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2884 COUNTY POLL TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED

A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR BUT A PRETTY HEALTHY SHOWING.

The question can you vote is no longer proper to ask for at midweek of this week the question was settled.

It was certainly a busy force in Collector Padgett's office during this week, and when our reporter called on the bunch Thursday morning they seemed slightly fagged out, though they were up and at it.

It is somewhat difficult to determine just the exact number of poll taxes receipts issued from the stubs as many receipts were soiled and changed when attempting to be issued due to errors on the part of parties desiring to pay the poll tax, but a pretty reliable approximate estimate is given out from the office, and is as follows:

Ballinger, Precinct no. 1.....	501.
Hatchel, precinct no. 2.....	110.
Benoit, precinct no. 3.....	62.
Crews, precinct no. 4.....	150.
Token, precinct no. 5.....	65.
Truitt, precinct no. 6.....	38.
Winters, precinct no. 7.....	377.
Antelope, precinct no. 8.....	54.
Pumphrey, precinct no. 9.....	70.
Wingate, precinct no. 10.....	141.
Baldwin, precinct no. 11.....	36.
Wilmet, precinct no. 12.....	95.
N. Norton, precinct no. 14.....	61.
Marie, precinct no. 15.....	30.
Maverick, precinct no. 16.....	45.
S. Norton, precinct no. 17.....	57.
Pearce School House precinct no. 18.....	63.
Brookshire, precinct no. 19.....	24.
Miles, precinct no. 20.....	274.
Rowena, precinct no. 21.....	198.
Olin, precinct no. 22.....	50.
Pony Creek, precinct no. 23.....	99.
Ballinger, precinct no. 24.....	234.

Total 2884.

The above number does not include exemptions as that could not be obtained as we go to press.

The number issued for 1911 were 3146, which is 262 more than was issued this year.

Spinsters Club to Entertain.

The Spinster's Club will put on a Home Talent Play at the Library to-night at 8:30. A splendid program has been arranged and those who attend will get their money's worth.

T. S. LANKFORD OPENS GROCERY BUSINESS

Reaching Out After More Business. Groceries Added to Stock. Experienced Man in Charge.

T. S. Lankford, who makes mattresses, brooms, saddles, harness, sells furniture, stoves and a little of nearly everything else, is busy this week opening up a stock of groceries on the South side of his large building, and is adding this line of business to his trade.

Mr. Lankford is also reaching out after more business in the way of an extensive advertising campaign. He has placed an order with the Banner Leader for a catalogue, and will cover a large territory with his advertising matter and in this way bring new trade to Ballinger. He enlarged his sales force, and Paul Simpson an experienced grocery man, will have charge of the grocery department.

This firm is now in shape to furnish you almost anything you need except dry goods.

Rural Route Number Three.

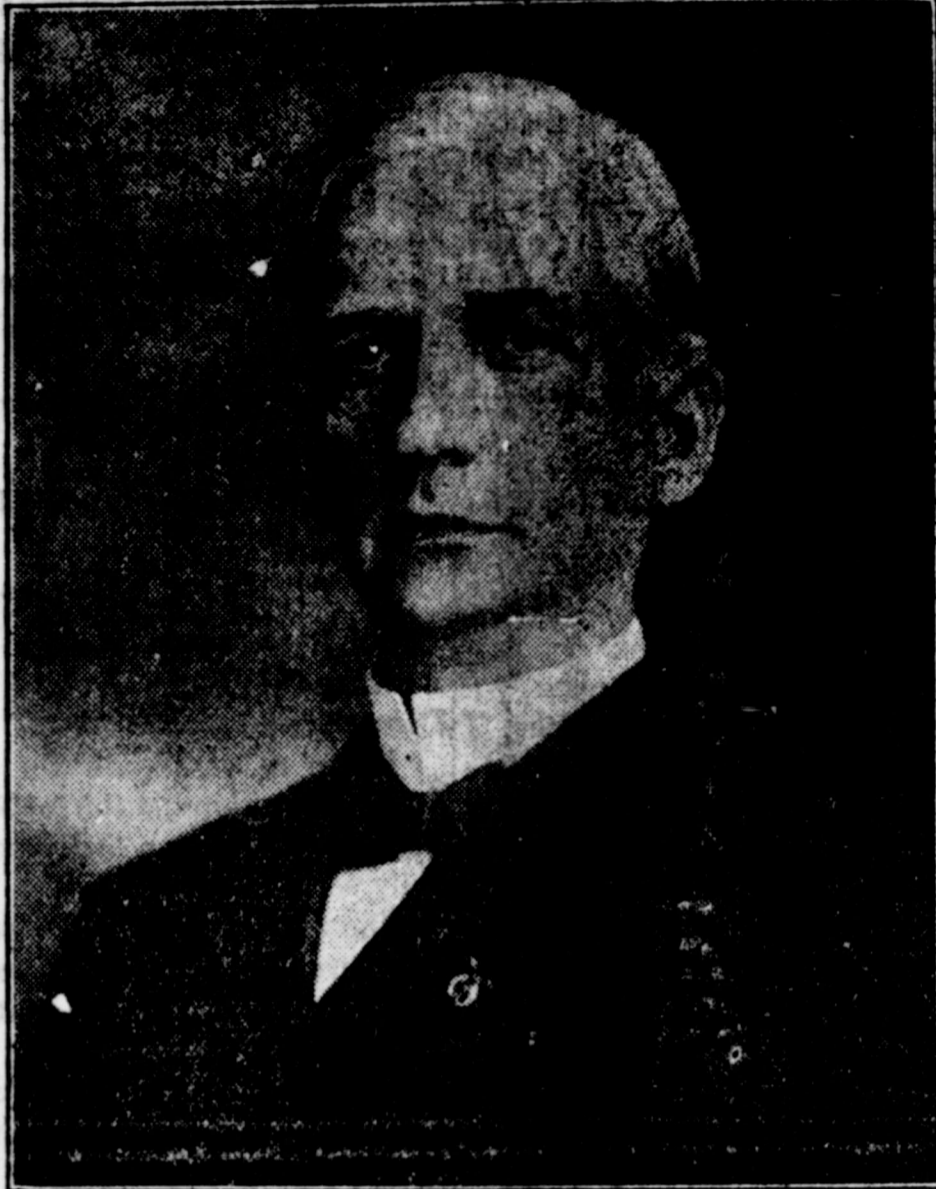
Post Master Cady announces that soon we are to have Rural Route Number Three out of Ballinger. The route is to traverse the Valley Creek section and will fill a long needed want in that neighborhood.

Shields Goes to Hot Springs.

J. Buck Shields, who has been ill at the Sanitarium for some three weeks, was taken to Hot Springs, Ark. on last Monday morning, leaving over the A. & S. accompanied by his mother and brother Lawrence. Buck suffered a stroke of paralysis some weeks ago from which he did not recover and it is hoped that his trip to the Springs will be beneficial.

Joint Debates.

The Hon. Morris Shephard has accepted the challenge of the Hon. Jake Walters to meet him in joint debate during the summer at various places, and some warm times are promised. Shephard is an orator of the Bryan type, and Walters is an seasoned statesman and no doubt large crowds will attend the speakings all over the state.



JUDGE WM. F. RAMSEY, Candidate for Governor

MAN ARRESTED AT TALPA FOR FORGERY

MAN ARRESTED AT TALPA AND LODGED IN THE TOM GREEN COUNTY JAIL.

On information received from the post office inspector at Tulsa Oklahoma, Deputy United States Marshal D. R. Hodges of San Angelo arrested a young man at Talpa Monday, charge with forging a \$40 money order at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The prisoner was carried to San Angelo and his bond fixed at \$1,000 by United States Commissioner Jesse Couch. Upon his failure to make bail, he was placed in jail.

The same man was arrested about a year ago for the forgery he is now charged with and released on a \$500 bond fixed by Jas B. Kating who was at that time United States Commissioner at San Angelo. When his case came up at Muskogee recently, he failed to appear for trial, and his bond was ordered forfeited.

Meningitis in Midland.

Capt. Hutchinson of Midland who is spending a few weeks with his daughter Mrs. T. L. Patterson of this city says that in a letter from his son Archie, he is informed that there been eight cases of Meningitis in Midland and six deaths resulted therefrom.

New Home on Sixth Street.

Dan Moser is having a house moved to a lot he owns on Sixth St. near the Itasbury home, and the place will be improved and fixed up for a nice home for some body. Mr. Moser is undecided as to whether he will occupy the place himself or not. Ben Allen is moving the house for Mr. Moser.

A Hotel Proposed.

The Secretary of the Business League of this city in receipt of a letter from an outsider, who says he has the money and will consider the erection of a big Hotel in Ballinger, provided enough encouragement is offered by local capital and the citizens.

Famous Methodist Dead.

Judge John I. Guion received a telegram from his son David from Fort Worth Thursday that his former Piane teacher, Wilbur McDonald died of Pneumonia in Fort Worth. Mr. McDonald has been a teacher of the Piane Polytechnic College, Fort Worth for a number of years and was David Guion's teacher for quite awhile, and they were very warm personal friends. It will be remembered that Mr. McDonald gave recital at the Library Hall last summer, and made a very favorable impression here who will regret to hear of this sad news.

PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY.

H. A. MASSEY DIED LAST SUNDAY MORNING AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

At his home here on last Sunday morning H. A. Massey passed away. He had been a patient sufferer for many months and his death was no unexpected by relatives and friends.

Mr. Massey was among the early settlers of this city, coming here from Rockwall county, but a native of Louisiana.

He was veteran of the civil War and saw service under Lee, was in the famous battle of Gettysburgh, when the southern army lost almost one-third of its numbers.

His remains were followed to the last resting place by a large funeral procession, attesting the many friends of the deceased. He was a kind husband, a loving father, and possessed a cheerful disposition.

Rev. Bion Adkins conducted the funeral services at the residence and grave.

He leaves a wife three sons and three daughters to mourn his death.

The Banner Leader sympathizes with the family in the loss of a kind husband and a loving father.

