

Currie-Noyes Co., the leader in LOW
and Fair Dealing. They are looking

For every dollar you spend with us we
give you 81.25 in Dry Goods and Gents
Furnishings, Clothing, Hats, Shoes,
Trunks and Valises. Only Cash house

The Hub

The Daily Banner-Leader.

BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, AUG 9, 1905

NO. 1.

Reunion Specials at The White Store.

R. A. Risser & Co. 9, 10, and 11 only.

We offer these bargains as a
SPECIAL INDUCEMENT

for you to come and inspect the range
of our complete stock. We are sure
that if we can get you to pay the first
visit you will come again. Make our
place headquarters while in the city and
remember that you are not in the way
whether you are buying goods or not.

Calico in Silver, Gray and Red.....only 31-2c
Batiste Lawns, 10c grade.....only 5c
" " 25c "only 12 1-2c
3,000 yds of Lace, 10 & 15c grade.....only 5c
3,000 " " Emb'y Edge & Insert'g only 5c
Palm Leaf Fans.....only 1c
Ladies Bleach'd Vests, taped & tintsh'd 4 for 25c
White India Linen, 20c grade.....only 10c
Pearl Buttons, all sizes, 10c grade.....only 5c

We have a complete stock of Gents'
Furnishing goods, Hats, Clothing, Shoes.

The Styles are the Latest, the qual-
ities are the best and the prices are
the most reasonable.

Come and see us and we will take the
greatest pleasure in pleasing you.

THE WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Real Estate, Loans, Abstracts.

Remember if you are in need of
anything along this line it will
be to your interest to consult us
before buying elsewhere. We
have a large list of both im-
proved and unimproved lands
for sale in Runnels and adjoin-
ing counties. Call on or write us.

C. A. Doose & Co.
Ballinger, : : Texas.

Married.

The editor, while on his way
from Austin this week had the
pleasure of being the first of Sam
Taylor's Runnels County friends
to eat some of his wedding cake.
Mr. Sam B. Taylor and Mrs.
Fannie Biles of West, Tennessee,
were married the latter part of
July and came home to Ballinger
Saturday night Aug. 5th. The
many friends of Mr. and Mrs.
Taylor cordially welcome them
and extend congratulations for
a long and happy life.

Rev. Tom Green, of Dallas, son
Rev. W. G. Green, of Soth Bal-
lenger came in on the train Sat-
urday night and will visit our
section a few days.

A program of the Coleman
County Fair Association was re-
ceived here this week to be held
Aug. 17, 18 and 19.

A dance at the Opera House all
three nights during the reunion.

Miss Lena Shaffer came home
Monday from a ten day's visit to
Hill County friends and relatives.

J. H. Millar sold this week
his home place to Mrs. Abe Mil-
lar for \$2,500 and will likely move
to Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gober, of
Ellis County came in Sunday
on a visit to their daughter, Mrs.
Tom Shaffer, of our city.

D. G. Arrant, the prosperous
Valley Creek farmer was in town
Monday attending court. Mrs.
Arrant and the children came
along to hold him down.

Mrs. John Sharp, son and
daughter, Miss Ethel and Ernest,
came in Saturday night and will
be the guests of their relatives,
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sharp, of
our city during the reunion.

Crews Furniture Company,

Furniture Dealers, Undertakers
and Licensed Embalmers.

A well assorted and up to date stock of Furniture of all
kinds, and undertakers goods on hand.

Day Phone No. 66.

Night Phone No. 99.

Ballinger. : : : Texas.

ICE COLD DRINKS.

Call at the City Drug Store
for one or more of the 50
different kind of Ice Cold
Up-to-date Drinks. : :

CITY AT DRUG STORE.

The Busy Man



The above cut indicates that we are busy and we always try to keep busy but we are never too busy to show you what we have and while you are attending the reunion why not drop in to see.



Our line of Toilet Articles such as

Brushes
Combs
Soaps
Tooth Preparations
Face Powders, etc

is very complete and we would especially call your attention to the

Freckleater and Artesia Lines

which are very excellent and we carry a complete stock of both.



Our prescription department too, is first in importance to us and if you will bring them to us we will fill them promptly and accurately.

Yours for business

Walker Drug Co.

Welcome

Confederate Veterans and Re-Union Visitors

You are cordially invited to make our store your headquarters while in our city. If there is anything we can do for you, command us, we are at your service. **PLENTY ICE WATER AND FANS FREE.**

OUR SPECIAL CLEAN-UP SALE

Of Summer Goods is now in full force and we invite you to come to our store and take advantage of the low prices at which we are offering new and seasonable merchandise. Big reductions on **Men's 2 piece Suits, Boys Suits, Men's Odd Pants, Men's and Boys' Tan Shoes and Slippers, Ladies White Lawn Waists, Ladies Skirts and Shirt waist Suits. ALL SUMMER DRESS GOODS at REDUCED PRICES.**

Come and see us, get acquainted with us. You are welcome whether you want to make any purchases or not.

