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CITIZENS NATIONAL DOUBLES ITS CAPITAL

At a Stockholders Meeting Last Saturday it Was Decided to Increase the Capital Stock to

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

This Popular and Reliable Bank Takes Steps to Facilitate the Handling of Their Rapidly Growing Business.

In the early part of the fall the Leader made mention of the fact that a move was on foot to increase the capital stock of the Citizens National Bank, such a move becoming necessary to care for the large increase in business the bank had worked up. It will be good news to the bank's many friends to learn that the matter has assumed a definite shape and that the capital will be doubled, giving the bank a Two Hundred Thousand Dollar Capital, or just double the present capital.

At a meeting of the directors last Saturday, at which meeting also a majority of the stockholders were present, it was decided to make the change, and the new capital will be on hand as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the charter, which will only require a short time, and then Ballinger will have a banking house equal those found in much larger cities, and will compare favorably with Fort Worth, Waco, and banks of other cities. The stock holders present at the meeting expressed their desire of taking enough of the new stock to double their shares, and as the stock is now worth something like a premium of fifty cents it will be readily taken up by the present stockholders and their friends, which is proof sufficient that the owners are well pleased with their investment in the bank, with its policy and management and have faith in its future success, and in the success of Ballinger and her people.

Right here we can't refrain from saying a good word for this bank, and what we say is without the least exaggeration. It is the farmer's friend in the true sense of the word, and there are farmers in the county today who are comfortably fixed in this world's goods who can look back and give this bank credit for assistance that placed them in their present condition. The bank has done more towards the upbuilding and progress of the town than any other institution in the town. By their fair treatment to all and accommodations consistent with business methods they have built up a large banking business and have won the confidence of the people. The

bank's business continues to grow and with the advent of the new railroad the steps just taken are made necessary to handle the business and increased patronage.

This bank is a strong financial institution in that its stockholders are men of wealth and among the most prominent and successful citizens of the county, and quite a few from other sections of the state and some out of the state, and their success and judgment in other business transactions make their judgment and faith in the Citizens National Bank more worthy of consideration. The stock is so distributed that no one influence predominates, and the chief object of the management seems to be to accommodate all worthy of accommodations and at the same time look to the best interest of their stockholders, depositors, and customers in general. To give the reader an idea as to who the stockholders are, their responsibility, standing in the business world, etc., we will mention some of them.

C. A. Doose is one of the best known stockholders in this bank, and his name is an honor to the roll. Mr. Doose came to Ballinger when a child and is perhaps the best known man in the county. For the last seventeen years he has been engaged in the real estate business and has made a success of everything he has undertaken. He has been instrumental in bringing many substantial people in to the county, having connected himself with capitalist in buying up large tracts of lands and subdividing and placing it on the market to the farmers on long time payments. He is found right up to the front of every move that is for the best interest of the town, and when the necessity demands it he goes down in his pocket to pay the bill. Besides holding a good share in the Citizens National Bank Mr. Doose is a stockholder in the Higginbotham-Curie Co., and treasurer of that firm, is president of the First National Bank, and president of the Ballinger-Abilene Ry. Co., and has devoted more time to the securing of the Ballinger and Abilene road than any other man connected with it. He owns the

handsome building occupied by his office, owns considerable real estate both in Ballinger and in the county. He has confidence in the future of Ballinger and believes the Citizens National Bank will keep pace with the progress of the times.

G. G. Odom, a heavy land owner, and a man who has seen this country undergo many changes, owns stock in the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Odom has been the man behind the gun in business transactions that were crowned with success, and his confidence in the Citizens National Bank is backed by his dollars.

Joe B. Johnson, an old timer, having located here when modern conveniences were unknown, and roughed it with the boys in the cattle business. Mr. Johnson has been a successful stockman and retired from the business last summer when he sold his ranch holding including all the cattle he owned and all lands except his home place near town. Mr. Johnson has friends and acquaintances among the live stock interest all over the state, and his friends at home are numbered by his acquaintances. He holds a nice block of stock in the Citizens National Bank.

Jake Stubblefield, of the Fort Chadbourne country, subscribed for some of the Citizen National Bank stock when the bank was first organized. Mr. Stubblefield has prospered by his wise investments, and is at present comfortably fixed. He came here in the early days and took advantage of opportunities that others have let slip. To know him is to like him, and the bank is fortunate in claiming him as a stockholder.

F. G. Hoelscher who came here several years ago from South Texas and located in the Southern edge of Runnels county, buying some of the best land to be had in the county, fell in with the move when the Citizens National Bank was organized and subscribed for stock. Mr. Hoelscher is prominent among the Germans, and is extensively known in south Texas, where he resided for many years.

Tom Ward, who moved to Ballinger from San Saba five or six years ago, and purchased an in-

terest in the Hall Hardware Co., and became president of that concern, is president of the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Ward is now interested in the Ballinger Sanitary Sewerage Co., and is numbered among the best business men of the town.

T. S. Lankford, of the firm of Lankford & Hathaway, owns an interest in the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Lankford is one of the most successful business men in the town. He owns considerable business property and does an extensive saddle and harness and furniture business.

J. Y. Pearce is one of the stockholders who was in favor of increasing the capital stock of the Citizen National Bank, and will perhaps double his present holdings in the bank. Mr. Pearce came to Ballinger some twenty years ago, and as an evidence of his business ability and judgment is the nice drug store he conducts and the several rock business houses he owns besides other property and considerable land in the county.

Judge B. B. Stone, one of the most popular young attorneys in this part of the State, is a stockholder and director in the Citizens National Bank. Judge Stone is serving his second term as county Judge, and at the expiration of the term will retire from office to devote all his time to the practice of law. He is a capable lawyer and conservative business man, and by his good judgement in business transactions has gained a good foot hold in the world.

Jones Webb, of Maverick, is a stock holder in the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Webb is one of the early comers, not a new comer. He was here when times were rocky. He owns a fine ranch on Oak creek, and is numbered among Runnels county's best citizens.

Among the non-resident stockholders who are well known in Ballinger and Runnels county, we might mention the names of H. T. Williams, of Fort Worth. Mr. Williams is at the head of one of the largest cotton firms in the state, also at the head of the Western Compress Co., a concern owning compresses at different places in the state. He is one of the charter members of Citizens National Bank, and will double his holdings in the banks stock.

Another out of town stock holder is Gus Noyes, of Menardville. Mr. Noyes owns something like one hundred thousand dollars worth of property in Ballinger, and owns a fine irrigated farm at Menardville, and is a man of much wealth. His confidence in the Citizens National Bank causes him to double his stock.

Cicero Smith, who is the lumber king of Texas, and who now owns one half interest in the Wylie ranch, and is a capitalist known all over the state, is a stock holder in the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Smith is one of the promoters of the Ballinger-Abilene railroad, and no doubts sees good things in store for Ballinger when this road is an assured fact.

J. A. Walker, president of the Walker Smith Co., a whole sale grocery firm with houses at Temple, Brownwood, Ballinger and San Angelo, was present at the meeting of the directors, and will take more of the stock as soon as it can be issued to him. Mr. Walker sees a bright future

for Ballinger and while here subscribed to the rail road bonus for the Ballinger and Abilene railroad.

