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PHONE 58

BALLINGER

### Facts Without Figures.

The Ledger published last week an article under the head "Facts and Figures" saying that the Ledger more than doubled all other papers in Runnels county, which to the new people of our town and county might prove misleading as to the true facts in the case. While we are averse to a newspaper controversy under any circumstances especially with our home paper, yet we deem it justice to ourselves to give the facts as they really are, for fear that people not knowing might take for granted that "silence gives consent" to the proposition referred to in the Ledger. It may be that the figures given as to the weight of the respective papers is correct as to last month, as the Ledger got out a special, yet the idea intended to be conveyed is that the Ledger is double all the papers in circulation which is not fact by "upwards" of a whole lot. As to circulation, which benefits the advertisers, we claim we have the largest circulation, the Ledger claims it has the largest, it is not facts nor figures but a mere assertion on the part of the editors. We could have run out a double number of papers last month, as the Ledger did, and the weight of our paper would have been double its usual weight, but that would not have doubled the actual circulation of our paper. Circulation is what the business men as advertisers want, and our books are open for inspection at any time to those interested in reaching the people. Leaving off the exchanges and foreign subscribers we claim as large a circulation as any paper in the county and stand ready to have the matter verified at any time. The readers in Ballinger and Runnels

county is what benefits our local advertisers and we have them, not in weight but in numbers. As to the neatness in mechanical appearance and in local and editorial ability, we leave the public to judge, but when it comes to subscribers we know whereof we speak. We have them, we are still getting them

at the rate of 8 or 10 per week, and will be at it the next time you hear from us, the Ledger to the contrary notwithstanding. A newspaper controversy is of no interest to anyone except those interested and we shall have nothing further to say on the subject, and beg your indulgence for this space this time,

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 Subject—Today in Burma.  
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 Paper—First Impressions—Miss Nelle Gregory.  
 Paper—About Rangoon—Mr. Alvis.  
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 Paper—The People—Mr. McGinnis.

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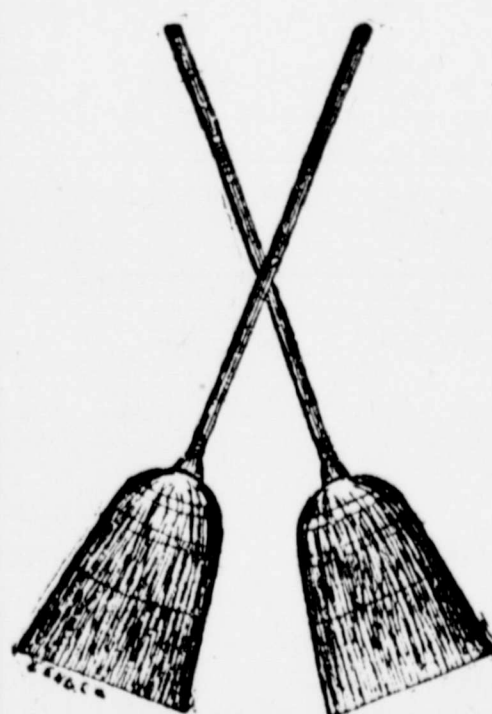
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## Editorial Comment.

In declaring the Mormon church a trust, a member with one wife is probably looked upon as a holder of preferred stock.

As self defence is nature's first law, President Roosevelt should not be abused for forcing an early adjournment of Congress.

If any attempt is made to force Uncle Joe Cannon into the vice presidency, incautious people may learn how suddenly an unwilling "Cannon" kicks.

Just as soon as General Kuroptkin finds it impossible to any longer keep out of the way of the Japanese, his intentions are to engage them in decisive battle.

If Russia goes to experimenting with any American citizens, this country will uncork her emergency supply of sulphur and brimstone and create a general disturbance.

Those Indiana Republicans who had so much pointing with pride in the platform adopted last month had evidently not read of the \$700,000,000 appropriation by congress.

A large number of Congressmen will spend the summer repairing their fences while others will be busy presenting their defenses and endeavoring to explain away their offenses.

In order to entitle Admiral Togo to a share of the Carnegie hero fund, it will be necessary for him to torpedo the Russian language so that it will no longer break a person's jaw.

The denunciation of "Othello" at Springfield, Ohio, on account of its blood-thirstiness, reminds us that anything more sanguinary than a lynching actually shocks the people of the little Ohio town.

Mr. Hemingway may be a good orator and a hard party worker but he is going to have a terrible time in convincing the country that the Congress which appropriated \$700,000,000 in one session, practiced rigid economy.

It is reported that the fashionable women of England have had to have their dress allowance cut down on account of hard times. We are glad to know that the cut was made in the allowance as the dresses were cut down as low as the law allows.

Governor Dockery of Missouri is somewhat disgruntled because he was included in the list of speakers at the opening exercises at St. Louis. While the oversight was a little singular, at the same time there was enough "hot air" wasted to run the entire plant during the coming season.

The Republicans seem to think that the voters of this country pay little or no attention to what Congress is doing and the manner in which important legislation has been postponed for political gain. The voters should unite in electing Representatives to Congress this fall who will serve the people and not the politicians.

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The closing of the session of the Congressional record tends to show that the suffering public scores occasionally

By searching the scriptures, a Philadelphia woman has just found a \$100 bill in an old Bible. If this fact was generally known in the Democratic party, the candidates would be blind within a very short time.

B. B. Odell is governor of New York, one of the "big four" to the Chicago convention and Chairman of the State Committee. It is possible that arrangements will be made whereby Mr Odell will be given every Republican position in New York. While the Democratic party is in favor of certain political privileges, it has never yet allowed one man to not only control a large state but at the same time hold all the important offices in the state.

Representative Livingstone of Georgia, says that the recent Congress did nothing but spend money. In speaking of the extravagance of the last Congress he says: "I do not question the honesty of these vast appropriations, either in their aggregate amount or in their details; but I challenge the wisdom of the policy of the dominant party that has made these enormous expenditures necessary through the increase of military and naval establishments, the maintenance of which is at the expense of needed internal improvements, such as river and harbor works and public buildings. During the session which is just about closed the Representatives of the people have been denied consideration of the demands of their constituents all along this line, and yet the appropriations for the army show an increase over what it cost in 1896 of \$54,000,000 and the navy the still greater increase of \$69,000,000. Whatever may have been the sins of commission of this Congress, they are as nothing compared to its sins of omission in denying consideration to all legislation looking to the welfare of the great masses of the people."

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This Association is the most efficient of its kind in existence, and has agents everywhere in the United States. If you wish to sell your farm, town or other property, or if you desire capital for factories, mercantile establishments, or any of the industries please address R. S. Lemon, Secretary Immigration Bureau, Dept. A. Frisco Building, Saint Louis, Mo.

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### Brownwood Bulletin.

Jas. W. Pickens came down Wednesday from Ballinger. He will spend a few days here and at Temple before starting north for the summer.

Mrs. Victoria Pickens of Temple is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Perkins. Mrs. Pickens arrived Thursday afternoon from Ballinger where she has been on a visit to relatives.

Mr. William Doose of Ballinger, accompanied by the two little children of Mrs. Park Doose Smith, of San Angelo, passed through the city Thursday enroute to Galveston to be at the bedside of Mrs. Park Smith, who is at the point of death in that city, having been taken there to have an operation performed. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. George Wright of Brownwood.

### 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 May 14, 1904. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

H. A. CADY, P. M.

Branham, Mrs. Pearl.  
Davis, Mrs. Mary.  
Smith, Mrs. Phil  
Bailey, W. K.  
German, W. E.  
Salter, S. L.  
Sussdorf, Oscar.

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A mother need not fear to greet,  
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No ill with baby need abide.

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Mrs. R. P. Smith accompanied by her and mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Doose, came in from Galveston Monday. While she is quite feeble, she stood the trip exceedingly well. We hope to be able to report her better soon.

A. W. Sledge left Monday, accompanied by his mother, sister and brother, for their old home at Duck Hill, Mississippi. Mr. Sledge will return in a short while.

Joe Thiele of Miles accompanied by his niece, Miss Mary Thiele, was in Ballinger a short while Monday.

G. W. Keel, a substantial farmer of the Pumphrey neighborhood had business in our city Tuesday.

T. D. Shepherd, of Coleman, made a business trip to our city Monday and returned home the same day.

J. M. Whitaker, a prosperous farmer of the Crews country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Cobb of Santa Anna is in the city this week visiting friends and relatives.

D. Reeder and Dr. Barton came in Monday from Miles where they had spent the day.

J. M. Skinner made a business trip to Goldthwaite last Friday, returning on Sunday's train.

S. C. Royalty returned from Gatesville Monday where he has been visiting the past week.

Godfrey Massey, the Eden stockman, was in Ballinger Monday.

Frank Pierce, the dry goods merchant of Winters, was in the city Tuesday.

### Died.

On last Saturday, April 14th, the "death angel" appeared and claimed Edna Earl, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Gressett of our city. The funeral services were conducted at the home at 3.30 o'clock Sunday evening by Rev. G. W. White of the Methodist church in a very solemn and impressive way, and accompanied by a large concourse of citizens the remains were carried to the Ballinger cemetery and there layed to rest at 4.30 the same day.

