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Don't Fail to See Our Show Windows

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE COMPANY

We sell Everything and Lumber

SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKE UP WORK

Ballinger Public Schools Open Monday Under Most Favorable Condition. 700 Children Enrolled

Monday morning of this week the Public Schools of this city opened under the most favorable prospects for a successful nine months term.

Some members of the Board and other interested citizens were present and the pupils and teachers in the High School Building assembled in the Auditorium and several appropriate talks were made.

Rev. E. P. Williams made the

while of great value, yet the moral lessons they would receive during school career would be of vastly more importance to them in shaping their future life. He said that after all moral stamina was worth more than mere brains or intellect as that was the great factor in shaping human happiness, the goal towards which we all were striving; that character was the fountain and conduct the stream which flowed therefrom and that the stream could not be pure unless the fountain was also pure.

Prof. Thomas J. Hocker, an erstwhile teacher, but now a traveling book salesman, who happened to be present made a forceful and interesting talk on

BIG DRY GOODS HOUSE CELEBRATES

First Anniversary, Higdon Melton Jackson Company Have Been in Ballinger One Year

On the 25th day of September, 1907, the Higdon Melton Jackson Company opened their doors for business in Ballinger. Since that time they have been a big drawing card for the town, bringing many dollars here that had been going to other towns. This firm has grown in popularity from the day it was established, and despite the panic, short crops and hard times the business has continued to increase until

ings of this progressive house. Thursday of this week was Fall Opening Day for this store, and many ladies thronged the different departments and took advantage of the special offerings made for this day. The millinery department was arranged especially for this day, and hats from the cheap to the fine Paris Models were displayed in elegant profusion. The house kept open until late at night, and sweet strains of music from the string band made the evening more pleasant for the large crowd in attendance.

Free Chewing Gum

Pencil and pen tablets. Free chew of gum with each Tablet at R. P. Conn's.

CONCHO COUNTY BOY IS KILLED

Prior Richards Falls Under Moving Freight Train at Blanket and is Horribly Mangled, Remains Received Here.

The remains of Prior Richards, a young man nineteen years old, were brought in yesterday and carried to his home at Millersview for burial. Young Richards was run over by a freight train at Blanket Wednesday and killed. The Brownwood Daily Bulletin gives the following account of the horrible tragedy:

Prior Richards, aged nineteen years, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M.

from the platform and beneath the wheels. He stated that he made an effort to extricate himself from beneath the train before the wheels struck him, but he was unable to do so.

He asked the persons assembled about his death bed to tell his mother that he had left home and gone west, but that he was sorry that he had done so and he had started back home to see her. He seemed perfectly rational to the end and declared that he was not going to die.

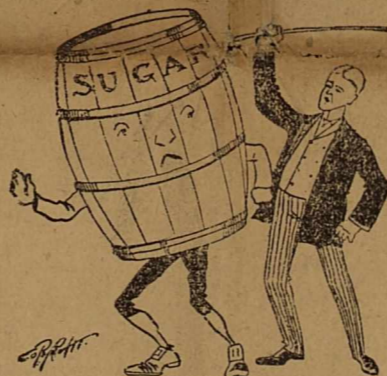
Richards seemed to have left his home at Millersview about a year ago and gone west. Six months ago he drifted into Blanket and had been working there since, picking cotton and doing other farm labor. The

NO FALL OPENING FOR US

We are open all the seasons; but with the new season upon us we wish to extend a special invitation to our friends and the public in general to try our line of good things to eat. We are prepared for the Fall rush with a complete stock of the best to be had in pure fresh Groceries, and remember the cash price is a money saver to our customers. We will appreciate a trial order for anything that you want to eat.

PHONE NO. 10

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Is what you do when you trade with us. Strictly for cash and small profits. Experiment—pay cash for your groceries one month, and you will be surprised at the saving. We can afford to knock the profit off to a small amount, because we lose no bad account. The saving goes into the pocket of our customers as well as into our own pockets. Why—because we sell cheaper, giving you advantage of the bad account we don't lose.

CASH GROCERY CO.

J. T. DAWSON, MANAGER

opening talk and he spoke on the power of language and speech, he told the children of the wonderful gift they possessed in the power of speech and to what great uses they might make of this wonderful capacity. He also encouraged the use of big as well as little words and entertained the pupils by reciting a long harangue of extra big words.

Attorney C. F. Dickinson was then called on to make a few remarks. He opened by telling the children that there were some things that even a lawyer did not know. He then told the children that the knowledge that they would get from their books,

the dollars and cents value of an education which was full of sound logic and good sense.

Mr. J. McGregor then made a good talk along practical lines, he said the teachers were there, the facilities were at the command of the pupils of the Ballinger High School and if the child was not educated, then it was their fault, and theirs only.

Prof. Hagan then made a snappy talk along lines of conduct most becoming to the pupils and their attitude toward the teacher, he showed the necessity of harmony between teacher and pupil and also parents and emphasized the fact that the boys and girls who expect to be anything worth while must think and keep thinking all the time.

Prof. Byrd then made a talk on the necessity and value of using good English, and he illustrated how that this is a measure by which we judge of a man's culture, and that many men with splendid ability are often times crippled by the use of bad English.

The pupils were assigned to their rooms and a list of the studies made out for each grade, and school adjourned until Tuesday morning to give the pupils time to secure their new books and to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for entering upon the new year work.

The rolls were made up Tuesday, and the school started off under very favorable conditions. The total enrollment up to date is 700 with daily additions.

today the firm enjoys one of the best trades of any house of such character in the entire state; all merited by their method of doing business and the line of goods they carry.

The large double-deck store is metropolitan throughout. Every department is artistically arranged and filled with goods to equal those found in any city store, and each department is under the management of experienced salesmen and salesladies, who are kind, courteous, accommodating and instructed to sell the goods, regardless of cost. Miss Bingham has charge of the millinery department. Mrs. Harris is manager of the ladies tailor made clothing department. Misses Koenig and Hinkle can be found in the dry goods and ladies furnishing department. Messrs. Rummel, Stone and Taylor are salesmen in the clothing and gents furnishing department. Mr. Doose is the cashier and bookkeeper. Messrs. Melton and Jackson are at the head of this firm and can always be found in the house, ready to serve their customers and see that every one gets value received for their money.

This firm issued an Anniversary announcement this week that excels anything ever issued in Ballinger in the way of advertising matter. The announcement consisted of a neat folder with eight page fold printed on Superlative Superfine Tinted Book paper covered with Peerless Buff Linen Cover, and every page laden with bargain offer-

Auto Accident,

A San Angelo automobile made a trip across to Robert Lee and back to Ballinger this week, coming around by Wingate and Winters. The car carried two drummers and another passenger. The party arrived in Ballinger Wednesday morning, having been out all night between Ballinger and Wingate. The rains put the roads in such bad conditions that the party tried to come across a pasture leaving the road. They lost their way and night caught them, and they spent the night trying to find the way to the road. A traveling man by the name of Coolidge selling Uneeda Biscuit got his leg broke while trying to pull down a wire a fence, slipping and falling and post falling on his leg. He remained here until yesterday evening when he was carried to his home at Fort Worth.

Richards of Millersview, Concho county, fell from the Frisco platform at Blanket last night a about 7 o'clock under the wheels of a moving freight train, receiving injuries from which he died four hours later. Both legs were cut off and the bones in the left limb was horribly mangled to the hip joint.

The fatal accident occurred in full view of a number of persons who had gathered to board the incoming passenger train to Brownwood. Opinions differ as to just what caused the youth to fall beneath the train. Some say that he was attempting to ride the cars. The lad was conscious before he expired at 11:40 last night and calmly made a statement to the county health officer and the attendants at his bedside. He declared that he was walking along the platform and stumbled and fell, falling

farmer with whom he has been staying says that Richards became home sick Monday and that he decided to go home. He arose early and did the morning work and the farmer took him into Blanket to catch the Record train. They missed the train and the youth remained in town and had his suit-case and coat in the depot waiting for the evening train, when the accident occurred. The freight train was switching in the yards at the time and it is thought by many that probably the youth attempted to ride for a short distance on a car.

Agent McDonald phoned to the young man's father at Millersview last night and informed him of the tragedy. The father went to Ballinger this morning and met the corpse which was shipped into Brownwood over the Frisco and then to Ballinger over the Santa Fe."

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

See the display window at the

OWL PHARMACY

For Tablets, Pens, Ink, Pencils, Crayon, Colored Pencils, etc. A large stock to select from. Rural Route note paper Statements and all kind of blank books always in Stock.