Space forbids us making special mention of each stockholder in this popular institution, but suffice to say they are all shrewd business men, and are among the best people of the state, with financial backing that will enable them to make good in any undertaking, and the fact that they are behind the Citizens National Bank is a guarantee that the bank is the strongest of the kind in this part of the state. The stockholders who are not so well known in this county are all men of means and business reputation. Joseph Faust, Geo. Knoke and H. D. Grune, of South Texas, are prominent stockholders. These gentlemen have aided a great deal in the development of Runnels county. They have purchased several of the largest tracts of land in the county and sub-divided them in to small tract and sold to the farmers on long time payments. These men know a good business proposition when it is presented to them and they have the money to tackle it. The bank is fortunate in having associated with them in the capacity of stock holders these gentlemen.

There are other stock holders of whom we will make mention when we become better acquainted with them, and when we see fit to make mention of the progress of this bank as it strides on towards the pinnacle of success.

The directorate of this bank is capable of handling any amount of money and financing successfully the institution they are at the head of, and the bank under their direction will continue to prosper despite the financial furries that come and go. The personal of the board, C. A. Doose, J. A. Walker, H. T. Williams, Tom Ward, B. B. Stone and Jo Wilmeth.

These men pull the wires that have set many good things to going for Ballinger. With their energy and money they have established the Citizens National Bank on a firm foundation, and its existence has been of untold benefit to the the people of Ballinger and Runnels county. The handsome home of this bank with its elegant furnishings throughout is a credit to the men behind the gun. To this bank credit is due for our handsome post office quarters, as well as the conveniently arranged telephone office. Some of the best arranged offices in the town are in the second story of the building and the bank's home is certainly located on the choice corner street in the town.

Many are the friends who will rejoice to read of the bank's new undertaking and success.

WILL CARE FOR THE POOR.

Charity Beureau Organized. All Street Begging to be Prohibited by the City Council.

After the Union Prayer Meeting Services at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Wednesday night, the Pastors Association organized a Charity Association and appointed a central committee to collect funds and care for those worthy of help. It is the purpose of the organization to stop begging by those unworthy of help and to prevent the public from being imposed on in this way.

The Pastors have asked the Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting begging on the streets. When a beggar comes to town, or any other case of charity brought to notice, they will be referred to the committee who will investigate their claim and aid them if worthy objects.

The Committee appointed, J. N. Adams, Chariman, J. H. Routh and J. W. Powell.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

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Banner-Leader,
Ballinger, Texas.

Lewis Baker returned to school at Waxahachie, last Sunday.

John Drew went to Lometa, Wednesday to look after a building he has under course of construction.

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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.

WINTER EVENINGS

an excellent time to plan a vacation.

Write for following booklets:

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Some politics makes familiar cellmates.

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.

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.

It always makes us mad to hear anybody boasting of how early they arise in the morning.

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 lot of people who think they are wearing crowns now will know their crosses after awhile.

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.

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

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.

TRAINED NURSE

Writes a Letter to the People.

"To Whom it May Concern: I am a trained nurse of nine years' experience in hospitals and private cases, and for the benefit of the people of Ballinger I wish you would publish my experience with the cod liver preparation, Vinol.

"I was completely prostrated from overwork. I had no appetite, could not sleep, my kidneys, liver and bowels became inactive, and as I grew weaker I could not retain either medicine or food on my stomach, and raised blood. The doctors said my condition was critical and I would probably die.

"As I had seen Vinol prescribed for my patients with such remarkable results, I decided to try it. After the first bottle I began to improve. I continued its use, and soon began to sleep and eat well; every organ in my body was strengthened and became normal, until it seemed good to be alive and I was restored to perfect health and strength

"I advise all my patients who need strength, rich, red blood, and flesh tissue to take Vinol, as it is so far superior to old-fashioned cod liver oil, emulsions, or other tonics." Elizabeth M. Cremond, Trained nurse, Boston, Mass.

In Ballinger we sell Vinol on a positive guarantee to return money if it fails. The Walker Drug Co.

After all, the chief difference between most people is in the length of the clothesline.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of 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 Walkert Drug Co.

When man really becomes acquainted with himself he feels humble.

The Price of Peace

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Worry makes itself known, but good fortune has to be introduced.

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.

People who take life easy usually make it hard for somebody else.

Don't 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.

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.

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YOU MAY NOT NEED IT NOW

Put this Simple Home Recipe in Some Safe Place for it May Come in Handy Some Day.

Here is a simple home-made mixture as given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases, who make the statement in a New York daily newspaper, that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; painful and discolored urination are readily overcome. Here is the recipe: try it; Fluid Extract Dandelion one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here in town is authority that these ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorders and cure the Rheumatism by forcing the Kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and fowl, decomposed waste matter, which cause these afflictions. Try it if you aren't well Save the prescription.

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Try it Once

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Notice--Keep Out.

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

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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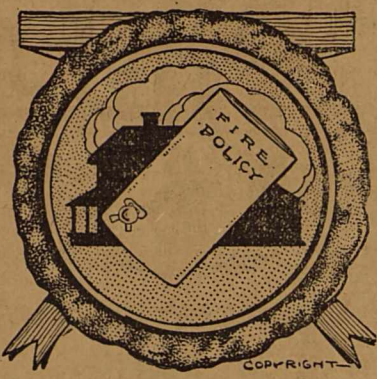
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BROWNWOOD MAN HELPS RAILROAD.

Makes Liberal Subscription to Bonus and
Says Ballinger Should Have the Road.
Best Thing for the Town.

J. A. Walker, a prominent
Brownwood man, who is inter-
ested in Ballinger, being presi-
dent of the Walker-Smith Co.,
and a heavy stock holder in the
Citizens National Bank and one
of the directors of that institu-
tion, and also interested in the
telephone company, was here
first of the week, and did not
hesitate to make a liberal dona-
tion to the railroad bonus.

Mr. Walker expressed himself
in the most favorable way to the
move to get the railroad, and
says it means a great deal to Bal-
linger. Said it would make
things lively from the very start
and he realized that it was to
his interest and to the interest of
the business concerns he is in-
terested in that the road be se-
cured.

Mr. Walker is not a citizen of
Ballinger, and we regret that he
is not; yet he has the best inter-
ests of the town at heart, and
sets an example that others
might follow to a good advantage.
He is a successful business man
and is worth in the neighborhood
of a quarter million dollars, and
his judgment on a question of
the kind under consideration is
well worth something. He has
succeeded in life where some of
those here at home who are
knocking the railroad proposition
from the word go, and doing
everything they can to keep the
bonus from being raised have
failed in life. It is to be hoped
that the knockers will not claim
any of the profits to be gained
by the advent of another railroad
but this is not probable, and they
will come in to reap some of the
benefits purchased by the other
man's money. They will not
have any conscientious scruples
about pulling for the better trade
when the time comes for an in-
crease in business.

It is high time the knockers
were taking a back seat and giv-
ing the man with "some public
enterprise to get up and do some-
thing for his country" a chance
to make Ballinger the town
it should be. Who the knockers
are we don't know, nor do we
care to find out, but we under-
stand that there is quite a num-
ber in Ballinger who not only re-
fuse to work for the securing of
the road, but are using their
every influence to keep it from
being ago; and their excuse is
"that it will kill the town."
What do you think about it?

Good Show Coming

The Gertrude Ewing Co., per-
haps the best company of play-
ers making this territory this
season, is billed to be at the Bal-
linger opera house one week, be-
ginning Jan. 27. Watch next
weeks issue of the paper for a
list of the popular play's put on
by this company, and further
announcement of their special
specialists, the best on the road.

You May Need It

Ask your doctor about the
wisdom of your keeping Ayer's
Cherry Pectoral in the house,
ready for colds, coughs, croup,
bronchitis. If he says it's all
right, then get a bottle of it
at once. Why not show a
little foresight in such matters?
Early treatment, early cure.

