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PHONE 58

BALLINGER

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas, it has pleased Kishe Manitou, The Great Spirit, to call from these Hunting Grounds on the 7th Sun, Plant Moon, to the happy Hunting Grounds, our brother and friend, W. P. Nash, and,

Whereas, in his "going hence" we have lost a true friend and sympathetic brother; his mother

Council Fires hereby tender to the bereaved wife and children of our sympathies, our love, our protection so long as they walk the forests of life.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Tribe, a copy set to the grief stricken wife, and to each of the Ballinger papers with a request for

Public Speaking.

On our round this week we organized a club at Longbranch. We came to Winters almost sure of organizing, but the farmers seemed not to have the moral courage to come out and join the Farmers Union.

We will speak and organize at the following places:
Antelope, Monday night April

On account of the barbecue and picnic to be held at Rowena, May 2nd 1904, the Santa Fe has granted an excursion rate of one fare plus 50c for the round trip good for ten days. This will give the people along the line who have never visited our section a chance to see the garden spot of the west with her spring clothes on.

There is going to be lots of cotton planted in west Texas and the Panhandle this year, and cattlemen are not looking upon the situation with as much disfavor as formerly. Every year it is becoming more and more apparent that the farmer and stockmen are not so far apart as many have believed in the past. Their interests are now very close together.—Ex.

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a devoted son; his wife and children an affectionate, loving husband and father; the community, a good citizen,

Therefore be it resolved, that we the members of Mascadero Tribe, No. 151, extend to his sorrowing family our deepest sympathy in this great bereavement and commend them in this sad hour to the Great Spirit who doeth all things well;

That we, as Red Men, true to the principles taught around our

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S. J. Carpenter, } Com.
R. S. Griggs. }

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Wingate, Friday night April 22nd, 1904.

Brother farmers, don't let this great important thing slip your minds, come out and let us organize. Again let me appeal to you to come, and tell your neighbors to come. J. W. Thompson, Speaker and Organizer.

W. R. Spencer and Bob Royalty left Wednesday by private conveyance for the Big Springs country and from there they will prospect on as far as Lubbock county.

Four of the Galveston-Dallas News men were in Ballinger this week in the interest of the circulation department of those papers. They are live, energetic men and did a good business.

The addition to the Citizens National Bank will be begun in about 10 days, so we are informed.

Misses Beatrice and Mary Lee Thomson entertained a few of their friends at cards last Friday night.

We are authorized to say that a summer normal will be held in Ballinger this summer beyond doubt. The date has not yet been fixed.

C. A. DOOSE,

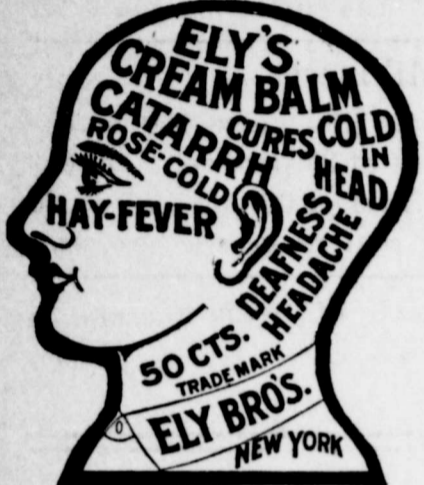
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Our motto is "In things essential, unity; in things non essential, free diversity, and in all things charity."

This Co Operative Union is a business organization, founded upon business principles for business purposes, and as business, necessarily secret, and as secret, non-political. The tombstones of fifty political parties that have been born into politics since this nation was established and have died and been forgotten should serve as danger signals to all labor organizations. These parties struggled through short, fitful, feverish lives of doubtful utility and wasted energy, representing faithful struggle and comparatively fruitless self-sacrifice. Our constitution and ritualistic work, mark you, distinctly forbid partisan discussions within the sacred precincts of the Union.

The Farmer's Union fights the monopolistic spirit wherever it appears. Sometimes it creeps up very near our own door. In fact almost every town and community no matter how small has one or more pitiful little monopolists. The man who is opposed to organized farmers is usually a would be plutocrat, or more likely simply wants to fleece somebody. Some men seem to believe that God made them for no other purpose than to ride upon the bent backs of other men. Don't sit with folded arms and whine about "hard times." Don't say, "Let well enough alone," "thank God it is no worse," or "the Lord loveth whom he chastiseth." A dog will bite, a cat will scratch, a mule will kick, but a man who will refuse to join his friends in a righteous move against tyranny and financial oppression is a barnacle upon society. Had his Christian resignation and Chinese humility been generally observed the human race would never have risen above savagery. When you see a man rushing along the street like the dogs were after him, or see him up at 4 o'clock in the morning when he can't sleep, and making everything on the place get up who want to sleep, you say, "that man is chasing the almighty dollar and is getting rich." By no means. Ten to one he and his family are being crucified upon a cross of debt. He is like the fellow who chased the "hookin" cow around the fodder stack, all the time holding to the tail, he'd be glad to rest a little, but he "just hain't the time." It is the purpose of the Farmer's Co Operative Union to assist that man in getting a rest.

1. To discourage as much as possible, (through organized effort) the present mortgage and credit system

2. To assist our members (through organized effort) in buying and selling.

3. To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in crop diversification and scientific agriculture.

4. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves.

5. To form a more adequate union with those in authority for a strict and impartial enforcement of law, that crime, vice and immorality may be suppressed.

6. It would garner the tears of the distressed, the blood of martyrs, the laugh of innocent childhood and the virtue of a happy home as the brightest jewels known.

7. This is in no degree a political party and shall forever abstain from even so much as a discussion of partyism. Yet we do not feel that it is right to place shackles upon the mind nor a padlock upon the lips of any man who may wish to discuss, for educational purposes, the science of government, because upon this rock must rest all structures for either mental, moral, social or financial development.

Mrs. J. A. Adams, of Dublin, Texas, is desirous of knowing the whereabouts of an ex-confederate soldier that was in Company K, 8th Kentucky, Morgan's command. If anybody knows the whereabouts of one of this company they will confer a much appreciated favor by notifying the above named person. —Exchanges please copy.

F. L. Bredemire, one of the strong German friends of the Banner-Leader of the Winters country, was in the city Monday and reports his neighborhood well up with their farming. While here he renewed his allegiance to the paper.

C. O. Harris, the gentlemanly attorney of Ballinger was here this week on County Court business. —San Angelo Standard.

Ballinger Needs a Park.

The following clipped from an exchange is applicable to Ballinger. Let's not only think but act upon the matter:

When our people know each other better they will like each other better. There is not enough sociability among them. They are too busy, have too many things to worry over and not enough to enjoy

"All work and no play," etc., was written by a philosopher who knew human nature.

At school you may remember that as a rule the best boy on the playground was the best boy at recitations. Men and women are boys and girls grown up—with the difference that men and women have more responsible duties resting upon them and therefore need recreation much worse than boys and girls.

A public park where our people can find comfortable seats after sunset would enable them to visit each other informally and enjoy the fresh air, concerts, and social converse.

Another Big Fire.

It is with regret that we have to chronicle another disastrous fire in Ballinger. About two o'clock Sunday evening the J. G. Key meat market, St. Clair's photograph gallery, Nease's bicycle and repair shop and McKay's wood yard in the rear of the market were entirely destroyed by fire. A new two-horse power gasoline engine was destroyed in the market.

The fire broke out in the photograph gallery and the origin is unknown. The market, worth \$1000, was insured for \$600, the photograph gallery had small insurance, but the bicycle shop was an entire loss. Prompt action on the part of the fire department saved the Cameron wagon yard and other out buildings.

Picnic in the Smalldt Pasture.

There will be a picnic on the 25th of April in the Tator Smalldt pasture two miles west of Winters. There will be premium shooting by the Cochran Gun Club and a nice time generally is expected. Come and bring your basket and your people and enjoy the day. The Club looks after the cold drinks. If you should happen to forget your basket don't be uneasy, you shan't go away hungry

Joe Ashbacher
F. Bredemire
F. Armbract
A. Speill
Tator Smalldt
Committee.

Married.

