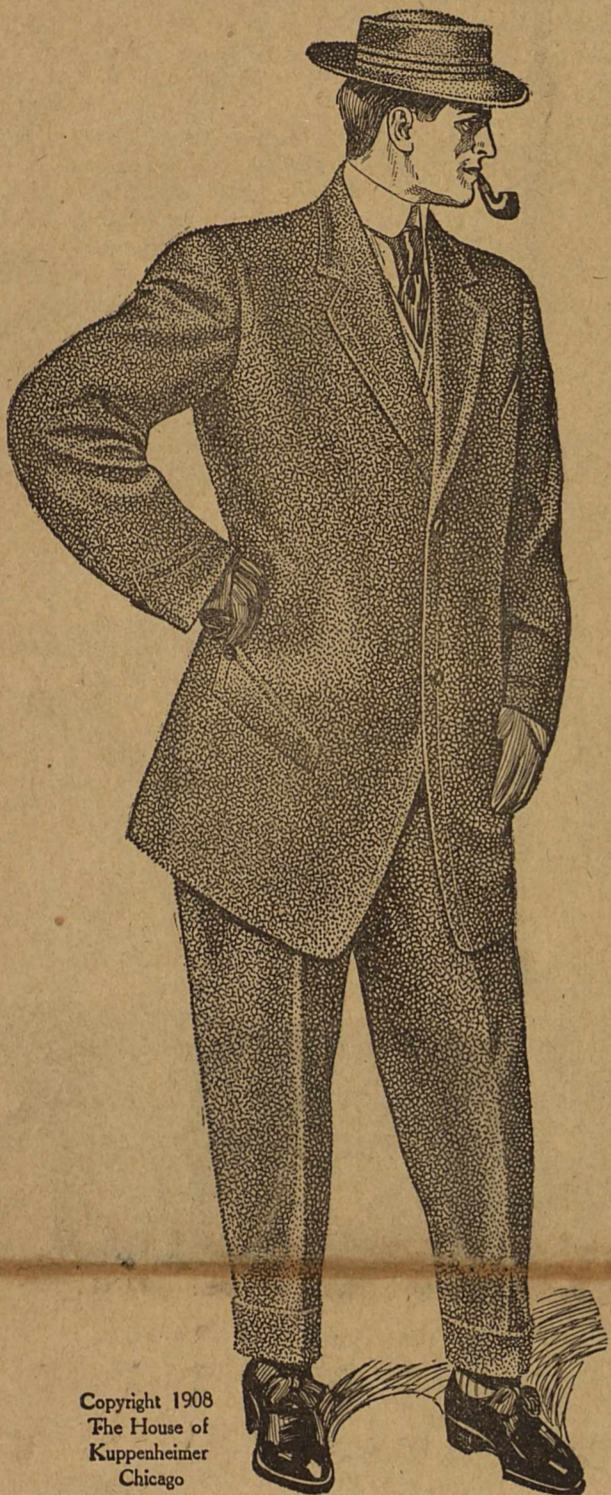


TREAT YOURSELF TO A KUPPENHEIMER SUIT DURING THIS DECEMBER MONTH



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The House of
Kuppenheimer
Chicago

Prices Were Never More Inviting

We like a man who likes himself well enough to insist upon what he wants and nothing else. We are not running this store with the thought of changing the ideas of thinking men, but of conforming to them. Tell us what you desire in a Fall suit or overcoat, our salesmen will not attempt to argue you out of your intention, but will show you how closely we can match your wants.

Kuppenheimer clothes include a style for every sensible man's taste. After you've bought that's the time our word means the most. When you pay for a suit or overcoat the transaction is not closed: It's just opened. We are responsible to the purchaser for every Kuppenheimer garment we sell. The makers are responsible to us. There is no lack of faith anywhere. That's because clothes made by the House of Kuppenheimer are worthy of faith—yours, ours, theirs. Come and see them today. Welcome hangs on the outside latch.

Prices \$25.00, \$22.50, \$20.00 and \$17.00
Sonnebone Clothing at \$15, 12.50, 10, 8.50

Higdon Melton Jackson Co.
INCORPORATED
THE STORE AHEAD

For two reasons this is the store for young men and boys clothing. We've made separate and special provision to give young fellows their choice from all the latest and smartest styles; and the garments are all from manufacturers who make it a point to excel in this one branch of clothes making.

We're specialists in Young Men's Clothes. We've developed this department until it's a special feature of our business. We make our purchases of Young Men's and Boys' Clothes separate from our purchases of men's. We select different styles, a different class of patterns; and we give our orders to makers who produce the best Young Men's and Boys' Clothing in the country.

You'll have occasion all winter to appreciate the policy of this store if you buy one of our Young Men's or Boys' Suits. Ederheimer-Stein Suits for Young Men at—

\$15, 12.50, 10, 8.50, 6.50
Boys' \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3.50, \$2.50



The YALE
Ederheimer, Stein & Co.
MAKERS

We are headquarters for Men' Shoes and Furnishings. All the new things are here.

Visit Our Millinery Department. Prices on Pattern Hats Just One-Half

MORGAN JONES COMING AGAIN

Will Demand That Ballinger Give Definite Answer.

Morgan Jones, builder of the Abilene-Winters railroad, is due in Ballinger next Monday. He is coming so it is reported, to give Ballinger one more chance, and the last chance to secure the Abilene railroad. He will not wait longer for a definite answer as he desires to push the building of this line of road South from Winters, and if Ballinger does not want the road he will seek out new surveys, and

arrange for the building of the road through different territory, so it is reported.

The Committee on bonus and right-of-way are working hard, and have been working for some time, but they are far short of the requirements made by Mr. Jones, and the matter is in a very unsatisfactory state. Many who are able to subscribe to the bonus and who should do so, are short on interest in the matter and have failed to give the committee support.

Some definite conclusion will very probably be reached when Mr. Jones arrives next week, and we trust the question will be settled, and for the best.

TWO THOUSAND STEERS ON FEED

Ballinger Oil Mill Attracts Feeders From Other Points.

Ballinger is an ideal place to feed cattle and prepare them for market. Feed pens can be located on the river where there is an abundance of water, and Ballinger has one of the best oil mills in the state. Some are taking advantage of the good advantages Ballinger offers to feeders, and over 2000 steers are on feed near town now.

Jim Henderson and son, Jim, and Tom Henderson, of Concho county are feeding 1000 head of three and four year old steers here.

Gus Hartgrove, of Concho county, is feeding 500 head of steers.

Garland Odom has 600 head of steers and cows on feed here.

FOILING FIRES BURNING BALLINGER

Two Residence Fires This Week. One Total Loss.

Ballinger certainly has a reputation for fires, or at least it will have if the past month repeats itself for fires.

Monday morning the fire company was called out to put out a fire that was burning in the loft of the home of Homer Alexander. It was three o'clock in the morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were awakened by the baby and fortunately too, for in a few minutes the fire would have gained such headway that the home would have been destroyed.

The fire company faced the coldest weather of the season and in a few minutes had the fire out. The fire started from some unknown cause in the kitchen, burned up the wall and through the ceiling.

Yesterday evening about four o'clock fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Isom on Eighth Street. This fire is supposed to have started from the flue. Mrs. Isom was at home and was out on the gallery with her children when her little boy playing in the yard discovered the blaze breaking through the roof. The house and all the contents with the exception of a table and a few pictures were destroyed. The fire company made good and it is to their credit that Dr. Brown's home adjoining

Mr. Isom was not destroyed.

It is a severe loss on Mr. Isom as he had just purchased this place, and was getting in shape to live at home. He had a nice little home, which he had gained by hard work and economy and the blow will fall hard on him. It will be remembered that he also suffered in the flood of Aug. 1906 by having his household goods damaged in the high water from the Colorado river. His property destroyed yesterday was partially insured, the house for \$800 and his household goods for \$300.

TANGLED UP WITH BAD BLAZE

E. Allison Painfully Burned on Hands and Face.

E. Allison, Chief Plumber for the Hall Hardware Co. had a close call for his life this morning. Mr. Allison was superintending the plumbing work in the jail when the gasoline furnace got out of fix. He was working with it when in some way the air blast blew gasoline over his clothing, hands and face. This did not ignite at first and Mr. Allison continued working with the furnace when his assistant stepped on a match which was laying on the floor. This caused a blaze to flash over Mr. Allison and he grabbed a quilt which was laying near by and smothered the flames, and then turned his attention to the furnace which was about to start a fire.

FUNNY FIGHT IN COLORED CAMP

Three Handed Negro Fight Make Business for Doctors and Officers.

