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Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack ARE RECEIVING THIS WEEK A GOOD LINE OF HARNESS AND LEATHER GOODS

FARMERS TO MEET HERE MARCH FIRST

Will Hear Lecture on Important Subject. It is to Your Interest to Be Here.

B. L. Nance, working under the direction of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Institute, will be here Friday, March 1st, and will address the farmers at the Business League room. He will discuss Diversification, Rotation, Seed Selection and better cultural methods. His lecture does not cost the farmer one cent, and it is to your interest to hear him. You may not endorse everything he says, but he is in the work after much study and experience and he can no doubt offer some suggestions that will be helpful to you in making a better crop.

The farmers must wake up and take advantage of everything that tends to an improvement over old methods, and those methods that have been thoroughly tried and proven a great success.

Remember the date and be here. Following are the dates for this section of the state.

Blanket, Feb. 27, 1:30 p. m.
Brownwood, Feb. 28, 1:30 p. m.
Ballinger, March 1, 1:30 p. m.
San Angelo March 2, 1:30 p. m.

Residence Burns Saturday Night.

The home of R. F. Golden was destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock Saturday night. The building was practically burned up when discovered and the fire boys could only protect adjoining buildings by quenching the flames with the splendid work done by them.

Mr. Golden was down town at the time having come down to attend the show, and it is not known how the fire originated. His house was valued at \$1250 and insured for \$750 and he carried \$500 insurance on his home hold goods.

W. A. Tyson left Tuesday afternoon for Comanche to visit for a

FARM DEMONSTRATION TRAIN HERE MARCH 5TH

Santa Fe Will Have Demonstration Train Here From 11:10 to 12:40 On March 5th.

The Santa Fe will operate a Farm Demonstration Train on March 4, 5, 6, and 7, and following is the schedule between Coleman and San Angelo. This train is something new along agricultural educational lines in this section of Texas, and we trust the farmers in Runnels county will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the train, see the demonstrations and hear Prof. Bain.

Second Day March 5.

Talpa, Arrive 9:00 am, Leaves 10:30 am.

Ballinger, Arrive 11:10 am Leaves 12:40 pm.

Rownea, Arrive 1:00 pm, Leave 2:00 pm.

Miles, Arrive 2:20 pm, Leaves 3:50 pm.

San Angelo, Arrive 4:30 pm, Leaves 8:00 pm.

In the operation of this train we are diverging slightly from the general conception of a Demonstration Train from the fact that we will have no physical exhibits. The train will be under the direction of Prof. H. M. Bainer Agricultural Demonstrator of the A. T. & S. F. Ry., assisted by H. E. Singleton of McKinney, an expert on hogs; Prof. Evans of the A. & M. College, an expert on dairying and Prof. Johnson, who will deliver lectures on poultry raising. Prof. Bainer will lecture on improved agricultural methods. The train will stop at the various points approximately one hour and there will be a lecture on the following subjects in each of the coaches.

"Better Farming"
"Profitable Hog Raising"
"Our Farm Poultry"
"The Need for More Dairying"

All of which will be of practical interest and assistance to the farmers in the vicinity of your city.

C. P. Shepherd had business in Winters Wednesday.

SPECIAL INTEREST IN TRADES DAY

Merchants Offer Many Premiums and Will Make Effort to Put New Life in Trades Day.

The merchants of Ballinger are determined to make Trades Day a success, and will do everything possible to put new life in the attraction that draws large crowds here on the first Monday in each month. During the last few years little interest has been manifested on this occasion on account of the short crops and the general condition of the country. In the future more attention will be paid to Trades Day and a program arranged for each first Monday. On account of the short time in which to get the matter started this month and get out advertising boosting the affair, the merchants did not have time to get up as attractive list of premiums as they expect to offer in the future.

Following are the premiums for next Trades Day:

For the best saddle horse—pair Keen Cutters Fellock Clippers, Hall Hardware co.

For the best buggy team—\$150 buggy whip, T. S. Lankford.

To the man buying the largest bill of goods at our store—\$2.50 rocking chair, Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

For the best brood mare—muzzle halter, H. L. Wendorf.

For the best all purpose stallion—good \$1.00 razor strap, J. V. Pearce.

To the man that comes the longest distance to Ballinger—\$2.50 Star hat, Van Pelt Kirk & Mack.

For the largest man in town on Trades day—box cigars, City Drug Store.

For the best mule colt—\$1 buggy whip, Shaffer & Mullins.

For the best span of work horses—\$2.50 pair pants, Risser & Co.

Any box cigars in stock to man making highest run in call shot pool—Dunlap & Scott.

For best span mules—\$2.50 pair pants, Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

For best span horse—\$2 bridle, Jones Walton & Co.

To the lady bringing the largest number of eggs to Ballinger on Trades Day—\$2 in cash, Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

To man buying largest bill goods at our store—\$3.50 razor, A. J. Zappe.

Box any cigars in stock to man living outside of Ballinger making highest run in French Pool, Dunlap & Scott.

Ten per cent off for the largest bill of groceries bought at our store on Trades Day, Miller Mercantile Company.

For the best colt under one year old—\$2.50 safety razor, Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

\$2.50 in cash for the best span of mules—First National Bank.

For the fanciest pair of chickens exhibited on Trades Day—\$1 worth of coffee, B. Dornberger.

For the largest family brought to town on Trades Day—\$2.50 worth of any thing in our store, Walker Drug Co.

\$2.50 pair of shoes to party buying largest bill of goods at our store Rosenwasser & Levy.

\$2.50 pair ladies shoes for the largest family brought to our store—Higdon Melton Jackson Co.

One Year Subscription to the Banner-Leader to the lady bringing the largest number of eggs to Ballinger on Trades Day—Banner-Leader.

Oscar Pearson, J. H. Kelly and Jim Flynt will act as judges in passing on all stock exhibited, and in awarding prizes. No entrance fees will be charged and it will not cost you one cent to compete and help us make this the greatest Trades Day in the history of Ballinger. There is going to be a big

THREE FIRES HERE THIS WEEK

Two Residences and One Barn Destroyed by Fire. No Insurance and Total Loss to Mart Smith.

In addition to Saturday night's fire that destroyed the Golden home on Eleventh street, Ballinger suffered another fire loss Tuesday afternoon and a slight blaze Wednesday morning.

