does not prohibit in this, Hood county. Any person making such statement has been wrongfully informed, or wilfully tells a falsehood.

There has not been the least suspicion towards the violation of the prohibition law in this county and I have good reasons to know that there has not been an attempt to violate that law in this county. While I don't like to mix up in local affairs of other counties, and would not care to do so now, but I consider such statements to be a reflection on the officers and citizens of this county. There is no law that can't be enforced if the officers have the backbone to stand up and do their sworn duty. If they will do that the best citizens will stay with them. I have always been opposed to prohibition till now and I wish to state that I find it better for this county. My jail has been empty more than half the time since this county voted prohibition.

Respectfully,  
J. L. Sandlin,  
Sheriff Hood County.

FROM COUNTY JUDGE HOOD COUNTY.  
Granbury, Texas,  
July 4, 1903.

To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify that since prohibition was voted in this county it has been a "dry county."

If there has been a single violation of prohibition it has not in any way come to my knowledge.

Crime of every description has materially decreased, which fact the records of our courts will show; everybody has employment, "loafing" is unknown, business seems better than before—in fact the most ardent prohibitionists could not conceive a better condition than we enjoy. Prohibition prohibits in Hood county.

Respectfully,  
K. H. Faulkner,  
County Judge Hood Co.

FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY HOOD COUNTY.

Granbury, Texas,  
July 14, 1903.

To whom it may concern:

Having been informed that certain parties in counties in which there is now pending a prohibition election are stating that prohibition does not prohibit in Hood county, I hereby state that such statements are erroneous. We have no sale of intoxicating liquor of any kind in Hood county that I know of or have suspicioned. I can say that we have prohibition in Hood county in every sense of the word.

Lon Morris,  
Co. Atty. Hood Co.

FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF 76TH DISTRICT.

Granbury, Texas,  
July 14, 1903.

To whom it may concern:

This certifies that I am well acquainted with the people in Hood county, have held the county clerk's office, and county judge's office continually since 1890 until the general election and was then elected as a member of the 28th legislature. And will say that local option went into effect here the latter part of last year, and I do not believe any one has sold or attempted to sell any intoxicating liquors since local option went into effect. It is admitted that local option does prohibit in Hood county.

Respectfully,  
Phil Jackson,  
Rep. 76 Dist.

FROM COUNTY CLERK HOOD COUNTY.

Granbury, Texas,  
July 14, 1903.

To whom it may concern:

This certifies that I am somewhat acquainted with the prohibition movement in Hood county, Texas, I have lived in said county twenty years or more. We have had whiskey most of the time during said years, up till December 23rd, 1902, when three saloons closed their doors. Two of the saloon men left the county, the other men quit their business like gentlemen, and are now doing an excellent business in buggies, harness, etc. There is no disposition on the part of said men to violate the local option

and county is in a prosperous condition. Some substantial buildings have been recently erected. Prohibition has not killed our town, but on the other hand business interests are as good, and I believe much better than when we had whiskey. Men who frequented the saloons have straightened up and gone to work. The disorder caused by young men riding out of town nights, while whiskey was here has absolutely disappeared. I do not hesitate to say that Hood county is a thousand fold better off with out whiskey than she is with it.

The people of Hood county propose to stand by her officers in the discharge of their duties, and demand that the officers do their duty.

Respectfully,  
Geo. Tarrant,  
County Clerk Hood Co.

## HOPKINS COUNTY NEXT.

Hear what the Sheriff and Grand Jury have to say

FROM THE SHERIFF.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that since prohibition was voted on, the 7th day of September, 1901, by the people of Hopkins county, the dockets of the county court show that crime has diminished at least 40 per cent. No intoxicating liquors of any kind are sold within the limits of our county, and such a thing as a "blind tiger" or "hop ale joint" is positively unknown to our people. Prohibition absolutely prohibits in Hopkins county, as it will elsewhere, if the county attorney and sheriff will faithfully and conscientiously discharge their sworn duty. The prohibition law can be enforced with the same certainty as any other law on our statute books if the officers will put forth the proper effort.

Drunkenness has also decreased wonderfully. A drunken man is now rarely ever seen on the streets of Sulphur Springs. Men who got drunk every time they come to town, when we had saloons here, now come to town, do their trading and go home to their families sober men.

"We have made an exhaustive investigation to ascertain whether or not there have been any violations of the local option law in the county, and we have absolutely failed to find any infraction of the law. \* \* \* And we are glad to report that crime as a whole in Hopkins county appears to be greatly diminishing."

R. W. NEYLANS Foreman.

## IT DOES PROHIBIT.

Business increases 50 per cent and property doubles in value

Mt. Vernon, Texas, July 4th, 1909.—Mr. J. Z. Miller Belton, Texas, Dear Sir: Your letter of the 2nd instant at 11 and noted. Yes, it is a fact we have had no prisoners in nor haven't had for quite a while. The last occupant of our jail was a man who had violated the local option law. We have had prohibition in our town eight years and we now have it in the county. The law is a success with us. Our officers and citizens see that the law is enforced. Our churches and schools are growing continuously. Our young men are models of morality. Some persons still have whiskey shipped to them for private use, but public drunkenness is almost a thing of the past. Our business has increased at least 50 per cent and town property has more than doubled its value. Our bankers and merchants are pleased with the results of the local option law and say by their vote that whiskey shall not come back to our town. Our executive officers say, and our court minutes show, that crime has decreased very materially since whiskey was voted out. We have no blind tigers in our town, hence we are rid of all the environments of the open saloon. Occasionally someone will attempt to bootleg a little whiskey through the county, but our officers and citizens make it so unpleasant for him that he soon desists. We have some citizens and business men in the county who want whiskey back; but they are in a hopeless minority. We

such threats and insinuations we should make no compromise with lawlessness and crime, no concession to wrong or wrongdoers, but fearlessly and faithfully uphold and maintain the majesty of the law when expressed by the ballot box as the will of the people. We mistake the metal and manhood of our law abiding citizens if they are thus to be deterred in the discharge of their duty.

The plea that the removal of the saloon will injure the prosperity of a place is without any show of reason. People compose a town, and we have only to enquire as to the effect of the saloon upon the inhabitants to know whether it will be beneficial or hurtful—elevating or degrading—and to ask the question is but to answer it, as written in characters of blood and guilt and shame. And now the plain proposition resolves itself into this: If the people compose the town, and the saloon debauches and degrades its patrons, then it must follow that the degradation of the people is the condition of prosperity—the varied rot. But were it true that the saloon did contribute to the material prosperity of a place at the hazard of law and order, peace and purity, home and humanity, are we prepared to sacrifice these most sacred interests of the human heart upon a cross of gold? And in this connection let us again remind our fellow citizens that the saloons may only exist by the consent of the people as given through the polls and should anyone vote for the saloons, or tacitly consent to its existence by not voting at all, then must such persons share in all the horrors and crimes growing out of that iniquitous business.

A specious plea is now being made that the local option precincts should not interest themselves in their county at large and leave Ballinger to fight its own battles. Is not this an election for the entire county, and have these precincts no interest and pride in their county at large? In the administration of justice, law, order and in all such matters, have they not the rights of any other citizen of the county, or are they to be disfranchised and treated as intruders and modestly told that they have no interest in the fight and in the affairs of Ballinger?

Whatever may be said of the logic of our saloon friends, surely they are not wanting in cheek in trying to circumscribe the constitutional rights of their fellow citizens in matters of public interest. Every true citizen should feel an abiding interest in the whole county and especially in the largest town which they frequent from time to time and should not be exposed to the saloons and its attendant vices, and by reason of which the unwary are not infrequently involved by drunkenness and crime, in the toils of the law. And yet we are told that our country people—victims of these snares and pitfalls—should have no voice in such matters. We sincerely hope and believe our friends of the country will rise up in the strength of their manhood and repel at the ballot box this reflection upon their rights and responsibility as citizens of the county, and vote their true sentiments upon the merits of the question—for law and order, principle and patriotism, virtue and morality, home and human-

#### Examine Your Ticket.

Be sure that your ticket reads FOR PROHIBITION. If you vote a ticket with any other word on it you will lose your vote. Don't vote a ticket with the words FOR LOCAL OPTION on it, or with a word wrongly spelled like prohibition with a letter left of it, prohibition, or prohibition. A ticket with a misspelled word on it will not be counted at all. Every friend to local option throughout the country should heed this advice and call attention of every voter to the warning. Don't fail to carry your poll tax receipt with you to the polls and to see that your ticket reads

FOR PROHIBITION.

