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## IS CHARGED WITH STEALING CATTLE.

**Walter Stocks of the Moro Mountain Country, is Accused Party—Flynt Makes Arrest.**

Wednesday night about 12 o'clock Sheriff J. P. Flynt arrested one Walter Stocks one mile east of Moro Mountain in Runnels county near Old Content, and brought him to Ballinger, placing him in the county jail.

Stocks is charged with stealing some cattle belonging to Mat McKinney, who resides near Content.

It is said that some four or five head have been stolen, and that Stocks was caught with the "goods" and that the cattle have been identified by the brands on the hides; that Stocks was peddling the beef out among the neighbors.

Stocks does not seem to be known here and we have been unable to get any facts as to his family or who he is, except that he has resided in the Moro county three months.

Sheriff Flynt did some fine detective work and deserves much credit for the prompt arrest of the party.

## ON THE ROAD BOND ISSUE.

In this issue of the Banner-Leader is an article contributed by our county judge, R. S. Griggs, showing all the facts and law connected with the proposed bond issue with which to build good roads.

This is a full, fair and able argument on this question, and we want every reader of this paper to get off in a quiet corner and read and study this article until you thoroughly comprehend its every detail and we feel sure you will then vote for the bond issue.

Mrs. S. D. Williams of Hatchel was in the city Thursday. She informed a Leader reporter that they were beginning on their new cottage home to be erected in Hatchel.

Key Williams of Hatchel left this week for Rodeo, N. M., where he goes to work on the Parramore ranch.

Mrs. Lewis Alexander and baby girl of Sterling City are the guests of her father and mother, S. P. Stone and wife, and Grandpa Sam steps high now around town.

## WILL ENTER BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL

Three Norton young ladies will enter the Ballinger High School the coming session, Misses Leslie Holloway, Eunice Lilly and Bertha Hambricht.

Messrs. W. K. Lilly and R. B. Hambricht were in town Wednesday making arrangements for them.

We are glad to welcome these young ladies to our city and High School, feeling assured that they will be pleased both with the city and the school during their stay.

Ballinger's High School is well equipped to furnish means for educating the boys and girls of Runnels county, and we want to see more of them take advantage of it.

K. V. Northington had an experience last Sunday that he will not soon forget, and one that left an impression on his mind and physique that will not be easily erased from his memory. He was in front of the ice factory and had just gotten some ice, and started home, driving on the scales when one of the wheels of the buggy dropped down in a crack, thus frightening the horse. The horse broke loose from the buggy, and in the struggling Mr. Northington was badly bumped up. Miss Mildred Cobb, who was in the buggy at the time, was thrown twelve feet distant out on the ground, but only sustained slight injuries.

## NO FOOT BALL.

Prof. Head, the director of athletics in our High School, has announced that no foot ball will be played this year, but that base ball will be played until late in the season, and other athletic features will supplement base ball.

Rev. G. W. Fender went to Goldthwaite Tuesday to attend Presbytery, which met at that place.

Mrs. Walter Robinson of San Angelo, was here Wednesday visiting her father, M. D. Chastain and family.

Walter McWhirter, traveling auditor for the Katy railroad, was here Wednesday to attend the funeral of the wife of his brother, J. L. McWhirter.

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## THIRTEEN LIVES LOST IN SOUTH LEON FLOOD

### Seven are Drowned in the Gustine Community and Six Meet Similar Fate a Few Miles Below Hamilton.

Comanche, Texas, Sept. 7.—The swift flowing waters of the treacherous South Leon river wrought death and destruction to the inhabitants and crops of the low lands in the Gustine and Hamilton communities Monday night when a cloudburst set the waters rushing down the stream at a fearful rate.

Seven are known to be dead and seven houses swept away, with crops damaged to the amount of several thousand dollars and six iron bridges worth fifteen thousand dollars wrecked, is known to be the results this morning of the flood which swept down the Leon river Monday night, thirteen miles east of this city.

The dead are:  
 John Lanier and wife.  
 Mrs. George Terry and four children.

The bodies of Mrs. Terry and one of the children have not yet been recovered. The others who met their death have been recovered.

The cloudburst fell early Monday night up the stream from the houses which were located in the Leon river bottom. Water twenty-five feet high swept down the narrow channel dealing death and destruction to nearly everything in its path. Those that went down to a watery grave were asleep when the water swept on them. Terry was awakened when the water rushed against his home, demolishing it. He seized two of his children and called to his wife to come to him. By this time water was breast deep and drifting timbers crowded about him. The children that he had seized were snatched away from him senseless and he himself was rendered unconscious but was rescued by J. H. Hanson, who escaped with his family, after his house had been swept away. Reports have been received here that other lives were lost but these reports cannot be verified, although it is almost certain that several were drowned at Hamilton.

Six Perish at Hamilton. Waco, Texas, Sept. 7.—Reports here today from Hamilton say that six are known to be dead as the result of the flood in that section Monday night and these with those drowned near Comanche make a total of thirteen that lost their lives.

The dead:  
 Mrs. L. B. McCullough.  
 J. E. Fulshear, wife and three children.

It is reported that others were drowned but these reports cannot be confirmed.

This section of the country which was affected by the flood is twelve miles down the river. The flood caught many asleep. Between fifteen and twenty persons happened to be awake and hearing the roar of the flood escaped to higher grounds in their night clothes, but their live stock, houses, household goods and crops were lost. The damage done to crops alone will reach into the thousands. The corn in this vicinity had not been gathered. A number of houses were swept away, twelve, possibly fifteen.

### Another Account.

Comanche, Texas, Sept. 6.—Eight persons were drowned near Gustine as the result of a flood in the South Leon river last night, following a downpour of rain estimated at ten inches.

Dead:  
 Mrs. Geo. Terry and five children.

John Lenear.  
 Mrs. John Lenear.

George Terry with his baby in his arms saved himself by climbing a tree. The loss of life was in the Gustine community, where the flood came down the river with such force that the houses occupied by the Terry and Lenear families situated near the stream were carried away with their occupants. Mr. Terry escaped and saved himself as stated. The bodies of Mrs. Terry and four of the children have not been recovered.

Tom Eanes, living in the same neighborhood, lost two males and three horses by drowning.

James DeWitt lost some live stock in the same way.

Here at Comanche the rainfall was so terrific that the southern part of town was flooded to the danger point. The home of Mrs. Henry Carter was flooded and it was necessary to procure a float to remove the family. The rain was the heaviest that has fallen here for at least twenty years.

## BUSINESS COLLEGE TO MOVE.

On the 15th of September the Roberts Business College will move to the second floor of the Rape building. It will occupy the entire floor space of the second story, and will add some new equipment to better accommodate the growing attendance.

## NEGRO BABY FOUND.

Thursday morning a negro baby boy was found in a cowlot of what is known as the old McGregor place at the corner of Broadway and Ransall street, now owned by C. A. Doose.

Audie Reese, the city mail carrier, was the first to discover the child, his attention being attracted by its cries. Mr. Reese lives just back of the McGregor place.

When found the child had on a slip and was rolled up in a blanket and was apparently in good condition, except that the little fellow was cried down.

Dr. Grant pronounces the baby three days old.

So far the identity of the mother has not been disclosed, though officers are at work and think they will find her.

Laura Pickett, a negro woman, who works at T. S. Lankford's has agreed to take over the child and she now has possession of the same.

Judge Lewis Wardlow of Sonora, is here this week visiting his parents.

City Attorney W. E. Sayle was in Dallas the latter part of the week looking after legal matters.

Oscar Miller returned to Loving county this week, after a visit of several days to his mother.

Judge C. O. Harris, accompanied by his niece Bonnie May Lawrence and Miss Lucile Adkins, spent a part of the week at Galveston, bathing in the surf and taking in the sights in the Island City.

## DROUTH BROKEN.

### Good Rains Fall Over Runnels County and the Middle West.

All things come to those who will but wait, and now that good rain that has been so anxiously looked for has come to dissipate frowns, disperse wrinkles and spread smiles and sunshine.

On Monday night great clouds overspread the sky and Jupiter Pluvius poured out his copious showers. Reports show that it rained from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls on the West, and from Temple to Brady, more rain falling in some sections than in others. Brownwood claims a six inch rain, Coleman a three inch rain, and a five inch rain is reported all over Coke county, which brought down an eight foot rise in the Colorado river at Ballinger.

In Runnels county it rained about three inches at Wingate, 1.5 inches at Winters and Ballinger, and about the same in other portions of the county.

It is needless to more than suggest the possible benefits to be derived from these generous rains. Cotton will more fully mature, grass will grow and make it possible to keep the cattle through the winter, and the feeling of the people in general will be helped one hundred per cent, and this is an asset that can not be overlooked in the welfare of a country.

## LAD SHOTS HIS FATHER'S ASSAILANT.

Hugh Hipp on Concho County is Killed While on His Way Home From Miles.

Miles, Texas, Sept. 6.—Last night Hugh Hipp and another man, who lives on Dry Hollow, Concho county, were on their way home from Miles, when they stopped out of a shower of rain at the house of J. A. Staley, two miles southeast of Miles. A difficulty arose with Staley, Hipp striking Staley a stunning blow about the head with a chair, whereupon Adrain, the 11 year old son of Staley, shot Hipp through the heart with a 22-caliber rifle, killing him instantly. Hipp was a man of family.

Sheriff J. S. Connel and Justice M. O. Davis of San Angelo were notified of the shooting and went a once to the home of Staley to hold an inquest.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Banner-Leader will publish in this column the names of candidates for the various offices until the primaries, and of the successful candidates in the primaries, until the election.

For District Clerk:  
MISS MARY PHILLIPS.

For County Judge:  
R. S. GRIGGS.

For Tax Assessor:  
MIKE BOYD.

For County Superintendent:  
E. L. HAGAN (re-election).

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. P. FLYNT (re-election)

For County Attorney:  
Edward S. McCarver (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector:  
W. T. PADGETT

For Justice of the Peace:  
W. L. TOWNER.

For County Clerk:  
OVERTON L. PARRISH.

For Constable:  
B. W. PILCHER, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer:  
T. J. STOCKS (Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:  
J. E. McADAMS.

Be cheerful and if you can't be cheerful, then be quiet and don't spread gloom and sorrow around you in life.

Now that it has rained, let us all pull together and carry the bond issue and dispell all doubt of hard times.

Plant wheat or oats or both and thus have some winter feed and an early feed crop. If you can't sow but five acres, then do that. Simply because you can't move a mountain, don't be afraid to tackle a mole hill.

The moss-backs and bluing-spitters will now have to go way back and sit down while the real workers and those who believe that progress should be the "watchword" go on making this a good country and Ballinger the best town in the West.

Spit on your hands and begin life anew and make old Runnels county and Ballinger the best spot on earth in which to live. The world has no use for a "whiner," but is ready to help the man who says I will do anything I can find to do.

There is always room for the young man who is willing to begin at the bottom and work up, and do anything that presents itself, but the boy who says he will do nothing if he can't find the particular work he wants, will rarely amount to anything. All labor is honorable and dignified, and no man is defiled from engaging therein.

