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The White Store

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Let these offerings illustrate our control of value giving. Each article at the price will prove a saving. You get every advantage that our experience can give. Our prices are now lower than factories.

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R. A. Risser & Co.

Ballinger Texas,

Maverick.

The health of the community in general good.

We are needing rain very bad. Grain is drying up and there is no cotton or feed to dry up.

Last Friday night the W. O. W gave an Ice Cream supper. Two very fine cakes were voted to the prettiest girls in the house, Miss Josie Glenn and Miss Lizzy Borders were the lucky ones. The whole thing was a success netting the camp a little over \$20. Music was furnished by the string band.

Mr. Fowler while riding one of Will Headlis's pet horses was thrown into a wire fence receiving several bad cuts on his breeches. The horse was cut but not seriously.

Mr. D. T. Bootright left last week for Nolan county where he has bought some land.

Several of the boys are in the Winters country chopping cotton this week.

Mr. E. Liepe left last week for Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Norton went to the Winters country Sunday to visit relatives and see the pretty crops. Norton says they look good to him.

Miss Anna Siepe was in Maverick yesterday.

Mr. Lette has been selling fine cabbage this week, showing what Oak Creek land will do when it has water to do with.

W. A. Glenn, C. W. Odom, and A. G. Norton and family went fishing on Monday night at the spring hole with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bowdon of Roscoe. Tom is an old settler at Maverick being one of the first ones here.

He moved to Roscoe two years ago, where he is engaged in the real estate and insurance. They returned home Thursday.

Mr. W. R. Lette spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother Dave near Winters who had a bad case of poisoning of some kind on his hands and face.

J. E. McAuley is bailing Johnson grass for C. W. Odom.

There will be children's day exercises here Sunday at 3: p. m. Farmers, are still planting cotton hoping that it will rain in time to make cotton.

Bill Skinner.

Ballinger Editor Visits San Angelo.

A. W. Sledge, the versatile editor of the Ballinger Banner-Leader, visited San Angelo Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, and when found today by some of the newspaper folks of Angelo, stated that Angelo was so large that he had lost his way, etcetera, etcetera.

Mr. Sledge has a rosy report about his flock, and rendered the following "speech" while here. "Last season Ballinger marketed forty thousand bales of cotton of 500 pounds or a total of more than twenty million pounds of the fleecy staple, nearly all of which was of excellent grade and which netted the producers an amount exceeding \$2,000,000.

"This year, of course, marketings will not aggregate the total reached last season, but we are all earnestly and confidently hoping for a crop of 25,000 bales.

"There's a lot of building going on in Ballinger. Seven business houses, which will cost approximately \$75,000 in all are now in course of construction and there are about a couple of

dozen nice residences being built

"Bank deposits are good and crops of two-thirds of Ballinger's trade territory are fair to fairly good. The fruit prospects are splendid and we will soon forget the hot, dry weather. You noticed, of course, that Ballinger led the state in the increase of the salaries of the postmasters of Texas. Ballinger's postmaster has received an increase of from \$1,900 to \$2,200, and our population is about 5,000.

"San Angelo is at present supplying Ballinger ice, but after July 15 the Crystal Ice Company of which Beckwith & Miller are the proprietors, will be in operation.

"It has been a good while since I last visited San Angelo, and I notice the great improvements throughout the parts of the city that I have seen. San Angelo has all the airs of a metropolitan city of the great West, and is growing with leaps and bounds—the result of the excellent co-operation of all San Angolites, who afford a splendid sample of public spirit and pride. Won't be long ere San Angelo folks will be riding in street electric cars, either. This city possesses a magnificent location for a metropolis."

Notice

About 10 days ago a man by the name of Jim Brice lately dropped into this settlement, had some little trouble at Ballinger. Finding that people that know me and is not acquainted with him, don't know but what it is me thereby I make this notice, and I wish to say we are no kin as far as I know. I have been living in this county six years.

J. W. Brice.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

The regular services will be held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Sunday. The subject for the morning service will be "Christ Our Shepherd" and for the evening service "Life's Choice."

Services Sunday.

The Sunday School will be held at the Rink at 10:00. There will be no preaching services morning or evening as the pastor will be away attending District Conference.

It is hoped that the members will take advantage of this opportunity to attend other Church E. P. Williams, Pastor

Negro West in Jail.

Constable Dick Runyon was after the negro from Ballinger who hit the town Tuesday after the Ballinger citizens had told him in most emphatic terms that he wasn't wanted there. He got the man and put him in jail on a charge of vagrancy.

A number of good negroes about the city planned when they read the News Tuesday morning to wait upon the party and ask him to leave town. They were a little too late though for Uncle Dick had already found him and locked the man up.—San Angelo News.

First Presbyterian Church

Regular services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Strangers and visitors and members of other churches without services in their own churches are cordially invited to attend. J. D. Leslie, Pastor.

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

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It is your money that you pay for shoes and you owe it to yourself to get all you can for it.

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BANNER-LEADER

Clipped From Our Exchanges

I. W. Higginbotham of Dublin passed through the city this morning en route to Ballinger. He had with him two registered English Collie dogs which he will place on the Higginbotham ranch near Ballinger to be used in herding the sheep.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Corsicana, Texas.—The anti-prohibition majority in the election here Saturday as given out from their headquarters today has dwindled down to eight votes. The prohibitionists held a meeting today and decided to call all their precinct chairman together next Friday looking to a contest.

The Dallas Times Herald says that it has for twenty-five years waged a campaign for home money, and home industry. We ought to all take up the fight. If Texas money is good enough for the east it is good enough for home. Let us patronize home industries. It will pay.—Georgetown Commercial.

Farm laborers were scarce while buck negroes were plentiful in Fort Worth, and last Monday morning the officers of that city locked up a number of the worthless loafers. They were given a chance to either chop cotton for farmers at the good remuneration of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day or break rocks for the city while reflecting on their own worthlessness, and the result was that many farmers are now catching up with their work.—Brownwood News.

Most every town has a lot of lazy devils claiming such weak backs that if they undertook to split the kindling wood it would lay them up for weeks. They allow their wives to take in washing to keep the family, but they are willing to get the drinks, that they can handle a gun, a bushel bag of wheat standing in a half bushel measure. But when one of these cracker box statesmen passes in his checks his wife, instead of holding a jollification meeting, will weep over his worthless cadaver and spend a year's income on a funeral outfit that don't fit him when he deserves to be kicked into eternity in his shirt tail. Oran Herald.

Meteor Strikes Hay Wagon.

Jackson, Mo., June 23—A small meteor struck a wagon load of hay driven by Elam Masterson, who resides four miles East of this city, and destroyed the hay and wagon. Masterson was driving along the road when he heard a sharp explosion, and turning quickly, he found the hay in flames. In leaping from the wagon he injured his leg, but succeeded in unhitching the horses. The meteor was about the size of a baseball.

Local Option Election.

Baird, Texas, June 22.—A local option election for Callahan county was ordered to be held July 13. It will be remembered that this county held an election October 6 last, which was set aside because ordered three days less than two years from declaration of a former election.

It will now be order for Rev. W. H. Kittrell of Cisco to get busy and explain to the people of Calahan county why its unscriptural to advocate prohibition.

Slapped a New Yorker.

At the recent Confederate Reunion at Richmond a New Yorker took occasion to make some derogatory remarks about the Confederate veterans in attendance when Rush Pearson, a prominent Tennessee veteran, promptly seized the New Yorker by the ear with one hand, while with the other he administered a sound slapping which was not

resented. As an expression of commendation for Pearson's act, a North Carolina veteran took from his finger a gold ring and placed it on the Tennessean's finger with the wish that every time he looked at the ring he would recall the incident. The incident occurred late at night and the name of the impudent New Yorker could not be ascertained.

No Coffin Tack Allowed On This Railroad.