#### ABOUT THAT POLL TAX.

##### The Following Letters are Self Explanatory.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 21, 1903.

Mr. E. D. Walker,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: This department is in receipt of yours of the 19th inst. in which you ask if it is necessary that voters living in the town of Ballinger shall have paid their city poll tax as well as their State and County poll tax, provided they were liable for said poll tax, before they can vote in an election to be held on Sept. 10th.

In reply thereto you are advised that if the city poll tax was due and payable prior to Feb. 1st last, all parties subject to the payment of such city poll tax must show same paid, as well as also the State and County poll tax, in order to be a qualified voter in the election mentioned.

Yours Truly,  
T. S. JOHNSON,  
Office Asst. Atty. Gen'l.

August 31, 1903.

Mr. O. M. Fitzhugh,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th inst. in which you state that it is claimed by persons in your county that a person who has not paid his poll tax for 1902 prior to Feb. 1, 1903, can, after Sept. 1, 1903, pay the 1902 poll tax and the poll tax for 1903, and thus qualify himself to vote in an election in 1903. You ask an expression of opinion from the Attorney General on this point.

In reply beg leave to state that we have had this question up time and again, and have given it the best consideration of which I and my assistants are capable. Unless the poll tax of a proposed voter for the year 1902 was paid, and the poll tax receipt issued showing the payment of the poll tax to have been made prior to Feb. 1, 1903, the voter who was otherwise qualified cannot vote until after February 1st, 1904.

This is so clear that I do not think there is any possibility of a doubt about the correctness of the opinion which I now express and which I have expressed time and again heretofore.

Very Respectfully,  
C. K. BELL, Att'y Gen'l.

Runnels County Prohibition Campaign Committee.

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### SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

#### PASSENGER TRAINS.

West-bound due at Ballinger  
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#### LOCAL TRAINS.

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

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

### The Farmer's Wagon Yard.

This week Smith & Corum go out of the wagon yard business and take charge of the Home Steam Laundry. J. D. Justice the owner of the yard this week sold it to a Mr. Cobb of Mills county who will take charge at once.

### G. W. Jones Ranch For Sale.

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### Teachers Interstate Examination Courses.

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### A Jubilee.

The anti prohibition party had quite a jubilee here Tuesday in the way of a rally. The Lone Star Brass Band furnished music for the occasion. A private meeting was held at the court house in the afternoon at which the campaign plans were talked over.

### A "Coon" Case.

Quite a number of Ballinger coons left Wednesday for Brownwood, some as witnesses, some as party litigants in a Habeas Corpus trial to be held there in which Robt Cook (col) desires to get possession of his child from his wife's father, Mr. Taylor.

Judges M. C. Smith and J. W. Powell went along as attorneys for both sides.

Just as Robt Cook was ready to get on the train Sheriff Kirk arrested him on a warrant from Concho county charging him with carrying a pistol. He immediately gave bond and went on to Brownwood.

### San Angelo Press.

Rev. Whitley will go to Ballinger Thursday to attend the meeting of the Content Baptist Association, to convene in that city. He will return Saturday and be present to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Judge Eugene Gustavus, of Madison county, and his brother, Dr. W. A. Gustavus, a prominent dentist of Ballinger, visited at the homes of Messrs. B. F. Wheelis and W. C. Crow last week. Judge Gustavus accompanied his brother to his home in Ballinger Thursday and remained with him a few days before returning to Madison county.

### Norton News.

The drouth has been broken at last. It began raining Monday morning about 4 o'clock and rained between two and three hours a good steady rain which will do a great deal of good, though too late to be of much benefit to cotton. Already some have commenced sowing wheat for winter pasture, and others will sow later. Cotton will be very light.

There was considerable changing around among the stockmen, and if the rain had held off a few days more it would have gotten serious among some of us.

The new gin is now ready for the cotton, so bring your cotton to Norton, as many as can do so conveniently, where we venture to say you will get a good turnout and also a good sample.

Miss Lula Price who has been visiting here, has returned home.

John Taylor, we learn, has traded his cattle for a pair of work horses. Wonder what John wants with a work team.

Mr. John Haley and family from Sterling are visiting in Norton and vicinity this week.

The young people enjoyed a party Monday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lykes, which was given in honor of Miss Lina Everett.

Bro. Hopkins seems a little lonely since Mrs. Hopkins has gone to Dallas on a visit to her daughter, and to take Byron to Brownwood to enter school.

"S. J."

Brewer's watch repairing  
the best

was present and heard me read this letter, and stated to the crowd that if things did not change for the worse, he would have to resign his office. Yes, Smith county is dry, very dry, but prosperity reigns with us.  
J. J. R.

### Grand Jury Returns one hundred and nine Indictments.

Amarillo Tex., Aug. 30—District court has adjourned after a session of four weeks. There was an unusually large docket at

the attitude of the saloon toward law and order—then it is highly imperative to destroy the unholy traffic, lest it destroy us in over riding all forms and enforcement of law, and ignoring the rights and liberties of the people. Instead of being deterred and intimidated by

# The Terrell Election Law

## ELECTIONS—MANNER of HOLDING AND MAKING RETURNS

An act to regulate elections and to prescribe penalties for its violation.

Sec. 83. To guard against fraud, certified copies of the poll tax books or rolls and of the certificate of exemption books or rolls for the voting precinct shall be in the possession of the officers conducting the primary election for reference and comparison, and every poll tax receipt and certificate of exemption of a voter at a primary election shall be stamped when the vote is cast, with a rubber stamp, or written with pen and ink, with the words, "Primary-voted," with date of such primary underneath the same; provided, that this section shall not apply to towns and cities with a population of less than 10,000, in so far as it applies to certificates of exemption; and provided further, that the judges of the primary elections shall be qualified to administer oaths in regard to any matter coming up under said primary election.

Sec. 84. The second Saturday in July, in the year A. D. 1904, and in every two years thereafter, shall be the legal primary election day, and primary elections and primary party conventions to nominate candidates for a general election shall be held on no other day. Any political party may select a different day on which to hold a primary election or convention to select delegates to a State convention, held for the purpose of sending delegates to a National convention, and any political party may hold a second primary of the last Saturday in July to nominate candidates where a majority vote is required to make a nomination. The name of no candidate of any party that cast ten thousand votes at the previous election for Governor shall be printed on any official ballot unless he shall first have been nominated by primary election or convention, or if a candidate to be voted for in all the counties by a State convention, and except as herein provided. Nominations of party candidates for offices to be filled in any city or town shall be made not less than twenty days prior to the city or town election at which they are to be chosen, in such manner as the party executive committee for such city or town shall direct, and if made by primary election, all the laws applying to county primary elections shall apply to them; provided, any political party may permit or order the holding of any primary convention at such hour such party may deem advisable on said day.

Sec. 85. Each political party shall determine for itself in each county whether it will nominate candidates for office by primary election or convention, and due notice of the method chosen by such party shall be given in writing to the county judge by the chairman of the county executive committee at least twenty days before "primary election day," which notice shall be entered of record.

Sec. 86. The second Saturday in July, in 1904, and every two

years thereafter, shall be known as "primary election day," and on that all primary elections and conventions to nominate for county, district and precinct officers shall be held, and the name of no candidate shall be printed on the regular official ballot for a general election unless he was voted for and chosen on that day; provided, that in counties where no primary election or convention for county or precinct officers has been held by any political party, the names of all candidates for county and precinct offices shall be placed on the official ticket, but the various candidates must name the ballot on which he desires his name placed.

Sec. 87. All county executive committees or county conventions of organized political parties shall meet the following Thursday after each primary election or convention, and every two years thereafter, to canvass the result of the primary elections and conventions held on "primary election day."

Sec. 88. All executive committees or conventions for a district, assembled to canvass the votes at a primary election or convention for the counties of a district for a district office, shall meet for such purpose on the fourth Saturday in July, 1904, and in each year of a general election thereafter, which day shall be known as "district convention day."

Sec. 89. All party State conventions to nominate for Governor and State officers shall meet at such places as may be determined by the parties respectively during the month of August 1904, and every two years thereafter, on some day to be designated by their respective State executive committees, and they shall remain in session, if necessary, from day to day until all nominations are made.

Sec. 90. The names of all candidates nominated by the State convention of any political party during the month of August shall then be certified to by the president and secretary of such convention to the Secretary of State, who shall notify all county clerks, and they shall be printed on the official ballot under direction of the county clerk.

Sec. 91. The places of holding primary elections and primary conventions by a political party in the various precincts of the State shall not be within one hundred yards of the place at which elections are conducted by a different political party.