While the wind was blowing snow flakes, sand and trash at a rapid rate Tuesday about six o'clock a fire alarm was turned in from N. Sixth street, and the fire had just about wiped the little home of Mart Smith off the earth before the fire boys could reach the scene. It was a long run for the fire team against the strong wind that was raging. On account of the high wind considerable excitement was created for fear the flames would reach other property, but no other damage originated from this fire.

Mr. Smith lost everything he had and carried no insurance either on his home or the contents. He is an honest, hard working man and had accumulated the little home by hard labor and the loss is keenly felt by him.

Another alarm was turned in Wednesday morning about six o'clock when it was discovered that Mrs. Mattie Dickinson's large barn at her home place on Sixth street was on fire. The fire company reached the fire and checked the flames before any great damage was done. It is thought that this fire originated by a spark falling on the roof.

COURT HOUSE WEEDING.

Jefferson H. Riggs of Wingate and Miss Sidney Oliver, of Wilmett, called at the county clerk's office Monday, procured their licenses to wed. Judge Griggs was called in and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends, and the happy couple returned to their home at Wingate.

Judge Garland of San Angelo was here on business Wednesday and went to Coleman on the afternoon train.

crowd here and if you don't come you might miss some fun.

BALLINGER FIRST TEACHER DEAD

M. B. Stokes Died at His Home in Nesbit, Miss. Father of Mrs. Geo. W. Fender and Miss Mary Stokes.

Mrs. Geo. W. Fender and Miss Mary Stokes received a message this week conveying to them the sad news of the death of their father, M. B. Stokes, who died at his home in Nesbit, Mississippi.

Mr. Stokes will be remembered kindly by the old timers in Ballinger. He taught the first school in Ballinger. He taught half of the term in Old Runnels and when the town started the school was transferred in the midst of the awful drought half taught here. After the school ended Mr. Stokes returned to his home in Mississippi, loaded his goods on a car and shipped them to Ballinger. He reached here on his return when the county was in the midst of the awful drought that almost depopulated this county in '87 and '88. People were leaving here as fast as they could get away, and Mr. Stokes did not unload his car, but returned to his old home in Mississippi.

E. D. WALKER OF BALLINGER IN BROWNWOOD YESTERDAY.

Among the many whom it was the pleasure of Brownwood to entertain yesterday on the visit to the district bankers to Brownwood, was E. D. Walker, of Ballinger. Mr. Walker, before engaging in banking was in the drug business and had what was known the state over as the handsomest drug store in Texas in a town of that size. He believes in fixing up and in his bank has carried out this idea, having one of the handsomest, best banks in the country.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mrs. U. E. Hartman and daughter went to Comanche yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of her father-in-law, Mr. Hartman.

J. C. Thaxton came in from Maverick yesterday to bring Mrs. Thaxton to the train. Mrs. Thaxton went to Comanche no a visit and will visit at Eastland and other places before returning. Mr. Thaxton says he is left a widower, but promised Mrs. Thaxton he would stay at home while she is away.

WHOLESALE ROBBERY SATURDAY NIGHT

Thieves Make Heavy Steal on Risser Dry Goods Store Signs Left Shows Work of Several.

It was discovered last Sunday morning, when some of the force of salesmen went into the store for some purpose, that thieves had spent Saturday night or a good part of it at least, in the store of R. A. Risser & Co., and from the disturbed condition they left the well kept stock in it was plainly shown that the thieves did not lose any time while in the store.

The bars to the back door had been pulled down, and it is the opinion of the officers that someone secreted themselves in the store when the store was locked up Saturday night such party was locked in the house, and it was an easy matter for him to open the door and get out when he finished his work.

The thieves went through every department in the store, and goods are missing from almost every department. It is hard to judge from the class of goods stolen who the thieves were, or at least what their object was in stealing such a variety of goods.

The officers are worried, but the robbers are scattered things.

Some novelty goods, and in their steal all sizes and of clothing and furnishing. Pairs of shoes were tried on at scattered over the floor and coats, ties, shirts, collars, etc. of various sizes are missing from the stock, as well as overalls and a cheap class of goods. Mr. Risser said the thieves got twelve or fifteen pair of overalls. Four pair were found in a barrel in the back of the store. Ladies suits were included in the work from, and it is very probable that they will never be apprehended.

Mrs. Ransom from Ballinger is in Coleman, the guest of the families of Mrs. F. A. Murray and R. V. Wood.—Coleman Democrat.




But a Whole Cotton Field has Great Value

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.



ASK FOR ONE

We have on hand about 500 copies of "Texas Laws Made Plain" issued by the old Citizens National Bank of Ballinger (which bank we succeeded) and as these booklets contain much information of value, we do not like to destroy them. If you will call on us we will be pleased to furnish you with a copy. "These books will not be mailed."

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1ST MONDAY

MARCH FOURTH

Big TRADES DAY at BALLINGER

Trades Day in Ballinger has never been what it should be. The fault is with the business men. They have never put the proper interest behind the move. The business men are waking up, and they are going to inaugurate a Trades Day in Ballinger, to be held the First Monday in each month, that will be worth while, and every effort will be put forth to arrange a program for each Trades Day that will attract a large crowd, and it is to your interest to be here on that day. To begin with, the various merchants are offering the following premiums. And in addition to the premiums some of the merchants will put on sale certain staple lines of goods, and will sell at prices you never heard of before. Other interesting features will be added from time to time, and if you are not in Ballinger on Trades Day there will be no one to kick but yourself:

TWENTY-FOUR BIG PRIZES — GET IN THE GAME — FUN FOR EVERYBODY

We will give a \$2.50 pair of ladies shoes for the largest family that visits our store on Trades Day.
HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

For the best colt under one year old on Trades Day we will give a \$2.50 Safety Razor,
HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

We will give \$2.50 in cash for the best span of mules exhibited in Ballinger on Trades Day.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

For the fanciest pair of chickens exhibited on Trades Day we will give one three pound can of Panther Coffee.
B. DORNBERGER.

For the largest family brought to Ballinger on Trades Day we will give \$2.50 worth of anything in our store.
WALKER DRUG CO.

We will give a \$2.50 pair of shoes to the one buying the largest bill of goods at our store on Trades Day.
ROSENWASSER & LEVY.

We will give \$2.50 in cash to the man living outside of Ballinger that makes the largest deposit in our bank on Trades Day.
FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK.