COCKRELL & GRACE

Hutchings Ave. - Ballinger, Tex.

TWO NEW MEN ADDED TO BUSINESS

I have recently added to my force two new men; and with two of the best workmen in the State I am prepared to turn out all jewelry work without any delay, and every job backed by a guarantee. If it's jewelry and needs "fixin'" we can "fix" it, and it will not break you to pay the charges. If it is not worth repairing, we can sell you new jewelry cheaper than you can buy elsewhere. We keep our stock complete with everything generally kept in a first class jewelry store, and we invite you to call and get our prices. :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

JAS. E. BREWER

SENSATIONAL SUIT FILED AT BAIRD

Did Woman Bear a Baby or Only Adopt It to Hold the Land

Baird, Texas.—One of the most unusual and sensational suits ever heard of in these parts has just been filed in the district court in Calahan county by a firm of Abilene attorneys.

The style of the case is Leon G. Jones et al. vs. Wm. Edwards et al, and it is a suit of trespass to try title for land reasonably valued, it is alleged, at \$20,000.

The land is located in Taylor and Callahan counties, southeast of this city.

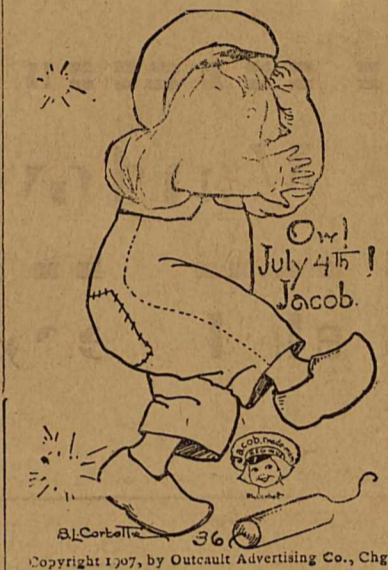
The facts, as alleged in the petition are: Mrs. Jane Edwards died some years ago, leaving this land to Mrs. William Edwards until her death only, provided she died without child, but in the event of a child being born to her then the said property was to go to the child at her demise. In the case of death without issue the property was to go to Mrs. Leon G. Jones, et al, who now reside in the east.

In the spring Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Edwards went away and remained for a few weeks and when they returned home in Callahan county, a little baby was brought with them, and, although Mrs. Edwards was 51 years old and had never born a child, it is alleged, the claim was set up by them that it was their own child born while away.

Neighbors grew suspicious and talk was indulged in by some of them, which led to an investigation by Mrs. Leon G. Jones, to whom the property was to go in the event no child was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards and this investigation, carried on by an Atlanta, Ga., detective resulted in the suit being entered.

In the petition of the plaintiffs it is alleged that the child is not that of Mrs. Edwards but a substitute belonging to someone else and secured for the purpose of defrauding defendants of their rightful ownership of the land and property in question.

Mrs. Edwards died in a few weeks after the alleged birth of the child.



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July 1st 1908

Dear friend:

July 4th will soon be here. Won't you be glad? We will have a picnic then. Mama told me this morning to go down to the grocery and get a whole lot of things for the 4th. This is what I got. Bulk olives at 40c Lemons 1 doz 30c Bannas 1 doz 25c cakes and crackers Bulk Pickles and some canned goods.

Your friend
JACOB.

P.S. We don't trade anywhere but at

Dornberger & Hopkinson

The Whole Truth, The Plain Truth and Nothing But The Truth

While it is not at all compulsory for a man to subscribe for his local paper still there is a moral obligation resting upon each individual to not only do, but to reverse the usual plan and pay for it. There are a thousand and one moth-eaten excuses why a man don't support the local paper. One will say, "I'm too poor." Such characters should move to another location. If he is too poor to pay a dollar or two for the benefit of his community he is precious little benefit to said community. Another man says, "I'd take Smith's paper, but I don't like his politics." Such an excuse is absolutely absurd, unless Smith is an anarchist. Remember you are not expected to believe everything an editor puts in his paper. You'd be in a bad fix if you did. It is not the editor you are supporting but an institution that is working to benefit your town and section and if you are so selfish you are willing to see your country's interests go down because the editor don't belong to your "party," its high time you were pulling out. Another man will say, "I'd take the home paper, but its got nothing in it. I can get the New York Herald for \$1. That is true, but if you would turn in and subscribe and advertise, and give your local editor a decent support, he will never fail to give you a good paper. Nine-tenths of the weekly local papers today in Texas are giving their subscribers far better sheets than their patronage will justify them in doing from a business point of view. Somehow or other, the average man has got the idea into his single-barrelled head that newspapers are charitable institutions, and whenever an editor solicits them to subscribe they mentally place him on the charity list. No man who will stop to think a moment will tolerate such an idea. The editor is engaged in a public work. He does more unselfish gratuitous labor for his town and country than any other man in it. When you advertise or subscribe you are not giving him a cent. In the former case he makes you money, and in the latter he continually expounds your cause and battles for the prosperity of your community, and is ever ready to take up arms in the defense of his people. As a matter of course, he should receive a fair remuneration for his labors, but he seldom gets half he deserves. The average man pays his taxes to keep up his county and state affairs, and the officers who do the work are well paid. The man who prints your weekly paper and continually eulogizes his town country, tells prospectors of the good things, and lies out of the bad things for you certainly deserves the united support of the people, especially when it only costs you a dollar or two per year to do so, and which you would never miss. Just suppose that every man who has a family in each county would go up to the local editor and say: "See here, old Bushpencil, you hain't got much of a paper and I don't believe half what you say in it, but I believe you are doing your best for the town and county. Here's a dollar and when my time runs out let me know and I'll rustle up another."

Then on top of that imagine that each business man would visit the same editor and say:

"Well, you know times are hard and we are having a tough time right now, but I see you are doing all you can for town and county, and I'm willing to do the square thing. I am not able to advertise heavily, but put me in an advertisement and keep it there. You can send me the paper and come to the store and get your pay."

We tell you candidly, that the editor would break his fool neck at work, and the people of that

town and county would be known all over the world as having "the best county paper in Texas, and the most enterprising town and county in the State."

In each town and county, however, there is a class of enterprising, wide-awake, liberal merchants and farmers who support the local press entirely, while there is also a large per cent of those close-fisted, stingy, old roosters who take the cramp in their fingers every time they touch a dime. They actually live and do business and prosper on the labors and enterprise of their neighbors, and like an old lazy razorback, they stand under the tree waiting for squirrels to knock down the acorns.—Harpoon.

Denies the Charge

W. C. Penn, the veteran cotton buyer of West Texas, with Ballinger as headquarters, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Penn represents a Liverpool firm of cotton brokers and came to get an idea of the cotton prospects. He says he never found conditions brighter or more promising and that he has no doubt this will be the banner crop year of the cotton-growing industry in West Texas.

Mr. Penn is thinking seriously of moving his family to San Angelo to reside.—San Angelo Press.

Mr. Penn's attention being called to the above, said it was news to him, and was a false dream the press man had worked through his head. Mr. Penn said "Ballinger is the best town in the world, and I would not leave it to move to San Angelo or anywhere else." Mr. Penn has been representing H. T. Williams & Co., a Liverpool cotton firm for a number of years, and thinks this year will excel all others for his line of business.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by the Walker Drug Co.

District Sunday School Convention

There will be a District County Sunday School Convention at Bowman School House the first Sunday in Oct. Everybody is cordially invited to come, and all Sunday Schools in the county invited to send delegates.

How to Cure Your Piles

If sufferers from piles and rectal diseases would first try a reliable laxative like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin instead of using external salves and suppositories, or having an operation performed, they would save themselves a world of trouble, expense and pain. The reason is that in nine cases out of ten piles are the result of habitual constipation, and when once the constipation is thoroughly cured the piles disappear. Piles are to constipation what pimples are to bad blood, simply an outward symptom. And just as face lotions aren't half as good for pimples as a good blood medicine, so salves and suppositories aren't half as good for piles as a reliable laxative like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A 50 cent or \$1 bottle will prove these claims, and every druggist is authorized to guarantee results. Hundreds of people have written that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best pile cure they know of, and it is surely worth a trial from you. Not only will it cure the piles but it will permanently correct bowel trouble so that you will have regular movements. It will tone the stomach and make digestion easy for you. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best remedy for constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, flatulency, and all resultant troubles, such as piles, arising from disordered stomach, liver or bowels. Its gentle action and pleasant taste make it especially suited to children and all who are too weak to stand purgative waters, salts and gripping powders and tablets. A physic is not what pile sufferers need, but steady, easy bowel movements, and these can be obtained by the use of this wonderful remedy. It brings about a permanent home cure at a minimum of expense.

