

# BANNER-LEADER.

VOL. XXII BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, FEB 27, 1904 NO 20

## NEW SPRING GOODS

### Brand New Millinery

HIGH CLASS---MOD-EST PRICE. Miss Wag- enhouser, our Milliner, will be here about March 1st with a new and complete stock of high class head- wear. We invite all wear- ers of Stylish and up-to- date Millinery to come and see her.

Styles Quality and Price,--Best Newest grades.--They are coming in Daily

### Special 10 Days Sale.

131 Finest Made Suits on sale 10 days to clean up. This is a sample lot worth \$15 to \$20 per suit at \$10. Sizes range from 33 to 50. Big men better take advantage.

### Shirts, Collars, Ties and Underwear

Spring Novelties in fine Shirts just received, in prices ranging from 75c up to \$2.50

### SPECIAL TO ARRIVE.

For boys, Buster Brown Tub Suits, fine spring style Russian blouse,--Mothers Friend waists, knee pants, etc. For ladies, fine Skirts Novelties in Waists, Shirt Waists Suits. Complete line Dress Goods, newest styles at closest cost prices

Thanking you for past favors, etc. Yours for Dry Goods,

## D. REEDER,

PHONE 58 BALLINGER

J. Sam Hall and wife were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

Uncle John Currie, treasurer of Concho county, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. J. Martin and Will Vaughn came in from the West Wednesday on the east bound train.

Our prices have become familiar for their fairness.

Jas. E. Brewer.

A. T. Teurpe, the stock farmer of the Norton county, had business with Ballinger people this week.

Attorney R. S. Griggs and Editor A. W. Sledge made a flying trip to Winters Wednesday.

T. D. Shider came up from his ranch in the Miles country Wednesday and will spend a few days with Ballinger friends.

### For Sale.

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### San Angelo Press.

Mrs. A. P. Holman and baby visited relatives at Ballinger last week.

J. Y. Pearce was up Sunday and Monday from Ballinger, looking after his interests here.

Harry Thomson of the First National Bank at Ballinger, spent Sunday in the city visiting friends.

Col. C. A. Dailey returned Monday from a business trip to his Runnels county ranch. He reports a fine snow in that section and everything flourishing.

E. S. Gaunt, P. E. West and Misses Lela March and Susie Clark, of Dallas, were the guests of Misses Guion at Ballinger last Saturday and Sunday, returning home Sunday morning. Miss Minnie Guion Francis entertained the party Saturday evening at her home with an enjoyable dance, and otherwise royally entertained them.

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

Sunday, February 28th. Subject--Herism of the first Missionaries--Acts 14:16-23. Leader--Whit Patterson. Song.

Sketch of Paul's Life

--Prof. Bullock

### Died.

Mrs. Jennie Brooks, wife of Lee Brooks of Valley Creek, died last Wednesday with that dread disease consumption. Mrs. Brooks was the daughter of Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Mounts of Valley Creek. She was a loving mother and daughter and bore her sickness with Christian fortitude. The entire community mourn her loss and join the Banner-Leader in sympathy and condolence with the surviving husband and little boy and other relatives.

As we have just had a severe fire in the burning of the Santa Fe depot, would it not be a good idea for the city to arrange with the new electric light plant and have connection made between their plant and the water mains so as to give instant pressure in case of fire. Let the council consider this matter, in the interest of its citizens. Justice of Bosque Mr. L. H. ... been visiting county, who ... of our city, his son A. J. ... Thursday returned to ... THOR ... Successor to ... MILLER, Treasurer

K. O. Berry of the Valley Creek neighborhood, was with us a short while Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Godwin left Wednesday for Dallas where she will buy her spring stock of millinery.

T. Jones Webb, the Maverick stockman, left Thursday for the Territory to look after cattle interests.

Judge T. T. Crosson left Sunday to visit his father and other members of his family now in Houston.

Jap Adams bought the Collier place in the Woodward addition day last week. Considera- ... day last week. Considera- ... known.

Abstracts of ... a part of the ... of a ... M. D. L. ... on Valley C...

At the ... Mr. ... terian church Sunday morning Mrs. W. E. Odom will sing the beautiful solo "Face to Face." Do not fail to hear this.

Rev. G. W. White, the Methodist preacher of Ballinger, left Wednesday for Brownwood, Mineral Wells and other places and will be gone a week or ten days.

Jas. Dancer received a letter this week from his wife stating that Mrs. Dancer's sister was dead. It will be remembered that Mrs. Dancer was called to Ida, I. E. on the 15th of January last by a message stating her sister was badly burned. We sympathize with the relatives in this sad hour.

### Epworth League Program.

February, 28, 1904. Subject--Princely Martyrs of China's Spiritual Renaissance --Psa. 46:4-10.

Leader--Mr. Currie. Song. Prayer.

Roll Call--Scripture quotation. Duett--Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Earl Gressett.

Topic Discussion--Mr. Stovall Can a Christian be true and not have a missionary spirit?--Talk by Leaguers. Song. Closing.

### NEW GROCERY FIRM.

On the 1st of February we purchased the Grocery and Grain business of J. F. Lusk & Co. and will continue the business at the same old stand. It shall be our endeavor to

### Compel You By Force

To share your patronage with us--Not Of arms, but by offering you the very best, fresh Groceries at the lowest living prices, following the golden rule in every transaction.

### GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

And we guarantee satisfaction or money back. We will keep constantly supplied with Country Produce, and want our farmer friends to remember us when they have anything in the produce line to sell.

### GODWIN GROCER CO.,

[J. W. GODWIN, Manager.] Up-to-Now Grocers, Produce and Grain Dealers.

### Bakery and Confectionery.

I have opened a first-class Bakery and Confectionery stand and will have all kinds of Cakes, Pies and good fresh Bread.

### J. T. OSTEEN,

Banner-Leader Old Stand Opposite Currie Noyes Co.

### NEW FIRM.

I bought the Stock of Goods at Pumphrey I take method to inform the public that I have just re- frred from market and will soon receive a full line of ta Goods, Clothing, Hardware, Implements, of in fact everything kept in a first class General handise Store I will sell the old stock at actual o make room for the new. Rush in and get some was while the old goods last. Carry a full and Complete Line of Drugs. cheap for Cash or extend credit on business s. Come and see me and be convinced.

### W. E. HILL, PHREY, TEXAS.

Scott is on the sick list  
this week.

