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CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOR BALLINGER

Ballinger can Get Academy if People Want It. Parties Here Looking Over Ground.

The Catholic people own a nice block of land north of the public school buildings, which was purchased some time ago for a building site for a Catholic Academy.

At the request of the local Catholics a committee composed of Mother M. Florence, Mother General, and Sister M. Philothea First Assistant, of San Antonio; and Rev. H. A. Constantian, Provincial of the Oblate Fathers of San Antonio, and Rev. I. Tresch, Director of the Brownwood Mission, visited here this week and inspected the property, looked over the ground and interviewed our business men with

reference to establishing an Academy at this place.

The Sisters have 68 schools and academies in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, all in charge of normal trained teachers who hold state certificates. Their Academy of Our Lady of the Lake at San Antonio is one of the best schools in the State. It is affiliated with the University of Texas, and holds a state normal every year. They propose to build an academy here for day scholars and boarders, and will be instrumental in bringing to our town people who otherwise would not come here.

It is a settled fact that a school will either be built here, at Brownwood or Lampasas, and all things being equal the Ballinger site is preferable. The committee expects to return here in the early part of the fall and take up the matter again, and with proper encouragement from our citizens the school will be built and ready for business the following fall.

YOUNG MAN CUT TO PIECES UNDER TRAIN

Henry Franklin Falls Under Moving Freight Train and is Horribly Mangled. Body Was Completely Severed in Two Places.

WAS CELEBRATING NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY Just About Ready to go Home and Eat Birthday Dinner With Mother, Little Sister and Brother.

The saddest accident that has occurred in our town for a long time happened about twelve-thirty Tuesday, when Henry Franklin was cut to pieces under a freight train near the depot in Ballinger. The passenger train from San Angelo had come in and was standing on the side track while a freight train that had been loading cattle here was switching and getting ready to pull out. The unfortunate boy had been on the opposite side of the track from the depot to tack some cards "Southern Cattle" on the cars, and just as he tacked the last card on, the train started. He jumped on the steps of a box car and pulled himself up and in between the cars, and it is thought he intended to come across and jump off on the side next to the depot. He was not seen to fall, but was seen by parties who were standing near waiting for the arrival of the west-bound passenger train which was due in a few minutes, struggling on the ground trying to get out from under the moving train. This he failed to do, and two sets of trucks ran over his body, the first cutting his legs off just below the knees and the second cutting his body in two just above the hips. The boy was then struck by a break beam and rolled over a time or two, bruising his head and crushing the left arm just above the elbow. By this time the train had stopped, and the young man was found to be grasping his last breath.

The scene was a most sickening and heart-rending one, and caused those who were near enough to see the young man crushed to pieces to shudder. The pieces were picked up and carried to the undertakers parlor of the Ostertag Furniture Co. where the body was prepared for burial and removed to the home of the mother, Mrs. R. J. Franklin on Hutching Ave. near the bridge, from which place the funeral services were conducted Rev. M. E. Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist church speaking the consoling words.

The young man was nineteen years old on the day he was killed, and in a few minutes he would have gone to his home where his mother had prepared a birthday dinner for him. Dinner was ready and the mother and little sister and brother, ages about ten and thirteen years, were waiting for Henry to come when the death messenger carried them the sad news. He had been in the employ of the Santa Fe for about four months, and had made good in all his work. He was freight clerk and assisted in handling the baggage, and did general work of receiving and

checking out freight. For quite a while he was with Harvey's racket store, where he made a faithful and efficient clerk, and stayed with Mr. Harvey until Mr. Harvey went out of business. The young man's father died several months ago with consumption, leaving the wife and three children, Henry being the oldest and the only one old enough to be of any help to his mother in making a living. He left home as usual early in the morning to perform his duties for his employers and in less than the space of one short day he was resting in the Ballinger cemetery.

Sending out Duns.

This week we are sending out duns on our delinquent subscription account not because we want to waste postage stamps, but because we "need the money." If any of our subscribers are so sensitive that they become offended at receiving a "dun" we kindly ask them to call at the office of the business manager of this paper and see the kind of "duns" we get. Our creditors have no scruples in demanding of us what we owe them, in no uncertain terms. We do not always heed their demands but we do a powerful lot of "scratching" some times to try to "dig up."

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Our delinquent subscribers owe something like \$500. and this amount would relieve us very materially and would not cost each subscriber but one dollar.

Now there may be some errors in accounts sent out, and if so we will cheerfully correct them.

Now, if you receive a notice don't cast it aside carelessly and say it is too small for me to pay attention to but try and help us.

A. W. SLEDGE, Editor
C. P. SHEPHERD, Bus. Mgr.

Mr. Bailey exhibited some pecans grown on what is known as the McCoury celebrated tree. The nuts from this tree have twice taken premiums at world fairs. The crop one year sold for \$250, and the nuts have often brought 75 cents per pound. There is another noted tree at Junction, that brings from 50 cents to \$1.00 per pound. It is the property of Young Oliver. It pays to plant and raise pecans.

DIED

Mrs. Chas Ferguson died at her home on Ninth Street Tuesday evening at six thirty o'clock. She had been in bad health for a long time; and the fact that she could not live long was known by friends and loved ones several days before death relieved her. Everything that skilled physicians and loving hands could do to restore health was done; but only served as temporary relief and death came to end the suffering.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and two sons moved from Cleburne to Ballinger about a year ago, thinking perhaps the change would be beneficial to Mrs. Ferguson's health. During the year's residence here the family has made friends with all with whom they have come in contact, and the death cast a gloom over our little city, which time alone can remove.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday evening at two o'clock Rev. Geo. W. Fender, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, speaking the comforting words to the bereaved relatives and friends. Mrs. Jo Wilmeth, Miss Ethel Truly, Mr. M. M. Hamlin and Mr. E. J. Hardgrave sang "Rock of Ages," "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The pall bearers, Messrs. Jo Wilmeth, T. J. Gardner, J. Shields, R. P. Kirk, J. F. Maddox and J. A. weeks, tenderly placed the casket in the hearse

and a procession of sorrowing friends followed the remains to the train and they were shipped to Cleburne where they will be laid to rest by the side of Mrs. Ferguson's mother.

Mrs. Ferguson was in her fortieth year. She leaves a loving husband and two sons and an Aunt, Mrs. E. V. Bateman, in Ballinger, and other relatives. She was a christian woman and was prepared to leave this world only expressing the desire that she might live to see her two boys become grown.

The husband and two sons and Mrs. Bateman accompanied the remains to Cleburne.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:42 a. m.

On account of the bad weather last Sunday, the Baby Day services were postponed until this coming Sunday. So, if the weather permits, the ordinance of Baptism will be administered to a number of children at the morning service. The primary department of the Sunday school will sing a song, and Mr. Hamlin will render a solo suitable to the occasion.

Childrens Day services at night. A good program has been arranged by the children A cantata entitled "The Rainbow Fete" will be given with other numbers. In connection with this service a free will offering will be taken for Sunday School mission work. Every body invited to these services.

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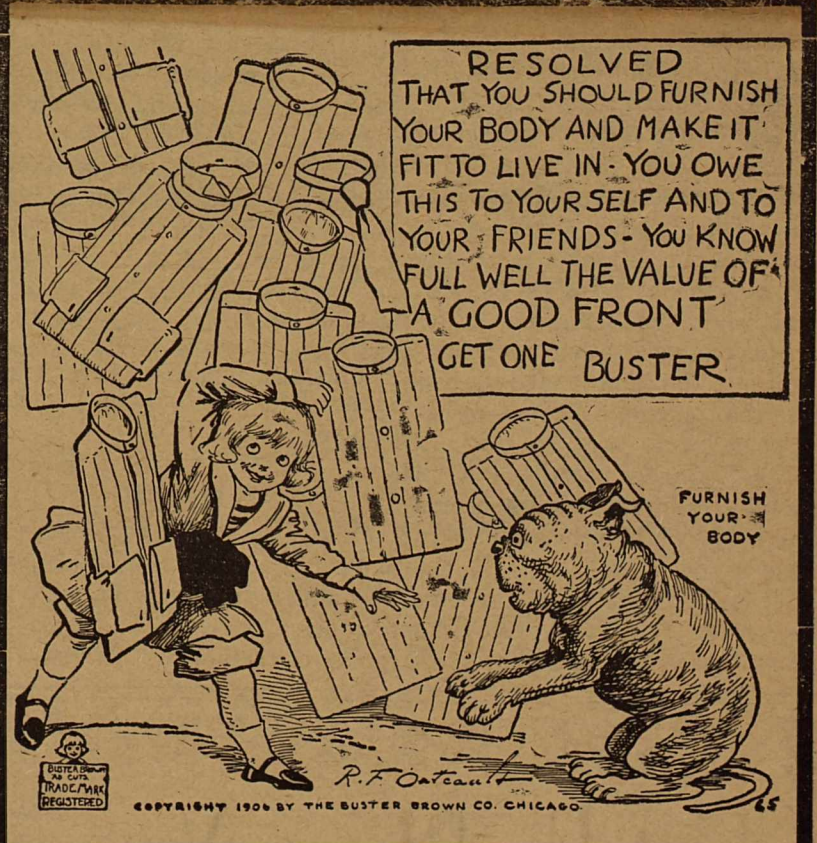
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BALLINGER, TEXAS

LEE MARTIN COMMITS SUICIDE

By Cutting His Throat with a Razor. No Cause is Given for the Act. Made Similar Unsuccessful Attempts Seven Years Ago.