In the new time card and instruction Pamphlet of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico road, just issued, there is a clause prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes by any of the employees of that road. This is considered a novelty in that the new road will traverse that section of Texas in which cigarette smoking is thought to be the chief occupation of the natives. Many Mexicans reside in this particular portion of the state and they form the chief factor in labor. As they will necessarily have to be employed to a large extent on the line railroad here are wondering how the new road will get them to give up their "dear cigarette's."—Rescoe Times.

Negro Hurt.

Reports have reached here of an accident which occurred between Coleman Junction and Valeria on the Santa Fe several nights ago. It is reported that Rufus Hulien, a negro, well known in Brownwood fell from number 75, the west bound passenger train and was badly mangled, one foot being severed from the leg and his back and side badly bruised. Hulien is supposed to have been drunk and stealing a ride on the "blind baggage" and in some manner lost his balance and fell beneath the car wheels. He was found some ten hours later by an East bound train crew. The negro was in an unconscious condition and had lost much blood. He was carried to Coleman and at last reports had not regained consciousness. —Brownwood Bulletin.

We Didn't Know It.

Ballinger was doubtless the hottest place in the United States Friday. According to the figures obtained by the weather bureau, Ballinger had a temperature of 100 degrees, while Phoenix Ariz., only had 98 degrees.

Phoenix usually holds down the boards, but on several different occasions recently she has been outclassed by Brownwood Ballinger and other West Texas towns. Friday, however, was the first time this year that the thermometer has reached the 100 degree mark.

Abilene has 98 degrees, and Houston, Henrietta, Lampasas and Longview had a temperature of 90 degrees. Fort Worth was fairly cool, the highest temperature recorded being 87 degrees. —Fort Worth Star.

Will Enter Suit.

I. C. Williams, an old time fisherman of East San Angelo purposes prosecuting the Santa Fe railroad because that company allows its reservoirs of Beaumont oil and refuse oil to leak out upon the waters of the North Concho.

This Beaumont oil floats into the main Concho and as far as Johnston's dam, kills the fish and poisons others.

"The other day at Johnston's dam," said Mr. Williams yesterday, "I saw within a distance of forty yards, at least a hundred dead fish floating upon the wa-

ter, which made a terrible stench. The fish weighed all the way from a quarter of a pound to fifty pounds, and consisted of perch, bass, blue cats, mud cats etc.—Daily Standard.

Keeping Negro West Moving.

A negro is in the city from Ballinger. The reason he is here is because the decent people of the neighboring town didn't care to have him reside in their midst any longer. He is said to have been entirely too intimate with a white woman of Ballinger. This colored skinned devil has no place in San Angelo. The decent colored people do not want him and most certainly none of the respectable white citizens do. The local officers should see that he keeps on moving until he gets across the border into Mexico where he can reside without hurting the self-respect of decent people.

Whenever Ballinger or any other town dumps its worthless people this way the thing to do is to move them on to the next town. The people of this city are too pure and noble to have such rascals in their midst to endanger the purity of the homes. —San Angelo News.

Oh, Rats.

According to the Government biological survey the rat is a very expensive animal. He not only eats a fabulous amount of grain annually, but he is a genuine fire bug. The rat destroys more than he eats, for he gnaws silks, satins, woollens and costly fabrics he cannot eat. He carries disease in his wanderings and is in other ways an enemy to society.

Since the biological survey has thus convicted the rodent of arson, murder and malicious mischief it has also pronounced for him the sentence of death. The Agricultural Department is to issue the warrant for his execution. A long-suffering public, after this advertisement will await the appearance of the warrant with impatience. It desires to know how to kill the rat, and it hopes it will not be necessary for someone to hold the little beast while it is being executed. —Coleman Voice.

Cyclone at Glen Cove.

A strong wind blowing from the south, and which finally terminated in a genuine twister, visited Glen Cove about 12-30 p. m. yesterday, demolishing a great portion of the town.

The Christian church was entirely destroyed, while the Baptist church was blown from its blocks and damaged a great deal otherwise. The Methodist parsonage was picked up and turned completely around. The W. O. W. hall was rent in twain by the destructive wind. A seed house was destroyed, which entailed a loss, alone, of \$800. Numerous out houses and residences were blown down which rendered many homeless. The loss to property is estimated in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Mrs. J. B. Allen, Prof. Cox of the G. C. school, — Gabbert, were seriously hurt. None it is thought were fatally wounded, but all are in a precarious condition.

Phone lines are down and information from that point, concerning the full extent of the damage done by the storm, is very meager.—Talpa Tribune.

Winning of the West.

Every writer on the possibilities of the Western Continent, every recent experiment bulletin every traveler agrees that the greatest development of agriculture in the next half century must be in what is known as the semi-arid region of America, which embraces the almost entire Southwest.

This state of affairs is made

inevitable by the fact that the eastern portion of our continent is fast becoming so crowded that it is absolutely necessary that the people look elsewhere for a place to make a home. They naturally go to the thinly settled southwest, where there is room to acquire homes.

A great drawback to our country has been a dread of the uncertainty of the seasons, but this is fast disappearing. Many of our people remember when the lands in this immediate section were considered almost worthless, and that not many years ago. But that idea has given away to the tide of immigration, and today we have a beautiful and prosperous section, filled with fine farms in what not very long ago was considered a most valueless.—Hamilton Herald.

Some of the New Laws.

The following is a list of the new general laws passed during the regular session of the 30th Legislature, that will become effective on July 12th.

Game law bill, Pure food law, Anti-lobby bill, The fourteen hour bill, Game warden bill, The full crew bill, Juvenile court bill, Anti-free pass bill, The fire escape bill, Escheated estate bill, Anti-blacklisting bill, Anti-cock fighting bill, The incorrigible child bill, The saloon regulation law, The State bank reserve bill, Bill amending the election law.

Law defining insolvent corporations, Bill creating the department of agriculture, Bill amending the present law as to adopting Children, The "Jim crow" bill applying to street and interurban cars, Bill making it a misdemeanor for a man or wife to desert their children, Bill to compel cities to deposit their money in banks under contract, Bill extending the writ of injunction to blind tigers in local option districts, The "ghost bill"—allowing medical college to take all unclaimed dead human bodies. Bill to compel the insurance commissioner to issue a certificate on proper showing by the applicant for such certificate.—Brenham Banner.

Crop Prospects Good.

W. C. Penn of Ballinger, the veteran cotton buyer of West Texas, who has been buying cotton here ever since San Angelo was a cotton market, stated last evening to the News reporter that cotton conditions throughout the Concho country were not as bad as some people pictured them by a good deal.

"The firm I represent," said Mr. Penn, "requires that a careful investigation of the territory the buyers work in be made each year at this time to ascertain the acreage planted. I have taken several trips over the country and have made many inquiries regarding cotton conditions. The result of the investigations have been that cotton in many places appears to be all right and as good as could be expected. Right close to San Angelo it might be much better than it is. I do not think there is any serious cause for alarm though for the Concho country will come out with colors flying. Conditions have been much worse."

Mr. Penn was asked what he thought of cotton going to 20 cents a pound. In reply he said that such a thing might be possible, but he thought conditions all over the country were a little too good for such figures to be reached unless something extraordinary happened.—San Angelo News.

Now and then some fellow remarks to us: "Well now that the paper is out, I suppose that you can take it easy for three or four days. Yes, how delightful it is that the country editor has nothing at all to do between press days. Business runs along automatically. When p a p e r

come due, money drops off the trees, with which to pay the subscribers, he with each other to see who can pay the furthest in advance. Advertisers beg for additional space, and the way the news hunts up the editor is also pleasant to contemplate. There is something really strange the way the news items act. The editor simply goes to his desk leans back in his easy chair, looks wise and waits for next week's press day. The day before press day the people line up before the office door and then file past his desk and tell him all of the news. He writes it up in fifteen or twenty minutes, then he takes it back and hangs it on the hook. The compositors take the copy, shake it over the type cases, say a few mystic words, the type flies into place, and after a few passes by the foreman the forms are ready for press again. And the editor goes down and deposits some more money in the bank. Now, if the editor could only do away with press day his joy would be complete.—Exchange.