School opens next Monday and let every parent get his children ready to enter. Don't leave it to son or daughter to decide but you step in and determine the matter and see that they do enter school and get an education. In times past it was no disgrace or reflection to grow up uneducated, but with present opportunities that excuse will be accepted no longer. You must get an education or be relegated to the rear in the progress of life and the struggle for bread.

Speaker Cannon announced, after returning from his summer outing, that he was as fit as a fiddle. On the subject of the great victory of the insurgents in Kansas where he went to stem the tide, there were not enough adjectives in his vocabulary to do the matter justice, so he was eloquently silent. He still considers himself the g. o. p. Moses, and expects to be elected speaker. The case of Cannon is really pathetic. Who was it that said "there is no fool like an old fool."

Character is one of the things we cannot purchase, or inherit, or get from another in any way. Whatever else a man may have borrowed or appropriated of another's his character is all his own. There is but one way to have a strong character and that is to build it.

"Do you know my dear brother and sister, from the dawn of civilization the cosmic mind has been confronted with that question—WHY? Way back in the Stone Age men rested in the mouths of their caves, watched the silvery moon, listened to the katydids, toyed with the tresses of Mrs. Stone, and wondered what it was all about. They were confronted with the great WHY.

"And starting in with that WHY and the dim answers to the question, the race has slowly developed. Whenever there was a period in the history of the world that a man thought he had found the answer then men's minds stagnated.

"In this world when we solve one problem we are simply at the beginning of another problem. As long as a man ask himself and the world WHY, he is in the course of evolution. When he ceases to ask WHY, then those who carry are at the door.

"Take my word for it, friend, you are never old as long as you are asking questions. You are never stale as long as you have curiosity. But when you cease to wonder, when you cease to enquire when your curiosity is dulled, then no matter what your age, you are old—very, very old."—Ex.

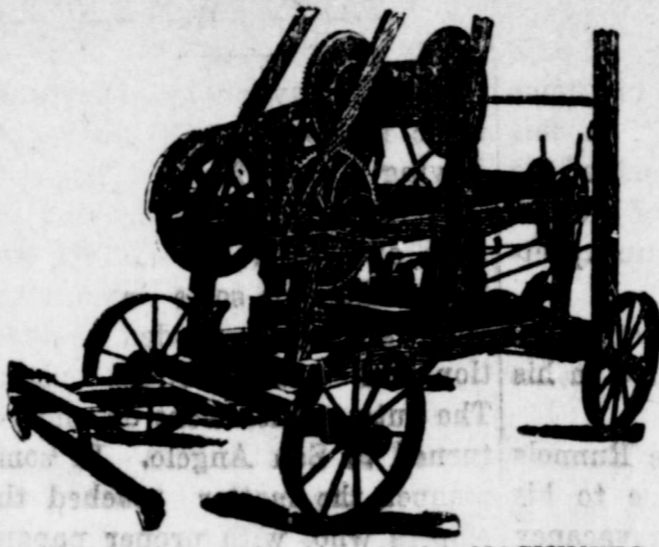
## THE CRY OF THE HUNGRY.

"Will you be my papa?" These were the words that started a young lawyer on the streets of San Angelo a few days ago. When he turned to see who uttered the words, he beheld a small boy, about ten years old, bare-foot, poorly dressed, and bearing on his face the evidence of hunger. He told a pitiful story of a dead mother, and desertion by a father, too weak to continue the effort to support his boy. It was a story that softened the heart of the lawyer, and he conducted the child to a restaurant, satisfied his appetite, bought him some clothes and found him a home with kind hearted people, where he can earn his living, secure an education, and become a useful citizen. All over this great, rich, prosperous country there are thousands of little boys and girls silently uttering the same prayer acclaimed by the little fellow at San Angelo. Some are orphans, left alone and desolate by the grim reaper, while others have been abandoned by those who brought them into existence, because they could not provide

Judge Powell left Saturday on the noon train for San Angelo thence on the Orient to Sweetwater where he goes to meet his daughter Miss Lueille and Miss Nellie Kipp who are returning from Gaudalajara Mexico, where they have been for three months visiting Miss Nellie's home and other points of interest.

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—Dennis Stephen, Condorsport, Pa., Feb. 1.

Fifty cents for a large box of MI-O-NA at the Walker Drug Co. and druggists everywhere.

## BALLINGER MAN BUYS COMANCHE PAPER

Jeff D. Furgerson of Ballinger has bought the Comanche News, and has taken charge of same, having moved here with his family. He is a very pleasant gentleman and we trust our relations with him will be as cordial and pleasant as they were with his predecessor. Mr. Barnes has not as yet decided what he will do.—Comanche Exponent.

## DR. BROOKS MAY RUN FOR SENATE

Waco, Texas, Sept. 3.—Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, who has just returned from a trip to California, said it was likely that he would be asked to be candidate for Senator to succeed Bailey in nineteen hundred and twelve, following the action of the Galveston convention, proposing Bailey for presidential nomination. Friends have not yet approached Dr. Brooks on the subject, but the announcement of his attitude is expected soon.

## TO BORE FOR OIL.

Bronte, Coke Co., Tex. Sept. 4.—A deep well machine arrived here last week and is now being carried to Edith, in the western part of the county, to begin boring for oil. Men who have had experience in the business report that there are good prospects for oil and the company feels confident that it will find it. A test well will be sunk as soon as the machinery can be gotten on the ground.

## ABILENE CAPITAL INVESTS IN WINTERS BANK.

Stock in Farmers & Merchants State Bank is Sold to Bunch of Abilene Men.

This week witnessed the consummation of a deal whereby W. E. Norton contracted for the sale of his stock in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank to D. T. Bomar of Fort Worth, and we understand he has associated with him in the deal Henry James of Abilene, N. Harding of the Fort Worth National Bank, R. L. Ellison, who is a director of the same, and Morgan Jones of Abilene.

Mr. Norton's resignation takes effect at once and L. J. Bryan of Ovalo, cashier of the First State Bank there, takes charge for the above named parties.

While we regret to lose Mr. Norton in the capacity that he has acted since the establishment of the bank ere, yet we are glad to know that the Winters country appeals to such financier as these gentlemen.

In fact, the Enterprise takes it as a good indication of the good promise for Winters and the Winters country when such well known financiers as Mr. Bomar and his associates interest themselves in a banking institution here.

Mr. Norton does not say as yet what his intentions for the future are, but we indulge the hope that he will find it to be interest to remain indefinitely with Winters, whose interests he has served so well since the establishment of the Farmers & Merchants bank.—Winters Enterprise.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of HERBINE will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

James Blair Harris left Saturday for Galveston to spend a week on the seashore and to rest up from a strenuous summer's work as editor of The Ledger. He will be gone for two months and will spend some time in Waco before his return.

## BALLINGER BOYS AT MIDLAND

In a recent report of the charters granted, sent out from Austin, we note the Gregg Drug Co. with a paid up capital stock of \$8,000.00 the incorporators being Guion Gregg, Will Gregg, and another Midland man.

The new Drug Co. will be managed by Will Gregg.

COSMOPOLITAN has some big things slated for publication in the next few issues. "The Common Law," the new novel by Robert W. Chambers, illustrated by Charles Dana Gibson, begins in the November issue. 2 tf

Miss Minnie Lewis, one of the teachers in the primary department of the Ballinger schools, returned this week from a tour of Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Oklahoma and Northern Texas, and is now preparing to enter upon her duties.

Price Maddox and wife, who had been in the city on a visit for several days, returned to their ranch Monday.

Your complexion, pimples and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. HERBINE is a powerful correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

## BALLINGER MAN CHOSEN CASHIER

J. O. Roots Elected Cashier of Firt National Bank of Paint Rock.

J. O. Roots of this city was elected cashier of the Firt National Bank of Paint Rock Thursday of last week and will assume active charge at once. He was also elected to a place on the board of directors of the institution. Mr. Roots has been in the banking business for nearly six years, having been first assistant cashier in the Citizens National Bank of this city, holding the same position when that bank and the Firt National merged, taking the name of the latter.

Mr. Roots holds a high place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow workers and our people in general. Untiring in his work, faithful to every trust, he is a citizen that Ballinger regrets to lose, and one that Concho county may well be proud to acquire. Also many regret the loss of Mrs. Roots from our social circles, her friends being numbered by her acquaintances.

The First National Bank of Paint Rock is the oldest bank in Concho county, and stands high as a financial institution of probity and strength. This change will tend to cement the close relations existing between the Paint Rock institution and the First National Bank of Ballinger.

## MISS FRANC BAKER.

Miss Franc Baker is at home from her summer visit up north. She spent some time at Chatauqua, N. Y., attending lectures of famous persons, and otherwise enjoying the good things there.

Geo. Dark of aMverick was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business affairs. Mr. Dark recently feel heir to 1000 acres of Runnels county land, by the death of his uncle, W. O. Dark.

## THIS PAPER TALKS SENSE.

Retaliation against the manufacturer who is protected by a trust-favoring congress will never relieve the burdens already upon the people. That special favor to a certain district producing raw material only adds more to the price of the finished product. On the other hand, how can a political party declare for a protective tariff, even by retaliation, and in the same paragraph declare itself as unalterably opposed to special privileges to a few?—Sherman Democrat.

Rev. Fender returned Monday from Norton where he had been holding a protracted meeting the past week. He reports a very successful meeting.

## FREIGHT ENGINE BURNED.

Last Friday while the crew were at dinner Santa Fe engine No. 200 came near burning up, having caught from the oil burner in some way.

The fire boys answered the alarm and saved the engine from much damage.

Miss Stalcup and Mr. Miller were married at the court house on Friday of last week.

Miss Belle Gore, one of the teachers of San Angelo, who had been visiting in Arkansas and Oklahoma, is in the city visiting.

The school board at its last meeting agreed to look after the matter of improving the High School grounds, and it is almost certain now that by next spring the grounds will be in a much improved condition.

First Monday passed off quietly in Ballinger and a few trades were made. People from all sections of the county were present.



## Money to Loan on Farms

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### DIED.

Last Sunday evening at 8:50 o'clock, Isaac Vancil at his home at 501 North 6th street, in this city. He had been confined to his room for a number of months and his death was not unexpected.

He suffered from a number of complications that resulted in his death.

Thus another old time Runnels county citizen has gone to his rest and there is another vacancy in the home and hearts of his family and friends. Isaac Vancil came to Runnels county in the early days when the stock business was the principal industry and he was associated with the old time stock men and of which a large number attended the funeral.

He was a kind father, a loving husband and a faithful member of the Methodist church and he always had time to give his time and means to further its interest.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral services which were held at his residence and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Biggs, pastor of the Methodist church.

It was ever thus from childhood's hour, that sadness, sorrow, heartaches and partings should be man's lot in life, and yet it is becoming in all of us to bow to that Hand of "Him who doeth all things well."

The Banner-Leader extends sympathy to the family and relatives and trusts they will look to Him who can comfort sad hearts and heal the broken spirit.