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.

Miss Edith Winkler Entertains

Miss Edith Winkler entertained a merry party of young people from San Angelo, Monday evening with a six o'clock dinner. The party, composed of Mrs. A. C. Wright, Chaperon, Misses Lila Marberry and Vivian Wright; Alex Wright, Robert Sanderson, Ray Johnston, Wilbur Williams, Charlie Daily and Mart Findlater came over on the three-thirty train and returned on the night train.

A party of Ballinger young people composed of Misses Winfred Trail, Kathleen Francis, Bettie Miller, Lucile Reeder, Bertha Van Pelt; Messrs. Victor and Hugo Miller and Ivan Hamilton, joined the merry party after

the six o'clock dinner and the evening was spent in playing "42" and dancing.

Train time came all too quick for the San Angelo party, and the most successful social affair of the season was compelled to break up in order that the visitors might catch their train for home.

Each one declared Miss Edith a splendid entertainer, and left for their respective homes trusting that they would be permitted to visit Ballinger on another occasion that would prove so pleasant as this.

ALLEN'S MUSIC HOUSE
All complete in the Southwest. All the latest songs, marches, waltzes, etc. **HALF PRICE.** All publications. Piano, Organ, Victrola, Gramophone, Records, Everything. Write for catalogue and prices. Book of 100 Fine Songs **FREE.** GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

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S. N. Allison would be pleased to do your work. Prompt service and courteous treatment.
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MAKES LONG LIVES
There is nothing so damaging to good health as impure food. You can avoid many spells of sickness by selecting the highest grades and best brands of food. They are the cheapest and we sell them. Give us a trial order.
PHONE 16 **MIXON & BAIR**

YOUR MONEYS WORTH
OR YOUR MONEY BACK
That is our motto. We give value received and are always ready to demonstrate the same to any and all customers.
Good Groceries, Clean Groceries and Groceries that please is the kind we sell.
Grain, Hay, Feed.
Our Store is headquarters for Grain, Hay and Feed.
M. D. Chastain
Corner 8th and Hutchings Ave.

Let Us Show You
That we sell Groceries, Ranch and Farm supplies cheaper than any house in Ballinger.
Years Of Experience
We have had years of experience in the grocery business and know how to buy so we can sell right. A month's tryal will convince you.
Miller Mercantile Company

Beauty and Fashion Combined
I wish to announce to my trade that I am receiving for the Fall and Winter 1908-1909 the most superb line of High Grade, Fashionable Imported and Domestic
Millinery and Millinery Goods
it has ever been my good fortune to offer to my customers, containing all the very latest New York and Paris styles and novelties in Millinery.
The very low price marked on each hat will make it easy to select just what you want in my store. I extend to all the ladies a cordial invitation to call and see my line of goods whether you are ready to buy or not.
Miss Elva Parker
at The Hub

EXCHANGE CLIPPINGS

Items of Interest to our Readers Culled from the Exchanges that Come to our Desk each Week. The Happenings in our Neighboring Towns

It Depends On Which Way the Game Goes

Brownwood News

The farmers around Ballinger have formed an organization to establish a price for picking cotton. In regard to the matter the Ballinger Banner-Leader says:

Mexican labor is used for gathering this crop principally, and they often adopt unfair means to squeeze the price of picking. They are of a wandering class, and going from one section of the country to another they scatter false reports as to what price is being paid in the different sections and cause the pickers to become dissatisfied, leave the field to go on where a higher price is reported, and get there to find that the same or a lower price prevails. This has been the case here before, and

will no doubt be worked again, if the farmers don't get together and co-operate. The farmer, as a rule, will pay a fair price for picking, but when they go to bidding or fighting against their neighbor to hold the hands, they work against their own interests as well as the interest of their neighbor."

Of course there is the pickers' side to the question, and then there is the third side—when pickers get scarce and when that happens no organization or agreement is likely to hold a farmer who must get his cotton out and get it out quick. As the situation stands in this immediate section the farmer is very much at the mercy of the cotton picker and if he hasn't a force at home to pick the crop he must scheme and make all sorts of concessions to have his cotton gathered. But the statement of the Ballinger paper that the farmers have organized a protective association to make a price for cotton picking is a situation apparently very much out of joint with the spirit of the times in agricultural affairs, when unionism against the common enemy of predatory wealth and capitalistic oppression is uppermost in the minds of men. We do not doubt at all that the farmers of Runnels county are harassed by the tricks of alien labor, and admit that arrangements of self protection come very natural under the circumstances, but nevertheless it furnishes a condition that is food for reflection; it illustrates that the labor question is virtually under every man's pie-crust—that those who in the early night might declaim of labor's sacred rights may wake up the next morning to find a labor problem at their own back doors, and what were sacred rights the night before in the opulent glare of electricity become "unfair means to squeeze" in the hazy dawn of breaking day. It is a funny world and it won't do to

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

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



probe too deep into the wherefore of things. Life is still very much a question of the survival of the fittest and if we search we always can find in the shifting sea of time a flotsam and jetsam too useless to consider; too poor to count, and why shouldn't it be the Mexican cotton picker?

Keep Texas Money in Texas

Brownwood News

A Houston wholesaler estimates that 8000 pounds of sisal, or grass rope is sent out of Houston every day to retail merchants over the state to be sold mainly to farmers. If this was cotton rope, argued the wholesaler, it would mean the consumption of about 16 bales of cotton per day in rope out of Houston alone. This brings up the question: Why don't our farmers, who raise cotton as a profit crop, use more cotton rope? For nearly every purpose that sisal rope is used on the farm cotton rope will serve the purpose.

It makes better well rope than grass rope; it makes better plow lines; it is better to tie trunks with, and in nearly every way that could be thought of it serves the purpose just as well and often better than sisal rope, but when cotton was six cents a pound cotton rope was the cheaper than sisal rope.

The News believes that it is a good plan for the people to adopt the principle of using, as far as possible, that class of goods that is manufactured from the raw material they produce. We ought to in the south use as much of everything manufactured from cotton that we possibly can. We can use cotton rope, and wear cotton hats to work in. We can use cotton seed oil products where the hog products are not raised on the farm sufficient for home use. A great many house wives object to cotton seed oil, known as cottolene, as a substitute for lard, but it makes just as good biscuits, and flapjacks fried in the latter are the best. What is the use of patronizing the grass and hemp raisers of the Manila Islands, or the hog raisers of Illinois when we can get as good results and equal conveniences by patronizing the products of our own farms.

Through the agency of the Farmers Union it is now possible to reach the farmers in a collective body with suggestions of this kind. If the union will take up this matter and impress upon its people and others that it is the religious duty of a cotton farming country to use cotton goods of every description in preference to the manufactured goods of other staples it will be a great boom to cotton consumption and relatively a boost and stimulus to the price of the raw material.

No Use to Worry

Coleman Democrat

The Fort Worth Telegram in commenting on what the Democrat had to say in regard to opposition to our congressman and state senator, makes the following pertinent remarks:

"If C. O. Harris, of Ballinger, is put forward against Mr. Adams the people of that senatorial district may look for an interesting campaign. Harris is a spell binder, a prominent citizen, railroad attorney, factory builder and backer of substantial things. He once overturned a brutal democratic majority in Runnels county by getting elected county attorney, and in that office he made a name that was both feared and respected by all evil doers. The republicans of Texas have removed the larnacle that has heretofore retarded the growth of that party. The door of hope has been slammed kerbang right in the face of God's images of ebony, who have so long looked to the republicans as agents of the glorious hereafter. Democrats need to be alive and alert or they may find a few surprises slipped into the ballot boxes in November."

The Telegram should be reminded that "spell binders"

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"ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR" ABOUT

RISSER'S

RISSER'S

SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

The Most Complete Stock, the Largest Store, the Cheapest Goods in West Texas. Ask Your Neighbor

Our big Store, containing 8,000 feet of floor space, is filled to overflowing with a most magnificent stock of everything that is new and up-to-date. We have all the novelties in large quantities and well assorted patterns. Our prices are lower than those of any store in the state, and we accept none. "Ask your Neighbor."

