

The Banner-Leader.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MAY 25 1907

NO 33

The White Store

Ballinger Texas,

White Goods Sale

Fashion say that this will be a white season. We have the Merchandise white as the snow, blached goods that are exquisite in design and pattern, low in price and of the highest quality. We have plain and Lace designs embroidered and figured, anystyle and for any body.

White India Linon 30 inches wide 20c kind	10c	Gauze Lisle Hose for Ladies 35c kind	25c
White India Batiste, 40 inches wide, 25c, kind	15c	White Lace hose for Ladies, 35c kind	25c
White Dotted Swiss 30 inches wide, 20c, kind	12 1-2	White Embroidered Collars for Ladies, 20c	10c
White Striped Suiting 36 inches 20c kind	10c	White embroidered Handkerchief 20c kind	10c
White Plain Linen 36 inches wide 35c kind	25c	White Embroidered Wash Belt, 15c kind	10c
White Persian Lawn 30 inches 20c kind	10c	White Lisle Gloves Elbow Length 75c kind	50c
White Ruchong check, 35c kind	29c	White Silk Elbow Length Gloves \$1.25 kind	\$1.00
Embroidered lingerie 35c kind	29c	White Ruffled Drawers for child- ren 20c kind	15c
Kohrong Batiste, 50c	39c	White Corset Covers 50c kind	25c
Chifon Batiste	39c	Gowns Embroidred 75c kind	50c
Astral Cloth	25c	Infants White lace Hose	10c
Bedford Cord 36 in 35c	29c		
All Linen Lace 3 in 25c	10c		

Call for these goods by name. We have them all and at prices less than you can buy them at wholesale. Remember we misrepresentnothin and sell at absolutely one price

R. A. Risser & Co.

Ballinger Texas,

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

All the Old Teachers That Applied are Elected. Prof. Foster Resigned.

The school board met at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of electing teachers for the 1907 and 1908 terms. The board was in session two hours and a half.

Prof. Foster was elected superintendent and all the present faculty with the exception of Miss Ethel Truly were reelected. Miss Ethel did not apply, are we understand she also would have also been reelected.

Immediately after the election Prof. Foster appeared before the board and tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the present term. The board accepted the resignation and declared the office vacant. Another meeting of the board will take place soon to elect a superintendent and a teacher to fill other vacancies.

Mrs. D. Reeder Entertains.

Events crowd themselves about the hours and there is no complaining of social dullness these days in Ballinger.

With parties almost every afternoon it requires the wings of Hermes and many new dresses to keep up with the butterfly light.

Among the many affairs of the season must be counted, for beauty, elegance, and elaborateness of detail the miscellaneous show complimentary to the fair bride elect, Miss Maud Erwin, given by Mrs. D. Reeder at her handsome home on 8th Street

Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Reeder is noted for cleverness in planning and executing prominent social affairs, but on this occasion she surpassed herself.

The color scheme of red and white formed the basic features of all arrangements and permeated every plot of the felicitous occasion.

The reception suite was all abloom with red and white roses and carnations and above the punch bowl was suspended a gigantic umbrella reflecting its crimson hue to the delicious punch of the same shade.

Here Mrs. George Holman presided, and this wonderful punch bowl gave forth continuously a never failing supply of nectar fit for the gods.

Miss Hermia Smith was toast mistress for the afternoon and never did she play the role of so important a part in a more becoming manner.

After her appropriate toast to the Bride the following responded:

To the Groom—Miss May Penn
To Cupid & Hymeln—Miss Ward

To the Leftovers—Miss Nelle Butler

To Love—Mrs. R. L. Bennett

To the Bride and Groom—Miss Underwood

To Friendship—Mrs. Jo Wilmeth

To the Guests—Mrs. C. P. Shepherd

To Woman—Mrs. Dan Moser

To our Hostess—Mrs. J. O. Grundy

To our Husbands—Mrs. Geo. Pearce.

Mrs. Pearce then suggested that Mrs. T. E. Butler toast our toast mistress, and to this Mrs. Butler responded most heartily.

An excellent musical program was rendered and each number enthusiastically enored.

The participants were: Mesdames Shepherd and Skinner.—Duet.

Mrs. E. L. LaCompte—Piano
Miss Mae Harris—Violin Solo
Miss Clark—Vocal Solo
Miss Hermia Smith and Mrs. Jo Wilmeth—Duet

Mrs. Harry Thomson—Vocal Solo
Miss Maggie Underwood—Accompanist.

The honoree, Miss Erwin, was next showered, from a huge scarlet heart, with much rice and many good wishes, which were written by the guests themselves, and were quite original.

The large red letters T. C. S. B. prominently in view caused much comment from the beginning, and when all were really given an opportunity to guess what they represented, many conjectures were forward and many a feminine mind tapped as to their proper significance. The answer, "The Coming Summer Bride," simple enough was never guessed, though many came with in a hairs breadth.

In a cozy corner of the double parlors was an artistically decorated nook and in this was seated the bride to be, who was at once showered as if by magic hands, with gifts large and small, and of every color and description. Upon untying each package, they revealed some sweet remembrance from each friend present.

When the dainty refreshments were served many exclamations of delight were heard. The ice cream was served in tiny red hearts and the cake was also heart shaped. From beginning to end mirth and jollity held full and undisputed sway, and thus this afternoon further proved the hostess an adept in the art of entertaining.

Mary Humphrey Will Case Settled.

It will be remembered that in September 1906 at the time of Mrs. Mary Humphrey's death that she left a last will and testament in which she bequeathed certain interests she possessed to The Ladies Cemetery Association Methodist church and certain interests to The Polytechnic College of Fort Worth, Texas. After the probating of this will her heirs in Mississippi and Tennessee through local attorneys filed an application to contest the said will left by the said Mary W. Humphrey.

The case was scheduled to come up at the last term of the County Court which convened Saturday.

Judge M. C. Smith represented the Tennessee heirs, and Judge Guion represented the Cemetery Association, Erskine Williams of Fort Worth represented the Polytechnic College and C. P. Shepherd the Methodist church. After the counsel consulted it was decided that a compromise could be effected and the same was effected.

The estate in contest was of the value of \$6000. and was compromised on the following basis; The Williams heirs receiving \$2500. the Polytechnic College receiving \$1000. the Methodist church and Cemetery Association each receiving approximately \$1500.

Must Have Better Fire Protection.

The City Authorities and local fire insurance agents are in receipt of advice from the Texas Fire Protection Association to the effect that Ballinger is behind the times on fire protection. The association makes threats to place Ballinger in a lower class

which will increase the rate on insurance no little bit. At present the town is in the second class, and has been for some time. About a year ago inspectors were here to look into our fire protection and give the town to understand that something must be done. The city Council stood them off by promising to make the required improvements in our water works system. While some improvements have been made the fire protection is far below the standard to maintain the present insurance rates.

Among the many things needed the inspector recommends that another boiler be enstalled at the pump station, the large mains increased, and a fire fighting equipment of two horse wagons, one hook and ladder wagon, one 50 gallon chemical engine, 1200 feet of new hose, two good horses and a man employed to look after same and a better fire station provided.

The Volunteer Fire Company met Tuesday night, and passed resolutions recommending that the city Council purchase the horses, build fire station and keep one employed man.

Announcement is made by Post Office Department that from and after July, 10c worth of ordinary stamps affixed to a letter or package in addition to the regular postage for its transmission through the mail will secure the same service as a special delivery stamp. The sender, however, must write on the letter or package the words "special delivery" or their equivalent. This will avoid many inconveniences that sometimes arise over the purchase of the special delivery stamps by the public.

J. A. O. Clubs.

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. R. L. Bennett entertained the J. A. O. Club in her usual gracious style that puts her guests at once in touch with the hospitality of this home.

Upon arriving each guest was served to fruit punch, that delicious nectar that refreshes but does not inebriate.

Two very interesting contests were pre arranged, and entered into with much eagerness and pleasure.

After a while spent in music and merry conversation Mrs. Bennett took the guest to the Court House lawn where The Mothers Club were serving refreshments and here ready appetites did justice to the lovely ice cream and cake served amid an atmosphere of much gaiety.

The next regular meeting of this Club will be with Mrs. E. V. Bateman, Friday May 31st.

J. D. Garner and W. B. Brooks were in town exhibiting a baby bald eagle last Thursday. The bird was captured near Wingate and measured five feet from tip to tip of wings. They sold him here for five dollars.

Hearn & Company have just completed taking a census of San Angelo find there is a population of 13175.

Judge Williams, of Fort Worth has been here this week looking after the estate of Mrs. W. A. Humphrey. He was the guest of his brother, Rev. E. P. Williams while here.

Mrs. S. C. Towns wife of the "Sap" railroad agent at Kerrville is the guest of Mrs. R. P. Conn, this week.

Acting Governor Filson of Oklahoma recently refused to extradite a man wanted in Illinois for killing a \$5 dog.



YOU WISH TO IMPROVE YOUR CONDITION, DO YOU NOT? IF SO, IMPROVE YOUR LOOKS, YOUR FACE AND FIGURE WILL LOOK A GREAT DEAL BETTER IF YOU PUT THE PROPER THINGS UPON YOUR FIGURE. WHEN YOU GO VISITING YOU WILL MEET WITH A WARMER WELCOME IF YOU WEAR BETTER CLOTHES. IF YOU WEAR POOR GARMENTS WILL YOU BE WELCOME AT ALL?

WELCOME MAKING....SUITS FOR	\$7.50	\$25.00
....HATS	\$1.50	\$6.50
....NECKWEAR	\$.25	\$.50
....SHOES	\$1.50	\$6.00
....HOSE	\$.08	\$.50
....SHIRTS	\$.50	\$2.50

Winkler Dry Goods Com'y

Banner-Leader

BALLINGER CATCHES RAILROAD FEVER

Citizens Putting up and a Road from Ballinger to Abilene Will Probably be Chartered.