Lee Martin, a farmer of the Cedar Hill community, this county, committed suicide Friday morning by completely severing the jugular vein in his neck with a razor. No reason is given for the rash act, except that he was temporarily insane. He made a similar attempt seven years ago which was unsuccessful. At that time parties present prevented him and a physician was sent for and the wound was sewed up.

The remains were interred in the Cedar Hill cemetery Saturday morning. The deceased had been a resident of this county for several years and was well liked by his neighbors and had many friends throughout the county. He leaves a devoted wife and two children to mourn his death. The Observer extends sympathy to the devoted wife and children in their sad hour of distress.—Robert Lee Observer.

Profit in Thornless Cactus

El Paso, Tex., May 16.—The El Paso Chamber of Commerce has taken up the thornless cactus idea with Charles A. Young representing a California company that has taken over the Burbank rights, and will experiment with them for growing on the arid mesa lands hereabouts.

The thornless cactus, it is said, will grow on the same sort of land as the present variety with spines, and in that event it would grow on all the mesa or table land in this section that is now too high for irrigation. As the cactus will produce 200 tons to the acre in a year and is said to be far more nutritious for cattle than alfalfa or grass, El Pasoans believe that it could be raised on the mesas with great profit.

The method of planting is simple. One of the leaves of the cactus is simply set out in the ground and it soon takes root and begins to send out other leaves and each other leaf multiplies in the same manner, just like the common old prairie prickly pear.

Mr. Young is now here with samples of the spineless cactus and they look like the old prickly pear in every respect and the fruit is the same way and can be served upon the table like strawberries, except that it is

much larger and has to be peeled but it can be eaten with cream and sugar and is most delicious.

The tender shoot of the cactus makes an excellent soup, something like okra and they can also be sliced and fried like an egg plant, while the larger stalk will be used for cattle feed. It is said that the fruit can also be used for artificial coloring of jellies, being pure and very red when reduced for this purpose.

There are boundless possibilities for this thornless cactus and it will grow where practically nothing else will grow, on land where there is no water and without cultivation.

Home Talent Ball Game.

The ball game between the old timers and the regular nine drew a large crowd of rooters Monday. The game was an interesting one notwithstanding that it was full of errors. Maurice Crews, who was to pitch for the regular team, threw his arm out of place in the first inning, and his brother Arch was put in the box. Arch pitched a good game, and with Harry Baker behind the bat kept the old timers from going 'round the diamond very fast. Griffin pitched for the old timers and Newman, another old timer, worked behind the bat.

The old timers were a little green in modern baseball playing but they were coached by Manager Meeks and managed to make some good plays at different stages of the game.

The features of the game were John Maddox's slide from third base to home plate and Dick Thorp's work on first base when he went down and scratched the balls up out of the dust.

At the close of the game the score stood 11 for the regular team and 7 for the old timers.

Banker Dies at Coleman.

The Ballinger bankers received the news Monday of the death of G. V. Henderson, Cashier of the Coleman National Bank. Mr. Henderson died at his home in Coleman from typhoid fever. He had been a resident of Coleman for a long time and was well known throughout this section of the State. He visited Ballinger during the Bankers Convention here the early part of the year. His wife was Miss Rose who at one time was a teacher in the Ballinger schools. Mr. Henderson was one of the best citizens of Coleman, and his death is a great shock to that town and County.

Twenty-Five Children

Corsicana, Tex., May 9.—J. C. Wells, who is taking the scholastic found a negro woman who is fifty-one years old and has a family of twenty-five children.

CARRIED TO TEMPLE FOR OPERATION

Little Delbert Vancil in Serious Condition. Parents and Family Physicians Take Him to Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Vancil and Dr. W. W. Fowler left Tuesday evening for Temple with Mr. and Mrs. Vancil's little boy Delbert, where they will have an operation performed on the little boy for appendicitis.

Delbert was taken sick about ten days ago at the ranch and brought to Ballinger where temporary relief was had, but he did not fully recover and his lingering illness caused the parents much uneasiness.

On account of the delicate condition of the boy and the seriousness of the case it was thought best not to undertake the operation here, but take him to Temple where equipment for work is better.

It seems that trouble never strikes this old world single handed. It will be remembered that Mrs. Joe Vancil of Winters, recently died leaving a little baby only a few days old. It will also be remembered that Mr. Vancil, Delbert's father has been in bad health for some time. However we are glad to say he is getting along very well, and is able to go to Temple with his little boy.

Additional Postal Facilities

According to an exchange the young postmaster of a village was hard at work in his office when a gentle tap was heard upon the door, and in stepped a blushing maiden of 16 with a money order she desired cashed. She handed it, with a bashful smile, to the official who after closely examining it gave her the money it called for. At the same time he asked her if she had read what was written on the margin of the order.

"No I have not" she replied "for I cannot make it out. Will you please read it for me?"

The young postmaster read as follows: "I send you \$2 and a dozen kisses"

Glancing at the bashful girl he said: "Now I have paid you the money, and I suppose you want the kisses?"

"Yes" she said, "if he has sent me any kisses I want them too."

It is hardly necessary to say that the balance of the order was promptly paid and in a scientific manner.

On reaching home the delighted maiden remarked to her mother.

"Mother this postoffice system of ours is a great thing, developing more and more every year and each new feature seems to be the best. Jimmy sent me a dozen kisses along with the money order, and the post master gave me twenty. It beats the special delivery system all to hallow."

A Welsh College Yell.

The sooner the college yell is introduced into England the better it will be for the youth of the land. In Wales they have it, and see how Wales always beats all opponents at football! This is the cherry shout of the Aberystwyth students when their men are engaged in any athletic contest: "Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Boom! Warra! Ishmab! Ishmab! Keezle, keezle, wagga, wagga! Keezle, keezle, wagga wagga! Ishmab! Keezle wagga! Boom! Wa! Ra! Tsch!" Now that is something like a yell. One can see at a glance that it contains, at any rate some of the elements which go to make up a yell. It would inspire a caterpillar. A pew opener who had that shouted in his ear would sprint out and die for his country.—London Globe.

Rev. Hudson at Brownwood

Rev. M. E. Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger, preached the commencement sermon for Howard Payne College at the First Baptist church yesterday at eleven o'clock, and was heard by a large and very attentive audience. The subject was the command "Be a Blessing," and the main or central thought was that the useful Christian man must be one who faces outward from himself. "The first thing necessary," said the speaker, "is to sever all connections with hurtful entanglements. The very moment man begins to live for himself that very moment he begins to die. God calls every man, not only preachers and missionaries, but bankers, farmers, lawyers and men of every profession, to make his occupation worthy and God honoring. No man has a right to go into a profession without taking God into account. Many of the great failures in the commercial world are due to neglect at this point."

The sermon was free of any effort at display of learning or scholarship, yet the speaker is a scholar and finished man. The simplicity of his talk, however, was a feature. His sermon is described as the best that has been delivered on a similar occasion for many years, and quite a number expressed their gratitude to him for his efforts.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Wants Chicken Ordinance.

Corsicana residents are petitioning the city council to pass an ordinance prohibiting chickens from running at large. Much religion could be saved in most towns by such an ordinance. To have your neighbor's old hen get once into your garden and scratch up \$10.15 worth of garden "sass" in five minutes is somewhat calculated to make a good Methodist backslide or a good Baptist conclude that he was never converted.

Advertised Letter List

May 23' 1908

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Mrs. E. M. Thomas
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A glance at the full list of its ingredients, printed on every bottle-wrapper, will show that it is made from the most valuable medicinal roots found growing in our American forests. All these ingredients have received the strongest endorsement from the leading medical experts, teachers and writers on *Natural Medicine* who recommend them as the very best remedies for the diseases for which "Golden Medical Discovery" is advised.

A little book of these endorsements has been compiled by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., and will be mailed free to any one asking same by postal card, or letter addressed to the Doctor as above. From these endorsements, copied from standard medical books of all the different schools of practice, it will be found that the ingredients composing the "Golden Medical Discovery" are advised not only for the cure of the above mentioned diseases, but also for the cure of all catarrhal, bronchial and throat affections, accompanied with catarrhal discharges, hoarseness, sore throat, lingering, or hang-on-coughs, and all those wasting affections which, if not promptly and properly treated are liable to terminate in consumption. Take Dr. Pierce's Discovery in time and persevere in its use until you give it a fair trial and it is not likely to disappoint. Too much must not be expected of it. It will not perform miracles. It will not cure consumption in its advanced stages. No medicine will. It will cure the affections that lead up to consumption, if taken in time.