The Farmers' Creed.

More than 60 years ago Henry Ward Beecher, the great pulpit orator, gave voice to the following farmers' creed which possesses lasting qualities.

We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation.

We believe that soil loves to eat, as well as its owner and ought therefore be liberally fed.

We believe in large crops which leave the land better than

they found it—making the farmer and the farm both glad at once.

We believe in going to the bottom of things, and therefore in deep plowing and enough of it. All the better with a subsoil plow.

We believe that every farmer should own a farm.

We believe that the best fertilizer for any soil is a spirit of industry, enterprise and intelligence. Without this lime, and gypsum bones and green manure marl and guano will be of little use.

We believe in good fences, good barns, good farmhouses, good stock, good orchard and children enough to gather the fruit.

We believe in a clean kitchen, a neat wife in it, a spinning wheel clean cupboard, a clean conscience.

We firmly disbelieve in farms that will not improve; in farms that grow poorer every year; in starving cattle; in farmers' boys turning into clerks and merchants in farmers' daughters unwilling to work, and in all farmers ashamed of their vocation, or who drink whiskey until honest people are ashamed of them.

Doctor Lost.

His patient who had tetter in her hands, eczema in her face and head. She used a bottle of Hoops's Tetter Cure and is now well. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.



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The kind of planks sold at this lumber yard and you'll get gray headed before they need renewing.

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The high grade quality of our ground Spices, Peppers, Ginger, Cloves, Etc. are just what the housewife will appreciate. They are put up in conveniently sealed cans under the pure food law requirement. Then there are no better flavoring fruit extracts than we prepare at a cost much less than you usually pay elsewhere. Does't it mean something to you?

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For Sale.

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

These hot days cause drowsy feelings, stupidness, general debility, etc. Strengthen your body and purify your blood by the use of Ethelbert's Sarsaparilla Compound.

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An itching trouble is not necessarily a dangerous one, but certainly a most disagreeable affliction. No matter the name, if you itch—it cures you. Hunt's Cure is "It." Absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of itching known. First application relieves.

—Four different varieties of Northern seed corn at M. D. Chastains.

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

A woman fighting for health will have no trouble defending herself if she will use Herpton a week prior to the expected period. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

A rich man is the man who always has money. Put some of your money in the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger and you will begin to be rich right away. tf

Paint Your Buggy for 75

to \$1.00 with Devoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 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

The Mesquite timber is heavily loaded with beans this one crop the county is long on. The beans make fine feed for stock.

D. M. Baker, C. A. Doose, C. S. Miller and wife, Eugene Risser and wife are expected home tomorrow, after a months excursion North.

"Woes of Drunkenness."

But they also have erred through wine and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.—Isaiah 28-7.

Isaiah, most brilliant of the Old Testament poets, left many bright sayings on record, but nothing superior to his denunciation of the drink habit. This was the first temperance sermon ever delivered and Isaiah was the first prohibition agitator. The Israelites, as their history shows, suffered much from the vice of intoxication. Noah was scarcely off his ark until he became beastly drunk. Fine fellow to start a new race with. It was because of their debauch at Shittim with the Moabite women that "Jehovah's wrath was kindled" against the rioters and to this drunken orgy was due the subsequent extermination of the Midianites. This first "saloon row" as it may well be called, was the prime cause of the most brutal, cruel and inexcusable war recorded in the history of the "chosen people." After they had settled in Palestine, grape raising was the principal agricultural industry, and they drank entirely too much of their own wine. By the time of Isaiah, which was in the eighth century B. C., it is evident that drunkenness in its worst form was alarmingly prevalent. It will be noticed in the extract above that not only the people, but the priests and prophets: were addicted to strong drink and severely denounced by the old temperance reformer.

Twenty seven eventful centuries have passed since Isaiah delivered his sermon on the "Woes of Drunkenness," and we are still fighting the same awful curse. The twentieth century sees a battle royal still in progress between the people of the United States and entrenched forces of intoxicating liquor. Never before were the prospects so bright for victory over the "demon of the still." The coils are being closed around the monster in every State of the Union, and it is hoped in time that the life may be choked out of him entirely. The temperance laws grow more and more drastic, and the determination of the masses of the people for their enforcement becomes stronger and stronger every day. Within the last few months three Circuit Court Judges in Indiana have decided that the saloon is a nuisance, a foe of peace and morals and that the State has no right to license murder. What is still more remarkable, two Boards of County Commissioners have refused to license saloons on the same ground.

It is pleasing to note that the farmers as a class are overwhelmingly on the side of sobriety in this titanic struggle against the chief foe of mankind and principal obstruction in the pathway of civilization. The rural districts are practically all anti-saloon, and have either driven it out or are preparing to do so. Soon these abominations will be confined exclusively to the large cities. There, we are sorry to say, the vice still lingers in its worst form. Go to any fashionable hotel between the hours of 11 and 3 o'clock and you will find well-dressed men and women in the cafes, eating and drinking. There around the mid-night table, enthroned between Bacchus and Venus, drunken men hiccough out immoral arguments and obscene jests. There sharpers and bullies and hard-hearted impudent debauches nightly hold forth for the edification of the rising generation. Here may be seen beardless youths, still in college, reeling around the wine glass while women of questionable character indulge in weak laughter and maudlin applause. Here the night rounders, "men of the world," the

libertine and the roue lie in wait for the victims that are to be baited with wine. There are many Evelyn Thaws who are not found out, who do not get into the courts as the result of murder. In every great city of this Union there are to be found fashionable dens, as infamous as that of Stamford White, where drunken orgies are indulged in by men and women with foreheads of bronze, hearts as hard as the nether millstone and tongues set on fire of hell.—American Farmer.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT BROWNWOOD.

Very Mysterious Affair in Which Two Dead Bodies Take a Prominent Part in the Mystery.

The Brownwood Daily Bulletin of yesterday says:

The officers are puzzled to know just what the conduct of a certain man who was in the city last night means. A man giving his name as Smith came in on the Frisco train at 8:45 and carried the dead body of a little nine months baby to the Empire Undertaking establishment and arranged for its burial. The body of this man's wife, who is supposed to have died at Mineral Wells two days ago, was also on the train and was transferred here to the Santa Fe and carried to Santa Anna for interment.

It has developed that the baby was alive when the train left Comanche last night and that shortly after taking milk from a bottle it died.

It is said that the man had given the baby to a lady on the train to hold for a few minutes and that the child expired while in the arms of the lady.

The officers say that the man's name is Blanton and that he was accompanied by Mrs. Dudley mother of the dead woman, and that the mother went to Santa Anna with the corpse. The man returned on the Frisco this morning and the sheriff here wired to Stephenville to have him arrested and detained. The Stephenville sheriff wired an answer stating that the conductor on the train informed him that the man wanted had left the train at Comanche. The Comanche officer up to press time had been unable to locate him.

Sheriff Emison and District Attorney Early went to Santa Anna on the morning train to see if they could gather any additional information regarding the affair.

The county physician made a partial examination of the body of the baby and says that it is evident the child had been sick with bowel trouble for sometime. He will hold an autopsy tonight.

The lady in whose arms the baby died lives at Brady and spent the night in Brownwood. She says she offered to help the man with the baby and that the little fellow died within a few minutes after she took it. The young man told her his name was Smith, but she heard the woman who was with him call him Mr. Blanton.

He was a young man and handsomely dressed and had considerable money on his person. He paid the undertaker here the full expense of a burial outfit and for digging the grave, etc. It is thought that a deep mystery surrounds the affair and the officers hope to obtain a clue by learning the identity of the lady whose body was shipped to Santa Anna.