Respectfully,

A. H. VAN PELT,
H. WINKLER, Manager.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Officers of the Colorado-Concho Confederate Reunion:
Major J. N. Ratchford, President, Paint Rock, Texas; Mrs. A. J. Baker, Vice President, San Angelo; H. D. Pearce, Secretary, Ballinger, Texas; Jo Wilmoth, Treasurer, Ballinger, Texas; C. F. Dickinson, Officer of the Day, Ballinger, Texas.

Wednesday Morning, August 9th.

9 00 a. m. Assembly at City Park Pavillion.
Music by Winters band
Call to order by Major J. W. Ratchford, President Association.
Invocation by Rev. Captain of Association,
Address of welcome by Mayor J. W. Powell.
Music by band.
Response by W. L. Haley.
12 00 o'clock.
Bugle call for dinner.
Reconvening at 2 30 p. m.
Music by the band.
Annual address by Dr. J. D. Law.
Address by visiting speakers.
Music by the band.
3 00 p. m.
Bugle call for supper.

Amusements of the Day.

At 2 30 p. m. Burro Race. A burro race under the direction of Mr. Jim Hubbard. Only children will be allowed to compete. Purse of \$10.00
At 4 00 p. m. Boat Race. A boat race on the Colorado river under the direction of Mr. A. J. Walker. Purse of \$10.00.
At 4 30 p. m. Ball Game. One good ball game at 4 30 by the best ball players in the state, at base ball park.

(Continued on page four.)

The Chas. S. Miller Abstract Co., Inc.

Abstracters, Real Estate and Investment Agents

Sole Agents for
The Parramore and Lewis Horse Pastures.

Near Winters, the finest and best located large bodies of lands in Runnels county, never until now offered for sale, and for the Baggs Lands near Norton, all of which we have subdivided into tracts suitable for farms and offer to home seekers and investors at reasonable prices and on easy terms. We also have a great many smaller bodies of land and choice improved places, and if you are in the market for real estate, it will pay you to call on us.

TITLES ARE IMPORTANT.

AND WHEN YOU BUY LAND in Runnels or Concho Counties, be sure you are getting a good title. No matter from whom you buy, demand that he furnish you The Chas. S. Miller Abstract Company's Complete Abstract of Title. Irresponsible people who want to sell you land may tell you the title is good when they do not know whether it is not. Better see for yourself. Our abstracts were begun before Runnels county was organized, and represent an investment of \$10,000.00 and the labor of twenty-six years, are complete, correct and up to date, and we will be glad to serve you. We furnish our customers complete abstracts of title free of charge and invite full investigation.

Our office is two doors east of the postoffice, where we have plenty of ice-water, chairs, newspapers, writing materials and an electric fan. Make your headquarters there while in town.

The Chas. S. Miller Abstract Company,
BALLINGER, TEXAS

Dul. Co.

Furniture Dealers and Undertakers

Funeral Directors and Licensed Embalmers

Graduate Chicago College, of Embalming.

Day Phone 95.
Night Phone 77.

Opera House Building,
Ballinger, - Texas.

At the Opera House
BALLINGER, TEXAS

IF

You want to buy land Good title on easy payments see

Tom Crosson & Company

Davis-Fancher Co., Groceries, cotton buyers

Lankford & Hathaway.

The old reliable Saddle, Harness and Furniture men, next door to Winkler's Dry Goods store on Hutchins Ave. extends you a cordial invitation to make headquarters with them while in the city. Polite, courteous attention if you want to buy anything in their line.

Ballinger, - - - Texas,

K. V. Northington

J. R. James

K. V. Northington & Company,

Land and Live Stock Agents.

Ballinger, - - Texas.

Office over First National Bank.

Agents for North Texas Com. Co., Ft. Worth, Texas.

To United Confederate Veterans.

CROSS OF HONOR.

The following Crosses of Honor were conferred by Adelia Dunavant Chapter at Ballinger June 3, 1904. Some of the parties were not present on that day and I still have their crosses. Lock this over and if you have not yet obtained yours hunt me up and get it.

Respectfully,
Mrs. C. F. Dickinson.

COMPLETE LIST OF PRESENTS GIVEN.

R.R. Brown, W.G. Bailey, G.W. Brister, J.B. Curry, W.P. Crow, Thomas Dodson, E.M. Daggett,

J. A. DeMerville, J.W. Edwards, Geo. W. Wilson, John Goebing, A. B. Hutchinson, M. A. Hunter, W. J. Lackey, A. M. Lindsey, J. G. Mahew, D.P. Moser, H. D. Pearce, A.J. Pon, J.W. Ratchford, Johnathan Rogers, J. H. Routh, W. T. Riley, J. W. Raby, K. L. Routh, A. J. Rogers, J. F. Shaffer, T. D. Shieder, N. F. Smith, Archibald F. Smith, J. C. Swift, J. O. Smith, John G. Stocks, R. C. Tillery, W. L. Towner, T. J. Webb, W. H. Weeks, Geo. W. Wilson, S. D. Williams, W. S. Waide, T. J. Watson, J. L. Watters.