We publish our formulas
We banish alcohol
from our medicines
We urge you to
consult your
doctor

Many a boy is called dull and stupid,
when the whole trouble is due to a lazy
liver. We firmly believe your own doctor
will tell you that an occasional dose
of Ayer's Pills will do such boys a great
deal of good. They keep the liver active.
—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

New Year's Greeting:

As, this remarkable Year, ushered upon our commu-
nity, in the midst of plenty, reared in a severe protracted
drough, followed by an untimely freeze and a 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 de-
parting 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 trial and hardships that the true
American Liberty Loving Manhood shines at its bright-
est. 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, contin-
ually 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, Grand-
er 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 con-
fidence 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 and city, its usefulness to the pub-
lic 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 invita-
tion 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 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, Conser-
vatism 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

The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

DEPOSITORY for Runnels County and City of Ballinger.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY of
Runnels. By virtue of an order of sale,
issued out of the Honorable District
Court of Dallas, County, on 7th day of
January, 1908, by the Clerk thereof, in
the case of Kingman Texas Implement
Co., versus W. F. Borders No. 3380, and
to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered,
I will proceed to sell for cash, within the
hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's
Sales, on the first Tuesday in February
A. D. 1908, it being the 4th day of said
month, before the Court House door of
said Runnels County, in the town of Bal-
linger, the following described Property
situated in Runnels Co., Texas, to-wit:

Situated and lying in Runnels County
Texas, and known as all save and ex-
cept 160 acres out said Survey convey-
ed to W. H. Trout, of S. P. R. R. Co.
No. 19 abstract No. 446, Certificate 1213,
of patent to W. J. Hutchings, on April
8th, 1873 letter Patent No. 429, Vol. 6,
for field notes of entire survey refer-
ence is made to book 43 page 215 deed
records of Runnels county Texas, and
for field notes of that part conveyed to
Trout, reference is made to Book 44,
page 611, deed records of Runnels
County, said above mentioned deeds
made part of this description levied on
as the property of W. F. Borders, to
satisfy a judgment amounting to
\$2319.70 in favor of Kingman Texas Im-
plement Co., and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 9th day
of January, 1908.

R. P. Kirk, Sheriff
T. J. Gardner, Deputy

Misses Loucile Reeder, Alva
and Bertha VanPelt returned to
school at Milford, last Sunday.

The Armide Players.

The Armide Players a popular
Theatrical troupe, have been
holding the boards at the Ballin-
ger Opera House this week. Each
night they have played to a fair
size audience, and have put on
some good plays. Tonight they put
on a very laughable comedy en-
titled "The Mysterious Letter,"
and a 50c ticket will admit a lady
and gentlemen. Tomorrow even-
ing they give a matinee for the
ladies and children and the ad-
mission will be 10 and 20c; and
tomorrow night they close their
engagement with a good play.

Mothers Club Meeting.

The Mothers Club will meet
at the school building Friday,
Jan. 18. Subject, Home Life of
the child. Discipline and Training
at Home, Intertainment at
home, Reading at home. Follow-
ed by a general discussion of the
subjects.

Mrs. J. L. Chastain returned
to her home at Coleman, Wed-
nesday after a visit to Ballinger
relatives.

Willie Ward returned to his
school work at Austin, Sunday,
after spending the holidays with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Ward.

Fewer Cattle are in the Feed Lots.

Fewer cattle are in feed lots in
Texas now than at any time
since the advent of cotton seed
hulls as feed there is a general
scarcity of fat cattle. At least,
this is the information compiled
Warren V. Galbreath, general
livestock agent of the Missouri,
Kansas & Texas railway.

Figures of Mr. Galbreath were
obtained directly and accurately
from the oil mills of Oklahoma
and Texas and are declared to
be a true index to the situation.
They show that 40 per cent of
feeders in two states are in Ok-
lahoma and this in itself is sig-
nificant and important demon-
strating a shortage of abundant
grass in the new state.

A comparative tabulation,
showing the number of cattle in
feed lots in Texas and Oklahoma
for the past seven years is inter-
esting:

1901	80,232
1902	61,490
1903	59,100
1904	74,945
1905	29,700
1906	41,210
1907	22,200

Noted in the tabulation is the
fact that since 1901 the number
of feeders has been declining and
this is an evidence that range
cattle are coming more into favor
and recognition, and also that of
recent years grass has been un-
usually good. Particularly is this
true of the past two seasons.

This year's falling off in feed-
ers in Texas and Oklahoma is at-
tributed to several causes. Prob-
ably first is the fact that feed
has been high and grass has
been good; the price of feeders has
been high and they have been
rushed on the market.

Unless business conditions
cause consumption to drop, the
scarcity of fat cattle will cause
the price to advance according
to the opinion of Mr. Galbreath,
who is a student of the market.
—Fort Worth Record.

Texas Must Close the Saloons Because---

1. They cannot run without
making drunkards, vagrants,
gamblers and whoremungers out
of Texas boys. Close these
schools of iniquity and save Tex-
as boys for better things.

2. The Saloons counteract the
work of the Texas schools. Let's
have a school house on every
Texan hill and no saloons in the
valleys.

3. The welfare of Texas
homes demands that the home's
arch enemy—the Public Dram-
shop—shall meet its death from
the ballot-bullets of Texan Home
Defenders.

4. Good Government in Texas
demands the banishment from
its borders of the world's great-
est Crime-Breeder and Criminals'
Rendezvous—the liquor saloon
with its Gambling Adjunct and
Scarlet Annex.

5. The licensed liquor traffic
interposes the greatest existing
obstacles to the Reign of Right-
eousness on Earth, hence every
loyal Child of the King is bound
to help destroy it.

Editor P. E. Truly has been
quite sick at his home in West
End, this week, with a severe
spell of lagrippe.

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

Weigh The Advantages

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

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

Your money is in absolute safety all the time and you cannot lose it by thieves or fire.
A little check book, which you carry in your pocket, makes all of your money avail-
able at any time.

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

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

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.,

Judge Goodwin's Charge.

Not "the same old charge", but a plain statement of facts was Judge Goodwin's charge to the Brown county grand jury. As given by the Brownwood News. Following is the substance of the charge which our anti-contemporary dubs the "Same Old Charge," and proceeds to defend, in a way, the anti prohibition violations:

"Judge Goodwin in delivering his charge stated that the legislature made it his duty to call the attention of the jury to the new laws passed by the last session. He mentioned the gambling laws wherein it is made a felony for a man to operate a gambling place; stated that it was a crime now for a man to desert his wife and not support her; disorderly, houses should not exist, said he and a man who rents a house for such purposes can be prosecuted. The Judge called particular at-

tention to the new local option laws, which he said were sufficient to stop all violations. He characterized the man who will deliberately disobey these laws by any subterfuge as an anarchist. He referred to the oft repeated statement of traveling men that they can get liquor at Brownwood, whereas such a thing was impossible in other towns of his district. He wanted the matter thoroughly investigated and the practice stopped. The law is ample to squelch it.

Judge Goodwin said that C. O. D. shipments of liquor had been prohibited by law and the only way one can get it now is by making a personal order; that there is a heavy tax on Unojoints; that the law forbids anyone soliciting orders in local option districts; or from keeping liquor for others in cold storage."

The drinker who tries to "tap off" generally toppers on.

Citation by Publication.

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

You are Herby Commanded 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 & 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 petition alleging

A. J. & D. Reeder vs. Thomas Pratt & his Unknown Heirs et al.

In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, March Term A. D. 1907.