For Sheriff.

In this issue in the proper column will be found the announcement of B. W. (Chop) Pilcher for the office of Sheriff of Runnels County. Mr. Pilcher is no stranger before the voters of this county as he has resided many years in Ballinger, coming to the town when it was a city of tents, and during his residence here his neighbors have honored him with office of Constable, almost all the time he has resided here.

He is well acquainted with duties of a peace officer and if elected will no doubt, make good.

He is a good detective, has plenty of nerve and goes after a criminal with a vim, that generally "fetches him across."

E. L. Hagan.

It is with pleasure that we present the name of E. L. Hagan for re-election to the office of County School Superintendent. Prof. Hagan is a school man of wide experience, and is too well known in Runnels Co., to need any eulogies from our pen, yet we can't refrain from saying that he has built up the schools of Runnels County during his term of office, to such an extent, that he deserves another term, and we know of no man better fitted to perform these duties than is the Professor.

BALLINGER CHICKENS CAPTURE MANY PRIZES

SUCCESSFUL POULTRY EXHIBIT HELD AT WINTERS. MUCH INTEREST IN GOOD POULTRY.

A very successful poultry show was held at Winters, Friday, Jan. 19, in which a number of Ballinger chickens captured honors. Following is a list of the awards:

Partridge Wyandotte
Jno. G. Guion—1st cockrel, 1st pullet, 2nd pullet.

Oscar Pearson—1st hen, 2nd hen, 3rd hen, 1st pen.

Single Comb White Leghorns
O. E. Phillips—1st cockrel, 1st hen, 2nd hen, 3rd hen 1st pen.

Brown Leghorns
S. B. Wood—1st hen, 2nd hen 3rd hen.

Mrs. S. McPherson, Ballinger—1st cockrel.

White Wyandotte
J. C. Reese, Ballinger—1st cockrel 1st hen, 2nd hen, 1st pullet, 2nd pullet, 1st pen.

Wm. Havenhill—1st cock, 3rd hen 3rd pullet, 2nd pen.

Black Orpingtons
Mrs. J. J. Black, Ovalo—1st cock rel, 1st pullet, 2nd pullet, 3rd pullet 1st pen.

Silver Laced Wyandotte
W. O. Cryer—3rd cockrel, 2nd pullet, 3rd pullet.

J. H. Powers—2nd cockrel, 1st pullet, 1st pen.

S. P. Stovall—1st cockrel, 1st hen, 2nd hen, 3rd hen.

English Red Caps.
Jno. M. Neal—1st cock, 1st hen, 1st pullet, 2nd pullet.

Pit Games
J. N. Dean, Wingate—1st cock, 1st pullet, 2nd pullet, 1st hen.

Rhode Island Reds, Single Comb
Dr. S. B. Raby, Ballinger—1st cock, 3rd hen, 2nd pullet, 1st pen.

R. L. Shaffer—2nd cock, 1st hen, 2nd hen, 2nd pen.

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W. H. Afford—3rd cockrel.

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W. V. Nance—1st cock, 1st pullet, 3rd pullet.

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Bronze Turkeys
Mrs. W. A. Esmond—1st 1st pullet.

Mrs. J. M. Mills—2nd pullet, 1st Tom.

Will Run Thrasher.
On Thursday, Feb. 8th, we run our thrasher. Let those have maize and cane to thrash notice.

Gilliam & Son.

Make this your New Year resolution



I am going to

A WHOLE field contains countless bolls. But before that field grew, it had to be planted—and then to be looked after. It is the same with money. A single dollar is of little use. But if you plant money in the bank dollar by dollar, it will grow in time to an amount of great value.

Start on the road to independence today by opening a bank account—here.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

Capital \$100,000.



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Uncle Sam is Watching Us.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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TO THE PUBLIC.

Beginning Feb. 1st Mr A. W. Sledge will be associated with The Banner Leader in the capacity as Editor, but I will continue to office with the paper and handle the business side of it.

It has been my intention since I took charge of the paper in May 1910 to associate some practical newspaper man with me, and it was over my protest that he severed his connection with the paper at that time. His coming back in charge of the Editorial department will, no doubt, be welcomed by his many friends, and he will have general supervision of the mechanical department, seeing that only first class work is turned out, and especially will he look after the job work and see that it second to none in this section.

When we parted with the Daily Banner in April '10 one consideration received by us from the Ledger was the job field, and they to abandon same, being feasible to handle a job department successfully with the weekly.

While I will be associated with the paper and office with same I expect to devote some time to other lines of work which has been my desire all the while but on account of certain conditions unnecessary to air to the public I have been unable to do so, until the present.

Believing that the Banner Leader will occupy a larger field of usefulness by reason of the new association and thanking one and all for past favors, I am,

Yours very truly,
C. P. Shepherd,

In referring to the above it is hardly necessary for me to say that I feel at home, and that it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be at my old post of duty.

It was recently reported that I would move to Abilene where I would be engaged in the newspaper business. Such were my intentions at that time, and I did go to Abilene and spend a couple of weeks, but, for reasons not necessary to mention; sufficient to say that Ballinger looked good to me after visiting a half dozen or more other towns, and that I am proud that I can continue to call this my home.

I was formerly connected with this paper for a number of years and I am not a stranger to the older readers. To the new readers I have no promises to make. Will only say that after two years rest, following other lines of work, I feel that I will merit your liberal support and patronage in the newspaper and printing business, and I will always be found boosting for the best interest of Runnels county, and giving you the best there is in me towards the publishing of a weekly paper. There will be no change in the policy of the paper or the business management, Mr. Shepherd having charge of that; further than in the mechanical department, where some improvements will be made that will enable us to handle the work with more dispatch, and special attention will be given the job printing department. This department will be separated from the other work and a competent man placed in charge.

We are here to pull for the progress of a progressive town and county, progressive people, and we solicit your support in all that is good. Any favors shown us will certainly be appreciated, and we will strive to merit all business turned our way.

Yours truly,
A. W. SLEDGE.

Do you vote?

Don't let your neighbor get ahead of you with civic improvement. Plant a tree, plant flowers, beautify your home.

If you failed to pay your poll tax you should post all the cases so their valuable time will not be wasted on you. If you vote say so.

The nine foot sheet law is a new law in New York state. An instance where Texas set the pace in passing laws by passing bed trimming law.

We are still in the midst of winter but spring time will be here before you hardly realize it. Now is the time to prepare for gardening. Plant a garden and help cut the cost of living.

Coke County has a lady in the race for tax assessor. Mrs. Johnson who is filling the unexpired term of her husband who was killed more than a year ago has announced for reelection. In this case the mother is the bread winner for the family and it is probable the people will do the right thing by her.

Col. E. H. R. Green, Mrs. Hetty Green's big boy is on the Pacific coast and the newspaper reports says he is over there looking for a wife. Col. Green makes some very uncomplimentary remarks about the New York girls and says they are not fit for wives and mothers. Eddie has been there and ought to know.

A Midland paper in speaking of the meningitis situation in that town say the greatest damage so far is from the frenzied fright—nervous prostration the people have worked themselves into from the scare. such is the case where ever a fatal epidemic breaks out. What's the use to worry, when worry will weaken your constitution and leave your system an easy prey for the malady.

Runnels county promises to have a state officer after the next election. J. M. Edwards is in the race for Treasurer and as far as this county is concerned it will be useless for any other candidate to run. Mr. Edwards served three years as chief clerk in the office and will become treasurer on April first, succeeding Sam Sparks who resignation will take effect on that date.

Judging from the "Cleaning Up" that Texas towns have been undergoing for the past thirty days Texas is now the cleanest state in the union. The meningitis scare has demoralized business in many places, and the mallady has claimed its toll in the way of deaths and kept many people on the dodge, but has taught a lesson in cleanliness. If cleaning up will stop the spread of a deadly disease keeping clean will keep it stopped.

Runnels county citizens who have become dissatisfied with conditions as they existed through the past year should visit other sections of the state and they would then return home satisfied. We

know this from personal observation and from talking with others who have traveled almost all over the entire state. With only a few exceptions Runnels county is in as good shape as any county in Texas, and in far better conditions than a majority of Texas counties. Prospects were never more promising at this season of the year, and if we don't come back in to our own during the good year 1912 we will take down our sign as a prosperity prophet.

After all the hurrah and fright over the meningitis situation in Texas the report of the state registrar of vital statistics in Texas for the month of December shows that during that month there were only 63 deaths in Texas from the disease, while for the same period of time there were 215 from tuberculosis, 165 from pneumonia 63 from typhoid fever. While the death rate for the month just closed will run higher it is doubtful that will not run as high as the death rate caused by other troubles. The report for December give the total number deaths from all causes at 2, 139 and the births at 4, 275. At that rate it will be several years before the human race in Texas becomes extinct. At the same rate for the next ten years the increase in the population of Texas from births alone would amount 256, 329.

New Comer Seeks Information.

Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Banner-Leader: Pardon me for my inquisitiveness, but being a new comer, I am seeking information. I notice some of my neighbors using "Middle-busters," throwing up great ridges, exposing about three times as much surface to the winds as would be done by flat breaking. Now my information from the old farmers of this section is that we need to conserve all the moisture possible and it is a well known fact that the high winds of this country, causes the atmosphere to absorb a great deal more moisture than the sun's rays. Hence the more surface exposed, the greater the absorption. It occurs to me that instead of conserving the abundant season now in the ground that our friends in listing their land in the manner above stated, are letting all the moisture out, and unless they get a rain fall to fill these deep furrows they are now making, that by seeding time there will not be sufficient moisture in the ground to bring up their seed.

The past record of our rainfall through this section, does not justify us in believing we will get much rain between now and planting time. Hence it seems that we should handle our land so as to keep what moisture we already have.

The famous Campbell Dry Land Farming, says, after you have the moisture in the ground, keep it there by having the surface as near level as possible, by shallow plowing after each rain, and frequent harrowing.