R. P. Conn is in the city again after being absent several days on business matters.

Mr. William Williams, of Atoka, Okla., was in the city the latter part of last week. He was favorably impressed with our city and may decide to make it his home.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Boyd, Mr. Mayern  
Castillo, Sr. Merced  
Cole, Miss Ida  
Kennedy, Mr. J. H.  
Mangrem, Mr. Clarence  
Reed, Mr. Culburson  
Taylor, Mrs. Belle  
Williams, Emory  
Wagner, Mr. F. D.

When calling for the above please say advertised and give the date of this list.

After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter office.

H. A. CADY, P. M.]

Mrs. W. A. Glenn and daughter Annie, are spending several days in the city for the benefit of the latter's health, she being under the care of physicians. They live at Marie, in the northern part of the county.

Mike Boyd, tax assessor elect, has returned from a several days business trip to Winters and the neighboring territories.

Miss Katie Belle Gregory, who had been visiting several days in Abilene, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. T. J. Starkey has returned from several days' stay in the Wingate neighborhood where she had been at the bedside of Mrs. Flynt.

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R. T. Jones made a business trip to Winters Tuesday.

### TEAMSTER FIRES ON AUTO PARTY FROM ANGELO.

Last Friday an auto party en route to Lometa met a stranger driving a pair of mules. The auto gave the right of way leaving the man and team to follow the tract. But for some reason the man fancied he needed protection and yanked out a pistol. The auto parties went on and returned to San Angelo. In some manner the matter reached the officers who, with proper papers, went out to the man and called him to account. He paid a fine and was left to pursue his journey. The public highways are dedicated to travel, whether by foot, wagon, horseback, mule, cart, auto, etc. No man should be selfish or arrogant as to claim the whole thing. An auto is a vehicle of travel and has a right to part of the road. These gun parties don't count. A true gentleman will always respect the rights of his fellow traveler.—San Saba Star.

### A \$11,400 LAND SALE.

J. W. Clampitt, residing five miles south of the city, who has been a resident of this county for over thirty years, reports the sale of 300 acres of land out of his entire holdings, including his home place, to J. A. Zaak of Rowena.

Mr. Zaak came to Runnels county fifteen years ago as a renter, and his wise investment shows his great faith in Runnels county.

Mr. Clampitt originally purchased the land on top of which this 300 acres comprises a part at \$5 per acre in the year 1905.

Dr. W. B. Halley returned this week from a visit to his mother in Dallas.

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Ed Grimes of Bronte was here Tuesday. He was returning from San Angelo, where he bought a span of mules.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooten, of 13th street, are the proud parents of a boy, born on the 2nd inst.

Tom Lively is in Talpa this week visiting relatives before school begins.

### LOTS OF FISH CAUGHT.

An eight foot rick came down the Colorado Tuesday morning, thus causing the water to become very muddy. This caused the fish to come to the surface of the water, and many Ballinger parties took advantage of this condition and caught fish by the wholesale simply by going into the water and picking them up, the largest being caught by W. C. Jones—but we refuse to quote any fish stories.

Miss Stella Routh will leave next week for Colorado City to resume her work as teacher in the public schools, which begin on the 19th of September. Miss Stella has made a fine record as a teacher at that place.

### SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

Should Son or Daughter be Compelled to Enter School Against Their Will.

The question of making a boy or girl go to school against their will is often discussed and some hold that if the boy or girl does not want to go to school, that he or she should not be compelled to do so, but we hold the opposite opinion, and we think that a boy or girl is entirely unable to say what is best for them on any question and especially on a question of so grave importance as this one, and this being true then why not compel them to go.

We think the worst thing that can happen to a boy of thirteen is to get a cheap job and earn his own money and spend it as he pleases and there are more boys ruined by this course than any other.

Of course exceptions are cited to all rules and once in a while you will find this rule reversed but we venture the assertion that the rule will hold good in a majority of cases.

If the parents will exercise a little control and authority while the boy or girl is growing up and compel a course of action that is best for them in later years the strong arm of the law will not have to perform this sad duty. Training one to be obedient to constituted authority is worth as much as any other one thing in shaping character, and the school room for a boy of thirteen is a fine place to learn what constituted authority is, and to learn how to respect the same.

We are met with the argument that many railroad presidents and men in high places were and are men who quit school early and went to learn something "practical." Well, we admit that you can cite some instances that seem to support that theory, but if you will make a mathematical calculation of all men who have made a great success in life, in the past twenty years, you will find a vast deal more who were educated have succeeded than otherwise.

It is said that eighty per cent of the men in congress today are college graduates, whereas fifty years ago this rule was reversed. Thus it is proven that the chances of success in the world of progress are increased many times by obtaining an education.

### EIGHTEEN IN ONE BUNCH.

Our friend M. D. Chastain brought to our office this week a cluster of peaches consisting of eighteen, which grew on his place on Park avenue. They are all of fair size and would have ripened if they had remained on the tree. The tree which bore these peaches is a seedling, and came from the Willingham orchard in South Ballinger.

Oscar Pearson was in Miles Monday looking after the cotton oil mill's interest.

Troy Bowdon of Hatchel was here Monday visiting friends.

R. P. Conn has been East the past week buying goods for his store.

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### AUTOBIOGRAPHY

#### OF JOE SAPPINGTON

(Written by himself)

No one today looking into my grave, intelligent face would believe that my early life was filled with romance and religious fervor. That goes to show how deceptive outward appearances are. I came within an inch of fighting a duel before I was quite sixteen. This was no make-believe affair, but a regular duel with a challenge and seconds and knives and guns and a lonesome meeting-

### THE MOST NEGLECTED ORGAIN OF THE BODY IS THE LIVER

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Some farmers in Runnels county made the best crop of wheat in 1908 they ever made, and made their crop almost without grain.

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where she was standing and engaged her company home notwithstanding it was Hark's day to go with her. I shall never forget the exultant feeling that came over me that day when I passed him with Lucy clinging to my arm my shoes squeaking, and my watch chain jingling and flashing in the sunlight. Poor Hark, with his brown jeans suit and brogan shoes did present a shabby appearance compared to me with all my glittering toggerly. But I am going into unnecessary details and will now proceed to tell about the duel.

The following Monday after my dazzling appearance at church and while plowing in the field, Ace Hawkins came out to where I was and handed me a note, which read as follows:

"Sur yore conduk yistiddy was hiely insultin and nothing but yore blud will satsify me. Ace is my 2nd and i will kill you eny way you se fit. jist name yore weepings and time you want to be kilt.

Hark Davis

cufferen fur blud." I knew that Hark was the biggest coward that ever lived on Cave Creek and was only trying to bluff me, and the written reply I sent him by his second read something like this:

"Ser:

Yore hlye ensulten noat reseaved and kontents noated. prepair yoreself for deth in the morn down at the blew whoa whare i will talk plezur in shuten that mutten hed of yorne offen yore sholders at the rizen of the sun. we will fit seving feet apart and i will use pas shotgun loaded with a handful of buckshot in boath barrils and you can use whatever you dern please. I maik the distunee close so I shore will kill you ded on the spot. Bill Jackson is my secunt. You had better have Ace to bring along a waggen to hall yore derty ded carcuss back home in. Mete me at the blew whole in the mornen at sunrize and fale me knot.

Joe Sappington

dien for blud." Ace came back late that afternoon and informed me that it would be impossible for his principal to meet me on the following morning on account of the tube being blown out of his father's Enfield rifle.

I saw that my bluff had worked and addressed him another note that went like this:

"Ser i am so anxys to spill yore blud that i send you another challenge since you say yore gun is outen fix, as follers, to wit mete me with yore secunds to nite at the blue whole and after pullin off our close our secunds will tie our left rists together hard and tite and then we will cut and slash each other till one of us dies from the loss of blud. i will use Bill Jackson's dirk nife that he shaves with and you can use any kind of a knife you dern pleze. won lick is all i want to cut your heart out. so phale me knot but be their with yore secund at midnite.

Joe Sappington,

still dien fur blud. P. S. Bill my secund will bring the twine to bind our rists.

Just awhile before sundown Ace came out to the lot where I was and informed me that Hark was suffering from colic and would not be able to meet me that night, but as soon as he recovered would be pleased to renew hostilities and would take pleasure in cutting large jagged holes in my system.

Of course anyone can see that it was the intervention of Providence that kept me and Hark from engaging in a bloody duel, and yet there are those who don't believe in Providence. When Providence takes a hand in a thing she usually succeeds the tube out of his gun and then before she quits and never leaves a thing half finished. The first

thing that Providence did to stop that duel between me and Hark was to blow when the second challenge called for knives with the principal's wrists securely bound to one another, she stepped in with a case of colic and in order to keep the fight down permanently she sent Jim Billing to church the very next Sunday wearing a brand new suit that cost \$1.50 more than mine, a watch chain that weighed at least a pound and a pair of shoes that squeaked every time Jim breathed or chewed his gum. When Jim walked off with Lucy hanging to his arm that day, I realized for the first time how poor Hark must have felt just the Sunday before when I passed him with Lucy clinging to my arm.

By the time I was eighteen I had held membership in five churches. The first church I affiliated with was the Baptist, when I was but sixteen. Jennie Reynolds, a sweetheart of mine, influenced me to join the Baptist church during a revival meeting. She belonged to that church and I would have done anything to please her. I suspect that Jennie and I would have married had her family remained on Cave Creek a little longer. Just a few days after I joined her church I asked her for her heart and hand and she said that she was too old for me; but I believe she would have changed her mind if her father had not taken her away. She was seven years my senior and I didn't care for a little difference like that.

About a year after that I joined the Baptists I changed my religion to conform to Dora Hickerson's faith. Dora was a consistent member of the Presbyterians. I had not been a member of her church but a short time until we had a falling out, and I quit it cold. After Dora and I had disagreed for good I lost no time from withdrawing from her church as its discipline had been petty tough on my system right from the start.

The next lucky church to gain my membership was the Methodist. Mary Bevins, one of the prettiest girls (except my wife) that I ever saw, came to me one night during a Methodist revival and asked me if I didn't want to go to heaven with her, and I told her that I did. In fact I would have gone with Mary anywhere she might have suggested, even to the North Pole, for I was madly in love with her. I not only joined her church but went out in the audience every night thereafter and talked to sinners about their soul's salvation. But bad attended me again, as Mary married a long-legged Methodist preacher the Sunday after the meeting closed.

For awhile after Mary's marriage I affiliated with no church—in fact, had become almost a skeptic and boldly asserted that I didn't believe that a whale swallowed Jonah, or anyone else. But my skepticism was of short duration as I soon saw the error of my way and joined the Campbellites and carried a New Testament in my hip pocket and argued religion with everybody that would listen to me. Mary Jenkins and I joined the Campbellite church during the same meeting, there being less than ten minutes between our joining. Mary joined first.

Just about the time I got so I could quote by heart what Paul wrote to the Ephesians, old man Jenkins sent me word that if he ever heard of my courting Mary again, he would take a peach tree limb and wear me out. He was a mean old cuss and I knew he meant just what he said, and rather than have trouble with him I withdrew from the Campbellites.