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.

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

Witness, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County.

Given Under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas this 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.

BAD NEGRO FIGHT PULLED OFF

One Negro in Jail and Another Dying is the Results of a Saturday Night Scrap.

The officers were called on to take in custody a bad negro by the name of Gene Patterson, Saturday night about twelve o'clock. It seems that Patterson and another negro by the name of John Barber had some trouble over their girl, and Patterson proceeded to settle the trouble by cutting Barber up in small pieces. He used a knife or "razor" to the extent of making four serious gashes in Barber's body. The most serious of which is near the heart.

Sheriff Kirk assisted by Marshall McKay took charge of the negro with the knife and he is in jail waiting the development of Barber's wound, and from all accounts he will have to answer a charge of murder.

A Mild Laxative For Baby's Bowels

The infant or child should not be given salts, purgative waters or harsh pills or tablets when the bowels are constipated, and neither should any medicine be used that contains a narcotic. It is well for mothers to remember that there is no better, gentler or more effective remedy for children's stomach and bowel troubles than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Its purity and mildness make it especially adapted to young people's use. It works gently but surely, and containing, as it does, many tonic ingredients, it not only cleans out the congested bowels, but tones the system and makes the child feel better in every way.

Among the thousands who are using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is Mrs. Spaulding, of Mayfield, Ky., and she writes that she gives it to her baby regularly and that she would not be without it. She has used it herself for a long time and ought to know. Mothers will find this an invaluable remedy for old and young in constipation, dyspepsia, liver trouble, diarrhea, colic, worms, and the many other ills that afflict the stomach and bowels. It is guaranteed to do what we claim, and by its use a home cure at very little cost is easily brought about. Children are often troubled with skin diseases, are backward in school, lose weight and do not care to eat or play, when all that is really the matter with them is stomach trouble that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will correct. Go to your druggist to-day and buy a bottle and see how quickly the child gets well again. It is a good thing for the whole family to use in stomach, liver and bowel complaints. A 50 cent bottle has often restored an entire family.

FREE TEST Those wishing to try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin 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. Get the yet most effective laxative for children, women and old folks. A guaranteed, permanent home cure. **THE PLEASANT LAXATIVE SO GOOD AS DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN.** This product bears purely guarantee No. 17, Washington, D. C.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO.
119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

Monument to Women of Confederacy

The following Committee was appointed by Henry E. McCulloch camp No. 557 to raise funds for monument to "Women of Confederacy:"

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|---------------|-----------|
| John Shaffer | Ballinger |
| J. S. Moore | " |
| M. C. Bright | Token |
| R. O. Keer | Drasco |
| J. T. Wilcox | Phumphrey |
| O. M. Pike | Audra |
| G. W. Pilgrim | Norton |
| G. W. Cathey | Wingate |
| Edgar Witt | Hatchel |
| John M. Young | Winters |
| A. D. Talley | Crews |
| G. B. Peers | Maverick |
| L. Keவில் | Marie |
| W. G. Casher | Mazeland |
| G. W. McBeth | Miles |

This Committee is requested to make reports of all collections to the Camp at its regular meeting 1st Monday in Feby., being 3rd day thereof.

J. H. Routh, Com.
S. D. Williams Acting Adjutant.

The express agent at Mount Vernon, Texas, testifies to the efficiency of the C. O. D. law. He says he delivered \$1,800 worth of C. O. D. whiskey last year, and this year only twenty-five small packages. Presuming that these latter were worth \$100, it appears that the local option law is pretty effective in Franklin county.

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.
A Safe, Certain Remedy for Suppressed Menstruation. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Safe! Sure! Speedy! Satisfying! Guaranteed or Money Refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, to be paid for when relieved. Samples Free. If your druggist does not have them send your orders to the
UNITED MEDICAL CO., BOX 74, LANCASTER, PA.
Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

SHERIFF SELLS LAND AT AUSTIN

Four Tracts Sold to Highest Bidder to Satisfy Debts.

As advertised in the Leader for the last three or four weeks, Sheriff Kirk sold in front of the court house door, Tuesday evening the following described tracts of real estate.

One business lot and house located in the town of Rowena, in the name of Wm. Gilla, foreclosure of deed of trust in favor of Miss Laura Morgan, of Fort Worth. The debt was for \$250, and the property was purchased by B. D. Hamilton, trustee of the Morgan estate for \$150.

530 acres of land, levied on as the property of R. Michna, was sold to satisfy a judgment of \$992 in favor of Rasbury & Bruce, Jo. Wilmeth bought this property for \$100, subject to other notes.

114 acres of land, levied on as the property of J. T. Burns, C. W. Sanders, Jesse Sanders, Carl Sanders, and Etta Sanders, sold to satisfy the foreclosure of a lien in favor John Marbach, Geo. Knoke and H. D. Grune, amounting to \$1507.14 and cost of suit. C. A. Dooze bought in this property for the plaintiffs for \$1592.32.

780 acres of land, levied on as the property of G. T. Martin and wife, to satisfy a judgment in favor of Jo Wilmeth amounting to \$13,034.52, and cost of suit. This property was bid in by Jo. Wilmeth for \$2500, subject to other notes.

Words of Praise

For the several ingredients of which Dr. Pierce's medicines are composed, as given by leaders in all the several schools of medicine, should have far more weight than any amount of non-professional testimonials. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has THE BADGE OF HONESTY on every bottle-wrapper, in a full list of all its ingredients printed in plain English.

If you are an invalid woman and suffer from frequent headache, backache, gnawing distress in stomach, periodical pains, disagreeable, catarrhal, pelvic drain, dragging down distress in lower abdomen or pelvis, perhaps dark spots or specks dancing before the eyes, faint spells and kindred symptoms caused by female weakness, or the derangement of the feminine organs, you can not do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. The hospital, surgeon's knife and operating table may be avoided by the timely use of "Favorite Prescription" in such cases. Thereby the obnoxious examinations and local treatments of the family physician can be avoided and a thorough course of successful treatment carried out in the privacy of the home. "Favorite Prescription" is composed of the very best native medicinal roots known to medical science for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments, contains no alcohol and no harmful or habit-forming drugs.

Do not expect too much from "Favorite Prescription." It will not perform miracles; it will not dissolve or cure tumors. No medicine will. It will do as much to establish vigorous health in most weaknesses and ailments peculiarly incident to women as any medicine can. It must be given a fair chance by perseverance in its use for a reasonable length of time.

You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this remedy of known composition.

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence is guarded as sacredly secret and womanly confidences are protected by professional privacy. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets the best laxative and regulator of the bowels. They invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. One a laxative; two or three a cathartic. Easy to take as candy.

B. Y. P. U. Program
Jan. 12, 1908.

Subject:—Our Sure Confidence
Isa. 30:15, 18; Isa. 35:3-4; Heb. 3:14.

Leader—Fred Mixon
Opening Exercises
Hymn

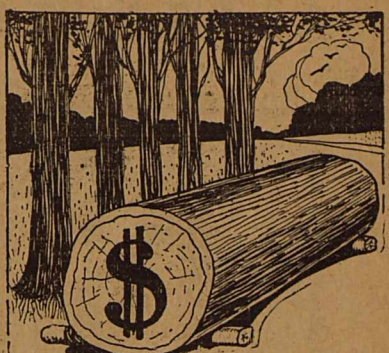
"The Basis of Christian Confidence"
Isa. 30:15, 18.—Paper by Mrs. J. H. Kelly.