On last Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Armbract, of Winters, Miss Annie Armbract and Mr. Ed Gerhardt were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Besides the relatives quite a number of friends witnessed the impressive ceremony which made these two one, and join the Banner-Leader in wishing them a happy and prosperous voyage over life's matrimonial sea.

Clyde C. Cockrell, former business manager of the Ballinger Banner-Leader, has purchased a half interest in that paper. The Banner-Leader comes to us this week full of good things and we hope it will continue to receive the support which it now has, and which a good live paper deserves —Sweetwater Reporter.

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A Sad Death.

We are pained to chronicle the death of the little four year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carleton, of Crews which occurred last Saturday about 4 o'clock. It seems that the little fellow had gotten some matches and got into a little side room adjoining the residence in which was stored some lint cotton and other inflammable articles, and set the room on fire and was burned to death. Prompt work on the part of the citizens saved the residence but the little fellow only lived two hours after he was gotten out. The entire community join the Banner-Leader in heartfelt sympathy for the heartbroken and bereaved parents.

Rev. C. W. Yates, the new pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church preached his introductory sermon Sunday. A majority of the members of the church were out to hear him, and if one may speak for all will say that all were well pleased with the new preacher. His sermon was plain and practical and went direct to the hearts of his hearers. He is a pleasant, intelligent, Christian gentleman and the congregation are to be congratulated upon securing the services of such a man.

We are glad to note our young editor friend, A. C. Boyd, of the Mercury News, formerly of the Winters Recorder, is getting up a neat, clean, newsy sheet in his new place. Mr. Boyd is an honorable, deserving young man and no doubt appreciates the liberal patronage he is receiving.

H. W. Alexander received this week in connection with his fine soda fountain an all-round refrigerator which is the nicest and most conveniently arranged we have ever seen.

J. R. Bounds and J. E. Stout of Alvarado, Texas, old friends of our fellow citizen, S. L. Evans, were prospecting in our county this week.

W. P. King, a substantial farmer and strong friend of the Banner-Leader of the Crews country, was supplying in Ballinger last Saturday.

Mrs. F. A. McDaniel of Comanche, mother of Maud McDaniel of our city, came in Saturday to visit her son and family for a week or two.

Our young merchant friend, Ed Schaws, of Bronte, spent a day or two with relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. D. Samms of Concho county is visiting Ballinger this week the guest of her friend, Mrs. George Vaughn.

Dr. W. B. Halley went up to Miles Saturday evening to spend Sunday with his brother of that place.

Walter Tabor of Brownwood was in our city this week looking after stock interests.

Ed Gentry, who had business in San Angelo last Saturday, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Miles left Saturday evening to visit her children at Santa Anna.

Bill Gee of the Winters country had business here Friday of last week.

Jack Pearce of Winters was among the crowd here last Saturday.

Will exchange new goods for old. Lankford & Hathaway.

Look at J. E. Brewer's show window.

J. T. Billups

stock farmer of the
try, had business here
urday.

Joe Hardin went up to San Angelo last Saturday to see the ball game between Ballinger and San Angelo.

Judge J. W. Powell went up to San Angelo last Sunday where he had legal business in the federal court.

There will be a big barbecue and picnic at Rowena on May 2nd, 1904, not only for our own county but all up and down the Santa Fe. The committee on arrangements have the promise of excursion rates and will publish same next week.

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 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. P. MOSER.

For Public Cotton Weiger's Prec. No. 1.
 T. J. STOCKS.
 FRANK STUART.
 LOUISA MASSEY.
 CHAS. E. NANCE.
 H. P. HARKINS.

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.

For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.
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For County Commissioner Prec. No. 2.
 J. E. McADAMS.

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Daughters of Republic.

Application of the following has been requested:

To the Honorable the Chairmen and Members of the Democratic Executive Committees of each County in the State of Texas, —Gentlemen: Your memorialists, "The Daughters of the Republic of Texas," an association composed of the widows, wives, daughters and female descendants of the early pioneers of Texas, who made the matchless history of our state, and sacrificed life and property for the benefit of humanity and freedom, respectfully represent:

1. That the basis of our association is a desire to create a popular interest in the glorious history of our state, to cultivate a genuine and devoted love of country, and to impress upon the youth of our land an adequate conception of the great debt they owe to the men who, by their self sacrifice and heroism, laid firm and deep the foundation of this great Commonwealth, and secured to them the infinite blessing of Constitutional liberty.

2. That the acquisition, preservation and proper adornment of the historic spots inseparably associated and connected with those deeds of heroism constitute object lessons, impressive as nothing else can be, of the State's greatness in the past, and will inevitably inspire a noble endeavor to perpetuate that greatness, and implant in the minds and hearts of succeeding generations a desire to emulate the example and maintain the high principles of patriotic devotion bequeathed to them by their ancestors.

3. That the old Alamo Mission buildings and grounds, the sacred spot made dear to the heart of every Texan by reason of its baptism in the blood of martyr heroes, are now placed within the reach of our people only by the splendid act of patriotic devotion of Miss Clara Driscoll, one of the Daughters of the Republic, who by her generous act in advancing over \$17,000 from her own private funds, in order to preserve them from the relentless grasp of commercial greed, has made it possible that the spot may yet become the property of the people of Texas, and be forever preserved as a shrine before which future generations should stand in reverent deference.

In view of these premises we, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, respectfully appeal to you, the representatives of the Democracy of Texas, and ask you, in the name of justice and right, and in behalf of that duty owing by our citizenship to the memory of departed and fallen heroes, to appeal to all of your respective conventions that they ask and demand that all members of the next Legislature—Senators and Representatives—be instructed to demand the passage of a sufficient appropriation to pay off the debts due on the Alamo Mission at San Antonio, and to favor such appropriate legislation as is suggested by article xvi, section 39 of the State Constitution, as from time to time may be proper to secure the historical spots of Texas, and to insure the dedication and suitable care of them.

We especially and earnestly request that all delegates to all conventions be instructed to vote for such measures as a platform pledge of the Democratic party—the dominant party—which controls the destiny

of Texas, and to demand same of our next State Democratic convention.

Trusting that the righteousness of our cause may be evident to the noble manhood of Texas, and being conscious of the rectitude of our motives and intentions, we submit our appeal to the candid judgment of an honorable and patriotic people. Signed by Mrs. Anson Jones, president, Houston; Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher, second vice president, Austin; Mrs. C. B. Stone, third vice president, Galveston; Mrs. Kate S. Terrel, fourth vice president, Dallas; Mrs. Walter Gresham, fifth vice president, Galveston; Mrs. Adele B. Looscan, historian, Houston; Mrs. Charles H. Milby, secretary, Harrisburg; Mrs. Adele B. Looscan, assistant secretary pro tem, Houston; Miss Belle Funn, treasurer, Houston.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Marie B. Urwitz, chairman, Houston; Mrs. J. J. McKeever, Jr., Houston; Mrs. C. B. Stone, Galveston; Mrs. Charles H. Milby, Harrisburg; Mrs. Walter Gresham, Galveston; Miss Adina de Zavala, San Antonio; Miss Clara Driscoll, San Antonio; Mrs. Josep B. Dibrell, Seguin; Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler.—Dallas News.

RESPONSE TO THE FOREGOING.

Resolved—That we, the people of Runnels county, in mass meeting assembled, on this April 13th, 1904, hereby request our county convention to instruct all delegates to the several political conventions to favor such legislation as is contemplated by Article 16, section 36 of the State Constitution, and further request that our Representative and State Senator be instructed to favor an appropriation by the next legislature to purchase the old Alamo Mission at San Antonio, and that they be requested to endeavor to procure the enactment of such legislation. We endorsed the appeal made by the Daughters of the Republic to the Democratic party of Texas for state aid in this most worthy and patriotic work, and ask all Texans to respond to their call by endorsing such measures. We commend the faithful, devoted labor of Miss Clara Driscoll and Miss Adina de Zavala and wish them God speed in their noble work.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, April 17th 1904.
 Leader—Mr. Bair.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Subject—How Christ Transforms Lives—Phil. 3:20 21; Rom. ans 12:1-2.
 Song.
 Voluntary Readings by all.
 Sentence prayers.
 Song.
 Jesus in triumph arose—Poem—Miss Rubie Green.
 Song.
 Select Reading—Miss Angie Butler.
 Song and collection.
 Benediction.