My neighbors who are listing their ground, or myself will have to change methods, and I would be glad if some advocate of the "Middle-buster" as now being used, would give me his reason through the columns of your paper for the manner of thus preparing land.

I am just starting my farm operations in this country, and want the best method possible, and will appreciate very much information from those who have been successful in their farming in this country.

I feel disposed to believe that many are in position to enlighten me on this subject, and are ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh, a reason."

"UNCLE JOSH"

MININGITIS SITUATION.

Austin, Jan. 31.—Incomplete records on the meningitis situation over the state as reported to the State Health Department show that so far there have been 604 cases in the entire state, with a death rate of forty per cent. The indications now are that the epidemic is being rapidly stamped out, though a new case is reported now and then at remote points, which heretofore been entirely free from the disease.

These figures for the entire period of the outbreak, though the late January cases have not as yet been tabulated, and these will swell the total a little,

Ballinger Man For State Treasurer.

Austin, Texas.

January 24, 1912

Editor Banner Leader, Ballinger Texas.

Dear sir:— I am a candidate for the Democratic Nomination for State Treasurer of Texas, and respectfully solicit your support.

When Mr. Sparks was elected Treasurer of the State, he honored me with the appointment to the position of chief clerk in the department, which position I have held for more than five years.

You will understand that the chief clerk acts in capacity of Treasurer, in the absence of the State Treasurer, and that he is at the head of the clerical force of the department; and is held responsible for all funds handled by the department.

Prior to the time I accepted the position as chief clerk, I was teller in the Citizen National Bank Ballinger, Texas, for three years, and was agent and operator for the Santa Fe and Cotton Belt Railroads for a number of years. Am now forty two years old, and lived in Texas all my life, and have never offered for an office up to this time.

When Mr. Sparks resigned as State Treasurer, the Governor appointed me as his successor to fill his unexpired term, and I would like very much indeed to succeed myself, by having the endorsement of the Democratic voters of my State.

Feeling that I am familiar with the duties of the office and capable of rendering good service, I respectfully submit my candidacy.

It is my purpose to make as active campaign as time will admit and I trust that I may have the pleasure of meeting you before the Primaries, but in the mean time if my candidacy meets with your approval, I would be glad indeed to hear from you.

Yours truly,
J. M. Edwards.

IF YOU WOULD BE A MAN.

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
And make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good or talk too wise;
If you can dream and not make dreams your master,
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with triumph and disaster,
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to have the truth you've spoken,
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or see the things you gave your life to broken,
And turn and build them up again with worn-out tools,
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings, nor lose the

The Cook always feels confident of



pure and wholesome food when using

DR. PRICE'S CREAM

Baking Powder

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Baking Powder
Made from Grapes

No Alum
No Lime Phosphate

common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends
can hurt you,

If all men count with you, yet
none too much,

If you can fill each unforbearing
minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the earth and everything
that's in it,

And, which is more, you'll be a
man, my son.—Kipling.

The sun shines bright on Coke county homes only occasionally, these January days, but think of all that snow and ice and zero weather in the Panhandle and then sing "From Greenland's icy mountains" "Bear me Away on a Curtis Bi-plan" "To my home far away, down South in Coke county, along the silvery Colorado."—Bnote Enterprise.

Orderly Editor, Goff of the Enterprise is prosaic, but the above shows he can be come eloquent when he so desires.

Will preach at First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. R. M. Hammock, of Brownwood, will perch at the First Presbyterian church in Ballinger next Sunday, both morning and evening. All members requested to be present and every body invited.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Office \$10.00
County Office 7.50
Precinct Office 5.00

Payable in Advance.

County Treasurer:
MRS. MATTIE C. (C. F.)
DICKINSON.
W. L. (WILLIE) BROWN.

For Sheriff:
J. P. FLYNT.
B. W. (Chop) PILCHER

For County Judge:
W. D. Jennings.
MARCELLUS KLEBURG
A. E. WOOD

Representative, 11th. District:
R. S. GRIGGS

For Dist. Clerk:
MISS MARY PHILIPS

For County Attorney:
H. ZDARIL

County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN

For Constable Precinct No. 1.
J. A. (Dad) DEMOVILLE

Rev. E. V. Cox is in Winters attending the Methodist preacher Conference.

The Fair "Has One Cheaper"

Call on us and see. We carry a full line of Notions, Dishes, Granite Ware, Candy, Stationery, and Books.

YOUR GROCERY BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY!

WE Want it. Nice, Clean Groceries, courteous treatment and prompt deliveries— Is what we offer you.

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A Statement of Facts Backed by a Strong Guarantee.

We guarantee complete relief to all sufferers from constipation or in every case where we fail we will supply the medicine free.

Rexall Orderlies are a gentle effective dependable and safe bowel regulator. They aim to re-establish nature function in quite easy way. They do not cause inconvenience grip or nausea. They are so pleasant to take and work so easily that they may be taken by any one at any time. They thoroughly tone up the whole system activity.

Rexall Orderlies are unsurpass-

able and ideal for the use of children old folks and delicate person. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. Three sizes; 10, 25 and 50 cents. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store — The Rexall Store. — The Walker Drug Co.

W. C. Penn moved from the Conn residence on Eight street, Wednesday, to the Trimmer place near the catholic church on Fifth street.

The handsome new home of J. Y. Pearce is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy by the end of this month. This is one of the nicest homes in Ballinger, being different from any other residence in town.

JUDGE WM. F. RAMSEY STRONGLY ENDORSED FOR GOVERNOR

Citizens of Cleburne Enthusiastically Adopt an Address to the Democrats of Texas.

Cleburne, Tex., Jan. 18.—A number of Cleburne's prominent and influential citizens met at the Court House last night to endorse the candidacy of Judge Wm. F. Ramsey for Governor of Texas. A large and representative attendance was present and there was a great deal of enthusiasm shown in favor of his candidacy. A number of speeches were made.

The address adopted by the meeting is as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE H. T. BROWN, CHAIRMAN:

We, your committee heretofore appointed by you at a meeting held by a large and representative gathering of the Democrats of Johnson County, called together for the purpose of expressing in a public way to the Democrats of Texas our knowledge and appreciation of Judge William F. Ramsey as a neighbor, citizen and Democrat, and to thus manifest in some small degree our interest in his candidacy for Governor of this State, hereby recommend the adoption by this gathering of the following address:

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF TEXAS:

This committee and the signers of these resolutions, as well as the citizenship which created it, is composed of men who have come together from the various walks of life who have not always heretofore been agreed, either with respect to men or measures, politically, and who do not now pretend to hold the same opinions on some questions, both State and National, of moment and importance to the people. They, however, are a unit in the belief that under present conditions the candidacy of Judge Ramsey for Governor is not only opportune and justified, but that the public weal demands it, to the end that hatred and ill-will may be eliminated from our politics and driven from the administration of our public affairs, in the hope that harmony and good feeling may be restored among our citizens and that strife and bitterness shall no longer find an abiding place in the several departments of our State Government; so that every interest and every individual shall feel and know that fair play, a square deal and justice under the law will be the governing spirit in the administration of the Governor's office and that this high plane will be reached in every department of the governmental service.

Judge Ramsey's father, Captain J. J. Ramsey, moved to Johnson County from Gonzales County more than fifty years ago. Judge Ramsey, a child then, has continued to make this his home and the greater number of us have been witnesses of his conduct and life from his boyhood to the present hour.

In his early life he attended the old-fashioned frontier schools of the country and villages, typical of those days. As he approached manhood he became a student in Trinity University, at Tehuacana, where after some years of study he graduated. His early life was not different from that of the average of his kind, among whom he grew to manhood. Coming on the scene of action in the days following the Civil War, his lot was that of the average boy whose father had sacrificed his fortune and health in the interest of the South, the cause he so well loved but lost, the Confederacy, his father having been a Confederate soldier without stain or blemish on his record and to his death desiring no greater honor than to be numbered with those who defended their flag and their homes. After the war Captain Ramsey was a farmer and later a merchant, spending his last years under the roof of his son, Judge Ramsey, who delighted to honor and care for him.

Judge Ramsey has always been a Democrat, with faith in the fundamental principles of the party and never questioning the wisdom of its action in enunciating platforms in State or National conventions and always supporting the nominee of the party as though he were his personal choice, without reference to past differences or beliefs. In 1894 he was a presidential elector on the Cleveland and Hendricks ticket,

making an active canvass of the district. He was ever active in support of the party and its nominees in all the contests in which the life and success of the Democracy was involved and no man gave more of his time and means according to his ability in support of the party than did Judge Ramsey. He was a partisan and one of the most successful organizers in this part of Texas, but possessed the faculty so few of us have of being able to use the soft word that turneth away wrath, rather than indulging in biting sarcasm. It has therefore been his good fortune always to have the good will of his political opponents and to be in a position to become a pacifier and healer of party wounds, without weakening his influence or compromising any principle involved.

Judge Ramsey for more than thirty years has not been a candidate for any office, except for the position on the Court of Criminal Appeals to which he was elected without opposition. His interest in good government has been confined to the advocacy of measures and the support of candidates in harmony therewith and in this he has been active, zealous, untiring and unselfish. His success at the bar was attested by a large clientele and he commanded a position side by side with the ablest lawyers in Texas. In the thirty years of his active practice no defeat was ever so calamitous but that Judge Ramsey was ready to assume full responsibility for the result, and no victory was ever so great that in his modesty and magnanimity he did not insist on the credit being given to those who were associated with him. A notable trait of his character was evidenced by his courteous demeanor and deference to the rulings of our minor courts, according to a justice of the peace of the remotest precinct the same dignity in his court as to the Supreme Judge. To the young and inexperienced practitioner he was at all times careful to consider his lack of familiarity with the procedure and practice, never aiming an arrow to wound his pride or humiliate him before his clients and the public with the view of emphasizing his own superior knowledge or experience. His attainments as a lawyer were further attested by a satisfactory service in which he achieved a well recognized distinction both on the Court of Criminal Appeals and on the Supreme Court. During his entire career in these great positions no partisanship or prejudices have reached or effected him. He has been brave enough and just enough, as we believe, to decide every case according to the law and its merits, without reference to popular clamor or public opinion, looking to the law for his guide and to posterity for vindication. In knowledge of our laws, our courts and the political history of the State, it would seem that Judge Ramsey has enjoyed peculiar opportunities to know, and has come to know beyond most men of his time, their purpose and their end.