DRESS GOODS

Displays are Complete and Prices Unusually Attractive

The new Herringbone worsteds in navy blue, black, and brown. Value \$1.00 our price.....60c

The new Herringbone serges in navy blue, dark green, tan, brown and black, a variety of patterns. Value \$1.50 our price.....98c

Fine Directoire cloth in light blue, pink, navy blue, brown, dark red and black. Something entirely new, looks like silk and washes. Value 35c our price.....25c

All wool panamas, double width, colors, navy blue, new shade of green, brown and black. Value 75c our price.....50c

Beautiful Savoy cloth. A silk finish cotton cloth with an invisible stripe. All colors and new shades washable. Value 35c our price.....25c

Soisette. An imitation of Taffeta silk. All the new shades. Value 35c our price.....20c

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR

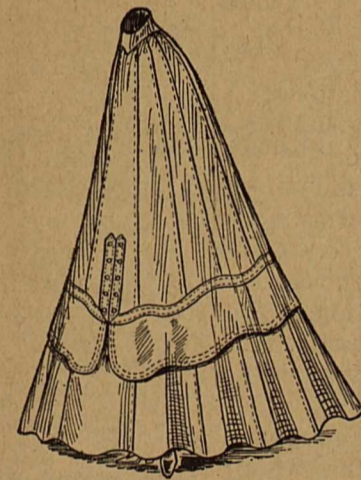
DIRECTOIRE—The keynote of the styles taken from the period in France before the first Empire, when Napoleon was director. Women's dress followed the models of ancient Greece and were a mixture of elegance and simplicity.

Characteristics of Directoire Effects

In cloaks and suits: The shaping of the body, the narrow shoulders, close sleeves and abundance of button trimming. These styles are taken from the dress of the officers of the period. In skirts, the close fitting gored skirts, flare effect at the bottom, trimmed in buttons, satin bands, and over skirts effect.

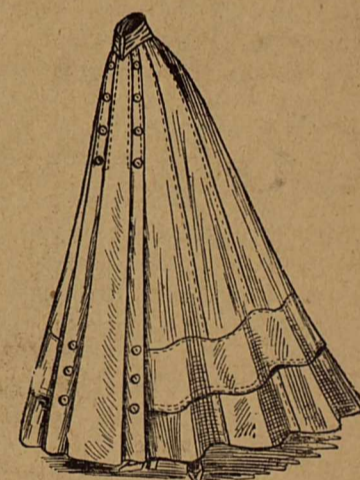
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A COMPLETE LINE DIRECTOIRE SKIRTS



Made of fine Herringbone serge, colors Black, Blue and Brown. Value \$10.00 our price

\$7.50



Made of fine Chiffon Panama, colors Black and Navy Blue. Value \$8.50 our price.

\$6.50

In suits we will show the new worsteds in navy blue, brown, the new shades of green and black. Will have fifty different styles to select from.

In skirts we have panamas, Herringbone worsteds, wool poplins and voiles. Our line of imported voiles would do credit to any city. There has never been shown here such an array of beautifully trimmed, elegantly made skirts as we are offering today. Each and every skirt is a work of art. Prices so low that you can save big money on every garment.

NOVELTY SECTION

Directoire Belts, copied after the sashes worn by the officers of the period. Prices \$1.50 to.....\$1.00

Collar Supporters, consisting of a gold bar with a beauty pin fastened on each end. Adjustable height. Very convenient.....25c

Belt Pins, new designs, worth 75c, our price.....50c

Directoire Purses, a swell line just received. Colors brown, navy blue, green and black. Prices \$3.00 to.....\$1.50

The new Collar Bands, made of velvet with beaded tassel to match shade of band. Something entirely new, worth 50c, only 25c

New designs in Shell Back Combs, worth 75c, our price only.....50c

A Splendid Assortment of Latest Fall Millinery

In this department you will find a most complete line of all that is swell and new in ladies hats. The directoire feature runs through the entire line. The hats are large and exquisitely trimmed in styles that you have never seen. New style wings, new style feather bands satin trimmings and fancy shapes so grouped together that they form a thing of beauty, so entirely pleasing and so becoming that you will say with many others, that you have never seen a more stylish and snappy line of hats.

AND AS TO THE PRICE, here is where you will certainly be surprised. The prices we have marked on our hats are just half of what you will have to pay elsewhere. In our assortment you will find all the new shades of red, green, navy blues, blacks, lavenders, etc. PRICES—Just half of what you would ordinarily have to pay.

The White Store

R. A. Risser & Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

W. S. Morehead

The Tailor and Hatter

Suits made to fit you, \$12.00 up
Pants made to fit you, \$3.00 up
Hats Cleaned and Reblocked
We do all kinds of Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing.

Occupy building with Kinzer near depot



MONEY FOR YOU

If you buy land from us. We have the land that is rich in soil, convenient in location, and reasonable in price.

Come to see us. List your place for sale at our office.

Giesecke-Bennett Co.

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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 to get data. It is our endeavor to make the best paper possible, though we cannot learn the news unless you tell us.

As a rule the people don't like a knocker, nor does a dog that puts in most of the time growling have many friends.

To the Business League: Don't you think this a good time to push the improvement of the proposed park on Santa Fe Street?

The blast of the whistles from the flour mill, the oil mill, compress, etc., makes splendid music and the man that doesn't like such music is a drone.

It is possible, and very probable, that Taft will join Roosevelt on his African hunting trip. It will take the place of a trip up salt creek.

The foundation has been laid for another bumper small grain crop in Runnels county. Perhaps there never was a time when the ground was so wet—not since Noah's days.

Mr. Roosevelt in his open letter, as he calls it but which is nothing but a big boost for Taft say Taft will do all he says he will for the people and a great deal more. That's just what the people are afraid of.

Paint Rock is up and taking new life on things. The B & A railroad is pointing that way, and the town is ready to co-operate with Ballinger in securing the road—in fact Paint Rock wants to be our neighbors and we want them for neighbors.

The rain has come and gone leaving a fine season for planting fall crops. The weather is ideal for picking the immense cotton crop, and business is coming Ballinger way in a hurry. The live man will get the business and the man that gets the business will be the man that advertises.

The city should either clean up the street and put in a drainage along the Santa Fe right of way or see that the Santa Fe did so. The mud holes—regular fish ponds fronting on the principle streets is not a good advertisement for our progressive town. They are located right where travelers can see them, and they should be removed right now.

Boys who are not satisfied at home, and who are anxious to get out and see some on the world should get a lesson from the killing of young Richards at Blanket this week. A good home with all the comforts of life, but not satisfied; left home against father and mother's will, and brought back a mangled corpse. Experience is a good teacher, but we should profit more by the experience of others.

Every visitor from the South to the North returns home feeling confident that Bryan will be elected. The general impression in the North is that Bryan is much stronger in the close and doubtful states than ever before. Mr. Taft is short on speech and can not make the votes that Mr. Roosevelt can. Roosevelt is doing all he can to help the Republican leader, but the president will find that it is much harder to elect his man than it is to kill a grizzly bear.

Texas will have two of the most successful fairs this year in the history of the grand old state. The San Antonio International fair will open on Sept 26th and close on Oct. 11. The Dallas state fair will open Oct. 17 and run for the usual fifteen days. Everything points to a very successful fair at each place. Ballinger can't afford the expense of an exhibit at both places, notwithstanding that it would be money well spent, but an exhibit will be made at one of the places, and the wonderful resources of the county extensively advertised.

The American citizen, who will attend the session of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress, Albuquerque, N. M., September 29-October 10, will see the massive works of the United States Reclamation Service by stereopticon views reflected upon canvas. The difficulties which the engineers have encountered in their share of the work will be shown by large topographical maps. Thus the spectator's conception of it all will be made more clear. In these views, also, will be farm scenes in the irrigated valleys, country, highways, bridges, streams, forest desert scenes, cities, etc.

The Brady Star in speaking of the condition of the roads leading out from that town says the roads are so rough as to be barely passable and that Brady is losing trade. The Star says further: "The people at Eden are also up in arms at the existing bad condition of the road to their town, and much of the business has already been lost to Brady, having gone to San Angelo, Ballinger, Santa Anna, and other points reached by the Eden people over better roads than McCulloch county has seen fit to provide." Give us more roads and better roads, has ever been the Leader's cry. Good public roads are worth more to a town than any other trade puller. The people don't object to the distance when the distance is over good roads, but distance combined with bad roads will carry trade off that justly belongs to Ballinger.

A report was flashed over the wires yesterday evening telling of a storm that was raging at Galveston. The further the report went the greater the storm grew, and when the news reached Ballinger it was sufficient to cause a great deal of street talk and excitement. It developed later that the storm was not near so bad as reported. A very heavy rain fell accompanied by some wind, flooding the streets and doing some damage to street car traffic in some portions of the city. Galveston is the largest cotton port in the world, and is just getting on her feet good from the effects of the 1900 storm when so many lives were lost. Many people are afraid to live in Galveston, but with the wonderful improvement in the building of the sea wall and otherwise providing against high water it will take a storm greater than the 1900 storm to damage the city to any great extent, or destroy lives.