Editor Shurmon of Paint Rock  
was in the city this week.

S. L. Hale, Crews blacksmith,  
was with us a short while Tues-  
day.

Cal Proctor, of the Norton  
country, was seen on our streets  
Tuesday.

J. A. Hays of Bronte had  
business with our merchants  
Tuesday.

O Hastings, of the Crews  
country, was supplying in Ball-  
inger Tuesday.

L H Reed, of the Winters  
country, was among the visitors  
to Ballinger Tuesday.

Prof. Will Perry and wife, of  
Miles, were in the city Sunday  
the guests of M.s. Perry's  
mother.

Cecil Glen, of Maverick, after  
an absence of several months is  
again with August Glober, the  
tinner, of our city.

L. Markowitz returned from  
St. Louis Saturday where he  
had been purchasing his spring  
stock of goods.

Chas. Grant and Frank Pearce  
of Winters went to Galveston  
this week to purchase their  
spring stock of general mer-  
chandise.

Joe Keliher, a prominent and  
wealthy capitalist of Taylor  
Tex., was prospecting in Ballin-  
ger this week with a view of  
going in business in our city.

Regular services at the C. P.  
church Sunday at 11 o'clock and  
at night. This is Rev. Fitzhugh's  
last Sunday at Ballinger and he  
will be glad to see all his mem-  
bers come out to both services.

J. G. Chumley was in the city  
Tuesday and set his figures up  
a year on the Banner-Leader and  
ordered his paper changed from  
Ballinger to Bronte. He  
bought a nice farm  
latter place and  
land at farm.

and wife  
Fitzhugh  
where he had  
Presbytery and  
Mrs. Fitzhugh from Brownwood  
where she has been visiting her  
parents. They leave Monday  
for Brownwood, their future  
home.

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

So uniformly successful has Dr. Pierce's  
Favorite Prescription proven in all forms of  
Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling  
of Womb, and Leucorrhoea, that, after over  
a third of a century's experience in curing  
the worst cases of these distressing and  
debilitating ailments, Dr. Pierce now feels  
fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in  
cash for any case of these diseases which  
he cannot cure.

It STANDS ALONE.—The "Favorite Pres-  
cription" stands alone, as the one and  
only remedy for these distressingly com-  
mon forms of weakness, possessed of such  
positively specific curative properties as to  
warrant its makers in proposing, and  
binding themselves to forfeit, as we, the  
undersigned proprietors of that wonderful  
remedy hereby do, to pay the sum of \$500  
in legal money of the United States in any  
case of the above diseases in which after a  
fair and reasonable trial of our treatment,  
we fail to cure. No other medicine for  
the cure of woman's peculiar ailments is  
backed by such a remarkable guarantee;  
no other medicine for woman's ills is pos-  
sessed of the unparalleled curative prop-  
erties that would warrant its manufacturers  
in making such an offer; no other remedy  
has such a record of cures on which to base  
such a remarkable offer.

Therefore, insist on having Dr. Pierce's  
Favorite Prescription and turn your back  
on any unscrupulous dealer who would  
insult your intelligence by attempting to  
foist upon you some inferior substitute,  
under the plea that "it is just as good."  
Insist on having the article which has a  
record of a third of a century of cures and  
which is backed by those willing to forfeit  
\$500 if they cannot cure you.

In cases attended by a leucorrhoeal drain  
a solution of Dr. Pierce's Lotion Tablets  
should be used conjointly with the use of  
the "Favorite Prescription." They are sold  
by all druggists, or sent post-paid to any  
address, on receipt of 25 cents in stamps.  
Send 31 cents in stamps for Dr. Pierce's  
Common Sense Medical Adviser. Address  
WORLD'S DISPENSARY, Buffalo, N. Y.

Weak and sick women are invited to  
consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All  
correspondence is held as strictly private.  
Address Dr. E. W. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Dr. Pierce's Pills cure biliousness.

### To the Baptists.

This is to say, that the First  
Baptist Church of Brownwood  
has invited and does hereby  
invite all the Baptist churches in  
this section of Texas to send  
their workers to meet in a great  
Missionary and Educational  
Conference to be held in our  
meeting house embracing March  
26-31 next. The leading men of  
the denomination in the state  
will be present, and it is hoped  
that the meeting will be the  
greatest and most enthusiastic  
one of the kind ever held in  
Texas. Let every Baptist who  
reads this feel personally invit-  
ed, and also, invited to get others  
to attend. The following pro-  
gram, it is believed, touches  
matters of vital concern and  
they will be ably discussed.  
Our purpose, also, is to spend  
much of the time during the  
Conference in prayerful devo-  
tions. Write to W. D. McChristy,  
chairman of the committee on  
entertainment, for assignment  
of a home during the meeting.

F. M. McCONNELL, Pastor.  
PROGRAM

Monday, 8 p. m.—Introductory  
Sermon—E. L. Compere,  
Dublin

Tuesday, 9 a. m.—Devotional  
Exercises—G. W. Caperton,  
Brady.

10 a. m.—How can Church In-  
dependence as taught in the  
New Testament be preserved  
and maintained consistent with  
cooperation through general  
bodies.—J. B. Gambrell, Dallas.  
Followed by general discus-  
sion.

2 p. m.—Devotional Services—  
C. L. Owen, Goldthwaite.

3 p. m.—The importance of a  
Wide Dissemination of a safe and  
sound Denominational Literature  
and How it can be done.—J. H.  
Gambrell, Dallas. Followed by  
general discussion.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional Ser-  
vice—A. Hitchcock, Coman-  
che.

8 p. m.—Pastoral Evangelism  
and other Evangelism—B. H.  
Dement, Waco.

Wednesday, 9 a. m.—Devo-  
tional exercises—Doc Pegues,  
Dallas.

10 a. m.—The Enlistment of all  
the Members of the Churches in  
all the work of the kingdom of  
Jesus Christ—P. E. Burroughs,  
Temple. Followed by general  
discussion.

2 p. m.—Devotional Services—  
E. A. Burton, Ballinger.

3 p. m.—The Development of  
church members under twenty-  
five years of age. 30 minute  
talks:

(1) Their organization—Joe  
English, Dallas.

(2) Enlistment in personal  
work—C. B. Williams, Stephens-  
ville.

(3) Benefits to Them and to  
the Work accruing from their  
Financial Development—Lee  
Scarborough, Abilene.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional Ser-  
vices—E. L. Springer, Sterling  
City.