These were members of Camp No. 557, Ballinger, and No. 168, Paint Rock.

GLOVER & GOBB

The Ballinger Confectioners

Next door to Green Front Saloon. All kinds of cold drinks and the freshest and purest confections.

Drop in and see us and get refreshed.

Ballinger Real Estate Co.,

Land and Live Stock Agents.

Farm and ranch lands and city property a specialty.

Office corner 8th and Railroad streets,

Ballinger, : : : Texas.

Come to see us while in the city.

The Meaning of Rockefellerism.

Rich indeed should be the returns to the public for what it has cost to build up a fortune like Mr. Rockefeller's. But what has Mr. Rockefeller given the public in return for the code of business principles he has taught it, in return for the havoc their enforcement has cost, in return for the hypocrisy and cynicism he has enforced? A great business organization—one of the greatest the world has ever seen—a demonstration of the possibilities of combination True, but to build his organization he was obliged to perpetuate and expand, secretly, by force, bribery and trickery a vicious business system the country at large was striving to overthrow, and whose perpetuation and expansion has brought us into one of the most serious public situations since the Civil War. Has that paid? He has built hospitals and colleges and endowed schools, True, and those helped have become his open apologists, by taking what they call the "large view" or the "charitable view," or by deliberately shunning a consideration of the subject, quietly not seeing in it a topic for discussion. Does it pay to have those who are entrusted with the very sources of our intellectual and moral life blinded or silenced to the ethical quality of the practices of our daily life? Will it pay our colleges to put over their doors the teaching of one of our present-day moralists, "Never discuss politics or religion if you would succeed."

He has led a life devoted to charity and the church. True. And the principles of the religion he professes are so antagonistic to the principles of the business he practices that the very world which emulates him has been turned into hypocrites and cynics under his tutelage. Not only has charity been tainted by the hypocrisy of his life, the church itself has been polluted and many a man has turned away from its doors because of the servile support it gives to the men of whom Mr. Rockefeller is the most eminent type. Does all this pay?

There is no shirking the answer. It does not pay. Our national life is on every side distinctly poorer, uglier, meaner for the kind of influence he exercises. From him we have received no impulse to public duty, only lessons in evading it for private greed; no stimulus to nobler ideals, only a lesson in the further deification of gold; no example of enlarged and noble living, only one of concealment and evasion; no impulse to free thinking, only a lesson in obscuring vital ethical issues by dressing them in the garbs of piety and generosity. None of those higher things which the public has a right to demand from the man to whom it permits great powers are returned to it by Mr. Rockefeller. For Mr. Rockefeller has none of those things to give. He has nothing but money, and never was there a more striking example of the impotency of money! He has neither taste nor cultivation, ideals nor potent personality. He is not a great man. He is a machine—a money machine—stripped by his overwhelming passion of greed of every quality which makes

him of citizenship. He has not made good. He cannot make good. It is not in him. He has nothing the aspiring world needs. On the contrary, that for which he does stand is a menace to our free development not only or chiefly our free development in commerce, but vastly more important, our free development in citizenship and in morals.—From Miss Tarbell's character study of John D. Rockefeller in the August McClure's.

The old fiddlers contest will be at the Opera House, Aug 10, at 8:30. No violin playing, but regular old fiddle music.

Judge M. C. Smith is now in his new office in second story of the Walker Drug Co. building. For the past several years he has made a special study of the LAND LAWS of Texas, and very naturally the line of litigation in which he has been most actively engaged is that pertaining to land matters.

Rock Livery Stable

Jones & Walton, Proprietors.

Fast teams and nice rigs our pride, either double or single teams furnished on short notice.

Hutchins Avenue

Ballinger, Texas

Ed Globber

The nicest meats of all kinds had at my market. Prompt service and courteous treatment.

BAKERY
In connection where you can get fresh bread and cakes at all hours day or night.

Hutchins Avenue, Ballinger Texas, next door to Corner Saloon.



If your House

goes up in smoke see that your money doesn't go with it. Provide yourself with

Fire Insurance

and rest easy. Do it today, for tomorrow may be too late. Give us the word and we will provide the policy that will mean safety for you. But we say it again, Do it today.

Lee Maddox,

Ballinger, Texas.

9000 MEN WANTED

We want 9000 Married Men

—To try—

Ballinger Milling Co.
FLOUR

We have put in an entire New Machinery of the latest make under a guarantee to be able to compete with any mill in the world. Please help us to test the flour every sack Guaranteed

If not satisfactory please report

I can't
I wish I could
I hope I can
I believe I can
I can
I will

Buy one of those beautiful lots on easy terms and save my money.

See
Lewis E. Alexander.
At Davis-Fancher Co.

At the Grounds.

For a while it seemed that the lovers of dancing were to be disappointed during the reunion, but Mr. Davis Breeding came to the rescue and built a pavillion where all may enjoy themselves in this line. The structure, which is situated between the cotton yard and the park, is 40 x 80 feet, covered with canvas and has a capacity of from fifty to sixty couples. In connection will be a cold drink stand, which will be presided over by polite, affable Dick Lloyd. A string band from Brownwood will furnish the music.