Everything was done that loving friends and relatives could do, with medical skill to assist, but all proved of no avail, for God saw fit to take the dear child to himself. The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad and irreparable loss. Edna was a tender, loving, obedient child, and we know she is now at rest away from this vexing, sinful world in the bosom of a loving Saviour who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

We commend the sorrowing parents and relatives to Him who alone can give you true comfort. All is well with the child, and 'tis only another loved one gone before to beckon us to a better land. Let us never forget that "Whom he loveth he chasteneth," and submit patiently to His divine will.

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We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. W. A. WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN.

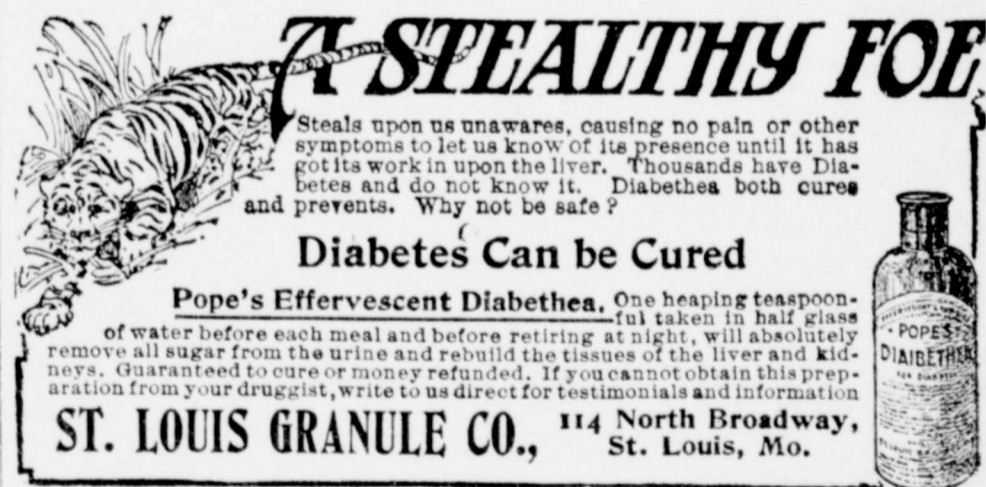
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taking internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The session of congress just closed was short almost beyond precedent, but it was, notwithstanding, doubly remarkable—first for its failure to deal with pressing questions of legislation; second, for its extravagance. Senator Gorman said the total of appropriation made and obligations incurred would be very nearly \$800,000,000. This is an astounding aggregate. To this complexion have our fiscal affairs been brought by two years of strenuous administration. It is inevitable in the near future that the government will have to borrow money to carry forward undertakings already authorized and that it will also be obliged to increase taxation to maintain ordinary expenditures.—Philadelphia Record.

The ball game between the old men over 70 and the kids came off Monday evening on schedule time at the ball park, and those who did not see it missed some rare fun. The game was lively from start to finish, but the kids understood the game better than the old men and the score stood 18 to 11 favor of the kids.

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D. M. WEST.

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## Guy Tennison.

In this issue appears the name of Guy Tennison for Constable of Precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Tennison has only been in the Crews country a short while, but by close attention to business and his temperate habits he has made many friends who will work to see him elected. He has had several years experience in this line and will no doubt make a good officer. He will appreciate your vote and influence and will make you a faithful officer if you see fit to elect him.

## The Rainwater Case.

The Rainwater case appealed from the county court in this county was reversed and remanded for trial in the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin this week. Messrs. Harris and Truly carried this case up. They represented the defendant. It will be remembered that Mr. Rainwater was convicted for slander and fined \$750 and costs. Messrs. Stone and Willingham represented the state.

Having resigned my position with the firm of L. Markowitz & Co., I wish to thank my friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage they have always favored me with and respectfully request a continuance of the same to the above firm, whom I have always found to be men of strict integrity in all their dealings, and with whom my relations have been of the pleasantest.

ROBT. MCGREGOR.

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.

Mrs. R. A. Hall returned to her home at San Angelo Wednesday after a week's visit to relatives and friends in Ballinger.

I. S. Baldwin of the Content country was supplying in Ballinger Monday and reports plenty of rain in his section.

J. H. Kelly came home Tuesday from an extended trip to southern counties, where he has been buying horses.

# TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the assets, Expenditures and Indebtedness of Runnels County, Texas, for the Quarter ending May 9th, 1904.

## JURY FUND. 1st CLASS.

To amt in hands of treas. beginning of quarter,	\$ 866 33	
" " received during quarter,	799 63	
By " paid out " " Ex. "A".....		\$ 381 30
" to balance.....		1284 66
	\$1665 96	\$1665 96
Balance.....	1284 66	
To balance registered indebtedness due by this fund		4 00

## ROAD and BRIDGE FUND. 2nd CLASS.

To amt in hands treas. beginning of quarter..	\$4768 20	
" " received during quarter.....	127 02	
By " paid out during quarter, Ex B.....		\$ 2604 70
" to Balance .....		2290 52
	4895 22	4895 22
Balance.....	2290 52	

Bonds to balance registered indebtedness due by this fund

6 % Interest.....	\$20000 00
4 % " .....	19594 00
Interest to May 10th, 1904 @ 6 % on 20000 00	100 00
" " " " " @ 4 % on 19594 00	65 31
	\$39759 31

## GENERAL COUNTY FUND. 3rd Class.

To amt in hands of treas. beginning of quarter,	\$6833 29	
" " received during quarter .....	44 88	
By " paid out " " Ex "C" .....		\$1486 75
" to balance .....		5391 42
	\$6878 17	\$6878 17
Balance.....	\$5391 42	

## SPECIAL FUND. 4th Class.

To amt in hands treas. beginning of quarter..	\$6447 91	
" " received during quarter .....	32 49	
By " paid out " " Ex "D" .....		\$ 2657 86
" to balance .....		3822 54
	\$6480 40	\$ 6480 40

Balance.....\$3822 54

Bonds to balance registered indebtedness due by this fund.

6 % Interest .....	\$ 6000 00
6 % " .....	35500 00
Interest to May 10th, 1904 @ 6 % on 6000 00..	30 00
" " " " " @ 6 % on 35500 00..	177 50
	\$41708 50

## ADVERTISING FUND. 5th Class

To amt. in hands of Treas. beginning of quarter....	\$11 33	
" " received during quarter.....	71	
By " paid out " " Ex "E" .....		\$ 01
" to balance .....		12 03
	\$12 04	\$12 04
Balance.....	\$12 03	

## RECAPITULATION.

Balance in each fund and its indebtedness.

Jury Fund, 1st Class.....	\$1284 66	\$ 4 00
Road and Bridge, 2nd Class.....	2290 52	39759 31
General County, 3rd Class.....	5391 42	
Special 4th Class, .....	3822 54	41707 50
Advertising, 5th Class .....	12 03	

Made, examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, at Ballinger this 14th day of May 1904.  
T. T. CROSSON,  
Presiding Officer of Commissioners' Court

ATTEST:

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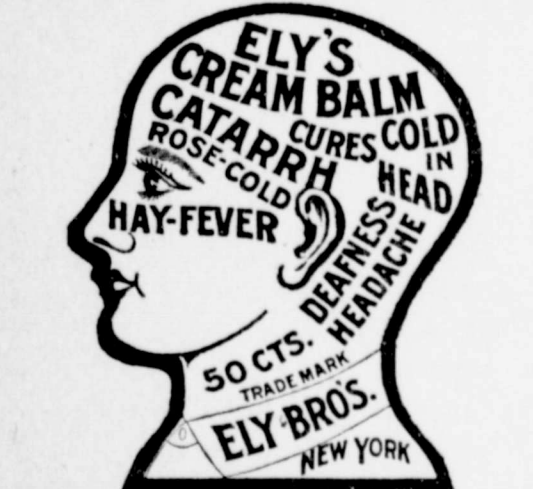


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### The Ball Game.

Hico and Ballinger again crossed bats at the new park Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It will be remembered that this team played here last year, and was considered the best team that visited here last year. They are a nice set of boys and play good ball.

The first game was played Wednesday and a good crowd was present, the gate receipts being about \$40. Bates catching a long fly in his left hand, and Crews cutting down 11 men on the home plate were the features of the game. Batteries, Ballinger, Butler and Crews. Hico, Hunter and McDonald; Score 13 to 5 in favor of Ballinger; umpire, Gressett.

The attendance Thursday was better than Wednesday, the gate receipts were something over \$45. The features of this game were Hico's fine field work and Will Gressett's throw from 3rd to 1st base. Chastain's work on first was also fine. Batteries, Ballinger, Bates and Connor; Hico, Gage and McDonald; umpire Hale. Score 4 to 2 in favor of Ballinger.

The game Friday was pronounced the best ever witnessed on the diamond in Ballinger. At the end of the ninth inning the score stood 0 to 0. Hamilton of Fort Worth, pitched the game for Ballinger and cut down 10 men on the home plate and did fine head work many times during the game. The tenth inning was played to decide the game and Ballinger scored one time, making the final result 1 to 0 in Ballinger's favor. Attendance was good. Batteries, Ballinger, Hamilton and Connor; Hico, Gage and Coffey; umpire Bennett.