We will give one years subscription to the Banner-Leader to the party that sells the greatest number of eggs in Ballinger on Trades Day.
THE BANNER-LEADER.

We will give ten per cent off on the largest bill of groceries bought from us on Trades Day.
MILLER MERCANTILE CO.

We will give the man who exhibits the best saddle horse on Trades Day a pair of Keen Kutter Fetlock Clippers.
HALL HARDWARE CO.

For the best buggy Team exhibited on Trades Day I will give a \$1.50 buggy whip.
T. S. LANKFORD.

To the man who buys the largest bill of goods, paying cash, at our store on Trades Day we will give \$2.50 Rocking Chair.
HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

I will give for the best brood mare exhibited in Ballinger on Trades Day a good muzzle hauler.
H. L. WENDORFF.

I will give for the best all purpose stallion exhibited on Trades Day a good Razor Strap.
J. Y. PEARCE.

To the man that comes the longest distance to Ballinger on Trades Day we will give a \$2.50 Star Hat.
VAN PELT-KIRK & MACK.

We will give a box of Cigars to the largest man coming to Ballinger on Trades Day.
CITY DRUG STORE.

We will give choice of \$1.00 buggy whip for the best mule colt exhibited on Trades Day.
SHAFFER & MULLINS.

For the best span of work horses exhibited on Trades Day we will give a \$2.50 pair of pants.
R. A. RISSER & CO.

Box of any Cigars in stock to the man making the highest run in call shot pool at our pool hall on Trades Day.
DUNLAP & SCOTT.

For the best span of mules exhibited on Trades Day we will give a \$2.50 pair of pants.
BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO.

For the best span of work horses exhibited on Trades Day we will give a \$2.00 Bridle.
JONES WALTON & CO.

Box of any Cigars in stock to the man living outside of Ballinger that makes the highest run in French Pool at our pool hall on Trades Day.
DUNLAP & SCOTT.

To the lady bringing the largest number of eggs to Ballinger on Trades Day our bank will give \$2 in cash.
BALLINGER STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

We will give a \$3.50 Razor to the man who buys the largest bill of goods at our store on Trades Day.
A. J. ZAPPE.

\$7.00

Oscar Pearson, J. H. Kelly and Jim Flynt will act as Judges in passing on all stock exhibited, and in making awards for all prizes. If you enter the contest for any of the prizes on Trades Day all that is necessary is to report to any member of the committee when you get to town on Trades Day, stating what you are competing for. There is no entrance fee, and every premium offered is absolutely free.

THIS IS THE BIGGEST TRADES DAY IN THE HISTORY OF BALLINGER--COME

Money For Farmers

We can save you from 25 cents to one dollar on each plow point, and we can save you money on the plow extras for almost any make of plow including the Avery, Canton, Casady, Case, Jno. Deer, Oliver and Rock Island.

COME TO US WITH YOUR PLOW TROUBLES.

Owensboro Wagons and Buggies

We can save you \$25 on a buggy or wagon and at the same time give you something that will give good service. We guarantee this. The Owensboro is guaranteed to stand the test in wear and tare.

BUY AN OWENSBORO AND SAVE DOLLARS.

Blacksmithing and Blacksmith Supplies

We carry in stock a complete line of blacksmith supplies, wood material, etc., and can furnish you such goods at a big saving. We are equipped to handle your blacksmith troubles by giving you prompt service. Call on us.

F. F. Moore & Co.

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.

Colds Vanish

The Sensible Overnight Remedy for Sensitive People

After you have upset your stomach with pills, powders and vile nostrums and still retain possession of that terrible cold, do what thousands of sensible people are doing. Do this: Into a bowl take two quarts full of boiling water, add one teaspoonful of HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-me) cover head and bowl with a towel and breathe five minutes the soothing, healing vapor that arises.

Then go to bed and awake with a clear head in the morning. HYOMEI does not contain opium, cocaine or any harmful drug. A bottle of HYOMEI in hallant cost 50 cents at Walke Drug Co. and druggists everywhere. Guaranteed for catarrh, asthma, croup and catarrhal deafness.

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.

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.

TEXAS HAS 140,000 MILES OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—Texas highway mileage at present approximates 140,000. It is estimated that there are 37,500 miles of improved highways in Texas; of number 6, 500 miles may be considered as one of the highest grade.

In the building of highways, it is found that methods of construction vary considerable and the materials used are those that are most suitable to natural conditions and that are most easily obtained in that section where the roads are being built. The most popular material are shell, gravel, macadam, sand, clay and crushed rock.

The 37,500 miles of good roads mentioned above are those up on which money has been expended for improvement. In addition to these, there are thousands of miles of roads in Texas that are in excellent shape nearly all the time under natural conditions and are passable all the year round.

PEOPLE ARE COMING TO TEXS.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 24.—The flood of humanity Texasward during the month of January, was the heaviest reported for years. The warmth of the southern Gulf Coast always proves attraction to prospective settlers from the North at the first of each year, but this year it must have been unusually alluring, as more than 25,000 persons were reported as being handled by the transportation companies. Of this number, about 14,000 have either purchased property in Texas, or declared their intention of becoming citizens of the Lone Star State.

Leonard Cobb returned to his home at Brownwood last Saturday, after an extended visit to Mrs. W. A. Francis and other relatives here.

WHEN YOU FEEL BAD

If you are bilious, languid, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

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

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.

A Sure Cancer Cure.

Without the knife and with very little pain. I guarantee a cure or no pay. I can give you good reference, so if you have a Cancer and want it cured, come and see me.

M. M. Hamilton.

267 North Fourth St.

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We have for trade for improved farm, a clean stock of merchandise and accounts. Good location.

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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.

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Glucksman

The Fine German Coach Stallion, will make the season at my place three and one-half miles North of Ballinger, on the Ballinger and Winters road.

Black Sam

My Fine Catalonian Black Mammoth Jack, will also make the season at same place

B. F. KEMP, Ballinger, Texas.

THE BANNER-LEADER

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Its up to the farmer to bring relief from the high prices of the necessities of life. They can do this by producing more food for the home. It is the only remedy.

The farmer will get his. The reward of the tiller of the soil is going to be greater in the future than it has ever been in the past. The world demands more food supplies.

The farm at the present time produces twice as much food as it did fifty years ago, yet the cost of living is higher. The consumers have increased faster than the producers.