"What does our own strength have to do with our security?"
Isa. 35: 3-4.—Address by Mr. Fletcher.

Hymn.
Practicing Confidence in God.
Heb. 3:14.—Address by Will Stuart.

Personal experiences of God's help. Participated in by all.
Closing exercises.

The Moler Barber College, Ft. Worth Tex., certainly offers splendid chance for men to learn that trade quickly. There is little expense and positions are numerous. Their illustrated catalogue explains fully, write them.
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MONEY IN LUMBER

Is the pleasant experience that will come for you if you buy your lumber supplies at this yard.

LUMBER VALUE

Is in every board, piece of siding, upright, or beam that you load on your wagon and that we charge you for. Before buying, get our prices!

Ballinger Lumber Company

Dr. C. S. Jackson,

the Brownwood Veterinary Surgeon, visits Ballinger once a month and will treat your sick or diseased stock.

Notice—Keep Out.

All my lands on Valley creek are posted, and here-by warn parties to keep out. No hunting peccan gathering or trespassing in any manner will be allowed.
J. W. Raby.

We want your accounts large or small. Citizens National Bank.



Dear friend:

We were away from home in jelly-making time, but Mama says she is not going to worry over a hot stove any more to make jelly and jam. She says she can buy it cheaper than she can make it and just as good. Do you know you can get a real nice glass of jelly, any kind you want for 10c.

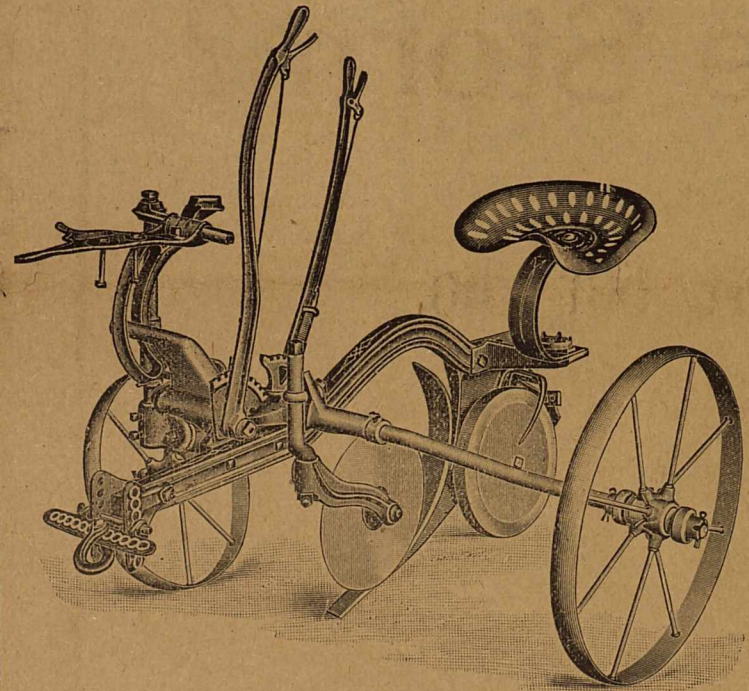
your friend,
Jacob.

P. S. It would surprise you to see how many different kinds of jams and jellies and things put up in glasses and bottles you can get at

Dornberger & Hopkinson.

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 H'dware Co.

Did You Ever Stop To Think!

Gentle Reader, when seriously considering the advisability of buying a home for yourself, wife and children, especially so, when its true that nine-tenths of the Real Estate Buyers are only in a position *to pay a very small amount down* in cash thereon, that in the event of a drought or financial calamity befalling the country, it is a duty that you owe yourself and family to buy from a firm who is in a position to

Help You Weather The Storm?

if so, deal with the firm who is not make-shift, but who have been here a quarter of a century and engaged in the Real Estate Business here for over 17 years. Your interests are ours.

We've Got The Land and Make Terms

To suit the purchaser. Now is the time to buy a home in Runnels County. With the advent of another railroad into our town, both city and country property will advance in value. There is no investment that will pay better than investing in Runnels County dirt. See our method of doing business.

C. A. DOOSE & Company

REAL ESTATE		LOANS		ABSTRACTS
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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 at data.

A Pleasant Evening.

The informal reception given by Mesdames Geo Vaughn and C. R. Crews, at the Vaughn home, last Friday afternoon, was a prominent event on the social calendar of the week.

The home was beautifully and appropriately decorated, charming effects being achieved by the use of ever green wreathes, scarlet bells, and winter blooming geraniums narcissus and hyacinths.

Interesting contests furnished amusement and pleasure as well as much thought. And "Let us laugh and be merry" was the keynote of the entire afternoon.

A delicious luncheon, consisting of a salad course, sherbert and coffee was served and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mesdames Homer Alexander, Geo. Holeman, John Hopkinson and LaCompte assisted the hostesses.

When the hour of departure came, the guests took leave with assurances to Mesdames Vaughn and Crews that they had heartily enjoyed the hours gone by.

The Poverty of the Miser.

The other day at Havenhill, Mass., an old man was laid in the grave, and the echo of the rattle of the clods upon his coffin had hardly died away until it was discovered that the dead man had in his possession at the time of his death a million and a half dollars. Yet the old man had lived and died the veriest pauper in all the country about. All his life had been spent in the accumulation of the fortune that was torn from him as a withered leaf is torn from the branch, at the touch of the hand of death. He had pauperized himself while in life, and in death his condition was fitting.

His neighbors, for friends he could have none, endeavored to recall some kindly act which he had performed during his lifetime, but they were compelled to confess their inability to do so. No kindly word had the old man ever spoken to one in trouble or weighted down with grief. No act of charity at his hand was ever known; the poor and needy knew him not, and not one bright spot in all the time that he had lived could be pointed out as of his making. So far as others were concerned, his life was useless to them. Nor did that life avail its possessor anything more than it afforded others. He never allowed his quest for money to be subserved to the joys and pleasure of living in loving communion with his friends and relatives. His very existence was cold, his days were dark and cheerless and his death merely served as the emphasis of the utter barrenness of an existence with no higher purpose than the accumulation of a golden hoard that dwarfs the soul until it is despised of men and leaves its possessor devoid of every trait of character and every human instinct that could make his memory dear on earth and procure for him the riches that shall endure for time and all eternity. Riches such as these are the only ones that are worth while. — Ft. Worth Record.

A Christmas gift given as an obligation carries nothing with it.

RUNNELS COUNTY POLITICAL NEWS

Rumors of Probable Candidates. Some Changes in Store at the Court House.

The Runnels County Political pot is simmering and will very probably strike a boil by the last of the month. It is generally understood that all the present officers will be candidates except Judge B. B. Stone, who will retire from public life after a very successful career in Runnels County politics. Judge Stone served two terms as County Attorney and we dare say the County has never had a more efficient officer. He went from the County Attorney's office to that of County Judge where he has served for three years, this being the fourth year, and he has, as far as we know, filled this office without a complaint from any one. Besides attending to the duties of his office Judge Stone has built up a law practice he should justly be proud of and when his present term of office expires he will retire to devote his entire time to the practice of law.

While we are not authorized to mention the name of any candidate, nor did we consult Judge Stone, in reference to a mention his, name yet it is generally understood that the present County attorney R. S. Griggs will be a candidate for County Judge, and there is some talk of others, but nothing definite.

Sheriff Kirk, we understand is in the race for sheriff and it will take a mighty good man to down him, and we haven't heard of any opposition.

Edwin Day who has served his first term as Assessor will in all probability go before the people for re-election, and as far as we know without opposition.