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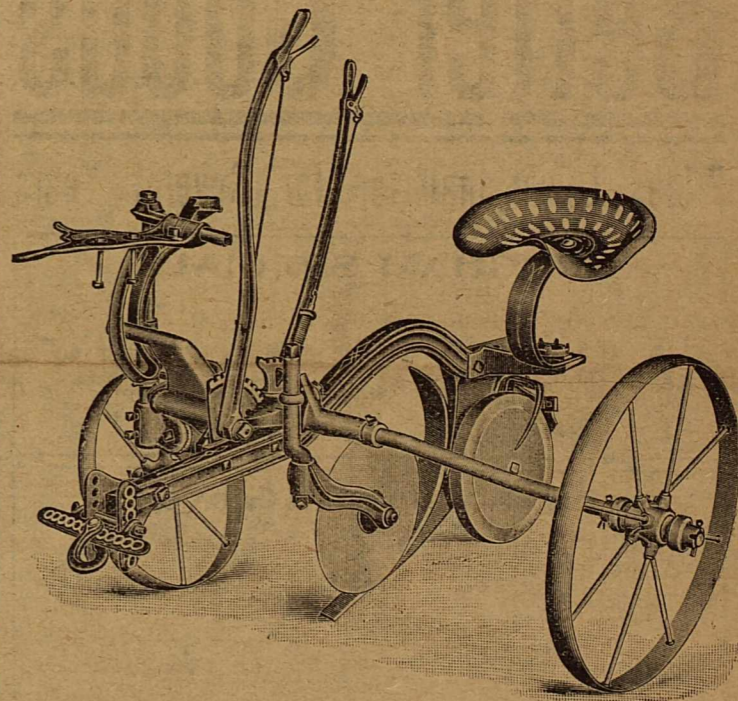
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Complete Election Returns Give Bailey 22,994 Majority.

Dallas, May 23.—The unofficial totals of the primary election as cast up on adding machines, were furnished for state Democratic executive committee to-night, with returns from three small counties missing. The verification of these additions must be made before they are official.

In their unofficial form they show following total vote for delegates at large and alternates at large:

Bailey 127,422; Johnson, 104,428; Brooks, 126,080; Holt, 102,656; Storey 126,082; Thomas, 103,075; Baker, 125,708; Young, 102,773; Looney, 125,370; Hicks, 102,362; Kubena, 125,079; Dial, 101,251; Bowman, 124,566; Owsley, 102,073; Brachfield, 124,080; Tips, 102,259.

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Austin has passed an ordinance requiring all owners to tag and muzzle their dogs. The latter is for the purpose of lessening danger of hydrophobia, and the council passed amid many protests.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.



The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble. Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

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Sap-Headed Legislators.

The editor of the Albany News who stands up in meeting and speaks out his pleasure and displeasure without hesitancy, pays his respects to some of the state legislators in a recent issue of his paper. From among other red-hot paragraphs in his article we take the following:

"If a man will watch the doings of one session of our State Legislature, read and study each bill that comes before the House, it will not take him long to decide that there are a lot of sap-heads who break into the august body.

"A good while ago we heard a party ask another man about the qualifications of a candidate for representative, and we will never forget the man's answer. He said: 'Yes, he has taught two or three cross-roads schools and clerked in a grocery store about a year, and now he has bloomed out into a full-fledged statesman.' The men who practice law in our courts are men who have taken a three-year's course in a law school, and the men who we elect to sit on the benches of our supreme courts to interpret our laws are men who have not only studied the law, but have spent a lifetime in the practice of law. Yet we take up a clod-hopper, counter-jumper, or a little two-by-four country editor, and send him down to Austin to make our laws for us. What in the thunder does this class of men know about law? When we want a man to stand at the head of our educational institutions, we don't elect a well-digger, but we elect a man that has a good stock of grey matter well polished. When our family gets sick we don't send for the blacksmith, nor the country editor, but we want the best medical skill we can get. When we have an important case in court we don't employ a section hand nor a farmer to fight our case, but we want the very best legal talent that money will buy.

"Another clabber-head down there tied a clause onto the anti-free pass bill prohibiting a newspaper from selling space or exchanging space for railroad mileage. Such rot as this ought to make the intelligent people of Texas blush with shame for the ignorance of our law makers. And right here, while passing, we want to put ourselves on record as being against the anti-free pass bill from start to finish. It germinated in the brain of ignorance and was the rottenest plank ever ingrafted into a democratic platform. The man that can't ride on a free pass and do his duty to his God and to his country is a weakling and ought to be bored for the simples or sent to the lunatic asylum.

Pray as Barn Burns

Lacenter, Ky., May 19.—Riders burned a large barn on E. G. Maddox's farm in Ballard county today. Flint Randall and Maggie Tate going home from a party were made to accompany them. They say the riders prayed before the barn was fired.

When the barn was destroyed they sang, "Nearer, My God to Thee." Not a word was spoken, Maddox sold to the independents.

Rock Pile For Women

Fort Worth, May 15.—City Commissioner George Mulkey today declared that he will re-establish the rock pile for women prisoners and ordered a large quantity of rock. Women will be put to work breaking stones tomorrow. When this was in vogue several years ago the women's Federation of this city strongly objected and a like protest is expected.

For stomach troubles, billiousness and constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Many remarkable cures have been effected by them. Price, 25 cents. Samples free, for sale by Walker Drug Co.

A Boys Composition on Politics.

Politics is something that gets a hold of men every two years. The books don't tell us whether it is an element, a disease or just a curious feeling, but what ever it is it is a warm number. It has about the same effect on a man that turpentine has on a dog or cheap whiskey on an Indian.

I looked in the dictionary for a definition of politics and found that it is a system of principles of government: then I went to a political meeting and found that Mr. Webster is the biggest liar that ever lived. There aint no system, nor principle nor government about it. Politics is the greatest stimulant ever invented and if it could be placed on the market in pill form the demand for strychnine would play out. A good dose of it will make a man who has been down with the rheumatism and grip a year, throw away his stick and walk a mile to a speaking; and when he gets there he forgets he has ever had throat trouble and yells like a Comanche Indian.

Politics is a common noun—it attacks all men and some of the women. There is something about politics that makes a man love his fellowman—but just one fellowman at a time. Several fellows I know have a bad case of it and they are ready to whip the best friend they have if the friend says any thing about Jo Bailey or Cone Johnson—yet they don't know Joor Cone.

Politics is both singular and plural—it will make one man or a thousand act the d—m fool on a minute's notice.

The best politician is the fellow that can holler the loudest. A fellow that can't make a big noise at the speaking ain't worth having on your side.

Politics are good for the big daily papers and the fellow who gets elected, but its hard on protracted meetings and women who want stove wood cut.

Does anybody get anything out of politics?—Yes, nearly every body gets something out of it. The slickest politicians get good offices, some fellows get whippings, lots of men get lemons from the fellows they helped to elect, and all the people after they have had time to consider their follies, get a bad case of disgust.—"A Boy" in Honey Signal.

During the last few days an account of a New York broker who shot and killed himself while the woman he was to marry at that hour was waiting with her friend at the church was published. The only cause that could be assigned for his act was that he had lost money during a recent "slump" in cotton. About the same hour was published a story of a newspaper man who "despondent from nervous trouble," shot himself after writing a note to his wife saying he "could not stand the nerves any longer." In these cases, and in the great majority of cases where men and women hurry out of life, they are thinking of themselves and their own suffering only. "I cannot bear to live and be a poor man," said the broker to himself. Doubtless he reflected that he would be unable to provide for his promised wife the luxuries he had expected to give her, and his pride could not face this humiliation. But for her suffering through his violent death he had no thought, nor did he consider that in thus ending his career he placed a stigma upon himself in the implication that to her his money was the chief attraction. True pride, which means honest self-respect would have lifted him above this. With out the courage and the manliness to tell her of his loss without reflecting that she would doubtless infinitely rather share his life as a poor man than go through the years with the shadow of his suicide over her he considered only his own feelings. The newspaper man "could not

stand the nerves." He did not think or care in his absorption in his own sensations that he was leaving his wife to endure suffering to which his physical ills could not compare. He simply thought of himself. His tribe is numerous in the latter days. Even the men and women who when ill and disabled end their lives on the ground that they wish to relieve family or friends of their care, do not stop to think that probably those who are left would greatly prefer continued care to the horror of suicide. Self-concentration, lack of concentration for others, is, in ninety nine cases in a hundred, the characteristic of the man who takes his own life.—Oklahoma State Capital.

A town without churches must be a lonesome, uninviting place. It is always where the most and the best churches are that men of means and stable citizenship like to settle. Even those who belong to no church and contribute not a dollar to the maintenance of religious services rarely take their families to churchless communities for permanent residence. Intelligent men and women who take an interest in Christianity certainly like to live where they can enjoy its reflected advantages.—Dallas News.

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JIM FLINT

FOR COUNTY AND DIST. CLERK:

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EDWARD S. MCCARVER.

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FOR COUNTY TREASURER:

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S. J. (Walter) CARPENTER

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EDWIN DAY.

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER:

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FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR:

J. E. POWELL.

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FOR J. P. PRECINCT NO. 2:

A. D. TALLY

FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 1

B. F. ALLEN

B. W. PILCHER

J. AUDICE REESE

The sweetest music of the season is the clicking of the harvesters. Thousands of bushels of oats will be cut this week.

Ballinger is growing and some of our live progressive citizen say it will grow faster with a good paper, a regular Metropolitan sheet, a booster.

A good private school would be a great drawing card for Ballinger. It seems that the Catholics are going to have to furnish the school, and if they do it will be a good one.



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

Prospect for a big union revival in Ballinger are assuming shape, and no doubt the revival will be pulled off the later part of the summer. A good thing.

Had you heard of that \$25,000 Y. M. C. A. building for Ballinger? Such thing is in the air, and just as soon as we are permitted to do so we will give full particulars.

Money matters are not so tight as they were a few weeks ago. Considerable trading is going on and quite a good deal of building is being done in town and throughout the country. The street work is in full blast, so is the harvesting of small grain and there no excuse for a man not having a job if he wants one.

Despite the effort of the cotton Growers Association to reduce the acreage, thousands of acres of fine land in Runnels county has been planted in cotton and in nearly every case a good stand has been secured. With a few showers during the next two or three months it will be necessary to import cotton pickers next fall to gather the crop.