The fact that Robert Lee, Miles, Angelo, Paint Rock, and in fact every other town in this section of any consequence, is pulling for a railroad and hanging up big wads of money as an inducement to railroad promoter, has caused Ballinger to wake up and get busy.

Within the last month Paint Rock has responded to a proposition from railroad capitalist by putting up a bonus of \$50,000 to secure a road, let it be from any old point. A route is proposed from some point on the orient via Miles to Paint Rock. Miles was called upon to put up a \$50,000 inducement, which the citizens of that live town did in short order. Robert Lee wants the road and also come to time with a good bonus, and in all over \$150,000 has been subscribed for a road from the Orient via Robert Lee, Miles and to Paint Rock. The citizens of these towns are at work in good faith, and are confident they will secure the road. These conditions put the Ballinger wide-awake citizens to thinking, and last Saturday a Mass meeting of the citizens were called at the Opera house.

The meeting was called to order by Jo. Wilmeth, J. Y. Pearce was elected chairman and A. W. Sledge, Secy. Mr. Wilmeth stated the object of the meeting and in a few remarks opened the meeting for the general discussion of railroad building and as to what was the best action of the town to take.

As the question presents itself, Ballinger has got to get up and move, or lose some of her good trade territory. The road from Miles to Paint Rock will hurt Ballinger no little bit in the way of cutting a chunk out of its

trade territory. With the handsome bonus being offered by these towns is going to attract the attention of railroad promoters and it is a foregone conclusion that there is going to be some railroad building in this section and the day of beginning is not far-off.

Talks from R. L. Maddox, W. A. Norman, Judge Jno. I. Guion, C. A. Doose, C. O. Harris, B. B. Stone, and others, put considerable enthusiasm in the meeting. It was the sense of the meeting that a move be put on foot to start a railroad boom and pull for the extension of the Wichita Valley, or the Abilene Northern & Southern which is now running into Abilene from the North and making that place the terminus, and to get this road to come via. Winters. Ballinger, Paint Rock and so on to some Southern outlet. With this object in view, a committee, consisting of C. O. Harris, Jo. Wilmeth, Jno. I. Guion and C. A. Doose, were appointed to confer with the directors of the Wichita Valley and see what their feeling is in regard to the matter. A committee consisting of W. A. Norman, B. B. Stone and C. R. Stephens, were appointed to confer with the citizens of Paint Rock to see if they would cooperate with Ballinger in the effort to secure railroad connection with Abilene.

Before the meeting was closed a committee consisting of C. C. Cockrell, E. L. Rasbury and A. W. Sledge, was appointed to circulate a list and see how strong the people here were interested in railroad building. Subscriptions were called for in the meeting and about \$15,000 was subscribed by the few moneyed men present and up-to-date the subscription list foots up about \$50,000, and this can be strengthened and will be if necessary.

Ballinger realizes that there is going to be some railroad building and will get it's share of it,

P. McGregor went to Marlin Tuesday to spend a few weeks for the benefit of his health.

Civic Improvement

Denison has a civic Improvement League whose duties are to work for the beautifying the premises of each home by planting flowers, shrubs and keeping rid of all rubbish. What is the matter with some of the people of this town from organizing such a League? Ballinger is already noted for its beautiful homes but by organizing properly we could do still better, every dollar expended judiciously in such work increases the value of property many fold. People of wealth and refinement looking for location to make homes always prefer a city that takes especial pride in civic matters. A desolate yard injures the property value of the whole ward, and while we agitating for a cleaner Ballinger let us also agitate for a more beautiful one.

It has lately been discovered that a hucksters union is in force in "San Tone" the evident object being to prevent competition in selling garden "sass."

The new city directory of Dallas gives that city 100,000 population and now Dallas claims to be the largest city in Texas. It is now in order for San Antonio & Houston to report.

"Go you one better" 15 bars soap 25 cents at M. D. Chastains. 52 tf.

Mrs. Sidney Grant and children left on Tuesday's train for the Territory.

Judge A. W. Moursund of Fredericksburg is here this week on business. He is the guest of C. C. Schurhard a former friend while here.

Drug Salesman Now Preaching every where that he had suffered for years from sore, sweaty, blistered, offensive feet, but at last cured by the use of Hooper's Tetter Cure. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

The W. C. T. U. has begun a war against the heroes and heroines of fiction who drink and smoke. They want all books partaying such characters banished from the libraries.

A hypnotist in Massachusetts hypnotized himself three weeks ago and cannot be aroused and will likely die.

R. W. Vaden of Jones county on last Saturday shot and perhaps mortally wounded his son a young man 21 yrs. old for turning some houses into a pasture contrary to the wishes of the father.

The Mayor of Fort Worth has to sit up late at night answering inquiries in regard to the suitability of that city for moving pictures shows.

Gov. Little of Ark. has been at Corpus Christi for three months for the benefit of his health which is very poor. He returned to Ark. this week.

A Denison joint was raided this week and the hot stuff loaded into a car and sent to Sherman. The proprietor was however loaded into the county jail.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm heretofore known as Johnston & Ramsey a partnership firm associated together for the practice of medicine is dissolved and all firm accounts are the property of Dr. Ramsey who will collect same.

3tf Drs. Johnston & Ramsey.

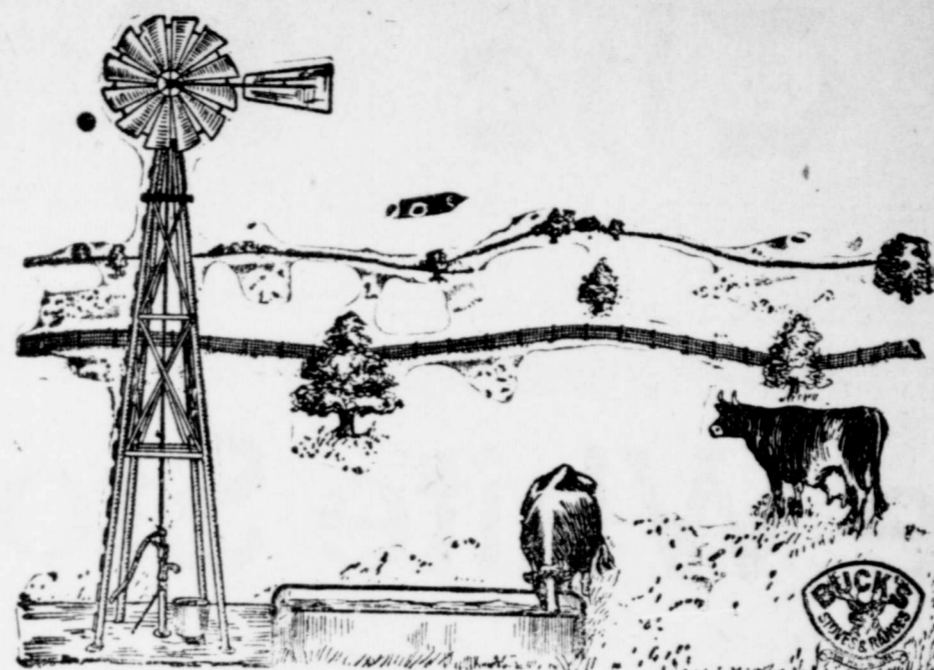
State Money Deposited With Citizens Bank

The Citizens National Bank, of Ballinger has been made depository for state funds, and the bank received notice of this, this week. This is quite a compliment to the management of that bank and no doubt is appreciated.

Fresh Home Grown Berries.

My berry crop is now ready for the market and parties desiring good berries will do well to see me or phone 251.

tf W. R. White.



More Money for Farmers

Your income does not depend entirely upon the fertility of your land or the amount of hard work you do, Mr. Farmer.

In order that you may get all that is coming to you of the good product of Uncle Sam's mint, it is necessary that you use labor-saving and modern farm implements. Let us show you how you can add many dollars to your income by a small investment in good machinery. If we could find better, we would handle them.

We carry a complete line of

Wind Mills and Well Supplies,
Piping, Cylinders, Cisterns John Deere and Standard Implements,
Cultivators, Planters, Plows, Studebaker and Schuttler Wagons, Bucks Stoves and Ranges, Household Furnishings, Bath Tubs, Lavatories, Sinks and Plumbing Fixtures.

Your business solicited. Send us your orders.

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THE CRESCENT STORE

Situated corner Ninth street and Hutchings Ave. There you will find a select stock of Staple and fancy Groceries at the very lowest prices. Also feed supplies. Look me up and get my figures, you will be welcomed whether you buy or not.

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In El Paso, Reeves and Jeff Davis counties from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per acre. 40 years time. Four to eight sections to one purchaser. Write to me for particulars.

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In Season, we have a complete line of all kinds of eatables be sure and see our window Display before you start out,

Fresh Vegetables and berries daily.

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The up-to-date Grocers

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The Life Insurance

muddle has started the public to thinking. The wonderful success that has met Ballard's Horehound Syrup in its crusade on Coughs, Influenza Bronchitis all and Pulmonary troubles—has

started the public to thinking of this wonderful preparation. They are all using it. Join the procession and down with sickness. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Eggs wanted—will buy all you and bring M. D. Chastain.

A recent hailstorm around Balett killed all the weevils but the remedy also killed everything in the vegetable line.



When the Children come home from School.

They usually want something from the pantry

You remember the hunger you had—Home cooking counts for much in the child's health; do not imperil

it with alum food by the use of poor baking powder.