Six months later I fell in love with Janie Walker, whose father was a Hardsell Baptist preacher and joined his church; but just

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about the time I began to argue that the world was as flat as a pancake, and that the sun stood still and what was to be would be, even if it never came to pass, Janie married a chicken pedler, and right straight I changed my views about the shape of the earth and predestination.

I don't doubt but what some fellow—some gimlet headed cuss, after reading the above, will say that I joined all those churches for selfish and mercenary reasons, but when I reflect that no calumination can hurt a noble character in the long run, and that roses crushed are sweeter still, I take courage and go on the even tenor of my way, scattering sunshine as I go.—McGregor Mirror.

### TEACHING CHILDREN SELF CONTROL

It was a pleasure to witness, not long ago, in a neighbor's child, the working out of the theory of rewarding goodness instead of punishing badness in children.

Little Margaret of ten, was a girl of unusual brightness but her quick sharp tongue brought her many troubles.

Whippings she accepted as her natural birthright, but they left her no nearer self-control. At last the mother was taken ill, and

a nurse of wide experience came into the home. The care of Margaret was one of her duties, and as she watched her day by day she felt a pity for the child.

So the nurse studied Margaret, and she found a point of vantage. Margaret had a wonderful love of stories and was never so happy as when listening to the recital of one. Here was her chance. A story was promised to Margaret every night at bedtime provided she had not given away to her temper during the day, and the rule was strictly adhered to. At first, of course, there were many nights of no story telling. But with the help of the wise nurse little Margaret guarded her tongue more and more, until after a few months she seldom missed a story, and was herself proud of the victory.—C. L., in Harper's Bazar.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Guion Gregg an old Ballinger boy, but who for the past five years has been living at Midland is here this week visiting relatives.

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# GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE SOME REASONS WHY VOTERS SHOULD SUPPORT IT

WHAT IT WILL COST—HOW IT CAN BE DONE—WILL HELP  
ALL OF RUNNELS COUNTY AND NOT BALLINGER ALONE.

To the Taxpaying voters of Road District No. One:

As suggested in the Daily Ledger some days ago I will answer the queries of "A Hardup Taxpayer" relative to the proposed bond issue of \$60,000 in this Road District upon which you will ballot on the 17th of this month, and discuss at some length the reasons which I think should actuate and cause each of you as citizens of this Road District to weigh well this matter and cast an intelligent vote on the question. I will very briefly answer the questions propounded to myself or some of the Commissioners court before entering upon a general discussion of the matter.

1. Issuing these bonds at this time will very materially benefit the laboring man of this road district, as the entire work, outside for the possible erection of the Steel Bridge across the Colorado River (near the foot of Eighth street) will be given to home people, and by "home people" I mean men who live within this ROAD DISTRICT now. I voice the sentiment and purpose of each of the Court in this particular.

2. The tax rate for this Road District will be increased possibly 6 cents above what it is now for the first few years, but it will be decreased from year to year so that on an average the tax rate for this district will not be more or much more than we pay for roads and bridges now. I discuss this feature more fully further on.

3. As to kind of roads which will be built would suggest that I am individually in favor of grading every foot of road in the road district, claying, or graveling all low places, draws branches, and "hog-wallow" flats, cutting down all rocky hills, and making fills where ever needed, and fully three fourths of this work being done with laborers and teams, the other one-fourth being done with grading outfits with say three men and eight large mules. This last item will be the best and cheapest plan to work on all level roads or those which are susceptible of being graded with a large grader. Of course a grader could do very little work on hills and hollows, or rocky stretches.

4. Every dollar of the \$60,000 will be expended and utilized in this ROAD DISTRICT.

5. It is REASONABLE that this commissioners Precinct pays more taxes than any of the others.

6. Every foot of Public Roads in Road District No. 1 can be graded, worked and put in good permanent shape with the \$60,000, and may be for less by estimate being around \$50,000. Of course any surplus could be used in redeeming some of the bonds after the option date passes (5 years) or used in grading and working any new roads which the District will necessarily have to open through the coming years.

7. This is answered in the first.

8. This question is "About how many people will get work on the roads?" I should think and have estimated that anywhere from 25 to 50 men and teams could be used on hauling rock, clay, gravel, etc. from 25 to 50 men with teams using plows and scrapers, mostly scrapers could be used on heavy grades, fills, cuts, etc. from 25 to 100 men with picks, shovels and hand tools could be used on rocky when received from the sale of the bonds will go, I have talked to a number of persons relative to the

places, hills loading gravel, clay, etc. Should there be 100 teams with drivers, and 100 single hands the daily payroll would be (under Special Road Law) \$4.50. This would give from 5 to 6 months work for this number of men. Let me here suggest that the Secretary of the Business League might secure a blank book and begin registering the names of any and all parties who will or may want work should the bond issue carry, so that we may know when the work begins how many scrapers, plows, etc. may be needed.

Now as to how far this \$60,000 costs of road building, have been searching and reading all periodicals available on road building, and believe I am in a position to submit an estimate to you, as voters, of the cost of placing every foot of the PUBLIC ROADS in this Road District in good, permanent shape, or as nearly permanent as can be with the limited funds. I mean by "limited funds" that if we were to macadamize every foot of roads we would have to have \$200,000 were we to clay and gravel every foot of them we would have to have \$150,000.

With the \$60,000, if you vote these bonds, I have estimated that we can do the following work:

Grade with grading outfit, 75 miles of road for \$15,000.

Gravel and Clay with wagons, etc 20 miles of roads for \$12,000.

Cut down all hills on roads in District for sum of \$6,000.

Make all fills and heavy grades in District for sum of \$7,500.

Build a steel Bridge across Colorado for \$10,000.

The first item includes the purchase of grader which will cost \$375; about 50 scrapers which will cost about \$250; about 20 plows at the cost of \$200. The fourth item includes cost of all culverts necessary for proper drainage.

The one feature of most vital interest to you, as taxpayers, is the rate of taxation which will become necessary under this bond issue.

I have studied this phase of the question from all its standpoints, and I submit to you the following facts: We are now paying 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property for roads and bridges. This is under the general law authorizing the Commissioners Court to make a general levy for that purpose, and with this regular or general road tax, has opened up new roads, built what bridges we have in the county (aside from the two bridges near Ballinger, which were built years ago with bonds issued under the Commissioners Court) and have tried to keep in passable condition. Remember this levy is a general levy for the whole county and must be distributed over the whole county, as needed, in the discretion of the Commissioners Court.

The law allowing the creation of Road Improvements and the insurance of bonds thereby and therein provides that a tax sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds and create the necessary sinking funds to redeem said bonds and create the necessary sinking fund to redeem said bonds at their maturity, shall be levied and collected each year and applied solely for that purpose. This special levy must be made each year. The court, however, only levies a sufficient tax to raise the amount needed for that year. From a careful calculation, which I have made, I find there will

have to be levied a tax of 11 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in the district to pay the interest on the bonds and create the necessary sinking for 1911 (if the bonds are voted and issued this fall.) I have prepared a table which shows clearly the amount of interest for each year during the life of the bonds, the rate of taxation, the number of bonds redeemed during said year, the amount of bonds still unpaid, together with the estimated valuations of our taxable property, which table I herewith submit:

Yr	sinking bond	interest during yr	tax rate during yr	bonds redeemed end of year	bonds unpaid end of yr	EST. MATFD VALUATIONS
1	\$1500	3000	11c			\$4,000,000
2	\$1500	3000	11c			\$4,000,000
3	\$1500	3000	11c			\$4,000,000
4	\$1500	3000	11c			\$4,000,000
5	\$1500	3000	11c	(15) 7500	52500	\$4,000,000
6	\$1500	2625	10c	(3) 1500	51000	\$4,150,000
7	\$1500	2550	10c	(3) 1500	49500	\$4,150,000
8	\$1500	2475	10c	(3) 1500	48000	\$4,150,000
9	\$1500	2400	10c	(3) 1500	46500	\$4,150,000
10	\$1500	2325	10c	(3) 1500	45000	\$4,150,000
11	\$1500	2250	9c	(3) 1500	43500	\$4,300,000
12	\$1500	2175	9c	(3) 1500	42000	\$4,300,000
13	\$1500	2100	9c	(3) 1500	40500	\$4,300,000
14	\$1500	2025	9c	(3) 1500	39000	\$4,300,000
15	\$1500	1950	9c	(3) 1500	37500	\$4,300,000
16	\$1500	1875	8c	(3) 1500	36000	\$4,400,000
17	\$1500	1800	8c	(3) 1500	34500	\$4,400,000
18	\$1500	1725	8c	(3) 1500	33000	\$4,400,000
19	\$1500	1650	8c	(3) 1500	31500	\$4,400,000
20	\$1500	1575	8c	(3) 1500	30000	\$4,400,000
21	\$1500	1500	7c	(3) 1500	28500	\$4,500,000
22	\$1500	1425	7c	(3) 1500	27000	\$4,500,000
23	\$1500	1350	7c	(3) 1500	25500	\$4,500,000
24	\$1500	1275	7c	(3) 1500	24000	\$4,500,000
25	\$1500	1200	7c	(3) 1500	22500	\$4,500,000
26	\$1500	1125	6c	(3) 1500	21000	\$4,600,000
27	\$1500	1050	6c	(3) 1500	19500	\$4,600,000
28	\$1500	975	6c	(3) 1500	18000	\$4,600,000
29	\$1500	900	6c	(3) 1500	16500	\$4,600,000
30	\$1500	825	6c	(3) 1500	15000	\$4,600,000
31	\$1500	750	5c	(3) 1500	13500	\$4,700,000
32	\$1500	675	5c	(3) 1500	12000	\$4,700,000
33	\$1500	600	5c	(3) 1500	10500	\$4,700,000
34	\$1500	525	5c	(3) 1500	9000	\$4,700,000
35	\$1500	450	5c	(3) 1500	7500	\$4,700,000
36	\$1500	375	4c	(3) 1500	6000	\$4,800,000
37	\$1500	300	4c	(3) 1500	4500	\$4,800,000
38	\$1500	225	4c	(3) 1500	3000	\$4,800,000
39	\$1500	150	4c	(3) 1500	1500	\$4,800,000
40	\$300	75	4c		1500	\$4,800,000

Total Interest \$62,250, or an average for each year of \$1,556.00.

I begin this calculation on a basis valuation of \$4,000,000 for our Road District, which is a safe, conservative estimate as shown from our Tax Rolls. I have estimated an increase of only \$30,000 in assessed valuations per year for the first ten years, and thereafter only \$2,000 per year. I have divided the 40 years into periods of 5 years each, and made the tax rate the same for each year during said periods. By doing this the decrease in taxable values, will make up for any and all delinquencies in the payment of road district taxes. I believe this calculation to be correct and same will show any voter that at the end of the 5th year the court can and should redeem 15 bonds (\$500 each) or \$7,500 and thereby decrease the outstanding bonds to \$52,500, which at 5 per cent would make the interest for the sixth year only \$2,625. At the end of each year thereafter 3 bonds or \$1,500 could be taken up and the interest decreased year by year till the last bond was paid off at the end of the 40th year, during which there would only be three bonds outstanding and only \$75 interest paid on same.