Build good roads, they are civilizers. Scientific farming will help, but to bring the consumer and the farmer into more intimate contact is most important of all. Build good roads.

The man who does not touch the fresh-turned sod, makes his way through the forrest, follow the plow in the field, or gather the cattle at night, is missing one of the charms of existence.

Nothing attracts like civic attractiveness. Keep up the fight for a cleaner home surroundings, a cleaner Ballinger. Plant trees and make a beauty spot of mother earth where that trash pile is now standing. It pays.

Runnels county has the reputation of being one of the best counties in Texas, and right at the top of the column in the list of Central West Texas counties. But if we hold that place we must get busy on our public highways. We certainly cannot keep up with the procession traveling over rugged roads.

One of the curses of country life is muddy and impassable roads. Good roads are now being built throughout the country, and these will do much towards making country life attractive, because they mean ease of access and more intimate associations, as well as economic advantages. Let's build good roads in Runnels County.

Morris Sheperd withdraws from the race for Senate, and Cone Johnson enters the race. The fight is between Johnson and Walters now, and the fur will begin to fly. They both represent the two extremes on the prohibition question and the Baily question, and some of the voters will have to swallow a bitter pill it makes no difference which way they vote.

W. A. Perry, who recently sold his newspaper interest at Sweetwater and declared his intentions of "back to the farm" and made his arrangements to again become a citizen of Runnels county, and engage in farming near Miles, is back at the helm again on the Sweetwater Reporter. After a man once gets printers ink on his hands it is hard to rub off. We speak from experience. Perry is a Runnels county boy, and while we regret that he did not see fit to stay with us, we are glad to see him back in the harness.

A glance at the financial report of the city secretary published elsewhere in this paper will give you an idea of the money side of the city's affairs. The report makes a very good showing, and we predict will show up still better in the next report. One very noticeable feature of the report is the amount collected on fines: \$33. This shows one of two things; that the city court has not been getting its share of the criminal business, or else there is no criminal business to get. A peaceable town. The boys are not contributing enough to buy axle grease for the fire wagon.

Texas statutes may be burden with laws, but we believe there is room on the statutes, for two more laws that fare badly needed. One in mind is a law to punish, and punish to the very limit, the man who deserts a wife and helpless children, leaving them without support. Such law was passed two or three years ago, but the court found it was so drafted that it would not stand, and the devilment continues. A remedy should also be provided for the man who encroaches upon the sanctity of the home and plays the Boyce-Sneed game. Hasten the day when it will mean sure punishment for the man who violates these rules of respectable communities.

Ballinger is to have a real Trades Day on Monday, March 4th. The First Monday in each month has been known as public sale day in Ballinger for a number of years, but the merchants have never manifested much interest in the matter. They will back up the move in the future, and inducements will be offered that will certainly be worth while. A list of premiums are published elsewhere in this paper, and a thorough campaign of advertising will no doubt bring a large crowd here on the March Trades Day. If you have anything you want to sell bring it to Ballinger on First Monday in March. Be here with your stock and encourage the raising of better stock.

Markets grow better when the productions are large enough to permit co-operative selling. And there is much good also in co-operative production. We believe in farmers' organizations, but have never taken any stock in the men who try to set farmers against every one else.—Farm & Ranch.

That's the idea the Business League has in view; co-operative selling. The truck growers can find a better market for their produce if they will co-operate with each other in marketing their truck. No one man can raise enough produce to justify the foreign markets to send a man here to buy. Cooperate in growing and co-operate in selling and the buyers will be here.

Have you ever been in a court room and seen prisoner after prisoner receive sentence? What is it that keeps you outside the rail, with your hands unmanacled, free to come and go as you choose? What is the difference between you and the man soon to wear prison stripes? The distinction is a fundamental one; the answer is education. If you will study the statistics you will find that the better a state educates its young men and women the less crime it has. Wisconsin probably has a more complete system of schools than any other western state; there were less than half as many murders in Wisconsin last year as there were in the city of Dallas. What is the answer?—Cleburne Enterprise.

Free If It Fails

Your Money Back if You are not Satisfied with the Medicine We Recommend

We are so sure that our remedy will permanently relieve constipation no matter how chronic it may be that we offer to furnish the medicine at our expense should it fail to produce satisfactory results.

It is worse than useless to attempt to cure constipation with cathartic drags. Laxatives or cathartics do much harm. They cause a reaction irritate and weaken the bowels and tend to make constipation more chronic. Besides their use becomes a habit that is dangerous.

We want you to try Rexal Orderlies on our recommendation. They are exceedingly pleasant to take being eaten like candy and are ideal for children delicate persons and old folks as well as for robust. They act directly on the nerves and muscles of the bowels. They apparently have a neutral action on other associate organs or glands. They do not purge cause excessive looseness or causes any inconvenience whatever. They may be taken at any time day or night. They will relieve chronic or habitual constipation if not of surgical variety and the myriads of associate or dependent chronic ailments if taken with regularity for a reasonable length of time. 12 tablets 10c; 36 tablets 25c; 80 tablets 50c. Sold only at our store—The Retail Store. The Walker Drug Co.

Grand Pa Willingham reports new grand son at his home, a boy being born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willingham, who are from their ranch in Loving county. This is Arthur's first and he is stepping high. Judge Walter Woodward, of Comanche, had business here first the week.

Pneumonia and Pleurisy.

For over thirty years Hui 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.

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 Vendors 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 matters 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.

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.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VEGETABLE MIFUGE destroys and expels worm the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Building permits in Dallas for the month of January were \$550,000.

SWEET POTATOES.

Jeanes will have a car of fine Sweet Potatoes in about the 28th. Your only chance for Seed or eating potatoes.—Come quick.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HOME MISSION WORKERS.

The women and children of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, conduct missionary work in the United States, Cuba, Mexico, China, Brazil, and Korea.

We always speak of the United States as a Christian Nation, because we have religious liberties here and in every section, the gospel is preached, but it is very necessary that distinctive missionary work be done, because only one-third of our country's population are connected with any religious organizations; and these include Mormons, Theosophists, Jews, and Roman Catholics, as well as Protestants. Not one-third attend religious services of any kind. More than sixteen million are foreigners, a great majority of whom are heathens from Asia of the social drags, from Europe. We must evangelize these people or they will act as leavens and undermine our civilization and corrupt our children. Then there is suffering, sorrow, and unto which only woman can minister; The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recognized this past past thirty years ago, hence the organization of the Women's Home Mission Society.