### Crews.

Goop rains fell here Friday and Saturday nights.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jayroe Sunday morning a ten pound boy. Mother and babe doing well, with slight improvement in Edgar.

Mrs. Jayroe's father and mother of Coleman county are visiting her.

Measles here at present. Louis Moorehead, Ed Rainwater, Frank Trout, Wesley Tension in Crews have them. Some cases at W. P. King's at Blue Gap. Eleven cases at Mr. Wood's so I hear.

Dr. Myrick was hastily called to Mr. Ballew's of Atoka country Monday. Mr. Ballew's son was very sick.

Attendance at school is increasing.

Mr. Grabener and wife went to Ballinger Monday.

Singing here Sunday was a success. Old folks sang as of yore with their four note style. Mr. Hammond did the leading for old folks with before and after singing by the young folks. Among visitors were, Mr. Sam Brookshire and family, Elbert Branham and wife, Joe Hoffman, Allen Brister, Mr. Glover, Tom Gipson of Norwood, Mrs. Justice and family of Ballinger. Others we failed to get. There were many more than the house would accommodate.

Some few of the Crews people went to Winters to attend the picnic.

Some talk of having a picnic near Crews about the tenth of June for the benefit of the base ball team.

Talk has already begun to take shape for a grand Fourth of July W. O. W. barbecue near Crews. This must be a success. Crews may be the "Dark Corner" as our attorney once put it, but she can do the right thing in regard to picnics.

Citizens of the Crews country have bought four acres of land and Mr. Perry donated one acre for a cemetery, located at corner of Perry's and Mrs. Wilkerson's sections.

Ade (not Abe private) Montgomery has an instrumental music class.

Mr. Hudgins of Winters will oversee the woodwork of Crews gin. The illustrious and well known Barney Gibbs has contract for rock work. It goes then that this will be done alright.

Ben Hyle's babe has been quite sick.

Mr. Francis is on the sick list. This country has very bright prospects for a crop. R. L. C.

### District Conference.

The Brownwood District Conference of the M. E. Church South will meet in the Methodist church at Ballinger Friday, May 27th, at 2 o'clock and will be in session four days. This Conference will be composed of all the preachers both local and traveling, four delegates from each charge, and a number of the leading men and women of the church in the district. Let all the people of our city attend the session of the Conference and give its members a hearty welcome. Persons desiring to entertain delegates will please notify the committee or the pastor, Rev. G. W. White.

The first day will be devoted to the Sunday School interests. Following is the program:

2 p. m. Opening Exercises—W H Matthews.

2:30 Why should we place great emphasis on the Sunday School Work?—Rev C G Shutt.

2:50 The opening and closing of the Sunday School—R F Brown.

### POINTS IN TEACHING

- (a) Managing a class.
- (b) Holding attention.
- (c) Securing home study.

Lee McDonald, J H Rotramel, Miss Ora Williams, Miss Ida Oxford, J W Hooper.

### 3:10 THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

- (a) What is it?
- (b) Its importance.
- (c) Results obtained.

F T Enos, Dr E W Snyder, Rev E C Austin, Rev C M Shuffler.

### 3:30 DECISION DAY.

- (a) What is it.
- (b) Have we observed it?
- (c) What are the results?

Superintendents and Pastors.

### 3:50 SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

- (a) Sunday School missionary society.
- (b) Children's Day.
- (c) Missionary Rally Day.

Rev D A McGuire, S R Switzer, J L Speer, J A Jones, G L Morris.

### 4:10 POINTS IN TRAINING.

- (a) Training to give.
- (b) Training to attend church
- (c) Preparing for church membership.

(d) Forming Christian habits  
Rev J J Canafax, J B Smith, J E McDonald, R P Odom, W M Hooper, J M Skinner, R N Fulton.

4:50 Next Sunday's Lesson—How to Teach—Prof. P C Ragsdale, Shepherd, Mayes.

### 5:10 ROUND TABLE.

The study circle, house to house visitation, Sunday School helps, etc.—Led by W H Matthews.

### 8:30 HOW TO MAKE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL GO.

The Pastor's Part—O M Simmons.

The Superintendent's Part—Rev W J Hearon.

The Teacher's Part—H E Anderson.

The Student's Part—J E Hall.

The Parent's Part—Rev W B Andrews.

Joe Stocks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stocks, is visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger this week.

W. E. Odom is fencing his lots near the Christian church preparatory to building.

J D Drake a thrifty farmer of Valé country, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

E. W. Baggett Crews' efficient constable was a pleasant caller Friday.

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E. V. Bateman, formerly cashier of the Landon National Bank, purchased B. B. Hail's interest in the Smith & Hail lumber yard of this place the early part of this week.

Messrs. Bateman & Hail were down this week and took an inventory of the stock and found the business in a very satisfactory condition under W. E. Odom's management.

Mr. Hail will take Mr. Bateman's place as cashier of the Landon National Bank. Whether Mr. Bateman will take charge of this yard or not we have not learned.

F. A. Nott and family came in Thursday from Belton and will make Ballinger their future home. Mr. Nott is the new owner of the Home Steam Laundry. The Banner-Leader extends a cordial welcome.

Lonnie Baldwin, of the Crews County, was supplying in Ballinger Thursday and orders the Banner Leader to his address for the next twelve months.

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# Winters Budget

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## Winters Directory.

**METHODIST**—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening; also preaching on first Sunday evening. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. L. Speer, supt., Epworth League at 2 p. m. each Sunday evening. T. A. Fannin, pres. Prayermeeting every Wednesday night—F. M. Jackson, pastor.

**BAPTIST**—Preaching every second Sunday morning. Sunday School at 9 a. m., James Flint supt. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday afternoon 4 p. m., S. W. Pratt pres., Ben S. Sullivan, pastor.

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**—Preaching every first Sunday and night, Rev. C. W. Yates, pastor.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**—Service each Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock, Mr. Eoff, leader.

**LUTHERAN**—Services each second Sunday.

**Secret Orders**—A. F. & A. M., meets on Saturday on or before full moon, T. A. Fannin, sec., Joe Vancil, W. M. K. of P. meets each second and third Thursday nights, L. E. Jarmon, C. C. W. S. Mullin, K. R. & S.

**W. O. W.**—Camps meets each second and fourth Monday nights T. T. Davis, C. C., J. W. Dale, clerk.

**I O O F**—Meets every Saturday night, J. H. Hood, N. G., A. M. Young, sec.

**Barbecue at Wingate Saturday May 21.**

See the silk gloves and fans at Moore's store.

Mrs. Van S. Lewis was trading in Winters Monday.

Mr. Moorehead and lady visited Winters this week.

Boldon people report a little storm Sunday afternoon.

Miss Church of Pumphrey attended the picnic Saturday.

Bronte was very well represented at the W. O. W. picnic.

W. H. Arnold was thrown from his buggy Tuesday and badly hurt, getting his collar bone broken.

Mrs. G. W. Cooper of Pumphrey was shopping in Winters Monday.

Misses Minnie Oliver and Clara Milliken were seen on our streets Monday.

The graphophone concert at the band stand Tuesday night was enjoyed by all.

Mr. R. C. Gannaway of Wingate attended the picnic and remained over Sunday.

The C. E. Woodrow residence is now completed and will add much to that part of town.

Mr. Lowry, the traveling salesman for Padgett Bros of Waco, was in town this week.

Miss Alma Padgett of Ballinger has been spending several days with Miss Minnie Oliver.

If you think it doesn't pay to advertise just come over and watch the millinery business a short time.

Messrs. Chas. Grant and Scott with their families spent Wednesday down on the creek and report good luck.

Mr. Terry of Ballinger made Winters a longer visit than the other candidates at the picnic, staying over till Monday.

Rev. Jackson filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Quite a large and attentive crowd was present both morning and evening.

The Wingate Independent reported one of our Winters girls married to a Goodman. We haven't heard of it yet, so guess it was a mistake.

The people of the Watkins neighborhood gave an ice cream supper Tuesday night for the purpose of getting an organ for the school house at that place.

Miss Rossie White entertained Saturday night in honor of the young people from the different places who stayed over after the picnic. All report a good time.

## Around Town.

We looked in at the new City Hotel. Everything new, with well furnished rooms and table. Then around among the business houses we find good stocks of goods and obliging salesmen. You can get anything from a cold drink to a nice tailor suit of clothes. But the centre of attraction is Ramsel's shop where we found forges in full blast with gasoline engine driving the hammer, and many farmers waiting for their work. Out in the residence portion we found new houses going up, and painters busy beautifying the homes of our people. What does all this mean? That we have a good country back of us and enterprising citizens. We feel constrained to call the attention of these good people to the condition of the school building. Let's repair and paint it before the beginning of the next term. The Tyler Hotel with Rev. Tyler manager is a good up-to-date house.

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The following young ladies spent a day on the creek this week: Misses Nina Landreth, Claudia Hunter, Emma Tyer, Stella Cryer, Lena Hunter, Laura Hudgins, Ethel Moore. They had a good time and you should have seen the fish they caught. The picnic broke up late in the afternoon with the song "Why can't I have a head," solo and full chorus.