In his business life he has been successful, without oppression or imposition. He was for many years connected with the public schools of our city and has demonstrated his unselfish devotion to their welfare and his interest in public education. The father of a large family, he has been a consistent and continuous patron of the public free schools, and, as ability and opportunity offered, of the State's higher educational institutions. He has always been liberal in his aid of all worthy enterprises and is among our most public spirited citizens. No case of charity was ever permitted to pass him unaided. For many years he has been in a position to render special service to the unemployed, to the young and struggling members of his own profession and to those needing the counsel of a wise adviser and in this respect it is not too much to say that few men have ever rendered more of unselfish service to his fellowman than he. The doors of his office and his library were never closed to the struggling, ambitious young man seeking to prepare himself for the law and his advice and tutelage were never denied where time and opportunity made them possible.

Politically he is sound in the essentials of the Democratic faith. He believes in clean politics, pure elections and good government; the protection of labor; the encouragement and protection of capital; the development of the resources of the State and a general forward movement. He has executive ability of a high order, is willing to listen to those entitled to an audience and while a man of settled convictions, unswerving integrity and rigid determination, he has at the same time the equitable temperament which is willing to hear and the kind nature

which invites confidence and discussion. It is believed by those who have known him the longest and best that his election as Governor of this State would mark a new and better era in Texas; that under his guidance the administration of law, civil and criminal, would be improved; harmony restored in the State Government; our educational institutions enlarged, bettered and encouraged; the laws better enforced and every man and woman in Texas made to know that there is a chief executive in Austin who regards himself as the holder of a sacred trust and as the servant of all the people.

Judge Ramsey is now, and has for many years been, in favor of State-wide prohibition. He advocated and voted for prohibition in 1887, as he did during the recent contest. Some of us have not believed, and do not now believe, that this method of treating the liquor question is soundest and best, but while we may not all agree with him upon this or other issues we all agree and unite in urging the Democracy of Texas to support his candidacy, on the ground that it stands for that which is best and dearest to the people of this State.

Among other things for which his candidacy stands may properly be mentioned the following:

1. Limitation of the amount of money to be expended in campaigns for nomination or election, and for publicity of contributions and expenditures both before and after election.
2. The prohibition of contributions by breweries, saloons and other selfish interests to campaign funds in this State.
3. For the improvement of our election laws, to the end that the ballot may be free and pure, and that each citizen of this State shall be entitled to one vote, and one vote only, and that freely cast and honestly counted.
4. For majority nominations, to the end that neither the demagogue nor servant of special interests may ever again be nominated for office in this State by a bare plurality.
5. The nurture, encouragement and extension of our educational institutions, from the common school to the State University, including the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the several normal schools.
6. For the protection of labor and its well being, by means of a just employers' liability and compensation act, as applied to hazardous occupations, and a Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.
7. For the encouragement, betterment and improvement of conditions of agriculture and those engaged in it, as well as stockraising, by means of larger and improved agricultural experimental stations in the charge of practical farmers, and all proper means to protect and advance these vast interests.
8. For such reforms in our code of civil and criminal procedure as will insure justice, save expenses and rid our system of foolish and unwise technicalities.
9. For resubmission of the prohibition amendment and for the regulation of the liquor traffic in a sincere effort to minimize the evils of the open saloon, including a "day-light closing" and "original package" law and the removal of saloons from the residence sections of cities and towns, until State-wide prohibition can be attained.
10. Wise and efficient laws with reference to the development of the natural resources of the State, encouragement of manufacturing, conservation of storm waters and a wise and effective system of irrigation and drainage.
11. A hundred cents' worth of effort for every dollar of the public moneys expended in every department of the government and by every officer and employe from Governor down.

We beg to urge our fellow citizens of Texas who are actuated by a patriotic desire to improve the public service and to restore good government to the hands of the people of the State, to join us in the movement to assure the nomination of Judge Ramsey, in the belief that he has the ability and patriotism to meet the fair measure of every Texan's idea of what a Governor should be.

W. POINDEXTER,
S. C. PADLEFORD,
CATO SELLS,
A. B. HONEYCUTT,
JAS. D. OSBORN,
H. S. WILSON,
O. T. PLUMMER,
W. R. WALKER,
C. M. RODGERS,
S. B. NORWOOD,
R. G. HALL,
R. S. PHILLIPS,
D. W. ODELL,
E. N. BROWN,
W. M. ODELL,
Committee

Were Married.
At 8:45 o'clock at the home of the bride in this city Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stuart, Mr. J. Hugh Wilburne and Miss Beulah Stuart, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Newton of Miles, attended by friends and relative of the contracting parties.

The Wedding march was played by Miss Maxey Chastain and Miss Imogen Sharp and Willie Lankford received the guests.

After the ceremony a delicious salad course was served and then a few hours were spent in social converse.

The bride was daintily attired in white and looked her liveliest on this occasion, the groom wore the conventional black and looked his handsomest.

This wedding is the culmination of a pretty and romantic courtship, and marks the union of two of our most worthy and best young people and the fact that both belong to the same church the First Baptist is worthy of note, as is an infrequent occurrence for two young people to marry belonging to the same church.

The bride grew to womanhood in this city and possesses those charms that go towards making true womanhood, and the groom, by his industry, integrity, and strict attention to business has a place in the business circles of Ballinger that bespeaks more than any words of praise that we might offer.

The Leader joins their many friends in best wishes and congratulations for a long prosperous and happy married life.

Items of Interest to Home Mission Workers.

"The greatest thing," says some one, a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children."

Sailors Rest at Gulfport, and the Biloxi Wesley House have passed the experimental stage and stand approved nearly three years of actual service.

During the year more than five hundred men have been assisted with a pence to spend and a few clothes, and many of them have been provided with meals. The entire work is done by our Home Mission plan for reaching men.

One important part about the mission is that the men it reaches are so largely young men many of them not yet out of their teens and not long out of their Sunday schools. Many denominations of many countries are represented in these young men, and the mission can do much to confirm them in the way in which they were brought up.

Nothing remains stationary in this world, not even a Church School.

It is either advance or retreat, progress or retrogression, growth, or decay. The Sue Bennett Memorial School and Brevard Institute, Ruth Hargrove Institute and Wash-I Industrial School are each advancing along modern lines, but each need more vim and increased facilities for doing more and better work.

A great forward movement is on at New Orleans, Rev. W. E. Thoms has been appointed pastor of Second Church near St. Mark's Hall. Rev. Thomas will superseed the men and boy's work in connection with St. Mark's Hall.

250,000 Women For 1912.
"The slogan this year for the Woman's work of the M. E. Church South, is 250,000 members enrolled in the missionary societies before Dec. 31, 1912.

If each auxiliary makes a campaign for this it may be accomplished in one month.

Why not determine to double the membership of your auxiliary this month? Let March meeting beset for the time when these new names are reported. Will you double you self?

Press Reporter,
W. H. M. S.

MULE AND HORSE SALE.

I will be at the Ballinger Wagon yard good on next first Monday with about 40 head of horses and mules, broke and unbroke, all good stuff. Also one good Jack and Standard bred Stallion. This is your chance to buy a good horse or mule. Can give time on good papers for part of this stuff.
J. S. Patterson.

CROPS ARE MADE BY DEEP EARLY PLOWING.

Parties wanting land quickly and wellbroken, with power traction, address at once, "DEEP-PLOWING" P. O. Box No. 206, San Angelo, Texas.

IF IT IS LUMBER YOU WANT

The Ballinger Lumber Co is ready to fill your wants, at the same old stand, with prices that are right. We carry a complete line of building supplies and mill-stuff. Call on us.

J. R. McVAY, Manager.

Lee Maddox

Real Estate, Loans, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

Promptness, Safety and Reliability are my mottos.

Office over Reeves Ptg. Comp'y Ballinger Texas

Cotton Seed

In Exchange for Cotton Seed we will give Three Tons of Cotton Seed Hulls for One Ton of Cotton Seed, and let you have Cotton Seed Meal at the Market Price less 10 per cent when paid in Cotton Seed.

THE

Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist.
Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-t.

MONEY! To loan on Farms and Ranches. Long time. 33-tf.
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Holding Cotton.

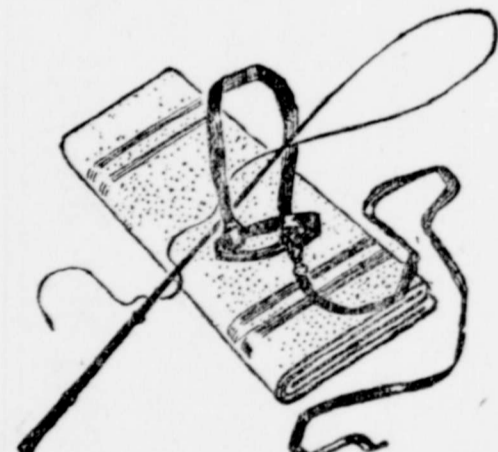
Fire Insurance on cotton cost very little and we can cover same in town or out on your farm.

A. F. Voss & Co. tf.

Cotton Insurance.

We would be glad to show you at what a small expense you could carry insurance on your cotton.

A. F. Voss & Co. tf.



Bits, Blankets and Horse Goods of all kinds to be had for very moderate prices at our establishment.

STYLE AND QUALITY in all our Harness. Fine selected leather, guaranteed to outwear any other Harness purchased at the same price.

Shoe repairing in connection.
H. L. WENDORF.
Ballinger, Texas.

Staple Dry Goods at Reorganization Prices.