Chas. Dickens, the advance agent for the Mollie Bailey show, was billing the town Thursday. We are informed that the show is much improved in all departments and you may expect a nice, clean performance and something new.

Marriage license issued since our last issue are, Ed R. L. Gerhart of Crews, and Miss Annie Armbrrecht of Winters.

Rev. R. M. Hall went up to San Angelo on Thursday's train.

A Stylish Hat

Is what well dressed Ladies want Our Hats excel in this respect and prices are always right.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs. Emma Godwin,

At the Hub,

Ballinger, Texas.

Tasteless Castor Oil.

What mother would punish her baby by dopping it with old nauseating Castor Oil when she can get a bottle of Tisinger's Tasteless Castor Oil for 15c. We also compound Rx 555, a sure cure for Rheumatism. Prepared only by—

J. R. Tisinger & Co.,

8th Street, BALLINGER, TEXAS

Estray Notice.

To W. L. Towner, county clerk, Runnels county, Texas.
 In compliance with the Estray law now in force, I herewith return the following estray which has been found running at large and not estrayed, and state that the owner of the same is unknown, one brown horse 12 or 14 years old, star in forehead, about 14 hands high, branded on left hip IX. Said horse in care of J. K. Battle 10 miles N. W. of Ballinger.

J. E. SMITH,
 County Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Runnels county, Texas (ATTEST)
 W. L. Towner,
 County Clerk

Strayed or Stolen.

One brown horse 14½ hands high, white feet and white face, branded 9 on left jaw, \$250 reward for delivery to me at Ballinger or will pay a liberal reward for information leading to his recovery.

T. A. EMBRY,
 Ballinger, Texas.

From every point of view our stock of jewelry is desirable—in beauty, in style, in quality, in saving price. Jas. E. Brewer.

Normal and Training School

Training for teachers' certificates, and for college entrance. All literary branches taught. HENRY J. STOVALL, Pres.

IMPROVED SERVICE

—ON THE—
SAN ANGELO BRANCH
 —OF THE—



PULLMAN SLEEPERS

BETWEEN

Ft. Worth and San Angelo
 Schedule of Sleeper

Lv. Fort Worth.....9:10 p. m.
 " Temple.....3:00 a. m.
 Ar. San Angelo.....12:45 p. m.
 Lv. San Angelo.....3:30 p. m.
 Ar. Temple.....1:30 a. m.
 " Fort Worth.....7:20 a. m.
 Sleeper Car Rate
 Between Ft. and San Angelo, \$1.25
 Between Temple and San Angelo \$1.00
 W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A.
 Galveston, Tex.

Lost or Strayed.

A brown horse 15 hands high branded X L on left hip. Anyone that is able to give any information concerning same will either phone or write me.

R. P. KIRK,
 Ballinger, Tex.

Spring Easter Attire

Is very necessary for the ladies, but while you are supplying their needs don't forget to dress your driving horse up for spring. We have the most elegant line of light buggy harness ever offered the public. Come and see them.

Lankford & Hathaway

The Pet of the Household



Osteen's bread is not only a "staff of life" but an absolute necessity to all who have good health and desire to keep it. Poor bread makes dyspepsia and big doctor's bills but that furnished by J. T. Osteen is universally esteemed for its nutritious and health giving quality.

J. T. OSTEEN

Money is Worth what it will Buy

PRICE

Has a loud voice, quality has a loud voice, but a duet between "Quality and Price" brings down the house. Come to our store and see what we have for you in the way of spring and summer

But the wise save in spending. Bargains are what all the buyers seek, not the shimmering phantoms of "five for one." Not the slippery will-o'-the-wisps that pledge impossible return, but a fair, equitable placing of money on a substantial common sense basis. Try any of these offerings by the most rigorous test—they will more than bear us out in quality, style and price. There is a kind of personal satisfaction in knowing that one is well dressed, besides the fact occasion demand it. Our business is to furnish you with the proper apparel at reasonable prices and we can do this to your entire satisfaction. Also our stock in all other lines is of better quality than the usual make and the styles are the latest and noblest, and the workmanship of the highest class and bound to give satisfaction

CLOTHING

Hungry People

Can satisfy their appetite with a meal made of almost any kind of old groceries, but to really enjoy your meal it must be composed of pure fresh groceries—the kind kept at our store. Our prices are on the best of terms with the pocketbooks hereabouts and the reason is very clear to those who have given us their orders. When you come right down to bargain facts it is prices and quality that tell the tale. We don't know of a store anywhere that meets these two requirements more faithfully than this, but to appreciate this you will have to give us a trial and be convinced. We do not keep any old stock and will make anything good that goes out of our store

THE CURRIE-NOYES CO.

Lankford & Hathaway for Second Hand Goods.

Capt. R. A. Smith left on Wednesday's train for Austin.

School books bought sold and exchanged at J. Y. Pearce's drugstore.

W. G. Allen, the Wingate gin man, was doing business here Wednesday.

N. W. Dean of the Wingate country had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Rev. Albert Turney and wife of Wingate, were in the city Wednesday shopping.

R. B. Creasy left Wednesday evening for Decatur, Texas, to look after some business.

Just think of it! California canned fruit at J. B. Alvis & Bro. for only \$1.50 per dozen.

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

Wm. Doose returned Wednesday evening from San Angelo, where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Smith.

The Belton Steam Laundry will clean and press your suit for \$1.40 without vest \$1.00.

I. L. ALEXANDER, Agent. Phone 100.

Lee Blanchette, of Beaumont, candidate for State Comptroller, was in our city this week and paid his respects to the Banner-Leader office. Mr. Blanchette is an agreeable pleasant gentleman and is a fluent talker and did some good work in our town.

Epworth League Program.

April 17, 1904.

Leader—Mrs. Forbes.

Song.

Roll Call.

Subject—Conditions of the Visible Church—Matt. 47:50.

The Church Message is to all Men—Eph. 3:9-12—Mr Alexander.

Many false people accept the church ordinance—Matt 6:25—Mr. Elliott.

The final judgment only can show the hearts of men—1st Ps.—Mrs. White.

Song.

Sentence Prayers.

Song.

What is the League for?

Closing

No special bait to catch you today and rob you tomorrow but a bill of fare that will appeal to your appetite, and cooked right and served right.

J. H. CASTELLOW,

At the old Weatherby stand.

Mike Boyd bought this week from Sam Jones through Woodward & Gwinn the new house recently erected near the Christian church. Consideration \$700.

O. B. Love, of San Angelo, was in the city this week getting up agricultural statistics for the year 1903. The report will embrace this and all the adjoining counties.

Work was begun Wednesday on J. H. Wilke's new stone building on the burned Ostertag lot next door to Stubbs & Hartman's racket store.

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

W. R. Spencer had legal business in San Angelo Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Ex-Commissioner Duncan and family, of the Norton country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

Dirt was broken this week for a new warehouse for Van Pelt & Kirk back of their hardware store.

E. Elskis, who has been with the Ballinger Oil Mill for the past season, left Tuesday evening for his home at Rosebud.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday April 9th, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

Foster, Mrs. Eliza.
Barnard, E. M.
Couden, Frank.
Holcomb, James M.
Miller, W. Z.
Ross, T. C.
Vaughan, Tom.
Watts, T. L.
Williams, J. D.

For Sale

A good, stout hack, cheap. Apply to Godwin Grocery Co.

Read our clubbing offer.

Horrible Death.

While working about a circular saw last Saturday in the Ditmore woodyard at San Angelo, Ira Buson, 11 years of age, was thrown head foremost into the saw. His head was split open and death was almost instantaneous.

P. G. Engstrom, our German friend, shook our hand to the tune of a dollar bill Tuesday.

J. J. Barrett and J. W. Stovall of Dublin, Texas, were in the city this week looking out a location to establish a music store.

Dental Notice.

This is to notify my friends and patrons that I have moved my dental office up stairs in the K. of P. building next door to Dr. Younger's office where I am better prepared than ever to give you first-class dental work at the right price.