We have heard very little said about the Clerk's office, but it will be hard to find a man that will make a better clerk than R. A. Terry, and if he sees fit to ask for the office again, the man that beats him will have to go early and stay late and not over look a single picnic.

Judge Griggs reaching up for the County Judge's office will leave the County Attorney's office for some other man, and it is generally understood that Judges W. E. Sayle and E. S. McCarver will be in the race for this office.

The office of Public weigher looks good to at least one new candidate. Water works Superintendent, Joe Spoons will announce for this office. The present weigher, Frank Stuart has been too busy weighing cotton to think of politics, and an expression from him has not been heard.

There is some talk of abolishing the Treasurers office, but nothing definite given out by the Commissioners Court.

Mrs. Sharp is at present serving the people in this capacity and in case the office is not abolished she can no doubt hold it.

Esq. Weeks will no doubt continue to deal out justice to the wicked violators as we have heard nothing to the contrary.

Superintendent Hagan is serving under appointment to his office, and of course will give the people chance to elect him. He will have been in office long enough to give the people an idea of his efficiency, and we doubt if there is an opposing candidate.

Miss Amelia Johnson left last Sunday for Columbia, Mo., to take up her school work again after the holidays.

Mrs. Hugh Stinson returned from a visit to her mother at Fort Worth, Sunday. Mr. Stinson was in from the Wingate country to meet her.

Dr. Jackson Coming

Stockmen please take notice that Dr. C. S. Jackson, the veterinary surgeon, will be in Ballinger, Thursday and Friday, Jan., 17 and 18. Bring in your sick or lame horse. It

New Saddler in Town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaffer are rejoicing over the arrival of a bright little ten pound boy at their home Monday night. Bob has temporarily retired from business and is about the happiest man in town.

Death Near Crews.

J. M. Elms, one of the good citizens of the Crews country, died Monday night of this week, from the effects of a cancer. Mr. Elms had been afflicted with cancer for many years, and spent a great deal of money seeking relief, but death was the only relief for the awful malady.

He leaves a wife and two sets of children, and other relatives to mourn his death.

The remains were shipped to his old home at Killen for burial.

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

Traveling Man Could't Find Ballinger.

A traveling man alighted from the west bound passenger train one day last week, walked up the street and asked to be directed to a certain business house. He was told that there was no such house here but that there was in Ballinger. He then asked the name of our town, and being informed that he was in Talpa, he quietly went to the livery stable and hired a rig and driver to take him to Ballinger. No doubt the Ballinger papers will take the gentleman's mistake as a compliment to their little village and we assure them they are at liberty to do so for the gentleman has already apologized to Talpa for his error. — Talpa Tribune.

AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT.

Billie attended the vesper service at the Little Church Around the Corner, and was much impressed by the boy choir and the acolytes who assisted in the service. As soon as he left the church his eager questions began. He passed along Twenty-ninth street.

"This is the parish house, it belongs to the church," said Billie's father.

"Oh, papa," said Billie, "is that where those appetites live?" — N. Y. Times.

MINING IN JAPAN.

The mining industry in Japan is steadily developing. On the authority of the director of the mining bureau a vernacular contemporary remarks that the number of applications received during the first half of this year for experimental digging or working of mines and the gathering of samples of gold dust, iron ore, etc., was 6,621, showing an increase of 3,794 on the number for the corresponding period of last year.

FEWER SAILING VESSELS.

In spite of the progress of economy in building and operating sailing vessels they are being crowded out by steamers. The capacity of all sailing vessels, both home and foreign, carrying the exports and imports of the United States, has declined 50 per cent in 30 years. Prior to 1881 the capacity of sailing vessels in this trade exceeded that of steamships, but in 1906 the tonnage of steamships was nearly 11 times that of sailing vessels.

NO EYE FOR ART.

"Such an angel of a hat," chirped the vain woman, as she twirled before the mirror. "Yellow and white. What does it remind you of, my dear?"

The big man in the embroidered slippers looked up from his paper. "Yellow and white?" he repeated. "Well, now, on the level, it reminds me of a fried egg."

REDDY

By H. I. BLUM

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They called him Reddy, because a mass of gold-shot hair covered his head. Whence he came, or who he was, no man knew. But he grew up in Chicago gutters, encrusted with its dirt, a waif, a vagabond. There may have been something human in him. Sure it was, that there was in his thin, eager face, crowned by the gold-shot hair, full as much of Heaven, as in his bad, wild eyes, of hell. But no man looked for the good in Reddy.

He stood this night upon the crowded street, against the bitter wind. There was but little to cover his ill-nourished frame. A summer coat of many seasons' wear, and nothing underneath. But he hugged this about him with a fierce energy, and he looked sullenly at the passers by.

Reddy was hungry. He had other wants and aches, but above them all, there rose the call for food. This was nothing new for Reddy. A lad of 13, his existence knew little more than wants that could not be gratified. But there was in him that bouyancy of spirit, that found expression in an enduring philosophy of mingled hate and optimism. It was not that he hoped for better times, but that better times must come. And that, despite all that the "cop" upon his beat and the host of the righteous could do to prevent it. For they—and that comprehended everything human—wronged Reddy each day, each minute. He had not the fine intelligence to distinguish between those who kicked and those who did not, and he called all men one.

He walked about on the brightest



"You're Not—Not—Hungry?"

street in the metropolis. There passed him the well clad, the well fed, the comfortable, who regarded him with no more friendly eyes than he them.

He stopped before a hostelry from which there came the quickening aroma of well cooked food. Reddy, overcome by the emotions the odors wrought within him, planted his tired feet in the doorway, and looked intently in. The liveried guardian at the door, shocked to speechlessness at the presumption of the waif, pounced upon him, and with a dexterous jerk, withdrew him from the doorway.

Reddy wheeled about, and for the briefest moment regarded the form of the man who had thus outraged his person. The devil in him rose to his eyes, and with a snarl, he sprang at the well fed menial. But Reddy had no body, it was weak, it had not supped. With hardly an effort the strong arm of the man swept him off his feet and sent him sprawling on the pavement.

"Oh, isn't that too bad," came the sound of a soft voice in a pitying key, to Reddy's ears. "Please don't hurt him."

"No mum." The flunky touched his hat deferentially. "But he tried to beat me, miss, he did."

"But he is such a little boy," insisted the voice.

"Them little fellers is wishus, mum, wery wishus."

Nevertheless, he touched his hat again and went his way. There would have been little profit in arguing with the lady.

Reddy, still on the ground, slowly raised his eyes. Not very high, for a little ways above him he met the

lady's glance, and he lowered them again. Then slowly and painfully he rose to his feet and locked on the ground.

The girl, in that one fleeting glimpse impressed Reddy, he knew not why. It was not the clothes she wore. Reddy had the philosopher's contempt for clothes. She was such a little lady, hardly older than Reddy himself. And she had the roundest, softest face with large eyes that looked at him compassionately. There was a man with her, whose hand she held. Reddy would rather have looked at him with cynical, hating eyes. But the lady—

"Did the man hurt you?" she was asking.

"No, mum," he replied, with a crude effort at civility, fidgeting with his cap.

"It was wrong of that man to strike you," she said decidedly. "Wasn't it, pa," she asked, appealing to the man.

Reddy looked at her furtively, almost suspiciously. He was not used to this, it was so unlike the roundsman's curse and the watchman's menacing yell. He looked for the sly leer in the child's eye that should have accompanied so goodly a jest—a human being saying something like that to Reddy. It was not there. He looked on the ground again. He had no experience whereon to draw for any explanation of this.