Desirable building site in Ballinger are now worth a great deal, and those who figured ahead and purchased, profited by so doing. Same with the farmers who came to Runnels county and purchased land when it could be bought for from five to ten dollars per acre. The chances are good yet for farmers as land will go much higher as the country develops.

For a long time it has been rumored that the daughter of Stephen B. Elkins of W. Va. was engaged to marry an Italian duke but recently it was reported that it is proposed that she become the morganatic wife of the duke. Now doesn't that proposition jar you? How would an American fare who would submit such a proposition? We venture that the gentleman would if Texas die suddenly of heart trouble or shot gunitis if he dared to mention such a thing to the father of one of Texas girls.

During the Democratic National Convention many car loads of snow will be brought down to Denver, especially from Gray's, Torrey's and Long's Peak and from the Continental Divide. Tubs of snow will be an exhibition in the window of the railway offices of the roads that run trains into the mountains and a scheme is on foot to have tubs of snow as a special exhibit in the windows of many of the large retail stores.--Brownwood Bulletin.

That ought to be enough to keep the delegates cool and enable them to do nothing that is hot-headed or rash. Denver is a pleasant city. It is just a mile high; and if a person goes up a mile above sea level anywhere he is apt to find the air pure and cool. All aboard for Denver!--Dallas News.

If Bryan's nomination was not such a sure thing it is quite likely that several delegates would go up a mile high and then come down." But the way the indicator is working now there will be no excuse for such ascensions.--Brownwood Bulletin.

The Denver convention will be pulled off the second week in July when the mercury is playing around the hundred mark in the hot states of the nation, and no doubt snow will look good to the boys from these states. Denver expects to make a reputation and has put up \$100,000 to entertain her guests with.

Strayed or Stolen

Strayed from my pasture about the 5th of this month one bay filly about 15 hands high black tail & main, 2years old, no brand, higher mounted at hips than shoulders. Will pay liberal reward for her delivery or information of her wherabouts. S. G. Beauchamp, 31-2 miles S. W. Pruitt, Texas,

THE CONVENTION.

The expected has happened. A coterie of anti-Bailey delegates were present at the State Democratic convention which met in Fort Worth this week, and attempted to pass resolutions condemning Senator Bailey and embodied in the resolutions the old slanderous charges with a new one to the effect that he made a deal in the recent campaign with the saloon element in order to get that support. Cone Johnson only carried one district in the state and that was the eleventh, and the Bailey people as a unite favored sending two anti-Bailey delegates from that district in the convention at Denver, and even after the minority report placed before the convention the insulting resolutions the Bailey friends still wanted to send the anti-Bailey delegates. The two delegates nominated from this district were McCullom and Connelly, and when they refused to acquiesce in the will of the majority there was nothing left for the convention to do but to refuse to elect them, which they did by a large majority and a solid Delegation was elected to represent Texas in the National convention.

The convention was the warmest political wool pulling ever held in Texas, and the bitterness displayed by the defeated party in the recent campaign caused many hot words to be spoken and demonstrated very plainly that the fight on Senator Bailey and the Democratic party did not end when the people of Texas voted on this question on the 2nd of this month and gave Bailey 23,000 majority. The leaders are determined to keep up the fight as long as they can get any followers.

Coleman 3 Bellinger 1.

Despite the fact that the Ballinger team is badly crippled on account of the pitchers being laid out for repairs the boys run the Coleman bunch a close race in yesterday's game. Arch Crews, catcher for Ballinger delivered the ball for Bellinger, and while he gave some of them a pass to first he did remarkably well and played good ball. Ballinger was in bad shape for a game, but did not want to turn down a challenge, and so she accepted offer of the Coleman team to stop off while en route to San Angelo. The Coleman boys are a nice set of young men, but they play weak ball, notwithstanding that they held Ballinger down one run.

Looters to be Shot.

Orders by the Authorities of Dallas were issued last Wednesday that all persons found looting the homes abandoned by people fleeing from the flood were to be shot. Hundreds of people were forced to flee from their homes by the water and are now being cared for by the people of Dallas. Drinking water is being furnished by carts and rations and supplies by the authorities. Electric lights are not running and the streets are in darkness. Hundreds of barrels of lime are being used to prevent an epidemic. The waters had fallen up to last Thursday about ten feet and were still slowly going down.

Not Fit to be Stepmother

Paris, May 25.—M. Cachird attorney for Mme Anna Gould, who is engaged in preparing the contract for her marriage to Prince Helie de Sagan, authorizes the Associated Press to deny absolutely the story that the couple were secretly married at Hoboken, N. J., on the eve of their departure for Europe last month. The marriage will take place soon. Count Boni de Castellane is prepared the moment the banns are published to bring suit for the transfer of the custody of the Castellane children to himself on the grounds that Prince de Sagan is not a fit person to be their step-father.

Edwards' out of the Race.

For some time the voters of Winters, or at least some of them, have been trying to get one of their candidates for Sheriff to withdraw from the race. We reported the findings of a committee last, which had been appointed to arbitrate the matter. The matter failed to agree, and recommended that both candidates stay in the race. This did not settle, however and on Tuesday of this week a primary was held to see which was the strongest man, the low man agreeing to withdraw from the race. Five men were selected to hold the election, and regular ballots printed bearing the names of the two candidates, and the election resulted:

Edwards.....57
Flynt.....108

Mr. Edwards is out of the race leaving the field to Mr. Flynt and Mr. Kirk, unless another man comes out. The straw vote at Winters did not obligate the voters to support the nominee of that election, but left them free to vote for either Mr. Kirk or Mr. Flynt.

The poll tax rolls show that Winters has 272 legal voters besides the overs and unders which will run the voting strength of Winters up to over 300. Only 165 are about one half the voters participated in the straw primary.

More A. M. Trouble

Trouble has broken out afresh at the A. M. College an account of the publication of an article in a school paper. The article was gotten up by the junior class and they desired the faculty to hold the entire class responsible but the faculty suspended only several of the class connected with or on the editorial staff. It begins to look to an outsider that the President is unfit to hold the office or that the students need squeling good and hard. It is a pity that there has yet been no complete settlement of the troubles of that institution, no school can succeed with a continual uproar as is prevalent there.

A 63 Pound Cat

Robert Goss and Brooks Lee caught a monster yellow cat in the river on the Goss farm above town Monday morning. It weighed 63 pounds and was the largest ever caught here. It was caught with a bank hook which had been set out Sunday night. A small cat weighing three or four pounds was caught early in the night and the large fish swallowed it. John Sauls bought the fish.—Robert Lee Observer.

If the editor of the Observer was not a citizen of Coke county we wouldn't believe it but if he was to declare the fish weighed twice or a dozen times as much or had horns on it we are prepared to believe it.

Whiskey Cases

The grand jury after being in session for a whole week on Saturday afternoon brought seventeen complaints sixteen of which are whiskey cases. Arrests were made and bonds given as follows: Milt Dupree thirteen cases, Bart Carnes one, Aud Harris one and Gaines Scott one.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Anyone that reads the Bulletin regularly will readily recognize some of the above names as being old offenders. Of course the indicted fellows will all go fishing until matters blow over and then come back again and get busy at the same old business.

If it Fails, the Money's Yours.

Thousands of boxes of Hunt's Cure are being sold by the Southern druggists daily, for the simple reason that people are rapidly finding out that it is the best cure for any itching disease ever discovered. The first application relieves, and one box positively guaranteed to cure any one case.

Young People Service

The pastor of the Methodist church desires to preach Sunday morning especially to the young people and children who have joined the church during his pastorate here. Other young people and children are invited too. Yes, of course, the parents and friends are expected to attend.

The Children Service will be held at the evening hour. Careful preparation is being made for the occasion.

The pews have arrived and will be placed in position by Sunday. Come now and be comfortable.

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

Revival Meeting.

The revival meeting under the supervision of the Ninth Street Baptist Church will begin next Sunday. The pastor will conduct the services in the church Sunday morning and night.

Elder J. P. Gilliam will arrive on Monday June, the first, and the services will be moved to the Skating rink where he will begin preaching Monday night. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend and assist in these services.

J. H. Grimes, pastor.

Floods in Texas

For several days in the early part of the week floods raged in North Texas doing a vast amount of damage in Dallas and Fort Worth in particular. A number of lives in Fort Worth and Dallas were lost. Millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed in those cities and adjacent districts. Several thousand of people in those cities were made homeless and much distress on account of the waters was occasioned.

Hugh Parramore who was operated on at the Alexander sanitarium some weeks ago, and a gall stone 7-8 of an inch long by half inch thick removed, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the sanitarium and go to the home of his father Col. J. H. Parramore today where he will stay a few days before returning to the ranch in Runnels county. He says he feels better than he has felt in three years and believes he is now a well man. His many friends will be glad to learn of his complete recovery.—Abilene Reporter
Hugh returned home first of the week, and looks to be as sound as a silver dollar. His friends in Ballinger are glad to know that he has fully recovered.

E. H. Voelkel has resigned his position as bookkeeper with the First National Bank, to take effect June 1st. Mr. Voelkel came to this country about four years ago and up to the time he became connected with the bank he was working for the Ballinger Milling Company. He has been with the bank for over three years and retires to get into some business that will not be so confining.

