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BAD WRECK ON SANTA FE.

Freight Train Goes in Ditch Near Santa Anna. Two Men Hurt--One May Die.

The West bound passenger train failed to come in Sunday night, and it was soon learned in Ballinger that an East bound freight train went in the ditch near Santa Anna Sunday night. A complete account of the wreck as given by the Brownwood Bulletin is as follows:

"Results of wreck: Two men badly injured, one probably fatally.

800 feet of track torn up. One bridge destroyed. Ten freight cars demolished. All westbound traffic blocked for twenty hours.

An eastbound freight train with engineer Beasley at the throttle and conductor Howard Pickens in charge, went into the ditch five miles east of Santa Anna last night at about six o'clock seriously injuring two men, demolishing ten cars and destroying the track for a distance of eight hundred feet.

The injured men are Owen Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, of Coleman and Gross Power, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woods of Coleman. Both youths are about twentyone years of age. Power's injuries consist of a broken jaw-bone and collar bone and many smaller bruises and cuts. Turner is more seriously injured and it was thought by the attending physicians at a late hour last night that he would not survive his injuries. His head and chest is badly crushed and he is cut deeply across the face and in many parts of the body.

Theories as to the cause of the wreck differ but the one given most credence is that a brake beam dropped down and started the wreck. The first car to leave the track was about six cars back from the engine and ten cars were precipitated into the mass of wreckage before the train was brought to a stop.

The two injured men were found in the wreckage. Power was walking around in a dazed condition but Turner was so badly injured that the trainmen thought he was killed. The two victims were placed aboard the engine and a fast run made into Brownwood where medical assistance was awaiting. The men's wounds were dressed at the depot and they were then carried to a room at the Brownwood Hotel where they are now resting.

The two young men give as an explanation to their being on the freight train that they drove from Coleman to Santa Anna in a buggy and missed connection with the east bound passenger train. They desired to come to Brownwood very much and decided to catch the freight train. One of them climbed to the top of a car and the other rode the bumpers.

The first car to leave the track was just ahead of the one on which the boys were riding and they had no time to jump, even if they had been aware of the seriousness of the wreck. The train was coming down the Santa Anna hill with good speed and the track was literally torn up for a distance of 800 feet. Every section gang from Lampasas to San Angelo was immediately called out and the wrecker

train left Brownwood about 9 o'clock last night in charge of the train crew that had been in the wreck. The west bound passenger last night was set out here and will not make the trip west. The west bound of this morning will take all passengers as soon as the track is cleared.

The mothers of the two injured men were phoned to last night and left Coleman at 1 o'clock in a hurry and reached Brownwood at daylight this morning. The fathers also came down this morning in an automobile.

Young Power is an employee of the A. J. Dunn Dry Goods Co., at Coleman and Turner is an employee of the Roach Grocery Co. One of the young men it seems had left an overcoat at Brownwood several days ago and the two decided to come down to this city yesterday and get the overcoat and return by last night's passenger train.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at two thirty o'clock on New Years day at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stone, on Eighth street.

Rev. E. P. Williams, pastor of the Methodist church performed the ceremony that united in marriage Lewis E. Alexander and Miss Minnie Maud Stone. Only the members of the two families and a few friends were present and the affair was a success as a pretty home wedding.

The parlor and reception hall were decorated with ferns and other pot plants.

After the guests assembled Miss Clark gave a very appropriate solo, "Love Me and the World is Mine. Mrs. J. G. Douglass rendered Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal party entered.

After the ceremony the happy couple left for Hamilton, where Mr. Alexander has some business matters to wind up, and then they will return to Ballinger to make their home. A large crowd of friends were at the train and showered the bride and groom with rice, and amid much cheer and laughter bid them a happy voyage through the matrimonial sea of life.

The wedding is the culmination of a short courtship and was a surprise to the closest friends of both the bride and groom. The groom came here a number of years ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Alexander, from Tennessee, and is now a prominent young business man, and is worthy the confidence of the woman he has won.

Miss Minnie Maud came here last year from Hillsboro, and has won the friendship of all with whom she has become acquainted and Mr. Alexander is to be congratulated upon his success in winning the affections of one so pure and noble.

The Leader joins in best wishes for a life of happiness and prosperity.

Man Drops Dead at Wingate.

Parties were in from Wingate this morning after a coffin for Mr. Fortson, who dropped dead in the Odd Fellows Hall at Wingate about seven o'clock last night. From what we can learn the man was visiting his son at Wingate, and his home was in Oklahoma. Death was caused by heart failure.

RAILROAD PROPOSITION ASSUMING DEFINATE SHAPE

Read Bros. Send Man to Investigate and State Proposition in Plain English. Ballinger Will Get the Road if the Bonus Is Put Up

TRAIN TO BE RUNNING IN TWELVE MONTHS

C. A. Doose, president, and Ballinger to Abilene. They own Chief engineer McDaniels, of the Ballinger & Abilene Ry. Co. company with G. H. Read, one of the Read Bros. Constructors, and J. H. Lyons, a Stephen, Banker, left early Thursday morning for a trip over the proposed route, or routes of the Ballinger-Abilene rail road. Before starting out Mr. Read put their proposition in plain English which in substance is about as follows:

THE PROPOSITION.

We, Read Bros., propose to build a line of standard gauge steam railroad as per plans and specifications submitted and approved by W. J. McDaniel, Chief Engineer, from Ballinger to Abilene, Texas, and have completed and in operation by the 31st 1908, for the following reasons:

We, Read Bros., to take over the maps, right of way, terminal grounds at Ballinger and all concessions along said line of R. R. and in addition to the above a cash bonus of \$50,000 to be paid to Read Bros. as per instrument now in circulation. We also agree to locate a passenger and freight division, roundhouse and repair shops at Ballinger, Texas.

We also agree to begin work at the Ballinger end in twenty days after contracts are closed or on or before Feby. 1st. 1908. We will be glad to furnish labor to any local men applying for work and are competent to fill the position, when we are in need of such labor, in other words we will give local labor the preference, all things being equal. We will patronize your merchants, factories, etc.

We give you as reference to our ability to carry out our part of the contract, Cage & Crow, bankers of Stephenville, or the Stephenville, North & South Tex. Ry. Co. which we have just completed, and further reference if necessary.

Mr Read states further that his company will make a \$50,000 bond that the contract will be carried out as above specified or drawn up. After the trip over the route to-day he will leave for St. Louis on business, and if the citizens of Ballinger puts the bonus in sight and the company sees fit to do business with him he will return here within ten days and close contract, transfer his outfit here and work will begin at once.

Now as to who the Read Bros. are. They own the Trinidad Street Car Line, are closely allied with the B. F. Yoakum interest, having built considerable road for the Yoakum interest in Texas. They have just completed the Hamilton & Stephenville line of about the same length as the proposed line from

RURAL MAIL ROUTE ESTABLISHED

First Route Out of Ballinger Gives Daily Mail to 75 Families.

J. L. Breeding, the newly appointed carrier, and Post Master Cady made the initial trip over the first rural mail route run out of Ballinger yesterday. The route runs South of Ballinger and covers 23 miles and gives daily mail to about 75 families.

In the more thickly settled counties nearly every farmer gets his daily papers and keep in touch with the outside world, and this first routed from Ballinger will no doubt be followed by others as soon as the patronage demands it. Carl Wilson has been appointed substitute carrier on the route. The carrier leaves Ballinger every morning and returns at two-thirty.

B. B. Hamilton Gets Leg Broke.

B. B. Hamilton who lives on the Paint Rock road South of Ballinger had his leg broke just below the knee by a horse. The attending physician reports the break a very bad one, and of course Mr. Hamilton will be crippled for some time.

Mrs. George Baker Dead.

J. Y. Pearce received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of Mrs. Geo. Baker at Bunker Hill, Illinois. Mr. Baker, Mrs. Pearce's father arrived here on a Christmas visit a few days before Christmas and a few days later received a telegram telling him of the serious illness of Mrs. Baker. He, in company with his daughter, Mrs. Pearce, left at once for the old home and reached there in time to be with Mrs. Baker during the last hours on earth.

Griggs Little Boy Hurt.

R. S. Griggs was called to Gatesville last, Monday, where his wife went the week before it be with her sick mother, in answer to a telegram stating that little Robert Griggs had been badly burned by falling in the fire.

Mrs. Julia McMinn, Mr. Griggs sister received a letter from Gatesville yesterday stating that the baby was badly burned around the head and on face and on the hands. The letter also stated that Mrs. Griggs Mother was lying at the point of death.

Man Hurt in Run-a-way.

The delivery team of Rasbury & Bruce scattered things in a run-a-way yesterday evening, and the driver, T. E. Latimer was seriously injured by being thrown from the hack. The hack struck a pile of rock and Mr. Latimer was thrown to the ground sustaining a slight concussion of the brain and other bruises. At last reports the injured man was doing as well as could be expected.

Prof. Haberkorn, wife, and baby returned to their home in Illinois, first of the week.

M. D. Leslie returned to his school work at Lawrence, Kansas, yesterday, after spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Leslie.

FARMER HURT IN RUNAWAY

Found in the Road in an Unconscious Condition. May Die.

News was received here this evening of the finding of a man by the name of Cates in the road three miles from Rowena in a dying condition. We are unable to learn the particulars, but it seems the man was returning to his home from Ballinger and it is thought his team ran away and he was thrown from the wagon. The man's head was badly crushed and it is reported that his injuries will prove fatal.

Fire Excitement.

About ten-thirty yesterday morning the fire alarm was turned in from the Osteen resturant and an army of men soon crowded in front of the place and witnessed a dense cloud of smoke roll out of the building.

The fire was caused from a blaze that flashd up from the gasoline water heater, or coffee urn, as the waiter went to light it. The blaze set fire to the paper on the ceiling and the flame quickly flashed over the room. J. A. Weeks and B. C. Kirk happened to be in the room, and credit is due them for quick work in putting the fire out.

A few buckets of "soupe" and dish water quenched things. The fire company made a pretty little run, and were on hand in quick time with their fire fighting outfit.

Raymond Norris returned to school at Waco, first of the week.

Harold Tucker returned to school at Waxahachie, yesterday.

T. W. Robinson returned from a Christmas visit to Waco, first of the week.

Judge S. E. Taylor and Dr. DeLong, of San Angelo, were here yesterday on business.

Mr. Hendrix, a prominent banker and capitalist was here from San Angelo, yesterday.

Miss Willie and brother Frank Hall, of Winters, returned to school at Brownwood, Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles returned to her home yesterday, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. B. George.