Our popular butcher, John G. Key, is on the reunion grounds prepared to furnish the finest meats. Barbecue is free to old veterans. Mr. Key estimates that it will take five heaves a day to feed the crowd, and this isn't a barbecue, either.

Bennett & Hancock will operate the ever-popular Ocean Wave Swing. This has a capacity of twenty-five persons. Mr. Bennett, or Tom, as he is called, is an old Runnels county boy.

The International Harvester Co. are displaying one of their finest 2-H. P. Gasoline pump engines, also pumping water for the public. This is a fine machine. Go look at it.

The large auditorium is now finished. This is the most up-to-date structure of its kind in the West. Its seating capacity is almost four thousand.

Hartman Bros. also have a popular attraction—The Electrical Theatre—moving pictures, illustrated songs, etc. This is a continuous performance under a tent seating two hundred people.

And of course the merry go round is there under the direction of Messrs. Torrence & Richardson of Moody. The writer is personally acquainted with these gentlemen and know them to be worthy of a good patronage.

Woodward

&

Lusk

Real Estate and Live Stock Agents.

Next door to Keys market.

We can fit you up with a good home either in the city or county. Prices reasonable, terms easy.

VISITORS TO CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Make our office headquarters, let us show you over the town and country. We control a large list of ranches, farms and city property. If you are looking for an investment we are prepared to give it to you. If you want a home we can sell it to you on long time with a low rate of interest. If you want to sell property we have the customer for it. Come to office we want to meet you.

**C. H. Willingham,
C. C. F. Blanchard,
D. Reeder**

OFFICIAL PROGRAM CONCLUDED

GUN SHOOT

UNDER AUSPICES OF

BALLINGER GUN CLUB

FIRST DAY.

First Event—10 Blue Rocks.....\$1.00 Entrance
Second Event—15 Blue Rocks..... 1.50 Entrance
Third Event—20 Blue Rocks..... 2.00 Entrance
The Laffin & Rand Powder Co. will give a beautiful Silver Cup to the best individual average in these three events, August 9th. Cup in show window of Hall Hardware Co.

A fine Winchester Shot Gun will be given to the one making the best average during the nine events of the three days.

Professionals and ex champions barred.

All money divided 50, 30 and 20 per cent.

Shoot begins at 9.00 a. m. daily.

Wm. DUNLAP, Captain,

TOM PATTERSON, Sec. and Treas.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The Old Reliable.

SOLID AS THE ROCK OF GIBALTER.

If you are a new comer we invite you to visit us and give us your business. Our liberality and accommodations are consistent with good banking.

N.

The
me

Staple and fancy groceries, melons, fruits and vegetables fresh and nice.

Hutchings Avenue

BALLINGER, : : TE. AS.

This is an Opportunity for You.

New is your opportunity to see a home steam laundry machine in operation at the Crews Furniture Store on Eighth street. The only complete washing machine on the market today. For all information to obtain a machine, or to represent the Co-Operative Specialty Mfg' Co. of Fort Worth, Texas, in the sale of these machines, see Edwards & Pitts at the Crews Furniture Store.

We refer you to the State National Bank; Hunter-Phelan Trust and Banking Co., or the Ray Hardware Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

EDWARDS & PITTS,
Special Representatives and General Sale Agents, Ballinger, Texas.

Not a Bad Showing.

The taxable values of the City of Ballinger on June 1, 1904, was \$750,000.00, and the last report, on June 1, 1905, shows something over a million dollars in assessed values. This is not a bad showing for a city of three thousand inhabitants, and the increase is very apparent to the close observer. We have no mushroom growth, but a steady, substantial growth, and the end is not yet. And another beauty about it, the country is keeping pace with the city.

S. A. Whitesides bought this week a one-half interest in the H. L. Scot's blacksmith shop. Mr. Whitesides is a fine smith and we predict success in his new location.

Jas. E. Brewer,

The Ballinger Jeweler

First Natl. Bank Building,

To San Francisco
With the
**CHRISTIAN MISS
SPECIAL**
VIA



2200 MILES

Of scenic beauty, with all the comforts of a special Pullman train

THE SANTA FE
Has been designated by the officials of the Christian Church as the Official Route. The Special leaves Texas August 10th.

For particulars address
W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A.
Galveston.

Confederates and Visitors.

While in the city during the
REUNION

Consider that you are especially invited to make our
 place your

Headquarters

We will welcome you and do our utmost to make
 your visit agreeable.

We are at your service, command us in any way.

Respectfully,

HALL HARDWARE COMPANY.

Capt. B. F. Clark of Lamar county, an old veteran, is here this week attending the reunion and looking after his landed interests in this section.

O. L. Myers, a prosperous citizen of Nolan county, is visiting relatives here this week.

The Hon. Lieut.-Gov. Geo. J. Jester of Austin came in Tuesday and will attend the reunion and mingle with old friends.