Picnic Postponed

The Annual W. O. W. picnic that was billed for Norton tomorrow has been postponed on account of the rains putting the farmers behind with their crops, and the harvest season being in full blast. The committee informs us that the date has been changed to the last Saturday in June, when things will be in better shape and the picnic will be made a better one than if pulled off Saturday.

Brownwood Livery Man Killed.

O. T. Hoelliett a Brownwood liveryman on last Wednesday while riding a horse at 2 o'clock in the morning ran into a slough where the bridge had been washed out by the recent high water. The horse was killed and the rider stunned so that he drowned before he could be rescued from the water.

Land Agent Disappears

San Angelo, Texas, May 25.—Cart Roby, a representative of the Concho Land company here, the company developing the new town of Hughes, twelve miles north of San Angelo, has mysteriously disappeared. Mr. Roby's home is at Samoth, Ill. He was bringing a party of homeseekers to San Angelo Thursday morning of last week. He stepped off the train at Temple to get a lunch and that is the last seen of him. He left coat, grip, and ticket with a friend. The friend remained in Temple twelve hours looking for him but failed to find any trace of him. Roby is a medium sized man of 35 years of age. He has all of his lower front teeth missing. The officers at Temple have been asked to aid in locating him.

Harry Thaw Still Insane

A trial has been on for some time to free Harry Thaw from the asylum on the grounds that he was not now insane. The courts decided that the slayer of Stanford White was still insane and could not be released. It now seems like money in this case cannot free him from the clutches of the law. It is a great pity that all such cases could not be treated accordingly there would then be fewer men go insane suddenly when they wished to commit a murder.

Wanted

A few vendar lien notes at a reasonable discount, apply to J. M. Skinner or C. P. Shepherd at Banner Leader office.

LET'S GO FISHING

"Plenty fish and easy to land" — is the report from the boys who have tried their luck. You must start right to have good luck. To start right you must see the big display of Fishing Tackles, and the 150 varieties of bait at the

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A Wasted Opportunity.

"Ole Bill" Foote and "Ole Bill" English were political traveling companions, and many stories were told of their joint journeying.

The two hardy Democratic campaigners were doing southern California one election time and got into the country at the back door of Los Angeles. One night they reached a farmhouse where they had expected to find lodgings. The farmer had nothing but two armchairs. Foote and English pleaded for beds—cots, trundle beds, anything that looked like a bed. Nothing doing.

The campaigners like Napoleon or Grant or Washington at valley Forge, slept in their chairs.

When the first advance agents of dawn scudded out of the west the politicians laboriously got out of their chairs and went out for fresh air. They were met by the farmer milking his cow. "Do you know, gentlemen," he said blandly and without contrition, "you could have had a bed after all? I was expecting two Democratic orators here last night and saved the beds for them, but somehow or other they never showed up dang 'em"—San Francisco Call.

Editor Compared With Doctor.

If an editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for it, but if a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. If an editor makes one there is a lawsuit, swearing and the smell of sulphur, but if a doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and a smell of varnish. A doctor can use a word a yard long without knowing what it means, but if an editor uses it he has to spell it.

Any old college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor; he has to be born.—Success Magazine.

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Do You Have A Bank Account?

The possession of a bank account is a matter that must be of interest to every man woman and child in any prosperous community. Many people without stopping to give it consideration, are inclined to delay in making a start along this line. When you stop to think about it there is really no good reason why you shouldn't have a growing bank account. This bank is ready and willing to help you save. One dollar is all that is needed to open an account. You have the privilege of withdrawing your funds whenever you want to. Still with all these inducements and incentives to become a saver there are hundreds of people in our country who do not deposit their money in a bank. If you are among this number, do not wait any longer, bring your first deposit to this bank and get a bank book.

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Clean Clothes

Why not wear them? We clean and press your clothes by the month and give ten shoe shines, all for \$1.50 per month.

June, July and August are the hot dirty months on clothes. Let us clean your clothes these months.

20th Century Tailoring Co., (Next door to Alvis Bro's old grocery store)

San Angelo Has Mosquitoes.

San Angelo has a wail of woe coming on account of the mosquitoes in that city disturbing their siestas. Now in Ballinger, we are not troubled with such nuisances and even if they were here we are too busy to notice such a little thing as a mosquito.

Temple Buys Plant

Temple citizens a short time ago voted \$90,000 worth of bonds and bought the water works system of the city. The plant will be run as a municipal plant and under the city government has already started out as a success.

Actual Facts.

For upwards of fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known. No matter the name—less than one per cent, of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

Report of Sunday School.

First Baptist.....	125
Methodist.....	94
Eighth Street Presbyterian.....	91
Ninth Street Baptist.....	75
Christian.....	44

Monk Gibson to Hang

Judge Wilson in the District Court held at Cuero on May 25th sentenced Monk Gibson to hang Saturday June 27th. Monk took the sentence very coolly.

North Carolina Goes Dry

In the recent prohibition election held in North Carolina the state went dry by about 5000. Thus one by one the old solid southern states are falling into the dry column.

Notice

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a dinner and supper on the primary election day in July.

They will also give a fried chicken dinner so look out for the date.

Shot Himself

Clarence Allcorn near Brownwood hunting near that city last Wednesday shot himself in the face. He started to stand the shot gun down and accidentally discharged it in doing so.

John Sharp Williams, the United States senator from Mississippi, and democratic minority leader in the senate, is to lecture in Fort Worth and Dallas during July.

COIN THE FIRST DESIDERATUM

High-Sounding Titles Little Cared for by the Really Successful Business Man.

An offer of a title is often made in place of salary, and many men are eager for just such places, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune. The real business man doesn't care much what he calls himself or what the world calls him; what he is after is the coin, with a capital K.

A young writer styles himself a "journalist," and the world laughs at him. What we want is dignity, but there is more dignity in dollars than in empty titles.

When Dickens visited America in the first half of the nineteenth century he poked fun at our good country because every man he met was called a general, captain, lieutenant, admiral, colonel, or brigadier. He wanted to know who filled the under positions, and he couldn't find out. If Dickens could come back and visit our offices he would wonder who was the office boy, when even that young man styles himself manager of the waste basket.

It is a noticeable fact that the higher up a man gets in business the less he cares for a title. We don't find anybody in Chicago who would call himself the royal chief pork packer.

HIS FIRST VOYAGE.

The second day out Bobby was inquisitive.

"Pa," he ventured, peering out at the big waves, "when they say the ocean is choppy, who chops it?"

There was no response from pa, who was pale and seasick in a big steamer chair.

Bobby was persistent.

"Pa, when a ship tacks do they use a hammer?"

Still no response from pa. Bobby again:

"Pa, what kind of dogs do they use in the dog-watch?"

This was more than poor pa could stand.

"In the name of Neptune," he said, feebly, "please keep quiet. Can't you see there is a heavy sea running?"

There was a long silence.

"Pa."

"Well, young man?"

"Where is the heavy sea running?"

And the next moment pa took Bobby back to show him the ship's spanker.

PROFITS OF AUTHORSHIP.

Anne Warner was "doing accounts" the other night, and—apropos of the comparative wealth accruing to playwrights and authors—she discovered that for each day spent on "Susan Clegg and a Man in the House" she had received about \$200; whereas, if "the Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" runs successfully through a second season, at the end of that season she will have received in all about \$50 a day for the time she spent on it. People who are persuaded that playwrights make more than authors may remind her that she could not write a book every few days; on the other hand, she may tell them that a second play would place her hors de combat for life. So, from Mrs. French's point of view, honors are easy!—Putnam's.

HAD IT ALL FIXED.

Said He—And you will keep your promise and elope with me to-night?

Said She—Yes.

Said He—What do you suppose your parents will do about it?

Said She—Oh, they will keep quiet until we return, and then give us their blessing.

Said He—I doubt it.

Said She—Yes, they will. They promised to do so if I could induce you to elope and thus save the expenses of a stylish wedding.

HEIR TO A MILLION ACRES.

The marquess of Stafford, who is in his twentieth year, is heir to the most extensive domain, if not the largest rent roll, enjoyed by any subject of King Edward. More than a million acres in England and Scotland are under the lordship of his father, the duke of Sutherland, while the marquess of Breadalbane, who is probably the next largest proprietor in the kingdom, does not own half that amount of land.

EXACTLY.

"Though he might have the chance to do it, he never tried when anybody injured him, to get even." "How odd!"

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JOHN AND HIS IDOLS

The Chinaman is Utterly Devoted of Reverence in His Religion.

How the Chinaman regards his idol is told by the Rev. John MacGowan:

"The Chinaman is a person utterly devoid of reverence, sentiment or devotion in his religion. With him it is a matter either of fear or of business, but mainly the latter. A house is plagued with sickness, which is put down not to bad sanitation or other natural causes, but to the presence of evil spirits. This leads to a visit to the nearest temple to get the idol to drive them away. A new business is going to be commenced, but before doing so it is deemed essential to get the support of the idols. If one idol says it will not succeed another is appealed to for its opinion, and if it is favorable it is at once accepted as the correct one.

"Should the venture turn out a failure no reproach of any kind is uttered against the god whose prediction has been falsified. The man takes the blame upon himself. His character has not been pure, he says, or he was born under an evil star, or he was naturally unlucky and so was bound to fall in anything that he undertook.

Men never dream of thinking about their idols as we do about God. No affection is shown for them. It is most amusing to watch the faces of the Chinese when you ask them if the idols love them. The eyes gleam, the face broadens into a wide grin, and soon hearty laughter is heard at this most facetious and side-splitting joke."—Chicago News.