We are sorry to learn Mr. Eoff had the misfortune to get two of his ribs broken by his horse turning with him.

Don't forget that Children's Day is May 22nd and everyone is invited. See the program in this paper.

We are glad to see our meat market man, Joe Vancil, up again after an attack of measles.

Lee Maddox, the insurance man of Ballinger, was on our streets Thursday.

Come out Sunday at eleven. The young people have a treat in store for all.

Look out for Meeks Bros. ad on this page. They are the cold drink people.

Revs. Jackson and Moore went to Boldon Sunday afternoon.

A pretty line of face veilings, also wool veils, at Moore's store.

Mrs. Pruitt and sister were trading in Winters Monday.

Mrs. Brown and sister, Miss Hunt, were in town Monday.

In future Dr. Tinkle will have phone connection in his office.

Prof. Brown of Pumphrey was in town Tuesday.

A new girl at Mr. Syler's, born May 18th.

The singing school is getting along nicely.

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

Subject—False and True Ambition—Matt. 20:28

Leader—Bro. Tyer.

Song

Prayer

Talk on subject—Bro. Buchanan.

Song

Scripture References

Song

Select Reading—Etna Springfield.

Song—Misses Harper and Patterson.

Collection.

Benediction.

## Program Epworth League.

Song.

Prayer—Bro. Tyer.

Subject—Abusing our Opportunities—Matt. 25:14-30

Talk—Dr. Hicks.

Song.

Reading—Miss Claudia Patterson.

Reading—Miss Elbie Speers.

Song.

Essay—T. A. Fannin.

Reading—Rossie White.

Song

References on Subject.

Benediction—"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

## The Picnic.

In spite of the nice shower that fell Friday night there was a large crowd in attendance at the picnic Saturday. All the candidates were present and quite a crowd of Ballinger people. The Business College was well represented. Prof. J. H. Stovall gave a short address in the interest of the College. Mr. C. F. Dickinson addressed the crowd on Woodcraft. Judge Guion of Ballinger gave us a short speech about the Winters section, which was well received. All of the candidates made speeches. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The ball game in the afternoon between Winters and Ballinger resulted in victory for Ballinger of 11 to 5.

## Prayer.

When traveling a long distance we often stop at a hotel or inn for refreshment and rest so as to gain strength to complete the journey. So the Christian needs a place where he can be rested and find spiritual food to enable him (like Bunyan) to go his way. Where can we go for greater comfort and help than in the prayer meeting? Are we tired or weary? So are others, and in hearing them tell of their joys and sorrows we are encouraged and our sympathies are drawn out toward those who, like ourselves, often have weary burdens to bear. Nothing so soon makes us forget self as to know that others have their trials as well as we. Every heart has its own aches and how blessed the thought that we, like those in the upper room spoken of by the Bible, can meet together and by praying, singing or speaking of what Jesus has done for us, help each other as we journey on through our Christian life. The prayer meeting is the vital part of the church, strengthening, invigorating and cheering its members through their Christian pilgrimage.

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Mesdames Dr. Grant and Murray went to Ballinger Tuesday.

Misses Kate and Nina Hall were visiting the Misses Bennett of Ballinger this week.

## Program Children's Day.

Song—"Jesus is Calling the Children"—by Class No. 5.

Recitation—"Do unto Others as you'd have them do unto you." Farrar Pierce.

Recitation.

Prayer by Ethel Crowder.

Song—"Let us sing of the Saviour above"—by Class.

Recitation—"We Hope in Thee Oh God"—Alvera Vancil.

Recitation by four girls—"What Children can do."

Song—"Hosanna to the King."

Recitation—"What Life Must Learn"—Katie Pearce.

Song No. 168 by Class No. 2.

Select Reading—"A Word to Young Church Members"—Miss Mollie Murray.

Recitation—Life's Ladder—Miss Viola David.

Song No. 12 by Choir.

Paper—Why I'm a Temperance Crank—Miss Lola Rodgers.

Song by Class No. 2—"Prohibition's Rolling On."

Recitation—"On the Sunset Line"—Rossie White.

Sextette—"Sing Jehovah's Praises"—Mesdames Murray and Grant, Misses Moore and Cryer, Misses Murray and Roberts.

Paper—Influence—Miss Etna Springfield.

Recitation—Dream of a Star—Misses David and Childs.

Quartet—"Come Unto Me"—Messrs. Grant, Murray and Roberts, Miss Ethel Moore.

Talk by Superintendent James Spears.

Song—Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow.

Benediction by R. Moore.

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**Market Letter**

Cattle prices improved a little at the close of last week, regaining the loss at last Tuesday. Supply in Quarantine Division yesterday was again small, running mostly to fair to good steers, which sold steady with previous Monday at a range of from \$4.10 to \$4.50 for 1,000 to 1,200 steers; lighter weights from 3.75 to 4.20. Hardly any cows are coming; one load fairly good stuff selling to-day at \$3.10. Market is 10 cents higher to-day, but only three cars arrived in Quarantine Division. Bulls bring from 2.85 to 4.30, one load selling at the latter figures yesterday. Veal calves are 75 cents to 1.00 lower than a week ago.

Hogs had a weak day yesterday; otherwise the market has had elements of strength for past week and is repeated to-day; bulk of sales 4.60 to 4.80. Local market has been running almost on a par with Chicago and St. Louis prices and packers are not insisting too strongly on a re-adjustment, preferring to attract more hogs to this market. Quality is now a main factor in fixing price.

Some sales in Quarantine Division at Kansas City Monday May 19th, 1904:

Driggers & Sharp, Chickasha, 132 steers 1158, 4.50  
Geo. Hill, Chickasha, 24 steers 1041 4.40  
G. G. Huston, Munster, Tex. 37 steers 845 3.70  
G. G. Houston, Munster, Tex. 19 steers 767 3.40  
G. W. White, Pocasset, I. T. 18 bulls 1290 3.30

Market steady with last Monday.

Tuesday, May 17th 1904.

G E Lynn, Kingston, I. T. 14 Cows 794 3.10  
G E Lynn, Kingston, I. T. 3 bulls 1340 3.00  
G E Lynn, Kingston, I. T. 9 steers 824 3.35  
J C Mitchel, Vinita, I. T. 37 Mixed 502 2.70

Market strong to 10 cents higher.

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Live Stock Correspondent

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"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and haven't seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of rheumatism, neuralgia, liver and kidney troubles and general debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C. writes. Only 50c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Rev. Wooten, pastor of the Methodist church at San Angelo, was in our city Thursday.

**Market Letter**

P. C. Cobb, our big, jovial friend of the Rowena country, was in the city first of the week.

B. Boone, brother of Wallie Boone of Crews, took the train here Thursday for his home at Christoval.

R. F. Hembry, a carpenter of Sweetwater, came in this week and will make Ballinger his home. His family will follow him soon.

Homer Alexander has had quite a tussel with the measles for the past ten days but we are glad to state is now able to be up.

J. H. Cabe, of the Coyote Creek country while in the city Wednesday says he will cut his wheat this week and thinks it will average about 12 bushels per acre.

Dr. T. E. Butler returned Thursday from St. Louis where he had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. He reports Mrs. Spencer getting along all right but will remain in St. Louis for a while.

At the conference held at the C. P. church last Sunday evening it was decided to organize a Christian Endeavor Society and there was enrolled 14 active members with several honorary and associate members.

Misses Blanche and Minnie Perryman came in this week from San Marcos, sister of Mrs. McMasters of Norton. Miss Blanche has been attending a Female College at San Marcos the past year and graduated at at the close of this term.

This is said to be the motto of a Chicago Woman's club: "There is so much that is bad in the best of us, and so much that is good in the worst of us, that it doesn't behoove any of us to say anything about the rest of us." There is a heap of truth in that motto. It wouldn't do any harm to paste it in the hat of a whole lot of other folks, besides members of the Chicago club.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island forecasts that the sole issue between democrats and republicans in the approaching campaign will be the tariff. If such proves to be the case, the former will cheerfully accept the gage of battle. The present republican tariff is wholly indefensible. The "painted harlot of New York" has drained the blood of our people. Consumers long enough, and the victors are beginning to rest on their laurels.

J. D. Kelley Robbed at Brownwood.

Brownwood, Texas, May 18.—(Special.)—Last night at about 11:30 o'clock J. D. Kelley, who came to Brownwood on the 8:50 train from Comanche, reported to the police that he had been held up and robbed of a grip containing \$125 in money and a model for a patent sweep, together with a patent right deed.

After coming to town Kelley attended the holiness meeting in progress on Center avenue, and it was while returning to the hotel that he was accosted near the business portion of the town by two men and robbed of his valuables.

A cloth was placed over his head and he was marched around several blocks before he was released. The robbers took nothing from him except the small grip.

Kelley is a man about 45 years old has a family and resides nine miles north of Comanche.

The police have no clue whatever to assist them in ferreting out the crime.

**DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?**

**Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.**

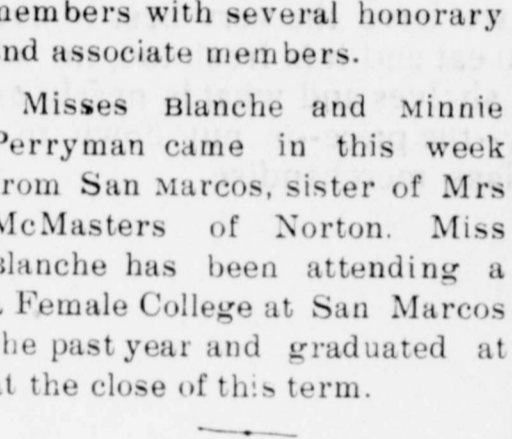
Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

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

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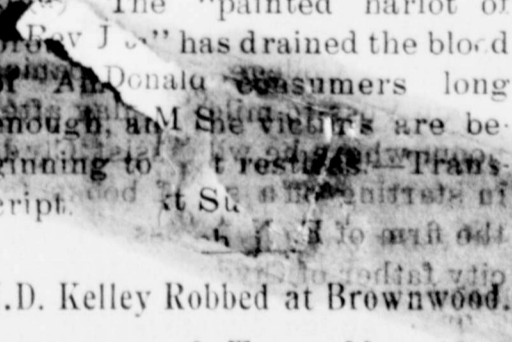
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IN THE MORNING

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D Coach Rate—Limit to seven days for return.

On Sale May 17th and May 31st Only

Rates From Ballinger, Texas;  
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Ask the Santa Fe Agent for full particulars of

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We can furnish you with everything eatible that is good and wholesome and that will lend to the enjoyment of your trip. Also for home consumption we have the very best in everything that is good to eat and it is fresh too, no old stale goods on our shelves and what is nearly as essential as quality--the price--is put down to the limit for high class merchandise

**A neat  
Fitting  
Well-made  
Suit**



adds greatly to your  
personal appearance  
and comfort

**If You  
Are  
Neatly  
Dressed**

in one of our spring  
suits your business  
associates will accord  
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not chance  
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when they know  
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and use checks for making payments. There are more convenient than currency and much safer. They come back to you after a certain time and are thus important vouchers. The absolutely safety afforded by THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK vaults is another reason why money should be deposited here.

J. W. Powell closed the administration of the Allison estate and got his discharge and turned over to the heirs 2100 acres of the best land in Runnels county. He also closed the J. G. Williams estate this week.

The Crews Furniture Co. have just unloaded a 20,000 pound car of Furniture, all the latest designs and patterns direct from the factory. Get their prices if you want to buy at close cash prices.

H. F. Mayes, business editor of the Brownwood Bulletin, passed through on Friday's train en route to Miles.

Shoe repairing is done the best at Bob Shaffers

J. M. Voluntine, of Winters the boss Carpenter, is in Ballinger this week.

J. D. Justice and little son left Thursday evening to visit their old home in Gonzales county.

The Crews Furniture Co. have in stock the latest designs in spring pattern mattings. Call and see them.

Prof. Elliot, of the Ballinger Business College, accompanied Clyde Voss to Miles Friday afternoon, where he will assist Clyde in starting off a set of books for the firm of E. N. Voss of that city father of Clyde.

The census trustees of the county are closing up their work and if any one has been overlooked please call on your trustee and give in your children before the end of this month. Don't depend entirely on the census taker, as it is possible that some may be missed.

Geo. Reeder, of Lane Port, who has been visiting his brothers, D. and Charlie Reeder of our city, bought this week a rock business house in Miles next to the Miles National Bank and also some residence lots and will soon open up for business in that town. We wish him much success in his new place of business.

John Reese stole a march on his friends Saturday a week ago and went up to Santa Anna, and he and Miss Bell Abernathy were quietly married in the presence of a few friends, Sunday at Coleman City. The Banner-Leader joins their many friends in congratulations and wishes for the happy young couple long life and prosperity.

### San Angelo Press

J. Y. Pearce, of Ballinger, was here Friday on business.

B. B. Hail spent a few days at Ballinger this week on business.

W. C. Penn, of Ballinger, who buys cotton and promotes base ball teams, was here Friday.

T. J. Webb, of Ballinger, was here Friday.

Miss Adele Underwood, of Ballinger, spent Wednesday and Thursday here the guest of the Landon hotel.

Mrs. R. A. Hall and Master Louis went down to Ballinger Thursday for a short visit to relative.

R. P. Smith returned from Ballinger Tuesday to which place he accompanied Mrs. Smith from Galveston. At Galveston Mrs. Smith received the most expert surgical attention but without avail. She is now in Ballinger and will be given the Viavi treatment, which holds out hope for the sufferer. The people of San Angelo are following the case with a great deal of interest and sympathy and hope to see Mrs. Smith fully recovered yet. She however is in a very serious condition.

The Red Men of Ballinger, assisted by the other orders of this town and adjoining towns, will celebrate the 18th anniversary of Ballinger with a grand picnic, etc., on June the 29th. The program and other announcements will be published later.

Miss Parity McLean, of Rosebud came in Friday of last week and was met at the train by her friend Miss Eva Flood of the Norton country, whose guest she will be for several weeks.

We are sorry to note Mrs Sam Jones is quite sick this week.

Refrigerators and Freezers at Crews Furniture Co.'s at prices to suit the times.

Mr. Bown, of the firm of Bair & Brown, returned Friday of last week from an extended trip to his old home.

Lost.—A leather horse boot. Lost about three weeks ago in Ballinger. Finder leave same with Dr. Halley and get reward.

There will be an excursion to San Angelo Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 26, 27, and 28th, final return limit to May 29. Base Ball each day between San Angelo and Danial Baker College team of Brownwood. 4ct mile round trip rates from Ballinger and Rowena.

Elder W. T. Ridwill of the Church of Christ of Ft. Worth is due in Ballinger Saturday May 21st to commence a series of gospel sermons at the German Methodist church of this place. Note the time. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Will continue the meeting indefinitely.

### Picnic.

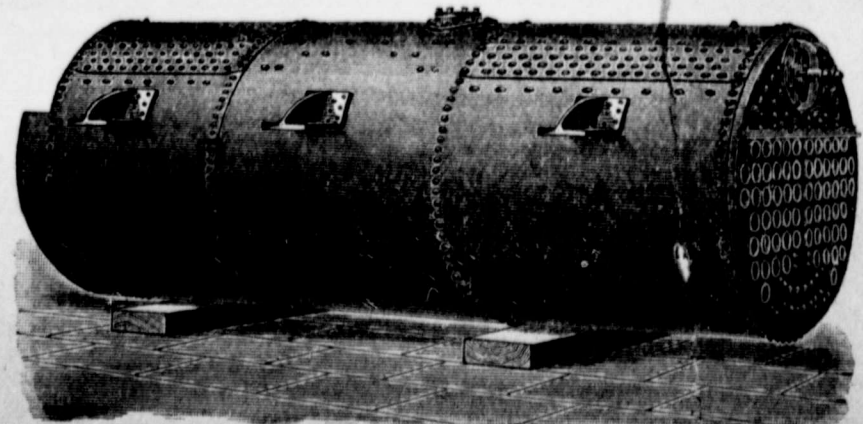
There will be a picnic in the Tator Smaldt pasture near Winters on May 23rd, under the direction of the Lone Star Band. Candidates and all others invited to come. Bring your baskets.

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### Special Correspondence

Inside the limit of St. Louis has risen suddenly as if in the night another great metropolis that will bewilder with its surpassing beauty and compell the admiration of all who see it. One almost wishes that after the Fair this Capital of all Expositions could remain standing even through its avenues and buildings, its pale halls and many hued palaces were only people by the memories of the millions that passed through and of the sound of the babel of tongues that rang out in the corridors of this gorgeous place of enchantment, for abode of nations of the earth.

To use another simile, it is a flower, many colored and exquisitely beautiful that has bloomed and in the heart of which are three petals that will quickly win the admiration of the visitor namely the buildings containing the "Galveston Flood," "The Battle Abbey" and the "New York to the North Pole."

The most absorbing exhibition will be that of the Galveston Flood" the picturesque trip "From New York to the North Pole," and to the people of this country the the most interesting historically the "Battle Abby."

They are all located on what is called "The Pike" the midway of the Exposition and are close together for the convenience of visitors The "Galveston Flood" building contains a vivid illustration of the disaster which overtook this delightful Southland

city and concludes with a picture of the reconstruction.

The vast entertainment is given on a stage that has a proscenium opening 150 feet wide, the largest in the world, the building proper being 150 feet by 300 feet. It begins by showing Galveston at the close of a delightful Summer day. Peace broods over land and sea as the sun sinks below the sky line leaving behind soft shadows and gentle breeze blowing from the Gulf to the city whose inhabitants are closing up their business places and enjoying the hour. Shortly after a bank of clouds gather in the wake of the setting sun in cathedral like shape and form a phantom city. The cupolas, towering domes and lofty colonades are gilded into molten glory by the last artistic touch of the brush of the fading light From the deck of an incoming vessel one can see the light of the city gleam through the night like stars trains can be heard and seem running out of and into the city with lighted windows and the glowing port holes of the shipping in the offing indicate the life inside of the big hulls that swings lazily at their anchors.