All Regular 6 1-2c Outing, Reorganization Price.....	3 1-2c
All Regular 10c and 12 1-2c Outing Reorganization Price.....	7 1-2c
All Regular 10c Dress Percale Reorganization Price.....	7 1-2c
All Regular 10c, 12 1-2c and 15c Gingham Reorganization Price.....	9 1-2c
Extra heavy Domestic one yd. wide, 8 1-2c value, the yard.....	5c
All Regular 15c Kimona Outing, Extra Value, the yd.....	11c
Best 12 1-2c and 10c, yd. wide Bleacher Domestic.....	8 1-2c
36 in. Bleached Domestic 7 1-2c value, yd.....	5c
Regular 25c Linen Huck Towels, per pair.....	19c
10-4 Pepperell Bleached Sheeting, 40c value, per yd.....	23c

All Boys Suits During this Sale Half Price

All Boys \$2.50 Suits Reorganization price.....	\$1.25	All Boys 6.00 Suits Reorganization price.....	3.00
All Boys 3.50 Suits Reorganization price.....	1.75	All Boys 7.50 Suits Reorganization price.....	3.75
All Boys 4.00 Suits Reorganization price.....	2.00	All Boys 8.50 Suits Reorganization price.....	4.25
All Boys 5.00 Suits Reorganization price.....	2.50	All Boys 10.00 Suits Reorganization price.....	5.00

All Mens and Boys Pants at Bargain Prices

All Mens 2.50 Pants Reorganization price.....	1.95	All Mens 4.50 Pants Reorganization price.....	3.39
All Mens 3.50 Pants Reorganization price.....	2.60	All Mens 5.00 Pants Reorganization price.....	3.75
All Mens 4.00 Pants Reorganization price.....	2.98	All Mens 6.00 Pants Reorganization price.....	4.50

SPECIAL 1 Lot Mens 3.50 Corduroy Pants, all sizes, while they last, your choice - - \$1.98

EXTRA 1 Lot of the Famous Eagle Pleated Shirts, values 1.50 to 2.00, your choice - - 98c

All Duck and Corduroy Coats Just Half Price.



Millinery for Women and Children

Entire stock of 200 hats for women and children will be sold at a song. We have grouped together every Ladies and Misses hat that sold at \$3.00, \$4, \$5 and up to \$8.50 and put the extreme reorganization price at **95c** Choice of 50 Hats for women and children, values up to \$2.50 and \$3.00, reorganization price **45c** Be quick if you want one. Look for the green ticket price.

Mens, Women and Childrens Hosiery

All our Mens and Women 10c Hose, reorganization price.....	7 1/2c
All our Mens and Womens 15c Hose, reorganization Price.....	11c
All our Mens and Women 25c Hose, reorganization Price.....	19c
All our Mens and Women 50c Hose, reorganization Price.....	39c

Blankets and Quilts will go During this Sale

\$12.50 Silk Down Quilts, reorganization price.....	\$6.95
7.50 Blankets, reorganization price.....	5.35
6.50 Blankets, reorganization price.....	4.35
5.00 Blankets, reorganization price.....	3.35
4.50 Blankets, reorganization price.....	3.00
3.00 Blankets, reorganization price.....	1.99
2.50 Blankets, reorganization price.....	1.79
2.00 Blankets, reorganization price.....	1.39

Mens, Women, Childrens Winter Underwear

All 25c Underwear, Reorganization price only.....	19c
All 35c Underwear, Reorganization price only.....	29c
All 50c Underwear, Reorganization price only.....	39c
All 75c Underwear, reorganization price only.....	55c
All \$1.00 Underwear, reorganization price only.....	79c
All \$1.25 Underwear, reorganization price only.....	95c
All \$1.50 Underwear, Reorganization price only.....	\$1.19

Skirts Re-organization

Price

2.35

Women's and Children's Sweaters.

Will go during this Re-organization Sale.

All \$7.50 Sweaters Re-organization Price.....	4.95
All 6.50 Sweaters Re-organization Price.....	3.95
All 5.00 Sweaters Reorganization Price.....	2.95
All 4.00 Sweaters Re-organization Price.....	2.45
All 3.50 Sweaters Re-organization Price.....	1.95
All 2.50 Sweaters Re-organization Price.....	1.49

Supply Your Needs During the Reorganization Sale.

All Regular 5c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	.3 1/2
All Regular 7 1-2c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	5c
All Regular 8 1-2c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	6 1-2c
All Regular 10c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	7 1-2c
All Regular 12 1-2c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	9c
All Regular 15c Embroidery and Laces, Reorganization Price.....	11c
All Regular 20c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	13c
All Regular 25c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	16c
All Regular 35c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	23c
All Regular 50c Embroidery and Laces Reorganization Price.....	39c

Shoes for Men, Women and Children

This includes all High Top Shoes none reserved

Men's \$6.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	\$4.95	Women's \$4.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	\$3.20
Men's \$5.50 Shoes Sale Price.....	4.49	Women's \$3.50 Shoes Sale Price.....	2.80
Men's \$5.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	3.98	Women's \$3.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	2.40
Men's \$4.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	3.20	Women's 2.50 Shoes Sale Price.....	1.98
Men's \$3.50 Shoes Sale Price.....	2.80	Women's \$2.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	1.59
Men's \$2.50 Shoes Sale Price.....	1.98	Women's \$1.95 Shoes Sale Price.....	1.39
Men's \$2.00 Shoes Sale Price.....	1.59	Women's \$1.50 Shoes Sale Price.....	1.20
1 lot Men's Shoes, Stacy Adams, Harvard & Foster makes values \$5, \$5.50, and \$6.....	2.98	1 lot Women's Shoes Values up to \$4.00, Broken sizes Choice of lot.....	1.95
1 lot Men's Shoes values up to \$4.00 only.....	1.98	Children's Shoes Reduced accordingly.	

CLOSED

Our store will closed all day Saturday Feb 3rd, to mark down prices and arrange stock for BIG SALE

Tell Your Friends About This Big Sale.

You Will Save Money by Coming.

Higdon Melton Jackson Co.

THE STORE AHEAD. BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Look for the Big Sign. Watch for the Green Tickets. Join the big crowds that are sure to visit this Big Sale.

CASH

Remember the sale is for the spot cash only. No goods charged at these prices. Don't ask for credit.

HIGDON MELTON JACKSON COMPANY

GREAT REORGANIZATION AND CLEARANCE SALE COMBINED

No Goods Charged--No Goods Go on Approval

Entire Stock of Over \$40,000 Worth of High Grade Merchandise at Radical Reduction of 25 to 65 per cent.

No Goods Charged--No Goods Go on Approval

**Begins
Monday
Morning
Feb. 5th at
9 O'clock.**

Beginning Monday morning Feb. 5th, and lasting for twelve selling days, we will place on sale our entire stock of high grade merchandise without reserve. Positively every garment and every piece of goods in the house will be marked in plain figures with green tags at greatly reduced prices. Further profits have been entirely ignored and in many cases we have closed our eyes to heavy losses in order to make a sure clearance of all Fall and Winter goods; besides we need money as we expect to reorganize and recapitalize our stock to \$50,000. We are going to make prices never before dreamed of during a sale. Its a fixed policy of this store never to carry goods over from one season to another. Come to this sale expecting great bargains and we guarantee you will not be disappointed. Although we have engaged large forces of extra salespeople it will be impossible to give you the usual attentive service owing to the dense crowds the sale is bound to attract; however we will do our very best to serve you promptly. We state facts precisely as they exist, when we say the sale will positively surpass all previous attempts at Bargain giving in your midst. There will be no price juggling or misrepresentations. We guarantee to deliver the goods just as advertised. Every lady should be on hand Monday promptly at 9 o'clock and contest for the free dress patterns.

**Closes Saturday night
Feb. 17th at
Promptly
10 O'clock.**

Mens and Boys Clothing at Reorganization Prices.

In this department we have closed our eyes to heavy losses in order to make an absolute clean up of all clothing on hand. Our loss will be your gain.

All Mens \$25 Suits, Reorganization price	\$16.95
All \$20.00 Suits, Reorganization price	13.95
All \$15.00 Suits, Reorganization price	11.95
All \$12.50 Suits, reorganization price	9.95
All \$10.00 Suits, Reorgsnization price	7.95
EXTRA! Lot Mens Suits, Broken sizes, values up to \$7.50, choice Reorganization price	2.98

All Mens Overcoats at Just Half Price

All \$7.50 Overcoats, Reorganization price	\$3.75
All \$8.50 Overcoats, Reorganization price	4.25
All \$10.00 Overcoats, Reorganization price	5.00
All \$12.50 Overcoats, Reorganization price	6.25
All \$15.00 Overcoats, Reorganization price	7.50
All \$20.00 Overcoat, Reorganization price	10.00
All \$25.00 Overcoat, Reorganization price	12.50

FREE

Ten Beautiful Calico Dress Patterns will be given absolutely free to the first ten ladies spending one dollar or more at our store on opening day. Doors open promptly at nine o'clock.



Ladies' Tailored Suits and Cloaks.

Entire Stock of Tailored Suits, Dresses and Cloaks will be sold for less than 1-2 price. This means that you can get two for the price of one. Make hay while the sun shines.

All \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$30 and \$35 Tailored Suits during this re-organization sale, choice	\$9.95
All \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00 Tailored Suits Choice,	\$7.95
All Misses' Tailored Suits that sold for \$8.50, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15.00, re-organization sale price	\$4.95

Dresses to go at Unheard-of Prices.

\$25.00 Dresses to go at Rr-organization Price,	\$11.95
\$20.00 Dresses Re-organization Price	8.95
18.50 Dresses Re-organization Price,	7.95
15.00 Dresses Re-organization Price,	6.95
12.50 Dresses Re-organization Price,	5.95
10.00 Dresses Re-organization Price,	4.95
7.50 Dresses Re-organization Price,	3.95

Skirts Going at Re-organization Prices

All \$10.00 Skirts Re-organization Price	\$6.65
All 8.50 Skirts Re-organization Price,	5.65
All 7.50 Skirts Re-organization Price,	4.95
All 5.50 Skirts Re-organization Price,	4.35
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Whereas the Almighty of his organization the deep joy by spirit fought joying world who so little tolerance in that n the wh me wh fau sok joint actives sent s for I signed: D. L. W. O. at the

PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT TEXAS.