"You're sure he did not hurt you?" she was saying.

"Yes mum," replied Reddy stolidly.

"You look so pale," she exclaimed. "You're not—not—hungry?"

The sign on the door of the restaurant, or her own healthy hunger may have suggested that.

Almost a smile came on Reddy's wan features. "No mum," he replied. He had a sense of humor, had Reddy.

"Why, surely. It's dinner time," she insisted. "When did you have your luncheon?" she demanded.

"Me wot?" Then he recollected. They had that at the "Teamster's Rest" every noon. "Ain't had any," he replied.

"Haven't had any?" she repeated in surprise. "Then surely you must be hungry. Papa," she went on, looking at the big man beside her, "can't this little boy take dinner with us?"

The man smiled indulgently at her. "Perhaps this little boy would rather take dinner alone," he suggested. He drew from his pocket two bright, silver dollars. "Here, boy, buy yourself something to eat."

There was a harshness in the man's voice when he offered the money to Reddy that the softness of the girl's voice and of his own when he spoke to her accentuated. The boy shrank away from him, and looked slowly from the girl to the man and the shining coins in his hand. Then he smiled wryly.

"I ain't hungry," he said, turning away.

He turned back, when at a little distance, and glanced at the lady who was beckoning to him. But he caught the man's eyes again, and he shuffled off awkwardly into the crowd.

WHERE GIRLS LEARN TRADES.

Miss Florence Marshall, the director of the Boston Trade School for Girls, has just issued the third annual report, which will be found interesting reading by those who have at heart the work of women forced to support themselves. In this school a girl of any race or creed may learn the elements of a trade, such as dressmaking, millinery, straw hat making and power machine, operating for different kinds of factory-made clothing. The skilled trades eagerly take the girls who have served the apprenticeship of the school. Girls from 14 to 17 who must leave school to earn a living may enter this school, and evidently, with such preparation, girls are much better able to begin the work of life.

A LIFE PRESERVER.

When Brown, in reading aloud from the evening newspaper, came to the heading, "Francis Joseph Sinking," little Jimmie wanted to know if Francis Joseph was a ship. Being informed that it was the name of an emperor, Jimmie remarked: "It seems to me he ought to be rich enough to always have a life preserver at hand to keep him from sinking." Then Mrs. Brown explained that the emperor did not need a life preserver, but a doctor. "Well," said Jimmie, "isn't a doctor a life preserver?"

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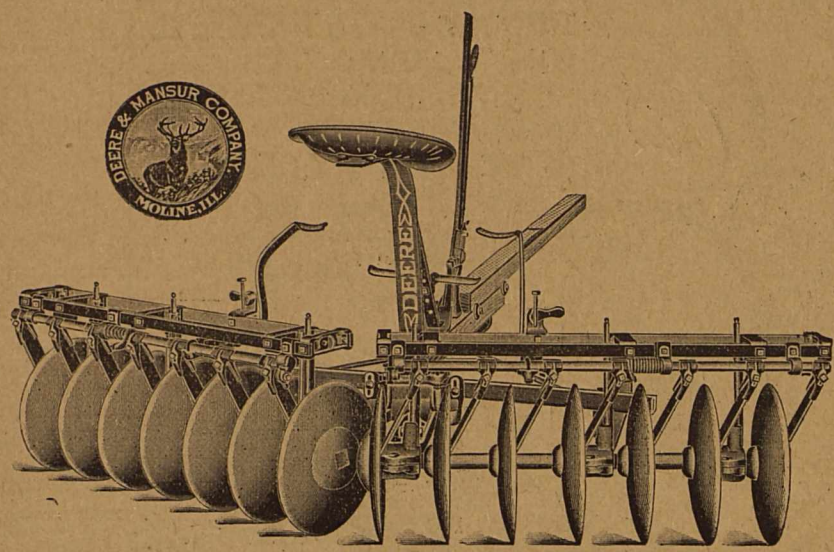
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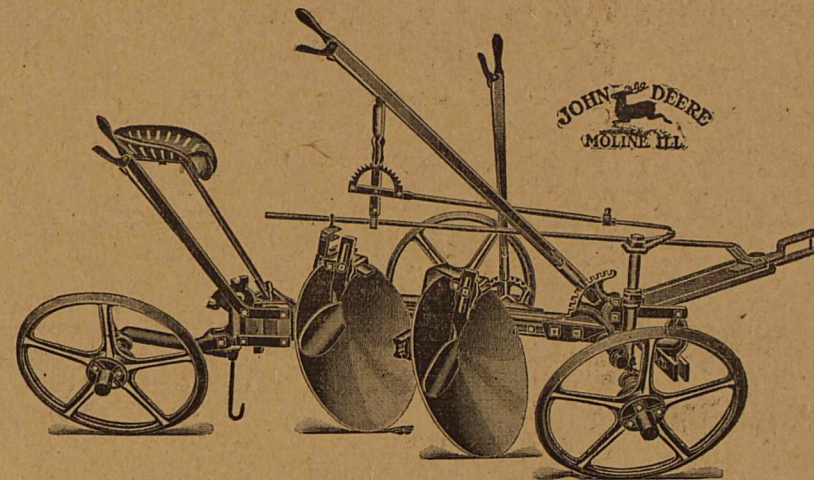
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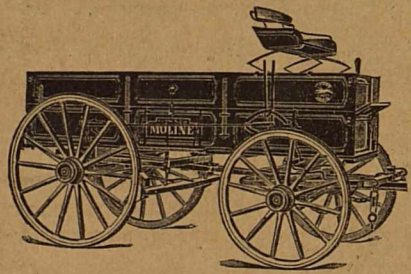
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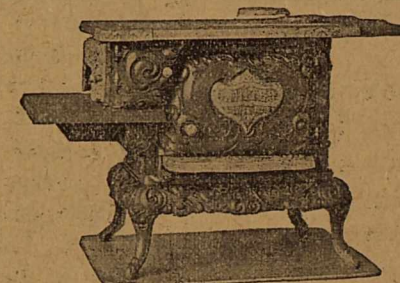
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UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION
STATE DEPOSITORY

To Advertise Runnels County.

The Earth a Journal published at Chicago by the Santa Fe Ry. Co., will devote the April issue to a write up of this section of the country, and will print 50,000 copies of the magazine to be scattered broad cast over a territory that it populated with people anxious to come West, or go to a better country than the one they are living in. The write up is to cover the country traversed by the San Angelo branch of the Santa Fe, and of course Runnels county will come in for its space in the Journal, and will

no doubt be well represented, for there is no country that will compare in every particular with this.

Steps have already been taken to see that Ballinger and her trade territory gets due credit for the advantage and opportunities afforded for the good class of homeseekers.

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.

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.

—Old Papers 20c hundred.

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.

City Council Meeting

The Council met in regular order, Tuesday night. The usual monthly accounts were approved and ordered paid. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Ordered that sanitary ordinance be referred to ordinance committee.

W. J. Miller and T. S. Lankford appointed as ordinance committee with City Attorney as ex-officio.

Joe Spoons was re-elected water works superintendent to act until May 1st 1908.

Resignation of B. C. Wilkerson, scavenger, accepted.

David Graham appointed to fill unexpired term of city scavenger.

Ordered that water rate for laundry be fixed at \$8.00.

An ordinance was passed creating the office of water works superintendent and prescribing his power and duties.