Have a delicious, pure, home-made muffin, cake or biscuit ready when they come in. To be sure of the purity, you must use

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Royal makes a difference in your home—a difference in your health—a difference in your cooking.

ROYAL is absolutely Pure.

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Hot Kitchen
This Summer**

Call and let our salesmen give a demonstration

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The Leading Hardware Store in Ballinger

Are you going to let your wife cook in that kitchen? Van Pelt and Kirk have the

BLUE FLAME OIL STOVE

that is Safe, Economical and Cool.

We have them in one, two and three burner style to suit the size family you desire to cook for,

Costs less by one half than a wood stove. Keeps the kitchen cool, and they are not expensive to own,

Vice Consul King.

Dr. Guy T. King, of Brownwood, temporarily stationed at Iquitos, Peru, South America has received notification of his appointment by president Roosevelt, to the office of First Vice Consul, of Peru, with headquarters at Iquitos. It will be remembered that Dr. King, while in Brownwood last year made a trip to Washington to secure the appointment to this position for his father. There was a hitch in the negotiations at that time and the matter was dropped.

The Consul of Peru, who is a young American from New York is a warm friend of Dr. King's and it was through his efforts that the Brownwood man secured the appointment.

The many friends of Dr. King are glad to learn of his success and good fortune in the far away southern clime.

CEDAR POST CEDAR POST we have them, a complete stock. Concho Lumber Co. successor to Humphrey Lumber Co. opposite Court House.

ar load of Japanese landed from the Flowery Kingdom amount to work in the rice fields near that city.

Local Option Election

Judge Goodwin, in his charge to the grand jury Monday morning said that the club men and others of Brady had petitioned for a local option election at that place. The judge stated that he made a partial canvass of the town one day while he was waiting for a jury verdict and that he found only one anti voter in the city. He thinks that this is due, principally, to the manner in which the clubs have tried to override the will of the people. Many men who voted the anti ticket at the last election he says will vote the pro ticket at the coming election.—Brownwood Bulletin

Harry Thompson, of Ballinger was in the city yesterday to accompany home his wife and son, Gordon, who have been visiting relatives here for a few days.—Brownwood Bulletin.

CEDAR POST CEDAR POST we have them, a complete stock. Concho Lumber Co. successors to Humphrey Lumber Co. opposite Court House.

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For your special cake orders phone Schawe's Cash Grocery prices reasonable. Phone 40.

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succeed the first time use Herbine and you will get instant relief. The greatest liver regulator. A positive cure for Constipation, Dyspepsia, Malaria, Chills and all liver complaints. Mr. C., of Emory Texas, writes "My wife has been using Herbine for herself and children for five years. It is a sure cure for constipation and malaria fever, which is substantiated by what it has done for my family." Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Poisoned By Mistake.

Henry Miller of Mineral Wells a young man was given strychnine instead of quinine last week from the effects of which he died an hour or two later as the mistake was not discovered until too late to save his life.

Attend Church Sunday.

We shall be glad to see you at the Methodist Church morning and evening.

The pastor will preach. The Sunday School hour is 10:00 a. m. E. P. Williams, pastor.

Did you ever try any canned goods under the Casino Brand, they are fine, sold by J. B. Alvis & Bro.

The Denton county commissioners recently doubled values of assessments in that county and cut the tax rate in two thus really putting things on their same basis as formerly.

Mrs. Chris Rousean of Henderson Texas administered chloroform to herself for the purpose of allaying the pain caused from toothache and died at that place Wednesday.

Teacher Hangs Herself.

Miss Georgia Hunt, a teacher in the Gainesville schools while out driving last Monday went suddenly deranged and was sent soon after to the Terrell Insane Asylum. Soon after arriving there and while unattended she hanged herself, making a rope out of a bed sheet. The lady was highly connected and had been principal of the North Side School in Gainesville.

If it came from the Leader job plant it is a good piece of printing. We appreciate your patronage and guarantee to treat you right.

No. 6757.

Report of the Condition

Of the Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, May, 20th, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$487,203.28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	36,360.85
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	2,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	25,000.00
Due from National Bank (not reserve agents)	7,322.18
Due from State Banks and Banks	23,334.80
Due from approved reserve agents	199,480.75
Checks and other cash items	18,988.45
Notes of other National Banks	6,000.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	85.67
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	10,108.75
Legal tender notes	1,250.00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	3,000.00
Total	\$920,134.7

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	16,224.11
National Bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	103,952.96
Due to State Banks and banks	11,916.73
Due to approved reserve agents	11,077.76
Individual deposits subject to check	508,795.25
Demand certificates of deposit	805.00
Time certificates of deposit	6,761.52
Cashier's Checks outstanding	1,101.40
Bills payable in 'c'd cert of deposit for money borrowed	35,000.00
Total	\$920,134.73

State of Texas, County of Runnels } ss: I, Jo Wilmeth, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Jo WILMETH, Cashier. Correct—Attest: Tom Ward } Directors C. A. Doose } B. B. Stone. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1907. R. G. Erwin, Notary Public.

Bar on Bartenders.

Norfolk, Va. May 21.—The sovereign camp, Woodmen of the World, in biennial convention here today, decided that bartenders and bartenders, stone-crushers and miners of all kinds are not eligible to membership in the order, and the camp is considering the eligibility of other craftsmen, whose lines of work are dangerous, the order being largely a death beneficial one.

The Woodmen Circle, the women's auxiliary acting in conjunction with the sovereign camp in changing its laws, today decided that hereafter investments shall only be made in governmental and municipal bonds. The general laws committee was increased from three to five and the supreme physician was taken out of the elective class and made an appointive officer.—Fort Worth Record.

W. R. White and Tom Knight South Ballinger fruit men, are selling berries and peaches this week, the first fruit crop put on the market, and that home grown.

Mrs. W. B. Halley left on Tuesday's train for Georgetown to be present on the Commencement of the South Western University where her sister will graduate and also to visit with home folks for a few days.

Epidemic of typhoid in Bronte recent reports say that typhoid fever is raging at Bronte. One report says that there were 29 deaths from the disease in 31 days.

For Sale.

Slightly used Piano and Organ in first class condition Phone No. 84. tf. Mrs. L. H. Bacon

Improvement in Hotel.

I have just added a number of new rooms to my hotel and can take care of a few more regular boarders. Clean, cool rooms and good meals.

Colorado Hotel successor to Turner Hotel. tf W. B. Wood Prop.



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The tremendous popularity of "Star" has been won through honest value—full-weight 16-oz. plugs, highest quality and standard price.

"Star" is really the most economical chew you can buy—a 10c. piece of "Star" lasts twice as long as bigger pieces of cheaper kinds—the choice, ripe, sweet, elastic leaf in "Star" chews waxy and rich until it has been chewed dry.

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Ballinger

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Fine pigs for sale at \$2.50 each Address or call on.

S. D. Williams 2t C. S. Miller Ranch

Screen Doors, Screen Doors we have them, all size and all grades Concho Lumber Co.,

Ice Cream freezers, the quick and substantial kind, for sale by tf Van Pelt & Kirk

LONG SILK GLOVES

at

Higginbotham-Currie Company.

IMPORTED MATTING!

WE are in receipt of a large bill of genuine Japanese Matting shipped direct from Kobe, Japan. Our purchase was made several months ago, previous to the ten cent duty imposed by the Federal Government and for this reason we are in a position to save you money on your purchases. This matting comprises the many

ATTRACTIVE JAPANESE DESIGNS

and you will have no trouble in making a pleasing selection. We also have a well selected assortment of

ART SQUARES CARPETS and LINOLEUM

and our stock of FURNITURE, as usual, is one of the largest and best selected to be found anywhere.

Call and see us before purchasing furnishings for your home.

Ostertag Furniture Co.



Carbonated Beverages

You know as we know the quality of carbonated beverages depend on purity. Combined with sanitary regulation with our Innovation Fountain Improved Electric Carbonation. You get the best. We leave you to be the judge. All syrups are prepared from pure fruits which have previously been tested. In dispensing every desirable feature is sought and after all there is none better but lots of cheap imitations. Join the many pleased customers who drink at our Fountain and be convinced.

The WALKER DRUG CO.

Who Wrote it First

The newspapers & literary folks are now in an interesting discussion as to who first wrote "Beyond the Alps" has our Italy. Our bright editor says it has been written by the "sweet graduate" ever since the time of Eve which probably settles it that mother Eve must have been the instigator of it.

Former Minister to China Conger died at Pasadena Calif the 1st of the week. He was minister to China during the Boxer uprising and was very prominent in Orient affairs.

Three car loads of alligators were shipped from Florida to Kansas City this week.

The mothers Clup entertainment was a success from every

stand point last Friday night. Those who attended and contributed enjoyed so doing and the ladies are rejoicing and feel thankful for the handsome purse of receipts.—\$115

Tom Patterson was over from San Angelo Saturday and Sunday visiting his brother J. Whit.

D. Reeler was at Miles first of the week. He says if Miles don't get the proposed Paint Rock and Miles rail road it will not be for lack of interest and pull.

D. Reeder has purchased the interest of Mr. Jones in the Reeder and Jones lumber good and is still pushing the business with only a change in the firm name.

A Code of Principles.

I believe in the stuff I am hand

ing out in the town I am working for and in my ability to get results. I believe that honest stuff can be passed out to honest men by honest methods. I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking, and in the pleasure of my job. I believe a man gets what he goes after; that one deed done today's worth two deeds done tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself. I believe in today and in tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds. I believe there is something doing somewhere for every man ready to do it. I believe I am ready right now.—Oran Tribune.