A three handed negro fight was pulled off in the Elm Heights neighborhood Monday evening. It was all because two coons were in love with one colored lady, and both desiring to settle in a genuine "dualistic" way. Among the first influx of negroes in the early part of the season was a negro man and woman claiming to be man and wife. Only a few days ago another negro dropped in and set up claim to this same woman, and hence the trouble. It seems that a general exchange of negro dialect occurred at the servant house. One negro left, came to town rented a shot gun and, as he claimed, returned to

the servant house to get his coat which he had forgotten in his flight the first time. The fight was renewed on the second visit and while the gun was not used the colored lady sustained an ugly gash from a knife. Constable Pilcher and Sheriff Flynt were soon on the scene and marched the would be shoot 'em and cut 'em negro to jail, and the doctor fixed the wounded woman up and later the three appeared in Esq. Week's court and paid the penalty.

Ballinger Man Buys Cows to Take to Oil Mills.

Price Maddox, a Ballinger stockman, was in San Angelo this week and purchased 250 cows from Harry Jackson of Schleicher county at \$18 per head. The deal was made through Felix Mann & Company. Mr. Maddox expects to ship the cows to the Ballinger oil mills to feed this winter.—San Angelo Standard.

Christmas Goods

—AT—

THE OWL PHARMACY

A complete line of Sundries, Manicure Goods, etc. Don't forget our prescription department, at your service day or night.

COCKRELL & GRACE

Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, Texas

What place on the map, in the near future, is to be THE health resort of West Texas?

I Know. Do You?

BIG MONEY IN RAISING HOGS

A Sure Crop and a Ready Market. Supply Always Short.

The Leader has preached hog raising from the time we began to talk up to the good hour, and we will continue to advocate more hogs and homony and less cotton. It is no longer and experiment. It has been tried and proves a success beyond a doubt. It is a known fact that feed will grow here where cotton will fail. Milo Maize is a sure crop, and milo maize will make hogs. It will not cost as much to raise three hogs as it will to raise one bale of cotton. Three hogs will bring more money than one bale of cotton.

W H Tucker, who lives six miles north west of Ballinger, is pro-

pering this year and realizing a good profit on his hog crop. He sold thirteen head of pigs in Ballinger last Friday for \$113.80, and says he has two more loads that will bring him equally as much money. \$350 for his hog crop, besides his home supply, is not a bad crop, and we are certain that his profit is greater than it would have been on \$350 worth of cotton. Plant more hogs.

Arrested in Ballinger on Cattle Theft Charge

Deputy Sheriff C. A. Allen of Nolan county was in the city yesterday and went to Sweetwater last night with a prisoner he had arrested in Ballinger for alleged cattle theft. The prisoner was C. L. McGinley and will stand trial in Nolan county for alleged offense.—Ablene Reporter.

See our line of wagon harness. R. L. Shaffer.

FARMER LOSES \$226 POCKET BOOK

B. C. Ellis Draws Money to Pay Bills and Loses a Fat Wad.

B. C. Ellis, one of the prominent farmers of the Maverick country, came to town Monday to look after business matters and pay some accounts that were due. He started out Monday evening to pay the accounts, did not get around before night intending to finish his business Tuesday morning. He went to the restaurant Tuesday and eat his breakfast, and when he was ready to pay the bill he found that he was short his pocket book and \$226 in cash.

Mr Ellis thinks the pocket book slipped out of his pocket sometime between the time he eat his supper and the time he eat his breakfast, while some think he was touched for the money during the night.

This loss falls heavy on him as it will be remembered that the country in which he lives suffered a severe drought last year and he made no crop, and the \$226 cash is the receipts from about five bales of cotton.

Over a Bale to the Acre

S. B. Whittlesey who cultivated the Doose and Wilmeth farm this year, which is located a few miles west of Ballinger, will live on his own land next year, and why should'nt he? A man that can raise 44 bales of cotton on 38 acres can soon buy a home and this is what Mr. Whittlesey did this year, and he has purchased 209 acres of land out of the Parrott Place to add to his Runnels county wealth.

Don't sell your cotton seed until you see Rasbury & Bruce.

\$12,800 PROFIT IN SEVEN YEARS

Chas. Giesecke Sells H's Farm for \$16,000. Cost Him \$3,200.

The man that planted his money in Runnels county land a few years ago, just a few short years back is the man that, used good judgement, and is now numbered among the independent.

In 1901 Chas Giesecke purchased 640 acres of land about seven miles northwest of Ballinger. He held this land until this week, and it has been paying him a nice dividend each year. He sold the place Monday to Max Zieschang for \$16,000. Mr Zieschang has been living on the place for a couple of years and is in a position to know he got a bargain.

Negro Boot Black Forges Check.

The banks in sending out monthly statements on the first of each month returns the cancelled checks as issued by each customer. J. C. Fox, of the Crown Barber shop, in checking over his returned checks found one returned to him from the First National Bank that he was certain he did not issue, and called the banks attention to the matter. The check was for ten dollars, made payable to A. J. Stocklas, signed by J. C. Fox and endorsed by A. J. Stocklas. Mr. Fox declared he did not give the check, and pronounced it a forgery. It seems that the bank failed to have the party who cashed the check to endorse same but after considerable investigation it was traced back and found to have been presented for payment by "Jack" the negro boot black at the Crown Barber shop and of course "Jack" was soon in the hands of the officers. He was placed in jail to await further developments.

"Jack" is an unusually smooth coon. He writes a good hand and the signature of J. C. Fox as forged on the check is a pretty good imitation of the genuine signature of Mr. Fox.

Another Ballinger Boy Climbing.

Wade Barbee who was raised in Ballinger, and who is the son of one of our good citizens, M. Barbee, is going up in the world, and recently received a promotion that counts for him. Mr. Barbee is now cashier of the First State Bank of Eldorado. Eldorado's two banks recently consolidated and Mr. Barbee was made Cashier of the consolidated bank at a splendid salary.

Christmas Bazaar and Episcopal Tea.

The Episcopal Guild will give their regular monthly Tea on Dec. 15th at the home of Mrs. R. O. Walton from three o'clock on. They will also give a christmas sale or Bazaar. The Public is invited to attend these entertainments and help the ladies of the Episcopal church. 12 2t

Notice to the Public

We have sold our grocery business to Spann & Co., and have turned the business over to them. We wish to thank all those who have been trading with us, and to notify those owing us that our book keeper can be found at the Owl Pharmacy. Those owing us will please call and settle. Currie Grocery Co.

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

NEGRO WOMAN STEALS JEWELRY

Mrs. H. Winkler Loses Valuable Pin. Deputy Sheriff Locates the Goods

Mrs. Winkler recently lost, or at least thought she lost, a valuable Eastern Star Emblem Pin. After a thorough search for the missing pin suspicion centered on a negro wash woman, and the matter was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Demoville. Mr Demoville took the case up and went to the negro cabin and made a search for the pin and was fortunate in finding same. The "lady" of the cabin was at once put under arrest, and to make a short case of it she said "guilty" and begged the mercy of the court, and the court dealt out mercy to the tune of six hours in jail and a fine of one dollar and cost. It's as natural for a negro to steal as it is for them to shoot crap; and you know the rest.

Now is the time to invest in Winters real estate. The rail road has been secured and property will double. Write us for particulars. Rodgers & Hall, Winters, Tex.

It's a Crime to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

WINTER WEATHER NECESSITIES

Cold Creams for the hands etc.....15c, 25c, 50c
Vaseline Camphor Ice in handy tubes.....10c 3 for 25c
Hot Water Bottles for cold feet.....75c to \$2.50
Chamois Vests and Chest Protectors for those with weak lungs.....75c to \$3.00
For the inner man White Pine and Spruce the best cough Syrup on earth 25c 50c
Bromo Quinine Antigripine and Pearce's Cold Cure
The latter is guaranteed. That means, "your money back if they don't give satisfaction."

J. Y. PEARCE
The Leading Druggist

40 Per Cent DISCOUNT ON MILLINERY

Seasonable goods sold at a Sacrifice. In order to make room for the new goods that are now coming in, I will sell my entire stock of Millinery, consisting of all the latest styles and shades from now until Christmas at 40 per cent reduction, come early and get your choice.

Ethel Parker
AT THE HUB

SAY! HAD YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Only three more weeks until Merry Christmas will be upon us. Of course you are going to buy merchandise for the Holidays---a new suit, dress, cloak or overcoat. The winter is now here with its cutting winds. Think--

Have You SUPPLIED Your WANTS

FOR THE LADIES

FURS

A beautiful line of the best grade Beaver and Ermine Furs. Dainty designs of the latest models. Now is the time to buy—cold weather is here—and think what a nice Christmas present one of these Furs would make. Prices range \$3.50 up.

SILK KIMONAS

Best value. A thing of comfort to wear in the home and something that is nice looking. The best material, neat designs, well made. Prices range \$1.50 to \$7.50.

GLOVES

Gloves of all kinds. The latest styles and colors. A pair to fill your need in any color you wish, and sold at a price that will suit your pocketbook.

LADIES' COATS

Latest models, new styles, best material, beautifully trimmed in buttons and braid. A fit is guaranteed in every garment we sell. The cold weather is upon us. Come and see these coats. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$12.50.