You can readily see from this table, or by making your own calculations that the idea which is very prevalent that in the 40 years we would pay out \$120,000 interest on the \$60,000 in bonds is quite an erroneous one indeed. The law makes it the duty of the commissioners court to either redeem the bonds as fast as possible after the option date passes, which will be 5 years from date of our bonds. By this means the amount of interest decreases from year to year, and the total interest paid out in the 40 years is only \$62,250 or an average yearly interest of \$1,556. More than this amount is absolutely thrown away and wasted each year under the present system of patching our old flat, ungraded roads. If this patching should be kept up for and during the forty years from now on at least the amount on interest mentioned above will have been thrown away and our roads not be in any better shape than they were, in fact, I believe they would be in worse shape, as shown by the roads of

the older counties and the old states which have failed to permanently build their roads. They are full of ditches, mudholes, rock and stumps. Where they are now issuing bonds to build good roads much larger issues are made necessary because of the awful ravage, wear and tear that has been on the roads because of lack of funds to build them permanently and maintain them properly.

Now you ask how can we make the tax rate 6 cents more than we are now paying. As said before

you quit it. That would be the best thing to do but has it been done and will it ever be done, with each commissioner asking for his part of the funds, and citizen urging the commissioner to work the road along by him? You know that you would do just like each of the commissioner past and present, have done. Distribute the funds so that the most people are benefited, even though it be temporary benefit. And mist of the work has only given temporary relief and except save the few bridges built and a very few hills cut down partially, and a few fills made here and there.

This road District, if it should continue to open new roads necessary and try to work its roads with the present amount of road and bridge funds properly belonging to it according to its taxable values, which amount for 1911 will be about \$5,000, could do more than it has through all the past years. Patch and piddle along, and at the end of the year fully one-half the work done is blown or washed away (it does rain in Runnels county to certain knowledge) and this can be kept up year after year if the people desire. In their present ungraded condition, the water when it rains, is allowed to stand in the middle of the roads on level or "hog-wallow" land and the wagons cut them into deep ruts. If he road runs down a slant or hill the water goes rushing down the road and always right in the paths worn out by the travel of the horses and vehicles, and soon a ditch is washed out so deep that the wagons are compelled to change he path to one side or the other and start a new path. The overseer will call out his hands and having from four to ten miles of roads he can only patch the ditches here and yonder with a scraper full of dirt. Possibly in a year's time this part of the road is smooth enough to travel, and the new path made at the beginning of the year has been worn out, washed out, and the same work is to do over again. In fact some of our thirty feet roads have washed out so badly down hillsides that the court has been compelled to buy more land to get dirt to fix them and then the level of the road is two or three feet below the adjoining farms or lands.

The roads must be properly drained. In order to this they MUST be graded, from one end to the other, along level country, over the points of the hills, down the slopes, and across the draw and branch. Only by grading them in this manner will we keep them drained and free from mud-holes, ditches, and so much waste of soil. A properly graded road will easily shed the water, as it falls, to the sides of same, and if they do cut into ruts in places they can easily be repaired with the road drag, which is the solution of the problem of maintaining roads.

Let this road district grade her roads this winter and spring from one end to the other, let the commissioners court after the work is completed sell her surplus scrapers and plows and tools and invest that money in ROAD DRAGS and I believe the Road overseers and road hands, if properly directed and assisted by the resident Commissioner will keep up and maintain with these drags every foot of roads in the districts with practically no expenditure of money from the treasury. We can then take our part of the regular levy and open up and grade the new roads which are being clamored for each term of the court.

Let me say here that Runnels county doesn't need to have her roads all macadamized, clayed or graveled, like the roads have to be built in the East, South and North Texas, and where they are issuing bonds in amounts by the side of which our little issue of \$60,000 looks very insignificant. If we will put a good grade on our roads from end to end (and I mean

by this from one line of the road district to the other), gravel or clay the low muddy "hog-wallow" places, draws and branches after putting in good permanent culverts and bridges where needed, and properly drain them, and then use good common sense in repairing "in time", the DIRT ROADS of Runnels county will not be excelled by the roads of any county in the state of Texas. But remember that PERMANENCY of construction is the word to ever bear in mind. The commissioners in all the Precincts, during all the past years and administrations, have expended the road and bridge funds as well as any other citizens could have done had they occupied the same position. The commissioners court, past and present, are to be commended, I think, for handling the road proposition in Runnels county as well as they have. At least one-half of the regular road and bridge funds heretofore collected have been needed and used to open up new roads through the county, which will continue for the next 5 or 10 years. At least until sufficient roads are established to fully accommodate the demands of the people and the traveling public.

Some one will say that we ought not to place a debt on our children. I don't think we ought to either, unless we can build something from which they will get some benefit or receive something for the part of the debt which they pay. Let us look at the matter of issuing bonds from a sane, sensible and reasonable standpoint for a moment. Suppose our fathers at the time our present court house was erected, had decided to not build a court house as they had no money, and just rent a building for the use of the county. Suppose the present building was standing here in Ballinger and was owned by M. Blank, and the commissioners court had rented the building. What would be a reasonable rental value for such a building having cost \$35,000. Any of you will answer that Mr. Blank should have at least 10 percent on his investment. Well Runnels county would have paid him \$3,500 per year for every year she rented said building. How much has she paid in interest per annum. Only 6 per cent on the \$35,000 or the sum of 2,100. Add to this \$250 per year for insurance, yes, add \$400 for insurance and repairs and you have only paid the sum of \$2,500 per year. Suppose we had rented up to this year, how much rent would we have paid out in the past 30 years? Only the little sum of \$105,000. How much will have been paid out in interest, insurance and repairs, not considering the fact that one-half of the bonds have been long since redeemed and the interest stopped? Only \$75,000, which is just \$30,000 less than the rental above shown. Then too, what can we show for the expenditures of the \$35,000 received from the sale of the court house bonds, besides a saving in rents of \$30,00. We still have our building, as good almost today as it was when erected, and considering the \$5,000 in improvements recently made by the present court in providing necessary offices and bettering the District Court room, no citizen would say that the issuing of the bonds to erect the court house was a bad thing to do, because we can show for the \$40,000 invested a splendid structure, of which we are all proud of. Looking at the matter from an individual viewpoint suppose Mr. Blank is a poor man, paying rent for either a home in the town or on a farm. If he can see clearly that the rent which he is paying year by year are greater than the interest on the purchase price, taxes and repairs of a home or farm, as the case may be, he will borrow money and buy a home or farm. This is being done every day in the year everywhere, and while in some cases men lose money, these

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No. 3533.  
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF**  
 The First National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, September 1st, 1910.

Resources	
	Dollars
Loans and Discounts	\$383,105.93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	31,222.84
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	112,500.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	50,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	31,000.00
Other Real Estate Owned	10,501.80
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	15,061.21
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	266.70
Due from approved Reserve Agents	34,220.44
Checks and other Cash Items	3,446.75
Notes of other National Banks	1,500.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	652.12
<b>Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:</b>	
Specie	\$41,033.65
Legal-tender notes	42,163.65
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. (5 per ct. circulation)	5,625.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$721,266.44</b>

Liabilities	
	Dollars
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	8,486.04
National Bank Notes outstanding	112,500.00
Due to other National Banks	2,870.93
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	6,718.56
Individual deposits subject to check	291,457.63
Time certificates of deposit	31,443.16
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,590.12
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	50,000.00
Reserve for taxes	1,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$721,266.44</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS, ss:  
 I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.  
 CORRECT—Attest:  
 W. W. FOWLER, J. Y. PEARCE, M. A. TRAYLOR, Directors.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 1910.  
 J. WHIT PATTERSON, Notary Public.

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
 of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of September, 1910, published in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 9th day of September, 1910.

Resources	
	Dollars
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$132,202.55
Loans, real estate	3,125.00
Overdrafts	14,678.89
Real Estate (banking house)	41,678.35
Furniture and Fixtures	7,581.08
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	\$55,040.03
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	5,706.26
Cash Items	1,701.92
Currency	6,425.00
Specie	5,847.64
Other Resources as follows: Guaranty fund	3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$275,986.72</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS:  
 We, J. F. Currie, as president, and Jo Wilmeth, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 J. F. CURRIE, President.  
 JO WILMETH, Cashier.  
 Sworn and subscribed to before me this 3rd day of September, A. D. nineteen hundred and ten. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
 A. E. WOOD, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.  
 CORRECT—Attest:  
 M. D. CHASTAIN, W. B. RAY, J. N. ADAMS, Directors

**...With Our Correspondents...**

**MAVERICK SHORTSTOPS.**  
 Well, the long looked for and expected rain came Monday evening. We had a good rain but not enough yet. Have not heard how much territory it covered, but hope it was general. Everybody is sowing turnip patches.  
 Miss Fannie McAulay is expected home this week from Ft. Worth, where she has been visiting relatives.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Farmer of Norton visited in Maverick Sunday with Mrs. Farmer's sister, Mrs. Slaughter.  
 Mrs. Mollie Smith is at her sisters in Coleman county for a visit.  
 Mrs. Tobe Little carried her husband to the train at Bronte last Thursday. She and the children came home yesterday, after spending a few days with her sister in Bronte.  
 Mr. Trans and son returned from the railroad work over near San Angelo.  
 J. M. Johnson and family are at home after an absence of a few weeks.  
 Jim Lewis and family left Sat-

urday for Wise county. We hate to lose these good people from our midst.  
 Estern Castleberry went to Cameron last week to hunt work.  
 Miss Lizzie Borders is visiting her sister near San Angelo.  
 Claude Little visited the home folks a few days this week.  
 A great many farmers are busy now preparing to sow oats.  
 JUANITA.  
**MAZELAND MUSINGS.**  
 The citizenship of Runnels county is Anglo-Saxon. The love of liberty and the right of self government is inbred in their nature.  
 In times of peril they have never stopped to ask about the politics or religion of the man with which they have to touch shoulders in the struggle for the right.  
 In every civic contest they measure up to the full standard of a strong and valiant manhood. What patriotism demands that a Runnels county citizen should do, he does cheerfully. The truest and best, the most pa-

triotic and self-sacrificing have resolved to build good school-houses and good roads to hand down as an inheritance to their children. They have resolved that the non-resident who has large holdings and has never done anything to help develop the country shall pay his part of the tax to help build these roads and school houses. These progressive and patriotic citizens are going to the polls and do their duty. Every man who has the welfare of his country at heart will go to the polls and let his ballot make good his word. There are no cowards among the taxpayers of our county—they are not afraid of a graduated tax that gets lighter and lighter as the sinking fund created by the tax increases.

Our men are full grown men—big sun-burned men, men who mean what they say, men who stand for progress first, last and all the time.  
 When they fully understand the details of the road bond issue—when they understand that the tax will be only about eight or ten cents on the hundred dollars worth as rendered and not that much on the real value of the property, and when they understand that the work will be distributed all over the district—they will stand for it.  
 Our people are in no humor to be grafted. They won't stand for it. Neither are our poor ready for charity.  
 The good name and future welfare of our county demand that every loyal son of the soil do his whole duty. He should not only vote for the bonds but he should explain away all doubts and fears of the weak and tremble. It is no time for grousing—enough of that will leak out unawares. Good roads will not only be a blessing to the farmers individually but as the money will be spent right here at home it will be a blessing to the whole county.