S. B. Raby, D. D. S.

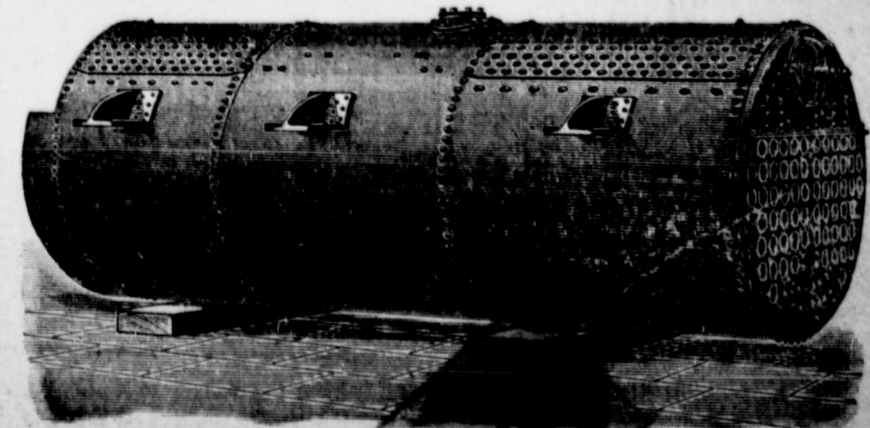
G. W. Jones Ranch For Sale

3400 acres fine farm and ranch at \$5.50 per acre. One third cash, 1, 2, or 3 years on balance. See J. W. P. well.

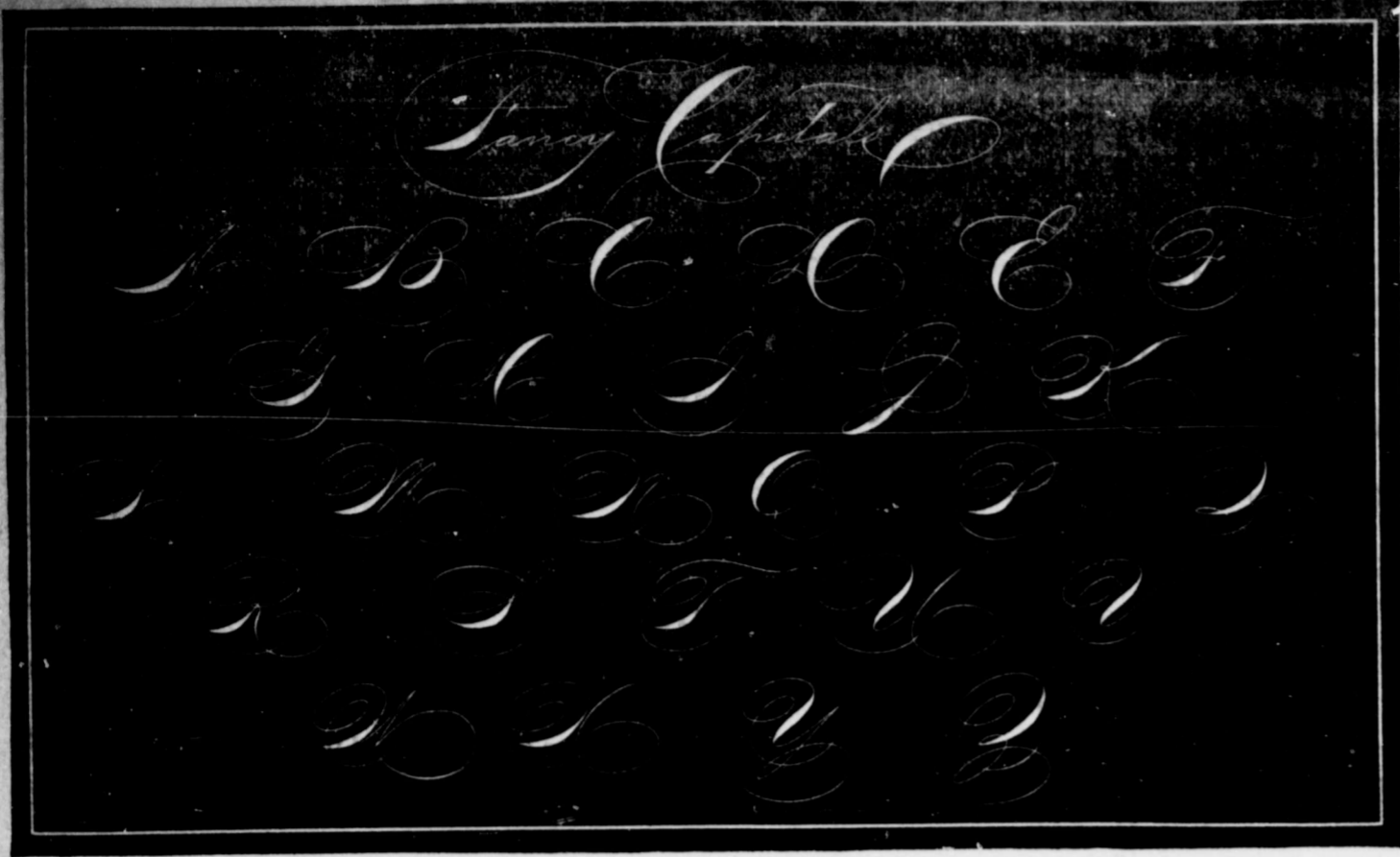
The Kellett-Chatham Machinery Company,

Waco, Texas,

Are General Sales Agents for Munger, Smith, Pratt and Windship Complete line of cotton gin machinery. Also Atlas Engines and Boilers in this territory. They also handle a general line of machinery supplies. Can give estimates, erect and install complete irrigation plants. Are State Agents for the Otto Gas and Gasoline Engines. In fact are in a position to furnish and equip any sort of steam and gasoline plants. By writing or telephoning them at Waco, Texas they can instruct their representative who travels exclusively in this territory to call and give immediate attention to any inquiries.....



The Ballinger Business College



Is the place to learn penmanship. Any one wishing to learn to write a rapid business or ornamental hand can not do better than enter our class now either day or night. Rates \$2.50 per month

DRINK

The Ideal Beverage.

IT IS

**Delightfully Refreshing,
Healthful, Invigorating.**

LEAVES A PLEASANT FAREWELL
---A GRACIOUS CALL BACK.

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DALLAS, TEXAS.

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100 to 200 Miles Shortest

World's Fair
4 to 8 Hours Quickest from Texas. Watch for our Announcement Extraordinary.

D. J. PRIGG
Gen. Pas. and Ticket Agent.
L. TRICE
2nd Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mngr.
The Texas Road, Palestine, Tex.

Foster, the weather prophet, predicts another cold spell for April, which he says is due about the latter part of the month. The temperature will hover closely about the freezing point far into the South. Inasmuch as Mr. Foster predicted the cold weather we have been having about a month in advance of its coming, his prophecy of another cold spell will receive general credence. Foster operates "on his own hook" but his long range weather forecasts are remarkable for their accuracy and seem to be superior in every way to the government weather forecast service.—Ex.

ALLEN SELLS MUSIC All the Latest Songs, Favorites, and Music. We handle all publications and all orders complete. The Famous McKinley Edition of the Music. Western Order for "Clippings" of Plans and Orders. Write for our catalogue today. **GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.**

From Our Exchanges.
The following are our views and sentiments as expressed by some of our exchanges, and we reproduce the same:

There are some people in this town whose only reason for opposing certain movements is that they are started by someone they don't like. Such people are so narrow-minded they can look through a key hole with both eyes at the same time.—Floresville Chronicle.

The man who will walk over two or three poor fellows in a spasmodic outburst of superabundant toadyism, would not run much of a race, even if it were possible for him to get the nomination.—Grand Prairie Hustler.

Every energetic and painstaking editor wants to give all the news of each week, but often falls short because deprived of assistance that ought to be cheerfully forthcoming. Why don't friends exert themselves a little in this respect, and thus make their local publication what they all want it to be, a full and faithful chronicler of passing events. It helps the paper, but not more so than those who are its readers and who wish to know all that is transpiring.—Mount Pleasant Eagle.