From the land comes the angelus bells in the churches adding sweet solemnity to the scene

Suddenly the aspect of every thing undergoes a change. The clouds have increased and are sweeping forward in a threatening manner. Rain begins to fall the breeze has increased to a gale, lighting is viciously flashing its telegraph message to earth that

a storm is approaching. The gale becomes a hurricane and the shrieking winds call the waters to a work of destruction Responsive to the cry the Gulf heaves into white crested waves and rolling forward dashed on the shell beach.

Provoked by the storm's lash, they rise higher and higher and finally one gigantic roller, a very avalanche of water sweeps forward and the city is engulfed. The scene beggers description. The cyclone the howling tempest the thundering waves, hissing rain and the spiteful lightning accentuate a disaster for Galveston.

When the tempest has done its deadly work, the waters recede, the winds become a breeze like that of a lady's fan and the moon comes from her hiding place behind the clouds and we see a newer and more glorious Galveston.

The realistic trip of "From New York to the North Pole" given in the "North Pole" building tells in a graphic manner how a vessel starting from New York attempts to reach the Pole but becoming jammed in the ice the party of discoverers make a dash over it by sleds to their goal. A tank of real water, 145 feet long, fifty feet wide and eight feet deep is required in this biggest of all water shows and one hundred men are used to operate the effects and machinery.

The opening scene shows the shipping in the North River at New York at once animated and

truthful. The steamer starts on her long voyage and as the coast is skirted all the familiar sights of land are seen from the deck. Then the nose of the vessel is turned toward the sea and soon she is but a speck on the wide expanse of water. She is next sighted in the high latitudes, ice is seen floating by in the shape of high ice bergs. The wall of the eternal ice pack is approached and finally the daring adventurers find their ship in the grip of the Ice King. Now they take sleds and start on the last part of the journey to the Pole which they reach and see the sun from the North peak of the earth. The stars and stripes are unfurled, three cheers for Uncle Sam are given and the party starts on its return trip.

The "Battle Abbey" building is a unique institution and will arouse the patriotism of all citizens of this country and win the admiration of foreigners. It will contain a vast museum of the historical epochs of this country more important than that of the Smithsonian Institute. In other words it will be a war relic history of the United States beginning with the Indian wars, the French and English war, the Revolutionary war the war of 1812, Mexican war, the struggle of Texas for her Independence, the Civil war, Custer's last fight, and that of the conquest of Spain's colonies by this country in the late Spanish-American conflict. These epochs will be illustrated in tableaux. The most important conflicts being seen as follows: The Revolutionary war by the battle of Yorktown, the war of 1812 by the battle of New Orleans, the war of Texas for her Independence by the battle of the Alamo, the Mexican war by the battle of Buena Vista, the Civil war by the battles of Gettysburg a Federal victory and that of Manassas a Confederate success, thus preserving an equipoise of sentiment, and

the Spanish-American war by Dewey's victory in the bay of Manila. In addition Mr. Charles Gunther of Chicago, Ill., has loaned the "Battle Abbey" building his famous war museum formerly exhibited at the Libby Prison which is equal to the world wide famous war museum in Berlin and is of more historical value than the one now in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. This vast collection of relics and battle paintings are so arranged that any child will understand and by its aid follow his country's fight for greatness down to the present. Mr. Emmett W. McConnell whose fertile brain is the soul of the great combined exhibition in speaking of the "Battle Abbey" building in particular said that no expense or pains have been spared in preparing the "Battle Abbey" to be the headquarters of the veterans of any of the wars who visit the Fair and he also makes the promise that everything will be done for their protection and comfort.

### Runnels County Home Circle No. 101.

The following named persons have been duly commissioned agents and solicitors for the up-building and maintaining of this Circle, others will be appointed as we work the country:

J P Woolsey Organizer Yoakum  
W C Grobe Solicitor Yoakum  
Jas F Howze " Paint Rock  
J W Patterson sec & " Ballinger  
W R Nunn " Runnels  
J B Pickle " Wingate

The council is making some growth and we hope to see the liberal spirited people of Runnels and Concho counties avail themselves of its protection.

J P Woolsey turned in 25 applications this morning to sec. Patterson, W C Grobe turned in 12 and W R Nunn turned in 6.

Respectfully,

J. P. WOOLSEY, Organizer  
May 18, 1904.

### WE'LL

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### Quite Young.

The following clipped from the Hamilton Rustler, shows what a boy can do if he will apply himself. The boy referred to was a student for quite awhile of our fellow-townsmen, R. S. Griggs, who we think deserves some credit for his proficiency in the grades referred to as we all know the first impressions are the most lasting. His example is worthy of emulation:

Walter McNeill of Evant, spent last Friday and Saturday in our city applying to the board of school examiners for a teacher's certificate. He made most excellent grades in all departments and was granted a six-years certificate of the 1st grade. The remarkable feature connected with this item is the fact that this young man is only fifteen years of age. He is a graduate of the Evant High School and much credit is due him for his diligence in the pursuit of his studies, and is also highly commendable of Prof. R. L. Bewley, his able instructor, and principal of the Evant school, for his intelligence as an instructor and for his correct methods of teaching as is evidenced by the splendid results obtained in this instance. Evant people are justly proud of their public school and its principal.

When Garfield was inaugurated president of the United States, on the 4th of March 1881, after he had taken the oath of office in the presence of many thousand people, he kissed the Holy Bible and then turned and kissed his aged mother and his wife. No artist can do justice to that event. He knew how proud his mother was to see him installed in the highest office in the gift of the American people; and in that hour of exaltation his heart turned to his mother. How different this beautiful example left by our president, to that of the average "Young American" who never fails to speak of his mother as "the old woman."

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### The Time Will Come.

The Courier does not believe it is a dreamer, but if it is, we hope that our dreaming will hurt no one and that we will see our fondest dreams realized. We believe that the human family is getting better all the time, that today is better than yesterday, that the world now contains more big hearted, philanthropic men and women than in any time of which we have history. We utterly refuse to look on the dark side of the picture in any case. It is dangerous, it is death to him who does. We believe that every day brings us closer to the time when all men will be brethren in deed and truth when crime, want, misery and degradation will have gone from among us forever. Why not? We dream of the time when all laws will be just and simple, when no man will violate the law, when we will have no need for jails, penitentiaries and poor houses, when every man, woman and child will have a home they can call their home, on which no mortgage rests, sucking the very life-blood of those who are trying to pay for the home. We dream of the time when no farmer will be compelled to give a mortgage on his crop, when he will have a home made beautiful and attractive by the very best of musical instruments and paintings to his liking and to the liking of his wife and children. Will this time come? We believe it will, and why not? Old Mother Earth is always good to her children and is fully capable of taking care of all her children in peace and plenty. That the time will come when this will be done we verily believe. In this we trust implicitly.—Mineola Courier.

### Growing Aches and Pains.

Mrs. Josie Sumner, Bremond, Texas, writes, April, 15, 1902: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for three years. I would not be without it in the house. I have used it on my little girl for growing pains and aches in her knees. It cured her right away. I have also used it for frost bitten feet, with good success. It is the best liniment I ever used." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

President Roosevelt avoids distasteful legislation by providing an early adjournment of Congress. The legislation he deems advisable he enacts for himself. It is indeed a pleasant thing to know that before a great while the people of the country will be afforded an opportunity to make a change in both the occupant of the White House and the occupants of the House of Representatives. The Democratic party can easily win this fall. The only thing necessary to success is a stable platform and a united Democracy.

There was so much important legislation postponed by the last Congress that some people are wanting to know whether G. O. P stands for Grand Old Postponer or Grand Old Postponer.

While Russia and Japan are mobilizing their troupes, the Republican spell-binders are preparing to mobilize their whoops.

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### Excursion Rates.

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

Summer School, Knoxville, Tenn. Sell June 26 and 28, July 5, 6, 11, 12, 18 and 25, limit 15 days. \$33.65

Annual Reunion Mexican War Veterans, Fort Worth, Tex. Sell May 23, limit May 26. \$6.20

Imperial Council Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Atlanta City, N. J. Sell June 8 and 9, limit July 26.

Young People's Christian Union, St. Joseph, Mo. Sell June 28 to 30, limit July 7th.

T. P. A. of America, Springfield, Ill. Sell June 4 to 5, limit June 18.

National Prohibition Convention, Indianapolis, Ind. Sell June 26 and 27, limit July 12.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition St. Louis, Mo., April 30 to Dec. 1st. Limit to Dec. 15, \$40.80 Limit to 60 days \$34.00 Limit 10 days \$27.50 Catch excursion 7 days \$17.85. See agent for particulars.

State Conference Colored Epworth League, Dallas, Texas. Sell May 25 and 26. Limit May 30. \$7.75

Commencement Exercises State University, Austin, Tex. Sell June 4 and 8, limit July 23. \$8.70

Texas Christian Missionary Convention, Greenville, Texas. Sell June 5 and 6, limit June 10. Texas Christian Endeavor Convention Dallas Texas Sell June 9 and 10 1904 Limit June 13 1904 7.75

Oil Mill Superintendent's ass'n Houston Texas Sell May 31 1904 Limit June 4 1904 \$14.15

### Exposure

To cold draughts of air, to keen and cutting winds, sudden changes of temperature, scanty clothing, undue exposure of the throat and neck after public speaking and singing, bring on coughs and colds. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the best cure.