Remember we have a special discount on coats.



FOR THE MEN

MEN'S SUITS

In this line we are surpassed by none and stand in the first ranks with the best in town. Come and see for yourself. An investigation is all we ask. If you're looking for good clothes you'll be pleased here.

OVERCOATS

This cold weather will be very disagreeable without a good overcoat. Here you will find overcoats of all sizes and for all kinds of weather. The prices are right, and are worthy of investigation.

Some Specials in Staples

Good Calico5c
Cotton Check.....5c
Outing.....8c
Best Domestic.....7c

THE HUB
BALLINGER, TEXAS

Cut Glass For Christmas

Something nice, something that will be appreciated. We have a nice line to select from.

WALKER DRUG COMPANY

"In Business for Your Health"

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Millinery and Dressy Suits

We want you to call and see the very best and the very latest styles to be found in

FALL, WINTER MILLINERY

and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments. You will be offered the very highest quality in these lines at lowest possible prices. We are the recognized headquarters for the correct things in MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS and FURNISHINGS

Our Line of Fine Finished Footwear For Ladies and Gentlemen

has never been equalled in Ballinger. Our specialty is "QUALITY FIRST" in everything. Price is always a second consideration. We solicit your trade.

Ballinger Dry Goods Company

W. H. Davis's Great Consolidation Sale

Will be open for a few days longer. Hundreds of people from Runnels and adjoining counties have attended our great sale and carried away thousands of dollars worth of up-to-date merchandise and saved many dollars on their fall bills. You can do the same by coming to our store for the next few days.

W. H. DAVIS Ballinger, Texas.

TO CUT OUT LAW'S DELAYS

Judge C. H. Jenkins of Brownwood Will Introduce a Bill to Eliminate Red Tape.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 25.—C. H. Jenkins, representative from Brownwood, who was here today, says he will introduce at the next session of the legislature a bill looking to the elimination of so much red tape from the present method of court procedure.

Mr. Jenkins has not as yet decided just what remedial provisions his bill will contain. He is confident that the trial tribunals of the state need looking to carefully and he is devoting much study to the question. Mr. Jenkins will champion the platform demand for fewer representatives and better pay. It is his present intention to support John A. Mobley of Athens for speaker of the next house.

Treat your team right. Buy them a set of that wagon harness Shaffer is selling.

Auto Has Close Call.

A tragedy was narrowly averted last night shortly after seven o'clock when R. A. Barrett's Abilene-to-Ballinger automobile was struck by a west bound freight, and hurled from the track. Mr. Barrett himself was thrown from the machine, but sustained no injuries barring a few minor bruises.

It seems like the arc light on the Fire Station crossing blinded the driver and prevented him seeing the freight. Only the slow rate of speed of the train saved Mr. Barrett's life. The automobile was pretty badly wrecked.—Abilene Reporter.

Boozy Bad Boy.

As the five o'clock train was coming up from the Junction to Coleman Friday evening a young man who was traveling along the road beside the railroad track stood up in his wagon and unceremoniously threw a rock at the train. The rock struck a window in the pullman coach, smashing a considerable hole in it. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the car, although there was a lady very near the window. It is said the man was drunk at the time.—Coleman Voice.

MOVING PICTURE READY FOR BUSINESS

S. P. Hale of Brownwood Moves Here to Engage in Show Business.

It will be remembered by Leader readers that mention of S. P. Hale, of Brownwood, being here prospecting a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Hale fell in love with Ballinger, and returned to his home in Brownwood and packed his goods and moved his family to this place, and this family is now a new family in our town.

Mr. Hale has engaged in the moving picture show business, and for the present, or until he can secure a more suitable building, he will give his shows in the opera house.

The first show was given Wednesday evening and two performances a day, one at 2:30 and one at 7:30 will be given.

Former Ballinger Boy Married.

Miss Mable Jane Abston was married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to Mr. Joe B. Green at the home of her sister Miss Mattie Turner Abston, of 1116 Lake street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. F. T. Charlton. The house was charmingly decorated in green and white. Many beautiful gifts were showered on the happy couple. The bride is a beautiful girl, highly educated and accomplished in music, having completed her education in the Virginia college at Roanoke. The groom is cashier in one of the departments at Swift's. The house was crowded with friends to witness the ceremonies.

The bride was attired in a white messaline over silk and attended by her little nieces, Mattie Lock and Annie Mae Abston, who sprinkled flowers in her path with charming grace.

Mrs. L. Runnels played the "Lohengrin Wedding March" with much delicacy and the Schumann "Traumerie." Miss Inez McDaniels sang the exquisite "All for You" with fine effectiveness.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are at home to their friends at 1116 Lake avenue.—Fort Worth Star.

Joe Green will be remembered in Ballinger as a little bare foot school boy. He was the youngest son of Mrs. Alice Green who was in the milliner business here for a number of years.

Parents Live in Taylor County.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Felix Catchings of Ballinger, Texas. He was the son of John Catchings who lives at Potosi, this county. Felix moved from this county about three months ago to Ballinger where he entered into the restaurant business. He was taken Thursday night with acute appendicitis and lived only forty-eight hours, dying Saturday afternoon. His remains were laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mr. Catchings was only twenty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and three small children. We join in heart felt sympathy with the bereaved family.—Abilene Reporter.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn. says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Walker Drug Co.

Photo Work in a Tent

We will do photo work in a tent, located just across the street east of State Bank until we can get a house. So all who had work destroyed in the fire, call and we will make it over for you.

BARTLETT & DEKLE

BAD ACCIDENT FOR OTIS SMITH

14 Year Old Boy Breaks Leg White Plains.

Last Sunday evening while playing with other children at the home of E. Ballou in South Ballinger, Otis, the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, fell and broke his right thigh just below the hip joint. The attending physician says

that the break is a very bad one and may cause the young man considerable trouble and will take a long time to get well.

This occurred Sunday evening and Sunday night an eleven pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith.

Notice of Veterinary.

I will be in Ballinger on Friday and Saturday December 11th and 12th. Bring in your sick and lame stock for treatment. C. S. Jackson.

Remedies are Needed

Were we perfect, which we are not, medicines would not often be needed. But since our systems have become weakened, impaired and broken down through indiscretions which have gone on from the early ages, through countless generations, remedies are needed to aid Nature in correcting our inherited and otherwise acquired weaknesses. To reach the seat of stomach weakness and consequent digestive troubles, there is nothing so good as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a glyceric compound, extracted from native medicinal roots—sold for over forty years with great satisfaction to all users. For Weak Stomach, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Pain in the Stomach after eating, Heartburn, Bad Breath, Belching of food, Chronic Diarrhea and other intestinal Derangements, the "Discovery" is a time-proven and most efficient remedy.



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You can't afford to accept a secret nostrum as a substitute for this non-alcoholic, medicine of known composition, not even though the urgent dealer may thereby make a little bigger profit. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

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Respectfully Solicit Your Business for the Coming Month

And also wish to call your attention to the fact that it is to your interest to place your account with us because we carry whatever you wish, thereby saving to you the middleman's profits. Furthermore, an investigation of our prices might be of interest to you from a dollars and cents standpoint. Our delivery service is best

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Ballinger, Texas

Hulls and Meal

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

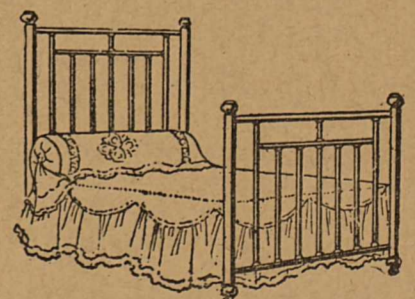
COTTON SEED MEAL is the most concentrated and richest food known, has about six times the nutritive value of corn and more than four times that of Wheat Bran while its cost is one and a half times that of either; and for Cattle, Horses or Hogs, will reduce your feed bills and give better results.

THE MIXED FEED forms a "balanced ration," giving better results, increased milk and butter production in Cows, and in Flesh, Fat and general condition in all animals than any other feed in the World

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Make Home Happy for Christmas

This will be no trouble if your home is comfortably furnished with comfortable furniture. You don't have to be rich to furnish your home if you buy from us, and you get something that is nice enough for the most exacting.



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We can help you solve this perplexing problem. A nice rocking chair, a nice table, a nice rug, a nice bedroom suit. Many other things you can find in our well-selected and complete stock. Visit our store, see the large floor space we cover, and what it is covered with. You can find what you want here. The price will be right and workmanship and quality are always the best.



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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.

And Ballinger is to have a \$20,000 church.

The wise buyer will buy before the rush, get first choice and the best service.

As is always the case the egg market is strong in December and the supply weak.

Hard times may be keeping company with some people, but a glance at the bank statement this week shows that somebody has money.