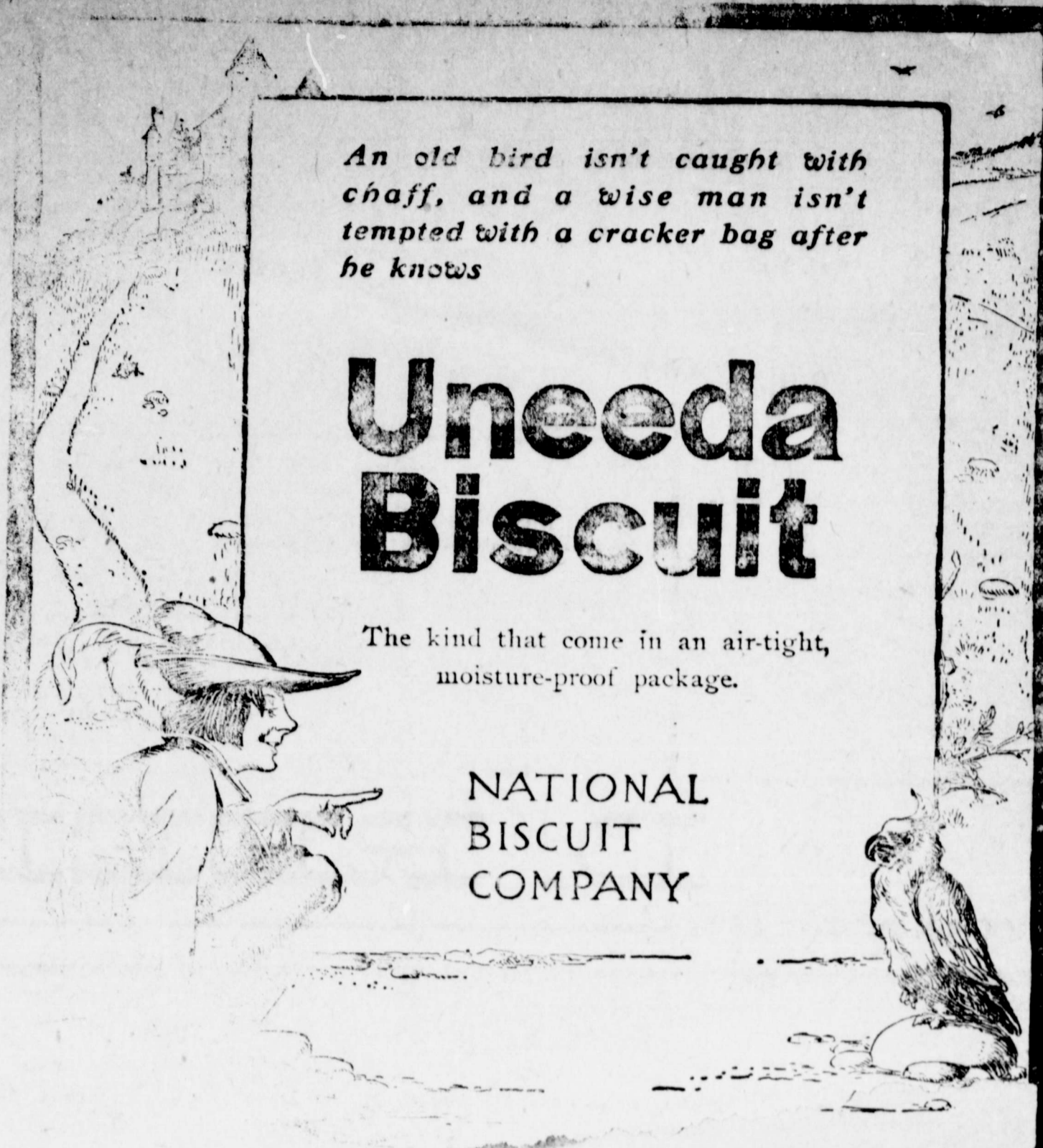
8 p. m.—Christian Education—  
S. P. Brooks, Waco. The Minis-  
try of Money—J. M. Carroll,  
Waco.

Thursday, 9 a. m.—Devotional  
Services The Holy Spirit our  
Helper—B. H. Dement, Waco.

10 a. m.—What the Baptist  
General Convention has done, is  
doing, and proposes to do for  
West and Southwest Texas—J.  
B. Gambrell, Dallas. General  
discussion and personal obser-  
vation meeting. Five minute  
speeches.

2 p. m.—Devotional exercises  
—W. L. Whitley, San Angelo.

3 p. m.—How best to cultivate  
all the field in this section of



An old bird isn't caught with  
chaff, and a wise man isn't  
tempted with a cracker bag after  
he knows

# Uneeda Biscuit

The kind that come in an air-tight,  
moisture-proof package.

NATIONAL  
BISCUIT  
COMPANY

Texas: (1) County seats—D. M.  
West, Ozona.

(2) Rural districts—R. D.  
Carter, Cottonwood.

(3) The need of a concerted  
Evangelistic and Denominational  
Campaign—Catt. Smith. Fol-  
lowed by general discussion.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional Ser-  
vice—J. T. Hamilton, Richland  
Springs.

8:30 p. m.—A vision of the  
Future—J. B. Gambrell, Dallas.  
COMMITTEE.

J. E. Powell.

In this issue appears the  
name of J. E. Powell as a candi-  
date for the office of County Sur-  
veyor of Runnels county. Mr.  
Powell is a civil engineer and  
surveyor of wide reputation and  
is highly recommended by those  
who have had him do their busi-  
ness. He comes before you ask-  
ing your careful consideration  
of his claims before you cast  
your vote for this office. He  
will give you prompt and efficient  
service and earnestly solicit  
your vote and support.

### Notice.

The Board of Pharmacy of the  
35th Judicial District will hold  
annual meeting on Tues-  
day, March 26th, 1904, at  
Texas. All applicants for  
licensure will meet the  
above date at  
m. E. D. WA

We are glad to  
young friend, Wal-  
now a member of  
Currie-Noyes Co. V  
young man of good  
acter and strict busi-  
rity and we rejoice  
motion.

Willard Moser,  
young stockman  
accompanied by the  
Eula Girvin.  
Ozona last Sat-  
Texan.