When the chairman of the executive committee of different parties cannot agree on the place where precinct primaries or conventions shall be held such places in each precinct shall be designated by the county judge, who shall cause notice thereof to be given at once in some newspaper of the county. Such primary elections, when held, shall be in every election precinct as fixed by the commissioners court.

Sec. 92. The chairman of the executive committee of each political party entitled to recognition on the official ballot shall give ten days' notice before primary election day of the time and place in each precinct where primary elections of his party or primary conventions, as the case may be, will be held, and such notice should be published in some newspaper advocating the principles of the particular party, if there be one.

Sec. 93. All precinct primary elections of a party shall be conducted by a presiding judge, to be appointed by the chairman of the county executive committee of the party. Such presiding judge shall select an associate judge and two clerks to assist in conducting the election, and two challengers may be chosen by the party candidates, if they can agree upon them, for each precinct. The presiding judge of the election and his associates, as well as the clerks, shall each take the oath required to be taken by the judges at general elections; provided, that two sets of judges and clerks may be allowed at all voting precincts where more than one hundred votes were cast at the last primary election or general election.

Sec. 94. The vote in all primary elections shall be by official ballot, which shall have printed at the top thereof the name of the party, and under it the names of all candidates, those for each office being arranged in alphabetical order beneath the title of the office for which they are candidates. The voter shall erase or mark out all the names he does not wish to vote for; provided, that the county executive committee of the party holding any primary election may prescribe additional qualifications necessary to participate therein.

Sec. 95. The polls at primary elections shall be opened at eight o'clock in the morning on primary election day, and closed at six o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Sec. 96. Primary conventions may open and close on primary convention day at such times as may be determined by the county executive committee or its chairman.

Sec. 97. The voting booths, ballot boxes and guard rails required for general elections shall be used by the various precincts for primary elections, as provided for in Section 45 of this bill. The party executive committee of each county shall provide and furnish just such voting booths, guard rails and ballot boxes for the use at primary elections of the party that cast the next highest vote for Governor, together with printed ballots containing the names of all the candidates of such party, and all necessary writing material and stamps, which shall be paid for by the candidates before such primary election. All ballot boxes, guard rails and voting booths, after being used in primary elections, shall be safely kept by order of the commissioners court for further use.

Sec. 98. All returns of precinct elections properly signed and certified as correct by the judges thereof, showing the vote

for each candidate, shall be sealed up and immediately delivered after such primary election to the chairman of the county executive committee of the party. Said chairman shall give notice to the members of the county executive committee of his party to assemble at the county site of the county on the first Saturday after primary election, when said returns shall be opened in the presence of and under the direction of such executive committee and canvassed by them. They shall then make a list of the candidates who have received the highest vote for each office, and the chairman of the executive committee shall certify to the same and deliver it to the county clerk of the county, who shall cause the names of such candidates who have received the highest vote to be printed on the official ballot of that party; provided, that when a candidate for Governor, or for offices to be filled by all the voters of the State, are voted for in a primary election, the chairman of the county executive committee and its secretary shall certify the number of votes cast for each of such candidates, and cause the same to be published in some newspaper of the county (if there be one), and then deliver under seal to the president of the next State convention of the party, when he shall have been elected; provided, this section shall not prevent the holding of a county convention for the purpose of counting and declaring the result of the election.

Sec. 99. Returns shall be made by the chairman of the county executive committee in ten days after canvassing the primary vote of the county to the chairman of each district executive committee of the vote for the district candidates, and when the returns of each county comprising the district have been received by the chairman of the district executive committee and the result of the primary elections in the various counties of the district has been ascertained by the district executive committee, the name of the candidate for that party in that district who has received the largest vote shall be placed by the county clerk of each county therein on the official ballot, after receiving notice from the chairman of the district of such result; provided, that the executive committee of any party for any such district may call a district convention for the selection of nominees for district offices therein, the delegates composing which shall be instructed by the county conventions of their respective counties in accordance with the vote of the primary election held in each county, or such delegates may go uninstructed where no primary election has been held in their county.

Sec. 100. The judges and clerks who serve at primary elections shall receive each such compensation as may be allowed by the county executive committee for holding each primary and making out and delivering the returns of the same to the county chairman.

Sec. 101. The same precautions required by law in general elections to secure the purity of the ballot in regard to the ballot boxes, method of voting, the ballot, sealing the ballot boxes and returns, and watchful care of them, and the method of preparing his vote in the booths, or

place prepared by the judges of election, by the elector, shall be observed in all primary elections as far as practicable.

Sec. 102. Before all primary elections, the blank ballots shall be counted in sufficient number for each precinct by the chairman of the executive committee, and delivered to the presiding judges of the precinct primaries, and returns shall be made by them to the chairman of the executive committee of the ballot boxes containing the ballots voted, locked and sealed, tally sheets, return sheets, ballots mutilated and defaced, and ballots not voted, for which he shall account to the executive committee of the county.

Sec. 103. If there be two factions of the same political party, each claiming recognition on the official ballot, the county clerk shall place on the official ballot the nominees of that faction which the chairman of the executive committee of the party shall certify as being the regular nominee, except as herein provided.

Sec. 104. All nominations in primary convention shall be made in such manner as the political party shall determine; provided, that no one shall vote in such convention unless his name is on the poll tax or certificate of exemption roll for the precinct, if the voter is required to procure a certificate of exemption under this act.

Sec. 105. The expenses incurred in furnishing blank poll tax receipt books and blank poll tax receipt and certificate of exemption rolls for the precinct shall be paid by the county.

Sec. 106. The county collector shall be paid for making out each certificate of exemption and each poll tax receipt contained in poll tax book No. 1 fifteen cents; but this shall include duplicate and copies thereof in that book, and in the book filed with the county judge, and all in the poll tax rolls of receipts and certificates of exemption made out for the precincts; for all of which, no additional sum shall be paid. Such amount shall be paid by the county commissioners court on the presentation by the tax collector of an itemized statement, sworn to by him, and approved by the county judge. The compensation allowed the collector under this section shall be fees ex-officio, and shall not be computed under what is known as the fee bill.

Sec. 107. No immaterial error made by any officer of a primary election, nor any immaterial violation of the primary election laws by any elector, shall vitiate any election held under this act nor be the cause of throwing out the vote of any election precinct.

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trouble and peril, Kansas City was afraid of its saloons. In view of these things, it is pertinent to ask: Is it a safe and sane thing for a city to license, foster and protect an institution that is too immoral to be trusted when life and property are in peril? It is worthy of note that as the saloons were forcibly closed all the churches situated within convenient distance of the flooded districts were voluntarily thrown open became homes of refuge for the homeless.

#### An Appeal to Christian Citizenship.

The saloon men continually violate every law made for the restriction of that traffic; and we may concede that they will not obey the local option law, if they can help it. Where saloon influences have dominated elections, it may also be conceded that the officers will be lax in the enforcement of the law, and that prohibition will not prohibit as it should. But these things in no wise lessen the responsibility that rests upon every Christian Voter to vote for prohibition. It is conceded by both pro. and anti. that the saloon is immoral in its influences; that it destroys manhood, debauches virtue and hinders the church in its mission of saving souls. If these things be true this is an end to the argument, this settles the question as to the duty of the Christian voter. You cannot vote to perpetuate influences that are immoral and unchristian without violating your christian duty. The Local option, if properly enforced, will practically suppress the liquor traffic. Without local option it is certain we will have the open saloon. The law may or may not be enforced. If not the responsibility is with the officers.

If you vote for prohibition the responsibility is lifted from your shoulders. If you vote the saloon upon the county the responsibility for the whiskey traffic, and all attendant evils will be upon YOU. The officers cannot enforce the local option law until you have first made that law by your vote. You cannot shift the responsibility, nor can you pass it up to the officers until you have first passed the local option law in your county. "Be strong and show thyself a man". Do YOUR duty, let others do as they may.

#### Twenty Reasons For Opposing The Saloons.

1. It never builds up manhood, but tears it down.
2. It never beautifies the home, but often wrecks it.
3. It never increases ones usefulness, but lessens it.
4. It never allays the passions, but inflames them.
5. It never stills the tongue of slander, but loosens it.
6. It never promotes purity of thought, but poisons it.
7. It never empties almshouses and prisons, but fills them.
8. It never protects the ballot box, but defiles it.
9. It never makes happy families, but miserable ones.
10. It never prompts to right-doing in anything, but to wrong.
11. It never prepares one for heaven, but for hell.
12. It never diminishes taxes (with all its revenue), but increases them.
13. It never renders the Sabbath quiet, but desecrates it.
14. It never protects our property nor personal safety, but endangers them.
15. It never helps one to get a good insurance policy on his life, but militates against it.
16. It never creates ambition and thrift, but invites laziness, profligacy, poverty, idleness and crime.
17. It never builds up the church, but peoples

the station-houses, prisons and chain-gangs. 18. It never refines character nor promotes Christian grace, but it is a destroyer of the soul. 19. It never teaches honesty and uprightness, but incites the incendiary to apply the midnight torch. 20. It never protects a man, but robs him of his money, his family happiness, his hopes and all endearments of life.