**VALLEY CREEK NEWS.**  
 The continued drought was broken last night by a fine rain. Would hardly know some of the farmers now for they are wearing such a "smiling face."  
 Mrs. R. B. Armstrong returned from Fort Worth and Abilene last Monday where she had been visiting relatives and friends.  
 Rev. Fisher, from Hamlin, delivered a fine sermon at the Nazarene church last Thursday night.  
 Mr. Eric Gaston and Rob Crim left for Oklahoma a few days ago. They are greatly missed in the community and especially in the Sunday School.  
 S. B. Whittlesby's two married daughters came in Sunday from San Antonio on a visit to home folks.  
 Prchal Armstrong left this week for Fort Worth, where he will attend school.  
 Messrs. Will Moutz and his cousin John Wiesman, attended Sunday School Sunday afternoon.  
 Mr. Elliott returned home from Coleman the past week.  
 The Methodist Sunday School, which was organized a few Sundays past, is doing fine and is increasing every Sunday in numbers and we hope through it long and lasting good may be accomplished.

**A VISITOR.**  
**NORTON NOTES.**  
 We are very glad to report a good rain over the Norton country, having fallen Monday night. The Presbyterians closed a successful meeting here Sunday night. There was fourteen conversions and eleven uniting with the church. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Geo. W. Fender of Ballinger.  
 Miss Maggie Taylor went to Snyder Monday to visit her brother John Taylor and family.  
 Miss Maude Herring of Bell county is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Thompson. Miss Herring

will stay with her sister and attend school here.  
 Geo. Merideth and wife left Saturday for Johnston county on an extended trip.  
 Elmo Snow of Roscoe is visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. I. Rayburn, and family.  
 Nina George of Ballinger was the guest of Angeline Thompson last week.  
 Miss Janie Kevil of Marie visited friends in Norton Sunday and Monday.  
 L. R. Hancock and family have gone to Limestone county, where they will make their future home.  
 Mrs. Chas. Dickinson and family visited Mrs. Patterson Saturday and Sunday.  
 T. J. McCaughan made a business trip to Ballinger Monday.  
 Cal Proctor any boys, also Mrs. Marion Hutcheson and children left Friday for Midland county, after visiting Mrs. Patterson a few days.  
 Archie, Rothall and Hammond O'Kelly of Ballinger, sons of Ed O'Kelly, are visiting at the home of J. R. Holliday.  
 Queen of the Prairie.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.**  
 Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to summon from our midst T. L. Patterson, beloved husband of our esteemed Sovereign, Minnie Al'terson, and  
 Whereas, We bow in humble submission to His divine will, believing that in His "infinite wisdom all things are for the best, yet realizing our Sovereign's loss in the death of the departed loved one; be it  
 Resolved, That we, the members of Norton Grove No. 796, Norton, Texas, sympathize with the bereaved wife who, in his death, has sustained a grievous loss; that his sterling traits, cheerful disposition and kindness to all has won for him a love that will ever be a fertile spot to his memory in the hearts of those who knew him best;  
 That we extend to the grief-stricken wife and daughter our tenderest sympathy, commending them to the Heavenly Father who looks down with infinite compassion on the widow and the fatherless.  
 Maizie Taylor, Nora McCaughan and Barie Wilson, Committee.

**EAGLE BRANCH NEWS NOTES.**  
 Rain! Rain! We have had a most glorious rain. A dark cloud came up in the west Monday afternoon and moved northward and about six o'clock it began to rain and kept it up steadily all through the night. At this writing it is raining again and at a time it seems that it could not have been needed more.  
 Miss Maude Smith took dinner with Misses Iey and Mary Warren Sunday.  
 Miss Naomi Williams left Tuesday for Austin.  
 Mrs. J. L. Kennedy visited Mrs. Lerra Tindall Tuesday evening.  
 Miss Mary Lee Tindall visited Miss Josie Davis of Long Branch Sunday.  
 The Sunday School convention committee met at Eagle Branch Sunday evening to prepare a program for the next meeting of the convention, which will be held at Oxien the first Sunday in October. This convention is doing a good work and is educational as well as entertaining and all who can should attend.  
 We have a new visitor who came to stay in our community. A little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Tindall Monday morning.  
 Miss Myrtle Holesstone called on the Misses Smith Sunday evening.  
 Misses Nora Smith and Rosa Watson took dinner with Misses Jessie and Eunice Grabener of Long Branch Sunday.  
 A. J. Smith returned home from Haskell, Texas, Saturday,

where he has purchased some land and is talking of moving to it in the near future.  
**ROZELLE.**

**DIED.**  
 Again the Death Angel has visited Ballinger, and again we are pained to chronicle the death of one of its best women, Mrs. J. L. McWhirter. She had been a patient sufferer for some months and an operation became necessary, and on Monday morning she was taken to the Halley-Love sanitarium of this city, and was operated on in the morning and died that evening at 9:30.  
 Mrs. McWhirter was Miss Fannie La Mott, prior to her marriage to J. L. McWhirter, November 5th, 1899, and probably no girl ever reared in Ballinger had more friends and was possessed of a kinder, sweeter disposition than was Miss Fannie La Mott. She always had a smile and words of cheer for everyone, and during her days of suffering she maintained that cheerful disposition which ever characterized her, and she bore her affliction with that fortitude that bespeaks a noble character.  
 Death is sad when one, in old age, is called on to cross that "Cold, Sullen Stream," from whence no one has ever yet returned, but when one so young, with a loving husband and fond children is snatched from their bosom, it passeth human understanding, and yet God, in His infinite wisdom, knoweth best, and we must bow in humble submission to His will, though it severs heart cords and rends human ties.  
 She leaves three small children to mourn the loss of a fond mother and a loving husband in whose heart there will always remain a vacancy that can never be replaced.  
 A sister, Mrs. Litt Chastain, of Ballinger, a father of Galveston, and two brothers, Frank of Upton, and Ernest of Los Angeles, California, are the remaining ones of the family who will miss that sweet daughter and loving sister.  
 Words of consolation are wholly inadequate to allay the intense pangs of suffering caused from the death of those near and dear to us.  
 A large concourse of people followed the remains to the city cemetery where the remains were tenderly laid to rest, Rev. J. A. Biggs officiating.  
 The Banner-Leader extends sympathy to relatives and friends.

**NOTICE**  
 Notice is here original letters of upon the estate of A. ed, were granted to m- dersigned, on the 17th day gust, 1910, by the County of Runnels County.  
 All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and postoffice address is Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.  
 ELIZA FLINT.  
 Administratrix of Estate of A. Hall, Deceased.

**Money to loan on Farms and Ranches** in amounts from \$1,000 to \$10,000.  
 Y. B. DOWELL & SON.  
 First National Bank Building, San Angelo, Texas. 2t

**BALLINGER MAN BUYS MORE LAND.**  
 R. W. Bruce Buys 256 Acres From Sam Shortiss.

If there has an idea gotten abroad that men who have resided in this county long enough to know it, have lost confidence in its resources and the value of its land, let it be dismissed at once. On last Saturday R. W. Bruce, of the big cotton firm of Rasbury & Bruce, bought 256 acres of land near Maverick from Sam Shortiss.  
 This is a fine tract of land and will prove a very profitable investment for Mr. Bruce.

**SEVEN BALES ON 65 ACRES.**  
 E. C. James, who resides in the Maverick community, was a caller at our office this week. He resides in a part of the county that was hit harder by the drouth perhaps of any section and yet he will gather seven bales off of 65 acres. He has already gathered four, so he said, and had paid up his store account for the past year and was wearing a brand new Stetson presented to him by the merchant with whom he had done his trading.

**TO MR. LAND OWNER.**  
 We are bringing to this section of Texas a lot of land buyers this fall and winter, and would like to sell your property for you, if it is on the market. List it with us now—we get results.  
 Y. B. DOWELL & SON.  
 First National Bank Building, San Angelo, Texas. 2t

**You Can't Afford to Feed Cotton Seed**

We will exchange 3500 lbs of Hulls and 7 sacks of Meal for one ton of Cotton Seed. This makes 4200 lbs. of better feed, pound for pound, than Cotton Seed, and you get 2200 lbs. more feed, on the basis of this exchange. You lose \$9.00 to \$10.00 when you feed a ton of Seed. Look into this proposition.

**The Ballinger Cotton Oil Company**



**CITATION.**  
**FURNISH** STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
 You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Fred Neal by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper publisher in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the First Monday in October A. D. 1910, the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of April A. D. 1910, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1156, wherein Ballinger Independent School District is Plaintiff, and Fred Neal is Defendant, and said petition alleging: The plaintiff's cause of action being as follows: The Ballinger Independent School District is duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas; that it has power to levy and collect Taxes; that it has levied in accordance with law at various times and various amounts until now it has the power to levy and collect the amount of \$50 on the \$100 valuation; that it has levied such amounts for the year 1909; that there was assessed against this defendant \$2.70; that the amount it is seeking to recover is Taxes due against Lot 1 in Block 8 in the Woodward Heights Addition to Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas; that this defendant was the owner of the hereinbefore described property on January 1st, 1909; that the Taxes are still unpaid; Wherefore, its prayer for judgment against this defendant, covering Taxes, penalty, attorney's fees and the foreclosure of its lien and the sale of the above property according to law.  
**TOLER & WOOD.**  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
 Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1910.  
 R. A. TERRY Clerk, District Court, Runnels County.  
 By J. SHIELDS, Deputy.