What to do in Dyspepsia

Dieting has become a great fad in America, and just as, years ago, we, as a nation, over-ate, so now we are under-eating. The one is as bad as the other. Man needs food and plenty of it to sustain life and to give strength to compete in this busy world.

It is not, however, the fact that you may eat too much that hurts you, but that you don't digest what you eat. And if that results in dyspepsia you will not cure the trouble by cutting down your food supply. If your digestive organs were creating the proper amount of gastric and peptic juices you would have no dyspepsia. To cure the disease you must create an abundance of these necessary juices.

This can only be done by a reliable tonic laxative, and, as its name indicates, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin contains the very ingredients needed to do this. Take it regularly for awhile according to the explicit directions on each bottle and you will soon be cured of dyspepsia and any of the accompanying symptoms such as heartburn, sour stomach, bloated stomach, hives, pimples, sallow complexion, wind on the stomach, etc. Every bottle carries with it an absolute guarantee to do what we claim. It is a gentle, pleasant, effective laxative and you will like its taste and be pleased with its action.

One of the great friends of this remedy is Harry F. Keator, a lieutenant in one of the Chicago companies that fought at the battle of Santiago. While in the wet trenches, and eating the rough food of a soldier, he contracted severe dyspepsia and lost weight rapidly. A friend in the regiment called his attention to Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which he promptly began to use. It not only cured his dyspepsia but increased his weight 42 pounds.

Your druggist will sell you a bottle at 50 cents or \$1 and you will find it worth a hundred times that to you.

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.

This Day and Time

"Dis yer day an' time," said Brother Williams, "is too much fer me. Ef dar wuz a Joshua livin' who could make de sun stan' still he do it so he could save on the gas bill' an' ef Jonah wuz livin' now an' a whale didn't have any mo' sense than ter swaller him he'd lan' dat whale high an' dry an' sell him ter de ile trust, an' ef Lot wuz gwine 'long wid his wife an' she wuz turned inter a pillar o' salt he'd buil' a fence roun' her an' 'lect hisse'f president er a salt trust! Hits de rushin'est grab all age I every wuz in. Dey not only rides lightnin' but dey done staked off de stars, an' dey knows des how many hours a day de fireman in de sun works an' dey is slick enough ter tie tin cans ter de tails of the comics what go blazin' roun' de sky! We is so wise on our own account dat wisdom itse'f looks foolish. Whar we'll fetch up I dunno. All I does know is dat we gwine fast enough ter make yo' head swim!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Bad Attack of Dysentery Cured.

"An honored citizen of this town was suffering from a severe attack of dysentery. He told a friend if he could obtain a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, he felt confident of being cured, he having used this remedy in the West. He was told that I kept it in stock and lost no time in obtaining it, and was promptly cured," says M. J. Deach, druggist, of Wolcott, Vt. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

There are three things which no man can do to the satisfaction of other men—make love, poke the fire and run a paper. No matter if a man has no more sense than an oyster and does not know how many toes he has always knows how to run the paper better than the editor. And, what is more he tells all about it in the street car. But despite all this valuable advice that is wasted, the editors still go on making blunders and money. The old fashioned editor who had to be all things to all men is passing away. The time has come when a man who runs a paper is his own master.—William Allen Woife.

A Happy Father

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby. McGee's Baby Elixir will make the child well,—soothe its nerves, induce healthy, normal slumber. Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach—all teething babies need it. Pleasant to take, sure, and safe, contains no harmful drugs. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

My Lady's Lid.

My scat!
Where did you get that hat?
Who ever did
Invent a lady's lid
Like that?
Who had the nerve to roll it out
And stretch it more and more,
From center piece to rim, until
It spreads from shore to shore,
And likewise lifts its summit up
On birds' and other wings,
Above the earth until it scrapes
The clouds and other things?
Who added to the wondrous
width
Of brim, so that the space
Could easily accommodate
An automobile race?
Say, who done that?
Who built her hat?
Who made it something never
seen
On earth or in the sky,
A flat of wide extended plain,
A mountain towering high?
Cut wider doors for her to get
Inside of any place,
And put the ceiling on the roof
To give her nodding space.
Push up the clouds to let her
stand
Erect upon the ground,
And shove the wide horizon back
To let her turn around.
Oh, weirdly, witching, woozy hat
That flattens out and towers—
Who ever saw a thing like that—
A pancake piled with flowers?
A hat contagious—spreading?
Yes.
That names the Merry Wid;
And she who fails to catch it
should
Slip out and change her lid.
Gee whiz!
What a wonder woman is!
And my scat!
Where did she get that hat?
—W. J. Lampton in New York
World.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

St. Peter sits by the heavenly gate, his hands on the strings of a lyre and he sings a low song as he patiently waits for the souls of those who expire. He hears in the distance the chorus of song that swells from the foot of the throne, and he smiles as the music is wafted a lay of his own. "There is room in this region for millions of souls, who by sorrow and woe are bereft 'tis for those who have suffered the malady rolls, but the kicker must turn to the left. There is room here for people who when they were young, persisted in sowing wild oats, yet boomed up their towns with sinew and tongue, but the kickers must go with the goats. There is room for the people who pointed with pride to the beauty and growth of their town, who kept singing its praises aloud till they died but the kickers will please amble down: They would say that the music was all out of tune, and the 'angels robes' hand me down,' and they'd send for a jeweler off to the moon to sample the gold in their crown. Now while there is room for millions of souls who by sorrow and woe are bereft, we want no complaint of the music that rolls, so the kicker must turn to the left.—Ex.

Whooping Cough.

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane, of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to any one having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss, of Durand, Mich. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

The Most Common Case of Suffering.

Rheumatism causes more pain and suffering than any other disease, for the reason that it is the most common of all ills, and it is certainly gratifying to sufferers to know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm will afford relief, and make rest and sleep possible. In many cases the relief from pain, which is at first temporary, has become permanent, while in old people subject to chronic rheumatism, often brought on by dampness or changes in the weather; a permanent cure cannot be expected the relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Walker Drug Co.

The following card of thanks recently appeared in a Kansas paper: "I wish to thank the city authorities for quarantining me and my family for two weeks recently, because one of the children had the smallpox. During that time my wife caught up with her sewing undisturbed by callers just at meal time. We had three square meals a day, as no one came in and she was not permitted to go out. We enjoyed good long nights of sleep; and, best of all, a cousin with four children who arrived to visit us, saw the smallpox sign and left town so scared she will never come back again. I wish to thank the authorities for this and hope they will be equally as thoughtful of our comfort some time again. Respectfully, Ly-sander Johnson."—Ex.

Boys Will be Boys

and are always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds. Don't neglect such things—they may result serious if you do. Apply Ballar's Snow Liniment according to directions right away and it will relieve the pain and heal the trouble. Price 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Do You Itch?

If so, you know the sensation is not an agreeable one, and hard to cure unless the proper remedy is used. Hunt's Cure is the King of all Skin Remedies. It cures promptly any itching trouble known. No matter the name or place. One application relieves one box is absolutely guaranteed to cure.

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Luck consists in rising early in the morning. In working with a will. In not watching the clock for quitting time.

In minding your own business and not meddling with other people's.

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Luck means establishing your standing and credit at a good bank, all your financial transactions will be given proper attention. At this strong bank for instance, whose patrons are granted every favor consistent with sound banking.

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With Knife and Fork.
In the middle ages people knew
not knives and forks, but ate
with nature's implements—their
fingers. Later they held the
bread or meat in a napkin in
their left hands and cut off pieces
with a dagger held in the right
hand, the food being carried to
the mouth on the knife, even in
the most polite society. The
next development was to have
a special eating knife instead of
using the dagger, which might
have been used for the dispatch
of an enemy. Each person kept
an eating knife, and when he
was invited out to dinner he
brought his knife along with him.
Forks were used in Venice in 997
but it was not till 1603 that a
Venetian traveler, one Thomas
Coryate, introduced them into
Britain.—London Standard.

Pasturage for Cattle.
I will pasture cattle for 50cts
per head and horses 75cts per
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NOT WISE TO TAKE CHANCES
Man Who Knows by Sad Experience
Warns Others Against the Talk-
ing Machine.

"Take it from me," said a com-
mercial traveler who had just re-
turned from a long trip, "if you have
the talking machine habit at your
house and you send records to your
wife, with loving messages, have a
dress rehearsal every time before you
address the package. I sent a record
from Chicago, and when it came my
wife called in the family, the chil-
dren and my mother-in-law to 'hear
papa talk.' Things must have got
mixed in the shipping department at
Chicago, because it wasn't papa's
voice at all, and what the machine
did say was probably arranged to be
heard anywhere except in a family
circle. My wife stopped it in time,
but her mother—well, as I said, be
sure and avoid trouble and insist on
the dress rehearsal."

BEST AGE FOR MARRIAGE.
A German doctor lays it down as
a well established fact based on
close observation that women who do
not marry until 35 or thereabout
invariably achieve matrimonial suc-
cess.
Why women of this particular age
should make more successful mar-
riages than those who fall victims
to love's young dream is fairly ob-
vious. When a woman marries be-
tween 30 and 40 she either does so
for companionship, choosing her
mate accordingly, or from need, in
which case she also chooses with a
certain amount of care. She has
no wild dreams of unalloyed bliss.