Governor Vardeman, of Mississippi will deliver a lecture at the library in Brownwood on Dec. 14. Ballinger will have a chance to secure some good speakers when the library is completed.

The State tax rolls make some wonderful showings for 1908. The increase in total tax value amount to over half billion dollars, while the decrease in real estate values is about 33 1-3 per cent.

Twenty days until Christmas, Don't wait until the last minute to do your shopping. Those that do their trading early get better service and make life more easy for the clerks and delivery boys,

A stock company should be organized to take over the beautiful lake on the Santa Fe right of way just north of the eighth street crossing and the place beautified and stocked with fish. Perhaps the city council could see about this.

33,144 dogs were rendered for taxes in Texas this year and put in for a total valuation of \$391,250. It is reasonable to estimate that less than one out of every hundred was rendered. This will give you an idea of the number of dogs in Texas.

Houston is to have a new morning and evening paper, the Houston Times. A stock company with \$500,000 capital stock has been chartered. The incorporators say that W. R. Hearst is not connected with the venture, but they will have a hard time making some people believe that.

The severe cold weather this week is something unusual for this season of the year for this country, will delay cotton picking, and of course will hold a large force of hands idle for a few days. The winter weather is getting in its work early and if it holds up will make the season an unusual prosperous one for the fuel man.

There is a limit to everything. There is a speed limit, but judging from the way the autos sail up and down Ballinger streets the speed limit law is a dead letter. Our streets are crowded with people at this particular season, and you need not be surprised to hear of some one being run over, crippled or killed. It is sure to happen if this fast auto racing is not stopped. It is up to our honorable authorities to prevent this.

Our readers will find the statement of the financial condition of the Citizens National Bank in this issue of the Leader. The bank makes a splendid showing and one that it well deserves. This bank has done more towards the development of Rannels county than any other one institution in our town. Many farmers in this county, as well as other people, can look back and give credit to this bank for the foothold to their present prosperous condition.

The country is full of crooks and grafters, and some honest man is "touched" for a part of his hard earned cash nearly every day. A slick crook worked the people of our little neighbor town Bangs this week for \$125. The crook passed as a prospector, purchased land and deposited a check on the Seymour bank for \$500 as earnest money in the land deal. He used the deposit slip and checked on the account. The checks were readily cashed by certain Bangs stores and the man pocketed the \$125 and left for greener fields. When you accomodate a stranger be sure that he deserves the help.

The following beautiful sentiment is from the pen of Senator Bob Taylor: "I would rather fill my purse with money and keep its gates ajar to my happy girls while they yet linger under my roof than to clutch it with a miser's hands until all the harpstrings of youth are broken and all its music forever fled. I would rather spend my last nickle for a bag of stripped marbles to gladden the heart of my barefooted boys than to deny them their childish pleasures, and leave them a bag of gold to quarrel over after I am dead. I abhor the pitiless hawk that circles in the air only to swoop down and strangle the song of the linnet or bury its talons in the heart of the dove. I dispise the soulless man whose greed for gold impells him to strangle the laughter and song of his own family.

Ballinger Leader: The Ballinger spirit of progress is a bigger and broader reality than any court of law can overturn. The recent decision in what is known as the "Baird school case," where in the court declared a part of the school taxes in certain schools districts illegal, has not shut down the schools in this city and is not likely to do so. The tax payers of Ballinger are coming forward and paying their taxes whether they are legal or not. They voted the school tax upon themselves because they wanted the schools and they are paying the money because the schools of the city will be crippled unless every good citizen comes forward and puts his shoulder to the financial wheel.

This shows the sort of stuff of which Ballingerites and most other citizens of Texas are made. Since the ruling in the Baird case there has been in no school district in the State any demand for repudiation. The beneficiaries of the marketed bonds are paying their special taxes without an exception and without a murmur, as far as State Press is informed.—Dallas News.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR

R. A. RISSER & CO.

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The Store With the Lowest Prices is the One You Will Patronize

Comparing Prices is the Only Sure Way to Find Which Store is the Cheapest

Get prices everywhere and then get our prices. You will find that

Risser Has Every Article in a Better Grade and at the Lowest Price.

That's why your neighbor trades with us; that's why you will trade with us, if you want to save money.

Come and see us. You will get your goods for less money and get goods that will wear and give the best service. Our guarantee is: That everything bought will give every cent's worth of wear; if not, we will make it good. You can't lose on our proposition, and it's money saved for you if you take advantage of it.

Staples	Ladies' Cloaks	Ladies' Suits
The Best Quality— Goods that Wear	The Latest Styles Wear-Well Quality	New models are coming in every day. Our assortment is complete in every detail.
36-inch Lonsdale Bleached Domestic, worth 12½c, our price only 8½c	Fancy mixtures, semi-fitting, 50 inches long, trimmed in velvet, \$2.50 to \$3.50	All wool worsted suits, 36 inches length of coats, trimmed with buttons, satin bands, etc. Skirts plain gored, extra full, trimmed to match coat. Colors black, dark red, green, navy blue and shades of brown. Prices \$12.50 to \$18.00
10-4 Bleached Sheeting, worth 35c anywhere, our price per yard only 25c	All wool Thibets, colors brown, navy blue and black, 50 inches long, worth \$5.00, our price \$4.00	Every suit is worth \$5.00 to \$7.00 more than we ask.
10-4 Brown Sheeting, worth 25c anywhere, our price per yard only 20c	Genuine Kerseys, trimmed in braids, buttons and velvet collars, colors tan, castor and black, worth \$7.50, our price is \$5.50	Millinery Department
36-inch Brown Domestic, worth 7c, our price 5c	Fine Beaver Kerseys, handsomely trimmed, 50 inches long, beautiful new models, colors tan, castor, black, lark, red and brown, worth \$10.00, our price is \$7.50	Here you can find Hats of every style and coloring, one that will match your dress and be most becoming to you.
36-inch genuine "C" Island worth 10c, our price, per yard only 7½c	Ladies' Skirts	Our special is carried in all colors and one hundred shapes, and is worth \$4.00 anywhere, special price \$2.75
Extra heavy drill back Cotton Flannel, worth 15c, our price 10c	A new shipment just received of late style Panamas, Directoire models, colors brown, black and grey, prices are \$5.00 and \$5.50	
Heavy drill back Cotton Flannel, worth 10c, our price, per yard only 8½c		

We are anxious for your trade, and offer you honest goods at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES, and guarantee everything to give perfect satisfaction. It will cost you only a few minutes of your time to come and see for yourself, and will cost you a good many dollars if you don't come.

THE WHITE STORE

R. A. RISSER & COMPANY

BALLINGER, TEXAS

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.

Eighth Street Presbyterian.

The usual services will be held Sunday. The Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. There will be special music at the evening hour, a solo and chorus "No Room in the

Inn" by Updegraff, sung by Mr. M. M. Hamlin and the choir. This music is in line with the pastor's evening subject. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Union Services for First and Ninth Street Baptist Churches.

The two Baptist churches will hold union services Sunday. The 11:00 o'clock service will be held at Ninth Street church and the 7:30 service will be held at

the First Baptist church. Rev. Z. J. Amerson will preach at both services. The usual Sunday School will be held at each church.

Women's H. M. Society.

The Woman's Home Mission Society will meet with Mrs. Sam Baker Monday evening Dec. 7th at 3:30 o'clock.

The best wagon harness at Haffer's.

Christmas Pork--Christmas Sausage

Hog killing day will be on Friday, December 18. If you want some nice fresh pork for Christmas give me your order, three miles south of Ballinger.

2t A. HALL

For Sale.

Three fine residence lots close in in South Anson County site of Jones county. Will take good team and wagon on deal. W. E. Bartlett, Photographer.



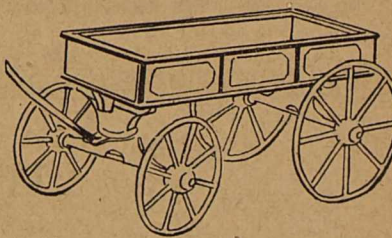
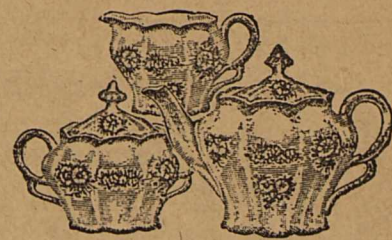
Christmas Gifts

To our dear ones is what makes Christmas the happiest day of all the year. As usual we have on hand an elegant line of Holiday Goods for old and young. We have cut out cheap, trashy toys, but have the HIGH GRADE ones. Dolls of all kinds, Automobiles, Irish Mails, Hobby Horses, Toy Pianos, etc.

We still handle the celebrated **PIGARD CHINA**. There are many imitations, but none can compare with the genuine. A few of the other articles are Toilet and Manicure Cases, Stationery, Pictures, Bibles, Albums, Traveling Sets, Perfumery, Etc.

A gift bought here is a guarantee of quality and reliability both to the donor and the recipient.