We have heard that some of our friends are complaining because the Foard County News does not espouse the cause of partisan politics and advocate the cause of the party in which the editor believes. We know that during the campaign people are interested in the success of the candidates who belong to their party, and like for the local paper to help fight the battle from a party standpoint, but such matter would be offensive to the members of every other political party. We are not ashamed of our political views or party affiliation and under what we believe to be proper conditions would not hesitate to advocate them publicly. But in the News we have undertaken to make a paper for all the people and in the interest of all the people of the county, irrespective of their political views, with the object of promoting the moral and material development of Foard county. We cannot accomplish this by making it the paper of any particular party or class or by making it the champion of division.—Foard County News.

City Council Meeting.
City Council met pursuant to adjournment the 11th day of April, 1904, and the following proceeding had, to-wit:
Ordered that C. S. Bowdon be appointed president pro tem for one year from date. The following are the committees:
Ordinance—C. S. Bowdon, O. Pearson.
Finance—O. Pearson, C. S. Bowdon.
Street and Public Improvement—J. A. Ostertag, Ed Glober.
Sanitary and Public Health—O. Pearson, Ed Glober.
Water and Light—M. D. Chastain, O. Pearson.
Cemetery—J. A. Ostertag, M. D. Chastain.
Fire—Ed Glober, M. D. Chastain.
It was ordered that the following be appointed as a Board of Examiners: Sam Baker, G. F. Schroeter, R. L. Maddox.
The following were appointed as a Board of Equalization: G. F. Schroeter, D. P. Gay, W. E. Odom.

It was ordered that the delinquent tax rolls as read be advertised.

It was ordered that ordinance against driving over hose when in use and against obstructing streets and alleys in any way whatever, and any one so doing shall be fined in county court.

Ordered that the water and light committee make contract with C. F. Dickinson as to passage around oil tanks at pump house.

Following is Mayor Hoffer's address to the new councilmen and to those going out:

"To you gentlemen, who have just entered our council as collaborators and benefactors of our enterprising and growing city, I wish to extend my hearty good will and congratulations. May we as citizens and officers always work in harmony for our city's welfare. I extend you a hearty, gracious welcome.

"To you gentlemen who are retiring from our council, I wish to express my gratitude for your patience, forbearance, and co-operation in performing and discharging the many duties assumed and obligated by you when taking the oath of office as aldermen of the City of Ballinger. I bid you a successful Godspeed in all your undertakings now and hereafter."

Rev. S. J. Anderson, D. D. of Dallas has called attention to the unconstitutional teachings of a book introduced into the public schools of Texas called "Graded Classics Third Reader," which inculcates religious sectarianism which is strictly forbidden by the law upon which our public system is based. He says: In the lesson styled "The Land of the Midnight Sun," the doctrine is taught that one can be baptized with a bowl of water, page 123, that the priest is the one to administer such baptism, pages 121 and 123, and that such baptism administered by the priest transforms one from the kingdom of Satan to God's kingdom, page 123.

Save one half your lard bill by using Wesson's Cooking Oil. It is odorless and tasteless. Ask your neighbor about it. Sold only by Godwin Grocery Co.

John Grimes of the Maverick country was among the visitors to the city Tuesday.

SOFT CORE

Like the running brook, the red blood that flows through the veins has to come from somewhere.

The springs of red blood are found in the soft core of the bones called the marrow and some say red blood also comes from the spleen. Healthy bone marrow and healthy spleen are full of fat.

Scott's Emulsion makes new blood by feeding the bone marrow and the spleen with the richest of all fats, the pure cod liver oil.

For pale school girls and invalids and for all whose blood is thin and pale, Scott's Emulsion is a pleasant and rich blood food. It not only feeds the blood-making organs but gives them strength to do their proper work.

Send for free sample.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.
409-415 Pearl Street,
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Size of the St. Louis Exposition.

The grounds of the World's Fair at St. Louis, which opens on April 30th next, are nine thousand five hundred feet long and six thousand feet from north to south. Following the grounds from the southeastern gate, around the northeastern fronts of the several great buildings to the western limits, the distance is nearly two and three fourths miles.

The total area of the Exposition is one thousand two hundred and forty acres. The estimated cost of the great enterprise is placed at fifty million dollars, exclusive of the value of the exhibits. It is estimated that the exhibits in the machinery palace alone are worth eighty million dollars.

The opening day is set for Saturday, April 30th, and the exposition will continue seven months, to December 1st next.

In comparison with the largest former exposition, the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, the World's Fair at St. Louis occupies nearly twice the amount of land and has fifty per cent more exhibit space.—April Woman's Home Companion.

We want your chickens and eggs. No limit to quantity.
GODWIN GROCERY CO.

How long will it take the man to fill the sack if he does not stop the leak? To attempt to nourish the body when the stomach is diseased is like trying to fill the sack with the hole in it. When the stomach and other digestive and nutritive organs are diseased, there is a constant loss of nutrition.

Enough is eaten but the body loses flesh, plain proof that the food eaten is largely wasted because it is not digested and assimilated.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It stops the leaks by which nutrition is lost, and enables the building up of the body by the nutrition derived from food. The gain in weight proves the cure.

"Three years ago I was taken sick with what the doctor called nervousness and indigestion," writes Mrs. Warren E. Parker, of Orange Street, Nantucket, Mass. "He gave me medicine for the trouble, but I could not eat even a little loaf or oatmeal without suffering severely. In a few months I began to have distressing pains right in the pit of my stomach. I called the doctor again and he said I had catarrh of stomach; gave me medicine but it did not do any good. I lost 25 pounds in three months. I then commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicine and soon began to feel better. I have taken six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' two of 'Favorite Prescription' and six vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets. I have gained ten pounds. Can eat everything."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.



Wingate Items.

Well here we are again. We have had a very nice little rain since our last writing but nothing like a season. Wheat in this part of the county is a failure on account of the drouth.

The health of Wingate is not very good, there being several cases of pneumonia and measles.

Little Dixie Allen (King) had the misfortune of getting her arm broken last Sunday evening. While playing the little one fell from a chair breaking her arm in the elbow joint. Dr. Wyatt dressed the broken arm and she was resting nicely when last heard from.

Miss Nina Cotten, formerly of Snyder, but now of Content, is visiting relatives and friends in Wingate.

Mrs. Mike Holdhouser is very low with pneumonia, not expected to live. One of their little ones also has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Durham entertained the young people Wednesday night of last week in honor of their cousin, Miss Nina Cotten Well, well! Bob Allen was all smiles when Miss Nina first came out here but since he learned that she is going to California next fall in spite of all his talk he does look awful blue. Cheer up, Bob, old boy, maybe she will change her mind and not go.

Mr. R. Teig and family left Tuesday for the bedside of his brother, who is dangerously ill in Ballinger.

Quite a number of the Wingate people attended the all-day singing at Pumphrey last Sunday. The good people of Pumphrey know how to entertain company. All had a good time.

Master Charlie Boyd of Ballinger is spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Miller. Miss Verlie Roaten entertained a few friends at Finch Saturday night.

Prof. Goodman organized a singing convention at Pumphrey Sunday eve with Wingate, Pumphrey, Coline, Boulden, Pleasant Retreat all enrolled. The convention was given the name of Annel County District Singing Convention No. 1. The convention will meet with Wingate the second Sunday in July.

Singing still continues and pupils learning fast. There is nothing that helps a town so much as a good vocal class. There are lots of fine voices here that should be cultivated. Pat.

Dry Cook Wood.

Is what your wife needs during the spring months if you desire to keep her in a good humor and an early breakfast. Don't buy green mesquite off wagons when we can furnish you with dry oak wood at the same price or cheaper.

J. N. McKAY,

Ballinger, Texas.

Phone No. 2, Key's meat market

Bargains in Organs.

Special notice and special bargains in new and second hand organs at Bair & Brown's. We will make prices below the conceptions of competitors and terms to suit the purchasers of this stock. Call and see them.

BAIR & BROWN.

Judge Clarence Martin, Judge of the 32nd Judicial District, spoke at the court house Wednesday night in the interest of the saving of the historic Alamo of San Antonio. A resolution endorsing the move is printed in this issue of the paper.