Found-Store key. Call and pay for this notice and get the key, if it is yours.

N. J. H. Cabe and wife of Vernon are here visiting relatives. Mr. Cabe says the Venon country is in good shape, notwithstanding that their small grain crop was a failure.

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.

Banner Leader.

Purely Personal

Bobt Turner went to Angelo on business Wednesday.

Pink Abernathy is here from Glasscock county on a visit.

J. R. McVay returned from a prospecting trip in Demit county.

C. O. Ferguson made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

Judge B. B. Stone came in today from a visit to Dallas and other places.

Miss Maud Starkey returned from a visit to San Angelo and other places Tuesday.

Sheriff Kirk and family came in yesterday from a two weeks camp on the Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Isom and baby returned this morning from a visit to Dallas and other places.

W. A. Norman and family went to Paint Rock Wednesday to attend the Voss-Norman wedding.

Ed Shinn landed two bad Mexicans in jail Wednesday night, for being drunk and the other for fighting.

Dick Oliver and family left Wednesday for their new home

at Coahoma, Howard county.

L. F. Gressett accompanied the gun club boys to Comanche and visited his brother there, Thursday.

J. B. Shields and T. J. Gardner two of the court house boys, expect to go to Galveston to-morrow to take their annual bath.

Sheriff Futch of Coleman county was here Wednesday and in company with deputy Sheriff Demoville went out to Winters to look for a bad man.

Miss Annie Van Doran the popular stenographer of the Citizens National Bank, attended the Voss-Norman wedding at Paint Rock Wednesday.

A. W. Sledge the red headed thought machine of this popular sheet went to Angelo last Wednesday. Finder please return as he is needed here very much.

Mrs. Hayden Routh and children returned to their home at Lawton Oklahoma Monday. She was accompanied home by Misses Katie Belle Gregory and Lola Brown.

Jas E. Brewer received his new fixtures this week and placed them in his new building. Mr. Brewer now has the most modern and best furnished Jewelry store west of Fort Worth.

C. C. F. Blanchard is here from Amarillo to close up a deal

in which he sells his old home place to W. C. Penn for \$2,500. Mr. Penn will improve the place and make a nice home out of it.

Mrs. Joe B. Johnston, and little son Joe B. Jr. returned from a months stay at Marlin Wednesday. They were accompanied by Miss Amelia Johnston who has been attending School in Missouri.

Will G. Voss and bride Miss Pannie Norman, were in the city for a few minutes last night on their way to Corpus Christi. Mr. Voss and Miss Norman were married at Paint Rock yesterday morning.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We made mention of Dr. Lightner buying the Major Brazelton house last week when we should have said that Dr. Baskins purchased the place. We were misinformed. Dr. Baskins went to Mt. Pleasant Monday to get some one to help him keep the place.

Three men suicided one day this week at Houston. Knowing how hot it is in Houston this time of the year one could hardly blame them.

C. J. Green a handsome and popular printer has again become our foreman. Jack is an all around artistic printer and always does satisfactory work for our patrons.

You'll Feel At HOME

If there is anybody in or around Ballinger who hesitates to open a bank account because he thinks he would not be welcomed unless he had a large amount of money to deposit, we want him to come to this bank and find out how much he is mistaken.

We will make him feel at home here, and he will find that we will give him a warm welcome and as much attention as he can receive in any business place in Ballinger or elsewhere.

It is our duty and our pleasure as well as good business to encourage everyone who can have any use of banks to become a depositor with us.

Let us welcome and help you by every service that a bank can render.

The Citizens National Bank.
Capital and Surplus \$135,000

Nothing Like a "Star" Plug

The man who drives a wagon or the man who rides an automobile finds there's nothing like a chew of "Star" to satisfy tobacco hunger. On nearly every automobile ride "Star" is part of the outfit. Those who take their pleasure in this way demand the best and only the high quality of



STAR
PLUG CHEWING TOBACCO

is good enough for them. No other chew is so wholesome, so clean, so rich, because no other chew is made of such choice, ripe leaf.

No chew is so economical as "Star" because its full-bodied leaf is elastic and lasting. A 10c. piece of "Star" will "out chew" 10c. worth of any other kind sold — and give far greater satisfaction in the bargain.

"Star" plugs are full 16 oz. weight and honest value. "Star" sales equal those of any five other brands.

150,000,000 10c. pieces sold annually

In All Stores



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

Fresh line of good groceries on hand all the time at Miller Mer. Co. Call and see us.

Bids Wanted.

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Ballinger at their next regular meeting, July 2nd, 1907 from any banking co-operation association or individual banker doing business in the City for the privilege of being made the depository of the funds of the city for the year next following the date of this meeting. Said bids to be based upon daily balances. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. R. Lusk,
City Sec'y.

Don't

Don't let your child suffer with that cough when you can cure it with Ballard's Horehound Syrup, a sure cure for Coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza, Croup and Pulmonary Diseases. Buy a bottle and try it.

B. B. Laughter, Byhalia, Miss., writes: "I have two children who had croup. I tried many different remedies, but I must say your Horehound Syrup is the best Croup and Cough medicine I ever used."

Sold by J. Y. Pearce

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.


A Sure, Certain Remedy for Striped Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded. Best prepared for \$1.00 per box. Will send three on trial, to be paid for when relieved. Sample Free. If your druggist does not have these send your order to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

Bowel Trouble

is a sure sign that your digestive organs are overworked—too heavily burdened—in a state of rebellion. It is a serious condition, and if neglected will result in complications of the gravest character. Death not infrequently ensues as the penalty for thinking that the trouble will correct itself and disappear unassisted.

Don't neglect this condition—don't invite disaster by delay, but go to the nearest druggist and buy a bottle of



Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin
(Laxative)

It is the safest, quickest-acting and most effective remedy in the world for all bowel and stomach troubles—pleasant, powerful, and penetrating. It reaches the seat of the trouble and instantly corrects it. The confined gases are released, fermentation is stopped and the affected locality soothed and strengthened. DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN can be obtained in both dollar and half-dollar sizes at 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. Mail your postal today.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO.
Monticello, Illinois

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

PINICS AND OUTINGS

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.

Dornberger & Hopkinson.

The up-to-date Grocers - - - Phone 107.

General News

Horse and two riders were killed by lightning near Gatesville.

Mrs. Anson Jones, president of the Daughters of the Republic is ill at Houston.

The Rio Grande river is on a rampage in New Mexico and doing great damage.

Kingstone was visited by severe storm that injured five persons and devastated crops.

Three more insurance companies advise commissioner of withdrawal from the state.

Small tornado does considerable damage in southern Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

Crop conditions in Williamson county vastly improved by recent rains followed by fair weather.

Attorney General holds that Quartermaster Gen. of National Guard can not ride on a free pass.

J. F. Condit husband and father of victims of Edna tragedy testifies in Monk Gibson case.

State health officer declares San Antonio is developing best sanitary condition of any city in the state.

Attorney General holds that proceeds from school land sale must be maintained in the county depositories.

Federal receiver of Waters-Pierce designates Sherman as company's headquarters and appoints St. Louis man as manager.

Miss Ella Honeycutt, a prominent young lady of Harrisburg, N. C., was run down and killed by a passenger train late Saturday night.

While trying to repair a car loaded with lumber, A. E. Willingham, repairer, in the employ of the Cotton Belt shops, was badly crushed at Tyler.

A genuine case of glanders was recently discovered at San Angelo. The horse was promptly killed and fear of the disease is entertained.

Fourteen inches of snow fell on last Sunday at Butler Montana. It was hardly cold enough on that date for snow in Texas as the thermometer was about 100 in the shade.

Saturday night at Mt. Calm some time after 10 o'clock some one entered E. K. Herring's drug store and took out \$150 worth of jewelry consisting mostly of rings and watches.

Skitany, wealthy, Japanese merchant of Cleveland, died of heat prostration at the Cleveland-St. Louis base ball game. He came to Cleveland from Japan ten years ago and married a white woman three years later.