J. Y. Pierce's Drug Store



SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Mystic Weavers.

Mrs. C. R. Stevens was hostess to the Mystic Weavers, last Wednesday afternoon at her pretty new home on 11th Street.

Each guest brought the proverbial needle work and deftly plied the needle while every known subject was discussed except the forbidden one, gossip. At an appropriate time a salad course was served, dainty and delicious enough to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious epicure.

There were about 50 members present and all thoroughly enjoyed this occasion.

South Ballinger Wedding.

Miss Elsie Pagles and E. F. Batts were married Wednesday night at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Pagels in South Ballinger. Rev. G. W. Fender officiated, and in the presence of quite a number of friends the beautiful ceremony was performed.

Miss Elsie will be missed from the general delivery window of the post office, which place she has filled with satisfaction to the post master and the public.

Mr. Batts is the son of J. T. Batts, of South Ballinger and is numbered among the industrious and honorable young farmers of Runnels county. The Leader joins the many friends in wishing the newly married couple much happiness and a long life.

FULL AND FAIR EXPLANATION

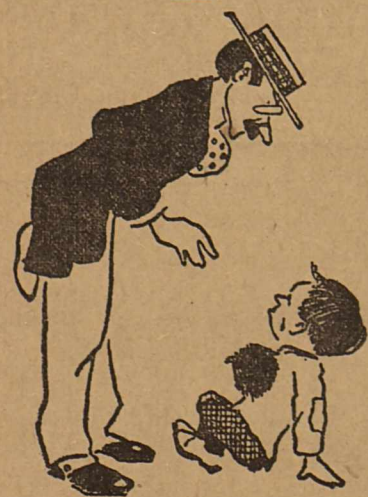
Only One Point on Which Genial Hotel Proprietor Failed to Satisfy Guest.

A good story reached the Chittenden hotel last week, concerning a guest with a grouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch to-day, I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey, and hair in the apple sauce. Now what do you think of that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well?" replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that the hair in the honey came off the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I bought those apples myself, and they were every one Bald-wins."—Columbus Dispatch.

PREPOSTEROUS.



Kindly Gentleman—Did you fall down, my little man?
Johnny (nursing a bruised knee)—Well, yer didn't think I fell up and banged against a cloud, did you?

BAPTISTS CHURCHES CONSUMMATE UNION

Two Ballinger Congregations Unite in one church. Will Build a \$20,000 House.

The fact that Ballinger will have one less church is no sign that our religious interest is decreasing, but is growing better and that religious interest has grown wonderfully within the last few weeks.

In union there is strength and in the meeting of the First Baptist and the Ninth Street Baptist church there will be strength, and Ballinger will have a \$20,000 church.

For sometime a move has been on foot, and all credit should be given to those who started the move, to unite the two Ballinger churches. The move assumed a somewhat definite shape last Wednesday night when the two churches met and agreed upon a basis of union. In substance the two churches unite into one church, the two boards of deacons forming the board of the united church, and the property controlled by the two churches be disposed of and the funds used in the building of a \$20,000 church.

The union will be perfected at the earliest possible time. Sunday the two churches will hold union services, the morning service being at the Ninth Street and the evening service at the First Baptist church.

BLOWING.

"Blow, gentle winds" the poet sings, Still—I would like to know If we are like the gentle winds Because we blow and blow.

Some blow but like a summer breeze, Some like the raging storm, Some blow their tea—to get it cool; Their hands—to get them warm.

Some call on friends—"They just blew in." Some leave—"They just blew out." Some talk a lot, but they don't know What they are blowing about.

Some do a wrong—Oh, what a blow! A terrible disgrace; While some resent an insult with A blow straight in the face.

Some blow themselves—blow in their coin! Just like a drunken sailor, But they'll be blown if they can pay Their butcher or their tailor.

And for the blow-outs they will get A blowing-up from wife; But these little spats blow over— For such is married life.

What? I've been blowing long enough? You think I ought to go? For fear that I'll get all blown up I guess I better blow! —Cleveland Leader.

CHUMS.



The Tall One—When I was your size I was just sweetly pretty.
The Short One—What a pity you grew up!—Chicago Journal.

The Dog.

The dog is man's most faithful friend. A man may lie, but a dog won't; a man may get drunk, a man may slander his neighbor, a man may embezzle and defraud, a man may borrow money, a man may go into politics, a man may knife his best friend, a man may run people down with an automobile, a man may gamble himself to ruin, a man may waste his substance in riotous living, a man may go to heaven—but a dog won't. Can these things be truthfully spoken of other friends man has about him? There is a strong affinity between man and the dog; it must be the affinity of contrast. Yet any man will resent being called a dog. Possibly the dog would resent being called a man if he understood—I do not know. I only know that the maxim works but one way; and if we would say: "Man is the dog's most faithful friend," there would be many a cavil, saying that it was mighty rough on the dog.—Success Magazine.

Arabs Outlive Eskimo.

While it may be true that the white man loses in intellectual and bodily power in the tropics, Dr. Luigi Sambon maintains, as a result of recent researches, that the average Arab lives 25 years longer than the average Eskimo; that the coast people of South America are longer lived than the mountain people; that old age is much commoner in the southern countries of Europe than in the northern countries; and that Spain (with a population smaller by 9,000,000) has 401 centenarians to England's 146.

Sufficient Reason.

"Are you going to the commencement?"
"No."
"Why not?"
"I went to a commencement once."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

OF BALLINGER, STATE OF TEXAS at the close of business, Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$311,221.93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	119,730.33
Bills of Exchange	57,538.48
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	25,000.00
Other real estate owned	9,672.15
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	12,518.98
Due from State Banks and Bankers	10,288.66
Due from approved reserve agents	148,807.15
Checks and other cash items	16,671.98
Notes of other National Banks	2,050.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	202.70
Specie	33,216.80
Legal-tender notes	34,396.80
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,650.00
Total	899,749.16

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	12,853.08
National Bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	30,497.45
Due to State Banks and Bankers	10,177.00
Individual deposits subject to check	352,340.88
Time certificates of deposit	2,975.75
Certified checks	700.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	205.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	700.00
Bills payable, including certifi-	

ates of deposit for money borrowed 100,000.00
Special Bank Deposits 65,000.00
Total 899,749.16

State of Texas, County of Runnels } ss. I, M. A. Traylor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. A. Traylor, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

Tom Ward }
J. McGregor } Directors.
Jo Wilmeth }

Subscribed and sworn to before me (L. S.) this 1st day of Dec., 1908.
Annie VanDoren, Notary Public

Recapitulation

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$311,221.93
Demand Loans (Cotton)	177,268.81
U.S. Bonds	100,000.00
Other Bonds	50,000.00
Bank Building Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Real Estate	9,672.15
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas.	1,650.00
Cash in vault and with banks	224,936.27
Total	\$899,749.16

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock Paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Profits	37,853.08
Circulation	100,000.00
Re-discounts	700.00
Bills Payable	100,000.00
DEPOSITS:	461,196.08
Total	\$899,749.16

Want Column

RATES: One cent a word for first insertion. One-half cent a word for each additional insertion.

Gray hairs won't come ten years ahead of regular schedule time if you solve your little worries in the Want Ad way—an advertising column for the little wants.
The day you neglected to read the Want Ads you "dropped a stitch"—probably the stitch that would have "saved nine".

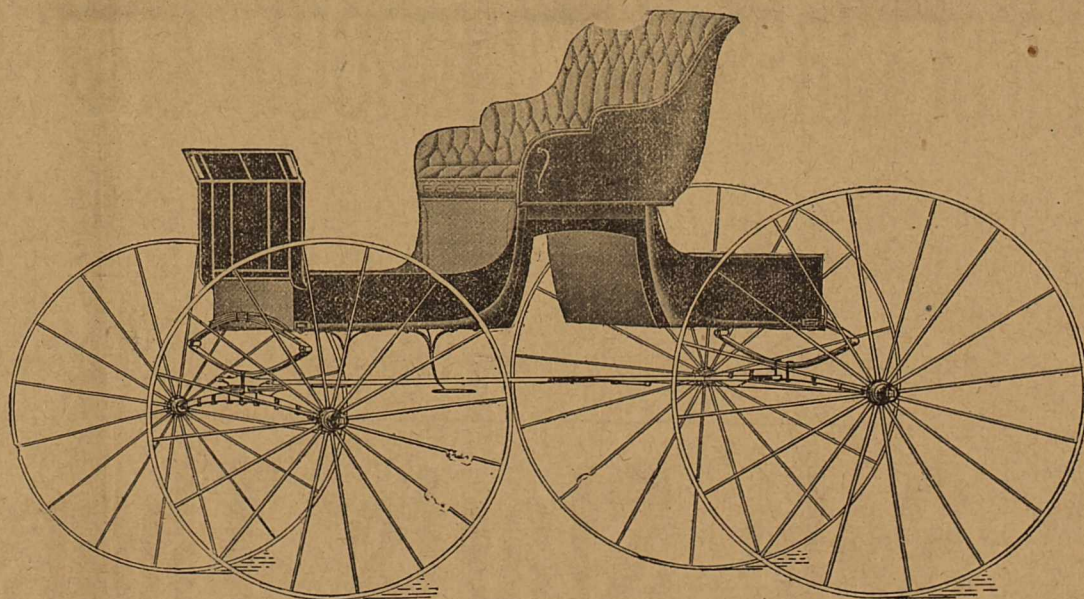
SAVE YOUR CARPETS. By placing old papers under them. 5000 old papers for sale at Leader office. You fix the price.