John Cunningham, of West End, came in from Jefferson, Texas, Tuesday.

If its cigars, tobaccos, ice cream, candies or cold drinks you want, go to The Twentieth Century Confectionery Co., on Eighth street.

M. W. McGinnis' new transfer carriage has been nicely overhauled and now looks as bright as a silver dollar.

New Century Flour Best on earth. J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Mrs. Jesse Billups, of Waxahatche, sister of Mrs. W. A. Davis of our city, who has been visiting the latter the past week left for her home Tuesday.

C. C. Stewart, with the Banner Bulletin, of Brownwood, is in the city this week the guest of his brother-in-law, Jim McWhirter and family.

We never saw anything grow like the business of Rasbury & Bruce.

Mrs. Moore and children came in Monday to join Mr. H. T. Moore, husband and father, who is now with the Walker Drug Co. We gladly welcome them to our social circles.

Among the distinguished citizens from Brownwood we notice H. T. Williams, Nat Perry and Will Scott. Mr. Perry has his crew here to overhaul and clean up his gin for the coming season.

After the Re-Union

Bring us your clothes to put in first-class condition. Cleaning and pressing a specialty. A nice line of pant patterns just received. Come in and let us measure you, and get you pants next morning.

Ballinger Tailoring Company
 BORDERS & LLOYD, Proprietors.

The Home Steam Laundry

W. A. TALLY, Prop.

We do our work promptly and deliver to you in any part of the city. We guarantee to please you.

Seventh Street,
 Ballinger, Texas.

Guion Gregg

Land Agent,

Office up stairs over First Natl. Bank. Small and well improved farms a specialty. Prices reasonable and terms easy. Let me show you.

Do you want to

{ Buy land,
 Sell land,
 Trade land.

See Trimmier & Grimes

When you get hungry
 go to

**Louie Affleback's
 Restaurant**

Opposite postoffice.
 Ballinger, Texas.