The man who prosecutes his life work under that code of principles will be happy and useful to society in whatever station he might find himself, and a man like that will always think the town in which he lives is the best town on earth, and the fact that he lives there goes a long way towards making the place just that kind of a town. This world would be a much happier place if all men were to believe in working and not in knocking and in laughing and not weeping. More than half the tears of children of men would be wiped away if needless tears were never shed and half of the clouds would disappear if every man were to find the pleasure that is connected with every job. The idea of making a mourner's bench of every workbench in the country is a bad idea. No man can do the best work of which he is harassed with misgivings, and every man owes it to himself to do the very best he can and do it all the time. That kind of a man can never be put down and out by the efforts of others, because the world has faith in that kind of a man, and the world is a pretty fair judge of a man after all. Of course, some of them get in bad shape once in a while through circumstances over which they have no control, but as a general proposition the man who keeps his nerve will win out in the end.—Fort Worth Record.

re somewhat removed from the city. The only explanation that the urbane citizens, being accustomed to paved streets, is more appreciative of the advantage of good highways than the rural citizen who has never had much acquaintance with them—San Antonio Express.

Miss Zenobia Francis left her school this morning to go to town and buy a bottle of Hooper's Tetter Cure to relieve her sore aching feet. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

Miller Mercantile Co, Agt., Live Oak, and Mill Flour, Cotton Buyer, call and see our Mr. Miller the cotton buyer before you sell.

Forty-eight casks of beer were seized in Mexia last Saturday under the new law preventing intoxicating liquors being shipped into local option territory.

The sweet girl graduate seems to be greatly in evidence these warm spring days. The proportion of the ugly boys to the sweet girl seems to be about one to ten. It looks if the thing continues maintain the present ratios that education will be a thing only fit for girls.

No Need of Scratching.

Other afflictions may be more painful, but none more annoying than many forms of itching trouble. The quickest and most reliable remedy for itching diseases of any character is Hunt's Cure. One application relieves—one box guaranteed to cure.

The Cumberland Presbyterian people of Dickson Tenn recently raised over \$10000 to fight the union with the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Johnson left Monday for Marlin where they will spend a month at that famous health resort. The Leader will keep them posted on Ballinger News.

John B. Parks, an old time Ballinger citizen, and at one time tax assessor, was here from Miles first of the week. Mr. Parks is talking railroad so much you can almost smell smoke when you are around him.

A car of Texas hens recently shipped from Cuero is said to have laid enough eggs while enroute to pay the freight. If the Texas hen maintains this lead the hen of the northern states will be forced to take a back roost.

Edmund Ross of the seven members of Congress who voted against conviction of Pres. Johnson in the famous impeachment trial during the civil War died recently in a little obscure town of New Mexico. Ross was hounded and persecuted for years for his refusal to vote for conviction and died in poverty and neglect.

Pres. H. H. Harrington of the A. & M. College was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis and is in a serious condition.

Thomas Edison, the celebrated electrician is getting to be something of a joker as he is quoted as saying that sleeping is a bad habit acquired by our ancestors and that by proper training we can over come it.

W. A. Norman made a business trip to Paint Rock Monday.

Dr. A. L. Fuller who went to Port Lavaca to accept the quarantine station, returned to Winters last Saturday. The Authorities wanted Dr. Fuller to take a border station that wasn't at all desirable and he rejected the offer and offer and will continue the practice of medicine at Winters. Mrs. Fuller came down from Winters Saturday to meet the doctor and visited relatives over Sunday.

Snow was reported to be seven feet deep on a level in some parts of Wyoming up to a few days ago.

Advertised Letter List

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The wife Rev. J. W. Patison Pastor of the Methodist church at Santa Anna is here this week visiting her brothers J. M. Skinner & C. P. Shepherd.

It has lately been ascertained that about a dozen men control the petroleum supply thus enabling them to stifle competition and reap enormous profits. These men are enabled to do this by controlling transportation facilities.

The west bound passenger train of the Santa Fe struck and killed a section hand near Kemper. The victim was Arthur Cowan and was killed while trying to remove a hand car from the track.

The Texas Press Association which assembled in Galveston last week has taken steps to test the constitutionality of the of the law in regard to allowing newspapers the right to accept transportation in line of advertising for the railroads.

If you think of attending a business college, it would be well to write the METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE, Dallas, Texas for full information. The METROPOLITAN is known everywhere as one of the foremost business colleges of the South—its leadership in Texas is unquestioned.

One Million Eggs wanted by M. D. Chastain.

The old Colorado county feud broke out afresh by the killing last week at San Antonio of Jim Coleman by Marion Hope-

R. L. Woodard an old time Ballinger man, was here from Eden last Saturday. Mr. Woodard made the Leader a pleasant call

Good for the Blues.

Is your appetite on a vacation, you energy absent, and everything else out of "Whack?" If so, you had better take something and take it now. Simmons' Sarsaparilla is the King of Tonics. It will make you eat all you want to pay for. Try it and let it and he at yourself laugh again.

Miss Zadie Royalty returned Tuesday from a trip to Stamford where she attended a meeting of the delegates of the Ladies Home Mission Societies of this conference district.

Horses examined free by Dr Jackson. Visits Ballinger once a month.

Don't drink hot water when VanPelt & Kirk are selling coolers so cheap.

We transfer Household good deliver hulls and meal in any quantity or Seed Meal 10c per sack Phone 120 C. J. Lynn & Bro. 3t.

Notice

Please present all claims against the Harvey Goats Estate to the undersigned for payment. J. W. Powell, Admr. 2t

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and backaches, that tired feeling, absence of appetite, and extreme nervousness that so frequently afflict you, mean that you are bilious.

Biliousness is caused by a badly disordered or inactive liver.

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acts instantly and effectively on the liver—reinvigorates and strengthens it and restores it to perfect condition.

The remarkable virtue of this wonderful remedy has been demonstrated in thousands of instances, and it will work wonders in cleansing and setting your whole system aright.

Its good effects are permanent. DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN can be obtained in both dollar and half-dollar sizes from all druggists.

Your money will be refunded if it does not benefit you.

Your postal card request will bring by return mail our new booklet, "DR. CALDWELL'S BOOK OF WONDERS" and free sample to those who have never tried this wonderful remedy. Write today.

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National Eclectic Medical Ass'n Long Beach, June 18th to 21, 1907. One fare for round trip, destination of tickets Los Angeles or San Francisco.

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Good Roads.

Statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture show that it costs the farmer from 15 to 30 cents a ton the mile for hauling their produce to market or to the nearest railway station. The estimate is based on the average country road, including both the good and the bad. It would be much higher if confined entirely to the unimproved roads.

Hauling cotton is particularly expensive the average cost being 27 cents a ton a mile, but in many cases the cost in Texas is very much higher than that. For example, Somerville country reports that the hauling is mostly done by hired teams at 50 cents a bale. As the average weight of a bale of cotton is about 500 pounds that would mean about \$2 a ton for a distance of about ten miles and considerable more for a greater distance.

The figures in detail by the Agricultural Department are interesting but they would probably be more instructive and engaging if comparisons were made between the cost of hauling over dirt roads, and as between the hard smooth country road and the highway that is, but best and practically impassable during the wet season. The figures thus displayed might have the effect of opening the eyes of reading and thinking farmers to the advantage of good roads in a way not before impressed upon them.

It is a curious fact that taxpayers living in cities and towns are nearly always more willing to vote a tax upon themselves for public road construction and improvement than are the farming classes who would be more direct beneficiaries of the results especially where the improved roads

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You Lose If Don't See Us Before buying Hardware.

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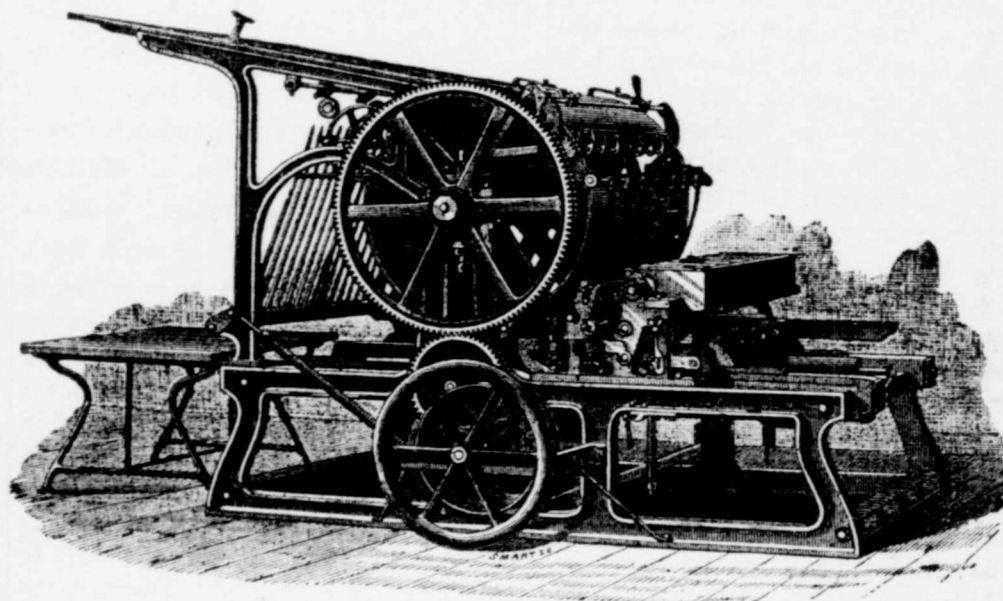
DO YOU ADVERTISE TO GET BUSINESS?

Or do you advertise just because someone asks YOU

Do you advertise for the benefit you expect to get out of it, or because you can't say "no"? That you may increase your trade, or just to help out" some one.