Mac C. Tow  
ed a position  
in Leeson's  
Abilene Repo

C. A. DOOSE,  
Real Estate and Loan Agent....  
....Abstracter and Conveyancer

Will sell you either improved or unimproved lands  
in Runnels and adjoining counties, in par-  
cels to suit. Loans negotiated on  
your Farm and Ranch Lands, Ven-  
dor's Lien notes taken up and  
extended. Abstracts compiled on short  
notice. All letters of inquiry promptly answered

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS



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# The Hall Hdw. Co.

Carries the most complete line of General Hardware in Ballinger

## Heating Stoves

Are now in demand and we can supply that demand

Prompt Service is our Motto

We have a large line of Guns, Rifles and Sporting Goods of every kind

# Hall Hardware Company



THE HUMPHREY LUMBER CO., Agents, Ballinger, Texas.

# J. R. Tisinger & Co.,

The Prescriptionists and Druggists

Will use this space for the next twelve months. Call and see them for toilet articles or drugs

BALLINGER, TEXAS

### Estray Notice.

Up by the undersigned of Runnels county, Texas, north of Ballinger Precinct No. 1, described stock, was found in a pasture of the undersigned, if the owner does not appear within ten days of the date of this notice, the same will be sold at public sale on the 1st day of the next month.

Live Oak flour, the best to be had at Miller Mercantile Co.

J. M. Grace of the Crews country, was doing business in Ballinger Monday.

We keep new Oliver typewriters in stock. See us. R. G. ERWIN & Co.

Breaking dirt for the addition to the Miller Mercantile Co's. store began Monday morning.

Good milch cow with young calf for sale. J. J. ERWIN, At Miller Mercantile Co.

The "Just as good" kind of goods are not sold at J. L. Chastain's. He sells only one kind—the BEST.

M. C. Tubb is one of the pneumonia victims this week but is improving at the present writing

R. G. Erwin & Co. have been appointed general agents for the Oliver Visible Typewriter for Runnels county.

Miss Lillie Mater of Yorktown Tex., came in this week to visit her parents and other relatives for a few months.

J. H. Parramore, of Abilene spent several days this week at his Runnels county ranch in the Winters section.

F. A. Mater came in last Friday from San Antonio in response to a telegram stating his wife was quite sick.

D. Reeder and wife returned this week from eastern markets where they have been buying an immense stock of goods.

R. G. Erwin & Co. can not only sell you an Oliver type writer for the same price you pay in any city, but save you the express.

Judge John I. Guion returned Sunday from Port Huron, Mich., where he had been on business pertaining to collecting insurance for Mrs. Henry Ransom.

Mrs. Will Martin left yesterday morning for Ballinger to be with her husband who is superintending the erection of a building there for Contractor Joe Kriskie. They will be there something like four months.—Brownwood Bulletin.

A Union Sunday School convention was held at the Methodist church Sunday night, conducted by Mr. Crawford of Corsicana. The meeting was in the interest of the general Sunday school work being carried on over the state, and Mr. Crawford gave some very encouraging words in regard to the work being done.

Mrs. Barclay, representing the Wesson Cooking Oil Co., was in town this week demonstrating the qualities of the Wesson cooking oil. Mrs. Barclay is a perfect cooking. We Godwin Grocer are sole agents for Wesson. Mrs. Barclay is a perfect lady and in perfect terms express our appreciation of this wonderful demonstration.

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### Notic.

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.

### Wanted.

Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply at this office.

### Fire! Fire!

Phone No. 2 for a load of dry oak wood and have a good fire. J. N. MCKAY.

We appreciate your trade and you will appreciate our price if you will figure with us. Smith & Hail

### The Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best salve on earth and will prevent fatality when burns, sores, ulcers and piles threaten. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

### Lost.

A black Berkshire pig. Any one finding it please notify Banner Leader

Get a new saddle at Bob Shafers They are the best.

## SAVE YOUR PROPERTY

From Destruction by Fire.

Let Lee Maddox write you a policy in the HARTFORD; LONDON, LIVERPOOL & GLOBE, or some other big reliable company. I can also write you a life or accident policy in the best companies.

**Lee Maddox**

BALLINGER, TEXAS

## Chas. S Miller Abstract Co.,

INCORPORATED

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Successor to business founded 1879

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R. L. BENNETT, Vice President and Acting Secretary

Abstractors, Surveyors, Land Loan and Insurance Brokers Real Estate and Investment Agents

We have the only complete and up-to-date Abstracts of Titles in Runnels and Concho counties. They have been compiled with the strictest fidelity to the official records and represent a century's painstaking labor. Abstracts of titles compiled and furnished on short notice at reasonable prices.

We Make a Specialty of Deed Writing.

We have the oldest established land agency in Runnels county and have a clientele of both resident and non-resident land owners. We represent a large portion of the lands for sale in Runnels and Concho counties and can offer investors a wide field for selection of either improved or unimproved land, at reasonable prices and on easy terms. Correspondence solicited.

## Where Shall I Buy my GROCERIES

We 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.

## The Miller Mercantile Co

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 J. M. SKINNER  
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 CLYDE C. COCKRELL  
 BUSINESS MANAGER.

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**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**RATES**—Strictly Cash in Advance:

District Offices \$10.00

County Offices \$7.50

Precinct Offices \$2.50

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For Representative 95th District.

C. B. HUDSPETH.

For County Judge.

B. B. STONE.

For District and County Clerk.

R. A. TERRY.  
 JOHN HOFFER.

For County Attorney:

GUION GREGG.  
 R. S. GRIGGS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

R. P. KIRK.

For Tax Assessor:

W. T. PADGETT.  
 J. F. LUSK.

C. S. BOWDON.

For County Treasurer:

W. F. SHARP.  
 D. E. MOSER.

For County Surveyor:

H. E. DICKINSON.  
 S. D. WILLIAMS.  
 J. E. POWELL.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 1.

J. E. SMITH.  
 W. H. WEEKS.  
 G. W. NEWMAN.

For Com. & Justice Peace Prec. No. 2.

J. F. BILLUPS.

**About Correct.**

The following from the Southwest Texan is about correct in reference to the strike between the printers and the Standard at San Angelo and not only there but we think applicable to capital and labor everywhere. We will all have to learn to give and take before we become a great and prosperous people:

"The printers and the San Angelo Standard have not adjusted their difference yet. Each side remains firm, and no doubt each will come out loser. It is to be hoped that the day will sometime come when employer and employee can be friends working together as mutual benefactors. It is right that labor should unite for its own good, and demand respect and consideration from capital. But it should not become too dictative, and should be always reasonable."