Mission schools are being established in many of our foreign fields.

Royal has no substitute for making delicious home-baked foods

ROYAL Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

TURNED HIS CROP AROUND.

C. P. Colbert, of the Norton county, was here first of the week, and made the Banner Leader a pleasant call. Mr. Colbert reported that the oat crop was immense in the Norton country, and the largest acreage planted in the history of the country. He stated that he had in 145 acres of oats and planted 40 acres in cotton, and that last year he had 200 acres in cotton and 46 acres in oats. Many farmers are reversing things this year and farm more on a diversified plane, and we predict better results.

SAN ANGELO TO HAVE NEW PAPER.

M. M. Hamil, of Abilene and B. P. Harrison, of San Angelo will launch a new paper at San Angelo. The paper will be a weekly and will be turned out to the public as soon as the machinery can be installed and the paper printed.

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 32 years known as Best. Safest. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

YOUR GROCERY BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY!

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

W. W. CHASTAIN
"THE GROCER"

Eugene Risser came in Tuesday at noon from Childress and is the guest of his father and family. He reports business fairly good at Childress.

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.

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST

We have a few vacancies in RUNNELS COUNTY FRIENDLY SOCIETY NO.

This is your opportunity to become a member of this society. A. F. VOSS, Sec'y., Ballinger, Texas.

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 our friends. Good service, courteous treatment and prompt delivery is our motto.

The Ballinger Steam Bakery, Joe Haddin, Manager.

EATS WHAT HE LIKES AFTER TAKING FREE SAMPLE

It will be welcome news to dyspeptics to learn of a remedy that, in the opinion of thousands, is an absolute cure for indigestion and all forms of stomach trouble, and, better still, it is guaranteed to do so. The remedy is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

We all know the value of pure pepsin in indigestion, and add to this some exceptional laxative ingredients and you have a truly wonderful remedy. Mr. T. W. Worthy of Forsythe, Ga., got to the point where he could not even eat or digest vegetables and after many years of seeking he found the cure in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Mr. Rudy Kasner of Moline, Ill., was in the same bad predicament with his stomach, took Syrup Pepsin and is now cured.

Hundreds of others would gladly testify.

It is a guaranteed cure for indigestion, constipation, biliousness, headaches, gas on the stomach and similar complaints. A bottle can be had at any drug store for fifty cents or a dollar, but if you wish to make a test of it first, send your address to Dr. Caldwell and he will supply a free sample bottle, sent direct to your address. You will soon admit that you have found something to replace salts, cathartics, breath perfumes and other temporary reliefs. Syrup Pepsin will cure you permanently.

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



A Model
makes a fine picture because she has learned how to show her best features. If you will let us pose you we will guarantee you a better portrait of yourself than you ever had before.

Photography
with us is more than a meretrade. We take as much pride in making a fine portrait of you as you will in getting it. Why not sit for us today? You'll be a day older tomorrow.

WILBOURN'S STUDIO For Dyspepsia

You Risk no Money if You Try This Remedy.

We want every one troubled with indigestion to come to our store and obtain a box of Rexal Dyspepsia Tablets. They contain Bismuth Subnitrate and Pepsin as to develop their power to overcome digestive disturbance. Rexal Dyspepsia Tablets are very pleasant to take. They tend to soothe the irritable to strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs to relieve nausea and indigestion thus promoting nutrition and bring about a feeling of comfort.

If you give Rexal Dyspepsia Tablets a trial we will return the money if you are not satisfied with the results. Three sizes; 25c; 50c and \$1.00 Remember you can obtain Rexal Remedies at our store—The Rexal Store. The Walker Drug Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Office.....\$10.00
County Office.....7.50
Precinct Office.....2.50
Payable in Advance.

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

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
C. P. SHEPHERD.

County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN

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

For County Clerk.
O. L. PARISCH.

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.

A NEW GROCERY FOR TALPA.

Haywood Miller opened up a new grocery store in the Vaughn building this week, buying his stuff by the car load. He says he is going to do some business and we believe he will and welcome him back into the business life of our little city. His many old customers will also be glad to give him a welcome.—Talpa Post.

GET IN THE CONTEST WITH A J. I. CASE.

"10,000 in hard cash is to be given in prizes this year by the Texas Industrial Congress, at Dallas. Competition is open to every farmer in the state for best results with crop rotation, foarge crops, milo maize, kaffir corn, etc. Big prizes for boys and girls. Write them at once for full particulars.

"Now remember that J. I. Case implements are made to suit your soil. You'll need them to win. You may want advice too. The J. I. Case Plow Works has an expert farmer employed for that purpose. Ask us for his name and address.

Higinbotham, Currie, Williams Company.

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.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, February 17, 1912.
Adams Hallie Miss.
Brown E. L. Mr.
Mullins Mary Mrs.
Rogers T. H. Mr.
Rice M. R. Mr.

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.]

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.

H. Geisecke and Tom Gardner visited San Angelo last Saturday and returned home in Mr. Geisecke's auto that was in the garage at that place.

GOOD RAINS Have made you feel good. Big BARGAINS will make you feel Better. BUY 'BIG BARGAINS at THE FAIR THE HOME OF BARGAINS

SANTA FE BREAKMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

One of the local surgeons of the Santa Fe was called, early Thursday morning to attend to injuries sustained by W. R. Lockett, a brakeman. It seems that, while Lockett was switching in the yards at Miles Wednesday night, the engineer mistook his signals, and backen instead of going forward with his engine and as a result Lockett was caught between two box cars. His feared that the injuries may be serious. Lockett was sent to the hospital at Temple.—San Angelo Standard.

NORTON NEWS.

Rev. Geo. Fender accompanied by his wife filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.
Mr. Walter Dorsett returned to his home from a visit to May, Texas, Thursday.
Miss Dale Williams visited the Norton community mfwyp hrdi ghrug Norton community Sunday, returning to Ballinger Monday.
Miss Maggie Seetser visited home folks Sunday.
Rabbit hunting seems to be the order of the day. The men have killed about 520.

Malcom Wadrlaw and Allen Currie came in from San Angelo Wednesday afternoon. The boys started to the Pecos with Otto Elder in the fathers car, but broke down at Sa. Angelo and were compelled to return home.