We don't ask for your business on any other basis than merit. We know it will help your business to conduct a systematic advertising campaign in The Leader. It has been proven time and again. Then why hesitate? If by spending \$10.00 a month you can make a profit of \$50 doesn't it pay? True, you can get along, perhaps without advertising but it's the poorest sort of economy. Note the men who have made the biggest success in their business and nine times out of ten they are heavy advertisers.

If you want to reach the people of the country it is a waste of time and money to use any other medium in preference to the Banner-Leader.



We also wish to remind you that we have the most complete Job Printing Plant in Ballinger. We have a complete job plant consolidated with a newspaper plant, placing us in a position to handle any work you may entrust to us with neatness and dispatch. We employ competent workmen and use every care possible in handling work so that the customers may get just what he wants. Our prices are reasonable.

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Phone Number 27

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Levy of a Road Tax.

Joint Resolution amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 9a, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted for the purpose of improving public roads, and to allow counties or political subdivisions of counties by a majority vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county, or subdivision thereof, voting at all elections, to be held for that purpose, to adopt same.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 9a, which shall read as follows:

Section 9a. A majority of the property tax paying voters in any county or one or more political subdivisions thereof, in this State, voting at an election held for that purpose may vote a tax for road and bridge purposes not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of property subject to taxation in such county or political subdivision of such county, or may issue bonds not to exceed 20 per cent of the assessed value of the real property in such district, for such road and bridge purposes, provided that such tax, or proceeds of such bonds, shall be expended in the territory in which it is voted, and no other, and this provision of the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall be had in the State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified tax paying voters. And the sum of \$2000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the treasury of the State of Texas for the purpose of submitting this proposition to a vote of the people of the State of Texas.

L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State. (A true copy)

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Providing for the Establishment of a Home for Confederate Widows.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, so as to authorize the grant of aid in the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors and such women as aided the Confederacy, and make an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas as amended in 1903, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3. Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, associations or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1880, and who are either over sixty years of age or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers anterior to March 1, 1880; provided said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month, and provided further, that no appropriations shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of five hundred thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided in the Confederacy, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided the grant to aid said homes shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said homes shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1907.

The sum of \$5000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution. L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State. (A true copy)

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Establishment of a State Printing Plant

Joint Resolution authorizing the submission to a vote of the people of the State of Texas of a proposed amendment of Section 21, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to printing, publishing, stationery, paper and fuel, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 21. All printing and publishing, and all stationery, paper and fuel for the various departments, and for all offices, whether created by this Constitution or by law, shall be done and supplied as may be provided by law, and for the accomplishment of these objects and purposes the Legislature may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies, invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1907, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election. L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State. (A true copy)

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Creating the Office of Commissioner of Agriculture

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 27, providing for a Department of Agriculture, with a bureau of labor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto Section 27, when a majority of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of Texas at an election for that purpose shall vote in favor of the amendment, shall read as follows:

Section 27. The Legislature shall provide for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall be either elected by the qualified voters of the State, or appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate, as the Legislature may provide; whose term of office, duties and salary shall be prescribed by law; in which department there shall be established by the Legislature a bureau of labor, when required by the public interest.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of Texas, to be voted upon on the first Tuesday in August, 1907. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And the sum of (\$2000) two thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay expenses of such publications, proclamation and election. L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State. (A true copy)

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Fixing the Salary of Members of the Legislature.

An Act to amend Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the Legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter

read as follows:

Section 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the Public Treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each year in which a biennial session of the Legislature is held under the provisions of this Constitution, and five dollars for each day of any Special Session held during the subsequent year, and in addition thereto, they shall receive mileage in going to and returning from the State Capitol, not to exceed three cents per mile; the distance to be computed by the nearest railroad route, and the Comptroller shall prepare and preserve a table of distances for each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a Regular or Called Session.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday in August, 1907, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "For the amendment to Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature," and all those opposed, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words, "Against the amendment to Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, and the sum of \$1000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State. (A true copy)

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Providing for the Creation of Improvement Districts in Certain Cities.

Joint Resolution amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the creation of improvement districts in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants, and charging the cost of certain improvements made therein against the abutting property.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 9. The State tax on property, except of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the hundred dollars valuation, except for payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment September 25 A. D. 1883, and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such county. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

In addition to the foregoing, cities of more than five thousand inhabitants may lay out within their corporate limits, improvement districts in which they, by and with the consent of a majority of the taxpayers owning real estate therein, may build sidewalks and charge the cost thereof against the abutting property, and may build sewers and pave streets and charge one-third of the cost thereof against the abutting property on either side of the streets upon which such improvements are made in such district, and the amount charged against all such abutting property, shall be deemed and held to be a tax against and a lien upon such abutting property, and the Legislature is required, to enact laws prescribing the means for ascertaining the amount properly chargeable against each parcel of abutting property, and providing for the enforcement of its collection.

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the Constitution to the qualified voters

Combination Offer For 1907

For 1906 were able to offer the following combination to the people of Runnels county and vicinity: The Banner-Leader, regular price \$1.00 per year; the Twice-a-Week Dallas News, Houston Post, Fort Worth Record or Bryan's Commoner, the regular subscription price for each is \$1.00 per year. The American Home Journal, published in Dallas, the best Southern Magazine published. Regular price \$1.00 per year. To subscribe for each of these would cost you \$3.00, we will give for 1906 the Banner-Leader, the American Home Journal and either the Dallas News, Houston Post, Fort Worth Record or Bryan's Commoner for \$2.00. If you would keep posted you need these three, the Semi-Weekly to keep you informed on all National and State Questions, the American Home Journal for good stories for the children and the Banner-Leader for all the local news. Old subscribers who pay up-to-date and one year in advance are entitled to this offer.

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of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1907, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots: "For the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution, permitting property owners in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to create improvement districts, one-third the cost of which to be charged against abutting property on either side of the street." And the voters opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution permitting property owners in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to create improvement districts, one-third the cost of which to be charged against abutting property on either side of the street."

Sec. 3. The lateness in the session, the crowded condition of the calendars of both houses, and the importance of this proposed amendment, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity demanding that the constitutional rule, and Senate Rule No. 37, requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same are hereby suspended.

L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State (A true copy)

Citation By Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS; To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Mathias Diecop, deceased by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Thirty-fifth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, on the 5th Monday in September A. D. 1907, the same being the 30th day of September A. D. 1907, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of April A. D. 1907 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 868, wherein C. A. Dosee is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Mathias Diecop, deceased are Defendants, and said petition alleging

The State of Texas,) In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas:

C. A. Dosee, who resides in the County and State aforesaid, hereinafter styled Plaintiff, complaining of the unknown heirs of Mathias Diecop, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiff, represents; That heretofore, to wit, on or about the first day of April, 1907, Plaintiff was then and is now lawfully seized and possessed, holding the same by fee simple title, as hereinafter shown, the following described tract of land, to-wit: Four Hundred and Ninety Nine acres originally granted to Mathias Diecop, and known as Survey No. 626, Certificate No. 205, Abstract No. 122, patented to heirs of the said Mathias Diecop, deceased, by Patent No. 500, situated in Runnels and Coke counties, State of Texas;

That plaintiff has been so seized and possessed of said land under General Warranty Deeds duly recorded in the Deed Records of said Runnels and Coke Counties, Texas, and paying all taxes

due upon said land up to the date of the filing of this suit, and that he, and those under whom he claims, have been in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same inclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the five years statutes of limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

Plaintiff further alleges that he has been in the actual, peaceable, and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same inclosed by a good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the ten years statutes of limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

That on or about the date last aforesaid while plaintiff was so lawfully seized and possessed of said land, holding the same under the titles hereinbefore pleaded and asserted, the said defendants the Unknown Heirs of the said Mathias Diecop, deceased, asserted and are now asserting some pretended claim of title in and to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land and disturbed his peaceable possession thereto, to his great damage: Therefore, promises considered, plaintiff prays that defendants be cited by publication, in manner and form as required by law in such case made and provided, to answer herein and that on final hearing hereof he have judgment against said defendants for the recovery of the title to said land and that said cloud so cast thereon be removed, and that he be quieted in his possession thereto, and for all costs in this behalf expended and for general relief.

John I. Guion & M. C. Smith Attorneys for plaintiff.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County. Given Under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this 10th day of April A. D. 1907. (Seal) R. A. Terry, Clerk, Dist. Court, Runnels County.

Mexico is moving large bodies of troops to the boundary line between that country and Guatemala and things begin to point to trouble between the two countries. Those little Central American states ought to be rounded up and put to hard work raising bananas instead of "raising cane."

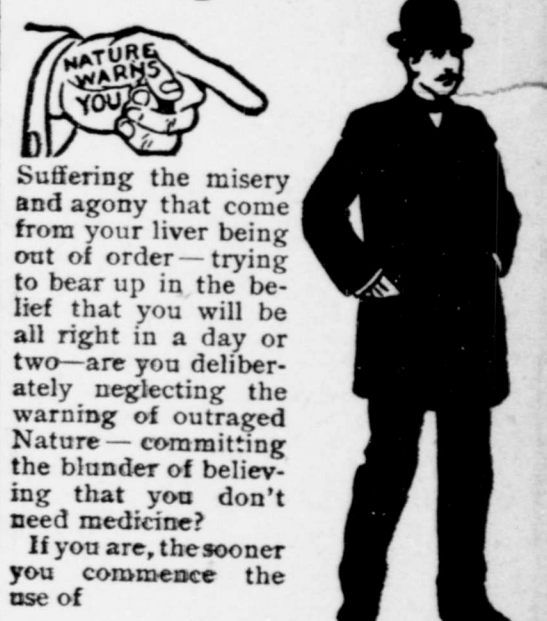
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The Way With a Brute.