TAKING A FACE BATH.
Water will do wonders for one if
people but realized it. As a com-
plexion maker, for instance, it is a
great beautifier used both internally
and externally. An excellent tonic
effect may be had by taking a face
bath at least once a day in cold wa-
ter. Fill a basin with the water,
placing it on a stand or chair where
it can be conveniently reached with-
out too much stooping. Drawing a
long breath, dip the face in and out
of the cold water for about two or
three minutes. When it is neces-
sary to breathe the mouth can be
lifted from the water, but immedi-
ately take another deep breath.

VIOLET INK THE CHEAPEST.
"Look here, you, a literary man
can't afford the extravagance of vio-
let ink."
The literary man tore thoughtfully
a pendant piece of leather from the
sole of his shoe.
"I know," he admitted, "that vio-
let ink costs thrice as much as black.
But black ink corrodes a pen in a
week, whereas violet is non-corro-
sive and with its use it is possible
to make one pen last six or seven
months. The late Russell Sage, who
used violet ink exclusively in his
office, revealed this great truth to
me during my brief clerical career
in his office."

CAUSE FOR SUPERSTITION.

The records of Fort Worth show
for sometime past that there
have been more deaths than
births. And Fort worth claims
to be a regular health resort.
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liamson County. He left this
state twenty years ago and had
been twice elected governor of
Nevada.

NEW FRENCH COINAGE ILLEGAL.
The French government finds it-
self—or is authoritatively declared to
be—in the position of, if not exactly
a "smasher," at any rate an issuer of
bad money. It has just minted a
25-centime piece in nickel, and it
seems that the law provides that only
multiples of ten are permissible.
Twenty-centime pieces would be all
right. Twenty-five-centime pieces
are illegal. A committee specially
appointed by the government has
formulated this conclusion, and,
technically, it is unquestionably cor-
rect. The government is now asked
what it proposes to do in the matter.
—Harper's Weekly.

"IN A BAD WAY."
Many a Ballinger Reader Will
Feel Grateful for This
Information.

When your back gives out;
Becomes lame, weak or aching;
When urinary troubles set in,
Your kidneys are "in a bad way."
Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you.
Mrs. G. N. Paul, in the north-
west part of San Angelo, Texas,
says: "I have been greatly bene-
fited by the use of one box of
Doan's Kidney Pills. They have
done me more good and gave me
better health than all the doctors
treatment and other medicines I
ever tried. For several years I
had suffered almost constantly
from kidney trouble. Pains in
my back and sides, dull miserable
headaches and an irregularity of
kidney secretions with a burning
pain in passage were some of the
symptoms which were constantly
present. After the first few
doses of Doan's Kidney Pills I
felt they were doing me good
and before I had finished the con-
tents of one box, I was like a
new woman. If the use of my
name will be the means of help-
ing some other victim of kidney
trouble to find relief, I will in-
deed be very glad."

For sale by all dealers. Price
50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co.,
Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for
the United States.
Remember the name—Doan's
—and take no other.

A young man, whose name we
withhold, living not far from this
town, concluded that the mer-
chants did not advertise a very
good line of clothing; so he sent
to Sears, Roebuck for a suit of
clothes. When they arrived, in
a pocket of the pants he found
the following note: "Should this
fall into the hands of a good look-
ing young man who desires to
correspond with a young lady of
sweet disposition, kindly address
—, etc." The young man
promptly sent a letter to the ad-
dress and a few days later re-
ceived this reply: "Sir—My wife
has received a letter from you,
addressed in her maiden name.
Twenty years ago when she
worked in a factory she might
have written the note. She is
now the mother of eleven chil-
dren and my lawful wife. If
you don't quit writing to her I
will take a trip to your town and
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THOUGHT TROUT WERE SICK
Amateur Sportsman Had Much to
Learn About Fish He Was
Preserving.

A man whose experience as a
sportsman had been limited to an oc-
casional day's fishing in the moun-
tains bought for himself a place with
a fine trout preserve on Long Island.
He looked forward with great inter-
est to last opening day, as that
would be his first opportunity to fish
in his own pond, and when the day
at last arrived the first streak of
daylight found him leaving his
house, rod in hand.
A day or two later a sportsman
friend inquired as to what luck he
had had.
"I caught plenty of fish, and big
ones, too," responded the owner of
the preserve. "There are plenty of
trout in the pond, but they all seem
to be sick."
"Why, what's the matter with
them?" asked the sportsman.
"Well," answered the preserve
owner, "to tell the truth, we were
afraid to eat them; their flesh is
pink, and I never saw a brook trout
that color before."
"Don't you know, man," exclaimed
the sportsman with a laugh, "that
any trout will turn pink if it lives
in salt water? Your pond empties
into the sound, and of course the
trout run in and out. The next
time you have any of that sort of
sick trout, just send them to me
and I'll eat them for you with
pleasure."

SIMPLE CIGARETTE CURE.
Mothers who are borrowing trou-
ble because their boys come home
from school or play accompanied by
a lingering odor of cigarette smoke,
may discover a useful hint in the
statement that peppermint candy is
one of the most effective antidotes
to the tobacco habit yet discovered. To-
bacco will not blend kindly with the
taste of sweet peppermint. Socially
the cure may seem worse than the
disease, but from a medical view-
point the sucking of peppermints is
far less hurtful. A common pepper-
mint drop will prevent smoking for
about an hour, so the amount of
candy used need not be great. It is
also a good plan when your boy
starts in smoking to teach him to
make his own cigarettes. Few will
smoke to excess if they have to make
their own.

ONE AT A TIME.
"Gracious, Nora!" called the
housewife, impatiently. "Isn't din-
ner nearly ready?"
"No, mum," responded Nora,
through the speaking tube, "awn it
won't be ready for two hours yet."
"Two hours! Why, what in the
world is the cause of the delay?"
"Why, mum, you said you wanted
split pea soup, awn, faith, it hos
taken me two hours awn twenty
minutes to split three hundred peas,
awn thor are four hundred awn sin-
ty-nine to be split yet. Oi count-
ed thim meself."

RAT'S STRANGE DEATH.
A coconut was brought to me
just as picked up in a Colombo gar-
den, with the head of a big rat fixed
into the nut, the rat being not long
dead.
Clearly the rat was up a tree nib-
bling at, or rather being well into
the nut, nearly full size, when the
nut tumbled and before the rat
could withdraw it was crushed to
death between the nut and the
ground.—Ceylon Observer.

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find fully 1-3 of the people suffer-
ing with rheumatism of either
slight or serious nature. Nobody
need suffer with rheumatism for
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away the trouble relieves the
pain instantly and leaves the
user as well and supple as a two
year old. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Don't Delay
Save a possible serious spell of fever
later on by cleansing your system now
of its accumulation of impurities. Sim-
mon's Sarsapilla will do it. It makes
fine blood, fine appetite, great strength
and grand ambition.

Remember.
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Old papers, Banner-Leader.

Miss Clara Malone is visiting friends in Brownwood this week.

Binder twine and oat bags at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Eugene Risser returned from San Angelo, lasted Sunday evening.

The Banner-Leader has lot of old papers at 20c per 100.

W. A. McBeth and J. B. Parks were here from Miles, yesterday.

Alarm clocks the best on earth at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Mr. Shaw of Fort Worth is a new man in the Citizens National Bank.

Dr. E. C. Baskin, dentist office over Brewers jewelry store. tf

The city has about forty hands at work crushing rock for the streets.

Filters, water coolers at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Judge C. O. Harris is attending District Court in San Angelo, this week.

Rasbury & Bruce are buying wheat and oats now 36-4t

Col. C. L. Morgan returned from a visit to Mineral Wells Sunday.

You can save money by trading at the 5 and 10 cent store. tf.

The Colorado river was on a fifteen foot rise last Sunday and Monday.

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

Tom Routh who has been attending school at Bryan returned home today.

Oil and Gasoline stoves at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bone were here from Bronte, this week, visiting friends.

Buy your binder twine and oat sacks Higginbotham Currie Co.

Mrs. J. M. Hinkle and son, Carl went to Hill county on a visit last Friday.

White Mountain Ice cream freezers at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Mrs. Lee Maddox and little boy returned from a visit to San Angelo, yesterday.

Garden Plows, Rakes, Hoes and forks at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Dick Bennett at one time a Ballinger boy was here from Houston Tuesday.

New hat pins, stick pins, shirt waist pins and baby pins lots of them, all kinds at Brewers the Jeweler.

Mrs. August Glober and children left for their new home at Dallas, last Sunday.

Refrigerators, ice cream freezers and water coolers at Higginbotham Currie Co.

D. M. Baker went to San Angelo, last Saturday to be initiated into the Night Templers.

Enamel ware, tin ware, queenware, at the 5 and 10 cent store is cheaper than you could imagine. tf.

The rain gauge at Brownwood shows that fifteen inches of rain has fallen since April the 9th.

We give free tickets to the "Airdome" with every purchase of a dollar or over Sunflower Shoe Store.

Rev. M. E. Hudson went to Brownwood last Saturday where he had been invited to preach.

HORSES WANTED—We will trade lumber or merchandise for a span of horses, Higginbotham Currie Co.

Mrs. A. F. Morrow and children went to Llano for a few weeks, visit, first of the week.

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

W. A. Norman was over from Paint Rock, first of the week, to spend a few day with home folks.

Lumber and merchandise to trade for a span of horses at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Heavy rains and high water played havoc with railroad travel last Saturday and Sunday.