Miss Mary Bain Spence, of San Angelo, stopped off here to visit Miss Kathleen Francis, Wednesday, while enroute to school at Waco.

Dr. A. S. Love and brother, and S. A. Whiteside will leave tomorrow for Hamlin. They will make the trip in Dr. Love's auto.

H. Giesecke returned from a visit to South Texas, yesterday. Mr. Giesecke says conditions are good in the money circles where he has been.

Miss Amelia Johnson will leave Sunday for Columbia, Mo., to take up her school work again, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Johnson.

Miss Jessie Woodward returned from a visit to Brownwood and Navasota, first of the week, and since returning home has been confined to her room on account of sickness.

THE GLOBE CHANGES HANDS

Bair & Conn to Retire From Business. Good Man in Their Place.

As has been advertised for the past two months, Bair & Conn going out of business, it will be no surprise to our reader when they learn that the remainder of the stock left on hand after a successful sale, has been sold to Mr. Baker. The doors are closed and the stock is being invoiced, and it is estimated will foot up about seven thousand dollars. The deal was made two or three weeks ago, but was not to take effect or be closed up until Jan. 1st, and we were requested to not mention it until this time arrived.

Mr. Baker has been here for some time, and for awhile run a grocery store in West End, and in the loss of two business men we gain him in their place. Bair & Conn have not given out their future plans but will remain in Ballinger, for awhile at least.

W. J. Miller went to Bellville on business, Wednesday.

Notice.

The regular meeting of the Home Mission Society will meet Monday after noon at 3 o'clock at the parsonage.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

Drs. Kooken & Proctor.

Dr. R. A. Kooken, of the firm of Kooken & Proctor, of San Angelo, was here first of the week making arrangements to spend two days out of each week in Ballinger, you will find their card in this issue of the Leader. Drs. Kooken & Proctor are well known eye, ear, nose and throat specialists, Dr. Kooken having had fifteen years general practice and afterwards was house surgeon in the eye, ear, nose and throat hospital in New Orleans for two years. He has just returned from Europe, where he further pursued the study of his specialty in the hospitals of London, Berlin and Vienna. Drs. Kooken will visit Ballinger from Monday at noon to Wednesday of noon of each week, and can be found at the office of Drs. Blasdel & Thomas in the Brewer building. We bespeak for him a splendid practice.

Caught in the Rain

then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young old. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Don't it Jar You?

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.



Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:—

You are Hereby Comanded to summon Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and T. J. Lee, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, herein styled defendants, whose names and residence are unknown to Plaintiffs, 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 35 Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35 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 First Monday in March A. D. 1908, the same being the 2nd day of March A. D. 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 13th day of December A. D. 1907, in a suit, number on the docket of said Court No. 896, wherein A. J. & D. Reeder, are Plaintiffs, and Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and J. T. Lee deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife, C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, are Defendants, and said plaintiffs, alleging

To The Hon. Judge Of Said Court:

A. J. & D. Reeder who reside in Runnels County, Texas, herein styled plaintiffs, complaining of Thomas Pratt and his unknown heirs, and the unknown heirs of Elisha Floyd, Rodney Wheeler and J. T. Lee, deceased, whose names and place of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, and Jno. E. Clark, and wife, C. E. Clark, Ben F. Clark, Jas. E. Clark and their unknown heirs, herein styled defendants, whose names and residences are unknown to plaintiffs, represent that on the 1st day of July 1907, they were and are now lawfully seized and possessed, holding same by fee simple title, the following described tract of land in Runnels County, Texas, to wit: 620 acres originally granted to Thomas Pratt known as survey number 365 1-2, Abstract number 397, Certificate 16-22, patent number 276, Volume 9:

That plaintiffs and those under whom they claim have been seized and possessed of said land under deeds duly recorded, paying all taxes due thereon up to the filing of this suit, and have had peaceable and adverse possession thereof under fence, cultivating, using and enjoying same for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's title thereto has long since been perfected by the five years statute of limitation, herein asserted and pleaded.

Plaintiffs further allege that they have had actual, peaceable, and adverse possession of said land, having same fenced, cultivating, using and enjoying same for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit and plaintiff's title thereto has long since been perfected by the ten years statute of limitation, herein pleaded and asserted.

That on the date last aforesaid, when plaintiffs were so lawfully seized and possessed of said land holding same under titles herein pleaded and asserted, defendants asserted, and are now asserting some pretended title to said land, the nature of which is unknown to plaintiffs which is a cloud upon their title thereto, and disturbing their peaceable possession thereof, to their damage.

Wherefore, plaintiffs pray, that defendants be cited by publication in the manner as required by law, to answer herein; that on final hearing they have judgment against said defendants for the title to said land; that the cloud on their title be removed; that they be quieted in their possession thereof, and all costs of suit and general relief.

Harris & Shepherd, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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, Texas this the 13th day of December A. D. 1907.

R. A. Terry Clerk, District Court Runnels County, By J. Shields Deputy.

A true copy of the original I hereby certify.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff Runnels County. 14-S-t f.

—The Leader sells old papers.

WORK ON ORIENT STOPS

President Stillwell Appeals to San Angelo for More Money.

It begins to look now like San Angelo people will have to put up again to keep the work on the Orient going. We predict again that the train will be running between Abilene and Ballinger before Angelo gets steel connection with Sweetwater, and when Angolites have business in Sweetwater they can get tickets that will read via Ballinger. The Orient road will be completed, but when is the question. Read the following from the San Angelo Press:

Only a few days ago President Stillwell appealed to the stockholders for an additional \$150,000 to pay for material, he stated, and on top of that comes an order pulling off the construction force working north of San Angelo. Putting the two facts together, it would seem a reasonable conclusion that on a failure or refusal of San Angelo stockholders to subscribe for more bonds, President Stillwell will for the present work further north on the line and leave the gap between San Angelo and Sweetwater to fill in later. He is doing all he can to complete the line to San Angelo, but those who heard him when here a year ago can but reflect that he has been long on promises and a little short on performance.

A report from Kansas City, evidently inspired from the headquarters of the company, states that they are engaged in a construction race against time in Oklahoma for a bonus of \$120,000, but there is nothing in this that could warrant the stoppage of work at this end, unless it be the need of money. Men cannot be transferred from here in time to help in the rush in Oklahoma, as the time limit expires on January 1st. When this gap in Oklahoma is filled in, the track will be laid from Wichita, Kan., to the Texas line, a distance of 273 miles, and there are 90 miles of track in Texas, showing a very considerable mileage yet to be constructed before the line is completed to Kansas City.

People's Cure for Stomach Ills

It would be folly to say that a person should always be his own doctor. There are times when one cannot be too quick in consulting a competent and reliable physician, but the fact does remain that there are many ailments that can be cured at home at very little expense. Such remedies can be bought at any first-class drug store for a small sum. Among the diseases that can be effectively treated at home are such as pertains to the stomach, liver and bowels, like constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, flatulence, sour stomach, bloated stomach, sick headaches, heartburn, etc. For these troubles there is no better remedy than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great herb laxative compound, and among its staunchest friends are the doctors themselves. In such troubles they know there is nothing better to offer than the ingredients contained in this remedy, and hence the liberal ones advise their patients to take it. It often happens that at the commencement of an attack some people hesitate to take such a simple remedy, and run to a doctor, but after trying various doctors they finally take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and have their confidence rewarded by a cure. A good case in point is that of Mr. Herrin, of Lawrenceville, Ill., who suffered from what the doctors called "stomach trouble." He was given up to die by three leading physicians. He had no appetite, couldn't digest what little he did eat, had severe pains in the stomach, and finally, moments when he himself thought he would die. Ultimately he was advised to try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and did so, and now he is entirely cured and has gained 25 pounds. He naturally advises all sufferers from weak stomach to use it. It can be had in 50 cent and \$1 bottles, and results are absolutely guaranteed or money is refunded. Buy a bottle to-day and watch results.

FREE TEST Those wishing to try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin before buying can have a free sample bottle sent to their home by addressing the company. This offer is to prove that the remedy will do as we claim, and is only open to those who have never taken it. Send for it if you have any symptoms of stomach, liver or bowel disease. Gentlest yet most effective laxative for children, women and old folks. A guaranteed permanent home cure. THE PUBLIC VERDICT: "No Laxative So Good and Sure as DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN." This product bears purity guarantee No. 17, Washington, D. C. PEPSIN SYRUP CO. 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper Maine. These tablets are for sale by Walker Drug Co.

Our Cost Sale

Has Made Buying Easy For Many

Those who have visited our store can vouch for the low prices and the high class of goods. Our sale is no bogus fake sale, nor our goods of a cheap John class. Every item new and fresh. Every price is

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It is your duty as well as your privilege to buy where you can do the best for yourself. Investigate our prices and inspect our goods.

WINKLER DRY GOODS COMPANY

H. E. Sharp visited in San Angelo, last Sunday.

Robt. Batts is here from Galveston, visiting his father.

H. Z. Parrott returned to Carrizzo, Springs, first of the week.

J. Ford Ivy returned from a visit to his father at San Marcos, Monday.

Mrs. McAlpine and children are here from Miles on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Lynch returned from a visit to her father at Brady, Monday.

Chas. Northington, of the Walker Drug Co., visited in San Angelo Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Bruce and baby went to Talpa, first of the week, to visit friends.

Walter Corum left first of the week for Carrizzo Springs, where he has accepted employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Louise Demoville are here from Garden City on a visit to J. A. Demoville and family.

Mrs. Max McCreary is here from Calvert on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spidell left, first of the week, for San Antonio, where Mr. Spidell has business.

J. B. Royalty is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Royalty. Boon has a good position on the road selling plumbing goods.

NOTICE

To the People of Ballinger

All persons in Ballinger must hold themselves responsible for any weakness or suffering caused from old age, chronic coughs or colds, bronchitis weak lungs, run-down conditions, stomach troubles, nervousness or poor blood when we are willing to sell them the real cod liver preparation. Vinol, and return the money if it does not benefit.

The reason Vinol is so successful in restoring health and creating strength is because it contains in addition to tonic iron the medicinal elements of cod liver oil actually taken from fresh cod's livers, but without oil or grease to upset the stomach and retard its work.