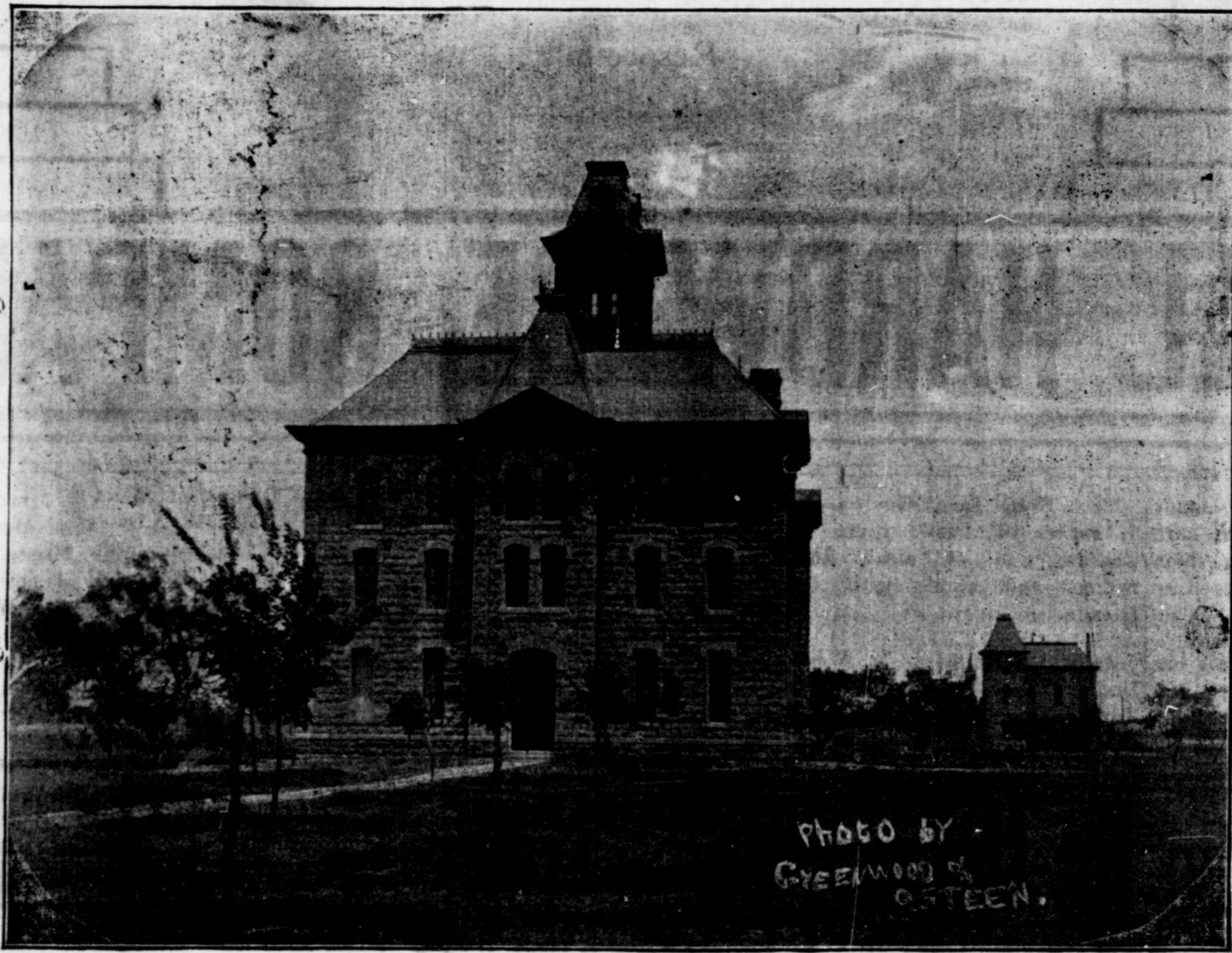
The Green Front Saloon

Is the place to get the finest Wines, Liquors, in case or barrel, good cigars, cold beer in bottle or keg always on tap. A quiet orderly house. Polite treatment. Second door from Walker Drug Co. corner.

BALLINGER, - - - TEXAS.



Looking south on Hutchings Avenue



Ballinger's \$40,000 Court House



A scene on the Colorado River

Montgomery & Howze

Have for Sale over

Sixty Thousand acres of Concho County Lands

In tracts of 80 acres and upwards at prices ranging from \$2.25 to \$20 per acre, according to grade and improvements. **TERMS EASY**
We will be at Ballinger during the Reunion and will take pleasure in giving information to Home Seekers.

Call at Exhibit Hall on Reunion grounds and get one of our Descriptive Books, perhaps you will find just what you want. Book will be sent to any one addressing

Montgomery & Howze,
Paint Rock, - - - Texas.

CONCHO COUNTY.

Concho County was organized in 1879, and the old Citizens looking back to the days of the broad prairie and Long Horns can see that the heritage of the Redskin has evolved into a land of peace and plenty. The county has about 3000 head of cattle and rapidly increasing population, large ranches and rapidly increasing production.

of cattle and sheep to a great extent and the hoe, with his civilizing influences are and the end is not far off.

So there were but a few cotton, if any, raised. This year it will be late that from its fields at least 5000 bales of cotton have been raised.

of the County are beautiful, grapes, and apricots etc. as is in its infancy and cultivation is successful. EVIL has not been in the opinion of all, consequently with success long before will rank near as well as a country. Home seekers to come to us. As we have heaven's best and honest toil

will not only produce everything necessary to the comfort of man, but at night when the shadows fall, we can woo delicious sleep often with a blanket, and arise with the sun refreshed and ready for another day.

This country, besides its many advantages, is a natural Sanitarium, no malaria or kindred diseases; and health and beauty predominate.

Paint Rock.

Paint Rock is the County seat with 500 or 600 people, a fine stone Court House, good school, church, \$7,500 gin plant, Masonic and Woodman lodges in flourishing condition, system of water works, telephone exchange, private bank, newspaper, and business of all kinds. It is on the prettiest stream in Texas—the Concho River—and a splendid bridge spans the river near town. Above town a few miles a large irrigation plant will soon be in operation and it will not be long before irrigation will be general up and down the river in this County.

The Concho, as well as other streams in the County, afford fine fishing and camping grounds and every year the pecan crop adds quite an item to the wealth of the County.

There are over 5000 acres of land tributary to Paint Rock now in cotton and it will only be a short time when two or three times that amount will be turned over.

Paint Rock is a thriving town with some nice residences, ornamented with shade and fruit trees, and its future is assured.

Eden.

Eden is a beautiful little town among the live oaks near Brady Creek in the southern portion of Concho County, with about two hundred people. Pure water can be had almost anywhere by drilling. The country around Eden has many natural advantages, good schools and churches, Masonic and Woodman lodges, up-to-date gin, and while her merchants keep stocks of goods to supply the demand, a great deal of farming is done and new farms are being opened up all the while.

Eola.

Eola is a small town in the western part of the County, one and a half miles from the Tom Green County line, has several stores, Woodman lodge, cotton gin, schools and churches. It is the capitol of a very rich and productive belt of country, and the progressive farmer is rapidly settling the broad prairies.

Millersview.

Millersview is in the eastern part of the County, fifteen miles from Paint Rock in the Mustang valley, is a small place but growing rapidly. She also has her churches, schools and business houses. The country around this town is rapidly filling up with good substantial citizens.

Vigo.

Vigo in the southwestern portion of the County is a small post office with a rich country around it. There is less farm land around Vigo than is to be found around the other towns in the County, but this is a fine stock country. Kickapoo Creek, at

the head of which is one of the finest springs in Texas, runs through this neighborhood.

Concho.

A new post office on the Concho River below Paint Rock, and there are fine farms around it. A store and gin is being erected. The various post offices in the County have ample mail facilities, Paint Rock has a daily mail from Ballinger, which is the nearest railroad point, distance twenty miles away. It also has a daily mail line from Eden and Millersview. Concho has semi-weekly mail from Paint Rock, Eola and Vigo, each having a daily mail from San Angelo.