A writer in an agricultural paper says: "Kill your dog and buy your self a pig, the scraps you feed to a dog would, if fed to a pig, net you a neat little sum every year."

Yes, kill your dog. Kill him, you infernal brute. And then after you have murdered the best friend man ever had in all the animal kingdom, buy yourself a pig. It will be a more fitting companion for a man of your type. Then when you return home at night worn out with the toil of the day or harassed by the worries of business cares, expect your pig to come bounding out to greet you to leap and frisk about you, to lick your hand in welcome, while his whole body fairly quivers with the joy his poor dumb soul feels at being in your presence; and when you lie down to sleep expect your pig to guard your couch, a faithful sentinel who would gladly lay down his life before he would suffer harm to you or yours; or when misfortunes overtake you, or some great sorrow comes upon you and you feel that you have been forsaken by heaven and deserted by every human friend, and you sit in silent grief and misery in the solitude of your room, expect your pig to steal softly to your side and lay his head in silent sympathy upon your knee while his great honest, soulful eyes look up into your own with a mute eloquence and truth more potent than might be portrayed by human language, and that says: No matter what may be your sorrow, your misfortune, or even your disgrace, I will share it with you, and though the whole world may turn from you, I will gladly stay by your side to the end." And then—then you contemptible, miserable misfit caricature on the name of man—if you find your pig fails in this you can at least satisfy your sordid, grasping, degraded and shrivelled soul, with the knowledge that by murdering your faithful dog because your dastardly greed begrudges him the few scraps he eats, you are able to sell your pig for a pitiful pittance, that is more precious to your avaricious soul than would be the life-blood of your devoted dumb friend and faithful protector.—Ex.

High Prices for Bread and Meat.

The price of wheat passed the dollar mark in Chicago Monday and it was predicted by some that July wheat would go to one dollar and fifty cents before the present advance has stopped. That looks good to the farmer who has been holding his last year's crop, but awful scary to the man that has to buy his bread.

A quantity of roses the queen flow of ers filled vases and bowls on mantles and tables, imparting their rich beauty to the already pretty surroundings.

Amidst a bower of dainty ferns and flowers stood the punch bowl presided over by Miss Alice Norman, and frequently was this cozy nook visited by every guest.

Louie DeMouille Married.

M. Louie DeMouille and Miss Zemina Coffey were united in marriage Tuesday at the home of the bride in Big Spring. The came over to Garden City the same day and will go to house-keeping in their new house in this city. Mr. DeMouille is engaged in the livery business here and his bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coffey of Big Springs. The Gazette, amid the congratulations of the many friends of the young couple tenders its best wishes for their future welfare and hopes their pathway through life will be strewn with roses.—Garden City Gazette.

Fresh Berries and Vegetables at all times.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Top steers were selling the same day in Ft. Worth for \$5.50 and choice hogs for \$6.45 and cotton was sold at 12-cents for middling in Houston. The South's products are in good demand and we should be wearing broad smiles.

A band of Gypsies struck Comanche the other day and were arrested and fined for telling fortunes without license. After paying their fines they folded their tents and quietly stole away.

A great many people who live just beyond the limits of Fort Worth are much disturbed over the rumor that the city authorities are going to cut them out from using city water unless they vote themselves in to the city. If they vote to be brought into the corporation it will mean increased taxation, so they seem to be between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Monroe Brewer, the popular young jeweler returned from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas, first of the week.

A. A. Hargrove, a Concho County Cattleman sold and delivered, this week, to Ed Globber about 600 head of fat steers, at pt. Mr. Globber will keep the steers on feed a month before shipping them to market.

An excellent musical program was rendered for the enjoyment of the occasion.

As a fitting close for a merry afternoon ice cream and cake were served after which the guests reluctantly departed voting this to be indeed an afternoon of rare pleasure.

Mystic Weavers.

(Omitted last week through mistake.)

The handsome home of Mrs. Walter Norman, always attractive and inviting was especially so last Saturday afternoon having assumed a marked beauty of floral adornment for the delight of the above named Club and in honor of Mrs. King, sister of the hostess.

This is the second time the Gazette has had Louie married, but his Ballinger friends hope that it is not a false alarm, and that Louie is actually married.

Mr. V. L. Grady and wife of Santa Anna came down to attend the graduating exercises of their niece, Miss Kate Grady, and were the guests of Mrs. Grady's sister, Mrs. A. A. Smith on Austin Avenue. Mr. Grady was returned to his home in Santa Anna.—Brownwood Bulletin.

NATURE'S WARNING.

Ballinger People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously. But nature always warns you through the urine. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlements and sediment, Passages too frequent, scanty, painful. It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills. To ward off Bright's disease or diabetes.

Mrs. W. W. Gilley, of 10.15 Edward St., Fort Worth, Texas, says: We certainly believe in the effectiveness of Doan's Kidney Pills in cases of kidney trouble. They cured my husband of a severe attack of that trouble. Before using them, he suffered from pain and lameness in his back and for days at a time he could scarcely get around. The kidney secretions were highly colored and full of a whitish sediment. He used a few boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and all symptoms of the complaint disappeared. He never complains of them now. I have used some of Doan's Kidney Pills myself and found great relief by doing so."

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If you have visitors or if you know any item which would be of interest to our readers, please phone us and if necessary we will send our reporter or get data.

There is a marked difference already in Brownwood since the closing of the clubs. Battle Row which had become famous as a resort for toughs of the toughest kind, has taken on as quiet an air as any part of the city. Ladies had almost quit going on the street, but now are to be seen there as much as anywhere else in town, and they can walk the entire street without meeting a man who has been drinking or hearing anything but the politest language. Newspaper reporters cannot get reports of street fights and brawls as formerly. The business men of the street appear in better humor and to be better satisfied with their surroundings. An air of business activity is to be seen everywhere. The reputation of that part of the city had begun to have a serious effect upon all legitimate business to the extent that property values were even decreasing, but now all this is changed. It is naturally one of the best streets of the town, and now that it has been cleared of its objectionable features the business men should see to it that the first appearance of anything indicating a return to disgraceful practices of the past few months be quickly checkmated. The liquor traffic in Brownwood is a thing now of the past, and with the exception of an occasional effort to break the law as will be the case with any other law, local option laws will be rigidly observed here. Public sentiment had become such that it would no longer stand for the conditions that existed.—Brownwood Bulletin.

If wind would build railroads this section of the state would be equal to any country as far as road accommodations go. Ballinger people do not seem to be so enthused over the question until they visit some of the neighboring towns and hear how our neighbors are talking railroad. Robert Lee, Miles and Paint Rock have side-tracked everything else and declared their intention of getting a road regardless of cost, and we believe they will succeed.

Ballinger is shipping large quantities of fine building stone to San Angelo. A force of workmen are loading out about two cars a day. Tom Greer has the contract to furnish the stone, and to fill the contract it is necessary to keep a big force of men and teams busy.

The Woodmen will certainly do the right thing if they accept the proposition made to them to build a hall near the Central hotel. The proposition as made will enable them to secure a permanent home, and at the same time will provide an investment for a handsome income.

More new homes and more substantial business houses keeps Ballinger growing—Just a steady, substantial growth; No boom, but a growth that will stay and amount to something. At the present rate Ballinger will be a city of 8000 people within three years.

The ice man has put on a smile that will wear till frost.

Ballinger High School Commencement.

On last Thursday night the closing exercises of the Ballinger public school were held at the Opera house here. The Opera house was packed and jammed by a highly interested audience who testified their appreciation by generous applause of each one who took part in the exercises. Every one acquitted himself with credit showing great care and preparation both on the part of the student and the teachers. To give each due credit for his part in the exercises would be beyond the limits of our space in these columns. Some one has said; Distinctions are invidious

but we feel obliged to state that Mr. J. McGregor although disclaiming the powers of an orator, like the noted Roman of old completely captured the audience by his felicitous remarks in his presentation of the diplomas to the members of the graduating class. After finishing his speech Judge Guion was called out and made one of his usual fine addresses which added new laurels to the Judges reputation as an orator and thinker. The one lone boy of the graduating class was presented with a scholarship to the A. & M. College.

Below we give the program of the exercises:

PROGRAM

Invocation	Rev. E. P. Williams
Chorus	High School Girls
Salutatory, "Our Nation's Bulwarks"	Wm Parks
Class Prophecy	Miss Willie Allen
Piano Solo	Miss Armour McGregor
Presentation of Class Picture	Miss Lois Crews
Violin Solo	Miss Mae Harris
Lady Macbeth	Miss Robbie Truly
Burns	Miss Idras Sharp
Chorus	High School Girls
Class Will	Miss Hester Padgett
Valedictory, Lanier, The Man, The Musician, The Poet	Miss Eleanor Hamilton
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. J. McGregor
Piano Solo	David Guion
Flowers	
Benediction	Rev. J. J. Bunnel

Showers around over this section of the state keeps the newcomer from letting the blues get the best of him. Very little cotton up yet, but plenty time to make a big crop.

The Volunteer fire company are calling on the city for better fire-fighting equipment; the insurance companies are demanding better fire protection. What shall we do?

Ballinger has an inexhaustible supply of as fine building stone as a workmen could wish for, and this gives the town building opportunities that other towns are short on.

Eighth Street Church

We are requested to announce that regular service will be held at the Eight Street Presbyterian Church Sunday. Every body invited to attend.

The Governor of Colorado says in a recent speech that the three greatest curses of civilization are: the saloon, the prize fight, and the yellow newspaper. The Governor may as well get ready to dig his political grave when he tackles that trinity of evil.