1907—OUR FIRM

Activity lurks in every corner of the store now. Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. is busy showing the new goods for fall. And what a magnificent display they make! Fine Dress Goods, new Silks, charming Dress Novelties from the world's best looms, new Directoire Skirts, exquisite Millinery from New York—but what's to be seen, at best, can only be hinted at here. The store is overflowing with interest—interest for every one. Welcome.

On the twenty-fifth day of September of 1907. Probably many of you remember the day, despite the fact that we were confronted with a good right from the start, and with a trading public have been kind to us, we have given us, we will, during the Fall and shown in the town of Ballinger, at prices not and in return we will give you the best store.

McCall's 10- and 15-cent Patterns are the best. Sold only by us. All seams are allowed.

5c 500 pieces standard prints, worth 7c and should sell for this price. We bought when the market was at its lowest. To you at per yd.....5c

5c 300-page school pencil tablets, full count; just 100 pages more than you get elsewhere, for only.....5c

19c Mennen's Talcum Powder, sold the world over at 25 cents. We picked up 25 dozen at a price, consequently sell it to you at only 19c

5c A big box of Hair Pins, assorted larger and smaller sizes, worth a dime a box, only.....5c

85c Lace Curtains, white in color, full three yards, pretty designs, worth ordinarily \$1.00 a pair, our price only.....85c

\$1.25 Extra size white Quilt, large enough for any bed, pretty design, both fringe and plain, cheap at \$1.50, our price.....\$1.25

\$1.50 Extra good Brussels Rugs, size 27 by 54 inches, worth \$2.00 each, our price to you \$1.50

19c Extra good unbleached Bath Towels, the kind usually sold at 25c elsewhere, to you only.....19c

98c Ladies' California driving Gloves, tan and natural colors, the regular \$1.25 grade elsewhere, our price only.....98c

5c Real pearl Buttons, without flaws, one dozen to the card, actually worth a dime, 10 gross here, at, a doz.....5c

6 1/4c 150 pcs Border Fancies, suitable for children's and ladies' dresses, worth 7c, our price only, a yd 6 1/4c

OUR AIM We are planning to deserve more and more the confidence of the people and to merit the wonderful growth we have attained. It is our constant aim to give perfect service and to improve that service day by day. It is our aim to make as few mistakes as possible and to cheerfully correct those at the earliest possible opportunity.

New Skirts—Exquisite Showing

Mrs. Harris in charge.

The new Directoire and modified Sheath to the front, in Voile and Chiffon Panama. The styles are new, yes, so different from last year. You must see them. Read

Lot 1441 Black Voile Skirts, satin trimmed both side and front, Sheath effect, neatly trimmed with buttons, 15 gore. This is worth all of \$18.00, our price.....**\$15.00**

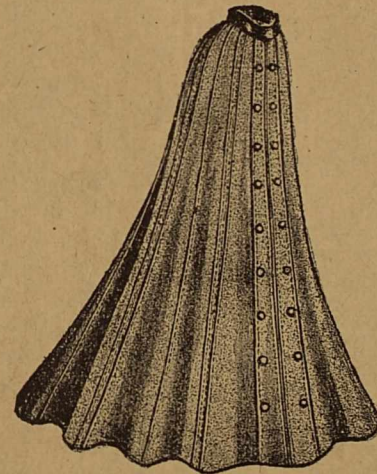
Lot 1439. Black Voile Skirts, trimmed in Taffeta silk, side trimmed in large buttons. Directoire style, a beauty indeed and worth more than the price asked.....**\$12.50**

Lot 1440. Black Voile Skirts, 7 gore. Side trimmed in buttons, with Taffeta bands. Snug fitting is the skirt. A walking skirt strictly, price.....**\$10.00**

Lot 378. Panama skirt, snug fitting, habit back, with buttons trimmed up front, new effect. Comes in brown and black, worth \$8.50 our price only.....**\$7.48**

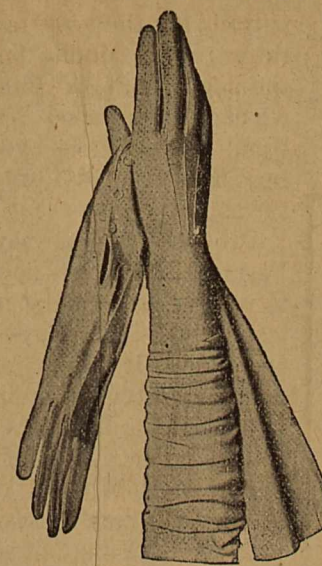
Lot of very latest all wool panama skirts, black, blue and brown, cut in fine tailored fashion, silk and taffeta trimmed, 13 gore, worth all of 6.50 our price only.....**\$5.00**

Others, in Voile and Panama at 22.50, 20.00, 18.00, 15.00, 12.50, 10.00 down to.....**\$4.48**



Magnificent Display of Fall and

KID GLOVES



Gloves of real worth. Kid Gloves both 16-button and short length in all the fall shades—green, dark red, tan, brown, white and black.
Long 16-button Kid are 3.50 and.....\$2.95
Short are 1.50 and.....\$1.00
All kinds of cashmere and wool Gloves for ladies, Misses and children at 50c, 35c and 25c

STAPLES

Your Money's Worth Here

All American Standard Calicoes per yd.....	5c
38 inch brown domestic full weight per yd.....	6 1/4c
Good 4-4 and 6-6 apron Gingham per yd.....	5c
A F C best feather Ticking per yd.....	15c
Best Flannett, all colors, price per yd.....	10c
36 inch Diamond Hill Cambric per yd.....	10c
36 inch Gold Metal bleached Domestic per yd.....	10c
7-8 bleached Domestic, no starch per yd.....	7c
10-4 bleached Sheetting, no starch per yd.....	25c
Extra good cotton flannel unbleached per yd.....	8 1/2c
8 oz. Cotton Duck 12c value per yd.....	10c
25 inch cotton check round thread.....	5c
27 inch cotton Cheviots, best brand.....	8 1/2c
25 inch Outing Flannel worth 7c per yd only.....	5c
Extra heavy Cheviots for shirting per yd.....	10c
Model Flannel extra weight per yd.....	10c
Beautiful Kimono Outing 15c value per yd.....	12 1/2c
Every thing in cotton goods at a saving to you, a trial will convince you.	

FALL PETTICOATS

The Elite Glove-Fitting Petticoats fit smoothly over the hips. No tie-strings to knot or break. No bunching at the waist-line. No sagging in front. They are strictly tailor-made. We have them in sateen, heatherblom and silk. Prices range

Sateen, \$2.50 down to	98c
Heatherblon, \$3.48 down to	\$1.48
Silk, \$10.00, 8.00, 6.00 and	\$5.00

In all the late shades.

Sold only by us

Make this your Shopping Place. Every conver

LOG ROLLERS ASSOCIATION

Such Thing to be Organized Here on October 2nd.

On Oct. 2nd representatives from the W. O. W. in five counties, embracing Runnels, Coleman, Coke, Tom Green and

Concho, will meet in Ballinger for the purpose of organizing a District Log Rollers Association. The Woodmen of the world is the strongest fraternal organization in Texas, if not in the United States, and this part of the State comes in with the strongest membership of any section of the state. Every little neighborhood and country town throughout tie counties above support god lodges

with memberships ranging from 25 to 250 and the association to be organized will be supported by several thousand members, and it is expected that many of these members will be in Ballinger to assist in the organization. The Ballinger camp will have her hands full to entertain the visitors.

—Banner-Leader \$1.00 per year.

J. Y. Pearce is agent in Ballinger for the adopted School Books, and under contract with the State Agent, no books can be sold on credit. Strictly cash for all School Books. Mr. Pearce also has a complete line of school supplies, pencils, tablets, pens, bags, rules, crayons, etc.

100th ANNIVERSARY—1908



ONE YEAR OLD SEPTEMBER 25, 1908

One year ago this store was opened to the trading public. It was a gala day, an occasion. From the time the doors were thrown open to the public, it has grown, and with the shortest crop year in the history of Ballinger. We had to make an exhibition to do or die, this store has grown from a bud to a full-blown rose. You are generous hearted, and to show you our appreciation for the liberal patronage you have given us, in the Winter of 1908-09, show you one of the most complete stocks of Dry Goods ever before equalled on high class merchandise. Come and help us as before, in the best town in Texas—Ballinger. Welcome all.