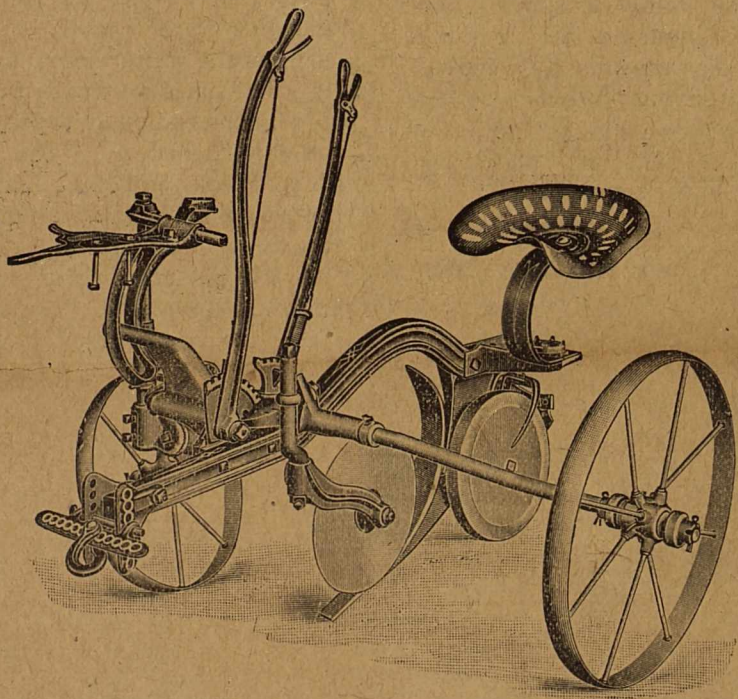
Unlike old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions, it is deliciously palatable agreeable to the weakest stomach, therefore, unequalled as a strength creator and tonic reconstructor.

A member of the Walker Drug Co., says: "It is because we know so well of what Vinol is made that we ask every-run-down, nervous, debilitated, aged or weak person in Ballinger and every person suffering from stubborn colds, hanging-on coughs, bronchitis or incipient consumption to try Vinol on our guarantee The Walker Drug Co.

Sheriff Futch, of Coleman, passed through, Monday, en route to San Angelo on business connected with his office.

The Time to Plow is Now
The Plow to Use is The

OLIVER



We carry a complete up-to-date line of practical farming

IMPLEMENTS

Oliver Steel Beam Walking Plows

" No. 11 Sulky "

" No. 9 " Old Cassidy

STANDARD Disc Plows
Single Double Triple

All time tried and field tested. Don't overlook the best when selecting Implements.

Plumbing and pipe work
our specialty.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

Hall Hardware Co.

The Laborer's Hire

News dispatch from Chicago of the arrest of John J. ... a clerk in the Chicago office, for the theft of \$4. ... story is pathetic, even trag-

Healy has been in the employ of the government in the Chicago post-office for twenty years is 48 years old, and has a wife and ten children. When he was arrested he admitted the theft and said that his salary was insufficient to support his family, and that it was on this account he had been guilty of theft. Investigation showed that at his home there was no fire in the stove and no coal from which to make one, that the children were miserably clad, and that there was in the cupboard not sufficient food to have fed half the hungry little mouths. And the government was his paymaster.

We have grown accustomed—and heedless, more's the pity—to seeing men work for large concerns and receive an insufficient wage, but when it is our wealthy government that grinds salaries down to such a fine point that a man who has labored faithfully, honestly and well for twenty years is not paid a sum sufficient to decently maintain those dependent upon him, it looks as if there is something which everybody should be concerned in putting right.

The private employer couples together two hard matter-of-fact business questions, which are, "Can he earn me this sum of money?" and "Can I get anybody who will do the same work for less?" It is never "How much can I afford to pay this

man?" As a result, the necessities of the average wage earner with only ordinary ability force him to accept whatever pitance is offered for his time and abilities, and then that proves a sum insufficient to feed and clothe the children of the family, those children which in the big sense of the matter, rightfully belong to the state since they are the future citizens of the country, those children are forced by the demands of their physical being to earn their own support. Better they should die than come into manhood and womanhood the dwarfed, stunted, stupid creatures they must inevitably be, but the animal instinct of self preservation is strong, and they fight and work on and on for mere animal existence. Such as these fill our mills, factories and mines, and the result two generations hence one shudders to think of. And why has it come? Simply from the determination by those who employ to give as little for a task as any man has only ability to dig ditches in the street, and he labors faithfully and well at that ten hours a day, and he digs a good ditch while he is about it, then, his whole working hours having been expended in honest endeavor and faithful toil, his wage should be sufficient for him to keep from want those who look to him for support. He may be only capable of earning sufficient to prevent the actual suffering of his family, but that much he should have. Degrade labor to the extreme point and say that only physical strength, only brute force, has been put into the task, yet one can't get away from the fact, that even a horse, in the eyes of the law, has a right to sufficient food and reasonable care.—Fort Worth Record.

BKOCKADED

Every Household in Ballinger Should Know How to Resist It.

The back aches because the kidneys are blockaded. Help the kidneys with their work.

The back will ache no more. Lots of proof that Doan's Kidney Pills do this.

W. D. Cook, living in the western part of Comanche, Tex., says: "For the last ten years I have been a great sufferer from kidney trouble and rheumatism. The secretions from my kidneys acted entirely too frequent and at other times too scanty. My back caused me much uneasiness and misery for the pains would extend up into my shoulder blades and down as far as my knees. The swelling of my hands, so that I could not close them, was another affliction to which I was subject. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I decided to give them a trial. I can say with great pleasure that I sincerely believe Doan's Kidney Pills to be the finest remedy I ever used. They have given me more positive relief than any of the numerous remedies I ever tried."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co. Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name Doans and take no other.

A negro member of a minstrel at New Orleans a few nights ago took exception to some statement made by a spectator and remarked that he was "a yankee nigger from the north" and didn't take any impudence, and in a little while he was lynched by a mob. He probably found out that it didn't make any difference with those chaps in Louisiana where he was from.

Don't Take the Risk

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Too Much Face

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia Don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Catarrh and Headache

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it. She is right.

Christmas Tree.

According to former plans and specifications the entertainment at Spring Hill school house was pulled off on Christmas eve night. With the following program:

Song by Quire Prayer.
Welcome address by Superintendent.
Song by Quire
Recitation—"My Little Man"—Fannie May McMillian.
Recitation—"There was nothing on the tree for me."—Nellie Whittlesey.
Song.
Recitation—"Christmas Eve."—Emma Duncan.
Recitation—"Christmas Morn"—Eva Duncan.
Song.
Recitation "A Hero."—Ola McMillian.
Recitation—"Christ Child and King."—Miss Mollie Best.
Song,
This closed this part of the exercises.

The audience was then asked for an offering for the benefit of a widow lady in the community which was responded to liberally. Then was uncovered to view of audience a beautifully decorated tree upon which hung many beautiful presents.

Next came Santa Claus with his long white beard and rosy cheeks which made the children yell with glee.

The presents were then distributed by some of the young ladies and little girls.

The entertainment was a success in every feature and was gotten up for and by the Spring Hill Sunday School. The committee is to be congratulated for their untiring efforts to make it a complete success.
Jno. W. Clampitt.

COMMON SENSE

Leads most intelligent people to use only medicines of known composition. Therefore it is that Dr. Pierce's medicines, the makers of which print every ingredient entering into them upon the bottle wrappers and attest its correctness under oath. As daily growing in favor. The composition of Dr. Pierce's medicines is open to everybody. Dr. Pierce being desirous of having the search light of investigation turned fully upon his formulae, being confident that the better the composition of these medicines is known the more will their great curative merits be recognized. Being wholly made of the active medicinal principles extracted from native forest roots, by exact processes original with Dr. Pierce, and without the use of a drop of alcohol, triple-refined and chemically pure glycerine being used instead in extracting and preserving the curative virtues residing in the roots employed, these medicines are entirely free from the objection of doing harm by creating an appetite for either alcoholic beverages or habit-forming drugs. Examine the formula on their bottle wrappers—the same as sworn to by Dr. Pierce, and you will find that his "Golden Medical Discovery" the great blood-purifier, stomach tonic and bowel regulator—the medicine which, while not recommended to cure consumption in its advanced stages (no medicine will do that) yet does cure all those catarrhal conditions of head and throat, weak stomach, torpid liver and bronchial troubles, weak lungs and hang-on-coughs, which, if neglected or badly treated lead up to and finally terminate in consumption. Take the "Golden Medical Discovery" in time and it is not likely to disappoint you if only you give it a thorough and fair trial. Don't expect miracles. It won't do supernatural things. You must exercise your patience and persevere in its use for a reasonable length of time to get its full benefits. The ingredients of which Dr. Pierce's medicines are composed have the unqualified endorsement of scores of medical leaders—better than any amount of lay, or non-professional, testimonials. They are not given away to be experimented with but are sold by all dealers in medicines at reasonable prices.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

A Happy New Year.

We extend to all our customers and friends our sincere thanks for patronage and favors through 1907, and wish for one and all a Happy New Year and prosperous 1908.

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N. B. Remember we can supply you with dependable jewelry and give you first-class repair work.

Mrs. LaRu went to Waco on a visit, Tuesday.

Walter Kent was here from Glen Cove Tuesday.

Chas. A. Daily was here from San Angelo, this week.

Dr. D. D. Fowler was here from Paint Rock, Tuesday.

W. P. Humphrey was here from San Angelo, Tuesday.

W. G. Penn moved into his new home, first of the week.

John Rhumann returned from a visit to LaGrange Tuesday.

R. A. Hall was here from San Angelo Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maryette Smith will return to her school at Dallas Sunday.

Raymond Davis returned to his school at Waxahachie Wednesday.

Miss Maurice Truly returned to her school at Weatherford, Sunday.

Elma Simpson was here from Brownwood, this week on a visit to home folks.

Miss Franc Baker returned from a visit to her sister at San Angelo, Tuesday.

J. C. Stokes returned to his home at Waco, first of the week, after a visit to his brother, George Stokes.

Hugh Simpson returned to his home in Oklahoma, Sunday, after a months visit with his sister, Mrs. Doc Vancil.

Mrs. J. O. Castell returned to her home at Fort Worth, Tuesday, after a visit to her sister Mrs. S. A. Whiteside.

Judge C. O. Harris returned from a business trip to San Angelo, Tuesday morning and left on the evening train for Fort Worth.

Dr. J. H. Grant and family returned last Saturday from a visit to the home of a brother, Chas. Grant, twelve miles west of San Angelo.

Miss Ethel Price is here from Los Angeles, Calif., on a visit to her father, J. H. Price. She brought her father a fine suit of clothes for a Christmas present.

Judge U. S. Harrell, of Cameron, passed through first of the week, enroute to Bronte to visit his father. Judge Harrell formerly lived here and was shaking hands with the old timers.