**CITATION.**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
 You Are Hereby Commanded to summon J. F. Horing by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper publisher in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the First Monday in October A. D. 1910, the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of April A. D. 1910, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1176, wherein Ballinger Independent School District is Plaintiff, and J. F. Horing is Defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that it is duly incorporated under the laws of Texas with power to levy and collect taxes on all property within its territorial limits; that it did levy a tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation in 1909 against Lot No. 2 in Block No. 6 in the original town of Ballinger, Runnels County Texas, to amount of \$7.50; that said property is or was on the first day of January, 1909, the property of this defendant; that the same is unpaid though requested and that there is a penalty prescribed by law for nonpayment of said taxes at the proper time, which penalty also, is still unpaid. Wherefore, the prayer asks for judgment against defendant for said taxes, penalty, attorney's fees, foreclosure of its tax lien on said above mentioned land and the sale thereof according to law.  
**TOLER & WOOD.**  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
 Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1910.  
 R. A. TERRY Clerk, District Court, Runnels County.  
 By J. SHIELDS, Deputy.  
 Greatest values ever offered in Ladies Dresses and Waists. Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

**CITATION.**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
 You Are Hereby Commanded to summon J. H. Glazier by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper publisher in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the First Monday in October A. D. 1910, the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of April A. D. 1910, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1149, wherein Ballinger Independent School District is Plaintiff, and J. H. Glazier is Defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that it is duly incorporated under the laws of Texas with power to levy and collect taxes on all property within its territorial limits; that it did levy a tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation in 1909, against Lots Nos. 3, 4 and 5 in Block No. 4 in the Woodward Heights Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, to amount of \$2.33; that said property is, or was, on the first day of January 1909, the property of the said defendant; that the same is unpaid, though requested, and that there is a penalty prescribed by law for nonpayment of said taxes at the proper time, which penalty is also still unpaid. Wherefore, plaintiff asks for judgment on defendant for said taxes, penalty, attorney's fees and foreclosure of its tax lien on the above mentioned land and the sale thereof according to law.  
**TOLER & WOOD.**  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
 Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1910.  
 R. A. TERRY Clerk, District Court, Runnels County.  
 By J. SHIELDS, Deputy.  
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**CITATION.**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
 You Are Hereby Commanded to summon W. C. Collins, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper publisher in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the First Monday in October A. D. 1910, the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of April A. D. 1910, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1151, wherein Ballinger Independent School District is Plaintiff and W. C. Collins is Defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that the Ballinger Independent School District is duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas with the power to levy and collect 50 cents on the \$100 valuation in Taxes on all property in its boundary; that this defendant is delinquent in the payment of his Taxes on Lot No. 1 in Block No. 1 in Powell Addition to Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, in the sum of \$1.73, together with the sum of \$3.00 as attorney's fees and 10 per cent penalty for the nonpayment of the Taxes January 31st of this year; that the plaintiff is seeking to recover the Taxes due it for the year 1909; that said defendant was the owner of the hereinbefore described property January 1st, 1909. Wherefore plaintiff prays for judgment against defendant covering the aforesaid Taxes, attorney's fees, cost, penalty and interest and for the foreclosure of its lien on said land and the sale thereof according to law.  
**TOLER & WOOD.**  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
 Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1910.  
 R. A. TERRY Clerk, District Court, Runnels County.  
 By J. SHIELDS, Deputy.

**CITATION.**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS.  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:—  
 You are hereby commanded to summon Leadro Saria by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein; but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said County, to appear at the next regular term of District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, on the first Monday in October, 1910, same being the 3rd day of October, 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of August, 1910, in a suit numbered 1208 on the docket of said court, wherein Juana Saria is plaintiff and Leadro Saria is defendant, said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on the 17th day of January, 1907; that soon after the marriage defendant began a course of cruel, harsh and unkind treatment towards plaintiff, and that same continued up to the First day of October, 1908, when, because of such cruel and harsh treatment of the plaintiff by the defendant, she was compelled to abandon him, and did abandon him, and has not since lived with him as his wife; plaintiff asks for the custody and care of Conseepon Saria, their two year old child; and that her name be restored to her. That because of such cruelties and harsh treatment their living together as husband and wife became insupportable, and plaintiff asks that a decree be entered dissolving the bonds of matrimony between her and the defendant.  
 Herein, fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Witness, R. A. Terry, Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas.  
 Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, this the 23rd day of August, 1910.

Issued this the 23rd day of August, 1910.  
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**CITATION.**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
 You Are Hereby Commanded to summon C. Teague by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper publisher in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the First Monday in October A. D. 1910, the same being the 3rd day of October A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of April A. D. 1910, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1171, wherein Ballinger Independent School District

is Plaintiff, and C. Teague is Defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that it is duly incorporated under the laws of Texas with power to levy and collect taxes on all property within its territorial limits; that it did levy a tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation in 1909 against Lot No. 10 in Block No. 14 in Guion Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas to amount of \$.95; that said property is, or was, on the first day of January, 1909, the property of this defendant; that the same is unpaid, though requested and that there is a penalty prescribed by law for the nonpayment of said taxes at the proper time, which penalty also is still unpaid. Wherefore, plaintiff asks for judgment against defendant for said taxes, penalty, attorney's fees and foreclosure of its tax lien on the above mentioned land and the sale thereof according to law.  
**TOLER & WOOD.**  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
 Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this the 30th day of August A. D. 1910.  
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This is one point that all should watch about their body—the cleanliness of the bowels. Keep them clean and free from obstructions. To do this you must have one or two movements of the bowels each twenty-four hours. If your system does not do this naturally, in the process of eating and drinking, then you must obtain aid of some kind. After finding out that cathartics, salts and such things relieve you for a day, but bind you up worse than ever the next day, then try a simpler and more natural remedy like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.  
For the simplest and best way to begin is to send your name and address to Dr. Caldwell for a free sample bottle. Use it as directed and if it convinces you that a brief continuance of its use will relieve you permanently—that it will train the stomach and bowel muscles to again work naturally at certain hours—then buy it of your druggist at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, just as so many others are doing. Then you must obtain aid of some kind. After finding out that cathartics, salts and such things relieve you for a day, but bind you up worse than ever the next day, then try a simpler and more natural remedy like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.  
A brief use of this grand laxative tonic will cure constipation in its worst form, indigestion, liver trouble, sick headache, sour stomach and such ailments and keep you in continuous good health at a very small cost. Such is the experience of many families like that of Mrs. Oscar Fleener, Unionville, Ind., J. F. Daniel, Saron, Tex., and hundreds of others that could be named.  
Dr. Caldwell personally will be pleased to give you any medical advice you may desire for yourself or family pertaining to the stomach, liver or bowels absolutely free of charge. Explain your case in a letter and he will reply to you in detail. For the free sample simply send your name and address on a postal card or otherwise. For either request the doctor's address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, R. 500 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.  
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**FIELD NOTES OF FOUR ELECTION PERCENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE AUGUST TERM OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF RUNNELS COUNTY.**

Baldwin Election Precinct No. 11: Beginning at the point in the South boundary line of the Antelope Election Precinct No. 8, at the S. E. corner of the Brock land. Thence north to the N. W. corner of the Wm. Brown tract of land out of the T. T. Williamson Sy. No. 496. Thence East to Bluff Creek, thence up Bluff Creek to the mouth of Red Creek. Thence up Red Creek to the Taylor County line. Thence West with said Co. line to the common corner of Justice Precincts Nos. 3 and 5 on the East boundary line of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 109. Thence South to N. W. corner of Winters Election Precinct No. 7, at a point immediately West of the said S. E. corner of the Brock land. Thence East to the place of beginning, and elections in said Precinct shall be held at Baldwin School House.

Ballinger Election Precinct No. 1: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the Joseph Bays Sy. No. 530 6-8 in the Ballinger-Pumphrey Public Road. Thence with said road in the direction of Ballinger to the point where same intersects with Fifth Street of the W. E. Addition to Ballinger. Thence in a Southwesterly direction with said Fifth Street to crossing with California Street, same Addition. Thence in Southeasterly direction with California Street to East Avenue. Thence in Southeasterly direction to crossing with West Broadway. Thence in Southeasterly direction with West Broadway, in the middle of same, and continuing along the middle line of Broadway of the town of Ballinger, and passing through the center of the Court House to the Colorado River. Thence on a direct line to the point where the Ballinger-Paint Rock Public Road intersects with the Ballinger-Brady road. Thence in a Southerly direction with the said Ballinger-Paint Rock road to the S. W. corner of the Jno. H. Willis Sy. No. 514 (owned by W. W. Fowler). Thence West one mile to the N. E. corner of the B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 22 1-2. Thence South one mile to the S. E. corner of said Sy. No. 22 1-2. Thence West four miles to the N. W. Corner of the B. S. & F. Sy. No. 33, and the N. E. corner of the J. J. McHenry Sy. No. 508. Thence North to the Colorado River. Thence in a Northwesterly direction to the S. E. corner of the Wm. Howell Sy. Thence in a Northwesterly direction on a direct line leading toward the S. W. corner of the Carter-Anderson Sy. No. 523 to the South boundary line of the E. T. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 165. Thence East about one and one-half miles to the place of beginning, and elections in said precinct shall be held at the Court House in Ballinger, in the South end of said building.

Ballinger Election Precinct No. 24: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the Joseph Bays Sy. No. 530 6-8 in the Ballinger-Pumphrey Public Road. Thence with said public road in the direction of Ballinger, to the point where said road intersects with Fifth Street of the W. E. Addition to Ballinger. Thence in a Southwesterly direction with said Fifth Street to crossing with California Street, same Addition. Thence in Southeasterly direction with California Street to East Avenue. Thence in Southwesterly direction to intersection with West Broadway. Thence in Southeasterly direction with West Broadway in the middle of same and continuing with the middle line of Broadway of the town of Ballinger, and passing through the center of the

Court House to the Colorado River. Thence on a direct line to the point where the Ballinger-Paint Rock road intersects with the Ballinger-Brady road. Thence to the S. W. corner of the Jno. H. Willis Sy. No. 514 (owned by W. W. Fowler). Thence East two miles to the S. E. corner of the H. J. Debeté Sy. No. 122. Thence North one mile to the N. E. corner of said Sy. No. 122. Thence East to the N. W. corner of the Fred Behrens Sy. No. 100. Thence North to the middle of the channel of the Colorado River. Thence down said River to the S. E. corner of the R. M. Williamson Sy. No. 233. Thence North with the East boundary line of said Sy. No. 233, to its N. E. corner. Thence East to S. E. corner of the Geo. B. Wilson Sy. No. 158. Thence North to the N. E. corner of the E. T. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 144. Thence West with Section lines five miles to the N. W. corner of the H. A. Thomson Sy. No. 148. Thence in a Westerly direction to the S. E. corner of the E. T. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 163. Thence West about in a Southerly direction with the one and one-fourth miles to the place of beginning, and elections in said Precinct shall be held at the Court House in Ballinger, in the North end of said building.

Hatchel Election Precinct No. 2: Beginning at the S. W. corner of the Carter Anderson Sy. No. 523. Thence East to the West boundary line of the Austin & Williams Sy. No. 263. Thence S. 15 E. to the S. W. corner of the Austin & Williams Sy. No. 262. Thence in Southwesterly direction on a direct line to the N. W. corner of the E. T. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 143. Thence West with section lines five miles to the N. W. corner of the H. A. Thomson Sy. No. 148. Thence in a Westerly direction to the S. E. corner of the E. T. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 163. Thence West about two and three fourths miles to the N. W. corner of Election Precinct No. 1 (which said corner is near the N. E. corner of the H. T. & B. Ry. Co. Sy. No. 417.) Thence in a Northeasterly direction on a direct line to the place of beginning, and elections in said Precinct shall be held at the town of Hatchel.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS.**

I, R. A. Terry, Clerk County Court, Runnels County, Texas, do certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of "FIELD NOTES OF Baldwin Election Precinct No. 11, Ballinger Election Precinct No. 24, and Hatchel Election Precinct No. 2, said Election Precincts being established at the August term of the Commissioners Court of Runnels County, Texas," as the same appear of record in the Election Minutes of Runnels County, Texas, Volume No. 1, from Page 45 to 48, inclusive.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 23rd day of August, A. D. 1910.  
(SEAL) R. A. TERRY,  
Clerk County Court, Runnels County, Texas.  
By Tom H. Fowler, Deputy.  
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**BALLINGER BOY OFF TO SCHOOL.**

Troy Simpson left the 'atter part of last week for Brownwood where he will reenter Daniel Baker college for another year.