Ed Powell a brother of Felix Powell who was hanged at Victoria escaped from a convict camp a few days ago and is still at large although being trailed by men and dogs. Powell stated before his escape that he intended to get a gun and kill sheriff Egg and in order for the sheriff to keep his eye open for the nigger.

Rev. G. W. Fender returned from Rock wall Wednesday his sister who went to visit returned home with him.

Jno. F. Drew, the contractor, went to Eldorado with carpenters Wednesday, where he is putting the finishing touch on the bank building at that place. H. M. Harvey has been out there supervising the stone work.

Louis Morgan of Bronte paid this office a much appreciated call and reported the Bronte country needing rain muchly

Henry Huffmon, who resides near Dublin, recently returned from the Indian Territory, where he has been to see his brother Jack Huffmon, who accidentally killed himself with a shotgun. Jack had killed a man the day before and with a son-in-law had started in a buggy to see some thing about it, and there who a hole in the buggy and in some way the gun they carrying fell through, the hammer striking the side and discharging the gun, the charge taking effect in Mr. Huffman's left side.

It is all right to be a hired man but you ought to be your own boss some day. The way to do it is to save some of your wages and put your saving in the Citizen National Bank of Ballinger.

Mr. Boll Weevil is said to be found in Waco everywhere, on the street cars, ladies hats and etc. If the boll weevil is getting a free pass, the legislature ought to be convened at once and take steps to stop it. However, no boll weevil could be blamed for wanting to feast on a ladies spring hat for it certainly "looks good"—to the fellow that doesn't have to dig necessary spondulix for its purchase.

The Negroes in north east Texas are striking and demanding \$2 per day for chopping cotton.

Lying Down and Waking Up.

It is a pleasant thing, when you lie down at night to reflect that you have something laid up.
It is refreshing, when you wake up in the morning to remember that you have a balance in bank.

Those who have nothing in the Bank and no money laid aside are apt to have unpleasant thoughts of the future both when they go to bed at night and when they wake up in the Morning.

A bank account is a good machine to insure good sleep and pleasant, refreshing awakenings.
We invite you to open a bank account. It will cost you nothing to do so. We will keep your money safely and we will help you to make the most of your money.
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The strict observance of the Sunday that is now on in Houston is said to be done for the purpose of discrediting and making the law adious. There should be no exceptions to a proper observance of any law in Texas by the big cities but occasionally we find a city that think they ought to be a little republic all by itself. That idea might be catching and all the little village claim finally the right to be exempt from certain laws passed by the legislature. If the sauce is good for the goose it is good for the gander.

J. W. Godwin R. B. Creasy Ed Gentry and others left here Thursday for Carrizo Springs on a land hunting expedition. We expect they will buy themselves rich.

We have exclusive sale on White Crest Flour.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

The recent McLennan county grand jury returned 22 indictment for violation of the Terrell election law in the late prohibition election.

A recent report from Australia bearing the news that a hurricane and tidal wave swept over the Caroline islands on April 30 doing great damage to property and destroying the lives of more than 2000 people.

Country Berries, Vegetables and Fruit sold by J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Youth Shoots a Banker

Last Tuesday Frank Maner a youth of 17 years shot and dangerously wound E. E. Griffin at Itasca. Reports are conflicting concerning the course of the shooting but it appears to be outcome of a family feud. Nearly two years ago Griffin shot and killed young Maners father and young Maner is said to have declared that he would shoot Griffin if he ever spoke to him. One Tuesday Griffin passed Maner and spoke to him and and the shooting followed immediately young Maner is a cripple and very nervous.

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Phone 27 for estimates on job work.

A big rain occurred at Kerrville on the 20th rain to extent of five inches fell inundating the town of Kerrville and the country generally.

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If you want to get in on the ground floor of some of that Houghton & Robinson Ranch Land, which we have just finished sub-dividing into small parcels, now is the time for you to get choice of Blocks. So come early and avoid the rush.

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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.

Phone 67 for fresh vegetables and they will be delivered at your door.

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ANOTHER 3 STORY STONE BUILDING.

Chances Are Some Will be Contracted for at an Early Date.

A move is on foot, which, if terminates favorably will call for another three story building to go up on some suitable site. The W. O. W. Lodge want a permanent home, a Social Club will be organized and are on the lookout for a permanent home, and parties have offered to lease the ground of a building and to pay handsome lease for some, and pay in advance for two or three years. If this arrangements meets the approval of all interested the building is a certainty. The second story will be owned and used by the W. O. W. the third by the Club and the ground floor rented for a business.

Jo Wilmeth has made a proposition to donate a lot 30x78 feet on Eighth Street, adjoining the Central hotel, and has made also a financial proposition that can't very well be rejected if the parties interested want the building. The Woodmen meet tonight and the question will come before the lodge.

The new Chicago Mayor recently requested 12 members of the School Board to resign, four did so but he had to kick the rest out. That mayor knows a thing or two about "To the victor belongs the spoils."

Mrs. Howard Gould has entered suit from her husband on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. She declares that she wants the case aired fully in open court. Many of the four hundred have marital troubles doubtless owing to the fact that they have little useful work to keep them out of cussedness.

The Chicago chief has ordered that no more red flags be used in parades by labor organizations. He seems to think the U. S. flag is good enough to flaunt in that city.

Wade Waller, a popular paper drummer who visits this town, selling goods to the local printers was on the excursion with the newspaper men of the state, accompanied by his wife, and while at Houston Mrs. Waller left a purse lying on the table in the banquet hall. The purse contained diamonds to the value of \$400. As soon as she missed her purse the waiters in the banquet hall were searched but the diamonds could not be found.

Miss Ada Allen, who has been the guest of Miss Hattie Miles, the past month, departed Tuesday for her home in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, and Mrs. Butler, of Ballinger, were here this week, guests of Sam Jones and family. They were on their way to New Mexico on a prospecting trip.—Garden City Gazette.

"Skete Hall who has a picturesque manner of telling anything was amusing a crowd yesterday morning while waiting for the West bound Santa Fe, with stories of San Angelo. Skete says that Angelo is "town lot crazy." He says there are fifty seven land agents there and that any time a granger from the East with whiskers on his face steps off the train, his coat tails are nabbed by about two dozen land agents. He says they are selling San Angelo town lots out about Knickerbocker. Balloon space in Angelo according to Skete's version is worth thirty dollars a foot. He says they are selling lots where it will take the purchasers two years to exterminate the prairie dogs. Skete was not knocking the town but intended to show how excited people can become about town property when a new railroad comes their way.—Brownwood Bulletin.



The Driving Season Is Here

And you do not have to be rich to drive in a handsome rig. The man of small means can buy a complete driving outfit—everything but the horse from us.

WHY?

Because our prices are as low as the class of goods will justify. We have a complete line of

BUGGIES, SURRIES, HACKS, HARNESS, WHIPS AND LAP ROBES.

Remember we also sell Furniture and House Furnishings and exchange new goods for old.

Lankford and Hathaway.

BACK TO HOME



Back to the farm! That's where you get good coffee.

None of that "fresh roasted loose by the pound" store stuff from nobody knows where, full of dust, atmosphere and soiled hands, but the real old, genuine egg and sugar coated Arbuckles' ARIOSA Coffee, which the folks keep in the original package and grind in the kitchen.

That's Coffee!

Complies with all requirements of the National Pure Food Law, Guarantee No. 2041, filed at Washington.

Jack Douglass Accidentally Killed.

Jack Douglass who has been a citizen of Ballinger ever since the beginning, fell from the second story portico of a hotel at Bronte Sunday and broke his neck. Dr. Love was called out to see Mr. Douglass but his injuries could not be repaired, and he only lived a short while after the accident.

Mr. Douglass was a stone mason and there is a great deal of work in Ballinger that is left as a monument to him. His death calls to mind that of his partner, Jake Nelson, who died in the same manner, having fell down the steps from the second story of the Ostertag building, breaking his neck, about three years ago.

The remains were laid to rest in the Bronte cemetery Tuesday.

New Home Rambles.

Some of the farmers are uneasy about the dry weather again as the winds dried most of the moisture out of the ground.

Charlie Odell and Ed Jones attended the meeting at Mr. Casey at Ballinger Sunday night.

Miss May Wade spent Sunday with Miss Lena Wilkiason.

Miss Pearl Hinson and Joe Bristol spent Sunday with Miss Elen Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkins are spending a few days this week with relatives at Talpa.

While Martin Turner and Miss Lucy Wood were coming from the city Sunday evening their horse got scared ran into a fence tearing the shafts out of the their buggy but never hurt either one.

Miss Bettie Byrd spent Sunday with Miss Mable Barnett.

It is rumored that there will be a wedding next Sunday in our midst.

Bro. Tyer from Winters will preach for us Sunday at 11 a. m. also Sunday night. Remember there will not be preaching Saturday night every body invited to be present.

Mr. Carter is very low with pneumonia the doctor says there is no hopes of him recovering.

Am glad to say that Herbert Nowell and Clarence Dodd are able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dodd moved to Ballinger last week. We regret their leaving very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and daughters Misses Lola and Rosa spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and daughter Miss Rhoda.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Casey at Ballinger.

Mrs. Atnipp is spending this week with relatives at Talpa.

Mrs. Casey left Sunday for Bell county where she will spend several months with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Venice spent one day the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Perry.

Rad Brown and family spent Friday with Pink Brown and family.

Rose Bud.

Over 1600 immigrants were landed from the steamer Han-nour at Galveston on last Monday.

Paint Your Buggy for 75

to \$1.00 with Devoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weigh 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than others, wears longer and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by Ballinger Lumber Co. tf

Miss May Stockard, of Santa Anna, and Miss Raylea of Ladonio, returned to their home last Monday after a visit to Misses Mae and Myra Penn.