Concho County has a low tax rate, only 86 cents on the \$100 (State and County). Eola has an independent school district, and some of the other school districts have voted a tax which is light but helps the school fund and the schools. The per capita for schools this year will be \$8.25 per scholar, of which \$5.20 will be apportioned by the State. Schools in the County run from six to eight months.

The County has a debt of \$34-

000, \$15,000 of which is held by the County school fund and draws 4 per cent interest.

The COUNTY IS LOCAL OPTION, consequently very little crime and not much use for a jail.

Dr. Jones, a noted physician, and family, of Fort Worth, are in our County this week the guests of Mrs. Jones' brother, Mr. Will Jones living five miles from Ballinger on the Maverick road.

No bronco busting, has passed from the wild and woolly stages to the refined and civilized, so says Tad Rice, the manager. No goat roping on account being prohibited by law.

J. M. and Loui De Moville came home Sunday and will visit their parents and friends here awhile. They came in from Ft. Worth where they have good positions.

The Misses Barnett, of Somerville, Texas, are here this week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lowery, of South Ballinger.

See the cigar race.

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND COTTON BUYERS.

I make a specialty of COTTON INSURANCE. I am in a position to carry every pound raised in Runnels and adjoining counties. I WANT YOUR BUSINESS. My insurance office is next door to Globber's butcher shop.
ERNEST PLUMMER, Insurance.

A CORDIAL WELCOME

Something about Ballinger, and Runnels County, Its Location, Advantages, Soil, Climate, Etc.

Ballinger is situated on the Santa Fe railroad 190 miles west of Temple, and as you will at once perceive upon arrival that we have one of the most healthful and progressive little cities in the West, on the banks of the silvery Colorado where Elm Creek empties into the river. The city has a population of about 3000 with two banks, one cotton oil mill, one roller mill cotton compress, one telephone system, ice plant, electric light plant, water works owned by the city, two weekly newspapers, one job office, and over 125 lines of wholesale and retail business houses representing stocks of goods from \$250 to \$50,000. Our business men and citizens generally are progressive, broad minded and hospitable to a fault.

The climate is healthful, the atmosphere is invigorating, and while we do not claim to be a health resort, many have come here invalids and are now robust and stout. Our open, clear sky is barely rivaled by the renowned sunny Italy. We do not claim to have every "coon up one tree" here in our city and county, but we do claim to be above the average in the State for health, wood, water and soil. Our county contains all kinds of land from the rich, red and gray sandy soil to the black waxy hog-wallow land, as rich and productive as the famed black land belt of the State.

The timber of the county is mesquite, live oak, post oak, pecan, elm and hackberry and other small growths. The County is well watered by the Colorado River Elm Creek and six or seven other small creeks.

The scholastic population of our County is 2600 white children and three colored, with a fine public school building in the city and a large number of school buildings scattered all over the County. Ten church houses in our city representing all the denominations, with able divines in each congregation. We are proud of our moral influences, less drunkenness, gambling or rowdyism here than any other city of its size in Texas; very few loafers and not a one in town or county that wants to work but what can get a job at good wages the year round. The man of small means does well and men of capital are making good money in almost every investment every day.

"Ballinger is yours" during the Reunion, and should you see fit to locate with us we guarantee you a cordial welcome and all the assistance and courtesies that are within our power will be extended you. Good residence property in the city at reasonable prices and easy terms also land in the County at from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per acre can be had on the same liberal terms. We wish you a pleasant stay in our city and hope you will see fit to locate with us.

Mr. Will Hart, of Abilene, in the city the guest of his uncle, K. V. Northington. Mr. Hart is a prominent young cotton man of Abilene, and he also enjoys quite a distinction on the diamond.