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

WHO'S YOUR TAILOR? LET C. C. GILLIAM BE YOUR TAILOR

for 1912—you will never regret it. Do you wear Clothes made to Measure? If not, why not? You can have them made to fit and hold their shape just as cheap as you can get stock goods and you can get styles that you can't get out of stocks. We have 1500 different patterns, every one all wool. I am Exclusive Representative for Ed. V. Price & Co. and A. E. Anderson & Co., two tailoring houses that have absolutely have no equal. My Spring and Summer samples for 1912 are here. Come in and let me show you that you can get better clothes for your money. I absolutely guarantee a fit and satisfaction in every respect. I do all kinds of tailoring, Clearing, Altering, Repairing and Pressing of Ladies' and Men's Clothes.

C. C. GILLIAM Merchant Tailor



\$1

Will pay your subscription for a year for two good weekly papers and give you the local and general news. The regular subscription price of the Banner-Leader is one dollar per year, and you can't get it for a cent less, but we have made a deal whereby we can send to every subscriber who pays one dollar for one year in advance The Banner-Leader and the Kansas City Star---the 2 papers for the price of one. A combination that can't be beat. We don't know how long this offer will stand, get busy now and send us your

\$1

Don't Suffer!

"I had been troubled, a little, for nearly 7 years," writes Mrs. L. Fincher, in a letter from Peavy, Ala., "but I was not taken down, until March, when I went to bed and had to have a doctor. He did all he could for me, but I got no better. I hurt all over, and I could not rest. At last, I tried Cardui, and soon I began to improve. Now I am in very good health, and able to do all my housework."

TAKE The CARDUI Woman's Tonic

You may wonder why Cardui is so successful, after other remedies have failed. The answer is that Cardui is successful, because it is composed of scientific ingredients, that act curatively on the womanly system. It is a medicine for women, and for women only. It builds, strengthens, and restores weak and ailing women, to health and happiness.

If you suffer like Mrs. Fincher did, take Cardui. It will surely do for you, what it did for her. At all druggists.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 160

R. T. Williams is at home from the Eastern Markets where he spent some time buying goods for the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. store at Ballinger.

John Thurman went to Brownwood Monday afternoon. He will represent the Farmers and Merchants Bank at the District Bank convention which is in session at Brownwood this week.

T. C. Proctor was here from Winters first of the week. Mr. Proctor called on the secretary of the Business League while here, and will enter the contest and try for the prizes offered for the best crop of milk maize raised this year.

H. Giesecke left Monday afternoon for Southwest Texas, San Antonio, and other places, on business.

SOMETHING TO EAT IS A QUESTION THAT SHOULD INTEREST EVERYONE

We make a study of this question and try to supply our customers with the best the market affords. Prompt delivery and the best quality of goods is our motto. Give us a trial.

W. B. Wood & Son Ballinger, Texas



WE HAVE EVERY THING YOU WANT IN HARDWARE!

NAILS

We couldn't tell you in a week every article we have in our store.

Remember just this:

If It's Hardware We Have It.

We give full weight, full measure and a fair price.

We want to see you in our store more than once.

Hall Hardware Company

Financial Statement

Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 1, 1912.
Hon. Mayor and City Council,
Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements, from May, 1, 1911 to February 1, 1912.

Received from Adv. Tax	\$4634.97	
Received from Occup. Tax	19.10	
Received from Fines	33.00	
Received from Pound	6.80	
Warrants outstanding, May 1, 1911		\$ 428.89
Mayors salary	\$ 270.00	
Marshals Salary	540.00	
Secretary salary	400.00	
Fire St. Drivers Salary	585.00	
Fire St. other exp.	321.09	
Street Lights	700.00	
Exp. Park	112.00	
Scavenger	227.50	
Treasurer Salary	90.00	
Rent	99.00	
Sundry Expenses	108.11	3452.70
Balance, Feb. 2, 1912		812.28
	\$4,693.87	\$4,693.87

Special Water Works Fund.

Balance, May 1, 1911	\$1753.43	
Bal. from sale of bonds	6133.63	
Received from water rents	6331.85	
Disbursements—		
Fuel	1894.34	
Salaries	1580.00	
Improvements	3807.00	
Rep. Dam	537.15	
Sundry Expenses	1933.12	\$9751.67
Balance, February 1, 1912		4467.24
	\$14,218.91	\$14,218.91

Street and Bridge Fund.

Received from Adv. Tax	\$2638.11	
Disbursements—		
Warrants outstanding May 1, 1911		\$ 779.51
Street Work	777.40	
Street Machinery	960.00	1734.40
Balance February 1, 1912		124.20
	\$2638.11	\$2638.11

Water Works Fund.

Balance May 1, 1911	\$9255.42	
Received Adv. Tax	4411.46	
Disbursements—		
Interest	2706.30	
Balance Feb. 1, 1912		10,960.58
	\$13,666.88	\$13,666.88

Property Owned by City.

Water Works system, estimated	\$56,372.37
55 acres land near dam No. 2	1,100.00
15 acres land near dam No. 1	1,200.00
25 acres land City Park	1,500.00
Block 77, City	1,000.00
Block 79, City	500.00
50x140 feet in Block 9, City	
Hall Lot	3,000.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
Street Machinery and Tools	4,960.00
Office Furniture	1,000.00
Cash	16,364.60

Total, \$90,496.97

Present Indebtedness of City.

Bonds	\$65,000.00
Street Machinery	4,326.00
Balance due on land at dam No. 1	900.00
Fire Hose	1,060.00
Balance due on City Hall Lot	864.00
Other Indebtedness	556.00
	\$72,706.00

Respectfully Submitted,
J. R. LUSK,
City Secretary.

DR. E. C. BASKIN DENTIST

Does for you what you need and no more, and does it right.

Office Over Reeves Printing Co., Ballinger, Texas

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

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers.

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.

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.

WARNING—THIS MEANS YOU

Grazing stock on the Santa Fe right of way is strictly forbidden and fair warning is hereby given to all parties. Keep your stock off. —R. A. Fitzgerald.

roy Reeder returned first of the week from St. Louis, New York and other markets in the east, where he purchased goods for the Reeder Furnishing store.

Dont Give Up

Discouraged Citizens Will Find Comfort in the Experience of a Ballinger Man

Experience is the modern instructor.

It may save your life. The testimony of Ballinger people.