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Guion Gregg is here from Midland visiting relatives and shaking hands with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmier returned from a visit to Coke county, first of the week.

Mrs. Ray Clem and baby came down from San Angelo, Tuesday, to visit relatives.

Frank Pearce left Wednesday evening for Alton, Illinois to take up his school work again.

Jack Nagles, the red headed and popular cotton buyer, went to Houston on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. Trice is here from San Angelo on a visit to her grand daughter, Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. R. R. Jones returned to her home at Waco, Tuesday, after a visit to her husband, the cotton buyer.

H. A. Beckwith returned to the State University after spending the holidays with his parents in Ballinger.

Superintendent Hagan request us to state that he will be out of his office except on Friday and Saturday of each week. He visits the schools the other days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bowden went to Talpa, Tuesday, to eat New Years dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Haywood Miller.

Geo. Lagrone and sister-in-law, Miss Velma Sarbrough, returned to their home in Johnson county, Tuesday, after a visit to Walter Knight and family.

T. J. Starkey moved to town from the Coyote Creek country first of the week, and is at home in the house just vacated by Mrs. Emma Nash on Eighth Street.

The small depositor is just as welcome as the large and the same courteous treatment will be extended him at the Citizens National Bank.

W. J. Likes, was moving to Roscoe this week from Winters with his family, when, a short distance, from Sweetwater the team he was driving ran away while going down a hill, throwing Mr. Likes out and running over one of his legs. He was pretty badly hurt. J. P. Eastland, his brother-in-law went down after him and brought the injured man and family to their new home in Roscoe.—Roscoe Times.

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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 to get data.

How about those New Year resolutions, Are they holding good?

If Ballinger doesn't get the Ballinger-Abilene railroad it will be because Ballinger people doesn't want it.

We are a hearty, healthy and prosperous people, and the future is as bright as we could wish for. If you are in any wise cast down, forget the past; look ahead. Take advantage of the opportunities and all will be well.

We are all after the dollar, and when a man tells you otherwise, watch him. We all know that a man with money never suffers for the want of friends. It's wrong, but human nature so directs and when a man loses his dollars his friends go too.

Secretary Taft blames the trust with the present financial trouble. Mr. Taft is a candidate for president and the trust campaign contributions may be light if he makes things too warm for them. But then Mr. Taft isn't the nominee and in case he should be the choice of his party he may talk different afterwards.

Three times each day we pass by the school that at one time offered opportunities for an education that we let pass. We can't help but feel the effect of our neglect in every turn of our daily business routine, and we say boys, go to school, and above all things gain all the knowledge you can, for you will live to see the time when you will need it and realize your mistakes made in shirking your school duties.

Reports from different sections of the county say that the small grain crop is as fine as a farmer could wish for at the present stage. With favorable conditions there will be some surplus money turned lose from this crop right at a time when it will come in mighty good for the farmer, banker, merchant, and may be the newspaper man, for he generally gets his, if there is any left after the other bills are looked after.

It is a luxury that cost little. There is no one thing that adds more to the home than beautiful trees and flowers, and no one thing that cost as little compared with the benefit derived. This is the tree planting season; don't let it go by without planting out a few trees around your home. They will stand as a monument to your enterprise for years to come after you have returned to the God that gave you.

Surely the year just closed was an unusual one, especially for the people of this particular section of the country. The year started in with a drouth that lasted until short crops were a certainty, an unusually early freeze followed by a long wet spell, and to cap the whole list of calamities the money panic struck the country and the people in a tender spot. Yet, we have pulled through it all, and have much to be thankful for. Our people are by no means in hard circumstances financially.

That Ballinger is to have another railroad is pretty well advertised already. People are writing from different section of United States to learn about the matter. Why they want to know is more than we can tell. It is safe to say that by the time the work starts on the road real estate in Ballinger will go up and the population of the town will grow by leaps and bounds. If you are a citizen it is your duty to chip in all your strength will permit towards raising the bonus.

Our contemporary in making mention of Judge Godwin's charge to the Grand Jury in Brownwood left the impression that from the charge one would judge that the prohibition law was openly violated in Brownwood and that things were very rotten. The charge did not so state and the Ledger should have published the fact or not mention the matter at all. Judge Goodwin did call the attention of the jury to the local option law and charged that nothing be left undone to indict the violators, but he did not say anything in his charge that would lead one to believe that more liquor was sold in Brownwood than if the town had open saloons, as the Ledger would have you believe. The law is violated, but the Ledger should stop and take a look at the violators. Who are they?

Episcopal Ladies Take Notice.

The Ladies meeting of the Episcopal church will be held with Mrs. R. A. Smith, Tuesday January 7th at 4 o'clock. This is the meeting at which new officers are to be elected and a full attendance is desired. Please come and bring your dues.
Mrs. R. O. Walton, Pres.

8th Street Presbyterian Church.

If you are not an attendant at some other church you are invited to attend the following services at this church, Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. The quarterly communion service will be held at 11 a. m. Every member of the church is urged to be present at this hour. The pastor will preach at 7:30 p. m.

Start Right.

A good start is a great thing. The record made for 1907 was not first class. Let us do better for 1908.

Start right by coming to Sunday-School and church Sunday. Sunday-School at 10:00 a. m., preaching at 11:00 a. m. at the court house. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. at the Christian church. E. P. Williams, pastor.

Week of Prayer.

The first week in January is quite generally observed throughout the community as a week of prayer. The Ballinger Pastors have decided to observe next week by holding Union Prayer meeting at the several churches as indicated below. The hour for meeting will be 7:30 p. m. The following is the program:-

Monday—At Christian church, Topic, "Things Unseen and Eternal." 2, Cor. 4:18.

Tuesday—At 9th St Baptist church, Topic, "The Triumphs of Faith." 1 Jno. 5:4; Heb. 11:22; Rome, 8:37.

Wednesday—At 8th St Presbyterian church, Topic, "The Church made Truly Glorious." Eph. 3:20, 21; Rev. 2:7.

Thursday—At First Baptist Church, Topic, "Mission, Home and Foreign." Acts 10:34, 35; Matt. 28:19.

Friday—At 1st Presbyterian Church, Topic, "Intemperance, the Master, Social Curse." Heb. 2:15; Prov. 23:20; 1 Cor. 6:10.

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

DIDN'T WANT HER TO KNOW

Apt Illustration of the Lack of Confidence Which Too Often Exists in the World.

John D. Crimmins, one of the builders of New York's \$13,000,000 Plaza hotel, said recently at a dinner:

"The public confidence in capital was great at the time this magnificent hotel was projected. Now, with the public confidence in capital so weak, it would be impossible to put such a project through again.

"For capital," said Mr. Crimmins, "though apparently so superior and strong, really depends on public confidence. Without public confidence it lies idle and useless. Hence, in its heart, capital respects the public; in fact, it is like the man who lay ill with a nervous disorder.

"The doctor, after he had examined this man a little, shook his head severely.

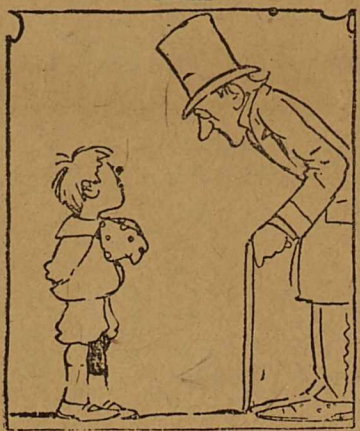
"Just tell me, will you," he said, "how much whisky you have been averaging daily?"

"The sick man cast a timid look at the door and whispered: "Say, doc, if you don't mind, just go outside and see if my old woman is listening at the keyhole will you?"

MISUSE OF POSTAL CARDS.

"If people addicted to the postal card habit," said the society woman, "only realized the annoyance they impose on their friends there would be a noteworthy increase in Uncle Sam's revenues by the substitution of letters for the messages that all the world may read. I'm not speaking of the sending of souvenir postal cards, but of the use of postals for the purpose of personal correspondence. A postal to my mind bespeaks laziness or thoughtlessness. To make an appointment or to indicate a plan by means of a postal card is to show a lack of reserve which I think should be strongly discountenanced. Certainly it implies no great degree of appreciation of the feelings of the recipient."

HAD IT DOWN FINE.



"How old are you, sonny?" "One winter, eight cold summers and a late spring."—Chicago Journal.

SHE LIKED BEING GUY-ED.

A young man and woman stopped in front of Wallack's theater and looked at a lithograph advertising "The Right of Way," says the New York Times. The picture represents Theodore Roberts and Guy Standing, one on his knees to the other, who is in a heroic, upright position.

"Aren't they handsome?" exclaimed the young woman. "Passably," the escort assented. "Well, I'd like to know which is which." "That is probably Guy standing." She called him a hopeless case, or a cut-up, or something of that nature, but it was easy to see that she thought he was real cute.

DANGER OF KISSING.

Medical authorities have come to the conclusion that a disease which has long puzzled them is due to the prevalence of the "kissing habit." The fact was mentioned by Dr. W. Rushton in a lecture delivered under the auspices of the National Health society of England. The jaw is at first affected by the disease—known to scientists as "Pyorrhoea alveolaris"—a loosening of the teeth follows, and finally, although they may be perfectly sound, they fall out one by one. A victim is not, it appears, likely to recognize the malady in its incipient stages, and outwardly there is no sign to betray its presence.

Hugo Miller returned to his school, yesterday, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miller.

FISHED FROM RAILROAD TRAIN

Traveler on Pullman Alleged to Have Hooked and Caught Large Carp in Salton Sea.

Every once in a while some one tells a true fish story. Here is one which must be true, for it has been printed in a newspaper:

"Passengers on Southern Pacific overland trains are having rare sport trolling from car windows for fish in the Salton sea and good catches have been made. About midway on the sea an arroyo extends back into the mountains. The track crosses this on a trestle. The water is 15 to 25 feet deep, and it has become the custom of the dining-car porter to throw the scraps overboard from the table there. Thousands of fish of all sizes lie in wait for the train and can be easily seen.

"A few days ago an irrepressible fisherman prepared his hook and line, and as the train slowly thundered over the long trestle swung it far out over the water. This the fish mistook for their customary meal, and a voracious carp, three feet long, seized the bait and was drawn aboard the Pullman."

SURE INDICATION.



He—You cannot always tell how much a man has by the clothes he wears.

She—No; but you can by the clothes his wife wears.

HOW THEY MUST SUFFER.