Briefly Told—Of Interest to The Busy Reader.

A dairy farm has been established at Victoria by Wm. J. Quirke.

A farmer living near Balmorhea, recently took from forty beehives, 1,600 pounds of honey.

An eight-story reinforced concrete building to cost \$175,000 is to be built at Dallas soon.

The extension of the Port O'Connor branch of the Frisco will be finished into Victoria from Bloomington within the next thirty days.

Within the last few days, twelve train loads of fruit and vegetables have been shipped from southwest Texas to Northern markets.

The Texarkana National Bank is considering plans for a seven-story building to be erected at a cost between \$150,000 and 200,000.

Wherry Brothers, of Palestine, have purchased a tract of land near there, and will begin the construction of a planning mill at an early date.

A milling Company of Toronto, Canada, has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with principal offices at El Paso; capital stock \$500,000.

A conservative citizen of Chicago, who keeps abreast of the time, has predicted that the Texas display at Chicago, Land Show, following the extreme and continued cold weather in the North, will result in an investment not over \$10,000,000 in Texas this year.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." Sold by all dealers.

Work has begun on a ten pumping plant south of plainview for irrigation.

A window glass plant will be established immediately at Wichita Falls.

A gas well, showing a flow of 3,190,000 cubic feet a day has been brought in at Trickham, near Brownwood.

One hundred and twenty-five acres of land near Taylor recently sold for one hundred sixty-five dollars per acre.

An election will be held at San Benito on February 3rd to vote on issuing bonds of \$452,000 for a drainage system.

Grading has begun on the interurban railway from Mission to Monte Cristo. It is expected that the line will be completed within three months.

Twenty Boys' Corn club have been organized in Bexar county by W. G. Hond, special representative of the United States department of agriculture for Bexar county.

Statisticians just compiled by the Longview Chamber of Commerce show that something over \$900,000 in public and private improvements were spent during the year 1911.

The citizens of Wharton and Fort Bend counties have under consideration the building of a paved highway toward Galveston to connect with a fine paved road from the city of Galveston to the Galveston county line.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

Announcement

The West Texas Telephone Co. has acquired the telephone properties formerly owned by Mr. J. W. Norman of Pntint Rock.

These properties will be thoroughly overhauled and renovated. Our newly acquired Ballinger and Eden toll lines will also be worked over and put in first class shape. Our Construction Crew will begin the contemplated improvement about the first of February, and nothing will be left undone to make our service in and through Paint Rock conform to the high standard set and maintained by this Company.

West Texas Telephone Company.

Fresh Landreth's and Texas Seed Garden Seed In Papers and in Bulk at Dornbergers.



BAD DIGESTION

Biliousness and constipation bring on kidney disease which is the great destroyer of life. The safe course is to remove bilious disorders as soon as they appear.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a system tonic and corrective which carries its cleansing and stimulating influence to every part of the body, drives out impurities, strengthens digestion and quickly restores energy and cheerful spirits.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

PRICE \$1.00

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

Died.

News reached Ballinger early this (Friday) morning that Walter Stewart died at Winters at an early hour. He was taken with pneumonia on Jan. 22nd, and was sick at the Sanitarium for some days, and on last Saturday was moved to his home at Winters.

Young Stewart was bookkeeper for Higdon Melton Jackson Co., for some months the past year and was a pleasant agreeable young man who made many friends. He is the son of a widow, and was her support.

The Banner-Leader joins relatives and friends and extends sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement.

MCKAY GETS CRAP SHOOTERS.

McKay landed on a couple of crap shooter Tuesday finding them in the loft of a stable. The victim marched to the lick-log and paid the cost of violating the gaming law.

Rev. Geo. F. Kornegay, of Talpa passed through Ballinger Wednesday, en route to Winters to attend a conference of the Methodist church.

Congress will recognize the new Republic of China following flight of the Manchus from Pekin.

FOR SALE.

A ton or more good sorghum hay in bundles. Call at 409-7 St.

Mrs. W. C. Reeves was called to Farmersville Wednesday to be at the bed side of her sister, who was reported very ill.

Rev. B. Crimm, who is attending the Howard Payne College at Brownwood, was here first of the week, visiting his father, and while here secured his voting certificate.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Croup Ends Life

Many Children Die of Croup Every Year Before a Doctor can be Summoned!

Parents of children should be prepared at all times for a spasm of croup.

Keep in the house a remedy that will give instant relief and keep the child from choking until the arrival of the physician.

Get a 50 cent bottle of Hyomei today and case of an attack of croup pour 20 drops into a kitchen bowl of boiling water. Hold the child's head over the bowl so that it can breathe the soothing, penetrating vapor that arises. In the meantime send for a physician.

This treatment has saved the lives of many children and is a precaution that all parents should promptly take.

HYOMEI is sold by Walker Drug Co. and druggists everywhere and is guaranteed for croup, catarrh, asthma and bronchitis.

See E. A. Jeanes if you want fertilizers of any kind.

A truck growers association has been organized at Sinton.

It is reported that the Santa Fe railroad will build a new passenger station at Cleburne.

The homeseekers excursions into Plainview are bringing many prospective buyers to that city.

Seventeen special cars have passed through Houston to points along the Brownsville line of the Frisco, on the homeseekers excursion, in the past few days.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

MULES FOR SALE.

I will be at the Ballinger Wagon yard next first Monday with about 40 head of horses and mules, broke and unbroke, all good stuff. Also one good Jack and Standard bred Stallion. This is your chance to buy a good horse or mule. Can give time on good papers for part of this stuff.

J. S. Patterson.

WHY SO WEEK?

Kidney Troubles May be Sapping Your Life Away. Ballinger People Have Learned This Fact.

When a healthy man or woman begin to run down without apparent cause; becomes weak languid depressed suffers backache headache, dizzy spells and urinary disorders, kidneys weakness may be the cause of it all. Doan's Kidney Pills cure kidneys and keep them well. Can Ballinger readers demand further proof than following:

Mrs. Hallmark of Coleman says I received great benefit from Doan's Kidney Pills and highly recommend them. I had been troubled a long time by nervousness and my health was very much run down. My kidneys also bothered me. I learned about Doan's Kidney Pills being good for troubled and procured some. After I had used half box I noticed a change for the better the nerves got steady and the effect upon my kidneys was noticeable at once. The contents of one box of Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of my troubles and I have been in good health since.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

SHOE REPAIRING.

We are better than ever prepared to do shoe repairing. We have added some new machinery of the latest model and can do you better work than in the past. Give us a trial.

SHAFFER & MULLIN

Ballinger, Texas.

Helpful Hints On Hair Health

Scalp and Hair Troubles Generally Caused by Carelessness

Dandruff is a contagious disease caused by a microbe which will also produce baldness.

Never use a comb or brush belonging to someone else. No matter how cleanly they may be. It is easier to catch microbes than it is to get rid of them, a single stroke may lead to baldness. Never try on any body else's hat. Many hat band is a resting place for microbes.

If you happen to be troubled with dandruff etching scalp falling hair or baldness we have a remedy that we believe will completely relieve these troubles. We are so sure of this that we offer it to you with the understanding if it does not produce the results we claim. This remedy is called Rexall 93 Hair Tonic. We honestly believe it to be most scientific remedy for scalp and hair troubles and we know of nothing else that equals it for effectiveness because of the results it has produced in thousands of cases.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is devised to banish dandruff restore natural color when loss has been brought about by disease and make the hair naturally silk, soft and glossy. It does this because it stimulates the hair follicles destroys the germ matter and brings about a free healthy circulation of blood which nourishes the hair causing them to tighten and grow new hair. We want everybody who has any trouble with hair or scalp to know that we think that Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is best and restorative in existence and no one should scoff at our doubt this statement until they have put our claims to a fair test with the understanding that they pay us nothing for the remedy if it does not give complete satisfaction in every particular. Two sizes: 50c. and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at our store: The Rexall Store, The Walker Drug Co.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists. 52 t

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST

We have a few vacancies in the RUNNELS COUNTY FRIEND-IN-NEED SOCIETY NO. 1.

This is your opportunity to become a member of this society.

A. F. VOSS, Sec'y., 29-tf Ballinger, Texas

REAL ESTATE LOANS

With the advent of the new year, we have several new loan companies that we have recently induced to enter Runnels county territory and are therefore in a position to take up and extend the time of your past due Vandors Lien Notes, as well as to make you first Mortgage Loans.

As our inspector will be out shortly, and it takes some time to get these matter through, you had best put in your application in advance of his coming.

For further particulars call on or write

C. A. DOOSE & CO., Ballinger, Texas.

Cotton Cotton

We can issue you a fire insurance policy on your cotton in town or country at a very small cost.

A. F. Voss & Co. tf.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

SYSTEMIC CATARRH RELIEVED BY PERUNA.

My Husband Also Uses Peruna.

Mrs. Della May Samuels, whose picture accompanies this testimonial and who resides at 358 N. Conde St., Tipton, Ind., writes The Peruna Co., as follows: "Eight bottles of Peruna completely cured me of systemic catarrh of several years standing, and if my husband feels badly or either of us catch cold we at once take Peruna."

Stomach Trouble.

Mrs. Wilson Robinson, 704 Nettle St., Toledo, Ohio, writes: "I feel like a new person. I have no more heavy feelings, no more pain, don't belch up gas, can eat most anything without it hurting me. I want to be working all the time. I have gained twenty-four pounds." "People that see me now and saw me two months ago seem astonished. I tell them Peruna did it. I will say it is the only remedy for spring and all other ailments."



"Cardui Cured Me"

For nearly ten years, at different times, Mrs. Mary Jinks of Treadway, Tenn., suffered with womanly troubles. She says: "At last, I took down and thought I would die. I could not sleep. I couldn't eat. I had pains all over. The doctors gave me up. I read that Cardui had helped so many, and I began to take it, and it cured me. Cardui saved my life! Now, I can do anything."