Will bring newed encourgment Here is a case in point:

R. Rutherford Ballinger says; I always praise Doan's Kidney Pills when I can. My kidneys were out of order and I got up several times at night, I had a dull pain in my back over my left kidney. Two boxes of them from the Walker Drug Co. procured me rid me of annoyance and I take pleasure in recommending this excellent remedy to my neighbors.

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.

Bankrupt Sale

At the COURT HOUSE DOOR in Ballinger at 2 P M 24th day of February 1912 I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the notes and accounts belonging to the estate of C. C. Culwell amounting to \$3000, also 4 shares of stock in the Miles Messenger and other personal property belonging to the estate of said BANKRUPT.

Will sell altogether or separately.

E. L. Rasbury Trustee.

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

MONEY! To loan on Farms and Ranches. Long time. 33-tf. Lee Maddox.

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.

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.

S. GRIGGS;
County Judge
Office in District and Higher
Special attention given to
writing, and examination of
etc.
Office at Court House.

B. B. STONE. J. B. WADE
STONE & WADE
Lawyers
General Practice
Officeover Citizens National Bank

M. C. Smith Isahm Wade
SMITH & WADE
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW....
Office up-stairs
in C. A. Dooze
Building.
Examining Land Titles
A Specialty.

City Barber Shop!

A place where you get Good Work, Courteous Treatment, and Where Your Patronage Will be Appreciated.

W. M. Humphreys
Ballinger, Texas.

M. Kleberg, Jr. Attorney-at-Law

Ballinger, - - Texas
Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company

B. F. Allen

The Home Moving Man.

I am prepared with a new and up-to-date outfit to move your old house without damage. Work promptly done. Let me figure on the job.

Phone 227. B. F. ALLEN.

Harris & Harris ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Corporation, Collections, and Land Litigation Specialties

OFFICE OVER BALLINGER STATE BANK AND TRUST CO. BALLINGER, - TEXAS

OSTERTAG FURNITURE COM'Y

Undertakers and Licensed Embalmers All details looked after

Day Phone 434 Night Phone 77

THE BALLINGER JERSEY DAIRY

Is the place to get your Fresh Milk. The best grade of Jersey Cows in the country are the kind we milk and have give our Customers Rich Milk. Give us your order.

P. K. LAXSON, MGR.
Phone No. 210, Ballinger, Texas

New

Goods Arriving Daily

TO US FOR YOUR WANTS

Full. Largest Stock, Lowest Prices. Get the
DE HERE AND SAVE MONEY.

Higgin

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THE MAKERS OF LOW PRICES'

THE TEST

We have been in the Retail G
many years, and have built
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buy is what we offer to sell
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THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

PHONE 66

708 HUTCHINS AVE. BALLINGER, TEXAS

TO THE PUBLIC.

In this issue of The Banner-
Leader and the other papers of
this county appear my announce-
ment for the office of County At-
torney of Runnels county. What
ever merit I possess, I trust my
friends will give me its benefit
and those who oppose me will be
fair.

I have not been a chronic office
seeker and would not have at-
tempted to make this race, but
for the kind encouragement of
friends over the county.

It shall be my purpose to con-
duct my race on a high plane and
whatever my fortunes may be
accept the result gracefully.

A man's fate, when he announce
for an office, is largely in the
hands of his friends, and recog-
nizing this fact I ask the voters
of Runnels County to give me a
fair and impartial hearing, as to
my claims for the office and then
vote as you think best.

I hope to see each an every
voter in person before the July
primary, but on account of my
work I will only be able to give a
small amount of my time towards
campaigning, and you may con-
sider this a personal invitation
for your support.

Yours very truly,
C. P. Shepherd,

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, pur-
chased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and be-
fore the bottle was all used the boy's cold
was gone. Is that not better than to pay a
five dollar doctor's bill? Sold by all dealers.

WILL CONTEST FOR CROP PRIZES

T. C. Proctor, of the Winters
country, was in Ballinger this
week, and while here entered
the contest for crop prizes. He
will try for the \$300 cash prizes
being offered for the best maize
crop.

I. F. Watson, who lives on the
Crews road also called on the
Business League secretary and
entered the contest and will try
for cash prizes being offered for
the best crop of milo maize and
kaffir corn.

There are \$1000 in cash prizes
for the best maize crop. The
first prize is \$3000, second \$200
and ten next best get \$50 each.
This is a good maize crop, prize
and the farmers can win this
cash if they try.

Miss Annie Shaw went to Port Ar-
thur Sunday in response to a mes-
sage stating that her father was
very low. A message to friends of
Miss Shaw reached here Tuesday
stating that her father was dead.
She has the sympathy of her Ballin-
ger friends in her sorrow.

Ed. Hartman went to Comanche
Tuesday afternoon in response to a
message stating that his father was
not expected to live. Two brothers
U. E. and M. A. Hartman, went to
Comanche last week to be with their
father.

BANKERS CONVENTION COMING TO BALLINGER

The Ballinger delegation to the
annual convention of the Sixth
District Bankers Association,
which convened in Brownwood
Monday of this week, return-
d home Tuesday night. They
report a splendid convention at
Brownwood; a good attendance
of members and quite a number
of visitors from other States
and districts, and an interesting
program.

A. B. Sherwood, of San Angelo
was elected chairman for this
district, and Ballinger was
chosen as the meeting place for
1913. The convention meets in
February, and is well attended
by the bankers of the district
which comprises a number of
counties. It is needless to say
that the local bankers will ar-
range to give the visitors a royal
time when they meet in our city
next year.

To give you an idea of who
will be the guests of Ballinger
on this occasion we publish the
name of those who attended the
convention at Brownwood from
other states this week:

Alex B. Campbell, assistant
cashier Hanover National Bank;
Mr. Roach, American Exchange
Notional Bank; Mr. Pollard, Me-
chanics and Metals National
Bank; Carl Coonley, Coal and
Iron National Bank, New York;
W. H. Hurley, National Bank of
the Republic; I. L. H. Duscomb,
First National Bank; Wilbur
Hattery, Continental and Com-
mercial National bank; L. H.
Grimme, National City Bank,
Chicago; James Leville, Me-
chanics American National bank;
F. W. Wreiden, National Bank
of Commerce; C. B. Stewart,
Third National bank; W. B.
Taylor, Boatmen's bank; M. A.
Traylor Stockyards National
Bank; M. Tupper, Central Na-
tional bank, St. Louis; J. E.
Longmore, Drivers National
bank; J. H. Hellings, Interstate
National Bank, Kansas City.