The thermometer might have registered 100 in Ballinger, but we heard of no one that noticed it, and if the weather man had failed to make his report we would have never been the wiser. No one complained of the hot weather.

William J. Bryan addressed an audience of 1,800 people in the Corsicana Chautauqua Saturday. Mr. Bryan prefaced his lecture with some remarks on politics, but the "Prince of Peace" was the subject of the lecture and the audience was delighted with it.

Two Italians who had been drinking ran amuck on Rock Island train No. 5 west bound near Goodland Kansas, and before they could be restrained they shot and killed one man and shot a bride in the face and her sister in the shoulder. The Italians were removed from the train at Goodland and placed in confinement.

Gov. Vardaman of Miss having announced that he intended to pardon Mrs. Angie Birdsong for the killing of Dr. Butler, two

petitions one signed by the men generally and the other by the women of Monticello and Lawrence counties asking the Gov. eror not to pardon her. They affirm that the unwritten law does not apply to her case at all and are very bitter in their denunciation of Mrs. Birdsong. It is expected that much bitterness will result from the agitation of the matter and may be something more serious.

Roscoe recently incorporated by a vote of 65 to 18 and now will put on city airs.

Pres. Roosevelt will recommend to Congress that China be refunded \$40,000,000 excess indemnity fund our actual losses incurred in the Boxer Rebellion.

There is much complaint about about the great number of dead fish found in the Concho above San Angelo. It is supposed that some parties are dynamiting the river.

Prof. W. J. Sims, Superintendent of the public school of Cameron Texas while waiting for a train at Texarkana fell dead from heart failure. Prof Sims was a well known and popular educator of Texas.

On Friday of last week late in the evening a very severe hail storm took place at Coleman doing great damage to windows and skylights. Some of the hail measured as much as 10in. in circumference.

Mrs. Anson Jones who 88 years old lies very ill at her daughters home in Houston. Mrs. Jones is the widow of former President Anson Jones President of the

Texas Republic and on that account is one of the historic characters of Texas.

Gen. Funston who has charge of the military forces situated at San Francisco recently received an invitation to have a military parade in that city on the 4th of July but refused saying that he didn't want to have his men "sneered at and jeered at by an unwhipped mob."

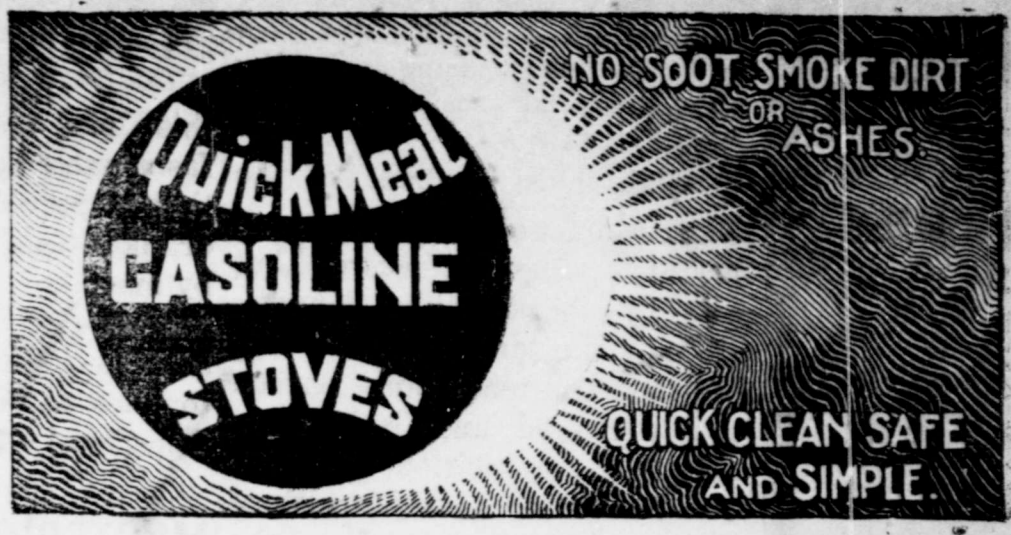
At a meeting of the railroad men at Chicago it is rumored that a resolution was passed that all the railroads would lower rates to the two cent basis. This is said to have been done on account of the recent agitation and legislation in many states in favor of the two cent basis for fares.

If You Want Stationery

THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO LET REPRESENT YOUR BUSINESS, HAVE IT MADE AT

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Dooce Bldg., Phone 248

Lee Maddox went to Winters Monday to see how things looked and write a few thousand dollars insurance.



Stoves For Hot Weather

Now for the good old summer time—and for the good new things in summer necessities for the house, yard and garden, everything that you would naturally look to a hardware store for, we can supply to better advantage than you can get it elsewhere.

You can't get the famous Gurney refrigerators except from us. It not only is a saver of Ice, but it has many advantages not found in the ordinary kind.

"Quick Meal Gasoline and Blue flame oil burners"
Ice Cream Freezers.
All Seasonable Specialties.
The only water filter that filters.
Baths and bath accessories.

We Solicit your order for Hardware.

Hall Hardware Company.

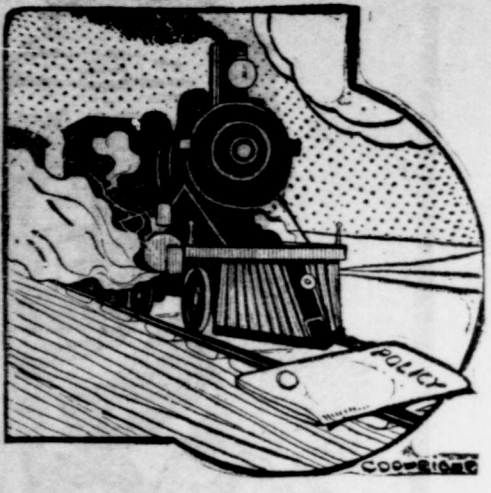
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Arbuckles' ARIOSA comes in one pound packages only, sealed for your protection to insure your getting the genuine old-fashioned Arbuckles' ARIOSA Coffee everytime.

Be real angry if they send you a substitute, which is not as good and may in time ruin your digestion and nerves.

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One of our Policies**

"make a note on't as
Cap'n Cuttle says, for
you'll be sure it's the
kind of policy that safe-
guards whoever owns.

**A Good Insurance
Policy**

like everything else
that's good' es:ablisnes confidence. Our policies don't cost more
in premiums than plenty that are doubtful. Come in and let's
have a friendly chat on the insurance question. It will pay
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Lee Maddox

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Transfer and Dray Line.**

Good Teams' Good Wagons, Good Hands, Prompt Service.
WILL APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.

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

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the news-
papers is sure to know of the wonderful
cures made by Dr.
Kilmer's Swamp-Root,
the great kidney, liver
and bladder remedy.
It is the great medi-
cal triumph of the nine-
teenth century; dis-
covered after years of
scientific research by
Dr. Kilmer, the emi-
nent kidney and blad-
der specialist, and is
wonderfully successful in promptly curing
lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid trou-
bles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst
form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recom-
mended for anything but if you have kid-
ney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found
just the remedy you need. It has been tested
in so many ways, in hospital work, in private
practice, among the helpless too poor to pur-
chase relief and has proved so successful in
every case that a special arrangement has
been made by which all readers of this paper
who have not already tried it, may have a
sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book
telling more about Swamp-Root and how to
find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.
When writing mention reading this generous
offer in this paper and
send your address to
Dr. Kilmer & Co., Bing-
hamton, N. Y. The
regular fifty cent and Home of Swamp-Root,
dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists.
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.

For the Blues

If you are blue, dejected, and feel
like the world has it "in for you,"
the chances are your liver is taking
a few days off. Put it to work by using
Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin boxes);
its best regulator of them all.