M. M. Syler returned to his home in south Texas Monday after a visit to his brother, W. S. Syler, and sister, Mrs. W. S. Mullin.

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco has been "peached on" by Abe Ruef the indicted grafter and as a result he will have to "explain away few things." The gods of the mills grind slowly yet they grind exceeding small" and Friscos clean up morally goes gradually on.

You get the best quality at lowest prices at Schawe's cash grocery Phone. 40.

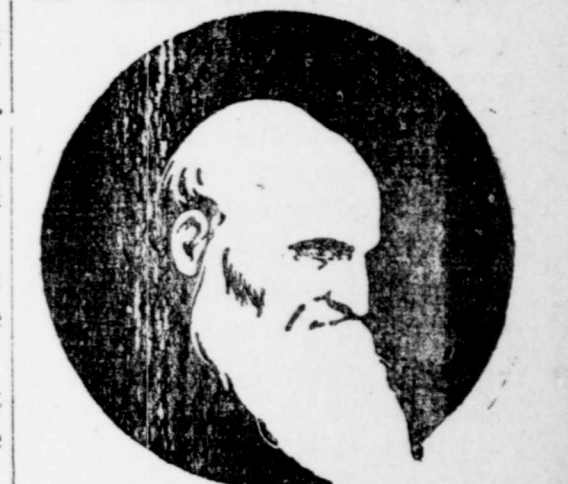
Water Coolers that keeps pure drinking water and saves your ice bill. For sale by VanPelt & Kirk

Do Not Suffer

No use suffering from Itching Piles when one box of Hunt's Cure is absolutely guaranteed to cure any case. One application will convince you of its merits.

CEDAR POST CEDAR POST we have them, a complete stock. Concho Lumber Co. successor to Humphrey Lumber Co. opposite Court House. tf.

OLD PEOPLE



NEED VINOL

Because it contains the very elements needed to rebuild wasting tissues and replace feebleness with strength. We return money if it fails to benefit.

The Walker Drug Co.

Weigh The Advantages

Of a loose cash system against a bank account and you will find everything in favor of the latter.

You can accomplish anything through the bank that you can with the cash and you have these advantages:

Your money is in absolute safety all the time and you cannot lose it by thieves or fire.

A little check book, which you carry in your pocket, makes all of your money available at any time.

No one can make you pay a bill twice, because your cancelled check is the best receipt known in law.

You gain the respect of your fellow citizens and have the influence of the bank behind you. Give up that dangerous cash system and start a bank account today.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,



It's a Ticklish Thing

To have people attend to your business that are not prepared for it.

Your Abstract work is an important item and best is none too good for you. We are prepared to execute your wishes in this line in

away that will please you. We have the books and force to do prompt and efficient work.

We have turned every page of the records of this county and our books are a monument to years of careful and painstaking labor.

Call on us for work in this line and receive your money's worth.

We charge no more than others but give you service that is worth while.

Giesecke - Bennett Company

"The Pioneer Abstract Firm"

A general war is being planned by many manufactures on the Labor Unions. The association plans to raise several millions of dollars to maintain the open shop to oppose boycott limitation of apprentices dictation by labor unions. If these plans mature there promises to be royal battle in the near future what will become of the devil who belongs to neither party or has no membership in a labor union or standing as a manufacturer.

Mrs. Porter Palmer of Chicago recently received an offer of marriage from the Servian King. She promptly declined with thanks. However the king need not despair as he will not have to try long for he will find some woman willing to marry any old thing in Europe that boasts of royalty in his blue veins.

We still want all the country products you can bring us such as eggs chickens and butter.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

We are handling T. A. Knight Berry Crop. Put in your orders for what you want to put up.

J. B. Alvis & Bro.

Through the courtesy of a brother who lives in Runnels county J. S. Lee of Bernice La. will read the Banner-Leader for a year. There is nothing that will beat advertising your county than sending your county paper to a friend or kinsman in some other country. They will not read it long before they will catch the West Texas fever and take Horace Greely's advice.

CHEW TOBACCO AND RUMINATE.

And You'll Make A Good Senator, Declares President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton.

The value of chewing tobacco as a help to ruminative habits that lead to good statesmanship was one of the things that Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, touched upon in his lecture yesterday at Columbia University on "The Senate of the United States," says the New York Sun. Dr. Wilson was pointing out the fact that the Western Senator as a rule is more valuable than the Eastern man, because he comes from a part of the country that is productive of thought. In the East, according to Dr. Wilson, men have no opinions because they do not have time to think.

"If you live in a place," said the president of Princeton, "where you can sit around a stove in a country store and spit tobacco juice into a sawdust box you are much more likely to have opinions than if you live in New York. Whatever you may think of the habit of chewing tobacco, I want to suggest that chewing something leads to ruminative habits. If a man stops long enough between sentences to chew, he is more likely to have opinions that are of weight than if he does not. There is something in the sawdust box."

"People who have their heads buried in the morning paper in the morning and in the evening paper in the afternoon, have no ideas except those which the newspapers give them. This is the kind of people that are found in the East, where the people think about nothing except what they see in the newspapers and their business. In the West this is not true. The Western Senator has time to chew between sentences and consequently is more likely to think those things which are of value to the nation."

YOUNG MEN WANTED—To

prepare for Railway Telegraph Service. Great demand for operators. Situations sure. Will begin pupils at home by furnishing instruments and instructions free of charge.

Dallas Telegraph College, 17 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

Lawn Mowers that run easy and cut clean for sale by

tf VanPelt & Kirk

Mystic Weavers.

(Omitted last week through mistake.)

The handsome home of Mrs. Walter Norman, always attractive and inviting was especially so last Saturday afternoon having assumed a marked beauty of floral adornment for the delight of the above named Club and in honor of Mrs. King, sister of the hostess.

A quantity of roses the queen flow ers filled vases and bowls on mantles and tables, imparting their rich beauty to the already pretty surroundings.

Amidst a bower of dainty ferns and flowers stood the punch bowl presided over by Miss Alice Norman, and frequently was this cozy nook visited by every guest.

An excellent musical program was rendered for the enjoyment of the occasion.

As a fitting close for a merry afternoon ice cream and cake were served after which the guests reluctantly departed voting this to be indeed an afternoon of rare pleasure.

Fresh Home Grown Berries.

My berry crop is now ready for the market and parties desiring good berries will do well to see me or phone 251.

tf W. R. White.

Eat that good wholesome New England Bread at Schawe's Cash Grocery. Bread wagon leaves store every afternoon.

Take your chickens to Schawe's cash grocery at the Godwin Grocery stand.

I BUY

Old Line Life Insurance Policies.

Owners of policies having borrowed the amount allowed by Company intending to discontinue same.

See me I will be able to give you a larger value on policies over 12 years old.

J. S. McGOWIN

T. L. Todd

Physician and Obstetrician,

I am prepared to do minor surgery.

Maverick Texas.



LAUGHING

Because he can buy ice from the old reliable ice man.

C. B. Armstrong

Again this summer. Yes I am in the business and better prepared than ever to keep you cool. I will appreciate your ice trade and give you the best service possible and as much ice as possible for the least money.

Remember we are still in the transfer business Phone 110.

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We Are Bidding For Your Business

Your Interests Are Our Interests. Compare Our Goods. Compare Our Prices On

Dry Goods
Notions
Boots & Shoes
Lumber
Clothing
Hats
Ladies Underwear
Skirts
Trunks
Grips
Window Shades
Groceries
Implements
Gents Furnishings

We guarantee the prices. we will not be undersold. Visit our store and make it your headquarters while in the city.

Below we give you a few prices that you may get an idea as to the way we offer you new dependable merchandise.

Staple Dry Goods

Good Calico at..... 5c
Best standard brands Calico at..... 6c
Best Oil Cloth at..... 6c
36 inch wide Brown Domestic..... 8 1-3, 7
..... 7 1-2 and 6
36 inch Bleached Domestic. 10 cent val
at..... 8 1-3c
Bleached Domestic..... 10, 8 1-3, 7 and 6
Good 36 inch wide Canvas at..... 4 1-2
Good Feather ticking..... 18 and 16 2-3
Good matts ticking at..... 10 and 8 1-3
Bleached table linen from \$2 per yard
down as low as..... 25c

Novelties and Notions

In our Novelty and Notion Department we are always awake to the newest. We

always show the best things in neckwear, belts, combs and ladies bags.
Ladies Neckwear at..... 75, 50 and 25
Ladies Belts at \$1.50 down to..... 25c
Ladies Combs at \$2.50 down to..... 25c
3-piece Comb sets 1.00, 75, 50 and..... 25c
White envelopes, per pkg..... 5c
Two rolls wire hair pins..... 5c
Hair brushes 75, 50 and..... 25c
Combs 75, 50 down to..... 10c
Cloth brushes 50c and..... 25c

Men's and Boys' Clothing

\$10,000 worth of Old Men's, Young Men's and Boys' Clothing to select from.
Men's Suits from \$18 to..... \$5.00
Boys' Suits from \$12 to..... \$1.00

It's a fact in placing before you our line of Men and Young men's suit's for the spring season we feel justified in saying this line is far superior to the made to order garments in quality, fit and style.

Kantbebeat garments are the most modern, look for the Kantbebeat label on your garments. If you find it, rest assured that the style is of the best. We are showing the latest spring Kantbebeat clothing that will be worn by men of good taste and refinement.

The Kantbebeat experience is most impressive and costs least. We show and sell the new creation in this line from \$10 to \$18 and stand behind every garment going out at guaranteed prices. In our shoe department where quality and prices meet none but reliable brands are shown. We are sole agents for Hamilton Brown Shoe.

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Fifty Years the Standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Cream of Tartar Powder Made From Grapes NO ALUM