\$226 LOST—I lost my pocket book some where in Ballinger Monday. Book contained about \$226 and Citizens National Bank deposit slip for \$9. Will pay liberal reward for return of money.
B. C. ELLIS
Maverick, Texas

FOR SALE. A 10 room residence well located in a convenient part of Ballinger, 2 lots, one corner, one inside, each 60x150 feet. House new, and modern in appearance. Price \$1800, \$600 cash, balance in three equal notes \$400 each due in 1, 2 and 3 years at 10 per cent. A bargain if taken at once. C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas.

FARM FOR SALE—51 3-10 acres located 2 1-2 miles from Ballinger. 30 acres in cultivation. Nearly all tillable, three room house, lot, shed, feed bin, etc. Made over half bale cotton to the acre this year and good feed crop. Cheap at \$30 dollars per acre; \$600 cash, balance to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Call at Leader office for owner's name and further particulars.

JUST RECEIVED



A Carload of COLUMBUS Buggies,
A Carload of STUDBAKER Wagons,
A Carload of PETER SCHUTTLER Wagons.

These three lines of vehicles are in a class of their own. They have no competitors in quality and are sold at as low prices as the ordinary makes of "Experiments."

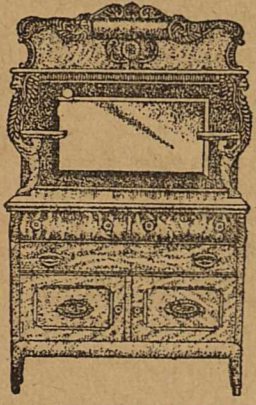
A car load of the well known and popular "LILY DARLING" line of Cook Stoves, Ranges and Heaters. Now is the time to select a stove and have it properly put up before cold weather sets in. Everything in Hardware. We want your business.

HALL HARDWARE CO.

GREEN TAG FURNITURE SALE

"We are up against it," and Want you to help us out,
and we are going to make it to your interest to help us out.
OUR BIG STOCK OF FURNITURE

Must - Be - Turned - Into - Money!



We have adopted the Green Tag System of telling the cut to be made in prices. We are going to tag everything in our store with a Green Tag, and the tag will bear the lowest price ever heard of on First-class, Dependable, Up-to-date Furniture. When we say cut, we mean cut, and the tags will show it.



WE NEED MONEY

We don't need the goods, but we are entitled to a profit on them. We can't make a claim for profit though when we need money, and must turn the goods into money regardless of profit.



Your Chance to Save Money

Our misfortune in being compelled to slaughter the profit gives you a chance to save money, and at the same time get the very best to be had in the Ballinger market in Furniture. When you see the price you will see the saving to be made by buying now. This is your chance.

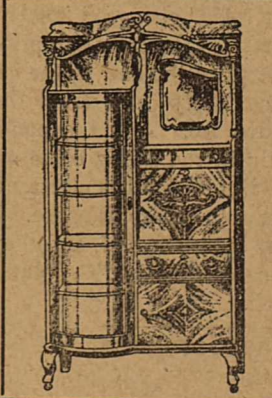
First-Class Throughout—Lowest Prices Ever Made

Our stock consists of a full line of First-class, High-grade, Up-to-date Furniture, including Bed Room Sets, Dining Tables, Folding Beds, Center Tables, Iron Beds, Dressers, Sideboards, Dressing Tables, Couches, Chairs, Mattresses, Springs, Rockers, Carpets, Mattings, Rugs, Sewing Machines, Chiffoniers, Pictures, and odd pieces of almost every description. You can't lose in selection, and you can save in the price. That's sure.



Sale Starts Thurs., Dec. 10th

And lasts until we get what we are after—the money. Look to your own interest and get a selection from this well selected stock of dependable Furniture before it is picked over. We mean business, and it is to your interest to be up and doing when the sale opens.



Each ten cent purchase entitles you to one vote in the Diamond Ring, Gold Watch and Organ contest.

Crews Furniture Company

Turkeys!

Turkeys!

Our Turkey Car will be in Ballinger Friday, December 11th, to take all the good fat turkeys we can get at

8 cts. Per Pound

Should the market advance we will protect our customers. Keep your poor, thin or cull turkeys at home. Remember the date and bring us your turkeys.

...Hemmen Bessonette Company...

HOUSES: Temple, - Lampasas, - Cameron, - Lockhart - and - Waco.

Literary Text.

Nearly all the great geniuses lived and died poor; but don't run away with the idea that poverty is a sign of genius. As the late Josh Billings remarked: "It's often a sign of natural-born laziness!"—Atlanta Constitution.

If You Would Make a Friend.

"The tactful man," says the Philosopher of Folly, "never addresses another by the title of 'mister' after he learns that the latter has been captain of a down-state militia company."

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

KILLPATRICK HOME ESCAPES FIRE

Fire Started and Goes Out Before Doing Much Damage.

H. H. Killpatrick, of the Higginbotham Currie Co, thinks the fire bug visited his house last night,

When he returned home about nine thirty Mrs. Killpatrick told him she had heard someone in the yard. He paid very little attention to this, thinking perhaps his wife was mistaken and that it was only someone passing by. He retired and when he got up this morning he found that some of the clothing and a paper had been burned in the room next to their bed room. The fire burned the clothing completely up and burned through the matting, charred the floor and them went out. The heating stove, an air tight heater, is in the room, but Mr. Killpatrick says this was closed up tight when he retired and he feels positive that the fire did not originate from the fire in the stove, and while it looks strange that anyone would start a fire in such manner with the intention of burning the house, he cannot account for it in any other way. The fact that one of the windows to this room had the screen off and was easily raised and that some one was heard in the yard makes the fire bug theory very plausible.

Fair Warning to Hunters

My place near town is posted, and I positively will not allow any hunting for trespassing on same. I warn all parties, friend or foe, that I will strictly enforce the law and prosecute to the limit any one for hunting, or in any way trespassing. Please stay out and avoid trouble. 3-3mos. Joe B. Johnson.

Minutes City Council.

The council met in regular session Tuesday. The minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The monthly accounts were passed on an ordered paid.

The question of building a City Hall was discussed and a committee composed of Mayor Hoffer Aldermen Wilmeth and Kirk was appointed to meet with the County Commissioners and enter into contract for ground on the corner of the square upon which to erect City Hall.

W. S. Harmon was appointed as special policeman to work prisoners on streets.

Ordered that City Secretary notify people to connect with sewer as directed by ordinance.

Ordered that city set aside \$25 to pay for special night watchman during holidays.

Girl Seeks Charity.

A girl about sixteen years of age called at the city hall this morning asking for help. The girl claimed that she lived in San Antonio. She had been staying out in the country near Ballinger with an uncle. She claimed that he brought her to town and left her without money and without a place to stay. She had been unable to find a home, and wanted to return to her home in San Antonio. She was referred to the charity committee, and the committee investigated her claim and furnished her money to pay her way to San Antonio and she left on the 3:30 train this afternoon.

A hundred small accounts make a bank stronger than a dozen large ones. That is one of our reasons for urging the man of limited means to transact his business with us.—Citizens' National Bank.

Hugh Jackson has been quite sick at his home in South Ballinger.

Live Oak Flour the best at Miller Mercantile Company guaranteed.

We regret to report that J. R. McAdams is quite ill at his home. Mr. McAdams recently returned from Mineral Wells, where he went for his health and it was thought that the trip benefited him.

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

Death-Bed Statistics.

When a great man dies, no one is interested in learning who surrounded his deathbed, but the news is always sent out. People care no more to know, than to hear if he were laid out in the parlor or bedroom, or if he were attired in a shroud or his regular clothes. But an Atchison inquirer has measured his bed, and finds that without unseemly crowding it will accommodate 16. How, then, can 30 and 40 surround the deathbeds of the great men, as told in the telegraph?—Atchison Globe.

Women as Fakir Victims.

Women are especially warned that there are many fake curios in Europe and other places, and women who are traveling are considered fair prey as a general thing. In most places there any persons who can be relied upon to give true information in regard to these things, and women should trust to their judgment.