Voters of Runnels county the question is now before you. You must shoulder the responsibility for whatever decision is made. If in the face of the overwhelming evidence that saloons breed crime and cause misery, you vote to perpetuate the saloons, you must allow yourself to be considered responsible with them for whatever the crime and misery they produce, for they cannot exist without your permission expressed at the poles. If one single good to the public at large could be a little different, but that one good cannot be named. Of course there are a source of revenue to the proprietor, they furnish employment to the few person who work around them, and pay very high rentals to the man who rents them buildings to run in, but where is the good to the general public? Let Judge Butler of Smith county answer.

That dreadful result of throwing so many men out of employment presents a sad picture. It being admitted that the business does no good but always harm; does the fact that a great number is engaged in it furnish any sane reason for continuing to tolerate the business. A man builds a furnace out here on the square for burning wood. He hires 100 men to cut wood, 50 to haul wood, 25 men to chuck it into the furnace pays them \$2 a day for the work, but the only object of the furnace is to burn wood. It isn't for steam, for smelting purposes, or for any other purposes than to furnish employment to 175 men. On the contrary, it consumes values day by day, reduces them to worthless ashes, carries them off in worthless smoke. Yet, this business should not be prohibited because of the 175 men. But you add this to the fact that the smoke is a nuisance and that the sparks from time to time set fire, liable to enlarge into a sweeping flagration, to the surrounding houses, so that it takes increased expenditure in the fire department, and an increased police force to watch it, it does seem that would be the part of an intelligent citizenship to have the furnace torn down and carried away, even though its proprietor should be compelled to go into some other business and his hands to seek employment elsewhere. If he doesn't like such procedure, on the part of those who have had enough of him and his business, let him re-erect his furnace at some place where the people are better pleased with fire and smoke.

In this contests the interests of the individual should not be given consideration against the interests of the public at large. While no charges are made against saloon men as individuals the saloons as institutions are organized at the bar of public intelligence. They are charged with being enemies to wealth, health and public morals and the evidence against them has been produced. The voters of this county are asked to pass upon the one question, saloons or no saloons. In this contest there are arranged on one side the

force that make for public moral elevation, for the protection of houses, for the happiness of women and for the sobriety of men. Opposed to these forces are the saloons and their advocates.

It must be determined by the voters, which set of forces will prevail in the affairs of this county. There is no other tribunal to which this question can be referred and to the voters of this county the issue before us is now passed for settlement.

#### Prohibition Endorsed.

It is claimed by the antis that local option has proved a failure wherever tried. This they pros deny. In Texas wherever tried for even a brief period and the people have had a chance to express again their opinion of its worth they have endorsed local option by a much increased majority. This ought to be considered positive evidence that the law is good and works to the good of the country else the people have played the fool in keeping that which works to their Country's home.

#### NOW TAKE THE EVIDENCES ERATH COUNTY.

Local option first carried in Erath County by about 500 majority. After it had been in force about a year the election was declared void by the courts and the question was resubmitted to the people. At this second election they endorsed local option by a majority of nearly three to one.

#### PARKER COUNTY.

Parker County first carried local option about two years ago by about 15 votes. The law was held up by injunctions for a year and then was in force a year at the end of which time the antis got another election and the pros won in this second election by 500 majority.

#### HUNT COUNTY.

Hunt County first carried local option a little more than a year ago by 147 majority. The law was in force one year and then the election was declared in the courts to be void and question re-submitted. At the second election local option won by 1645 majority. In the first election Greenville gave 700 anti majority; in the second election Greenville gave over 200 pro majority.

#### PROHIBITION IN CONCHO CO.

Concho Co. is similar in many respects to Runnels Co. It was organized near the same time and was settled by the same class of people and today that County and Runnels are people, by as fine class of manhood as are found in the state. What is good for one county is equally good for the other, and if prohibition is good for our sister county also is it not good for Runnels Co. They have tried it and are trying it, by larger majority they keep the law in effect.

At the election held on March 12 1898. Paint Rock the county seat, went 3 to 1, for prohibition, and after testing the law for 5 years, at the election held on Aug., 29, 1903. It went 11 to 1 for prohibition.

At Eden on the election held March 12, 1898, that box went 2 to 1 for anti-prohibition and after having the open saloons in this town for five years. At the election held in Aug. 29, 1903 the town of Eden voted out saloons by a vote of 2 to 1.

You can buy no whiskey in Paint Rock. The law is observed and this county is found that prohibition does prohibit.

Land values are rapidly advancing in Concho county, emigration is going to the county, lands are assessed at low value, taxes on land, is low, the people are prosperous. These are facts that cannot be disputed and despite, the assertion that prohibition will kill our town and county.

**School Opening Postponed.**  
There was a meeting of the school board Thursday afternoon and the opening of the city school was postponed to Sept. 21st instead of the 14th as was announced in our last week's issue.

There will be a meeting of the school board and the teachers Thursday, Sept. the 17th, at which time teachers will be assigned the work for the year.

On Friday morning, the 18th, pupils and teachers will assemble at the school building at 9 o'clock for the purpose of preliminary arrangements for school work and school will formally open Friday and actually open the following Monday.

#### Man Arrested

Sheriff Kirk arrested a Mr. Harrod here Wednesday night upon suspicion. The sheriff of Coke county phoned him early Wednesday morning that a certain man there had lost a saddle and gave a minute description of the saddle.

Mr. Kirk being on the lookout for the saddle arrested Mr. Harrod and phoned the sheriff of Coke county to come for him Thursday. It is not yet learned whether or not they have the right party.

Mr. Harrod stated to Mr. Kirk that he traded that day for the saddle in his possession with a Mexican, giving the Mexican his old saddle and \$25.

#### The Ball Game.

Manager W. C. Penn in conversation with a Banner-Leader reporter this week stated that he and his team received most elegant treatment while they were in San Angelo playing the three game series and that he especially desires to thank R. A. Hall and Shaw Reeves, president and Secretary of the San Angelo team, for their efforts in seeing after the comfort and entertainment of his team while there and also the good people in general.

#### The Baptist Association.

The Baptist Association convened here Thursday. Quite a large number of delegates from a distance are in attendance and an interesting meeting is being held.

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We are now better prepared to do blacksmith and repair work than ever before. M. S. Middlebrook will do the painting on our work. Give us your work.

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## The New Restaurant

Opened for Business this week at Bollier's old stand—The Building has been thoroughly repaired and we are prepared to serve regular meals or short orders—We will always have the best the market affords and solicit a share of your trade.....

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Lord Salisbury ex premier of England, and one of her greatest statesmen died peacefully on Aug. 22. He was in politics fifty years and exercised a very strong dominant influence over public affairs.

Yellow fever has appeared at Linares, Monterey, and several places in Mexico and is causing some uneasiness by its continued spread. A strict quarantine is being instituted along the Rio Grande.

Mr. Root who has been secretary of war the past 4 years tendered his resignation this week to Teddy Roosevelt and left for London to serve on the Alaskan Boundary Commission. Mr. Taft who has been Governor of the Philippines for some time will succeed Mr. Root and Gen. Luke E. Wright of Memphis, Tennessee will be Governor of the Philippines.

An error in the transmission of a cipher telegram last week is responsible for a false report of the death of a U. S. Consul in Syria. It develops that the Consul was only shot at instead of being killed. He was not even wounded. The United States will send warships anyway and demand redress and punishment of those responsible for the attempted assassination.

Three men held up employees of Chicago City Railway Company at their barns on last Sunday and shot four men killing two instantly and wounding two. The robbers took no chances but commenced shooting down the employees without warning. The robbers secured three thousand dollars and escaped.

### Tom Johnson Nominated.

Tom Johnson, the famous single taxer and mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, was nominated as Governor of that state by the Democratic party. He is the man who excited so much comment some time ago in that state by traveling in his automobile and making speeches.

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All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

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Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh went up to Miles Monday and spoke on prohibition Monday night.