J. L. Dowdy, representing the Jesse French Piano and Organ Co., was here this week in the interest of his firm. This is one of the largest musical instrument houses in the United States and their goods will stand the test. We call attention to his ad in another place in this issue.

Abe Edell, the only Abe of Houston, Texas, was doing Ballinger Wednesday.

West Wilson went up to Miles on business Wednesday.

H. J. Stovall left Thursday evening for Coleman and Santa Anna in the interest of the Ballinger Business College.

We understand that J. A. Ostertag will begin in about two weeks the erection of a stone business house on his lots next to the old burnt building.

Mrs. H. Winkler Entertains the Domino Circle.

On Thursday night Mrs. H. Winkler entertained the Domino Circle.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses and various other varieties of flowers, which shed their fragrance on this fair assembly.

A series of twelve games were played. Those winning the greatest number of games were, Dr. Fowler won 9 lost 3, Dr. Halley won 9 lost 3, Mrs. A. Trail won 9 lost 3. The one winning the fewest number of games, we did not learn.

After the series of games ended elegant refreshments of strawberries, whipped cream and cake were served, after which the sterner sex were treated to some nice cigars.

Those present were G. M. Vaughn and wife, J. W. Francis and wife, Jack McGregor and wife, A. H. Van Pelf, wife, and daughter Miss Alma, A. Trail and wife and Mrs. Fred Noon, of Nogales, Arizona, J. J. Erwin and wife, Mrs. Jno. I. Guion, Mrs. C. C. F. Blanchard, J. Y. Peace and wife, C. P. Shepherd and wife, C. S. Miller and wife, O. Pearson and wife, J. D. Norwood, H. A. Cady, Drs. Fowler and Halley, Robert McGregor, Misses Franc Baker and Minnie Guion Francis.

Ballinger Public School.

The public schools of this city closed Friday after a successful term of seven months, with graduating exercises at the building in the morning. A large assembly of pupils, trustees and patrons were present to attend and participate in the exercises.

Rev. Burton, pastor of the Baptist church, in a few well chosen words presented the diplomas to the three graduates, Frank Maddox, William Treadway and Miss Lena Cass. Frank Maddox was awarded highest honors, his average grade being 82. The other two graduates tied, each making an average of 81.

These graduates were examined in the seventeen branches required to get a first grade state certificate.

In the 9th grade Miss Lucy May Blanchard made the highest average grade, with Bryan Lusk as second.

In the 8th grade Valerie Griffith made the highest grade and Kate Guion second highest.

In the 7th grade Willie Allen made the highest grade and Luther Gressett second highest.

J. McGregor, in behalf of the Board, made a speech which was practical and full of good advice and encouragement for pupils and teachers. Superintendent Hagan and Principal Thomas each made good talks.

Grades for the year were given out in all the rooms and a good showing was made.

During the year there was no pupil either expelled or suspended, and no call was made upon the Board to adjust any question of discipline, perfect harmony prevailed between superintendent, teachers and trustees and no serious breeches of discipline occurred during the year.

The total enrollment for the year was 412 and the average attendance was 324.

The above report is a good showing and bespeaks credit to the superintendent and teachers.

H. G. Braddy of the Content country was supplying in Ballinger Thursday.



The Citizens National Bank

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The Real Thing

It's all well enough to own securities. Stocks and bonds, if they really stand for anything, are good things to have. But there are times when the exigencies of business call for

READY MONEY

and nothing else will meet this call. A man of foresight will always have an account at the bank. Deposit with us and your money will always be safe and subject to immediate call by check

T. J. Middlebrook & Son,
Blacksmiths & Wheelwrights.

All kinds of Wood and Iron Work Done. Carriage painting, repairing tops, cushions etc. Shoeing interfering horses a specialty. Give us a trial.

Next to New Rock Stable.

T. J. MIDDLEBROOK & SON,
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

R. P. Kirk left Thursday for Dallas.

R. M. Thomson left Thursday for Austin, his home.

G. W. Brister of the Norwood country was in the city Thursday.

Our street sprinkler began his work again Thursday of this week.

Sam Farmer, the genial land man of Miles was in our city Thursday of this week.

W. W. Foreman, our valued friend of the Crews Country had business in Ballinger Thursday.

Miss Frances Cady entertained last Wednesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Ruth, of Chicago.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and the usual hour at night.

R. G. Erwin purchased this week the fine trotting horse and rubber tire buggy from G. R. Casey, consideration \$400

Jack Rowe, of Ennis Texas, Cousin of Mrs. W. T. Padgett of West End, after visiting her for a few days left Wednesday for his home.

Bud Home came in Thursday from the Metropolitan College at Dallas and was accompanied home at Paint Rock by his uncle, W. C. Montgomery.

Little Luella, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jap Adams is dangerously sick with measles and pneumonia and not expected to live as we go to press.

Mrs. W. C. Campbell, of the Valley Creek Country, left Wednesday evening for Watchon, Washington, where she goes to join her husband to make their future home.

The Ballinger Light and Ice Co. wishes to inform its customers that on account of moving the plant to its new location the light will probably not be in operation Tuesday night the 19. But it will be their earnest endeavor to prevent any discontinuation whatever. However it will be best to be prepared.

A New, Novel —AND— Unique Plan

Cost Sales are Chestnuts

Bargain Days Played Out

But here is something
all can appreciate

Kold Klean Kash

For every dollars worth purchased at our store during April for cash we will return to you by check on the First National Bank 10 per cent of the amount of your purchase. No delays, no worthless premiums, simply CASH All goods marked in plain figures, every buyer his own salesman. One price and that the lowest and then 10 per cent of your money back

L. MARKOWITZ & COMPANY

Good for Children.

The pleasant to take and harmless One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief in all cases of cough, croup, and influenza because it does not pass immediately into the stomach, but takes effect right at the seat of the trouble. It draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes and cures permanently by enabling the lungs to contribute pure life-giving and life-sustaining oxygen to the blood and tissues. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take and it is good alike for young and old. Sold by E. D. Walker.

A Cure for Headache.

Any man, woman or child suffering from headache, biliousness or a dull, drowsy feeling should take one or two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers night and morning. These famous little pills are famous because they are a tonic as well as a pill. While they cleanse the system they strengthen and rebuild it by their tonic effect upon the liver and bowels. Sold by E. D. Walker.

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T. T. Crosson left Monday evening for Austin where he goes on legal business.

D. P. Small, the stock farmer of the Winters country, was with us a short while Monday.

Bill and Sam Gray, substantial citizens of the Crews country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Sammie Padgett, who is teaching in the Norton neighborhood, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

A. L. Cox, the prosperous stock farmer of the Winters country, was supplying in Ballinger last Saturday.

Mrs. Ophelia Lynn of Rock Springs will read the Banner-Leader in future through the kindness of her father, Rev. Sellman of South Ballinger.

The W. O. W. have received their new office regalia, which is much nicer and prettier than the other that was destroyed by the fire in the Ostertag building.

We have a few more seed sweet potatoes and seed Irish potatoes for sale. Also all kinds of fresh garden seed.

J B ALVIS & BRO.

Judge T. T. Crosson came home last Friday from Houston, where he went to bring his family home, but his daughter was quite sick so he could not bring them.

Lawrence Verbryck, of Fort Worth, an old time friend of Harry Scott of our city, left Friday evening for his home, after spending the day here with his friend.

D. L. Coggin, a valued friend of the Banner-Leader, from down the river, was in town Saturday and informs us that his neighborhood is getting on nicely since the rains.

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Ike Wooden informs us that he will at once begin the erection of a stone business house 27x60 on his corner lot where his house was burned last Sunday. While we sympathize with Ike in his recent loss, we are glad to note the building will be replaced by a stone house

Master Fortner Miller, a lad of about 8 years of age, is perhaps the youngest stone cutter in Texas. His father, J. J. Miller, is a master of the art and says he will train the boy to follow his steps.

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. G. A. Snyder and children came in from Phelps last Tuesday and will go out to the Maverick country to make their future home. We welcome them to Runnels county.