Mrs. A. Barr, Houston, Texas writes, Jan. 31, 1902: "One bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup cured me of a very bad cough. It is very pleasant to take." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 Sold by E. D. Walker.



## JNO. G. KEY'S Meat Market

where you always find the best of everything in the butcher line. Tender, Juicy Steak, Pork Sausage and barbecue always on hand. Free delivery to any part of the city. Phone No. 2

## JNO. G. KEY

### A Continual Strain.

Many men and women are constantly subjected to what they commonly term "a continual strain" because of some financial or family trouble. It wears and distresses them both mentally and physically, affecting their nerves badly and bringing on liver and kidney ailments, with the attendant evils of constipation, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, low vitality and despondency. They cannot as a rule, get rid of this "continual strain," but they can remedy its health destroying effects by taking Green's August Flower. It tones up the liver, stimulates the kidneys, insures healthy bodily functions, gives vim and spirit to one's whole being, and eventually dispels the physical or mental distress caused by that "continual strain." Trial bottle of August Flower, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

### Saving Soles.

By going bare footed is the way of economical people in some countries, but the way to save money is to have Bob Shaffer half sole your shoes.

### 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.

## GROCERIES

Are one of the main essentials for good and whole some living, and

## Pure, fresh groceries

Are the only kind that will produce such results  
**Buy your Groceries**

From us and you will get none but the good and wholesome kind.

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Phone 63. All kinds of feed stuff.

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

# Herbine

is a natural vegetable remedy, containing no mineral or narcotic poisons. It will correct any or all symptoms, make your health, appetite and spirits good. At druggists, 50 cents.

Sold and Guaranteed by E. D. WALKER.

**CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS**  
Original and Only Genuine.  
MADE BY CHICHESTER ENGLISH PILLS IN ENGLAND. Beware of cheap imitations. Buy of your druggist, or send 5c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Roller for Ladies," in letter of return. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, PHILA., PA.

**OZMANLIS ORIENTAL SEXUAL PILLS**  
Sure, Prompt, Positive Cure for Impotence, Loss of Manhood, Seminal Emission, Spermatorrhea, Nervousness, Self-Distrust, Loss of Memory, &c. Will make you a STRONG, Vigorous Man. Price \$1.00, 6 Boxes, \$5.00. Special Directions Mailed with each Box. Address: Ballard Snow Linctament Co., 2019 LUCAS AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Nothing has ever equalled it. Nothing can ever surpass it.

## Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION Price 50c & \$1.00  
OF THROAT AND LUNGS

A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles. Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

## EARLY RISERS

THE FAMOUS LITTLE PILLS.

For quick relief from Billousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Dizziness, and all troubles arising from an inactive or sluggish liver, DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled.

They act promptly and never gripe. They are so dainty that it is a pleasure to take them. One to two act as a mild laxative; two or four act as a pleasant and effective cathartic. They are purely vegetable and absolutely harmless. They tonic the liver.

YOUR DEALER CAN SUPPLY YOU.  
PREPARED BY  
E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago

## Dragging Pains

2325 Keeley St., CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 2, 1902.

I suffered with falling and congestion of the womb, with severe pains through the groins. I suffered terribly at the time of menstruation, had blinding headaches and rushing of blood to the brain. What to try I knew not, for it seemed that I had tried all and failed, but I had never tried Wine of Cardui, that blessed remedy for sick women. I found it pleasant to take and soon knew that I had the right medicine. New blood seemed to course through my veins and after using eleven bottles I was a well woman.

*Maudie Bush*

Mrs. Bush is now in perfect health because she took Wine of Cardui for menstrual disorders, bearing down pains and blinding headaches when all other remedies failed to bring her relief. Any sufferer may secure health by taking Wine of Cardui in her home. The first bottle convinces the patient she is on the road to health.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

### WINE OF GARDUI

### ue of Economy.

The following from an exchange is worthy of consideration by every one and especially the rising generation of our country, not so much on account of the munificent gifts spoken of but the lesson of economy taught. It is the little things that make up the sum total in the getting of knowledge, wealth or anything else. The old adage of "taking care of the dimes and the dollars will take care of themselves," is the secret of wealth as shown below:

"I did not expect to get a cent from you," said a lady who had gone to ask of John Murray a contribution for a benevolent purpose and received \$100. "You blew out one of the candles by which you were writing when I came in."

"It is by practicing economy that I save up money with which to do charitable actions," was the reply; "one candle is enough to talk by."

If we look closely at the lives of most philanthropists, and those who have acquired considerable fortunes, we shall find that they are now, or were, in a position to give largely, or to carry out great enterprises, because they never lighted, or else they constantly practiced the habit of blowing out, waste candles.

The people of Peabody, Mass., tell many anecdotes of the great philanthropist for whom the town was named, showing that he never burned two candles when only one was needed. Extravagance was to him a sin, which he, in the smallest things, avoided. Lydia Maria Child was never appealed to for any worthy object in vain. Her response was ever hearty and munificent for one with her comparatively small means and yet she turned envelopes which had been used, that she might use them again, and in every possible instance snuffed out the unneeded candle.

Emerson used to relate an anecdote of a rich business man who, when approached for a contribution for charity, was found admonishing a clerk for using whole wafers when only half wafers were needed. When he had finished the admonition, he turned to his caller, heard his story and subscribed \$5000. When his visitor expressed surprise that a man should be so particular about the expenditure in wafers, the merchant said: "It is by saving the half wafers and attending to such little things, that I have now something to give."—Ex.

### Disastrous Wrecks.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from throat and lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by J. Y. Pearce, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free.

### Tresspass Notice—Keep Out.

All parties found hunting, cutting wood, gathering stock or trespassing in anyway on the G. R. Casey Mud Creek ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Keep out.  
C. A. DOOSE.

### Ballinger Too.

The following from an exchange is applicable to Ballinger and not only the newly married people but also the older ones would do well to practice the advice given:

The carpenter is abroad in the land and many new homes are going up. Some of them are to be occupied by young people just entering the duties of wedded life. As a matter of course there has been a good deal of talking "under the roses," beneath a moonlight sky and as they listened to the mock bird cheerfully caroling his roundelay from the sweet scented honeysuckle that cluster about the window, the location, the style of architecture, the quality and quantity of furniture to be purchased and how they intend to live when they take possession of this modernized Eden, has no doubt been literally discussed. We wish we could impress it on their minds that it doesn't matter so much whether the house is built after Gothic or pioneer style of architecture, whether the furniture is of fashionable make or home manufacture; whether the walls are hung with costly tapestry or with family wardrobe; if love and virtue cement the family circle, it will be a home in the truest sense of the word. The body is but the dwelling place of the soul, so likewise the house is but the tenement of the home. We can not all have perfect forms and classic features, but we can have pure, beautiful spirits. We cannot all have elegant, richly furnished homes, but we can have sunny, pleasant homes.

Roosevelt has done more in his brief reign to stir up the negroes longing for social equality than any of his predecessors. Four additional years of the same man will bring us face to face with a most serious condition. Whenever the negro gets the idea that the head of this nation is standing behind him, ready to back up his demands for an equal place in public and private affairs with the white man, right then the trouble commences. The negro will get the worst of it of course, for it is as certain that this is a white man's country as it is that the sun shines, and no windblown, dictatorial rough rider can make it otherwise. But it would be a great deal better if the difficulties of such a situation could be avoided. Roosevelt's defeat is the price of peace and quiet in the south.—Ex.

### A Positive Necessity.

Having to lay upon my bed for 14 days from a severely bruised leg, I only found relief when I used a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, I can cheerfully recommend it as the best medicine for bruises ever sent to the afflicted. It has now become a positive necessity upon myself. D. R. Brynes, Merchant, Doversville, Texas. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by E. D. Walker.

The distinguished New York Magistrate who declared that the only object of the servant girl was "to do as little work as possible make as much trouble as possible," evidently classes the servant girl with a Republican politician.

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

### When the Sap Rises.

Weak lungs should be careful. Coughs and colds are dangerous then. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs and cold and gives strength to the lungs. Mrs. G. E. Fenner of Marion Ind., says, "I suffered with a cough until I run down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by E. D. Walker.

A member of Parliament in Australia recently received from an indignant constituent, who had asked him in vain for an office, the following unique letter:

"Dear Sir: Your'e a dam fraud, and you know it. I don't care a rap for the office or the muneey either, but I object to being made a infernal fool of. Soon as you was elected by my hard-workin' friends a feller wanted to bet me that you would not be in the house moren a week before you made a ass of yourself. I bet him a cow on that, as I thought you was worth it then. After I got your note sayin' you declined to act in the matter I drove the cow over to the feller's place an' tole him he'd wun her. That's orl I got for howling myself horse for you. You not only hurt a mans pride but you injure him in bizness. I beleve you take a plesuir in cuttin' your best friends, but wate till the clouds roll by and they'll cut you—just behind the ear, where the butcher cuts the pig. Yure no man. Yure only a tool. Go to hel. I lowers myself riten to a skunk, even tho I med him a member of Parliament."—Argonaut.