BALLINGER AS A TRADING POINT

Come to Ballinger, and to Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. Come and let us show you how we can take care of that fall bill; what a saving it will be and what an assortment of New Merchandise you will have to select from. Prices will speak for themselves. Everything marked in plain figures. No long time credit price here. Come and give us a trial. We want you as a friend—as a customer, always. We shall expect you. Come.



COTTON All cotton purchased by the firm of Nicholson Godwin Co. will be paid off here. They are in the market from January 1st to December 31st, and will always pay you the highest market price. Don't fail to see them before you sell.

MILLINERY

Miss Bingham in charge.
New Fall Millinery is Now Ready. Are You?



Brown, green and taupe shades predominate. A touch of both shades will be seen on nearly every hat. The large stylish Directoire to the front. We will, during the fall, show a grand assortment of Millinery. A thousand or more interpretations of the authentic styles ready for you to see, try on and buy if you please. Wonderful showing of New York Hats. Our buyers are back; everything is ready. We now await your coming.



Tailored hats, \$10.00, 8.50, 7.50, 5.00 down to **\$3.00**
Pattern Hats, 27.50, 25.00, 20.00, 15.00, 12.50, 10.00 and on down to **\$6.50**

FALL SUITS AND WRAPS

Never before have we made such elaborate preparation to assemble all that is new and correct in dress. Everything awaits your enthusiastic approval. We extend a broad invitation to everyone to visit this department. Some are elaborately trimmed, while others show the plain tailoring. Colors are brown, green, tan stripe and plum. Coats are cut long, form fitting, with deep pointed front. Prices range \$35.00, 30.00, 25.00, 20.00 18.50, 16.50, 15.00 and **\$12.50**



Coats, Waists, Silk and Satin Suits.

Space forbids mentioning the styles so we simply say come, examine to your entire satisfaction.

Coats range from 25.00 down to **\$5.00**

Waists range from 7.50 down to **98c**

Satin and Silk suits, 25.00 down to **\$15.50**



Winter Merchandise, 1908-09, Greatly Underpriced

THE NEW DRESS FABRICS

are showing for this season's wear the largest and most beautiful line of Goods fabrics in the history of our business. In just the right weaves most favored colors—and our prices, they are right, too; you can depend on them. The styles are particularly handsome and exclusive, especially the neat and Chivon effects. In all the leading shades of brown, green, blue and grey. Prices range, per yard, \$1.50, 1.25, 1.00, 75c and **35c**

THE NEW FALL SILKS

are showing a wonderful line of Waist and Dress Silks, in all the fancy colorings. Also Mouselines and Satins for waists and suits. All shades, very strong this season, prices \$1.00, and **49c**

EXTRA SPECIAL

as fancy Silk, suitable for waists and suits, all colors, worth \$1.00, special **49c**

COTTON PIECE GOODS

as Red Seal and Toil du Nord Gingham in all the fancy and plain for waistings, and every pattern good for school dresses. worth 15c a yard, only **12½c**

fine Madras Skirting in stripe and check effects, splendid for waists, 34 inches wide, positively fast colors, per yard **12½c**

fancy mercerized Gingham, imported goods and fast colors, has a wide variety of patterns, well worth 35c a yard, our price **25c**

KNIT UNDERWEAR

We lead all others when it comes to ladies' and children's Underwear. The best is not too good for our customers; hence we carry the best.

Lot 1374. Ladies' fleece-lined ribbed Vest, tape neck. Splendid value at 35c, our price **25c**
Drawers to match at the same price.

Lot 1357. Ladies' fine bleached and unbleached Vest, fine ribbed and fleece lined, silk tape neck, sizes 4, 5 and 6. Drawers to match. Per garment **50c**
Others at 1.25, 1.00 and 75c.

Ladies' ribbed Union Suits in sizes 4, 5 and 6, finest ribbed and fleece lined, at per suit, 1.25, 1.00 and **85c**

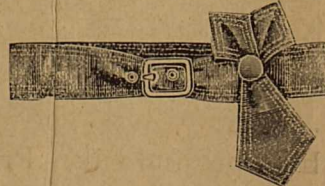
Children's Union Suits at 50c and **35c**

Big line of infants' cotton and wool Vests, each at 50c, 35c, 25c and **15c**



BELTS

You know we are always head quarters in this line. We keep only the new Belts and show them first. Don't fail to see the new Directoire Belt, all colors. Also the new gilt Belts. Candidly, these are beauties. Collars to match. Prices range 1.00, 75c and 50c. The new Directoire with elastic at 1.00 and 75c. Big line elastic Belts, all colors, at 50c and 35c.



HOSIERY

The Cadet and Burson Stocking for men, ladies and children. The Cadet we claim to be as good, if not better than the best. In heavy ribbed and fine gauze, linen heel and toe. None better at the price **25c**

The Burson Fashion Hose for ladies, the only hose that is knit to fit without a seam in heel or toe. Positively the best hose in all America at the price **25c**

Sambo and Lill for boys and girls. The best Stocking out for the price **15c**

Ladies Silk Hose, \$3.00 down to 1.25 a pair.



Convenience in the way of Rest Room and Toilet for the Ladies in this Store

MAD DOG BITES ARCHIE O'KELLY

The Twelve Year Old Son on Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Kelley and the Negro wash Woman Bitten by Mad Dog

A Scotch Collie dog belonging to Archie O'Kelley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Kelley, went mad to-day about noon, and bit Archie

and the negro wash woman. It was not thought at first that the dog was mad, and Mr. O'Kelley went to tie him to wait developments, but the dog got away, and later showed every sign of being mad. Parties were out hunting for the dog when Rev. E. P. Williams located him at the back of his place. The dog has been killed, and it is not thought that he bit any other dogs, but it would be a good idea

for all parties who have dogs to keep them tied up for a few days. Mrs. O'Kelley left on this evening's train for Austin with Archie and the negro woman and they will be treated in the pasteur institute.

The "One Minute Washer" is a washing machine that excels all others. Call at Van Pelt & Co. for it.

Notice to The Ladies

Within the next few days I will have my fall and winter stock of millinery all in. Part of the goods have arrived, and the remainder is on the road. I have purchased the very best of the markets could supply, and will be prepared to please the most exacting lady. I have associated with me Miss Sloman, an experienced trimmer, and will

be glad to have you call and see her work.

Miss Lola Lewis

Died

The little two year old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ford died Tuesday and was buried in the Ballinger cemetery Wednesday. Rev. G. W. Fender conducted the funeral services.

Bring Your Horses

To Ballinger Friday or Saturday, Sept. 25 and 26, and have them treated by Dr. C. S. Jackson the veterinary Surgeon.

Notice

Highest grade piano instruction. Pupils solicited. Phone 321. Hattie Hutton, B. Mus. 2t

EXCHANGE CLIPPINGS

Continued from Third Page

have no terrors for your "Uncle Bill Adams." He met one of these in the late primaries and vanquished him with an ease and grace that was sublime. When your "Uncle Bill" goes out on a still hunt after votes he never fails to bring them in. "Spell binders" seem to have lost their "cunning" of late any way with the voters.

Judge Harris was out of the state at the time he was nominated by his party. We have been unable to get an interview with him as to how he regards the honor thrust upon him. Mr. Harris is a strong man and would make a splendid Senator; but the Democratic party is too strong in this district to stand for the election of a Republican Senator.

Ballinger Elks in Banquet

San Angelo Press

"What makes the wildcat wild?" will be thoroughly discussed at a banquet to be given on the 22nd inst by members of the San Angelo lodge No. 998 B. P. O. E. Undoubtedly very many witty answers will be made to the question. The committee on arrangements composed of Messrs Milburn McCarty, W. T. Bartholomew and Will Day, met Saturday and took up the matter of the big stag ban-

quet. A sub-committee of J. D. Atwood and H. W. Rogers was appointed to select the place for the affair. Prof. W. L. Hughes was asked to assist the toastmaster in selecting the topics. Ballinger members will be given a prominent place on the program and some witty things are expected from them.

The committees will meet again Monday to further perfect the plans. It is the intention of the lodge to have each and every member present as well as all visiting Elks in the city.

Sheriff Futch Got His Negro

Coleman Voice:

Sheriff W. L. Futch has returned from Oklahoma where he has been to effect the capture of a negro by the name of Woody Cathran. It will be remembered that the negro Cathran with another man by the name of Hackleman broke jail here on June 9, 1907, it now being something over a year ago. Hackleman was caught in Alabama and is still in the jails of Alabama fighting his case in that state by the use of the writ of habeas corpus. He is now waiting the results of the appeal of his case to the higher courts. The negro had successfully evaded the best efforts of the officers to locate and capture him up until this time. About a week ago Sheriff Futch left Austin where he had been on business, for the new state in search of the negro. He visited the towns of Tulsa, Sapulpa, Oklahoma City and El Reno. At El Reno he located him, he was working in a dive in that city, and Mr. Futch walked upon him. He was not very glad to see Mr. Futch but came back to Coleman with him.