J. R. McVay is having a nice residence erected near the Christian church which will be occupied by his wife's mother, Mrs. Brice.

W. P. Humphrey and Will Odom left Monday evening for Orange, Texas, where they go to attend the lumbermen's convention.

Mrs. H. A. Massey had \$230 stolen from a trunk in the hotel one day last week. No clue as to the guilty party up to the present.

Mrs. Grant of Winters spent several days in Ballinger last week visiting her daughters, Mesdames Brewer and Cordill.

Walter Beaty came in Tuesday and took the west bound train for Miles to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. P. Gagalin of McGregor, the German Methodist pastor, passed through from Winters Monday enroute to his home.

Joe Hardin has the foundation laid and lumber on the ground to build a nice residence on his lot near the Christian church.

Mrs. Bacon, nee Miss Bertie Mansker, after visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger, left Monday evening for Austin.

G. R. Casey left Monday evening for Kansas City in response to a message stating that his father was quite sick.

Mr. Geo. Brazleton, the cotton buyer, left Monday for Houston and other points east to look after business matters.

Capt. R. D. Hall, father of our former fellow citizen, R. A. Hall, came in Monday evening from San Angelo.

Dr. Ash, of the new town of Truitt in the northern part of the county, was in the city first of the week.

Judge Hutchinson, of the Norton country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Ed Globler and Joe Ostertag went to San Angelo Tuesday on business.

W. S. Syler of Winters was in Ballinger Tuesday.

The Hearst management is trying to secure Gov. Hogg to act as leader and manager of their campaign in Texas.

On account of the great exposition beginning April 30th, and the fact that the National Democratic Convention is scheduled for July, St. Louis is the center upon which all eyes are now focused.

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Convention Hotel Men. San Antonio, Tex. Sell May 24 and 25. Limit May 28. Rate \$11.30.

General Conference of the Methodist church, Los Angeles, Cal. Sell April 23rd to May 1st. Limit June 30. Rate \$45.00 from Galveston. See agent for particulars.

General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Tex. Sell May 18 and 19. Limit May 28. Rate \$7.75

General Board of Missions M. E. Church South, Waco, Texas. Sell May 2 and 3. Limit May 10. Rate \$7.75

Annual Meeting Texas State Pharmacists Association, Houston, Texas. Date of sale May 16. Limit May 20. \$11.70

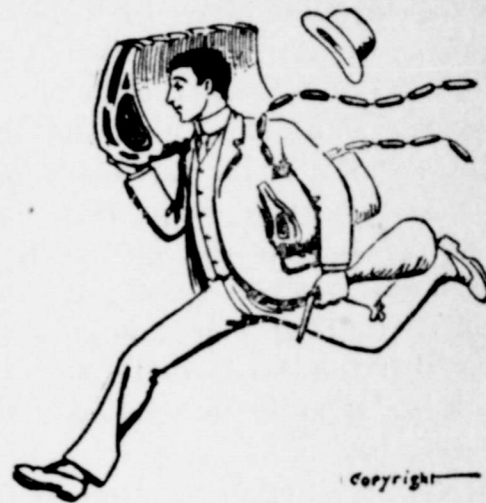
Laying Corner Stone Masonic Grand Temple, Waco, Texas. Sell May 10 to 11. Limit May 13. \$7.75

Annual Meeting Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Ft Worth Texas. Date of sale April 16. Limit April 22. \$6.70

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Inquiries and applications under the new pension order are going into the Pension Bureau at the rate of one thousand per day. The officials "stand aghast" But the taxpayers will have to stand the pressure.—Ex.

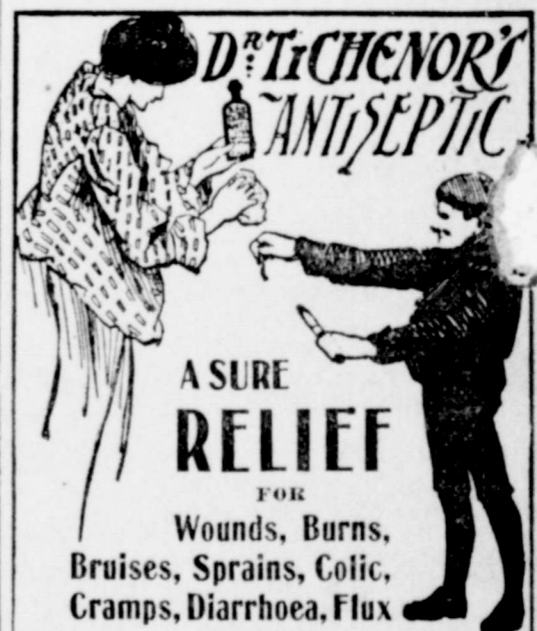


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Because this great medicine relieves stomach pains, frees the constipated bowels and invigorates the torpid liver and weakened kidneys

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"The elect," says Henry Ward Beecher, "are whosoever will, and the non elect whosoever won't." In like manner it may be said that the educated, in this country, are whosoever will, and the non educated whosoever won't. One of the most pitiable tragedies in human life is that of strong young men and women letting their powers go to waste from lack of education. Many of them lament their ignorance, but excuse it on the ground of "no chance," or opportunity. Such excuses, in a land which teems with chances, deceive no one but those who make them.—Success.

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"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs W K Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by J Y Pearce, druggist Trial bottles free.

In Politics.

The man who lies down and goes to sleep on the soft side of a political cinch stands a good chance of waking up just in time to see his hide nailed to the barn door by the fellow who couldn't sleep because he had to whistle in the face of expected defeat in order to keep his courage up.

It's about as sensible to hunt prairie chickens with a hound pup as for a practical politician to go out after votes with a professional reformer who wants to make the party into one large bible class with himself for teacher, substitute and supply.

Find a fellow whose mouth waters to catch the drippings from a piece of political honeycomb and who wants the other boys to be contented with "bee bread" and you've got a man who'll hide behind your back when you're under fire.

Weather Predictions.

Washington, D. C., April 9—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent 17 to 21, warm wave 16 to 20, cool wave 19 to 23. Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast 21, cross west of Rockies by close of 22, great central valleys 23 to 25, eastern states 25. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies about 24, great central valleys 26, eastern states 28.

This disturbance will be rather quiet on western part of the continent increasing in intensity as it moves eastward and about 24, with temperature high and increasing force or intensity, it will occupy the great central valley or middle basin of the continent. Thenceforth as it moves eastward the intensity, accompanying the warm wave, will increase in force.

About 24 a cold wave will occupy western Canada extending into the upper Missouri valley and by 29 the Mississippi valleys, then moving eastward it will affect the whole continent. Added to previous cold waves this one will make temperatures of April average low for the month. Temperatures will go very low and frost reach far southward 24 to 30 while this high barometer is crossing the continent. Lowest temperatures will come not far from April 30 near Mississippi river; a little earlier west and a little later east.—W. F. Foster.

A little boy in a neighboring town was required to write an essay the other day. The "Newspaper was his subject: "I don't know how newspapers came to be in the world. I don't think God does, for he ain't got nothin' to say about them and editor is not mentioned in the Bible. I think the editor is one of the missing links you read about and stayed in the brush till after the flood then wrote the thing up and has been here ever since. I don't think he ever dies; I never saw a dead un. Our paper is a poor un. The editor goes 'thout under clothes and don't wear no socks and paw haint paid his subscription in more than five years.

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Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c, 1.00 Sold by E D Walker

Adam Bradford, one of the first settlers of Menard county, died last Tuesday at his home in that county. Adam Bradford was one of the pioneers to that western county when men's souls were sorely tried by exposure to danger and suffering. Mr. Bradford was the father of nineteen children, has fifty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Mrs C Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle Sold by E D Walker.

Broke into His House.

S Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at J Y Pearce's drugstore.

A good woman is the grandest boon to mortal man. There are some women in every town who are ever on the lookout to do good, and they generally find an opportunity. They visit the sick, aid the poor and relieve distress where ever they find it. Such women gain the highest admiration of men and the commendation of God.—Ex.

Not Consistent.