TAKE The CARDUI Woman's Tonic

If you are weak, tired, worn-out, or suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, dragging-down feelings, pains in arm, side, hip or limbs, and other symptoms of womanly trouble, you should try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Prepared from perfectly harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is the best remedy for you to use, as it can do you nothing but good. It contains no dangerous drugs. It has no bad after-effects. Ask your druggist. He sells and recommends Cardui.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 54



Stop and Think

How Should a Good Planter Work?

THE sweep should enter the ground first. Then the seed begins to drop and the covering shovels come down in time to cover the first hill. At the end of the row the sweep should come up first, then the seed stop, and the last hill be covered before the shovels come up.

What Planter Does Such Work?

THE J. I. CASE

The best way for you to see how this planter works, is to look it over. We are able to take care of your needs to good advantage in other lines.

Mitchel and Iron Clad Wagons,
Case and Jno. Deere Cultivators,
Canton and Jno. Deere
Disc Plows, Veli Buggies

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

The Store that gives a Square Deal or None. Ballinger, Texas.

Gone to Market.

R. T. Williams, of the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., left yesterday for the Eastern Markets where he will buy goods for the Ballinger house. He will be joined by Bob, St. Clair and R. W. Higginbotham, of Dublin who will assist in the buying and goods will be bought for the Higginbotham string of stores.

Return to Their Western Homes.

Kenzie Routh and Frank LaMott, left last Saturday for their ranches in West Texas. Kenzie goes to Garden City and Frank to Upton Co. The boys have been here since Christmas visiting home folks and enjoying life in a civilized country.

HORSES FOR SALE.

I will be at the Ballinger wagon yard on next first Monday with about 40 head of horses and mules, broken and unbroken, all good stuff. Also one good Jack and Standard bred Stallion. This is your chance to buy a good horse or mule. Can give time on good papers for part of this stuff.

J. S. Patterson.

Angelo Hotel Destroyed By Fire.

The San Angelo Standard reports the burning of the Concho hotel at San Angelo at two o'clock Monday morning. It was a twenty room building and was owned by Owen Dougherty, and the loss is placed at \$7000 with 4000 insurance.

When the occupants discovered the fire the building was enveloped in flames, and they escaped in their night clothing, and was a narrow escape for several, Mr. Dougherty himself receiving some painful burn.

Pneumonia and Pleurisy.

For over thirty years Hunt's Lightning Oil has been acknowledged to be a very quick relief when rubbed well on the chest. Many hundred letters testify to the benefit it has given others. Why not try it? All druggists, 25c and 50c bottles.

Baking in Cold Weather.

Is a problem to the housewife. Why not let us do your baking and save all that trouble? Our bread is the best and is always fresh. A satisfied customer is the best advertisement and we have many. If you have not paid us a visit let us form your acquaintance and be friends. Good service, courteous treatment and prompt delivery is our motto.

The Ballinger Steam Bakery,
Joe Haddin, Manager.

BOY'S EYE BADLY HURT.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bowden of the Maverick community was painfully and dangerously injured Saturday. He was playing in a buggy when he fell out, striking a rod. This caught in an eye, spitting the lid and badly bruising it not penetrating the ball.

The father hastened to Ballinger with the child and he was given expert medical attention. The physician pronounced the injury to the eye very dangerous but is hopeful of preventing the loss of sight.

Friends of the family regret the accident and join in the hope expressed by the physician.—Bronze Enterprise.

Good evening. Have you broken your New Year resolutions yet? We have. We had decided not to lose our temper during the good year 1912, and the first dash out of the box we were called to task for not publishing an account of a little social affair we knew nothing about, and about which every one in attendance neglected to tell us. Of course, every one thinks a newspaper man is a mind reader and knows everything that is going on at all times; but he doesn't. He must depend upon his friends and acquaintances for all the news he publishes. Please remember this and try to assist us in making good upon our resolve not to lose our temper any more.—Weatherford Herald.

MULES AND HORSES FOR SALE ON CREDIT.

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J. S. Patterson.

A NEW GROCERY STORE!

(At old Mixon Stand.)

To my friends and neighbors:-

We have opened up a stock of Groceries at the old stand formerly occupied by J. O. Mixon, and we ask for a **Share** of your trade. We are going to carry the best stock and will sell just as cheap as possible. Our deliveries will be prompt and your orders will be carefully filled.

Yours for business,

W. B. WOOD & SON,
Ballinger, Texas.

TOOLS OF ALL KINDS. HARDWARE FOR EVERY ONE



No matter what you do, you must have tools to carry on your work. We have tools of all kinds: for farmers, carpenters, blacksmiths, gardeners—for everybody.

Our line of hardware is always up to date. Our stuff will wear. If you don't believe our prices are low, come in and see.

Hall Hardware Company

Changed Hands

I have purchased the City Meat Market, and am conducting the business at the same old stand and ask for a share of your patronage. We handle Good Meats and make prompt deliveries.

LEWIS (Stugy) MARTIN, Prop.

FREE SAMPLE OF LAXATIVE CURED HIS CONSTIPATION

When a person has become discouraged through years of failure to find a cure, and finally, perhaps, gives up trying, it is small wonder that he becomes skeptical. And yet, to all who have constipation, we would say, "Try just one thing more."

We wish you would try Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a laxative tonic that has been used for a generation. Thousands are using it; surely some of your friends among the number. You can buy it of any druggist at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, but better still, send your name and address to Dr. Caldwell for a free sample bottle. He will send you enough to convince you of its merits, and then if you like it you can buy it of your druggist. Mr. J. J. Petty of Unionville, Mo., Mr. George W. Zimmerman of Harrisburg, Pa., and many others of both sexes and in all parts of the country first used a sample bottle and now have it regularly in the house.

You will learn to do away with salts, waters and cathartics for these are but temporary reliefs while Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is guaranteed to cure permanently. It will train your stomach and bowel muscles so that they will do their work again naturally without outside aid. Cast aside your skepticism and try Syrup Pepsin.

For the free sample address Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas it has seemed good to the Almighty dispenser of events to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed fellow-citizen Martin, and whereas intimates as long held by the deceased the members of this fraternity render it proper that we should place upon our record appreciation of his worth as a Woodman and his worth as a man therefore.

Be it resolved that we deplore the loss of Sov, Ollie Martin with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the confident hope that his spirit is with those who having fought the good fight here are enjoying perfect happiness in that world of bliss.

Resolved that we tender to his afflicted relations our sincere condolence and our earnest sympathy in their affliction at the loss of one who was a good citizen, a devoted son and brother, a true Woodman and upright man.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased, and a copy sent to each of our county papers for publication.

W. J. Wilkinson,
D. L. Brevard,
W. O. Wood.

That has intestinal worms trapped in its growth. A of WHITE'S CREAM VEI destroys and expels worm immediately improves and wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Monroe Brewer.

Monroe Brewer has moved to Ballinger and will be associated with his brother, Jas E. Brewer in the jewelry business. Monroe lived quite a long time in Ballinger and has many friends who will be glad to welcome him home once more. He will be a valuable acquisition to the business as he is a fine work man, having had a great deal of experience as a jeweler. He has not yet moved his family but will soon. The Banner Leader is glad to welcome Mr. Brewer back to his old town.

Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chillsblains.

There is nothing that gives so quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The very minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniment has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

Walker Drug Co. Installs New Fountain.

Ever ready to keep pace with the progress of the times, the Walker Drug Co., this week has installed a beautiful new Soda Fountain of marble. It is large and will be the swellest drinking place in this part of the state. They had a good one already but the management goes on the theory that the best is none too good for his customers.

Judge Stone Undergoes Operation.

Judge B. B. Stone was operated on at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Monday for appendicitis, and the latest report from the sanitarium states that he is getting along nicely. The operation was very successful one, and the Judge's many friends will be glad to know that he will soon be himself again.

Go to E. A. Jeanes.

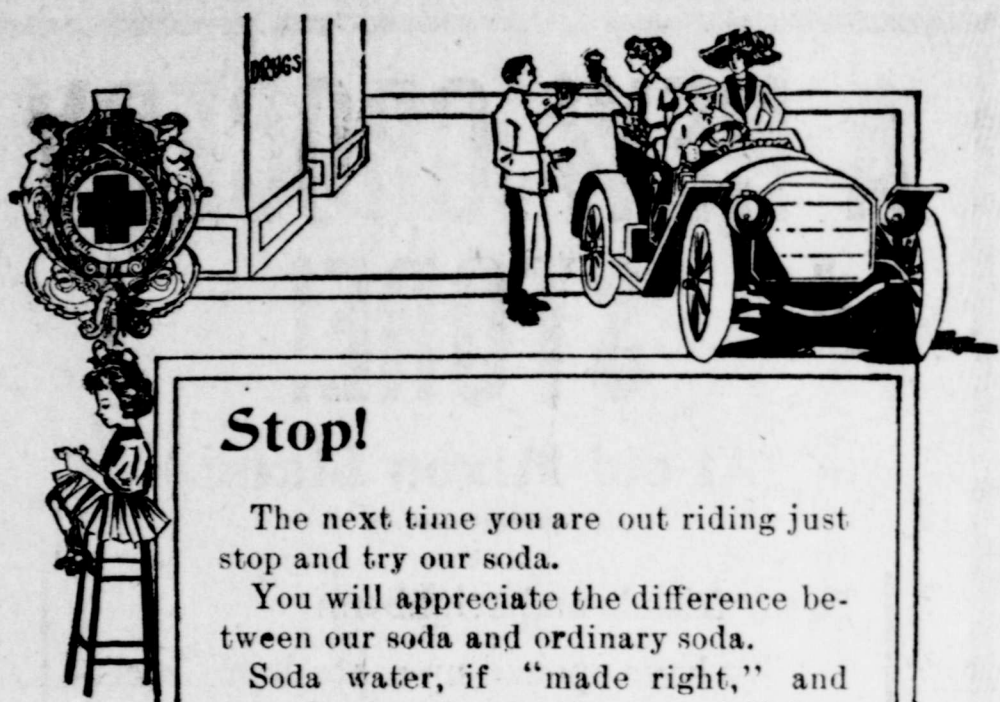
For fresh bulk garden Seed. Reliable and cheap.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quick take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

A. Cambridge, who has resided on Valley Creek for several years, left some weeks ago for Knowles, New Mexico, where they intended to make their home. They came in last week and decided that old Runnels was good enough for them.