A Common Every Day Occurrence

Brownwood News:

The people of Cleburne are worrying over a problem like this: The canning factory at Cleburne put up 40,000 cans of Mamie Ross peaches. A car of these peaches were sold to a Fort Worth wholesale house. The latter sold them back to the Cleburne merchants, and they sold them to the local consumers. The people of Cleburne are wondering why the factory could not have sold the goods direct to the Cleburne merchants and saved the consumers the wholesaler's profit. Why was it necessary for those peaches to go to Fort Worth and then back to Cleburne? The best explanation is that it is the way of the American people to take the long route to make the cost of living as high as possible.

Will Fight Submission

San Angelo Press

Dr. S. C. Parsons returned Wednesday from Austin, where he attended the democratic anti-prohibition league convention. The doctor says plans were outlined to fight the submission question to a finish. He was appointed campaign manager for the eastern half of the "Jumbo" congressional district, and expects to get up and make things hum.

The doctor stated that he expected to attend the nonpartisan anti-prohibition convention at Houston in October. At this convention delegates representing all parties in Texas will be present. It will be strictly an anti convention, no matter to which party one belongs.

Water Melon Seed Bring Big Money

Coleman Democrat:

H. A. Halbert went to Talpa Tuesday where he sold and shipped over 600 pounds of seed from his famous water melons. This was in part to fill a two thousand pound contract with a Philadelphia seed firm. The seed were raised by Prof. Charles E. Brown, of Talpa, which netted him on five acres over \$40 per acre for his melons and seed. Thus beating any man's cotton patch and getting his cash before the cotton raised back begins to bend to gather his crop on the fleecy staple. Mr. Halbert says he could handle a car load of pure Halbert Honey melon seed and he wishes more farmers of the county would pay attention to melon raising. That he can guarantee the highest wholesale prices for the seed.

Mules Fall Into Old Well

Comanche Chief

Monday while Jess Stewart was gathering his corn on the farm of Wm. Marten north of town his mules fell into an old well and both of them were instantly killed. The well was uncovered but Mr. Stewart did not know of its location. The grass was high around it and almost obscured it.

One of the span fell to the bottom of the well and the other about half way down. The mules were as fine animals as there were in the county and were worth \$400 or \$500.

Drink Pure Water

The majority of the sickness is attributed to drinking impure water. Drinking the pure kind is the only sure way to avoid being sick. The Arctic Ice and Fuel Company are sending out pure distilled water in five gallon bottles. They sell you a water book and you can order the water just as you need it. Phone the Ice Plant and ask about it.

To Be Happy.

you must have good health. You can't have good health if your liver is not doing its duty—slow but sure poisoning is going on all the time under such circumstances. Ballard's Herbine makes a perfectly healthy liver—keeps the stomach and bowels right and acts as a tonic for the entire system. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

A Burglar in Town.

his name is "bad cough". He doesn't care for gold or silver but he will steal your health away. If he appears in your house arrest him at once with Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it may mean consumption if you don't. A cure for all coughs colds and chest troubles. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Good for Billiousness

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for billiousness." For sale by the Walker Drug Co. Samples free.

Hoppity Hop.

Are you just barely getting around by the aid of crutches or a cane? Unless you have lost a limb or have a deformity—if your trouble is rheumatism, lumbago, sprain, stiff joints, or anything of like nature use Ballard's Snow Liniment and in no time you can throw away your crutches and be as well as anyone. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

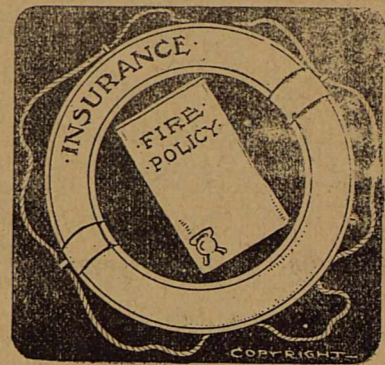
We Have Moved.

We have our cleaning and pressing Establishment to the rear of the Sunflower shoe store in the old Metropolitan building on 8th Street and are better prepared to take care of our customers than ever before.
20th Century Presing Club.

DR. U. E. G. DYER

Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Glasses.
Brewer Building (Up Stairs), Ballinger

Dr. E. C. Baskin, dentist office over Brewers jewelry store. Picture postals for everybody at Kinzer's



SELF-PRESERVATION

is the first law of nature. It's aptly applied to the insurance business. Those who insure want absolute security. Some get it, others don't.

AN INSURANCE POLICY issued from our office makes you as secure as a government bond. A risky policy may cost a shade less, but it won't give as peaceful sleep. Before insuring, see us.

LEE MADDUX

YOUR LUMBER BILL

Will always be satisfactory if the Ballinger Lumber Company sells you. If you want to build a house, let us figure on your lumber and building material. We carry Lumber, Paint, Cement, Lime, Common and Fire Brick, Cedar Posts, etc., etc.

BALLINGER LUMBER COMPANY

San Antonio International Fair

Sept. 26 to Oct. 11, '08

Jones, Walton & Co.

Mr. Farmer: That plow your neighbor talked to you about is the Sanders and JONES, WALTON & CO. sell it. If it does not plow your land satisfactorily you need not keep it. They also sell Stoughton and Weber wagons, Steel Star Windmills, Rex and Yale Buggies, with a guarantee, Deering Corn Harvesters, all kinds of farming machinery and every thing in hardware.

Yours looking for business,

Jones, Walton & Co.



Sleeping on Your Rights Means Loss to Us Both

We lose your patronage; you lose our excellent service, superior quality in goods and money saved in buying. We never sleep, when it comes to serving our customers.

WIDE AWAKE TO YOUR INTEREST

A pleased customer means more business for us and it is easy to please you because we have what you want, and at the right price. If it's found in a drug store, you can get it at

The Walker Drug Co. Phone No. 13

"IN BUSINESS FOR YOUR HEALTH"

Hall Hardware Company

DEALERS IN

Hardware, Implements

and Vehicles

Ballinger, - - - Texas

Cisterns, Sanitary Plumbing, Pipe Work

We Want YOUR Business

Bills Paid by Check STAY PAID

That alone is sufficient reason for paying by check. But there are others:

Paying by Check saves time and trouble, gives you standing at the bank and with everyone with whom you do business.

Paying by Check is the safest way. You can't be robbed or lose your money when it is safe in the bank. If you lose your check book it isn't worth a cent to anybody. But lost cash usually stays lost.

Small accounts are welcome—just begin with what you have and form the habit of making all payments by check.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

"The Bank that does things for you."

All the new things in Men's Hats at W. H. Davis.

Tom Fowler left yesterday for Dallas.

Smoke with me and get the best cigar. R. P. Conn.

W. G. Lowry and wife went to Galveston last Saturday.

Pants made in 6 hours at Morehead's big Tailor Shop.

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

J. W. Bone, of Bronte, was here on business yesterday.

Bargains in Black and colored silks at W. H. Davis'

Judge Smith, of Comanche, was here on business Tuesday.

Legal Blanks—complete line at R. P. Conn's.

Dr. Parson, of San Angelo, was here yesterday attending a meeting of the Medical board.

Muslin underwear from 15c up at W. H. Davis'

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuchard returned from a visit to Fredericksburg, last Monday.

Complete line of stationery—tablets, inks etc. R. P. Conn.

Bargains in new dress goods at W. H. Davis'

Miss Ethel Moore went to Blanket Monday to attend the District League Conference.

None better than the brand of cigars I sell—R. P. Conn.

Miss Mabel Fowler went to Coleman yesterday to visit Miss Mary Wood.

Judge Smith, of Comanche, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Tom Routh left today for Bryan where he will attend the A. & M. College.

W. H. Davis, of Taylor, is here looking after his dry goods store.

Pants made—6 hours, Suits—2 to 10 days.—A. J. Stocklas. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

Judge W. E. Sayle returned last Monday from a business trip out in Gains county.

Light Crust Flower makes light crust bread. For sale by Currie Grocery Co.

Miss Margaret Spence returned to her home at Dallas, yesterday after a visit to relatives here.

A few thousand pairs of shoes the kind that wear. W. H. Davis'.

Do you want to trade milo maize or oats for a Tailor made suit—See Morehead, The Tailor.

Fritz Ernest left yesterday for Wichata Falls where he moved several weeks ago.