Lawrence Shields came in from
Hot Springs Wednesday where he
had been with his brother Buck.
We are glad to report that Buck
has about recovered and that he
and his mother also returned
home last night coming in over
the A. & S.

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 drug-
gist'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.

OLD BALLINGER BOY HERE ON VISIT

Guy Pipkin, a former Ballin-
ger boy, and who will be remem-
bered by many old timers, is
here on a visit to his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pipkin, of
South Ballinger. He is accom-
panied by his wife and two
children. Guy is now living in
Idaho and is an engineer on the
Oregon Short Line railroad. He
went to Angelo yesterday after-
noon to meet his sister, who is
teaching in Tom Green county,
and who came down to be at
home Saturday and Sunday.

C. R. Stephens left for San
Angelo and will go out on the
Pacos on business.

FATHER DEAD.

Word reached Ballinger yester-
day telling of the death of Mr.
Hartman, of Comanche, who
died Wednesday night at that
place. Mr. Hartman was an old
man, and his illness was such
that he could not recover. He
leaves three sons in Ballinger,
U. E., M. A. and Ed. The boys
went to Comanche, and were
present when their father died.

Prominent Visitor Here.

R. M. Colquitt son of Gov. Col-
quitt was here Wednesday meet-
ing the friend of his father. He came
over from Abilene and went from
Ballinger to San Angelo.

COUNTY COURT.

County court has been in ses-
sion all the week, and quite a num-
ber of cases were disposed of trial,
compromise and dismissed and a
number of cases are set for to-
day and to-morrow.

The case of J. R. Hughes vs. P.
L. Crews, of Winters, in which
Hughes brought suit to collect on
contract, was called for trial, but
the parties reached a compromise.

W. T. Ward vs. J. A. Ostertag,
suit on account, Ward suing on
account and Ostertag claiming an
offset, was tried and resulted in
adverdict for Ostertag.

Rosenwasser & Levy vs. Santa
Fe Ry., suit for damage on goods
in shipping, was compromised and
dismissed from the docket.

Joe Nash came in Tuesday from
& M. at College Station. Minitis
broke out in the school and a num-
ber of the boys returned to their
homes over the state. The city
health officers took charge of Joe
when he reached Ballinger and
thoroughly fumigated and disinfected
him.

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 gro-
ceries. Paul Simpson, an experienced
grocery man, will have charge of this
department and we will give you good
service, prompt service and good gro-
ceries 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.

42 PARTY.

On last Tuesday Afternoon Mrs.
C. S. Miller opened the doors of
her handsome home, on Fifth St.,
to a number of her friends that
they might enjoy her hospitality
and several games of 42.

Despite the fact that the gored of
the winds Aeolus no longer re-
strained his violence but let loose
his pent up wrath accompanied by
whirling snow flakes every invit-
ed guest braved the storm and ar-
rived on time.

Then once indoors the out side
scene was immediately forgotten
and the coziness, beauty and eleg-
ance of the surroundings was all
the more appreciated.

Soon the pretty little score cards
representing woodland scenes were
passed and the games began mer-
rily in defiance of the blustering
winds. The bids ran high and
each game was closely contested un-
till the ring of the bell determi-
ened that time flew two rapidly
and every guest was thankful for
such a delightful afternoon.

Those present were:-

Mesdames E. L. Hagen, W. C.
ePnn, S. B. Raby, J. G. Dougals,
R. W. Bruce, W. W. Fowler, M.
C. Smith, Goe Holman, Harry Thom-
son, Raph Risser, Morris, B. B.
Stone, W. S. Fleming, J. B. Wade,
Jno Weeks, Andy Gustavus Joe
Wilmeth, D. Reeder, B. O. Walton,
German Geisecke, W. Francis,
Geo Pearce, Jno Hopkinson, War-
ren Lynn, Geo Vaughn, Jack Mc-
Grign, J. R. McVay, R. S. Griggs,
Head, A. F. Voss, Morgan Jones,

C. P. Shepherd, and Plants of Sey-
mour, Misses Bertha Rasbury, Jen-
nie and Emma Bennett, Olga Schaw
Neij Guion Coraj Clark, Bess Cra-
ig, Alice Mogarn, Nell Alexander,
Hattie Hutton, Louis Orgain, Franc
Baker, Maggi Underwood, Eradne
Gady, and Maude Northcutt.

MRS. L. A. ROBERSON DEAD.

Mrs. Sallie Ghent Robertson, wife
of L. A. Robertson, died at her
home 307 Fourth Street at four o'-
clock Monday afternoon, after an
illness extending over several months.

Deceased was 43 year
death, while not unex-
pected, she had been
great shock to her fa-
did all that loving he
to restore her health,
returned to Ballinger fr
three weeks ago, when
been living since Mr. Ro-
gaged in business there,
thought at the time that M-
son was improving and th-
would be well again, but her
ditions grew worse and death w-
the only relief to this good wife a
mother.

The funeral services were cond-
ed at the residence Tuesday after-
noon and the remains shipped
Indian Gap for interment, accom-
panied by Mr. Robertson and sc
Lake, and by a brother of the de-
ceased, Mr. Lake of Comanche, ar
were joined at Brownwood by oth-
relativer from Comanche.

Jesse McAdams went to Comac-
yesterday to attend the funeral of
Mr. Hartman.

PRICES CUT ALMOST INTO HALVES on all WINTER SHOES for MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN

CLEANING OUT ALL WINTER SHOES A great money saving event for you. Before the close of the month we want to clean out the many odds and ends accumulated during the Reorganization Sale. Space does not allow us to mention all the bargains you can find arranged on our tables, but the following partial list will convince you that a visit to our store will prove profitable to you.

Table 1. Men's high top shoes, lace or button, Patent, Kid,
Gun Metal and Tan Leather, most all sizes 6 to 11,
valne to \$6, choice clearing out price **\$2.98**
Other men's shoes at \$1.98 and 1.48

Table 2. Ladies high top shoes, lace and button, value \$2.50
and \$3.50, broken sizes, clearing price **\$1.48**

The Shoe Sale of the Season.

THE STORE AHEAD

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

BALLINGER, TEXAS