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

Don't drink hot water when
VanPelt & Kirk are selling cool-
ers so cheap.

DANDRUFF—A thing of the past
those who use Hooper's Tetter
cure as hair dressing. Guarant-
eed by Walker Drug Co.

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

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

Ballinger Texas, June 14 1907.
D. Turney, being a member
of the firm known as Speidell &
Co. from and after this date with
draws his name from the said firm,
by mutual consent. All
contracts and debts created by
the said Spidell & Co. are to be
settled by Spidell & Sturm and
the said D. Turney is in no way
responsible for any contracts or
debts created by the said Spidell
& Co.

Speidell & Co.
D. Turney 4tf.

Lawn Mowers that run easy
and cut clean for sale by
tf VanPelt & Kirk

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McWhirter
are rejoicing over the arrival of
a fine boy Sunday.

Oscar Pearson went to Galveston
Monday to meet with the
cotton seed oil crushers, and
spend a few days away from
business.

Doc Vancil was in from Coyote
Monday to bring his family to
the train. Mrs. Vancil and
children went to Chicasha, I. T.
on a visit to relatives.

Rev. J. J. Bunnell will preach
on national affairs next Sunday
morning at the usual hour for
services. The subject will be
Liberty and Law. Text James
1:25. All are invited.

Judge Powell Abroad.

Louisville, Ky., 6-24-'07
Banner Leader:—

I am having a nice
trip so far. It rained the day I
left from the time I reached
Brownwood until I reached Cle-
burne the next morning, poor
crops as a rule, when I passed
through Texas. I saw W. J.
Bryant at Celeste Texas, at 11
a. m. and heard there was a
cyclone there that evening. I
suppose his great effort disturb-
ed the eliments. Fine wheat in
Missouri. I heard Bro. Fitzhugh
preach a fine sermon today. He
was surprised and delighted to
meet me in Louisville Kentucky.

Respectfull y.
J. W. Powell.

Nature will do her patr
when assisted by the necessary
remedy. Ethelbert's Sarsapa-
rilla Compound guaranteed by
Walker Drug Co.

Advertised Letter List

June 22 1907
Alison Mrs. Mary
Counts Mrs. Pearl
Cole Z. W. (2)
Davidson R. S.
Hill Miss Willie
Johnson Mrs. Jenie
Johnson Mrs. Eva
Marcus Miss Ivy
Mingard H. D.
Powell Mrs H. F.
Ray J. W.
Price Charley
Shriver J. W.
Sims Matison H.
Stephenson Ollie
Thomas Hill
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3047 acres of fine agricultural
land, situated in Kenny county
Texas. The Great Artesian Belt
of Southwest Texas. All first
class land, all can be irrigated,
and Thousands of water on
this land that never fails,
to Irrigate, entire tract. The
above land is situated with
in 3 miles of Kenny switch, on
the Southern Pacific Rail Road.
If it is a bargain that you are
looking for I have it, my price
is right, and Terms, easy.

tf W. B. Page

There area Few

people who know how to take
care of themselves—the majority
do not. The liver is a most im-
portant organ in the body. Her-
bine will keep it in condition.
V. C. Simpkins, Alba, Texas,
writes: "I have used Herbine
for Chills and Fever and find it
the best medicine I ever used. I
would not be without it. It is
as good for children as it is for
grownup people, and I recom-
mend it. It is fine for La Grippe"
Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Mr. Lemmie Davis of Bronte,
spent Saturday and Sunday with
Ballinger friends.

Mr. Arthur McKinzie of Miles
spent Saturday with Ballinger
friends.

For up-to-date enlarged Photo
work, see W. W. McKinley of
Ballinger Texas.

Miss Nettie Douglas returned
to her home at McKinney Mon-
day after a visit to Mrs. R. L.
Shaffer.

Miss Maymee Sue Gressett,
who had been visiting at Bronte
for the past two weeks returned
home Saturday.

Quite a number of the young
people enjoyed a pleasant eve-
ning at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Roy Wamock last Saturday.

A Death from Typhoid Fe-
ver might have been prevented
by the use of Ethelbert's Sarsa-
parilla Compound Guaranteed
by Walker Drug Co.

Constable Pilcher left on Tues-
day's train for Fort Worth and
other places. He said he was
off on business, but his friends
say he is taking a summer vaca-
tion.

Misses Anna and Winnie Mc-
Cullom and Miss Ella Biersch-
wall returned to their home at
Mason, Monday, after a two
weeks visit to W. R. Bruce and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall and
daughter, Miss Katie were in
from Winters Tuesday to do
some trading. Rev. Gaines Hall
who had been visiting his
parents came in with them and
returned to his home at Com-
anche.

Where Others Failed

"Each spring for five or six years I
broke out with a kind of Eczema which
nothing seemed to relieve permanently.
Finally I tried a box of Sant's Cure,
which promptly cured me. Two years
have passed by but the trouble has not
returned."

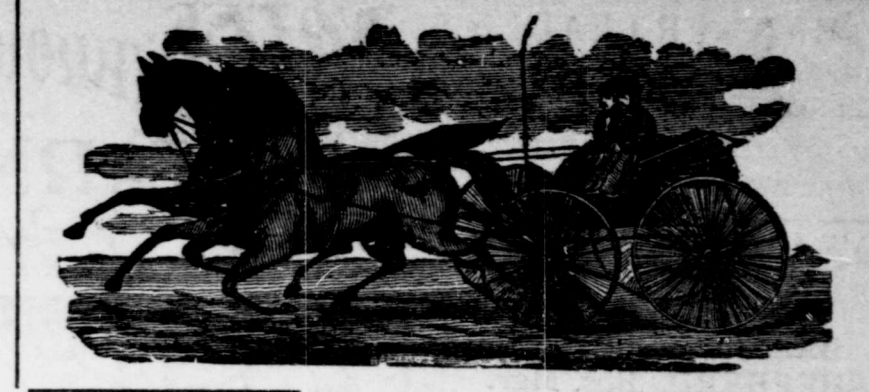
Mrs. Kate Howard,
Little Rock, Ark.

**Verdict for Dr. Pierce
AGAINST THE
Ladies' Home Journal.**

Sending truth after a lie. It is an old
maxim that "a lie will travel seven
leagues while truth is getting its boots
on," and no doubt hundreds of thousands
of good people read the unwarranted and
malicious attack upon Dr. R. V. Pierce
and his "Favorite Prescription" published
in the May (1904) number of the Ladies'
Home Journal, with its great black dis-
play headings, who never saw the hum-
ble, groveling retraction, with its incon-
spicuous heading, published two months
later. It was boldly charged in the slan-
derous and libelous article that Dr. Pierce's
Favorite Prescription, for the cure of
woman's weaknesses and ailments, con-
tained alcohol and other harmful ingre-
dients. Dr. Pierce promptly brought suit
against the publishers of the Ladies'
Home Journal, for \$200,000.00 damages.

Dr. Pierce alleged that Mr. Bok, the
editor, maliciously published the article
containing such false and defamatory
matter with the intent of injuring his
business. Furthermore, that no alcohol, or
other curious, or habit-forming, drugs
are, or ever were, contained in his "Fa-
vorite Prescription"; that said medicine
is made from native medicinal roots and
contains no harmful ingredients what-
ever and that Mr. Bok's malicious state-
ments were wholly and absolutely false.
The retraction printed by said Journal
they were forced to acknowledge that they
had obtained analyses of "Favorite Pre-
scription" from eminent chemists, all of
whom certified that it contained no al-
cohol or any of the alleged harmful drugs.
These facts were also proven in the trial
of the action in the Supreme Court. But the
business of Dr. Pierce was greatly injured by
the publication of the libelous article with
its great display headings, while hundreds of
thousands who read the wickedly defamatory
article never saw the humble groveling re-
traction, set in small type and made as incon-
spicuous as possible. The matter was how-
ever brought before a jury in the Supreme
Court of New York State which promptly
rendered a verdict in Dr. Pierce's favor.
Thus his traducers came to grief and their
base slanders were refuted.