Fresh line of fine smoking and chewing tobacco and cigars at R. P. Conn's.

Judge C. O. Harris returned this morning from a business trip to Austin.

The East bound train was delayed about two hours yesterday at Ballinger on account of a dead engine.

Fresh line of candies just received and more coming R. P. Conn.

Leslie Dalton, of San Marcos, came in first of the week on a visit to friends. M. Dalton lived here about three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom came in yesterday from a visit to San Angelo.

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

Send your friend or sweetheart a postal. Many kinds to suit many people at Kinzers.

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

If you want to rent dishes for any purpose go to Kinzer's. All kinds of dishes for sale or rent cheap.

The only man in Rnnnels county who makes clothes on the bench is A. J. Stocklas. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Z. Parrot, the daughter-in-law of H. Z. Parrot, formerly of this county, died at her home at Talpa, last Friday.

Just received a large car of Moon Bros. buggies, hacks and surrys.

Mrs. E. P. Williams went to Blanket Wednesday to join Rev. Williams who is there attending the District League Convention.

School children buy your tablets at R. P. Conn's and get a free chew of gum.

Moon Bros Buggies, Hacks and Surrys. Big car just received at Van Pelt & Kirk.

Jno. A. Weeks went to San Antonio, Monday, to attend a meeting of the State Pharmaceutical Board.

Ladies white waists the \$1.50 kind to close out 98c. Come quick. W. H. Davis.

Misses Mayme Godwin and Mamie Sue Gressett went to Blanket last Monday to attend the District League Conference.

Rev. E. P. Williams attended the District League Conference at Blanket, first of the week returning home Wednesday.

Miss Julia Chernosky returned to her home at Denton, Tuesday after a visit to Mrs. A. J. Stocklass.

Let us make you a pair of trousers while you are in town.—A. J. Stocklas. Next door to the Walker Drug Co.

Call at Van Pelt & Kirk's and see the greatest washing machine made. It does the work and does it quick.

C. F. Dickinson and family returned last Sunday from an overland trip out through the western part of the state.

I have just added a nice line of embroidery to my stock. Call and see how cheap it is being sold, Kinzer.

We want to buy your cotton, and it will be to your interest to see our buyer, Wicks Currie, before you close out. Currie Grocery Co.

Harold Tucker went to Waxahachie, last Saturday to take up his second years work in the Trinity University.

Lawrence Shields returned from a visit to his old home in Missouri, yesterday.

Thirteen years of experience in making clothes.—A. J. Stocklas. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

Light Crust Flower makes baking easy. Get a sack for trial from Currie Grocery Co.

B. W. Pilcher and wife returned from an overland trip to Brady, Llano, and other places, Sunday.

J. T. Snellgrove was in from Norton yesterday after lumber. He said he had caught the building spirit that was so prevalent in his neighborhood.

We clean press and repair your clothes while you sleep or wait.—A. J. Stocklas, Ballinger only tailor. Next door to Walker Drug Co.

A car load of the latest pattern and best buggies on the market, just received at Van Pelt and Kirk's. Get a Moon Bros. and you will be safe.

Misses Gladys Oliver and Carrie Bell David, of Winters, left last Tuesday for San Antonio, where they will attend school.

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

Morehead's Tailoring Co. has secured the services of Mr. Peterson of Corsicana who is an expert tailor and cutter.

C. McVay and mother came in from Stamford yesterday and will make Ballinger their home. Mr. McVay will be operator in the cotton office of W. B. Ray.

Currie Grocery Co. will pay you the highest market price for your chickens, eggs turkeys, etc.

The Ballinger Mattress is for sale at the local dealers. Call for them and have none other. They are the best and the cheapest.

H. Winkler returned from New York, last Sunday. He came by way of Galveston and was on the waters seven days. He purchased a large stock of dry goods and clothing for his trade while in New York.

Clay Wylie left last Saturday for Alton, Illinois, where he will attend school. Frank Pearce left Friday for the same place and stopped over in Temple, where he joined Clay and the too went together.

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.

H. A. Snively passed through last Saturday enroute to his home at Winters from a trip out through several Western counties. Mr. Snively stated that he came back very well satisfied with Rnnnels county.

Don't be afraid to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to your children. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. It always cures. For sale by the Walker Drug Co.

Cotton pickers have been coming in this week by the pairs and by the dozen. The crop is early in some parts of the east and the cotton is all about picked.

Church Announcements

The Leader will be glad to have an announcement of the Services from each Church each week if copy is furnished by Thursday afternoon.

Rally Day and Sankey Service

Next Sunday will be observed as Rally Day at The Eighth Street Presbyterian church. The motto for the day is, "200 at Sunday School and every member of the church present." Every member of the Sunday School is asked to bring some one with him to Sunday School and to arrange to stay for the preaching service. Every member of the church is urged to attend both the Sunday School and preaching services. The Church Roll will be called at the 11 o'clock hour. Every one invited to these services whether members of the church or Sunday School or not members of either.

The Sankey Song Service which was announced for last Sunday evening and which was rained out will be given at 8 p. m. next Sunday. Sankey songs will be sung. The pastor will speak briefly on Sankey's Life. Mrs. Wilmeth will sing "I Am Praying For You" and Mr. Dickey will sing, "The Ninety and Nine." All are most cordially invited to this service.

Ninth Street Baptist

Rev. Chas. Pearce will preach at the Ninth Street Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will return to college to take up his work in school and there will be no service at night.

Catholic

There will be services at the Catholic church next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. Everybody cordially invited.

Rev. I. Tresch.

Methodist

The regular services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday. The pastor will preach morning and evening.

New Business

I have opened up a confectionery and cold drink stand next door to the Metropolitan Cafe. I will keep a full line of fruits, candies, etc., serve the best drinks, and will appreciate your patronage.

Ivan Hamilton

Undertaking and Embalming.

We are still prepared to look after our undertaking and embalming trade, having a complete supply of undertaking goods on hand. Will appreciate all business given us.

tf Ostertag Furniture Co.

Directors Meeting

The directors of the Business League met in the office of the president, Chas. S. Miller, Monday. The finance and right of way committee for the proposed Abilene railroad were present and the work to be pursued was outlined, and other matters of interest discussed.

The new organization is taking hold of the work of the League in a business like way, and the benefit to be derived from such organization will be of inestimable value to Ballinger.

Notice to Cotton Raisers.

I will have charge of the Perry gin near the river bridge again this season. We are now busy overhauling, cleaning up and getting ready for business and will be ready for business September 1st. I wish to thank my patrons for past favors and solicit your patronage for this season. Will give you first class service and appreciate your support.

4t EDWIN DAY.

Letter to Currie Grocery Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

Drar Sirs:—Our proposition is simply this:

If Devoe doesn't take less gallons for a job, no pay.

Yours truly

F. W. Devoe & Co.

P. S. Ballinger Lumber Co. sells our paint.

Boy Gets Arm Broken

Frank Cameron fell off a shed in his fathers pasture Wednesday, and sustained a broken arm in the fall.

What We Want

is your banking business. That is our business and naturally we want your business at this bank.

If years of experience, honesty, courtesy, together with unexcelled service fair, square treatment and our ample capital (and surplus) will merit your consideration—then we are entitled to your patronage.

Do we get it? It's up to you.

First National Bank

Ballinger, - Texas.

It's a Success



Be sure its a success and you'll be Successful in getting a fit, and something that will wear well, look well, and please you as long as there is a thread left. We have just received of the well made and latest styles.

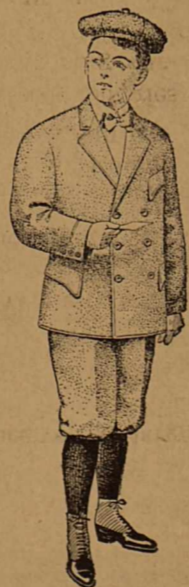
Success Clothes

PRICES RANGING FROM \$10 to \$25

Progress For Boys

To buy a Progress Suit for your boy means progress for the boy. The suits are made in the latest styles and made to stand the rough and terrible wear of the average boy. Teach your boy to take a pride in his attire, and this is easy done if you dress in Progress Clothes. We can fit him at a price ranging from

\$1.50 to \$6.50



Progress Clothes

THE HUB Ballinger, Texas.

The Working Man's Lunch



tastes all the sweeter and is more bracing if his sandwiches are made from delicious home-made bread, such as is made from Missouri Milling Co.'s flour. For the family and the children, bread made from this highly nutritive flour is really "the staff of life". If the housewife makes her bread once from this flour she will never use any other. Sold by all merchants.

Missouri Milling Company.