Miss Effie Everett of Brownwood returned home Saturday evening after a visit to Bud Jeffries and family.

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Bob Wylie returned home Saturday after a two months stay in Colorado and other places.

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### The Best.

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### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, Sept 6th, 5 p m.

Leader—H. O'Bannon.

Song.

Prayer.

Lesson Topic—The Allied Forces of Righteousness—John 17:20-23, 1 Cor. 1:10 13.

Reference words 'Unity,' and 'Love.'

Song.

"Union" Discussion of Lesson

—Miss Stella Routh.

Scripture Readings:

One Spirit—1 Cor. 12:1-11—Miss Moody Cordill.

One Body, Many Members—1 Cor. 12:12-27—L. C. Alexander.

Avoid all Strife—Phil 2:1-4—Audie Gustavus.

Song.

Select Reading—Miss Nelle Gregory.

Voluntary talks or readings.

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## Wingate Items.

Editor Banner-Leader:—  
We are all rejoicing over the fine rain that fell last Sunday night, and farmers are expecting a fine cotton crop now.

Quite a crowd of Wingate people attended the Methodist meeting at Pumphrey Sunday and reported a good time. The meeting was conducted by Bro. Jackson of Winters and Bro. Bates of Wingate. Their efforts were crowned with success, having had thirty conversions and eighteen accessions to the M. E. church. Mr. Robert Yates of Winters, and Miss Ethel Moore of Wingate conducted the music at the meeting.

Misses Earl Gressett and Emma Lankford of Ballinger have been visiting in Wingate this week, having returned Saturday accompanied by Miss Ethel Moore and Mr. Bob Gannaway.

Miss Minnie Gannaway returned Saturday from an extended visit to Garland, Texas, and reported a pleasant trip.

Miss Kate Roaten entertained quite a number of young people Friday night. Out in the lawn the ground was beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns. All seemed to enjoy themselves, especially the nice cream and cake.

J. C. Moore and family of Hylton are visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. Cornelius of Winters moved to Wingate last week and has accepted a position with the firm of Street & Holschouser.

All are patiently awaiting the long looked for wedding that is to take place this week.

Messrs. Ferris and Barnes of Hill county are visiting at Wingate.

Miss Kate Roaten will leave this week for Oklahoma City where she will attend school at the University. She will be greatly missed.

Rev. Moore, wife and daughter Ethel, have returned from their visit west to friends at Sweetwater, Roscoe and Snyder and reported quite an enjoyable time.  
Respectfully,  
RUTH.

## News From Miles.

Our country was visited by a fine shower of rain soon Monday morning, which was welcomed by all.

We are glad to report Mr. Pearson's child, who has been on the sick list for some time, improving this week.

H. E. Jackson and family returned Tuesday from Coleman county where they have been visiting the past week.

Judge Guion and T. T. Crosson were up from Ballinger Tuesday.

G. B. Hendricks returned from Ft Worth Thursday.

Mr. C. F. Dickinson of Ballinger was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Ollie Currier, formerly of Miles but now of San Angelo, is visiting relatives here this week.

With best wishes,  
Your Correspondent.

Prof. H. A. Burnett, teacher of modern languages in Patton Seminary, Oak Cliff, Tex., was here Tuesday in the interest of that Institution.

Do you want a job? I have 65 acres of cotton for you to gather.  
C. W. HESTER,  
Winters, Texas.

Louis Wardlaw now county attorney of Sutton county was visiting his father N. J. Wardlaw this week.

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## Texas Experience.

### Effect of Local Option on Temperance and General Prosperity. What Prominent Citizens Say.

The following statement as to the effects of prohibition in various communities in Texas, where it has been adopted, speak for themselves. The names of the gentlemen who signed them are such as command respect in different localities.

Amarillo, Tex. Nov. 21, 1902.  
J. D. Hagler, Esq.

Vernon, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover I send you an expression of a few business men of Amarillo in regard to local option. I am truly hopeful that you and your friends will succeed in carrying the election, for I consider local option one of the worst things that can befall any community. I speak from experience, this being the third time I have had the misfortune of living in a town in that predicament. It hasn't hurt Amarillo financially, like it will Vernon, for the simple reason that the saloons were voted out here just when the town had started on the present railroad boom, and of course that has kept the town growing regardless of anything; but on the other hand, it has torn society all to pieces. Business men, neighbors and friends have fallen out and quarrelled, and where there was friendship before, now they are deadly enemies. Even the City Council is hopelessly divided, and when a question comes up for improving the city, they simply line up and wrangle over it and close by doing nothing.

And to give you a better idea of the changed sentiment of the voters, the returns of the last election is all that is necessary. They all lined up anti and pro. We had the tough side of the proposition, on the account of the "hold overs." Nearly all of our candidates had been in office from two to four terms, and ordinarily it is very hard to elect a man for the third term. But instead of defeat, we elected every candidate, from justice of peace up. So much for change of sentiment. Yours for success,  
R. J. Toffelmire.

The writer of the above is a contractor and builder of wide reputation.

## Amarillo Testimony

We, the undersigned citizens of Amarillo, after having carefully observed the effects of local option in our community for nearly a year, are of the opinion that the licensed saloon is in every way preferable for the prosperity of a growing town or city. We believe that more whiskey and beer is drunk here under the local option law than when we had seven licensed

saloons. There have also been numerous violations of the law in the way of "boot-leggin" and illegal conduct of cold storage as shown by the action of the Federal court at its last session. Judging from generally expressed sentiment, the result of the recent county election, when the line was strictly drawn by the voters, on the individual candidates, as well as careful observation of the conditions on our part, we are convinced that local option will be defeated here at the next election, by an overwhelming majority. We would advise any sister community to avoid the local option proposition as they would the plague. None of the signers hereto are in any way interested in the liquor traffic and some even voted for local option at the last election.

Wet towns get the money, dry towns get the drunks.

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R. W. Graham, druggist.  
Dr Randall, physician.  
C B Vivian, lawyer.  
P H Seeward, jeweler.  
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Wayne C Wright, county commissioner.

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The Amarillo Saddlery, Williamson & Feieradand  
Frank DeWitt, Mgr Crowds Bros and Co

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J L Wright, Stockman  
C G Lanes, county and district clerk

Jas D D Hamlin, county attorney

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J C Beujamin, R R employee

J T Holland, stockman

EB True

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E H Eakle, architect

B B Hayden, Co. commissioner precinct 4

David R Fly, M D

Oscar Becker, traveling salesman

J E Hughs, Sheriff

J. B. Price & Co.,

Weatherford, Tex. Jan. 21, 1903.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that I have been in the Real Estate business here for more than twenty years, and I must say that at the present time we have more vacant business houses, as well as residences, than I have ever seen at any time since I have been in such business. While drouth has caused some of this stagnation, yet I candidly be-

lieve that prohibition in our town has brought about a great deal of it. There is much whiskey and beer shipped into our town and many dollars are daily sent out of Weatherford, building up other towns, that should be kept at home. Such will be the case as long as we have prohibition.

West of Weatherford, the trade that always came to Weatherford, is now going to Mineral Wells, and many of these people have told me themselves that that the reason for not coming to Weatherford, was because it was a dry town.

I find many people who want prohibition in their neighborhood, still they will not patronize a town that is dry.

I certainly consider prohibition detrimental to our town from a business standpoint.

J. B. Price & Co.  
Land, Loan & Insurance Agents.

## City of Weatherford.

Weatherford Tex. Jan. 21 1903 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Local option became effective in our city June, 1902. We had to refund occupation taxes paid by liquor dealers, which in connection with the loss of \$1200 annually collected as occupation taxes from liquor dealers, crippled our general fund so as to make our warrants subject to 10 per cent discount, when previously they were at a par. Our ad valorem taxes have also largely decreased, thereby impairing the efficiency of the various branches of the city government.

We have about thirty vacant business houses, this condition, however, is not alone due to local option; a two years drouth being also largely responsible. The morals of our city have always been good. Local option has not improved these morals, but has had a tendency to inspire our young men to make frequent visits to adjoining towns and providing themselves with bottles of whiskey.

I have voted for local option, but am firmly of the opinion that high license would be far more beneficial than local option.

Yours truly,  
Henry Miller, Mayor.

## One Business Benefitted.

Weatherford, Tex. Jan. 21, 1903. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Local option has not decreased my business as much as others, from the fact that I am kept busy in moving families and business people out of Weatherford since the 5th of June, 1902, the day the prohibition went into effect in Parker county, than I had in twelve years previously. My books show it. With three wholesale firms having quit and about 225 families in the period, the transfer business could not materially fall off, all in a period of about six months. In one week I shipped over eight cars of household furniture and no week less than two.