Opera House

Matinee and Night, Thursday, Dec. 10



J. E. CLINE presents May Stewart and a capable company in an elaborate production of Shakespeare's rollicking comedy "TWELFTH NIGHT"

Special Matinee at 2:30 o'clock "AS YOU LIKE IT"

Special Scenery, Magnificent Costumes.

Prices, Night: 50c, 75c and \$1.00; Matinee: 25c and 50c
Seats on sale at WALKER DRUG CO.

HERE IS SANTA CLAUS FOR EVERYBODY

Our store is overflowing with Christmas Goods for both old and young. Do not fail to look through our stock when searching for Christmas Presents. Your wants can be supplied here.

Hand Painted and Fancy China, Glassware, Dolls, Toys of all kinds, Fire Works, Christmas Tree Ornaments, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Come and see.



KINZER'S BALLINGER, TEXAS

AMUSEMENTS

A Savage King.

Though the night was very dark and the weather threatening almost everything along with the heavy rain that was falling, a very respectable audience witnessed and enjoyed "A Savage King" at the opera house last Saturday night. We think every person who endured the rain and mud to see this play were amply repaid for their efforts, and went away glad that they had come.

"A Savage King" is a dramatization by Clarence Bennett of General Lew Wallace's story "The Fair God." It deals with life in Old Mexico at the most romantic time in its history—during the reign of the Emperor Maximilian—and the plot centers around the adventures of a slave who is the last descendant of Montezuma. The story is of a woman, the mother of a daughter twenty years old, who falls in love with her daughter's suitor. The suitor asks the daughter's hand of the mother, and here first discovers that the mother

loves him. The mother avows that her daughter shall die before she marries this man whom she (the mother) herself loves. In the third act the mother goes so far as to claim that the young woman is not her daughter, but the daughter of a slave, hoping by this to gain favor for herself. There is another man who is in love with the daughter, but receives only hatred in return. This man is encouraged by the mother and in the fourth act one thinks a wedding between these two is going to end all; but the ceremony is cut short and things take a decided turn. A duel with swords is fought in the second act between the two rivals. The Indian slave plays a very important part as friend to the daughter and her lover. The newspaper correspondent, another friend, does his share. Interwoven with this is a story of a bandits life and of the dastardly deeds he commits to accomplish his purposes. All things end well in the closing, through the determination of the slave and the strategy of the newspaper correspondent and his friend, except that the mother takes her own life.

Though the play is an interest-

ing one and attracts the attention of the spectators from start to finish, it lacks the enthusiasm and excitement of dramas in its class. There are several instances where the action naturally demands an expressive climax and one is disappointed to find these cut short or take a turn into different channels, before the desired effect is reached.

Miss Eva Sargent, as Countess Inez De Ora, was well suited to the part in every way. Mr. Russell Snode, as El Agnila, gave an excellent interpretation of the Indian slave. Mr. Karl Lanham deserves credit for the manner in which he played the part of Don Carlos Castello. A newspaper correspondent in a foreign field is always pictured as a man who is breezy, humorous, ready for fun, work or any old thing that comes along. Mr. Chas. Corwin took this part, and in appearance of dress and statue was well adapted; but we must say his "breezy" expression was not warranted in every instance it appeared. Miss Pearl Kincade played well the part of the daughter, Isadora De Ora.

Taken as a whole the company

is well balanced and the caste is well selected. The scenery which is their own, is beautiful.

Sunshine Hawks.

Tuesday night at the opera house was the second attraction on this season's Lyceum course in the form of a lecture by one of the greatest men on the lecture platform today—A. W. Hawks—more widely known as Sunshine Hawks, and a good name indeed is this; for he puts sunshine into his lecture and instills it so forcibly into the hearts of his hearers that their lives must needs be more happy in days to come if they endeavor to profit by good words.

The audience was not near so large as it should have been; but everyone present seemed attentive. The speaker's personality and ease of manner comes close to each individual and commands the best attention from all his hearers. One naturally looks upon a lecture as an argument for a certain cause filled with sound facts, delving into statistics and commanding studious reasoning. While this lecture contained these qualities, there was with it an abundance of humor and wit, which made it interesting and enjoyable, and was spoken in such a simple manner that old and young alike profited by it.

Mr. Hawks' subject was "Sunshine and Shadow." At the outset he enthused his hearers by a flow of humor upon the everyday expressions, illustrating each. Then returning to his subject he said he would take a text—that "I've a right to take anything that does not injure anybody or myself." His text was the poem:

"The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the whole world dies
With the setting sun.
The mind has a thousand eyes,
The heart but one;
Yet the light of the whole life dies
When love is done.

Commenting he said more mischief was done in the night than the day. The robber, the murderer, and the wrong doers waited until night to do his work.

No man owns his home or the substance of this world. The more he owns the more he owes to God. Now we own farms, houses, stock and money, twenty-five years hence we are gone and another man owns all. We can take nothing with us when we go to our long rest under the small mound.

After the night comes the morning and everything greets the sun. Even the dew drop is filled with the sunshine. We cannot buy sunshine—if we could, someone would be forming a trust on sunshine. Sunshine is found in the home—in mother's face and mother is the best friend on earth. Never go anywhere you wouldn't take your mother; never do anything you would be ashamed for your mother to know. Be able to say that I never caused a wrinkle in mother's brow, or a gray hair in her head.

Have sunshine because we live in the best time of the world. Here Mr. Hawks gave interesting comparisons of life today and one hundred years ago. He spoke of Ballinger as the grandest cotton market in the world,

and said it can be made the best town and be inhabited by the best people if sunshine is put into every life. The wealth of our town is not in the banks and businesses; neither does the banker or merchant know of our great wealth—it is found in the schoolroom, and the teachers know.

Mr. Hawks' closing remarks were to live and put sunshine in the present. There are a great many yesterdays, only one today, and there may be no tomorrow. And then

After all,
There are only three things in the world that are really worth while—To do good, to be good, and always to smile.

These truths were interspersed with illustrations to show their application, and abounding through the whole lecture was wit and humor of the best sort. Many persons were moved to tears at times and again to hearty laughter. The lecture lasted almost two hours.

Wednesday morning Mr. Hawks visited the schools and talked to the pupils for awhile in the chapel. His remarks were centered around the thought that the schoolroom was the place for preparation to live; that the training received in the school would determine the future life. The boy's ambition is for the day when he can wear long pants, smoke cigars, and be called a man; when he is a man he wishes he was a boy again. The girl's thoughts are of the time when she can be called a woman; but when this time has come, the woman wishes she was a girl again. In old age we look back on the ill-spent life and wish we had made it more useful, and we only look forward to the time when God shall call his own. Live in the present and always smile.

May Stewart.

The management of the opera house announces that he has secured May Stewart and her excellent company for Thursday night Dec. 10th in an elaborate production of Shakespeare's rollicking comedy "Twelfth Night."

This attraction has been secured on a special guarantee and is promised to be unequalled by anything that has visited Ballinger in the past. Miss Stewart comes heralded with an Eastern reputation and is carrying the most expensive company that has supported her through the South.

The Company supporting Miss Stewart includes Gilmer Brown lately with Ben Greet; Franklin Salesburg lately with Chas. Frohman's forces, Jackson Rigby for six years with the late Sir Henry Irving, Elizabeth Patterson lately with Henry W. Savages forces and several others equally well known.