Every house keeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry uses they will save not only time but beause it never sticks to the iron but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3-pound packages and the price is the same 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes o dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time

### Doesn't Respect Old Age.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, jaundice, fever, constipation all yield to this perfect pill. 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

# Royal

## Baking Powder

**Absolutely Pure**

Healthful cream of tartar, derived solely from grapes, refined to absolute purity, is the active principle of every pound of Royal Baking Powder.

Hence it is that Royal Baking Powder produces food remarkable both in fine flavor and wholesomeness.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

### A SUMMER RESORT

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

**H. W. Alexander**  
THE CONFECTIONER

#### Notice.

The post office at Rannels was discontinued on May 14th 1904. Hereafter all mail for Rannels will be delivered from this office.

On May 31st, 1904, the post office at Vale, Rannels county, will also be discontinued and all mail for Vale will be delivered from this office.

A post office has been established about four miles above the old Rannels office, called Hatchel, which will serve all the people above Rannels and this side of Winters. H. A. CADY, P. M.

You eat bread morning noon and night, you eat more bread than any food and pay less attention to it. A sweet, pleasant and wholesome taste a white, light and even texture characterizes bread made from White Billow Flour sold only by  
J B Alvis & Bro.

A severe wind was reported at Miles Monday night which blew down one rock wall in course of construction and demolished several awnings. We are glad to say that no one was hurt by this storm.

Scientist claim that there are ten pounds of glue in the human body that's the reason every body is stuck on those Concho Cigars at Godwin Grocer Co's

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

W. M. Pumphrey of Pumphrey had business in Ballinger first of the week.

Miss Maggie Sharp went up to Coleman Tuesday to visit friends for a few days.

Wat Harvey came in from Santa Anna Tuesday where he contracted for some stone building.

We are in the market for your chickens and eggs, also your grocery trade.

Godwin Grocery Co.

Prof. W. A. Perry and wife of Miles were in our city a day or two this week, the guests of Mrs. Perry's mother, Mrs. Cordill.

Walter Knight's new residence near the Christian church is nearing completion and will make Mr. Knight a neat and comfortable home.

Mike Boyd is now comfortably located in his new home near the Christian church and when the finishing touches are put on he will have a pretty little home.

R. P. Smith came up from San Angelo Wednesday to be at the bedside of his wife who is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doose of our city.

C. C. Gannaway, one of Wingate's prosperous, citizens dropped in to see us Wednesday and run up his figures on the Banner-Leader and subscribed for the Dallas News.

Spring vegetables—Just as nice tender, delicious and appetizing as though picked dew laden from garden at sunrise today but they're up in cans.  
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

The Charter of the Home Circle Society for Rannels and Concho counties is a pretty piece of work nicely framed and hangs in a conspicuous place in the First National Bank. Step in and take a look at it.

W. M. McGinnis, the music dealer, rented this week the Hixson Bros. store house opposite Davis-Fancher Co's, on main street and will open up a music store. A part of the building will be occupied by Miss McGinnis as a millinery store.

Rev. I. N. Lewis and brother H. G. Lewis were fishing this week at the mouth of Elm Creek and a large fish jerked one of the fishing poles, line and all into the stream, whereupon his little dog swam in, caught hold of the pole and brought out a nice 6 pound fish and laid it at the feet of his master. Even the dogs in our country are valuable as fishermen.

J. A. Barnett, who has been visiting relatives and prospecting in our county for the past ten days, left for his home in Collin county Wednesday. He was accompanied home by Miss Modesta Earnett daughter of M. D. L. Barnett of Ballinger.

Bob McGregor has accepted a position to travel for Adams & Henderson of Dallas, and began his work Monday. Bob will be greatly missed in Ballinger's business and social circles but we wish him success in his new work.

Walter Kent, the hustling proprietor of the Hub, was in Glen Cove several days this week looking after business matters.

A Complete stock of H. J. Heinze's Pickles, catsups, chow chaw, plum butter, preserves etc. at Godwin Grocery Co's

Miss Ethel Moore, editor of the Banner-Leader's Winters Budget, was visiting in our city Wednesday of this week.

Austin Spencer came up from San Angelo Wednesday evening to witness the ball game between Hico and Ballinger.

Mrs. Hazlewood, mother of Mrs. J. A. Forbes of our city, left Wednesday for Hallettsville to visit for awhile.

Miss Lela Stocks came in Wednesday from Miles where she has been visiting relatives for a short while.

L. W. St Clair left Wednesday evening for Ft. Worth, Dallas and other points to spend awhile.

C. C. Caldwell adds his name to the Ballinger list of the Banner-Leader readers this week.

A. J. Walker of San Angelo is in Ballinger this week doing some sign painting.

### May Term Commissioners Court.

The Commissioner's Court convened at the court house in Ballinger May 9th and closed May 17th with County Judge T. T. Crosson presiding and the following commissioners present: J. E. Smith, precinct No. 1; J. W. Dale, precinct No. 2; A. B. Hutchinson, precinct No. 3; C. C. Culwell, precinct No. 4. The following proceedings were had to wit:

The following quarterly reports were examined and approved: Globber & Shaw, butchers, Ballinger; J. Vancil, butcher, Winters; Jno. G. Key, butcher, Ballinger; G. M. Milliken, Inspector Hides and Animals; Jno. Dale, J. P. precinct No 5.

The quarterly reports of the following officers were examined and approved by the court: S. L. Dunn & Roberts; T. T. Crosson, County Judge; T. E. Brown, J P precinct No. 2; E. W. Baggett, constable precinct No 2; J. E. Smith, J P precinct No. 1; J. A. DeMerville, constable precinct No. 1; W. J. Wyatt, J P precinct No. 3.

The petitions and reports for six new public roads were examined and laid over till the August term of the court.

The quarterly reports of the following officials were examined and approved, viz: W. L. Towner, Clerk County Court; W. F. Sharp, Treasurer; C. C. Culwell, J P precinct No 6; R. H. Corum, City Marshall; W. L. Towner, County Clerk jury fees, county clerk. The County Treasurer's quarterly report was examined and approved, and appears in another place in full.

The court ordered that the amounts overpaid on final settlements for the year 1903, in the different funds, be refunded to the tax collector.

The insurance on the court house having expired, it was ordered that the same be renewed for three years, which was done at once with R. L. Maddox, agent, as follows: \$12,500 in the Liverpool, London & Globe and \$12,500 in the Hartford Insurance Co., the premiums on same being \$500 for the three years.

### Winters W. O. W. Picnic.

On last Monday morning in company with a large crowd of Ballinger citizens and candidates in hacks, buggies, on horseback and otherwise, we wended our way up to the cool shady banks of Bluff Creek, near Winters, and there met the Winters citizens and spent one of the most pleasant days that we have enjoyed for quite awhile. The fine rain the night before made all nature put on a smiling face and the Winters people with her, and right here let us say that the Winters people certainly know how to make you feel at home by their hearty handshake and words of welcome.

Mr. Jim Spears was master of ceremonies and about 11 o'clock introduced the first speaker of the day, Hon. C. F. Dickinson, who delivered a very excellent and appropriate speech on Woodcraft which was well received. The second speaker was Judge Jno. I. Guion, and while not expecting to be called on for a speech, he at once arose and in his usual happy, easy, fluent way gave a short talk on the progress and advancement of the Winters country and the possibilities of her future. Soon after the Judge's speech dinner was announced and that was the time when the good people of Winters did themselves grand. They

invited everyone and went out in the crowd and saw that everyone had enough and to spare. After dinner the speeches by the candidates were the order, and each one present availed himself of the privilege of telling the "dear people" what he wanted. The speeches were interspersed with music by the Winters band, under the direction of Mr. Charlie Grant, assisted by Mrs. Walter Murray on the piano and Messrs. Roberts and Armbract on other instruments. By the way, this band cannot be surpassed by another in this part of the state and is the pride of the Winters people and should be of the entire county.

Two ball games were pulled off in the afternoon, one between Winters and Crews, resulting in victory for Winters, the other between Winters and the invincibles of Ballinger, resulting in a victory largely in favor of Ballinger.

This was a large gathering but the best of order and general good feeling prevailed throughout the entire day, and all went away with feelings of stronger friendship for having spent the day together, and praises on all sides were heard as to the hospitality of the Winters people.

Mrs. G. C. Wright went up to Miles Tuesday to visit relatives and friends a few days.

### Special Sale

AT  
Hixson Bros. Racket Store

Until Saturday evening May 28th we will sell Imported Cups & Saucers at 35cts per set, not over two sets to a customer. Imported Plates at 35cts per set, not over two sets to a customer.

Good Table Oilcloth at the low price of 12 1-2cts per yard, not more than four yds to a customer. Laundry Soap at 2cts per bar.....

**Hixson Bros,**  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

### Get Refreshed

On these hot days a cold drink is not only a luxury, but a necessity.

#### SWINK

Dispenses cool, refreshing drinks of all kinds at all hours, and will be pleased to serve you at any hour.

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Ballinger's Confectioner.

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Let Us Clean and Press Your Suit.....

Coats - - 75cts  
Vests - - 25 "  
Pants - - 50 "

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