"I thought the red-cheeked man was more clever than he is," the woman sighed. "The other day he came pompously in—all little men are pompous, you know—and began to tell me about some people he had all at once taken a dislike to. 'I am going to cut them out,' he declared firmly. 'I shall never visit them again or let them visit me. I am going to cut them out altogether.'

"I sat looking at him, strutting about like a little red-cheeked turkey cock.

"What becomes of these people you cut out? I asked him presently. 'How do they manage to get on? Have you any idea?'

"He turned and looked at me solemnly.

"I don't know," he said. 'I suppose they manage after a time to find some other friends.'

CLIPPING MAN'S MISTAKE.

Recently Prof. Edmund Burke of the College of the City of New York received a letter from a press clipping bureau. The letter informed the professor that his patronage was desired, and that as a sample of the bureau's work he would find enclosed a clipping from a speech by President Roosevelt in which he had quoted the professor's words. Professor Burke read the clipping nearly through before he realized that the president was quoting from Edmund Burke's "Speech on Conciliation with the American Colonies" in 1775.—The Argonaut.

SOUNDS THE SAME.

"My husband is a fool!" snapped Mrs. Owtter Towne.

The visitor expressed only mild surprise, but the suburban lady was moved to explain.

"You know I wanted to persuade our hens to lay in the nests we provided. And a neighbor suggested getting a couple of nest eggs. So I telephoned my husband to bring home a couple of artificial eggs with him."

"Well, and didn't he?"

"Didn't he! The idiot brought home a couple of cork legs!"

BUILDING A PLAY.

"Are you the man that wrote this soap ad?"

"I am."

"Original with you?"

"Quite."

"What'll you take for the dramatic rights?"

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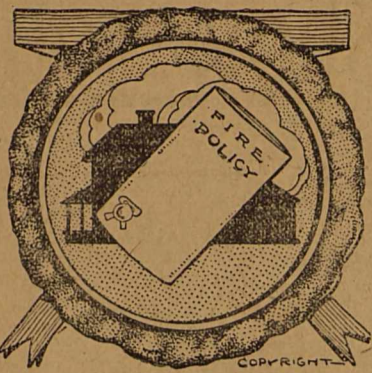
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Lee Maddox

Resolutions of I. O. O. F. Lodge.

Ballinger, Tex., 12 31, 1907.
Dr. Harris.

Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to take from among us, Dr. D. W. Harris, father of our worthy and beloved Secretary C. O. Harris, his demise having occurred Nov., 12, 1907, and whereas his sudden departure has cast a gloom over the minds and hearts of surviving loved ones, therefore be it

Resolved; That Runnels Lodge No., 291 Independent Order of Oddfellows do hereby express our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to our worthy brother, C. O. Harris, assuring him of our genuine sorrow, and helping him to bear this irreparable loss. Be it further

Resolved; that a copy of these resolutions be sent Bro. Harris, and that the same be placed upon the minute book of this lodge, and that a copy of the same be placed with the respective Papers of our city with a request for publication.

Dr. I. N. Thompson,
Edwd S. McCarver } Com.
J. B. Alvis,

Ballinger, Texas., Dec., 31, 1907.
Netha, the Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tally.

Whereas; a cruel and unrelenting fate has taken from her home among us, Netha, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tally, her sad departure having occurred the first day of December, A. D. 1907, and whereas she was bidden to join the Angelic hosts in the innocence and purity of her tender

age, leaving a vacant void in the crushed and bleeding hearts of her loving parents; and whereas Bro. Tally is a member of our order in good standing and full fellowship, therefore be it

Resolved; that we, the members of Runnels Lodge No. 291 Independent Order of Oddfellows do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives of the deceased in this sad hour of affliction, and commend them to The Grand Master on high whose favors giveth life to all that die in him, Be it further

Resolved; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, and that the same be spread upon the minute book of our order, and that copies of same be handed to the respective papers of the city for publication.

Dr. I. N. Thompson, } Com.
Edwd S. McCarver,
J. B. Alvis,

Notice to the Farmers.

We will run our thresher Wednesday, Jan. 8th., and those who have cane or maize they want thrashed will be on hand at our place four miles North-west of town.

Gilliam & Son.

Notice--Keep Out.

All my lands which boarder Valley Creek are posted and I hereby warn all parties to keep out. No hunting, peccan gathering or trespassing allowed.

W. E. Allen

JUDGE GOODWIN'S REPLY TO PETITION

A Letter Endorsing His Views on the Prohibition Question.

Two weeks ago the Leader copied a letter from the Goldthwaite papers written by Judge J. M. Goodwin.

The letter created considerable favor among Judge Goodwin's friends in Ballinger, and a letter indorsing his views was sent to him.

Following is the letter and the Judge's reply, published at his request;

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 18, 1907.
Hon. J. W. Goodwin,
Brownwood, Texas.

My Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned citizens of Runnels County, have read your open letter to the voters of Mills County on the prohibition question and originally published in The Goldthwaite Eagle, and copied in The Brownwood Bulletin, and The Ballinger Banner-Leader and we desire to commend in the highest terms your frank, truthful, and manly statement.

Coming as it does from so eminent a source, and showing the real workings of the Baskin-McGregor law, we feel that it did great good, and we are proud that a man occupying the bench of the 35th Judicial District has the moral courage to speak his sentiments in no uncertain terms on this important question.

In this day men in public office seem to be afraid to speak out on important public questions and especially on the liquor traffic, as they are afraid it will mean their political entombment, and we are glad that you had the nerve to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even though you occupy an elective office.

Yours very truly,

T. S. Lankford
W. B. Currie
M. D. Chastain
J. N. Adams
C. R. Crews
W. E. Allen
W. A. Gustavus Jr.
W. A. Talley
J. M. Skinner
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Jo Wilmeth
W. R. Knight
R. Gordon
R. L. Shaffer
J. F. Shaffer
E. L. Hagan
I. Vancil
E. D. Walker
J. H. Kelly
W. W. Chastain
R. J. Queen
J. F. Mansker
J. S. Moore
John Loveless
Geo. W. Fender, Pastor 8th St. Presbyterian Church
E. P. Williams, Pastor M. E. C. S.

Every man that this petition was presented to signed it, and we could make this list a long one if we had the time to do so.

Brownwood Texas, Dec. 31, 1907.—To Messrs. Lankford Currie and others,

Gentlemen, the testimonial, so generously signed by such a representative body of citizens, was indeed, an agreeable surprise to me.

Such an endorsement coming unsolicited, certainly would tend to arouse the best there is in any man and my ambition shall ever be—not to do that by which I might gain the most votes in some political campaign—but to do my whole duty as a man and an officer and thereby merit the approval of all good men.

Again acknowledging my ap-

New Year's Greeting:

As, this remarkable Year, ushered upon our community, in the midst of plenty, reared in a severe protracted drough, followed by an untimely freeze and and miserable wet spell, finally winding up in the throes of a generally threatened loss of confidence and financial crisis, is about to pass into history, let us not-censure the dying and departing one, but rather thank the power that be, for its valuable object lesson, and that conditions are not worse than they are.

It is in times of trials and hardships that the true American Liberty Loving Manhood shines at its brightest. So live and let live! Do not lose confidence in your fellow man and your Maker, nor get discouraged! But, "Keep a going". With such spirit in your heart, continually moving in the Hallowed Light of the Experience gained from this departing Year, further encouraged by the present most excellent season in Old Mother Earth, we cannot but foresee in the very nature of things, that there is in store for this community a Happier. Grander and vastly firmer prosperity in the New Year now upon us, than it has ever heretofore enjoyed.

We further seize this opportunity of most cordially thanking all of our patrons for their business and the confidence they have so generously bestowed on us in the past, and we hereby assure them, they shall never have occasion to regret same. With the aid of associates we have builded a home banking institution, that should be an honor and credit to any city, its usefulness to the public in general has been fully demonstrated, its stability is assured, and its growth continues on safe conservative lines.

To the Public in general, we extend a cordial invitation to call on us, at any time, we solicit a share of your business, and whatever thereof you deem proper to give us will be correspondingly appreciated.

We have adopted as our business Motto, that which each patron has a right to expect of its Banker, to wit: "Conservatism" and in return every Conservative Banker has the right to demand your 'Confidence'. The Business world would fare without banks, as poorly, as a human being could subsist without bread. But to retain healthy and prosperous business and banking conditions, Conservatism and Confidence are just as absolutely essential, as Marriage is to the Stability of our Moral Conditions.

A Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR to One and All is the sincere wish of

CHAS. S. MILLER, President, and
E. D. WALKER, Cashier of

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

DEPOSITORY for Runnels County and City of Ballinger.

preciation and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I am,

Very truly
Jno. W. Goodwin.

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.

New Dairy Phone

For fresh sweet milk phone, No. 159. Three rings. The New Silver Moon Dairy.

H. Davidson Dead.

H. Davidson died at his home in the Russell neighborhood, South of town, last Friday night, and was buried in the Ballinger cemetery Saturday. Deceased was sick only a few days, having died with pneumonia. He was a good citizen and had been a resident of Runnels county for a long time. J. A. Ostertag went out and prepared the body for burial and it was followed to the cemetery by a host of sorrowing friends and the relatives, where the last sad rites were performed and a good old man laid to rest.

Remains Shipped.

The remains of Mrs. J. N. Key were shipped to Yorktown, the old home, for burial, last Friday. Mrs. Key died at her home in Bronte, last Thursday, after an illness of one week caused from taking a dose of medicine through mistake. The husband, Newton Key, is a brother of Jno. G. and Miss Maggie Key, of Ballinger, and formerly lived here. He is left with four little children to mourn the loss of a true wife

and mother. C. R. Crews went to Bronte and embalmed the body and it was shipped as above stated.

Ballinger friends joins the Leader in sympathy for the bereaved family and other relatives

Money Lost

On the Ballinger-Winters road, a black leather pocket book, containing a ten dollar bill and a voucher on the Roscoe railroad. Return to Leader office or to M. L. Teal, Roscoe, Texas, and get liberal reward.

Drs. Kookan & Proctor SPECIALISTS EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

At Drs. Blasdel & Thomas Office, each Monday noon to Wednesday noon.

Miss Maud Shaffer is visiting friends in Talpa this week.

John Hoffer, Jr. is here from Dallas on a visit to friends.

Mrs. H. Zdaril is here from DeLeon on a visit to friends.

B. W. Pilcher returned last Sunday from a visit to Oklahoma.

J. W. Caldwell was here from San Angelo, Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Bailey is here from Eldorado on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Scott H. Mack.

Miss Mary McCartney, of Brownwood, is visiting Mrs. T. T. Crosson.