I notice city warrants have depreciated 10 percent and some

means must be adopted to raise a revenue in place of that derived from the saloons.

Juvenile drinking has increased and adult drinking has not fallen off. Any person of any age can have any kind of liquor shipped in; our youth are taking advantage of it.

(Signed) E. Putman, Trans. Agt & Ex Mayor.  
McKinney, Texas, Dec. 26, 1902.

We, the undersigned citizens of McKinney, having observed the effect of local option in this city since last April, say that it has not benefitted the city, either morally or financially.

Rents have decreased from 10 to 25 per cent, and at this time there is not a business house or dwelling in process of erection.

Liquor is daily shipped into McKinney, and we think that drinking has not decreased. Summing it up, we believe that prohibition has done our city great injury, without any effect in making it more sober.

(Signed)  
Jesse Shain, Pres. Collin Co. bank.

J L Lovejoy, broker  
N A Williams, salesman  
J A Walton, book keeper  
J E Wiley, grocer  
Wallace Stiff, city marshal  
W P Shuttle, merchant  
W E Kirkpatrick, agriculturist  
R T Soave, property owner  
L A Scott, electric light  
J F Reddish, sewerage Co  
Ben Estes, merchant  
Cabe Belt, clerk  
ER Hall, insurance agent  
T T Emerson, cashier, 1st Nat'l bank.

LIQUOR SHIPMENT.  
McKinney, Tex. Dec. 27, 1902.

I have observed the working of local option in this city as an officer and citizen, and I am inside the bounds when I say that for the 24 hours before Christmas, 1902, 150 gallons of liquor were shipped into this city. Wallace Stiff, city marshal.

REVENUE REDUCED.  
McKinney, Texas, Dec. 27, 1902.

I have observed the effects of local option in our city in connection with our revenue, more than any other respect, and would say that it has crippled our revenue to the extent of about \$1,600; our treasury has received about \$1,600 annually as occupation taxes from the sale of liquor by retail and that is all gone, and our finances are lower than for the past ten years.

Respectfully yours,  
J. M. Pearson, Mayor

McKinney, Texas, Dec. 27, 1902.

Local option has reduced the revenue of Collin county about \$3,500. Yours truly,  
D. E. Neathery, Co. Treas. Collin Co. Texas.

Groesbeck, Limestone county.

Whatever effect local option may have in our cities, we believe it has injured Groesbeck. Rents have fallen off as much as 35 per cent; in some cases more. Liquor is drunk as freely if not more so than before the closing of the saloons, and young boys now obtain liquor from outside the city and drink it, who could not obtain it in a licensed saloon

Prohibition has not helped this city in any direction which we can see.

Signed

J A Thetford, farmer  
Sol Nussbaum, merchant  
Henry James, cotton buyer  
Sam B Wiley, farmer  
Jno Schonberg, clerk  
S J B Foster, transfer Co  
C M Davenport, farmer  
G H Parker, farmer  
T F Oliver, merchant  
J T Pipkins, lawyer  
A L Thompson, lawyer  
J P Morris, banker  
Robt Hanna, Atty  
W H Jackson, ice dealer  
F M Corley, clerk  
Jno Shultz, lawyer  
Jno Gilbert, farmer  
J D Talley, rancher and farmer  
H J Shilling, lawyer  
J B Gresham, ex-sheriff  
J W Thompson, city marshal  
Groesbeck, Texas, Jan 17, 1903.

This is to certify that I have been living in the city of Groesbeck for the past twelve years, during which time we have had prohibition twice, and I can say that at no time did it in any way lessen the drinking of whiskey or improve morals.

Lewis Scharff, merchant.

## More Light From Waxahachie.

Waxahachie, Tex., Jan 10, 1903

Personal observation in this city discloses the fact that there are 31 brick buildings at this time empty, and one wooden business house. The number of dwellings were not obtainable, but was estimated to be about 40. The Express Companies bring in from \$75 to \$125 worth of liquor per day in jugs and bottles.

The feelings engendered in the election were bitter and are not yet forgotten. Neighbors of a year ago are now anything but friendly. The salary of the Mayor and Aldermen had to be reduced, and a policy of discharging officers and retrenchment inaugurated, most detrimental to the interests of the city.

The county of Ellis from being one of the most prosperous in the State, is now in a financial condition worse than it has been for sixteen years, largely due to the evil effects of Prohibition.

The names of the owners of the 31 unoccupied houses follow:

F S Cronk	1
Mrs Manuel	1
J L Cammon	1
M Levy	1
Ellis Co Bldg & Loans	1
J S Siddons	1
D G Thomson	1
R Vickey	1
R Vickery	1
V H Shelton	1
J W Walker	1
J C Fears	1
Mrs E Connor	1
W J F Ross	1
S P Skinner	3
W H Getzendaner	1
J L McCartney	1
Ellis Co Bldg & Loans	1
E P Powell	1
R A Keenan	2
R A Davis	3
W E Coleman	1
H C Trimble	1

L Levy	1
P Kennedy	1
C Siddons	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 bldg</b>

## Has Not Benefitted Ennis In Any Way.

Ennis, Tex., Jan. 13, 1903.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Prohibition went into effect in this city on the 12th of Oct., 1902, and since then we have observed its effects. Rents have decreased from 10 to 35 per cent and in a few cases as much as 50 per cent. Many large business firms have gone away, and there are many empty stores, no stores being built, residences are easily obtainable—a thing which was unknown six months ago. Those who desire stimulants have no difficulty in obtaining them. We do not think that prohibition has benefitted our city in any manner or form:

(Signed)  
 P Freeman, Whol. Merchant  
 A M Godwin, broker  
 Frank Templeton, druggist  
 Tom N Templeton  
 Mark Latimer, banker  
 Arch Moore, property owner and farmer.  
 H & C Corf  
 R B White  
 E Rachael  
 I Blakey  
 L Levy  
 C E Jones, contractor and bldr.  
 C B Pittman, jeweler  
 F C Vickery, merchant  
 Jno C Lyon, Agt Wells Fargo Co Express.

My observation of the effects of local option in our city in regard to the revenue is that we lose something like \$1,750 that was paid into the General Fund by the saloons; also whatever ad valorem tax was paid by the men engaged in the saloon business.

Towns of our size will have to use great economy under these conditions if they expect to keep their scrip at par. Economy under these circumstances means "do nothing."

Respectfully yours,  
 (Signed) Chas B Lewis Mayor.

### REVENUE LOST—BUSINESS RUINED PRIVATE TIPLING INCREASED.

Waxahachie, Tex. Jan 14, 1902  
 Local option has reduced the revenue of this city about \$4,000 direct, besides the depressing effect it has had on the valuation of all business property. Saloon drinking has been done away with, but the express office is now the most popular resort in town. Anyone, regardless of age, with the money, can get all they need and more too, by shipping in. Yours truly,  
 (Signed) H E Pickett, Mayor.

### EMPTY BUSINESS HOUSES.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Prohibition went into effect in Ellis county, Oct. 12th, 1902. The effect on the town of Waxahachie has been to depreciate very materially the rents on all business property; the reduction will, we think, average 35 per cent. Many of our business houses are tenantless since prohibition went into effect. While society tipping has been in a measure stopped, yet the ease of procuring liquor by express is used to furnish those who drink, and much drinking in private is the result. From a business view we think Prohibition has ruined our town:

(Signed)  
 Jas S Davis, property owner  
 Jno Beaty, postmaster  
 H Cerf, merchant

R Vickery, real estate  
 J F Strickland, electric plant  
 W B Howell, hardware merchant  
 C Plumhoff, saddler  
 Jim Kelleher, grocer  
 C Trippet, grocer  
 P F Davenport, city engineer  
 Geo W Walker Jr, City Secy  
 J B Hines, grocer  
 Knock Dry Goods Co  
 C W Simpson, physician  
 D C Thompson, physician  
 B D Pickens, ice plant  
 C W Walker, city clerk  
 W R Reymueller, paint and wall paper  
 Dugan & Co, booksellers and stationers  
 C E Dunlap, banker  
 D M Belt, butcher  
 Osce Godwin, banker  
 J L McCartney, furniture  
 S P Spaulding, furniture  
 T J McDade, druggist  
 Conway-Leeper Co, lumber  
 R A Davis, property owner  
 B F Thornhill, alderman  
 P P Smith, ev-tax assessor  
 R A Keenan

### WAXAHACHIE ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

Waxahachie, Tex. Nov. 21 1902.