Troy is a member of the football team, and other athletic organizations of the college, and has made good in them as well as in his studies.

Judge Goodwin, W. U. Early and C. L. McCartney, three Brownwood attorneys, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Paint Rock to attend district court, which convened at that place Monday.

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But for the smaller business man, and farmer has it occurred to you that the small bank is the best place for the beginner to go?  
The big bank is often cold blooded and independent, Your business in the big bank is but an incidental detail, and your interests are scarcely noticed.  
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ROAD BOND ISSUE

cases are the exceptions and not the rule. At least one-half the homes in Ballinger were built or purchased with borrowed money, and we never say a word about 8 or 10 percent on same.

The same principle applies in both cases. It is simply a business proposition and one which should be considered from a business point of view. Paying off your debts on your home or farm on the installment plan or year by year is identically the same thing the county, city or state does with her bonded indebtedness. She pays a less rate of interest, why? Because the man with millions had rather invest in bonds at a small rate of interest and know that he has his money invested for a long time, than to risk short loans at a higher rate of interest. The man who purchases the \$60,000 in bonds, if you issue them, will be sure to get his 5 per cent for five years on the full amount, at that time will cancel \$7,500 of them, and each year thereafter \$1,500. So he knows that he has his money invested for at least one-half of the forty years.

Did our fathers of 30 years ago place a debt upon us by building our court house and bridges? The entire county debt is only \$57,094 while under the taxable values of the entire county she could issue over \$2,000,000 and our taxes not be one-fourth as much as other counties and cities. Who is using the Court House and bridges of our county now? Our fathers? many of whom have "gone over the river" and others going year by year, and who shouldered patiently and willingly their part of these debts. I answer, as every man must answer, NO. We, the younger generation the sons and daughters of the patriots who had the courage and business sense—yes "old common horse sense," to issue the bonds and build the court house and our enjoying these properties now, and why should not we be willing to help pay he debt. The coming generations will be willing to bear their part if we build wisely, judiciously and economically any public improvements from which they will receive benefits. Of course it would be wrong to leave a debt for our children to pay if we left them none of the property, but where is the man so unreasonable as to want to say that should a father die and leave all his property to his son with a little debt on the same the son should go around "whining and grumbling" "My daddy didn't do me right at all to leave this debt unpaid."

But some of you say, "what benefit will the children of the next forty years reap from this issue of \$60,000 in bonds?" If we build the 105 miles of public roads in this Road District into good, smooth, permanent roads and they are maintained and kept up, which as I have shown before, can be done at little cost, these 105 miles of road will be just as good, or better 40 years from now as they will be the day we finish the work.

As suggested above every dollar of the \$60,000 will be spent in Road District No. One, among home people, with the possible exception of the bridge across the river which will, necessarily be built by contract, but most of the laborers doubtless will be employed here. Now as to building this bridge. From all indications and inquiries made the great majority of the people of the District, especially the farmers south of the river demand a steel bridge instead of a causeway, and this is the sentiment of the court. A bridge will accommodate the travelers at all times while a causeway would not, and same would call for the opening of a public road from same to the present bridge. As to the cost of same, one bridge contractor has already submitted an estimate of between nine and ten thousand dollars. The building of a bridge at this point will

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Twelve Prizes amounting to .....	\$15.00

Remember in addition to a chance to win one of these big prizes, every boy and every girl who makes a drawing of the RED GOOSE and brings it to our Shoe Department, will get a Prize.

take 60 per cent of the traffic off of the present bridge and likewise decrease the awful risk which is being run every day of accidents on the present bridge from teams running away. The bridge is too narrow for the accommodation of the entire travel to and from the south part of the county and the immense section of the state south of Ballinger. Let me suggest here that a certain statement or rumor has been made in the territory south of Ballinger to the effect that all the \$60,000 would be to build this above mentioned bridge open up the road through Judge Willingham's land to Hall's place and build a fair ground or park on the land he has offered the city, is too ridiculous to notice, but I do want to say, in all sincerity, that the farmers should rebuke such "tommyrot" and vote solidly for these bonds. Not one single dollar could be used on a fair ground or park anywhere if the court as a body wanted to do so. Another rumor afloat is that all money will be spent around Ballinger. It is only 2 to 3 miles along the public roads leading north from Ballinger to the north line of the Road District, and 26 miles of public road north of the Colorado river in the district, and 16 miles of this 26 is on the Coleman road and the Leaday road. There are 79 miles of public road south of the Colorado river in the district, and only 18 or 20 miles of that within 5 miles of Ballinger. Were we to grade, clay and gravel every foot of the road within a radius of 5 miles to the south and east, and to the district line on the north and west, and build the steel bridge, court would not need over \$35,000. Every foot of public roads in this district can be graded, and at least 20 miles here and yonder over the entire district, on all roads, where low, flats, "hog-wallow" places can be clayed or gravelled, all culverts needed put in, and the steel bridge built, and, I believe, have at least \$5,000 left in the Treasury.

It seems useless for me to discuss the benefits to accrue to the city of Ballinger, and the entire district by the issuance of these bonds, and building good roads. This discussion is too long already but I have tried to cover the ground and present the matter as fully as possible for your consideration. I will say, however, that the by voting the bonds and levying the necessary tax, every body pays his part of the bonds, we will have good roads, the farmer is benefited by having his farm brought closer to market and his property enhanced in value, the city of Ballinger will hold her present trade territory, her property values increase, or at least not decrease by loss of trade, and above

all the present serious condition of this section because of the brouth which has cut the crops so short will be made easier, giving numbers of our citizens work to do, turning \$60,000 into the circulation of the town and district, helping the farmer, laborer and merchant and every one, because when one is helped all are helped. Let me suggest too, that during periods of financial stringency, and drouths, the wealthy and "more well to do" people can tide themselves over such periods, because they have property which they can put up as collateral and borrow, even at high rate of interest. But the poorer classes can not do this and must depend upon their labor for their daily bread. If there is no work much for them to do, what shall they do but seek other places. This ought not to be allowed. Vote the bonds, sell them, start to building good roads and we can make the times easier and yet get what we need—GOOD ROADS.

In conclusion let me make the suggestion that the people of the district, should the bonds carry, meet in mass meeting in Ballinger and appoint a committee of five men to act as an Advisory committee with the commissioners court or more particularly with the county Judge and the res-commissioners, as to the plan of working the roads, and let this committee from time to time inspect the roads and the work as it progresses, examine the books and all accounts, etc., and make report to the people through the papers, as to every thing being done. You can appoint three farmers and two good business men, or vice versa, who will be willing to spare a little of their time to do this work, as the commissioners court would have no right to pay them for their time. However the Business League of Ballinger might meet this demand for remuneration if such is made by the committee.

I believe the great majority of the people believe the county Judge and commissioners to be honorable and upright men, and men who will discharge their sworn duty to the best interests of he people. I say this with modesty, but did I believe otherwise I would resign the office in which you have placed me. Believing this I can assert with all positiveness that there shall be no "graft" in the expenditure of this money, if you desire it expended.

Respectfully,  
R. S. GRIGGS,  
County Judge.

We will buy and extend your land notes.  
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NINTH STREET BAPTIST.

W. Bion Adkins, Pastor.  
Morning Theme: "The Cross of Christ the Key to Paradise."  
Evening: "The Tenderness of Christ."  
Sabbath School 9:45.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45.  
Preaching 11 a. m., subject, "Gratitude."  
Senior League 3 p. m., Junior 4 p. m.  
Preaching 8 p. m., subject, "God's Love to Man."  
Ladies' Meeting Monday at 5 o'clock.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday night.  
To all of these meetings you will have a cordial welcome.  
J. A. Biggs.

Do you need money? If so, and you own a good farm or ranch we will give you from 40 to 50 per cent of the real value of said farm or ranch.  
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NUMBER OF OLD TIMERS IN BALLINGER TUESDAY.

Quite a number of old time citizens of Runnels county attended the Isaac Vancil funeral Monday at this place, and on Tuesday Jo Wilmeth conceived the idea of effecting an organization of them, so he rounded up the following men:  
J. M. Johnson, Winters.  
Bert Brewer, Moro.  
Dave Bradshaw, Bradshaw.  
W. E. Allen, Ballinger.  
Jno. Clampitt, Ballinger.  
H. C. Parramore, Ballinger.  
N. J. Allen, Ballinger.  
W. H. Mullin, Winters.  
E. D. Dickinson, Gonzales.  
J. Allen, Ballinger.  
D. A. Cameron, Sr., Ballinger.  
Jo Vancil, Winters.  
G. B. Nixon, Ballinger.  
Vanness Lewis, Winters.  
C. T. Grant, Winters.  
Ben Polk, Paint Rock.  
W. H. Rogers, Winters.  
L. P. Wood, Ballinger.  
Jo Wilmeth, Ballinger.  
He then carried the bunch to the photographers, where their picture was taken, after which they mere carried to the club

rooms and a permanent organization was effected by electing J. M. Johnson chairman and C. A. Doose secretary.

The usual amount of routine business was transacted.

The boys seemed to glad that they were thrown into each other's company once more, and as they would look into one another's faces you could readily discern the degree of satisfaction expressed therein and that they were reminded of the many pleasant hours spent in one another's company something nearing a quarter of a century ago, when Old Runnels was the county site, and the principal population of the county resided there, numbering only about 500 inhabitants, when at night out in their respective camps their only companion was the rattlesnake and the coyote.

They have planned to give a grand barbecue in L. P. Wood's pasture, on Coyote creek, (Old Runnels) on Wednesday, the 21st, inst., in which they and their respective families will participate, such as are desirous being permitted to assemble on the ground the previous night, so as to remind them of the many happy nights they spent together while out on the open range.

Those eligible to membership are those settling in this and adjoining counties previous to the year 1890.

RED GOOSE SHOES.

The progressive firm of Higginbotham Currie Williams Company have been advertising a certain brand of shoes in a novel way this week.

They togged up a man to present the appearance of a great red goose, representing the Red Goose Shoe, and had him parade the streets greatly to the delight of the small boys and much to the benefit of the firm. An ad of the Red Goose Shoe appears in this issue of the Banner-Leader. Read it.

Mrs. B. H. Jeans and two daughters, Misses Ruby and Agnes, of Barstow, are visiting at the home of John Harbor.

Mrs. J. L. Allen of Colorado City, sister of W. A. Jackson, returned to her home Wednesday after a week's visit with the latter.

## AN IMPORTANT EVENT GENTLEMEN

The Fall Meeting of Gentlemen who are interested in buying high grade Made-to-Measure Fall Suits  
AT MODERATE PRICES

The expert Cutter and Fitter from the Great Tailors of Baltimore and New York, SCHLOSS BROS. & CO., will be at our store on

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With a magnificent line of the very latest Imported and Domestic Woolens. He will take your measurements. He will advise with you as to which patterns and styles are best. He will explain to you why the house of Schloss is in a position to produce such

HIGH GRADE CUSTOM SUITS AT SUCH MODERATE PRICES

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