DR. W. A. GUSTAVUS, Dentist. Over Walker's Drug Store. Charges right—work guaranteed

Phone us, we will pay you good prices for Second Hand Goods. Lankford & Hathaway.

**The "Tommies" Have Come Together.**

MR. EDITOR:

We believe in unions. We have studied mankind, and find that they are the advocates of unions, combines, and trusts. We believe they are the most successful and progressing of all living creatures. We do not intend to pattern after other mortals altogether; but it has seemed impossible for us ignorant creatures to contrive any great scheme of our own by which we may raise ourselves to a higher elevation; so we have decided to profit by the doings of our superiors. We believe that by banding together we can bring about these results: by uniting our forces we can more successfully carry on our chosen profession—that of making nights hideous for mankind—first, by making a better array against dogs who seem to delight in chasing us, and second, by uniting our feline voices we can fill the air with more melodious (?) sounds, which will cause us to be heard for a longer distance and strike a greater terror to those listening. We can benefit mankind by making a more deadly raid on rats and mice that are prone to stay around your barns. We are proud of our species, and, that we may receive the cooperation and aid of all humans, we give below what we have done:

A few nights ago we effected in Ballinger an organization something out of the ordinary. It is to be known as the Tom Cat Quartette. The object of the organization is to make night hideous for the citizens of Ballinger, and to treat them to periodical demonstrations of vocal ejaculations known by the non de plume of music. The meeting and organization took place on C. P. Shepherd's backyard fence. After being assured that all were safe from a sudden scatteration; and after an exchange of feline courtesies, the meeting was called to order. It was harmonious throughout. There was no flying fur and other disturbances characteristic of such meetings. With mutual consent the following arrangement of voices was made: Mr. Maltese M Hamlin, the big muck-a-muck, will squeal out the high nose lead. Mr. Housecat J Stovall, chief rat catcher, will squall the cat fight tenor. Mr. Me Ow Curry, the purring sentinel, will growl the saw mill bari-ony; and Mr. Wildest M. Brewer, the terror to all thomas cats and cur dogs will roar out the bull frog bass.

The foregoing is the personnel of the organization; and we hereby request all citizens to leave bootjacks and brickbats in the backyard while we serenade the front, and vice versa. Cakes and fresh steak, we hope, will be left within easy reach. We guarantee to drive away all pestiferating rats and mice, and are as good as Rough on Rats. The first practice will be next Monday night. Time, 12 o'clock. Place, under Bob Kirk's barn. Don't take a shot at us, we are perfectly harmless; it is enough to say "Rats, rats."

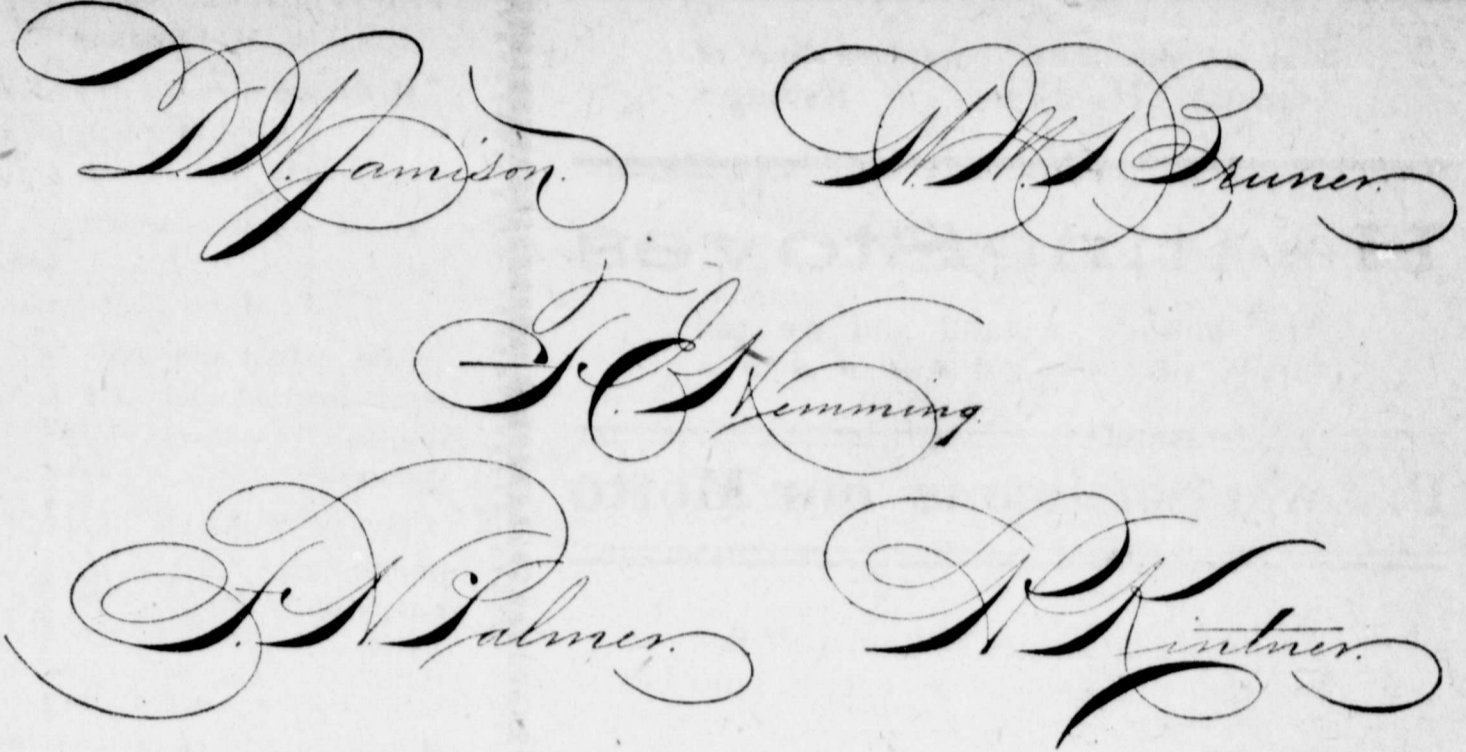
Tom Cat Quartette.