Dear Sir:  
 Yours of the 10th and 15th received. I am inclined to think from my observation here, that from a moral standpoint there has been but little change in conditions; there has been a few more cases of drunkenness since the election than during the same time prior to the election. As to business, it has unquestionably been affected to the bad. We have vacant business houses now and they have been exceptionally scarce in this city for years prior to the election. Some of them that are now occupied are only being rented for from 50 per cent to 60 per cent of the amount that they had rented for previous to election. There is only one way to provide for the deficits in the City Treasury, caused by the cutting out of the occupation taxes paid by the saloon men, and that will be to raise the ad valorem tax which reaches the whole people. This town and community is not an exception to the general condition that usually follows prohibition elections. Prohibition has a tendency to throw a damper on the ardor of the most progressive business elements of this city.

Truly yours,  
 J. F. Strickland,  
 Pres and Gen'l Mgr.

### HURTS IN HOPKINS.

Statement of E M Tate, Editor Daily News and Weekly Echo:

Sulphur Springs, Nov. 13, 1902.  
 "Local option has been in effect in Hopkins county thirteen months. There was a row of brick buildings finished and others to let, just before the county voted dry. Since, there has not been a brick building in process of erection and but few residences. The best business brick, first door south of Court House, stood unoccupied for six months, and was given rent free for five months, until the 1st of Jan to have it occupied. It is estimated that we have between 50 and 60 vacant residences.

Fourteen of our home carpenters have been at work several months at Winnsboro, 23 miles east, a wet town, where fourteen brick buildings and more than 100 residences have been built since the prohibition plague struck this city. The farmers north of us trade at Paris, those south of us at Alba and Mineola and east of us they go to Winnsboro. The trade at Sulphur Springs comes chiefly from the

residents of the city and from a majority living in the precinct.

Two years ago half a dozen wagon yards were crowded to accommodate the people from the adjoining counties. Now they are silent as the tomb. Whiskey is not sold here but drinking is the rule. More than \$100 per day goes to Winnsboro for whiskey and one fourteen year old boy, of wealthy parents, was in the calaboose twice one Sunday night in this month."

### AN UNMITIGATED CURSE AND BREEDER OF DRUNKENNESS.

Phil. H. Foscoe, Esq., Cashier 1st Nat'l Bank of Sulphur Springs, said:

Sulphur Springs, Nov. 21, 1902.  
 "You ask me what has prohibition done for Sulphur Springs. In reply I tell you to look at the square. There are six wagons there used to be a hundred. Does it not look more like a day in August than in November? Before local option went into effect, if you wanted to rent a dwelling you could not find one. If you had to have one you had to build it. Now you can obtain dwelling houses in any locality, and at greatly reduced rents. Business houses are not obtainable. There is a large store opposite, a double store, that rented before the law was passed for \$100 per month, each. Now they bring \$75. The same same ratio exists in other stores.

An ice plant, one of the very finest in the State, costing \$27,000, is closed down; we could not find a market for our product. Two years ago 26,000 bales of cotton were sold upon our streets; this year we have not been able to obtain 11,000. It has gone to Winnsboro, 25 miles from here in Wood County, where there are open saloons; yet it is not one-fourth the size of Sulphur Springs; or it goes to Paris, 40 miles north of us. Almost daily from these places money is sent to the bank to meet the obligations of the farmers in Hopkins County, who take their cotton to these places to sell, instead of Sulphur Springs.

I sent last month in 20 days \$60,000 to Winnsboro in currency to pay for cotton. This year to date, Winnsboro has sold 4,000 bales more than any other year in her history. I look upon local option in this city as an unmitigated curse, surrounded as we are by other cities that have open saloons, and it will destroy the trade of any city so situated.

I saw more drunken men here last election day than I did in a whole year in the city of San Antonio, where everything is wide open."

The foregoing being read to B. F. Ashcroft, of Ashcroft & sons, owner of the Electric Plant and Extensive Ginners, he said: "I endorse the statement made by Mr. Phil. Foscoe as being true in every particular."

### RUINOUS IN MITCHELL COUNTY.

Colorado, Texas, Aug. 15, 1902.

Mitchell County went dry on the 4th day of March of this year, and the town has been going down ever since—twas a sin and a shame, for this was one of the most city-like little places in Texas, before the agitation came up; everybody pulled together and worked together as one man for every-thing that was of interest to the town; there was no division, no discord, no strife, no jealous hatred; but alas, poor town, it seems that its doom is sealed. Some of the wealthiest

men that we had in the country have quit the town cold, as it were, and gone to Big Springs to do all of their business.

The streets, once a busy scene, have assumed a Sunday appearance, and the numerous vacant houses all over town, tell in stronger terms than I can write, that the gaunt spectre of "Prohibition" is stalking abroad in our midst, withering bright hopes and sure prospects with its blighting touch.

To my mind there never was a greater fraud perpetrated upon a free liberty loving people than that ponderous old fake, known as prohibition.

It was conceived in iniquity and brought forth in sin, and is today a "blot on the landscape", and the biggest barnacle on the "Ship of Progress."

Yours very respectfully,  
 (signed) E. W. Bounds, Co. Atty.

### PRACTICAL WORKINGS IN CLAY.

The people of Clay County tried local option for four years, and faithfully tried to enforce it. Local option cost Clay county, while it was in effect, about \$12,000, and the county succeeded in securing a conviction in only sixteen cases out of 109 filed, thus showing a very small per cent, of convictions; and the "Blind Tiger" flourished in all its glory.

### AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

"THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF CLAY: I hereby certify that the records of my office show that local option went into effect in Clay County, Texas, on the 12th day of August, 1895, by virtue of an election called for that purpose, and continued to be in effect until the 16th day of August, 1895, when it was voted out on an election called for the purpose of determining whether local option should be continued in Clay County, since which time there has been no local option in Clay County.

That during the four years that local option was in force in Clay County, there was 109 cases filed in the County Court of Clay county for violations of the Local Option Law. The State secured conviction in 16 of these cases, and in 93 cases the State failed to secure a conviction in 16 of these cases, and in 93 cases the State failed to secure a conviction.

The amount of fines and trial fees collected and paid into the County Treasury, on account of said convictions, amounted to \$260.00.

That during that the four years that local option was in effect in Clay County, there was paid out of the jury fund for jury fees in the county and district courts of said county, including the per diem of grand jurors and bailiffs, the sum of \$24,033.40, making an average of \$5,008.60 for each year that local option was in effect.

My records show that there was paid out of the jury fund of said county during the first year after local option was voted out of said county for jury fees in the county and district courts, and per diem of grand jurors and bailiffs, the sum of \$3,888.72.

That during the second year after local option was voted out of said county, there was paid out of the jury fund for jury fees in the county and district courts, and per diem of grand jurors and bailiffs, the sum of \$3,751.75.

Witness my hand and the seal of the county court of said county at Henrietta, Texas, this the second day of May, A. D. 1902.

"A. O. Ziegler, clerk of the county court in and for Clay Co. Texas. By Jno. Conn. Deputy.

### HAS DONE MUCH HARM IN LIMESTONE

Groesbeck, Tex. Jan 17, 1903

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Local option in its workings in this city has been detrimental to its progress without helping it any morally.

A revenue of \$500 which was derived from the saloon licenses was cut off, and in consequence the public electric lighting of the city had to be abandoned.

Drunkenness has not decreased. The youths who could not obtain a drink in an open saloon now buy it in bottles, and there are frequent cases of youthful intoxication in the city.

Local option has not been a benefit to Groesbeck, and is especially a failure in elevating its morals.

(Signed) J R Groves,  
 Mayor of Groesbeck.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Prohibition went into effect on Sept 12th, 1902, and observing its effects since, we can say that it has hurt this city financially and has done no compensating good. Mexia is situated within three miles of Freestone county, and just across the line two saloons have opened up and as a consequence there is no difficulty in obtaining liquor, and besides liquors are shipped in by express in large quantities. Therefore the use of liquors has not decreased and we believe that local option has been an injury to the city of Mexia:

(Signed)  
 Julius Nussbaum I Newman  
 N J Bussey A Morlaut  
 H B Cabanes L W McKenzie  
 M Prager A C Roller  
 H Nussbaum A T Schulz  
 D Katten J M Stewart  
 R C Steer T W Broadnax  
 P Hansen T F Sawyer  
 Dan Roper H R Lettle  
 B C Gillespie D W Witherston  
 M H Bessling H Sorenson  
 G A Beene W H Mayo  
 W R Beene J D Sawyer  
 Wm Kamster Chas Breen  
 C Felz T J Farmer  
 R S Hand H G McAlister  
 W E Lane T F Smith  
 D H Gibson J M Long

Decatur, Texas, Jan. 22, 1903.