Scott H. Mack orders the Leader to go to his mother at Grandbury.

Miss Annie and Alf Hardin returned to Brownwood, yesterday, after a visit to friends at Winters.

Mrs. W. A. Jackson left yesterday for a visit to Lampasaa, Belton and other places.

30,000 DOLLAR LAND DEAL

E. Schumm Sells His Place to J. B. Alvis, and Gets Ballinger Property in the Deal.

A deal is being closed up between E. Schumm and J. B. Alvis in which Mr. Schumm sells his place on Coyote creek to Mr. Alvis for \$25.00 per acre. The Schumm place consist of 1245 acres of fine land, part of which is well improved, and is cheap at the price paid. In the deal Mr. Schumm gets the grocery stock and business of Alvis & Bro. and the home place of J. B. Alvis, the Humphrey property the Morris property and two lots known as the Teague lots. The resident property figures \$9000, and the stock of groceries will figure some where in the neighborhood of \$14,000.

Mr. Schumm has secured a good man in the person of W. B. Currie to manage the grocery business, and the business will be run on in the same stand under the management of Mr. Currie, and will no doubt continue to prosper under his able management.

When asked by a reporter Mr. Schumm would not say whether he would move to Ballinger or not, but in case he decides to become a citizen of the town we are sure he will find a hearty welcome.

—Old Papers 20c hundred at th Banner-Leader Office.

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

E. C. Love, of Hamlin, Texas, is the guest of his brother, Dr. A. S. Love.

W. T. Ward went to Fort Worth yesterday with two car loads of fat cattle.

Monroe Brewer was here from San Angelo, Sunday, to visit his brother Jas. E.

Ellis Thomson returned to school at Proctor, Monday after a visit to his parents.

Mrs. J. O. Tillery returned yesterday from a three weeks visit to friends at Velara.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clark returned from a Christmas visit to Brownwood, last Saturday.

R. B. Griffith returned first of the week from a visit to Paris and other places, and went out to his home at Winters.

Miss Lillie Reed returned to her home in Indiana, yesterday, after a visit to her brother, C. H. Johnson.

Mrs. W. H. Cole returned to her home at Bryan, Monday, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus.

Russell Byrd, of Lorain, is the new book-keeper for the Higginbotham Currie Co. Mr. Byrd has been with the Higginbotham firm at Lorain.

Tom Fowler left yesterday for Austin to take up his work in the State University, after spending the holidays with his father, Dr. W. W. Fowler.

C. C. Currie, for some time a resident of Runnels county, living on the Maverick road, left yesterday, for South Texas, and will make that country his home in the future.

Mat Whitaker has been seriously ill at his home, four miles east of town, for the past week. His physician says he was better Thursday, but today was not getting along so well.

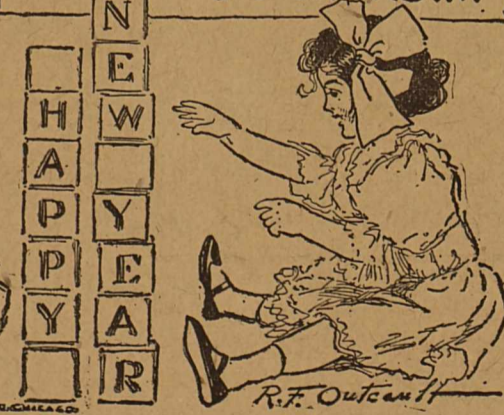
Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

1908



RESOLVED
THAT DURING THE LAST
YEAR WE HAVE BUILT UP
AN HONEST TRADE WITH
HONEST PEOPLE BY SELLING
HONEST GOODS AT HONEST
PRICES—NEXT YEAR SAME
METHODS BUSTER BROWN



New Year's Greetings

To Our Friends and Patrons

We take the opportunity the season affords to extend greetings, and thank you one and all cordially for all favors received at your hands in the past. We trust that the Old Year has been good to you and that the New Year just upon us may bring you and yours a full measure of happiness.

Yours very truly,

Winkler Dry Goods Co.



Have a Slice.

Land that is well located, good soil, smooth and well worth all we ask for it, will sell itself to the man who knows. It doesn't take extra inducements in terms to sell it.

We represent land of this class in any size tracts, with a \$300 per cash payment and balance easy terms.

We have always striven to fill the country with the very best class of people and to sell a man only so much land as he could pay for. We always insist on the purchaser taking an abstract, which we furnish free. In fact we treat our clients like we should like to be treated.

Call on us for land, loans, Abstracts and conveyancing.

Giesecke-Bennett Co.

"The Square-deal firm."

DUBLIN GIRLS ON A STRIKE.

Men Conventions and Stag Parties. Girls Refuse to Accept Boy's Attention.

The Dublin Telephone records a novel strike now in blast in that city. The girls are on a strike and refuse to make any engagements with the boys because the boys have formed a trust agreement not to take the girls to any of the theaters these hard times. The Dublin Telephone says:

"The spontaneous manner in which the boys solicited their company for the dance and the liberality with which they contributed 'to pay the fiddler' while they left them to tread their way alone whenever a show came to town, led the girls to do some hard thinking. As to the process of their reasoning, we are not prepared to say, but can draw our deductions from the results that followed. When the customary list was passed around one day last week, couples checked off, and the boys attempted to make dates, they were surprised beyond measure when it was ascertained that almost every one of them had been 'stung.' Never before was there such an epidemic of 'sickness,' previous engagements," "please excuse me" and other replies of a similar nature. If the refusals had merely come from one or two, they would have been credited with genuineness, but the unanimity with which the boys were 'turned down' caused a suspicion that there had been a pre-meditated concert of action, and subsequent developments seemed to verify this belief. That same night there was a very enjoyable little social function in which the masculine gender had no part. The social gatherings of the erstwhile dancing circle have now been resolved into two parts, one of which might be distinguished as 'hen conventions,' and the other stag parties." The strike is on in earnest, with small prospects of being amicably adjusted within the near future. There is some talk of bringing in 'strike-breakers,' but the girls do not appear to be alarmed, and show no disposition to abandon the fight."

MAIL ORDER HOUSE INDICTED.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. Charged with Using Mails to Defraud the People.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the great Chicago mail order house, must stand trial in the federal court at Des Moines, says the Leader of that city, on charges of using the United States mails to defraud. An indictment containing three counts was returned against the firm by the federal grand jury. The penalty upon conviction will be a fine of \$500 on each count.

The indictment is based upon three cases in which it is alleged the company misrepresented articles listed for sale in its catalogues which were sent out through the mails. Besides the catalogues, it is claimed that the concern used letters, circulars, pamphlets, order blanks and letter heads to deceive and defraud its customers.

The first count charges that on June 13 the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. C. F. Spring, 531 Utica building, Des Moines. On that date a letter was mailed to him in which the following statements were made: "All our paints contain white lead made in our own great paint factory under the supervision of the finest paint experts. They have given universal satisfaction and we are able to place over them our most liberal guarantees which you are doubtless familiar with."

As a matter of fact, so the indictment sets out, Sears, Roebuck & Co. did not manufacture paint in its own factory. Its paint was not of the highest grade and was not equal to any ready mixed paint on the market regardless of price, as advertised in its catalogue. Furthermore, the paint did not contain white lead, so the indictment charges.

R. H. Miles, rural route No. 1, Des Moines, is the victim named in the other two counts of the indictment. On May 25th Mr. Miles ordered a ring advertised in Sears, Roebuck & Co., catalogue to contain four pearls and four sapphires. The ring that he received did not contain either pearls or sapphires and was materially inferior in quality to the ones described in the catalogue.

On May 6 Mr. Miles ordered another ring advertised to contain twelve pearls and two rubies. The ring he received contained neither pearls nor rubies. Both the catalogues and the rings were sent through the mails, making the alleged misrepresentation a violation of the federal statutes regarding the use of the mails.

W. J. Pilkington, editor of the Iowa Trade Journal, worked up the case against the Chicago firm. He secured the evidence and presented the case to the grand jury. Mr. Pilkington has been conducting a crusade against the mail order houses in the columns of his paper in behalf of the retail merchants, and the indictment is the result of his work. — American Press.

Sherwood Casualties.

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 29.—Two severe accidents are reported as happening at Sherwood Friday, Marie Mason was out riding and in jumping a ditch his horse fell, catching the rider's leg under his body. The boy's leg was broken and he was otherwise bruised, but is reported as getting along nicely. His age is 16.

Horsion Crockett, aged 9 or 10 years was in the field where other hands were chopping wood and in felling a tree the boy ran in the wrong direction and was struck by the tree. One arm was broken in two places and he was badly bruised, but will recover from the injuries if no complications arise.

PILES RUDY'S SUPPOSITORY
A cure guaranteed if you use
D. Mart. Thompson, San Francisco, Cal., writes: "I can say they do all you claim for them." Dr. S. M. Dewey, Raven Rock, W. Va., writes: "They give universal satisfaction." Dr. H. D. McGill, Clarkburg, Tenn., writes: "In a practice of 25 years, I have found no remedy to equal yours." Price, 50 Cents. Samples Free. Sold by Druggists. MARTIN RUDY, LANCASTER, PA.

Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co. CALL FOR FREE SAMPLE.

The Meanest Man in Town

is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Herbine for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

It Will Stay There

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."

R. M. Swann, Franklin, La.

Jones, Walton & Co.

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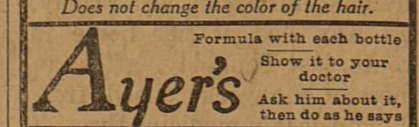
- Stoughton Wagons
- K. C. Buggies
- Sanders Disc Plows
- Lone Star Cultivators
- Rock Island Planters
- I.H.C. Gasoline Engines

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

Jones, Walton & Co.

Your Hair Contrary?

Is it inclined to run away? Don't punish it with a cruel brush and comb! Feed it, nourish it, save it with Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula. Then your hair will remain at home, on your head, where it belongs. An elegant dressing. Keeps the scalp healthy. Does not change the color of the hair.



We certainly believe this, or we would not say so. Ayer's Hair Vigor, as now made from our new improved formula, is a great preparation for the hair and scalp. Stops falling hair. Cures dandruff. Promotes the growth of hair. — Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. —

Let Us Show You

That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.

Years Of Experience

We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's trial will convince you.

Miller Mercantile Company

Signs of The Times.