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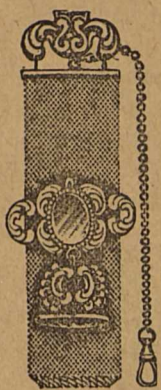
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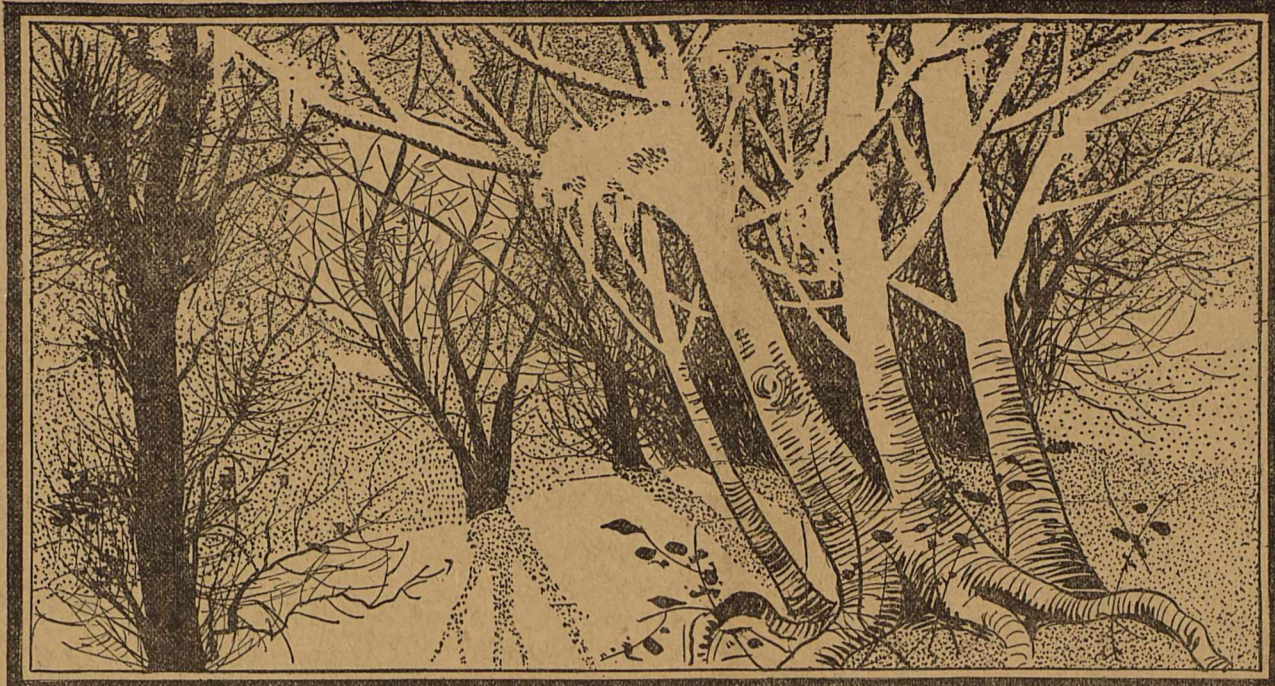
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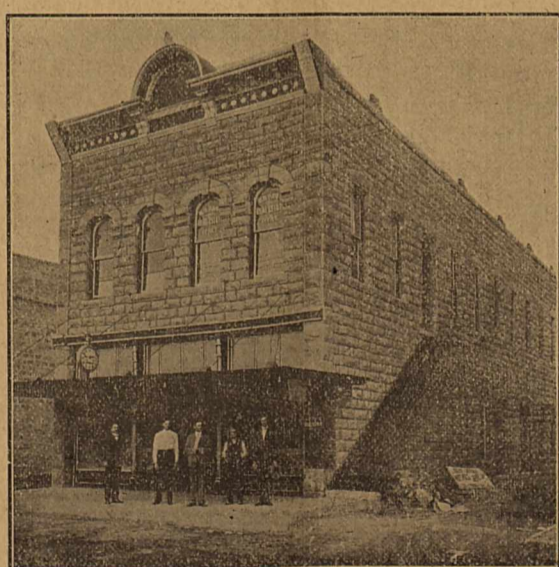
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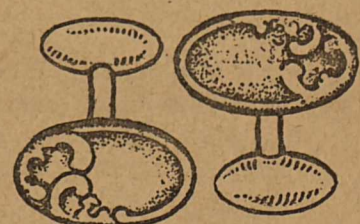
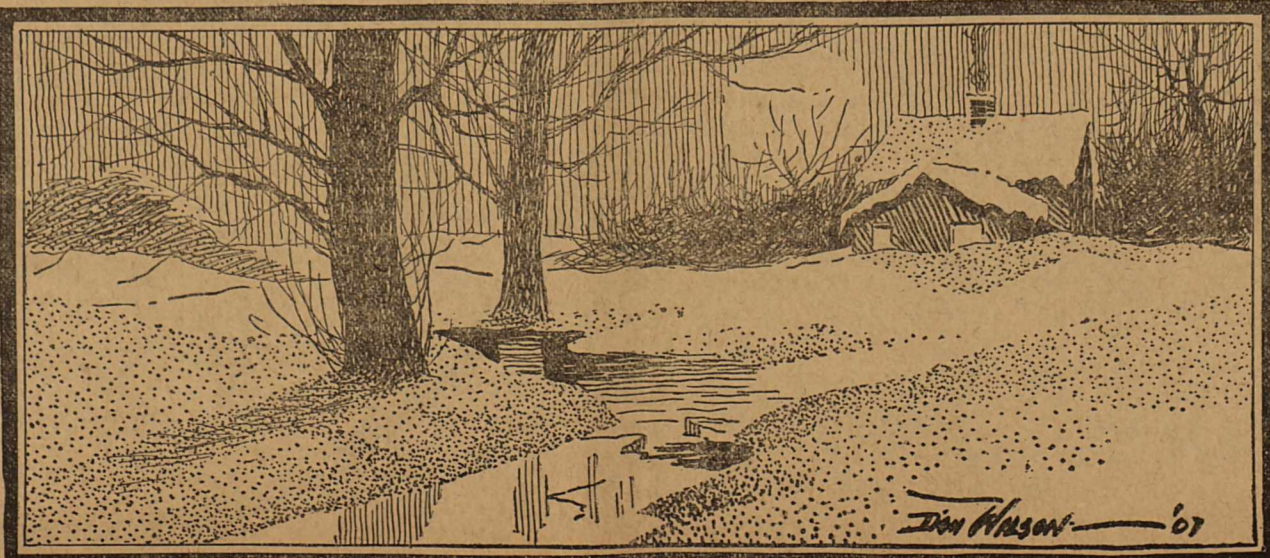
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**SOMETHING DOING
IN REAL ESTATE**

C. A. Doose & Company Made Some Nice Sales this Week

C. A. Doose & Company are busy this week drawing deeds and closing up deals in about a dozen sales that will amount to something like \$50,000. The following deeds have been made within the last week:

To J. T. May, of Bell county, 345 acres at \$35 per acre.
To C. M. Vaughn, 102 acres at \$22.50
To J. W. Malone, of Navarro county \$148 acres at \$32.50.
To A. H. Schenider 323 acres at \$25.

All of the above deals cover land out of the Schawe ranch three miles north of town.
To Geo. Huston 300 acres out of the Thompson—Casey pasture at \$17.50 per acre.
To S. B. Whittlesey 209 acres out of the Parrott place on Valley creek, at \$25 per acre.

More Land Sales

J. M. Whitaker sold two farms out of his tract of land four miles east of town this week. He sold 150 acres to Mr. Byers of Comanche county, for \$25, and 126 acres to P. B. Hocker for \$25 per acre.

The Know Naught—Bow Knots.

If you want to float along the crest,
Of the seasons social whirl,
You'll have to get yourself in shape
And be a "Beau-Not" girl.
The trouble that it causes you,
You surely will not grudge,
For the Receipt for making one
Is about like making "fudge."
You take a little sweetness
And a little piece of "choc,"
A "spoon" to do the stirring up,
And a lot of froth and talk.

A little fuss and feathers,
And anything else you've got,
Mix it up and stir it around,
And you've got a fine "Bow Knot."
But in looking over the roster.
Of this clubs distinguished "roll,"
A doubt arises in me,
That disturbs my very soul.
Was this name a clear misnomer?
Or did you chose by lot?
It seems a more befitting one
Would be the club "Know Naught."

But this remark I'm making,
I'm making mighty low
For should you chance to hear it
It simply doesn't go.

I'll say I never said it,
And I'll take the whole thing back,
I'll swear you are the smartest bunch,
That ever came down the track,
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The Greatest Offer Ever Made

The Leader has made arrangements whereby we can give the Leader readers a large map 28x36 inches in three sheets, six pages showing the United States Texas, the world, and a lot of other valuable information. The map retails for \$1.50. It is printed on good heavy gloss map paper, is well clamped or bound at the top by a patent metal binding. We give the map absolutely free to every subscriber to the Leader and The Fort Worth Semi Weekly Record at the price of \$1.90 for the two papers. We will be glad to show you the map and give you this opportunity. We only have a limited number of the maps and the first comes gets them free.

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is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptoms of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup.

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**SOUTH BALLINGER
FARM EXCHANGED**

J. D. Smith Trades 45 acres for 400 acres in Bell County and gets \$1,300 Cash.

A contract for sale was signed and a forfeit put up Tuesday between S. W. Hood and J. D. Smith in which Mr. Hood gets Mr. Smith's South Ballinger farm consisting of 45 acres and gives Mr. Smith for same a 400 acre tract of land located seven miles from Killeen and \$1,300 in money. Mr. Smith went down and inspected his land in the summer with a view to trading, but backed out, or did not accept the offer then made him. This week he accepted the offer as above mentioned, and unless there is a hitch of some kind we will lose another good citizen and family. This is perhaps the highest price ever paid for Runnels county land but was simply an exchange with so much difference paid Mr. Smith. But to give 400 acres of Bell county land and \$1,300 in money for 45 acres of Runnels county dirt sounds big.

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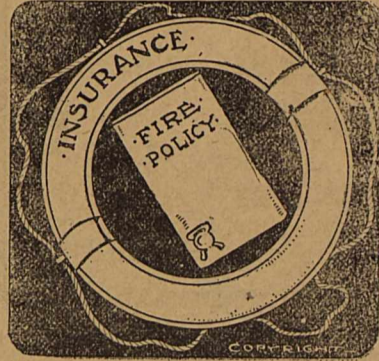
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