This is a prohibition town and county. The city's revenue by virtue of prohibition is reduced some \$600 to \$700 per year.

Prohibition does not stop the drinking of whiskey, as the express company brings jugs and bottles of the same from both ends of the line.

Anyone, whether a minor or not, can send out of the town and get what whiskey he wants.

The records of my office show that drunkenness has not decreased since prohibition went into effect. Under the present law they get what whiskey they want more easily than before.

Our morals have not gotten any better.

We have nine empty business houses and some twenty or thirty empty residences. Rents are lower than they have been since prohibition went into effect here. Yours etc. J. H. Gates,  
 Mayor.

# PROHIBITION

# SPEAKING

There will be Speaking in favor of Prohibition at the following places and dates by gentlemen named, who will divide time with any gentlemen endorsed by the Anti Committee:

## Monday, September 7th:

J. A. Maples,	Ballinger, (Court house),	2:30 P. M.
J. A. Maples,	Valley Creek church,	8:00 P. M.
M. E. Chappell,	Cochran School house,	8:00 P. M.
Judge G. H. Goodson,	Maverick,	8:00 P. M.
W. H. Berry,	Runnels,	8:00 P. M.
C. M. Shuffler,	Crews,	8:00 P. M.
C. F. Dickinson,	Norwood,	8:00 P. M.

## Tuesday, September 8th:

J. H. (Cyclone) Davis,	Ballinger, (Court house)	2:30 p. m.
J. A. Maples,	Wingate,	2:30 p. m.
M. E. Chappell,	Antelope,	2:30 p. m.
C. F. Dickinson,	Kirby School house,	2:30 p. m.
J. H. (Cyclone) Davis,	Winters,	8:00 p. m.
J. A. Maples,	Oak creek, Jim Allen Neighborhood,	8:00 p. m.
M. E. chappell,	Pumphrey,	8:00 p. m.
W. H. Berry,	Norwood,	8:00 p. m.
G. H. Goodson,	Miles,	8:00 p. m.
C. M. Shuffler,	Antelope,	8:00 p. m.
C. F. Dickinson,	Crews,	8:00 p. m.

## Wednesday, September 9th:

J. H. Cyclone Davis,	content,	2:30 p. m.
J. A. Maples,	Norton,	2:30 p. m.
M. E. Chappell,	Wingate,	2:30 p. m.
C. F. Dickinson,	Meadows School house,	2:30 p. m.
J. H. Cyclone Davis,	Crews,	8:00 p. m.
J. A. maples,	maverick,	8:00 p. m.
M. E. Chappell,	Winters,	8:00 p. m.
W. H. Berry,	Miles,	8:00 p. m.
C. M. Shuffler,	Wingate,	8:00 p. m.
C. F. Dickir son,	Content,	8:00 p. m.
G. H. Goc on,	Ballinger, court house,	8:00 p. m.

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**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.

**Distress After Eating Cured.**  
Judge W. T. Holland of Greenburg, La., who is well and favorably known, says: "Two years ago I suffered greatly from indigestion. After eating, great distress would invariably result, lasting for an hour or so and my nights were restless. I concluded to try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it cured me entirely. Now my sleep is refreshing and digestion perfect." Sold by E. D. Walker.

G. B. Hendricks of Miles was in Ballinger Tuesday with his nephew, W. R. Bennett of Ft. Worth, who is here on a visit to him.

**Cancer Cured by Blood Balm.**  
Mrs. M. L. Adams, Fredonia, Ala., took Botanic Blood Balm which effectually cured an eating cancer of the nose and face. The sores healed up perfectly. Many doctors had given up her case as hopeless. Hundreds of cases of cancer, eating sores, suppurating swellings, etc., have been cured by Blood Balm. Among others, Mrs. B. M. Guernsey, Warrior Stand, Ala. Her nose and lip were raw as beef, with offensive discharge from the eating sore. Doctors advised cutting, but it failed. Blood Balm healed the sores, and Mrs. Guernsey is as well as ever. Botanic Blood Balm also cures eczema, itching humors, scabs and scales, bone pains, ulcers, offensive pimples, blood poison, carbuncles, scrofula, risings, bumps on the skin and all blood troubles. Druggists \$1 per large bottle. Sample of Botanic Blood Balm free and prepaid by writting Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. It is certainly worth while investigating such a remarkable remedy, as Blood Balm cures the most awful, worst and most deep-seated blood diseases.

H. A. L. Greenwood left Monday for Brownwood where he will work with Hartung the photographer.

A Garner lady took her false teeth out and laid them on a center table one night recently when her husband, to play a joke on her, substituted a horse shoe in place of them. She wore the horseshoe all the morning complaining that her teeth "didn't fit" and only discovered the change by the wide gash the toe calk made when she bit a biscuit.—Britt Tribune.

**Sprains.**  
S. A. Read, Cisco, Texas, writes, March 11th, 1901: "My wrist was sprained so badly by a fall that it was useless; and after using several remedies that failed to give relief, used Ballard's Snow Liniment and was cured. I earnestly recommend it to anyone suffering from sprains." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Mack Wilson went down to Santa Anna Saturday evening.

**Beautiful Women.**  
Plump cheeks, flushed with the soft glow of health, and a pure complexion, make all women beautiful. Take a small dose of Herbine after each meal; it will prevent constipation and help digest what you have eaten. 50c. Mrs. Wm. M. Stroud, Midlothian, Texas, writes, May 31, 1901: "We have used Herbine in our family for eight years, and found it the best medicine we ever used for constipation, bilious fever and malaria." Sold by E. D. Walker.

Sam Parks passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

**Neglected Colds.**  
Every part of the mucous membrane, the nose, throat, ears, head and lungs, etc., are subjected to disease and blight from neglected colds. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a pleasant and effective remedy, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. W. Akendrick, Valley Mills, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and throat troubles; it is a pleasant and most effective remedy." At E. D. Walker's drug store.

Louis Wardlaw and wife came in from Sonora Saturday and are visiting Louis' parents.

**Abscess.**  
W. H. Harrison, Cleveland, Miss., writes, Aug 15, 1902. "I want to say a word of praise for Ballard's Snow Liniment I stepped on a nail, which caused the cords in my leg to contract and an abscess to rise in knee; and the doctor told me that I would have a stiff leg, so one day I went to J. F. Lord's drug store (who is now in Denver, Colo.) He recommended a bottle of Snow Liniment; I got a 50c size, and it cured my leg. It is the best liniment in the world.

Abscesses, with few exceptions are indicative of constipation or debility. They may, however, result from blows or from foreign bodies, introduced into the skin or flesh, such as splinters, thorns, etc. Sold by E. D. Walker.

C. C. C. Culwell returned to Miles Monday after attending commissioners court.

**The Genuine vs Counterfeits.**  
The genuine is always better than a counterfeit, but the truth of this statement is never more forcibly realized or more thoroughly appreciated than when you compare the genuine De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve with the many counterfeits and worthless substitutes that are on the market. W. S. Ledbetter of Shreveport, La., says: "After using numerous other remedies without benefit, one box of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me." For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles no remedy is equal to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by E. D. Walker.

**The Pleasure of Eating.**  
Persons suffering from indigestion, dyspepsia or other stomach trouble will find that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. This remedy is a never failing cure for indigestion and dyspepsia and all complaints affecting the glands or membranes of the stomach or digestive tract. When you take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure everything you eat tastes good, and every bit of the nutriment that your food contains is assimilated and appropriated by the blood and tissues. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Miss Emma Bustin returned home Monday after a visit to Miss Minnie Guion Francis

**A Purgative Pleasure.**  
If you ever took DeWitt's Little Early Risers for biliousness or constipation you know what a purgative pleasure is. These famous little pills cleanse the liver and rid the system of all bile without producing unpleasant effects. They do not gripe, sicken or weaken, but give tone and strength to the tissues and organs involved. W. H. Howell of Houston, Texas, says: "No better pill can be used than Little Early Risers for constipation, sick headache, etc." Sold by E. D. Walker.

Mrs. Asa Cordill went to Denton Monday to bring her mother here who has been sick for some time.

**Teachers Wanted**  
We need at once a few more teachers for fall schools. Good positions are being filled daily by us. We are receiving more calls this year than ever before. Schools and colleges supplied with teachers free of cost. Enclose stamp for reply.  
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