The following ordinance relating to the fire company was passed:

CITY ORDINANCE:

An ordinance to prevent get on fire wagon and interfering with operation of the fire department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger. (A) That it shall be unlawful for any person to get on, jump on and jump off, or ride on the Ballinger Fire wagon.

Provided, this ordinance shall not apply to active members of the Volunteer Fire Company of Ballinger, nor to the officials of the city. (B) It shall be unlawful for any person except active members of the Voluntary Fire Company or City officials, after the fire alarm has been sounded to approach nearer than fifty feet of the entrance to the fire station, or place where the Ballinger Fire wagon is kept, unless by request of or permission of the Fire Chief, Assistant

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Chief, or Driver of the Fire Company. (C) Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

Rule suspended and ordinance passed January 7th 1908.

Approved January 8 1908,
John Hoffer,
Mayor.

Attest:

J. R. Lusk,
City Secretary.

From the Miles Messenger.

R. A. Terry, the efficient county clerk was in the city a few hours Tuesday.

Mrs. George Stokes, of Ballinger, is visiting the family of Lee Stokes this week.

D. M. Baker of Ballinger, was in the city Wednesday, the guest of his niece, Mrs. Dr. Hamblen.

D. Reeder, of Ballinger, was in the city last Monday the guest of his brothers, George and

Charlie Reeder.

Robert Batts of Galveston, and Elmer Batts of Ballinger, were in the city Thursday. the guests of their old friend R. W. Perry and family.

E. A. Bean who purchased the irrigated farm of Long Brothers, has moved to the place and is making extensive preparations for a crop this year. He has a fine place and we feel sure that he will make a fine crop.

Long Brothers have been trading some of the land they recently bought in Reagan county. The latest deals they have made were consummated this week. In one of the trades they got a gin and fixtures at Traett in this county. In another trade they got a large black land farm in Bell county for one section, which they valued at \$15.00 per acre.

The multitude pauses when the heart speaks.

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Keep It Up.

Many made a good start last Sunday. Now let us keep it up. Those who have not made the good start should not delay to do so.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. at the Court House. Preaching at 7:30 at the Christian church.

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

Mrs. D. C. McCaleb returned to her home in Fort Worth. Wednesday after a visit to her parents, Judge and Mrs. Jno. I. Guion.

**\$42,286 WARRANTY
DEED FILED**

Big Tract of Land to be Cut up in Small Farms for the Farmer.

C. A. Doose & Co., this week filed a general Warranty deed conveying from H. Z. and S. D. Parrott to John Marbach, Geo. Knoke and H. D. Gruene, 2347 acres of land located on Valley creek, and known as the W. E. Allen old ranch or the Parrott place. The consideration figures \$42,286, or about \$17.50 per acre.

Mr. Doose informs the writer that this land will be sub-divided into small tracts and sold in blocks to suit purchasers, which means more new people and an enlarged trade territory for Ballinger. This is a fine body of land, and being close to town will no doubt be in good demand, and will rapidly settle with a good lot of thrifty farmers.

This firm also reports the following sales:

To J. Y. and A. Y. Witherpoon, of Maverick, 184 acres of unimproved land out of the Houghton and Robinson ranch at \$15 per acre.

To J. L. Hambricht, of Maverick, 111 1-2 acres of unimproved land out of the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$20.

To J. D. Isbell, of Hill county, 100 acres of land out of the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$16 per acre.

To N. C. Hawkins, of Mills county, 160 acres of unimproved land out of the Houghton & Robinson ranch at \$16 per acre.

W. T. Routh sold to Joe B. Johnson 96 acres of land across the creek from the old dam for \$35 per acre.

C. A. Doose purchased 4 lots from Judge M. C. Smith, located near the ice factory, for \$2000, and sold to M. C. Smith three lots in the Blanchard addition, located adjoining the residence of R. S. Griggs, for \$1500.

C. A. Doose purchased from E. C. Allison 300 acres of land known as the Nichols ranch headquarters, including the rock house, for \$20 per acre, or a total of \$6000. The deal was closed this week.

Help Wanted.

A German or Boheman girl for general house work—liberal wages—Apply to

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162t Ballinger, Texas.

David Guion, who has been attending school in Illinois, will finish out the term in Fort Worth, and left to take up his work, first of this week. He had been at home for the holidays.

Stewards Meeting.

The Stewards will meet at the parsonage Monday evening at 7:30.

Stewards please take notice.

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY
FOR BALLINGER.**

The Matter is Well in Hand and the Library is an Assured Fact.

That Ballinger is to have a modern public library will be good news to Ballinger people.

Several weeks ago it was suggested that Ballinger should have a public library or some place for public gatherings.

Rev. Geo. W. Fender acting on the suggestion addressed a letter to the great library builder, Andrew Carnegie soliciting aid in the building of a library, and telling him of the need of such a building in Ballinger. Mr. Carnegie very promptly responded, and asked for information, and wanted to know if Ballinger would meet his requirements in the matter.

Mr. Carnegie's requirements are that Ballinger furnish the site for the building and guarantee a maintenance fee of at least ten per cent of the cost of the building. This was easy for Ballinger, and that progressive citizen, Jo Wilmeth, very promptly offered to donate the site free, and the City Council met in special session yesterday evening and passed a resolution endorsing the move and guaranteeing the maintenance of the library.

This practically settles the question and Ballinger will soon have a modern library building. All that remains to be done is to get the matter in definite shape, and start the work.

The donation from Mr. Carnegie will be about equal those made other towns, \$15,000 and this amount will be put in a building, and with the building advantages we have, this amount will build a nice library.

Revs. Leslie and Fender is taking an active interest in the matter, and nothing will be left undone to secure the building.

Advertised Letter List.

- Jan. 4, 07,
- Andrews Miss Matisha
- Adams Mrs. Ellen
- Bell Miss Callie
- Elms Mrs. Paralee
- Harper Mrs. M. R.
- Offield J. R.
- Holshouser A. J.
- Moore H. C.
- Nichols M. F.
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- Roberts Annie L.
- Smith A. E.
- Smith Jeff
- Winzer James
- Williams Harvey
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Mrs. George Holeman left last Saturday for Summersville to visit her sister, Mrs. Joe A. Jones.



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The postal department request that we notify the people that it requires a 2 cent stamp to carry a drop letter on rural routes. When writing to a party here at home, and the party lives on the rural route just established don't mail the letter with 1 cent stamp for it will not leave the Ballinger office. For instance, you write to Mr. A whose post office is Ballinger and Mr. A lives on the rural route the letter requires a two cent stamp.

S. B. Corder Drops Dead.

S. B. Corder, a man well known in Ballinger, dropped dead while about his daily routine Monday of this week at about four o'clock.

Mr. Corder was up and is supposed to have been as well as usual, and had just alighted from his buggy at the Star Waggon Yard, when he fell and died with out the slightest pain.

Deceased was 62 years old, and a member of the Odd Fel-

lows Lodge, and was laid to rest under the direction of that order, the funeral being preached by Rev. E. P. Williams, and the burial took place in the Ballinger cemetery at four o'clock Tuesday evening.

Miss Willie Allen went back to school at Waxahachie last Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Massey returned from a visit to her mother at Fort Worth, Sunday.

GREATER CUTS! GREATER BARGAINS!

FOR JANUARY at W. H. DAVIS'



The New Year is here and we are over stocked in all departments, and we must cash this stock by February 1st., and to do this we have cut all profits off. We shall put forth such offerings that no matter where you live you must and will be here to get your share. Time and space forbid mentioning prices, but come and see for yourself and you won't be sorry.



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