Fresh Live Oak and mill flour
on hand all the time, each kind
guaranteed and made good if
you should find a bad sack at
Miller mer. Co



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

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WHIPS AND LAP ROBES.**

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Furnishings and exchange new goods for old.

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isfaction.

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find at the Crescent Store a full and new line of Fancy
and Staple Groceries, bought for cash and marked at
cash prices. Feed supplies kept. Give me a call.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Mr. W. H. Newsom of Texar- Attorney C. O. Harris took
kana, Ark made this office a trip to Galveston by the sea, th
pleasant visit on Tuesday. He is week to enjoy a few swims
here for his health and contem- the gulf and incidentally tran
plates remaining permanently. act some business.

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 avail-
able 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.,

Hulls AND Meal

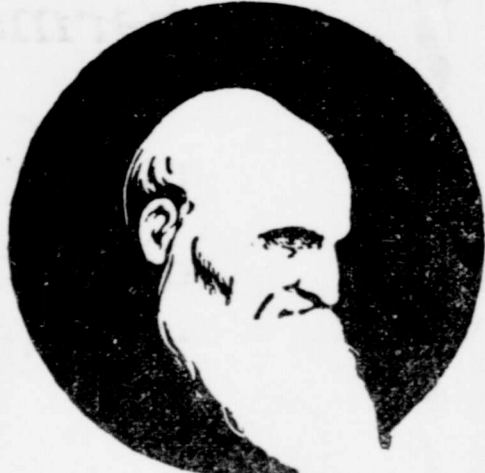
COTTON SEED HULLS have more nutritive
value than common hay which costs 50 per
cent more, is more convenient to handle, is
perfectly free from dust or foreign matter and
is healthful and appetizing.

COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrat-
ed and richest food known, has about six
times the nutritive value of corn and more
than four times that of wheat bran, while
its cost is one and a half times that of either;
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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 out get data.

Say! did you meet W. J. Bryan at the Central this week? If not you certainly missed a treat or rather the privilege of treating the other fellow to the ice cream.

Of Course it looks like counting chickens before they hatch, but the cotton men have the Runnels county cotton crops figured all the way from 15,000 to 25,000. Just 50 per cent of last years crop.

Paint Rock has turned her attention to Angelo and those two towns are now co-operating with each other on the railroad building boom. They say give them anything but a road from Ballinger.

If the rain falls at the proper time this fall there will perhaps be the largest small grain crop planted in Runnels county than any other county in the State. The failure to get a stand of cotton has left the ground for some other crop.

The June crop of weddings on the Brownwood branch of the Santa Fe is unusually large this year. Not a day passes but that there are from one to four bridal couples on board the east bound trains and its nothing out of the ordinary to see a car labled inside and out "Just married" and to trample on rice as you enter the coaches.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The San Angelo News has been pouring in some hot shot to the gentlemen who saw fit to send to Del Rio to have the City Directory printed claiming that such acts not merely injure the printing plants of the city but indirectly injures the business of the whole by sending money out of the town that ought to be kept at home. Of course there might be some excuse for this if the parties in Del Rio could have done the cheaper but according to the News they could not. That kind of a policy carried out by every business in town would very soon ruin the town. For a man to send out of town and get work done that could be done at home as well and cheaply is another phase of the "Roar and Seabuck" way of doing business. San Angelo however is not the only town that has citizens who are so short sighted as to send off elsewhere for their printing. We believe we could cite several here of that kind.

Moonlight Outing.

On last Tuesday night Mrs. John Hoffer chaperoned all of her boarders and quite a number of their friends to the park and treated them to a very delicious and nicely prepared lunch which was enjoyed immensely by all of the participants. They were very loud in their praise, and had there been a vote as to who was the Queen of Hostesses, methinks 't would be she.

An Illinois man committed suicide because his wife discharged the cook. Life it appears was not worth the living without the cook to put the trimmings on the pie.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Don't winter over any weed seeds. Burn them.

Close culling of the flock is necessary to the best success.

Have you a farmers' club in your locality? Winter is a good time to exchange ideas.

Warm stable and warm water in the winter time are potent factors in filling the milk pail.

Study your soil and your nearest markets to determine what will prove the best paying crop.

It is the belief of some sheep raisers that nothing contributes more to the success of the flock than a proper supply of salt.

Soil turned under and left until partly rotten and then brought to the surface to be mixed with the top soil is good practice.

The billion bushel crop of oats of 1905 was not equaled by the crop of last year, notwithstanding the acreage was larger.

Charcoal, grit, oyster shells or bone should never be mixed with mash for the chickens. Have these necessary articles where the poultry can help themselves.

Let the hogs root around in the stump lot. You will be surprised to see how the stumps will be turned out and the land cleared as though by plow and harrow.

It is not what a man gets in number of acres and number of animals, in renting a farm, but what profit he can make on the rental, that would govern the charge.

Some kind of shelter should be provided for the sheep in the field so that they can have protection against cold rains and wet snows. A wet sheep means probable cold and perhaps loss of the animal.

If in a semi-arid section where ordinary wheat will fail, try Durum wheat. Last year this wheat distributed by the department of agriculture throughout the northwest, yielded the farmers a net income of \$1,500,000.

Are your hens scarry and afraid to come near you? Better change your manners towards them or get rid of the hens. There ought to be a close bond of sympathy between hen and master. Harsh, noisy, abrupt treatment destroys profits.

Zinc makes good tree labels as the metal will withstand the effects of the weather. Make them six inches long and one inch wide at one end, tapering to one-fourth of an inch at the other. Give them a bath of good strong vinegar to cause them to corrode and you will find you can write on them with a lead pencil so that the marking will last for years.

Recent experiments in France made to determine the influence exerted by the stock and scion upon each other, has stimulated interest in this country, and horticulturists are experimenting to discover how much, if any, the poor stock affects the fruit produced upon the scion grafted into it. Heretofore it has been thought that the one had no material influence upon the other, but the experiments in France would seem to prove the contrary.

One may leave the farm, but can one ever forget it? Here is the outburst of one hungry soul, whose thoughts went back to the long ago: "One morning I was awakened with a strange, new joy in my soul. It came to me at that moment with indescribable poignancy, the thought of walking barefoot in cool, fresh plow furrows as I had once done when a boy. So vividly the memory came to me—the high, airy world as it was at that moment, and the boy I was walking free in the furrows—that the weak tears filled my eyes, the first I had shed in many years. Then I thought of sitting in quiet thickets in old fence corners, the wood behind me rising still, cool, mysterious, and the fields in front stretching away in illimitable pleasantness. I thought of the good smell of cows milking—you do not know, if you do not know!—I thought of the sights and sounds, the heat and sweat of the hay fields. I thought of a certain brook I knew when a boy that flowed among alders and wild parsnips, where I waded with a three-foot rod for trout. I thought of all these things as a man thinks of his first love. Oh, I craved the soil. I hungered and thirsted for the earth. I was greedy for growing things."

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Picnic Committee

A cable connecting New York to Panama, is to be laid at once. It is to be laid altogether on American soil and the open sea.

Carrie A. Nation was arrested this week in Washington city for creating a disturbance in saloon at that place and spent the following night in jail.

A beer trust is being formed involving nine million dollars. We may as well get ready to have the size of our schooners reduced.

The county Commissioners of Navarro refuse to open the boxes and recount the ballots. It is generally thought that there will be a countest.

A company with a capital of \$60,000 is planning to erect a fine opera house in San Angelo. It is to be three stories high and have a seating capacity of 1,200.

H. C. Pride the aged confederate veteran who has been on trial for murder committed at Brownwood sometime ago was adjudged guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

The saloon men are now walking the floor anxiously these days over that threatened vacation from business cares and wondering if it better to close up saloons or not when the law becomes effective until a new license can be obtained.