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**Meeting of Brownwood Presbytery**

The Brownwood Presbytery of the C. P. church held at Coleman last week was a most interesting and profitable meeting. It was the best attended meeting in the history of the Presbytery and harmony and good will prevailed throughout.

Three new congregations were taken under the care of the Presbytery, which makes six congregations during the past year and sixteen during the past two years.

Reports from the various churches showed an increase in resident membership of the churches in the presbytery of about two hundred, which brings the total increase during the past two years up to about fifty per cent.

The treasurer's report showed all the obligations of the Presbytery up to date paid in full and a neat balance on hand to the credit of the Presbytery.

The report of the permanent committee on church extension showed that there had been raised throughout the Presbytery \$1083.54 for the general benevolences, \$800 of which went to the different boards of the church, the balance being applied to the church debt of the San Angelo church.

All the congregations in the Presbytery but one contributed to these General Benevolences. The debt against the San Angelo church has been reduced during the year from \$1300 to \$50.

Steps were taken which it is thought will lead to the pastoral supply of all the churches.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Brownwood beginning Friday morning, August 10, 1904, at 10 o'clock before 8 o'clock.

**Brown**

On last Sunday a buggy in front of the parsonage, performed the united in the wedlock Miss Mr. J. L. Sp Wilmetta being one of Ballinger and highly noble and will of a wife sought, tache of Ballinger will make faithful friends in cong

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"Would that my men had been plucked from some beautiful bird of paradise and dipped in the dyes of the rainbow, that I might fittingly describe the beautiful marriage scene recently.

"Just as the day god, clothed in majestic sublimity, had withdrawn his galaxy of quivering, golden beams from the earth and wafted a good night to the young evening, who, approaching with clouds mounted by a crescent stars—it was the of confidence binding the Spring Figg upon seal

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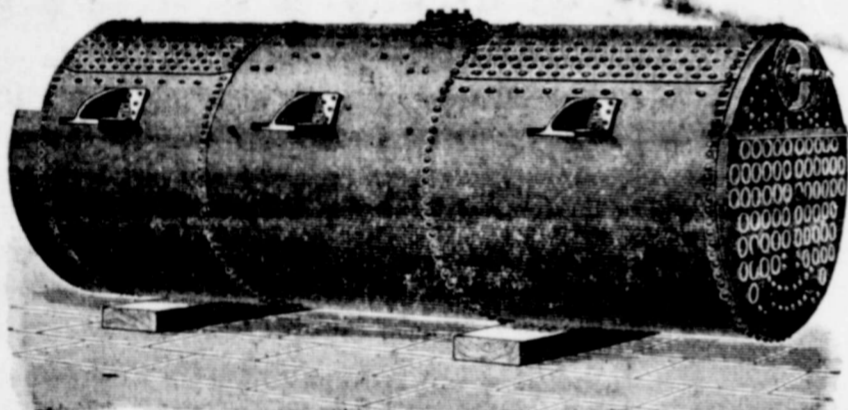
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#### Keeping His Place Warm.

This story is told of a successful British General, who was far from being a brilliant scholar at school. After he became famous he one day dropped into the old school, to pay a visit to the scene of his former woes. The teacher was anxious to make a good impression on the General, and put the pupils through their lessons so as to the best advantage. After a while the General said: "But which is the dunces? You have surely Show him to me." The teacher called up a poor fellow who looked the picture of a dunces. He had just come toward the General, and asked: "June?"

#### A. \$50,000 FIRE.

##### Santa Fe Depot Burns.

Ballinger was again visited last Friday morning by one of the most devastating fires in the history of the town. This coupled with the recent disastrous fire seems to confirm the old maxim that "misfortune comes not singly but in battalions."

The Santa Fe passenger and freight depot, together with the contents, was burned here Friday morning between four and five o'clock. The loss to the Railway Co. is estimated at \$50,000, and may exceed that figure as it is at present difficult to estimate it.

Six cars standing on the track were burned and the water tank so badly damaged that it will have to be rebuilt. Just how much freight and express was stored in the depot is difficult to estimate but it is known that a large amount of property was destroyed. Almost every business man in town had something in the freight or express offices.

The origin of the fire is still wrapped in mystery, but many believe that the circumstances attending it point to incendiary origin. The agent Mr. Edwards, Harry Sharp and some other hands worked there until after twelve o'clock Thursday night and they feel sure that it is impossible for them to have done it from their negligence.

The fire originated in the freight department, where proven by the fact that when the express and ticket office were broken into there was no sign of fire in them.

The fact that we are having so many fires to break out at the same time in the morning leads a good many of our citizens to believe a "fire bug" dwells in our midst.

Mr. Eubank, the telegraph operator, says that there was insurance on both building and contents but he does not know what amount there was.

Two box cars are now on the side track, serving the purpose of a depot. Just what steps the railway company will take to rebuild is not known.

#### Shakespeare Club Entertains.

Thursday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler the members of the Shakespeare Club and a few friends gathered to see a short comedy entitled "A Stir in Colonial Circles," as played by part of the Club. It is needless to say that each one rendered their part perfectly and the audience enjoyed the entertainment to the fullest. After the play the guests and players served delicious fruit and the rest of the evening passed in conversation.

The guests then delivered many thanks for an evening and voting the Shakespeare Club a delightful entertainment.

#### Inland Railroad Men.

A train of Galvestonian officials stopped off in Ballinger last Saturday and Sunday over the city by J. I. Willingham. The train consisted of the following: O. L. Willingham, Commissioner of the Santa Fe; R. E. L. and J. C. L. Willingham, Kansas. They were in the Santa Fe's Ballinger section.

It is done the offers

Miss Nell Fentress came in Friday from San Saba and will be the guest of Judge Guion and family.

Judge M. C. Smith informed us that he lost a new roll top desk and a fine revolving office chair in the depot fire Thursday night. He says it was his loss as he had proper notice that they were in the depot.

The following were the guests of Judge Guion and family Sunday: Miss March of San Angelo, Miss Susie Clark of Dallas, Messrs Clip Gannt and Pink West of San Angelo, and Mr Fentress Hill of New York.

J. M. Valentine, the boss carpenter, came down from the Crews country Friday in company with Mr. C. W. Swartz to carry out lumber to build a residence for Mr. Swartz. The Crews country is not behind any section when it comes to improving.

#### Notice.

The theme of the morning service Sunday at the Baptist church will be, "Preparation for Greater Service." The evening theme, "Its Hope—the third in the series of sermons—The Mystical Young Manhood. All are cordially invited to attend.