The editor of the Lake City News (Republican) of Iowa, holds up his hands in holy horror because ten thousand dollars was spent on the funeral of Democratic Congressman Thompson of Alabama. We, too, are opposed to extravagance of the public money, but he "strains the whole pension camel," which robs the tax payers not of thousands but millions annually, to keep the G. O. P. in power. The following shows the further extravagance promulgated by Commissioner of Pensions Ware:

Commissioner of Pensions Ware has promulgated the most important pension ruling that has been issued in a long time. It directs that beginning April 14, next, if there is no contrary evidence and all other legal requirements have been met, claimants for pension under the general act of June 27, 1890, who are over sixty-two years old, shall be considered as disabled one-half in ability to perform manual labor and shall be entitled to \$6 a month; over sixty-five years to \$8; over sixty-eight years to \$10 and over seventy to \$12, the usual allowance at higher rates continuing for disabilities other than age.

We Want Harmony.

The following clipped from the Comanche Chief fits our views so fully that we reproduce the same. It does look like the National Democracy would at some time learn to profit by past blunders. We have a fighting chance to elect a democratic president if we will only lay aside the petty differences and follow the example of the republicans when it comes to essentials. The Chief says:

Tammany is fighting Judge Parker in his race for the Presidency and a large part of the Democracy is shouting to David B. Hill to run rough shod over Tammany and instruct for the jurist anyhow. What fools the Democrats can make of themselves sometimes! Do they not know that to antagonize Tammany is to invite defeat—yea to get down on their knees and beg for it? If New York Democrats get to scrapping, the Democracy might as well put her big plump arms around the neck of Victory and bid the old gent an affectionate farewell for four years. If we just want the fun of a campaign with no chance of success, then we should put up a Southern man like Carmack of Tennessee, and for once in a century get the glory of the nomination at least. Now watch the Democrats begin to fight each other in every State of the Union, and then quietly turn around and view the Republicans in compact mass, as harmonious as a couple on their honeymoon.

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Other styles as cheap accordingly	" negligee shirts45c up
Window Shades25c up	Don't fail to see our line Midget String and Four in Hand Ties
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A Reply to John Hoffer.
MR. EDITOR:

I have ever had a marked disinclination to rush into the press to air imaginary grievance, every time I suffered from a little ache or pain in the umbilical region.

As a rule people are not interested in personal matters and would generally prefer to hear about something else besides mud slinging. However, in your last issue I see an article over the name of Mr. John Hoffer in which he makes me appear in the role of a trust, and intimates that Mr. Terry and myself are both running against him for the same office and said something about the division of the proceeds of office.

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He also referred to one of the parties having held office for over twenty years, etc., etc.

He then launched into and enlarged upon the negro question and I regret that he did this because it is a subject best not agitated. I will add however, that this is the first time I have heard this question hinted at since the beginning of the campaign. With that I have nothing to do, but in the most kindly spirit and feeling I wish to correct an error friend Hoffer has fallen into. In the first place I most positively and emphatically deny that such an idea as dividing the fees of office, in case of election, or in any manner dividing the spoils of office, as it is sometimes called, has ever been the subject of conversation between Mr. Terry and myself. I trust this will be satisfactory to most people who know me.

That I have a deep interest in Mr. Terry's election I will not deny. He is my deputy and has been during the present official term. He has thrown much hard and confining work off my shoulders, has worked with me in the office and I have learned his true worth. Should he be elected, and should he have need of assistance, I presume he would give me work in case I needed it. I have done this character of work a long time and with due modesty will say that my hand has not yet lost its cunning. But the chief, prize and controlling reason of my interest in his election is that I know he will make a good Clerk and believe the people will like him. He is a young man of irreproachable character. I am familiar with his antecedents, from his noble old father, who wounded, left his arm on the Southern battlefield in defence of the Southland, on to the present time. I know that R. A. Terry was left, a little

six-year-old boy, to scuffle and wrestle with the hard problems of this life. I know he has been to me great help, entering the office at a time my health was declining, and has been to me more like a brother or son than anything else.

I know of his sober, clean life, of his first class capability and of his devotion and zeal in his work. And finally I know, as I presume all men do who have had occasion to visit the office on business, of his pleasant and affable personality and his universally kind, impartial treatment and courtesy to everyone, and for these reasons, I feel an interest in his election. Who ever heard of an official retiring, and declining re-election, going back on his trusted deputy and associate in office?

I am sure it is not and will not be considered in bad taste by intelligent men for me to make this explanation.

I am not running for office and all I ask to be let alone. God knows deep down in my heart I love the people of Runnels county and when the toils and storms of life are over and my humble mission in this life closed, I desire to be buried in their midst. They have all treated me well, but the idea they owed me a living has never entered my head. I unhesitatingly throw myself upon my record of twenty-one years or more. I know I have made mistakes, both errors of omission and commission, but I make no pretense to infallibility. Many opportunities have offered to get rid of me, but my wishes have ever met a flattering response.

By the way, or en passant, as the Frenchman would say, in all candor and frankness, I think friend Hoffer has himself a keen and healthy appetite for official preferment. He has not been here long, and if I mistake not, during these brief years he has either been in office or else in a swift gallop after one; first with the Republicans, when he failed, and then with the Democrats. I do not think it is good taste for him to insinuate about the tenure of other men's official life.

Except on one former occasion, this is the first time I have ever gone before the people through the press and that appeared more to me like a defense than otherwise. I simply arose to a question of personal privilege to say that "somebody had an axe to grind" and I submit that it was a true prophecy. With this I am done.

Respectfully,
W. L. TOWNER.

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We want 50 cases of eggs and 50 dozen chickens and will pay the highest market price for same. See us when you have any to sell. J. A. Alvis & Bro.

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Vale Dots.

The rain came in time for spring planting. Hundreds of acres of corn, etc, have been planted in the last ten days. As farmers, we of the Vale neighborhood are sure in it.

Wheat looks well, fall oats are growing very fast, and spring oats are showing up also, but our gardens are late. Fruit crop just as good as could be expected, late freezes having killed some of the early blossoms. Grass is coming right along, and stock are doing finely. Yearling buyers and candidates are in evidence now, and the end is not yet.

The outside work of painting the new church will be completed to-day. We have preaching on the fourth Sunday of each month. All are invited to come and hear Bro. W. L. Carter preach.

We hope to get a road though from Vale to Norton in time to haul our cotton to the Norton gin this fall, and would be just as much pleased now as at any time in the past. J. B.

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

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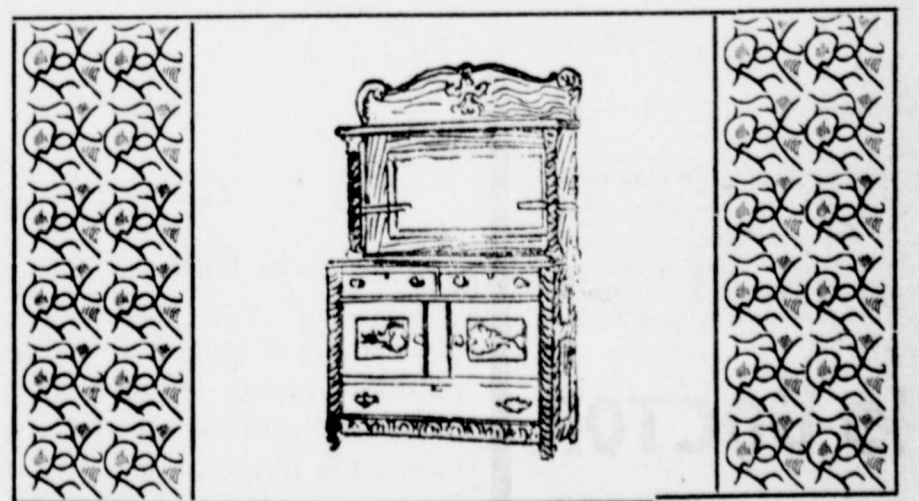
Is a suitable name for our place. Come and spend a few minutes with us and have a nice invigorating drink made from the pure fruit juices that cannot be obtained elsewhere. We have just installed a new fountain and parlor fixtures, and invite the inspection of the ladies especially of our place and guarantee you will not find a nicer or more pleasant place in the city. I solicit a share of your patronage

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