How Foolish.

To suffer from Skin Diseases (Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc) when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.



Stop!

The next time you are out riding just stop and try our soda. You will appreciate the difference between our soda and ordinary soda. Soda water, if "made right," and served properly, is the most delicious beverage known to maid, matron or man. It is the Jagless Juice of Joy—the great American beverage of good cheer. Look for the "Pledge of Purity"—it's your protection.

The Walker Drug Co.
"IN BUSINESS FOR YOUR HEALTH"
The Rexall Store.

Lankford in The Grocery Business--

I Wish to announce to the people who buy Groceries, that I have added to my business, a complete line of groceries. Paul Simpson, an experienced grocery man, will have charge of this department and we will give you good service, prompt service and good groceries and lots of them for your money. We want your trade, will do our very best to merit same.

T. S. LANKFORD.

PHONE NO. 82.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The Following Named Examinations Will Be Held on Various Dates Between March 1 and May 1, 1912.

Elevator conductor; Subbatical; Apprentice plate printer; Press feeder; Stenographer; Typewriter; and Stenographer Typewriter combined.

To Be Held March 13, 1912.

Assistant; Bookkeeping; Civil engineer; Forest assistant; Industrial teacher; Teacher; Veterinarian; Aid; Apprentice plate cleaner, transferer, and engraver; Assistant examiner; Computer (men only); Draftsman; Copyist; topographic; Junior engineer; Topographic; Forest assistant; Junior engineer mechanical; Junior engineer (mines); Kindergarten teacher; Martrou; Postaldelork; Civil engineer student; Local and assistant inspector of boilers; Local and assistant inspector hulls; Physician; Veterinary Inspectors.

To Be Held April 10, 1912.

Agricultural inspector; Surveyor Draftsman; Mechanical; Topographic; Engineer; Farmer; Teacher; Bookkeeping; Civil Engineer; Assistant observer; Cadet engineer; Cadet officer; Computer; Junior engineer (civil); Junior engineer (mechanical or electrical); Pharmacist; Scientific assistant; Civil engineer and draftsman; Fish culturist; Trained nurse.

Railway Mail Clerk Examination Will Be Held May 4, 1912.

All application should be made for forms 1407 and 304.

The Commission has been unable to supply the demand for Male Stenographers and Typewriters, especially at Washington, D. C. Young men who are willing to accept appointment at an entrance salary of

\$840 to \$900 per annum have excellent opportunities of appointment. Advancement of capable appointees is reasonably rapid. The Government Service offers a desirable field to bright and ambitious young men.

For Information in Regard to These Positions Apply to H. A. Leche,

Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District, U. S. Custom House, New Orleans, Louisiana.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, January 20, 1912.

Taylor, Miss E. Willson, Miss Matt. When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

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

H. A. CADY. P. M.

Calomel is Bad.

But Simmon's Livery Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.) Tried once used always.

The owner of a 120,000 acre tract of land near San Angelo will install a system of sub-irrigation on the land, which will be the largest project of its kind in the West.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

R. A. Williamson handed us the price of a year's reading this week which was appreciated.

I. F. Watson, who resides on the Crews road was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. Kate Woodward returned home from Coleman Saturday, when she had been visiting relatives.

Prof. Isaac Newton Key, who is teaching the Truitt School was here Sunday visiting relatives.

Chas. Truitt was a visitor here last Friday from the Wingate country.

Rev. G. W. Fender returned last Saturday from Kansas City where he was in attendance at a meeting of The Home Mission Workers.

Judge C. O. Harris and son, L. B. were in Winters Saturday on legal business representing the A & S Ry. Co.

Judge J. W. Powell was the guest of the Commercial Club at San Angelo on Monday night of this week, at their annual banquet.

J. D. Norwood and A. B. Burrell are at home from a tour of Central Tex., where they have been selling life insurance and real estate.

G. K. Mixon, who was here visiting his brother, J. O. last week returned to his home at Big Foot, Texas.

Mrs John Justice had the misfortune to badly sprain her ankle on last Sunday night while descending the steps of the Library building at tea church services.

A. B. Ashby who has been with Higden Melton Jackson Co. during the fall and winter season left Monday for Corpus Christ to make his home.

Walter Stewart, who has been the bookkeeper at Higden Melton Jackson Co's store for the past several months is spending a few days at his home in Winters.

L. A. Robinson and son will move to Ballinger from Winters, and will be connected with the big store of Van Pelt Kirk & Mack. Mr. Robinson was the manager of the store at Winters.

J. M. Slaughter, the mayor of Maveric, was in Ballinger the first of the week, looking after business. Mr. Slaughter was smiling smiles and wearing a proper countenance all on account of the bright outlook in his section for a bumper crop this year.

John Hall, of Winters, has been here several days delivering fruit trees and shrubbery. Mr Hall sold thousands of trees over Rummels Co during 1911, and if the people who purchased will give their investment proper attention it will be money well spent.

Dr. S. B. Baby went to Miles last Saturday where he acted as one of the judges in the poultry show. The chicken fanciers of that burg 'sought' the prize and the occasion attracted considerable attention and will be an inspiration for more chickens and eggs.

A. H. VanPelt drove his Maxwell car to Ballinger last Saturday, after it had been here two months. He was glad to make the trip along with E. V. Bateman, the latter also driving his Maxwell car, "Dr. Cook. In case of accident they could have assisted each other.—Bronte Enterprise.

Tom Patterson, who has for the past year been studying, law left this week for Lebanon Tenn., where he will enter the law school. Tom has been studying hard and will apply himself diligently to his task and the Enterprise hopes to see him graduate from the school in due time and take up his chosen profession.—Winters Enterprise.

Tax Collector W. T. Padgett of Ballinger was in our city Saturday collecting taxes. He says the work here was easily attended to, as almost every one called and paid their taxes. He says his time spent here was enjoyed and he left Saturday evening for his home.—Miles Enterprise.

A Surprise Wedding.

It was a surprise to their host of friends when the announcement was made this week that Ed Hartman and Miss Eva Bankson were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. V. Cox at the Methodist Parsonage at noon Tuesday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are well known here and are numbered among our best people, and their many friends will wish for them all the happiness that married life contains.

Moving Grocery and Dry Goods to Ballinger.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack are this week moving their stock of dry goods and groceries to Ballinger, leaving the store here to handle on hardware. W. A. and Will Robertson will go to Ballinger with the firm and W. G. Cook will remain in Winters, where he will engage in business for himself. He will either buy out a grocery business or open a new one by Feb. 1st.—Winters Enterprise.

Buys Interest In Jewelry Store.

Friends of W. M. Brewer, who was formerly engaged in business here will be glad to know that he is located nearby in the jewelry business. Mr. Brewer has bought an interest with his brother in Ballinger and is holding a responsible position in the store. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have many friends here who wish them well in their new home.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mr. Brewer formerly lived here and was connected with his brother having held a position with him in the jewelry store. We welcome him and his family to our town and wish for them a liberal share of prosperity.

Youth Shot By Brother at Bronte.

While playing Saturday evening at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Good their son Walker shot and severely wounded his brother Homer. The boys were playing "sheriff" and Homer was the "bad man" whom Walker was trying to subdue. Walker was armed with his father's pistol which he thought was empty, but when he pulled the trigger there was an explosion and a 38-caliber ball passed through his wrist and also entered the lower part of the stomach, coming out a short distance from the point of entry.

The wounds do not appear at all dangerous, as a matter of fact Homer was not hurt bad enough to take his bed and it is hoped no complication will arise to cause his wound to become more serious.—Bronte Enterprise.

Credit Makes High Cost.

Long credit is the bane of any country and should be put a stop to. Business men have the power and do not exercise it. Many a man has been induced to purchase articles when he could do very well without, on promise of long payment. He probably saw no sure way of paying it when the time came unless something turned up. The something did not come to hand, and consequently he went to the wall. Long credit has been the ruin of many a man, and is bound to ruin many more if it is persisted in.—Burleson County Ledger.

It is very human like to be willing to buy things on credit. There is always a plenty of things every family needs, and always a scarcity of money with which to purchase them. To get on time, thereby postponing the day of payment, retribution, is usually an easy thing to do, the merchant being anxious to sell and the customer eager for the goods. The result is the business as now conducted is based, not on cash, but on credit. The customer owes the retailer, the retailer owes the jobber, the jobber owes the manufacturer, the manufacturer owes the banks and the bank owes the body of the people who keep their money in its vaults. Of course there are other costs besides those that run in the straight line mentioned, for both the retailer and the jobbers often are indebted to the banks as well as to the concerns from which they buy, and the consumer owes not only the merchant but about everybody else who trusts him. The whole fabric of our trade and industry is held together by evidences of debt. This fact is largely responsible for the high cost of living. Everybody is paying interest, and the consumer foots the bill.—Dallas News.

Sowing Oats

Is The Order Of The Day.

Good Seed

Is Essential To GOOD HARVEST.

We Have Them At RIGHT PRICES.

M. D. CHASTAIN.

NEW AND SECOND HAND STORE

The place to go when you want your money to go a long way. We handle everything. We repair everything.

SID GARRETT

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Just as Good Coal at : : : \$7.00

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WHEN YOU COME FACE TO FACE With one of our portraits you cannot help but express your appreciation of their excellent likeness. We do not exaggerate your good looks, but we do catch you in the position that best becomes you.

OUR PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE because they are always perfect. Don't you believe you could use a dozen or so? They much if you have them taken here.

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