In Germany, the additional land of beer, and yet more beer, the government was solemnly presented with a monster petition praying for the segregation of "drunks" on passenger trains and the Prussian minister of justice put himself at the head of a movement looking to the abolition of compulsory beer drinking among university students. Sweden made more radical the provisions of her famous Gothenberg system of governing the liquor trade, and in the United States the temperance movement has been described as "sweeping the nation" and "sweeping the south."

Oklahoma's constitution, ratified in September makes state prohibition obligatory for twenty-one years. Aug., 6 Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia signed the bill putting the state in the prohibitory column and thereby decreased his rent returns from Atlanta's leading hotel, the Piedmont. Nov. 19 the Alabama senate passed the prohibition bill previously adopted by the house, Governor Comer signed it, and the state will be dry on and after January, 1909. Practically all Alabama, except Mobile, demanded the law. Mobile opposed it because she had built up a fine public school system with the license money obtained from her saloons. Ninety-one of Kentucky's 119 counties are dry. Dec. 10 several of the larger cities of Massachusetts, Lynn and Worcester, Worcester noticeably, went no license; they have usually gone the other way. The population in dry territory is now 33,600,000.

J. W. Powell wants to buy 50 turkeys will give the market price, to be delivered to him Monday Jan., 6th 1908.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

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

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, 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 purchase 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., Binghamton, 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.

Cicero Smith and son J. W., of Mineral Wells, were here on business this week.

R. M. Moorehead and wife, who came here several weeks ago on a visit to W. S. Moorehead, have decided to make Ballinger their home, and have engaged in business with the 5 and 10 cent.

YOUR MONEYS WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK

That is our motto. We give value received and are always ready to demonstrate the same to any and all customers.

Good Groceries, Clean Groceries and Groceries that please is the kind we sell.

Grain, Hay, Feed.

Our Store is headquarters for Grain, Hay and Feed.

M. D. Chastain

Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.

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.,

GOING TO RUNNELS COUNTY.

Immigrant Train Arrived Monday Night with Six Families.

The Brownwood Bulletin takes notice of how people are coming to Runnels county. The following is from Monday's issue of the Bulletin:

"The wreck on the branch between Brownwood and Santa Anna caused an immigrant train to lay over in Brownwood for several hours this morning. The train consisted of ten cars which had on board the household effects and stock of half as many families bound for the west, where they expect to escape the boll weevil. In the list were the families of G. Gearing, J. E. Turner and Luther Hill of near Cleburne, Ove Gillis of Lockhart and Mr. Blackwell of Kyle. Messrs. Gearing, Turner and Hill are bound for Miles where they have bought land and will farm. Mr. Blackwell also goes to Miles where he has bought lands and will make his future home. Mr. Gillis goes to Ballinger. He has located eight miles out from that city and says he will be happy if he can get away from that dreaded enemy, the boll weevil.
 The cars are all loaded with substantial household effects, good livestock, hogs and poultry, and the immigrants have every evidence of being well to do farmers."

NOW IS BEST TIME TO TAKE

A Noted Authority Gives Directions to Prepare Simple, Yet Remarkable Home Mixture.

A well-known authority on Rheumatism gives the readers of a large New York daily paper the following valuable yet simple and harmless prescription, which any one can easily prepare at home.

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Mix by shaking well in a bottle, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost and being of vegetable extraction, are harmless to take.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to over-come almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, diminishes with each dose until permanent results are obtained and without injuring the stomach. While there are many so-called Rheumatism remedies patent medicines etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results and the above will no doubt be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at this time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of this neighborhood elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately or the druggists here will mix the prescription for our readers if asked to.

Jno. F. Currie and wife, C. P. Shepherd and wife and G. G. Odom and wife visited relatives in San Angelo, last Sunday.

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.

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.

Judge J. W. Powell makes it a specialty to draw and probate wills, settle up estates, act guardian of minors, trustee in bankruptcy and closing up financial affairs.

New Year's Wish!

We wish to extend to all our customers and the public in general the best wishes for a Happy New Year and prosperous 1908. We thank you for valued patronage during the past year, and invite others to become our patrons. We promise that during the year 1908 every effort will be made to give our patrons the very best service possible.

Yours for good times,

The Walker Drug Co.

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

Eggs are high. So order your cakes already made from Schawe Bakery.

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.

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Old Papers 20c hundred.

BUSINESS FAILURE AT ROWENA.

Runnels County Mercantile Co. files Deed of Trust.

On last Friday Dec. 27th, The Runnels County Mercantile Co. a partnership firm composed of C. E. A. Wagner, and Ed Lehr filed a deed of trust for the benefit of their creditors, making Wm. Lehr trustee. The assets are of uncertain value consisting of a stock of general merchandise and store building, and some horse stock and some cattle. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$10,000. The Ballinger State Bank have their claim well secured. Following is a list of creditors and amount due them.

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| Ballinger State Bank | \$4500.00 |
| Galveston D. G. Co. | 1547.00 |
| R. B. Truly, Ballinger | 500.00 |
| State & Co. Texas (Esti) | 100.00 |
| Joe Sommers | 179.07 |
| Rasbury & Bruce | 719.65 |
| J. F. Wiser & Co. | 300.00 |
| Weekly Hdw. Co. | 336.56 |
| Blue Grass Tobc. Co. | 150.00 |
| Gal., Shoe & Hat Co. | 106.07 |
| M. Bernheim | 200.00 |
| Sanger Bro. Waco Tex. | 190.39 |
| Tom Padgett, Dallas | 100.00 |
| Petter Schramm Taylor | 197.00 |
| Goatting Perfume Co. | 32.00 |
| Texas Salt & Fish Co. | 24.00 |
| Ohio Flint Glass Co. | 32.48 |
| Pittsburg Lamp Co. | 46.02 |
| Lichfield Clo. Co. | 78.50 |
| Oliver China Co. | 39.12 |
| W. B. Walker & Co. | 87.00 |
| Bartlett Candy Factory | 32.95 |
| A. J. Cook Whip Co. | 21.33 |
| Hamilton Corhart Manufacturing Company. | 99.50 |
| Kempner-Thomson Company | |
| Cinn. O. | 46.69 |
| Edw. Weston Tea & Spice Company. | 37.50 |
| Farrent Glove Co. | 8.50 |
| Edward Rose & Co. | 4.25 |

Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Judge R. S. Griggs was called to Gatesville, Monday, on account of his baby getting burned. Mrs. Griggs and the baby went to Gatesville last week, to be with Mrs. Griggs' mother, who was sick.

Lame Shoulder Cured

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Try it Once

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

ONE FAULT HIDING ANOTHER

Two Blunders of Self-Made Millionaire That Aroused Ire of English Aristocrat.

A Christian Scientist of Boston was praising the late earl of Dunmore.

"Lord Dunmore," he said, "was a good Christian Scientist and a good man. Tall and robust and supple, I can see him still with his short gray beard and his kind face. His one fault—a fault due to his aristocratic upbringing, no doubt—was the exaggerated value that he set upon correctness. He insisted on correctness in eating, in dress, in everything."

"At dinner in Beacon street last year I heard him tell a story about an incorrect self-made man, or 'nouveau riche,' as he called him."

"This man was dressing one evening to go out. His wife bustled into the room before he started to look him over."

"But, George," she said, reproachfully, "aren't you going to wear your diamond studs to the banquet?"

"No. What's the use?" George growled. "My napkin would hide 'em anyway."

THE LARGEST FLOWER.

The world's largest flower is a parasite found in the island of Sumatra and known to botanists as Rafflesia Arnoldii and was first discovered by a Dr. Arnold, in whose honor it was named. Other species also occur in Java, and the Philippines. A party of travelers found one of these flowers about four feet in diameter, and not having any scales made a balance, using certain packed boxes to offset the flower. These were marked, and when weighed at their destination, found to be 22½ pounds, truly a remarkable weight for a single blossom. This flower emits such a powerful stench that its presence is known long before it can be seen, so that while one may pause to wonder, he will not tarry to admire.

KNEW BY EXPERIENCE.



Cook—A new lodger came while you were out, sir, a young lady.
 Starvem (lodging house keeper)—Is she pretty?
 Cook—Awfully.
 Starvem—Well, put an extra strip of carpet in front of her mirror.

POPPING THE QUESTION.

Apropos of the recent marriage of a young lawyer to one of the more brilliant New York girls:

He paid his addresses for seven years without much advancing his suit; then an old friend urged him to drop his timidity and go in and win! "You are utterly insensible to the power of love!" he exclaimed to his innamorata the next time he called. "It does not follow," she archly replied, "that I am so because I am not to be won by power of attorney!"

"Forgive me," he replied, "but you should remember that all the votaries of Cupid are solicitors." She capitulated.

CORRECT SPEECH.

The refining influence of correct speech is a remarkable fact, and its effect upon the development of the child cannot be questioned. Morally, we believe it to have the power to lift him into better ways of living, because its natural environment is among those who think more deeply and who strive for better things. The growth of a child's education is as much in the hand of the mother as in that of the teacher. The teacher may "plant," but the home life "giveth the increase."

ALMOST WEIRD.

"Queer thing about that automobile accident at two o'clock this morning."

"What was queer about it? You wouldn't expect an automobile to be run against a stone wall without causing any damage, would you?"

"No, but there were no chorus girls in it."

MOVE ABOUT A LITTLE

Constant Stay-at-Home Misses All of the Glories of This Wonderful World.

There is something impressive in the story of a lifetime of persistent toil. But there is another point of view which deserves respect. The gadabout may be a useless member of society, but the stay-at-home is likely to be a narrow one. We find ourselves on this little planet, with its oceans and mountains and mighty rivers and wide prairies. We know not whence we came, nor if we shall ever pass this way again. Surely we may do our task better in our own appointed place if we look about the world, feed our minds with the glories of nature and discover how men and women before us have lived their lives and embodied their aspirations in the great arts of building and painting and sculpture. The wheat field and the ledger and the cooking stove are facts of human life; but so are the Cologne Cathedral, the Sistine Madonna, the Canadian Rockies and the Valley of the Yellowstone.—Youth's Companion.

WILLING TO BE A MODEL.

Seven-year-old Willie was the bane of his teacher's life. He was actively interested in nearly all the mischief that went on in the class, and was the originator of a great deal of it. One morning he seemed to have turned over a new leaf. For fully an hour he was a model of good behavior. Finally the teacher, thinking a little encouragement would help him to continue in the straight and narrow path, said to the boy:

"Willie, you are being a very good boy to-day."

The young hopeful beamed with pleasure, and the future looked bright to the teacher. Presently Willie raised his hand.

"What is it, Willie?"

"Teacher, I wisht all the boys was like me."

BUSINESS—NOT PLEASURE.