Rasbury & Bruce are now in the market for all your wheat and oats. 36-4t

J. A. Weeks went down to Coleman today to visit friends and attend to business matters.

Those new style ladies collar pins, you must see them at Brewer's.

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

Rev. D. H. Kirkpatrick, of Shreveport, La., is here on a visit to his brother, J. R. Kirkpatrick.

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

Ed Day our handsome and popular tax assessor was in Rowena this week doing official work.

Binder twine and oat sack for the least money from Higginbotham Currie Co.

Edwin Schuchard returned from Fort Worth first of the week where he has been attending school.

Lawn swings, the best made. Will last a life time, at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Louis Alexander sold his insurance agency to T. A. Tidwell and Mr. Tidwell has assumed charge.

When you cant find what you want, come to the 5 and 10 cent store we have it. tf.

Dr. A. S. Love is building a handsome residence on the crest of the hill just west of the Sanitarium.

Desirable unfurnished rooms for rent over the Sunflower Shoe Store.

Rev. E. P. Williams went to Santa Anna Tuesday to attend the district conference of the Methodist church.

TO TRADE—Lumber or merchandise for a span of horses, Higginbotham Currie Co.

J. N. McKay went to Cleburne with Mr. Furgurson and family to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ferguson.

See those new style ladies metal hand bags and collar pins, at Jas. E. Brewer's Jewelry Store.

Mrs. Wylie Barbee and little daughter returned yesterday, from a visit to relatives at Caldwell Texas.

The Leader and Fort Worth Record from now until Jan. 1st, 1909 for \$1.00, subscribe now and get the political news.

Rev. E. A. Turney, of Winters came in Tuesday and went to Santa Anna to attend the Methodist conference.

Bath tubs, sinks, lavatory and closets at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Rev. J. D. Leslie returned from Brownwood, Wednesday morning, where he had been on church matters.

We include a free course of shoe shines with the sale of each pair of men's shoes sunflower shoe store.

Mrs. Allen Currie went to Lometa, last Tuesday to spend a few days with her husband, who is at work there.

Lawn sprinklers, spray nozzles and hose at Higginbotham Currie Co.

R. H. Canterberry, of Coleman was here this week, the guest of his friend James Morgan, of the Walker Drug Co.

—The Leader sells old papers.

T. F. Jackson came in from Paint Rock last Friday and left for Fort Worth to attend the State Convention.

See Rasbury and Bruce before you sell your wheat & oats.

Quite a number of railroads suffered great loss from floods. The passenger due here Sunday was eight hours late.

Fruit jars at Higginbotham Currie Co.

Homer Alexander chaperoned by his better half went up to San Angelo last Monday for a few days visit to relatives.

Rev. Newton, of Miles, had charge of the Baptist revival last Saturday and Sunday while Rev. Hudson was out of town.

Rasbury & Bruce will buy under contract your wheat and oats now. 36-4t

Misses Max Chastain and May Butler two of Ballinger's popular young ladies went on a visit this week up to San Angelo.

Jo Wilmeth went to Coleman Monday, to attend the funeral of G. V. Henderson, which took place Monday evening.

The "Kandy Kitchen" on Eighth Street, has changed hands Mr. Hardigree of Crews buying the interest of Mr. Poppas.

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

J. T. Dawson and Jack McGregor went up to San Angelo, last Saturday to attend a meeting of the Knight Templers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sims come in from a visit to San Antonio last Thursday and went out to their home near Paint Rock.

On last Tuesday at Mineral Wells W. E. McConnell was shot and killed by T. P. Pearson. Pearson claims self defense.

John McNatt of Blanco, was here this week, prospecting and visiting his daughter who lives in the Pumphrey-Winters country

D. M. Baker, left on Monday's train for Fort Worth as a delegate from Runnels county to the State Democratic Convention.

G. G. Griffin is out of the Citizens National Bank, having resigned to accept a similar position with the First National Bank.

Tom Osteen came in from Brownwood Wednesday. He is still "dislocated" and is looking around for an opening that will suit him.

A company of drillers in Brownwood will shortly drill some new test oil wells in that vicinity in the hope of striking oil in paying quantities.

Mrs. Lillie Miller, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. P. Hudgins, near Winters returned to her home at Handly, Wednesday.

Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America has entered society by giving a dinner in a hotel at Hoboken, served on gold plates to sixteen guests.

Miss Leona Miller left Tuesday for Bellville where she will be joined by her aunt and grand mother, and will visit New York and other places in the East.

The West bound train Wednesday night did not arrive until about ten o'clock Thursday. The delay was caused by a washout between Coleman and Velera.

John Eskridge went out to the Houghton and Robinson ranch Monday to build a couple of houses for a man who has purchased land out of that ranch.

G. T. Sledge who had been here for the past two weeks on a visit to his cousin A. W. Sledge, left Monday for Colorado Springs, where he will spend the summer.

J. H. Price, the carpenter went to Lometa, last Sunday where he had contracted to do some carpenter work for John Drew on the new school building at that place.

J. O. Roots returned from a ten days visit to East Texas, Wednesday. Mr. Roots says that country does not look good to a man after staying out here awhile.

J. Andice Reese says the report that he has withdrawn from the for Constable is false. He expects to see all the voters he can in person and denounce the report as false.

H. A. Thompson was here first of the week enroute to his Schelicher county ranch. Mr. Thomson was a Ballinger citizen for a long time and is now living at Austin.

Brewers new bracelets are beautiful.

Mrs. Lawrence and little daughter, who have been visiting the former's parents, Capt. and Mrs. N. T. Bounsall left yesterday for her home in Indianapolis Ind.

Regular services at the First Baptist church at both hours Sunday. The Pastor will preach morning and night. Baptizing after the night sermon. All are cordially invited.

Prof. J. M. Skinner took a trip to Bronte Tuesday where he was elected Superintendent of Bronte schools at a fine salary. He will move to Bronte eventually to make that place his home.

Mrs. Clara Wessen of Houston on last Wednesday committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid because her husband forgot to kiss her good bye on leaving home to go to his work.

City Marshal McKay arrested a man for vagrancy Monday and the city court give the man 25 days work on the rock pile and he is now with the street building gang working out his fine.

Judge J. W. Powell went up to San Angelo this week to spend a couple of days on business and incidentally have a rest in a good quiet town from the rush and hustle of busy Ballinger.

Mrs. John Kipp and children who have been making Ballinger their home for some time will leave Monday for Guadalajara, Mexico, where Mr. Kipp is in business and where they will reside.

Drs. Barnes and Blott the expert fake horse doctors, went west, Friday. As is usual with this class of people they went away leaving people behind to remember them by leaving bills unpaid.

Wm. Dunlap, Harry Scott and H. S. Fowler returned from Dallas, Saturday morning where they participated in the State gun shoot. Mr. Fowler won second money in the shoot capturing over \$100.

The revival meeting at the Baptist church closed Wednesday night. During the meeting quite a number of new member were received into the church, and the spiritual condition of the church revived.

Curt Roby, the man employed by a San Angelo land company who disappeared suddenly one night at Temple is still missing. No trace of him has yet been found and it is feared that he has been murdered.

Miss Alma Morris came in from Belton, yesterday, where she has been attending Baylor University. She will spend a day or two with her cousin, Dr. A. S. Love before going to her home in Taylor county.

Dr. Fowler returned from Temple, yesterday, where he accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Doc Vancil and little son Delbert. He said the little boy stood the trip fine and the operation would be performed to-day.

The new seats for the Methodist church came in this week and are being placed in the church. The Methodist people now have a nice building with the largest seating capacity of any church in Ballinger.

The ladies of the Methodist church served cake and cream in the Lankford building on Eighth Street, yesterday. They were well patronized and realized a nice sum of money to be used in improving their church property.

Cotton buyer Jones, Jailer Demoville and Mayor Hoffer returned from a fishing trip on Pony creek Wednesday night. They brought back a fine string of bass, and after reaching town remembered a string of ten pounds they had staked out in the creek; and forgot to bring them. Wonder what brand of snake medicine the boys used?

Dr. Key and wife, of Bronte, passed through yesterday enroute to Austin to see their son graduate in the law department of the State University, and will go from there to Georgetown where another son will complete his preparation for the ministry.

Judge Jno. I. Guion went to Fort Worth, Monday, to represent Runnels County in the State Democratic Convention. He was accompanied by Mrs. Guion who will visit her daughter Mrs. McCaleb in Ft. Worth, and go to Milford to be present at the graduation exercise in which her daughter, Miss Kate will be one of the graduates.

Last week we sent out some statements of past due subscription accounts, and one of our valued Fort Worth subscribers S. L. McNay, instead of paying what was due, paid till Feb. 1, 1908 this kind of appreciation smooths the rough places in life's business strife and makes one feel like that after all life is not altogether a failure.

Cotton Buyers Jones and Godwin went to the Concho with a bunch of boys, Tuesday, where they expect to catch a load of fish for the market. The cotton season has about closed and Messrs Jones and Godwin will try to make enough money fishing to replace what they lost on cotton, and no doubt the fish market will be glutted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman of Ballinger, who have for several days been camping on the river near the dam, entertained a party of young people from Ballinger last Friday night. The party was composed of the following: Messrs. Ralph Erwin, Tom Watkins, Dick Thorpe, Bob Norman, Lee Norman and wife, Misses Annie Van Doran, Estelle Underwood, Clara Malone, Mae Johnson, Nell Miller, Sammie Padgett and Mrs. Clara Miller. With but few exceptions all returned to Ballinger that night

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