Edgar A. Burton, Pastor.

#### Births.

The following births are reported this week.

A. H. Absher, a boy, February 17th.

S. A. Dunn, a boy, February 18th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 19th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 20th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 21st.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 22nd.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 23rd.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 24th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 25th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 26th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 27th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 28th.

Edgar A. Burton, a boy, February 29th.

#### Burglary.

D. Reeder reports a burglar at his home Thursday night. He entered at the rear of the house and was seen by Francis, the cock, in the dining room and her room. She was not alarmed at the time for she thought it was Mr. Reeder up for some purpose. Nothing was missed the next morning. Mr. Reeder says there is liable to be a "dead corpse," if this happens again.

#### A Night Watchman.

Some business men have suggested that a night watchman would be a good thing for Ballinger in view of the recent fires, which indicates an incendiary in our midst. A number of men have expressed a willingness to contribute so much each month to pay some good man to act in that capacity. If enough would contribute it would not fall heavy on any one. There is no doubt but that this service might prevent much loss of property. Let's have one.

#### War News.

Not many happenings of interest have occurred at the theatre of war in the far east this week.

An attempt to capture Port Arthur was made by the Japs on February 24th but was repulsed. It was reported that the Japanese fleet lost four war ships but later reports show that they were merchant men and not battleships.

Another later report states the Japanese fleet consisting of 23 battleships, has renewed the attack and are bombarding Port Arthur at 3000 yards with heavy guns. The result is not yet known.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape Physician and Surgeon. Office phone 38, residence phone 44.

Phone 82 to buy, sell or lease household goods.

#### 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.

Giddings, Tex., Dec. 3, 1902. —Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Dear Sir—In 1896 myself and wife were great sufferers from kidney and bladder troubles, and your Texas Wonder cured us, and we have never suffered since. We cheerfully recommend it to others suffering in like manner. C. B. HOSEA.

##### A New Rock Depot.

Now since the fire we are without a depot what is the matter with the City Council, Commercial Club or some representative organization agitating the question of a new rock depot. We have the material for it right here and can put on the ground very cheap. Why not offer the railway company some inducements to erect such a structure, its something we need and would greatly add to the appearance of our fast growing little city. Let's discuss this question and see what can be done.

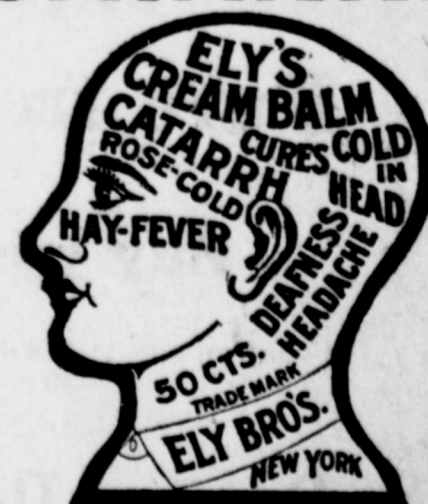
J. W. Powell.

The depot at Ballinger burned last night and J. W. Powell wrote the Company to-day on his own responsibility that the Ballinger Commercial Club wishes to cooperate with them in building a handsome stone structure and that the club will guarantee them stone free in quarry, the sand freestone pit, and \$250 cash and more to get such a structure to meet them.

The thief who stole Mr. J. W. Powell's horse from a hitch post in Ballinger was captured near Brownwood Thursday evening by Sheriff Denman of Brown county. Our prompt and watchful sheriff, R. P. Kirk, phoned to the sheriffs of the adjoining counties a description of the horse, bridle and saddle, and Sheriff Denman knew the horse as soon as he saw it and at once arrested the thief and put him in the Brownwood jail and so notified Sheriff Kirk, who went up after his man and horse yesterday.

When in need of nice pickles, olives, chow chow and any old good thing to eat, just phone No. 12.

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### Terrel Election Law Defended By Its Author.

A special dated Feb. 5, from Ft. Worth, to the Austin Statesman gives Judge Terrell's speech before the meeting of the County Judges and Commissioners' association. The Leader publishes the following extracts from the address:

"I assume all responsibility that is proper for the new election law. The poll tax payments have ended; the howl of angry candidates has about ceased; the complaints of the grafter and ward heeler, of ballot box stuffers and aspiring fools will continue for a time, but the hour has come when the honest voter should know the truth about this election law. I am here to answer first those who say that the law is hard to understand

"Now this is the one law, and the only law or the statute book, that provides for its interpretation, by instruction cards, without going to lawyer. All the kinks and difficulties of the law have been unraveled by the secretary of state and attorney general, and what is called 'instruction cards' have been sent to every one of you judges. They are to be posted up on election day at every voting place in Texas. They instruct the voter regarding all his rights and duties. They tell the collector, county judge, precinct judges and clerks what each must do; they tell the voter what he must do when he goes in to vote; how he must fold his ballot, and everything that the voter should know. They tell of the penalties, and how the scoundrel who buys votes must be sent to the penitentiary to be a honest; how the news paper that sells its columns and the man that buys them must be punished and how government clerks in comptroller's and treasurer's offices and elsewhere must stay at their desks and stop spending their time in electioneering, as they have been doing, or be branded as criminals \* \* \* The law punishes corporations for giving money to any political headquarters of any party. All this is new, and naturally makes the quarter-stretch, small fry politician, who hangs around the courthouse, squeal and curse the law, for it interferes with his trade. \* \* \*

"Every reading man knows that last winter, before this law passed, poll taxes had to be paid. As many as 600 were paid by one man in one city, and peddled out by him to ward heeler—white tramps, Mexicans and

negroes, to overwhelm the votes of the honest men. This game was worked in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas and elsewhere. How long could free government last if such rascality continued? One great object of this law was to prevent traffic in poll tax receipts. Of course the legal machinery to do this was a little complicated, for it was an effort to stop complicated villainy. What honest man can complain of this? Who wants the purchasable voter to pay his poll tax? It was hoped that purchasable voters, whether white, black or yellow would not pay the poll tax and that the control of the government would pass to those who from pride of manhood would pay it without persuasion. If honest judges are at the polls no one can now tell how a citizen has voted, and it was hoped that the vagrant would not pay his poll tax, unless persuaded when he saw no way to get his money back.