Even in classic Boston they have now that gastronomic disaster known as the business lunch, says the Circle. The other day Freddy Parent and Ralph Glaze happened to be in South Boston, and they stopped in one of those restaurants where they advertised the serving of these business lunches.

When the meal was served to the two ball players, and when they had about half finished, Parent turned to Glaze and said:

"I wonder why they call it a business lunch?"

"I suppose," replied the pitcher, with a bored expression on his face, "that it's because it's anything but a pleasure to eat one of them."

ONE ON THE DOMINIE.

There is a Pennsylvania divine who is not averse to telling a good story at his own expense.

Once, in addressing a mission meeting in Philadelphia which was attended mainly by sailors, the good man had sought to adapt his remarks to his hearers by using nautical similes; and in so doing he ventured somewhat beyond his depth.

"And now what shall we do? What shall we do?"

"Nothing doin', cap'n!" sang out one of the sailors. "Ye're in bad! Ye're goin' in starn foremost!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE.

Teacher—Johnny, what causes the water of the sea to be salty?

Johnny—The salt that's in it.

Teacher—Next. Waldo, what causes the water of the sea to be salty?

Waldo—The salt quality of sea water, mam, is due to the admixture of a sufficient quantity of chloride of sodium to impart to the aqueous fluid with which it commingles a saline flavor which is readily recognized by the organs of taste.

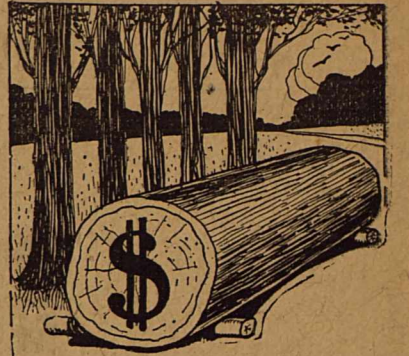
Teacher—Correct. Go up head, Waldo.

RESEMBLANCE.

At the close of her usual dinner-time argument, Mr. Johnson looked at his wife admiringly. "My dear," he said, "your mind resembles the wireless telegraph apparatus which they use in the navy."

"Yes?" she asked, flattered. "You mean because it catches subtle flashes from the surrounding ether?"

"No, my dear. Because it is often completely at sea."—Youth's Companion.



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To Our Friends and Customers We Offer Thanks and New Year Greeting

WE TAKE this occasion to express our grateful appreciation of the liberal patronage extended us during last year---our first year's business in Ballinger under the present management and name. While crops have been short, and the year not entirely propitious, our volume of business has been heavy and we fully appreciate the support and confidence of the people. There is every promise that the year 1908 will be one of prosperity, and will equal the best years the country has experienced in the past, and we believe in the growing success of our business and our ability to get business and care for our trade. We believe that the service rendered by us has been generally appreciated by the hundreds of people who have profited thereby, and in turn we expect a healthy increase in our volume of business during this year and we will strive to merit the liberal patronage. We invite those who have not traded with us during the past year, to call and test our method of doing business. Remember we sell everything and lumber, and meet competition square and fair.

Again thanking one and all and wishing for you a Happy New Year and prosperous 1908, we are Yours Gratefully,

Higginbotham-Currie Com'ny

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES

J. A. O. Club

The members of J. A. O. Club and their husbands spent a most delightful evening with Mrs. D. Reeder on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Reeder's pleasant and commodious home was appropriately decorated with Xmas wreaths and bells.

The hours from eight to twelve were pleasantly spent in interesting games of progressive dominos. After the games a most bountiful and delicious salad course was served. Nothing during the week of festivities and merry making was enjoyed and appreciated more than this long to be remembered evening.

Besides the club members and husbands, many other friends were allowed to enjoy the pleasant time.

Mrs. J. F. Currie Entertains.

The handsome J. F. Currie home, which has been the scene of so many happy revels, was again all light animation and beauty on last Friday evening when Mrs. Currie entertained her Sunday School Class and other friends.

Various games furnished amusement and pleasure through out the evening. Suspended from the grill between the reception hall and parlor were little chees cloth sacks filled to overflowing with goodies, and when each guest was given an opportunity to grab, further investigation revealed a Xmas gift contained there in.

Later in the evening delicious refreshments were served and upon bidding the hostess good night every one declared this party to have been "the best yet."

Shower.

Mrs. R. O. Walton gave a hose and handkerchief shower, on last Saturday afternoon, complimentary to the fair bride elect, Miss Minnie Maud Stone.

The many friends of both parties formed a jolly crowd, for Mrs. Walton has long since learned the secret of true hospitality.

A puzzle of placing two hearts on one string was given the guests to solve, and only a few proved apt students in that art. Miss Stone was then blindfolded and as Mendelssohn's wedding march was being played by Miss Maggie Underwood, the guests marched around and in turn pinned their gifts on the astonished guest of honor. When the blindfold was removed she beheld herself fairly covered with dainty gifts from loving friends.

Miss Stone then in her blushing modesty said those unvarnished words of truth "I thank you."

As a fitting close for a merry afternoon, an appetizing lunch was served, after which the guests reticantly departed, voting this to be indeed an afternoon of rare pleasure.

Masquerade Dance.

One of the successes of the past week was the Masquerade Dance given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeder last Friday evening, in honor of their daughter, Miss Lucile who is home from Milford College spending the holidays.

It is a source of pleasure to be invited to this hospitable home and a foregone conclusion that each guest will be cordially received and well entertained.

The Colonial Dame, The Soldi-

er, Fluffy Ruffles, and even a member of that Famous Klu Klux Klan were all present. The Clown was all so there and by his antics furnished amusement for the crowd.

Many other original characters were present and the disguise of each individual was perfect.

After indulging in the pleasures incident to such an occasion a delicious salad course was served and refreshing fruit punch was dispensed through the entire evening. All went merry until long after the midnight hour the guests departed showering congratulations on the popular host, hostess and honoree.

Morning Dance.

The society young ladies of Ballinger gave a Leap Year Morning German, at the rink, Wednesday from 5 till 9 o'clock.

Promptly at 6 o'clock Miss Kate Wray Ward and Mr. Eugene Risser led the grand march then it was "On with the dance, Let joy be unconfined."

A lunch of sandwiches and coffee was served.

About 100 guests enjoyed this occasion.

Following are the names of those who attended: Chaperones Mesdames Clara Ransome, John Weeks, D. McCaleb of Ft. Worth Jackson, Homer Alexander, Bacon of Missouri, D. Reeder, Misses Irene, Neil and Kate Guion, Louise Orgain, Blanche and Franc Baker, Katie Wray and Ellie Ward, Alva Van Pelt, Lois Crews, Estelle Underwood, Delia Day, Lee Plummer, Mammie Gregory, Mae and Pearl Johnston, Amelia Johnson, Myra and Mae Penn, Verna Moser, Lucile Reeder, Lillian Read of Indiana, Nelle Millar, Mabel Fowler, Ruth Cady of Chicago, Willie Allen and Pauline McAlpine.

Messrs. Leon and Hamilton

Ward, Prentis and Guion, Gregg Roy Campbell, Ollie Gantt, Louis Baker, Noel Penn, Roy Reeder, Claud Wells of Abilene, Percy Davis, John Maddox, Bruce Creasy, Tom Bailey, Jim Grant, Jim Lawrence, Eugene Risser, Claud Stone, Ernest Plummer, Buck Shields, Lawrence Harris, Malcolm McGregor, Oscar Pearson, John Weeks, Geneith Felton, Foster Ryan.

Forty-Two Party.

Miss Maryatt Smith's home on 6th Street was all life and loveliness on last Tuesday evening when she entertained her friends with a "watch" party.

The beauty of this cozy home enhanced by its generous decorations of bells, appropriate to the approaching New Year.

For several hours the ever popular and fascinating game of progressive forty two held the guests in thrall. There were eight tables and eleven exciting games played during the hours allotted to this pleasant past time.

Pretty score cards, in clover design, emblematic of good luck, were used.

A happier crowd never risked their judgement and laughed over victory or failure more heartily than this. Miss Amelia Johnson was successful in making high score.

Miss Hermia Smith assisted her sister in entertaining and served an elegant salad course with chocolate and whipped cream.

When the midnight hour came the guests left in a body to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

Those who enjoyed this delightful evening were:

Misses Kate Guion, Nelle Miller, Armour McGregor, Amelia Johnson, Lois Crews, Mable Fowler, Lucile Reeder, May Johnston, Louise Schawe, Lee

Plummer, Eleanor Hamilton, Kathleen Francis, Jamie Penn, Alva Van Pelt, Bertha Van Pelt, Willie Allen, and Mrs. R. B. Creasy, Messrs. Louis Baker, Frank Pearce, Madison Leslie, Hugh Miller, Victor Miller, Claud Stone, Roy Reeder, Claud Wells, Hamil Ward, Alex Saunders, Bob Norman, Ivan Hamilton, Bruce Creasy, Noel Penn. Walton Leader, Clyde Fowler, Arno Schawe and Ollie Gant.

Shakspeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club, Ballingers leading literary organization held it's annual open session at the home of Mrs. F. C. Miller, last Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Thursday has been Shakespeare day for time immemorial, and so carefully does every one respect its right to that day, there is never an infringement. And as an evidence of their appreciation this reception was tendered their many friends.

The name of this Club is synonymous with lovely entertainments and on this occasion it fairly surpassed all previous efforts.

Mrs. Dan Moser, in her cordial manner greeted the guests at the door and little Misses Ruth Grundy and Juliet Miller held the card trays. Next was the receiving line, Mesdames F. C. Miller and K. V. Northington and Misses Hermia Smith and Olga Schawe, and Mesdames Melton, Prince, Fender and Creasy and Miss Kate Bell Gregory assisted in receiving.

In the dining room the decorations were beautiful as well as artistic the table was covered in white and yellow, (the club colors) with a center piece of daisies (the club flower) and from the chandelier was suspended streamers of yellow satin ribbon, caught at the four corners of the

table with bunches of daisies. Lighted tapers with yellow shades furnished further decorations and a soft subdued light which lended beauty and color to the pretty surroundings. Here a two course repast was served, sufficient to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious epicure. Those who assisted in the serving were Misses Franc Baker, Maggie Underwood, Delia Day and Bertha Rasbury.

Mrs. John Hopkinson pinned on each guest dainty little daisies done in water colors, sruvenirs of this happy occasion.

Miss Kathalene Francis added much to the success of the afternoon by furnishing some excellent music.

The large attendance was an evidence of the appreciation of the efforts of this energetic and capable body of ladies.

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