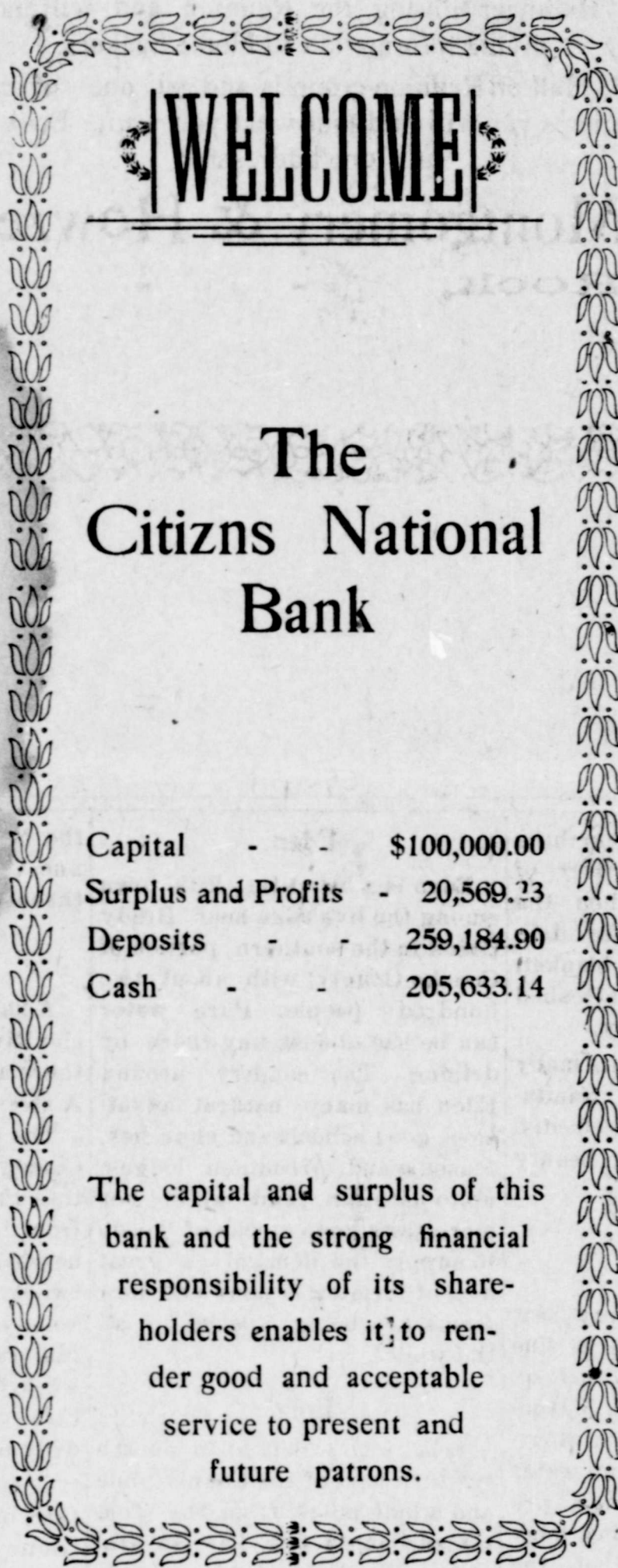
John Alexander, a representative farmer of the Miles country attended the "first Monday."

Tax Assess Padgitt estimates that there will be eighteen more pages to the tax rolls this year than last, as there are fifty lines to the page this adds about nine hundred new names to the tax rolls.

Mr. J. A. Littlefield, brother-in-law, T. J. Mansker, was an old soldier in Morgan's command and will be glad to see any of his old comrades during the reunion if they are here.

en. of Paint Rock here this week representing bustling land firm of Montgomery & Howze of his city.

We are sorry to note Judge T. Crosson quite sick this week



WELCOME

The Citizens National Bank

Capital	-	-	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	-	-	20,569.73
Deposits	-	-	259,184.90
Cash	-	-	205,633.14

The capital and surplus of this bank and the strong financial responsibility of its shareholders enables it to render good and acceptable service to present and future patrons.

Notice to Old Soldiers.

The old soldiers and wives will be entertained free by Ballinger, but they must register and get a certificate from the secretary, which will entitle

them to draw provisions for each day. Twenty-five cents will pay for registering and an official badge of the Association. No charge for the ladies. If you pay \$1.00 you will be registered a life member and a beau-

tiful badge with the official flag of the Association. However, no old soldier will be excluded for non-payment of the registration fee.

The Banner-Leader \$1.00 a year.

Steve Francis day from his Glas ranch and will attend union here.

Hub Halley, of Miles, brother of our Dr. W. B. Halley, was here Sunday and worshipped at the C. P. Church.

Nes Gustavus left Tuesday for Eastern Texas and will represent a large tea and coffee house on the road in Texas.

Geo. Dunn, of Colorado City came in Monday and will visit his brother, John Dunn, of Waco. End a week or more.

Mrs. Gustavus and her sister Mrs. Wheelis, came in Monday from an extended visit to their old home in Eastern Texas.

Miss Virginia Ledbetter, Waco, came in Monday and visit her friend, Miss Burns, of city during the reunion.

J. C. Haygood, who has been with the Ballinger Milling left Monday for Abilene where he has accepted a similar position.

Miss Susie Cummins of Burne, Texas, came in Monday of the week to visit her sister Mrs. E. P. Williams and family for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little of Chipman, Tenn., came in Monday and will visit Mrs. Little's brother, J. F. Mansker family of South Ballinger.

R. Adams and daughter, Bessie and his son Tom, of Abilene came up Monday and will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams during the reunion.

J. O. Castles is now a popular Godwin. Mr. Castles is a steady, industrious young man who predict success for his new location.

Otto Schick, a Photographer, of Blanchard & Will office, is where you best and most up-to-date. Call and see him.

Misses Leila Northington returned from Abilene where she has been attending Normal. While there were the guests of Mrs. A. E. Hart.

Rev. J. J. Ray, Texas, pastor of Church at that city this week brother, Dr. T. ily. He will be in ozone for a few

The Farmers meeting at the day and arranged, perfected, and for, and completed establish a co Ballinger for nels and adjo

Judge A. distinguishes Madison county P. J. Digg Tenn., brother fellow citizen came in Sunday in our city few weeks guests of family while