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Dr. Baskins went to Mt. Pleasant, Monday, where he is to be married.

Mrs. A. J. Marbery came down from San Angelo on a visit to friends, Monday.

Dr. D. W. Harris, father of C. O. Harris, left on the Monday's train for a visit to Iowa.

Ed Schawe went to Galveston last Saturday and spent a couple of days taking his spring bath.

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tf W. R. White.

New Home Rambles

Crops look very well considering the dry weather, we need rain bad. Some of the farmers are complaining, but they had better be thankful there is as good prospects as there are.

The Baptist meeting at this place closed last Friday night. There were several new members admitted. Baptising was attended to Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Little Effie Barnett is on the sick list this week.

Rev. Goad will preach at this place the second Sunday in July at 11 o'clock everybody invited.

Mr. John Wylie and family spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Ballinger. Mr. Wylie attended the Holiness' meeting while there.

The singing Sunday night was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turpin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Watson.

Grandma Watson from Temple is visiting her son Mr. I. T. Watson and family. Grandma is 85 years old and is able to travel alone. She attended Sunday School here Sunday.

School closed at this place last Tuesday.

Misses Mary Ingle and Maude Malbert spent Sunday with Miss Hattie McElroy.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ingle spent Sunday with Lee McElroy and family.

Miss Lolo Watson spent Sunday with Miss Mary Lee Tindall. Rose Bud.

Pharmaceutical Board Meeting.

The Board of Pharmacy will meet in Brownwood on July 9th. All applicants will please take notice and be on hand.
4t George Pearce.

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Drown in Hole.

Brownwood, Texas, June 24—Great excitement prevailed here this evening just after 7 o'clock, when it was learned two small boys drowned in the excavation made for the new dormitory of the Daniel Baker college, the boys were Clarence Murphy and Roy Crumb, aged 8 and 9 respectively, and sons of prominent families. The Crumb boy was paying a visit to the Murphey boy, who lived near the college, and when they were sent to a nearby store for groceries, just before night, they passed along by the excavation, which is several feet deep and filled up with water, and in some manner slipped into the water. A brother of the Murphy child gave the alarm and the children were hurriedly gotten out and physicians called, but they could not restore life.

Cattle Are Dying.

John Dorian returned last night from an extended trip out west and over the Devil's River country. Mr. Dorian left Brownwood eight weeks ago and the reports he gives of the country along the Devil's River are unusual. He says that the ground is almost absolutely barren of any kind of vegetation and that many of the Live Oak trees have not leafed out this year. It has been so long since a good rain fell that everything is in a deplorable condition. Mr. Dorian says one ranchman informed him that he had skinned more than nine hundred head of cattle, which had died from starvation.

The sheepmen killed most of the spring crop of lambs in order to allow the ewes to live. Dorian says in one place he drove across a four section pasture where a local rain had fallen and it looked like a wheat field so green did it appear in contrast to the surrounding country.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Gov. Campbell has issued an order that no beer be sold within one mile of the encampment to be held soon at Austin.

It is announced that Cole Younger will hold a carnival in July at Brownwood under the auspices of the Cemetery Association. Cole has changed his occupation from a maker of cemeteries to that of decorator of them.

Mother Quail finds good friends in the section men who are working on the Pennsylvania railroad in southern Indiana. A lady in the office of the state game warden at Indianapolis informs the American Farmer of an interesting circumstance that occurred in Morgan County, near Martinsville. The right of way of the roads, being protected from trespassers and intruders, affords a comparatively quiet place and the quail finds the long grass in

the fence corners good places for their nests. When the section men come upon them they cut around and leave the pretty brooder undisturbed. Farmers might take a hint from this and, when mowing their grass, leave a little patch if they discover a quail's nest within they could even afford to leave a little grain for the same reason, and in this way these useful birds would be enabled to multiply more rapidly. They have enemies enough, and man should be their friend. All honor honor to the railroad section men, and may others of their calling do likewise.

An equestrian statue was unveiled in honor of the Terry Rangers at Austin Wednesday. Gov. Campell made an address.

The Italian boy that was stolen from his parents in New Orleans and held for \$6000 was found this week lying dead in a swamp. It seems that the Italian kidnapers became scared while the neighboring houses were being searched and strangled the boy to death afterwards carrying his body and hiding it far in a swamp. A woman who knew of the crime became terrified and told the officers. The kidnapers are being guarded by the state militia to prevent a probable lynching. The deed was presumably committed by the Black Hand Society, a gang of blackmailers and assassins who infest New Orleans.

In Durance Vile.

Sheriff Smith arrived Tuesday night from Mangum, Okla., with Bart Carnes. More than a year ago Bart in a manner bet that he could violate the local option law in Comanche county and not be punished for it. Soon after he had sold the "bug juice," the authorities had him in tow under two complaints and at the trial of the cases the juries gave him 40 days and \$50 in one case and 50 days and \$50 in the other. Bart appealed his cases and went to Brownwood where he went in to the club room business on "Battle Row." When the higher courts got to Bart's cases they affirmed them, but Bart made a motion for a rehearing, and last week a rehearing was refused whereupon Bart without the consent of his bondsmen set sail for the new state of Oklahoma. The Sheriff and bondmen found out where he was sojourning and Mr. Smith went after him. Bart will have to serve ninety days, besides his fines and costs amounts to about \$260.—Pioneer Exponent.

Smooth Insurance Swindle.

Checotah, I. T., The farmers of McIntosh county who want insurance on their crops will long remember the smooth swindle in the insurance which has just come to light here.

The other day two strangers

dropped into town and commenced to talk crop insurance. They interested a lot of farmers and finally commenced to deliver policies to them. They offered to insure the farmers' crops against loss from any and everything, and the cost was to be 50 cents per \$100. When the policies had all been delivered and the strangers had left town with bill unpaid and several worthless checks floating. It was found that their policies insured against practically nothing except hail and that instead of paying 50 cents per \$100 for insurance the farmers had signed notes agreeing to pay \$5 per \$100. About \$10,000 worth of graft was worked. The agents claimed to represent an insurance company at St. Paul Minn.

Obedience.

The famous Field family, Cyrus and his brothers and sisters, were brought up to obey. The father was a clergyman with \$800 a year for nine children, and frugality and right living were absolutely necessary. Once a useful rat trap was missing. The father gave orders that when it was found it should be brought directly to him. A few days afterward during service, when the sermon was in full swing, there was a clattering up the aisle. It was two of the Field boys, carrying the lost rat trap. They gravely set it down before the pulpit. One of them said simply, "Father, here's our rat trap." Then they turned and went out.

Gun Club Visit Comanche.

Five members of the Ballinger Gun Club, Will Dunlap, Leon Ward, J. B. Alvis, L. S. Fowler and Harry Scott returned last night from Comanche, where they went to shoot against the Comanche team. The Comanche team won by six rocks, but Harry Scott of the Ballinger team made the best individual score and brought back the gold medal offered for the winner. The boys report a good time and say they are going back to get the trophy now held by the Comanche team.

We still want all the country products you can bring us such as eggs chickens and butter.
J. B. Alvis & Bro.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Carrying chickens by the legs is a barbarous practice.

Meat scraps should be fed two or three times a week.

Exercise is necessary for the health in breeding stock in hogs.

Ewes' milk is thicker than cows' milk, but otherwise closely resembles it.

Catch the hogs by one of the fore legs. It's easy and saves bruising them.

In breeding sheep, select uniform animals and breed for a definite purpose.

Cows easily contract colds that develop into catarrh by needless exposure.

Sell when things are high. Buy when they are low. Good rules to apply to all business operations on the farm.

Beets or beet tops will not flavor the milk unpleasantly if fed to the cow at least four or five hours before milking.

The currycomb should not hurt, but should stimulate the hide, and its use be welcomed rather than feared by the horse.

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