"But the ward heeler, grafter and corrupt candidate has been wide awake and has been skir-mishing around the alleys and cabins for three months, urging every man, without regard to who he is, to pay his poll tax. Possibly, if he is a candidate, he has loaned much money to pock-marked Mexicans and vagrant negroes to pay the tax under promise of their votes. Let him beware of the penitentiary, for there are honest men in every county who will now watch and brand him. \* \* \*

"Country people don't complain of primary elections, where every man's vote can be counted. They were disgusted with convention nominations, which were cut and dried by political managers. Candidates already in office could unite their purses under the old laws, to make a big campaign fund, for they controlled county conventions with parliamentary cunning and a poor man had no chance. \* \* \*

"We now have a check on state conventions and political trusts. Under section 98 of the law, primary elections in every county may nominate from governor down, and the votes of all the people can be counted in state conventions; thus the people can nominate state officers, instead of the old cut and dried method of nominating in state conventions. If the people will do this we will have no more complaint about congressional trusts controlling state conventions. \* \* \*

"This law was touched by a branding iron in the shape of senate amendments just 101 times. Some changes improved it, but many were made to defeat it. As a whole I defend the work of the legislature, and to say that this election law is a thousand times better than the old law. But it needs amendment. \* \* \* My orator required a printed ballot for independent candidates.

"The people want to know and when they have a ballot can be trusted. When a election is held under this law men will understand and honest men will endorse the general provisions.

"Every great reformer to increase the power of the masses of the people, has been opposed by the politics their try by the to swim down in the current but the law works to advance must expect to wait fourteen years

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the senate and lower house, I lived in an atmosphere of censure on account of laws written by me. Not one of them has ever been repealed. I now approach the sunset of life, burthened with many repented sins, but with a conscience void of offense against my state. Errors of judgment I have committed, but this election law in its main provisions is not one of them. Texas has been kind to me while life endures I will who for her people emotion made. This state is a warm and peaceful one.



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**Judge Jno. W. Goodwin.**  
The report current in Brownwood that all of the Coleman county officers are opposed to the re-election of Judge Goodwin in not only unauthorized but false. No less than four are pronounced Goodwin men, while two others interviewed are non-committal. Of the other four one is known to be against the judge while the other three are supposed to be indifferent in the matter. But there are lots of people in Coleman county besides her officers and it is safe to say that the county will give Goodwin a big majority over anyone who may care to enter the race against him.—Coleman Voice.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the County of Runnels for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, Shelby Singleton, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for Runnels County, at a regular term of the Justice's Court for Precinct No. 2 of said county, to be begun and holden at my office in Crews school house on the 12 day of March, 1904 at ten o'clock, a. m., to answer the complaint of W. J. Baggett, plaintiff, in a certain suit therein pending, in which W. J. Baggett is plaintiff and Shelby Singleton is defendant. Filed on the 15th day of January A. D. 1904, and numbered on the docket of said court No 27, the nature of the plaintiff's demand being in substance plaintiff says that on and prior to the 1st day of October 1903, and continuing from said last date named until this day he was, has been and is engaged in the livery business in the town of Crews in said county and state and was and is engaged in keeping and feeding horses and other stock for the public for hire and that on or about said date of October 1st 1903, the defendant placed with plaintiff in his capacity as aforesaid for hire the following described mare to wit: being a sorrel mare about 14 hands high about 1 or 12 years old, branded with triangle on left shoulder; that plaintiff still has possession of and has during the 3 1/2 months since October 1st 1903 fed, kept and taken care of said animal, which keep, etc. is of the reasonable value of \$50.00 per month or a total of \$175.00, which defendant, though often requested, refuses to pay. Plaintiff prays for judgment for said sum of \$175.00 and foreclosure of agistor's lien on said mare.

Witness my hand and seal of said regular term of said court, this 15th day of January A. D. 1904.  
J. B. BROWN,  
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W. M. Smiley, of the firm of Dale & Smiley of Winters, was in the city Thursday.

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W. E. Hill, recently of Buffalo Gap but now of Pumphrey, having bought out the stock of general merchandise at that place, was in our city Thursday enroute home from the eastern markets where he has purchased a large stock of general merchandise for his store at Pumphrey. He is an old friend of R. S. Griggs of our city.

The officers of the C. P. church met Wednesday night in session and called a pastor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh. Rev. C. W. Yates of Lebanon, Ohio, was called and it is supposed he will accept the call.

Ben Hale, E. V. Trout, Walter Tally and others whose names we failed to get, of the Crews country, accompanied to Ballinger Thursday the remains of Mrs. Myrick which were enroute to Hillsborough for interment.

W. E. Knight returned Thursday from Cameron where he had been on a visit to his parents. He says they had rain but no snow while he was in Cameron.

Fresh California canned apricots, grapes and plums for a short time at the low price of 12 cents per can at J. B. Alvis & Bro's.

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I L Beard, formerly of the firm of Dale & Beard of Winters, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

J. W. Chilton a former merchant of Ballinger but now a drummer, was in the city Thursday.

Judge C. O. Harris returned Thursday from Houston and other points where he had been on business.

Rev. R. M. Hall requests us to announce services both at 11 o'clock and at night at the Presbyterian church.

The oil mill expects to shut down about the 20th of March. Anyone having cotton seed for sale should bring them in before that date. The price is now \$14 for good seed.

C. A. Doose returned Wednesday from Marlin where he went to see his wife and little son and brought them back as well as Moody where Mrs. Doose will spend awhile with relatives.

Mr. John Byars and Johnson county enroute to in Runnels county bought the J. A. near Wingate acres at \$13.13. Doose our landing the deal. desirable piece we cordially welcome family to our

We have been a number if primary this is up to county. T and instructed fifteen the matter discuss of the time.

In case of a primary this year, let the people begin to think over the matter and instruct your precinct committee man as to your wish for a second primary, in case where three or more are running and neither gets a majority of all the votes cast. If democracy is what we are after let us carry out its principles. Think this and other matters over and when the committee meets they will know your wishes.

Mrs. G. W. Newman and daughter, Miss Inez, left for Goldthwaite Tuesday evening. Mrs. Newman was expecting a daughter in from their old home but received word that serious sickness prevented her getting any further than Goldthwaite so she goes down there to attend her.

J. A. Watkins sold the earth between Wingate and Johnson county to B. state and pres the his conditions. Spring Figg upon seat



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