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FOUR SPEAKERS ON BETTER FARMING

Santa Fe Operates Demonstration Train. Farmers Fail to Attend. Bad Weather, Prevails.

The demonstration train, sent out by the Santa Fe over its Texas lines to boost better farming, reached here on time Tuesday and made a stop of about two hours. The train consisted of five cars, which were heated and made comfortable for the farmers while the speakers talked to them along different lines of farming.

The weather was bad and very few farmers came to town to meet the train, but a sufficient number of town people together with the few farmers that were here filled one car and heard the men in charge speak.

Mr. Johnson was the first speaker and represented the poultry department. He demonstrated by what he knew something about the chicken business, and made it plain that the farmers of west Texas were letting a great opportunity to profit by growing poultry go to waste. Mr. Johnson's talk was a practical talk and should have been heard by every chicken fancier well as the common chicken farmer in the country.

Mr. Singleton spoke on profitable pork production, and while the many suggestions offered were not new he made it easy for us to see where it was a poor business for the farmer to keep their smoke houses up north, and struggle to raise something to buy meat with, when the meat could be grown here just as cheap as it can be grown in the North. Truly the farmers are overlooking a great opportunity to save dollars when they fail to plant a few hogs for home consumption.

Mr. Bainer made a talk on general farming or better farming. Those who heard him were free to express that he was somewhat of a farmer, and talked from experience. He advocated deep plowing early plowing and the conservation of the winter moisture. "The best way to save the moisture is by deep breaking," said Mr.

Bainer. He also impressed the good seed idea upon his hearers. "Get the best seed and you get the best yield."

The last speaker was Mr. Williamson of the A & M College. He spoke on the milk and butter proposition, and the importance of green feed for dairy cows in the winter. He advocated preserving of green feed in silos, and demonstrated where the northern dairy man was making fortunes shipping his products to Texas and that the opportunity for successful dairying was greater here than in the north. We don't have the severe winters that they have in the north, and we have better pasturage for summer and can raise more feed on cheaper land. Sorghum, milo maize and kafir corn make splendid silage. An acre of land in Runnels county will produce from eight to ten tons of silage per acre and as a feed is worth \$3.50 per ton.

The Santa Fe is doing a great work in trying to teach the farmers the importance of diversifying and farming along more successful lines, and instead of letting the North supply the Southern cities with food help the North supply the Northern cities. In other words get in the game and become independent as the Northern farmers have done, and not under near as favorable conditions as the Southern farmers have.

OFFICERS LAND ON POKERS PLAYERS.

The officers run in a bunch of poker players Monday night, and besides the charge of gambling some of them had to answer to charge of fighting. One man came out of the game with a sore head. The usual penalty was assessed and the boys went on their way.

Temple Hoffer was here shaking hands with old friends Monday. Temple calls Wichata Falls headquarters, and is on the road with a good position. He was almost a stranger in Ballinger on account of having added so much flesh to his skinny make-up.

J. D. Norwood left Tuesday afternoon for the East on business.

That "Dawg" Song.

"They Gotta Quit Kickin' My Dawg Aroun'," is the name of the campaign song adopted by the Democratic convention of Missouri. The song has made a big hit all through the Middle West and is as follows:

Wunst me'n Lem Briggs 'n ol' Bill Brown
Tuk a load of cawn to town,
An' ol' Jim-dawg—the onry cuss—
He jes' nachelly follered us.

Chorus—

Every time I come to town
The boys keep kickin' my dawg aroun',
Makes no difference if he is a houn',
They gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

As we driv' past Sam Johnston's store
Passel o' yaps kem out th' door;
When Jim, he stops to smell a box,
They shied at him a bunch o' rocks.

They tied a tin can to his tail
An' run him apast the county jail;
'N' that plumb nachelly makes me sore,
'N' Lem he cussed 'n Bill he swore.

Me'n Lem Briggs 'n ol' Bill Brown
We lost no time in a-jumpin' down,
An' we wiped them ducks up on the groun'
For kickin' my ol' dawg aroun'.

Folks say a dawg kaint hold no grudge,
But wunst when I got too much budge
Them town ducks tried to do me up,
But they didn't count on ol' Jim-pup.

Jim seed his duty thar an' then,
An' he lit into them gentlemen,
An' he shored mused up the cotehouse square
With rags 'n meat 'n hide 'n hair.

FIRST TRADES DAY IS DRIZZLED OUT

Slow Drizzle and Cold Weather Causes People to Stay at Home. Plans for N'xt Month.

Ugly weather Sunday preceding Trades Day and an increase of gloomy wet weather cut the attendance at Trades Day on Monday of this week. However, quite a good many came to town and entered the contest for the premiums offered, and considerable attention was attracted by the splendid lot of stock exhibited.

Oscar Pearson, Jim Flynt and Jim Kelly acted as Judges in passing upon all stock entered and awarded premiums in all lines entered. There were a number of premiums that were not competed for, on account of the owners of stock being kept away by the bad weather. Following is a list of the premiums as awarded:

The best span of mules, Thos Eagan—\$2.50 First National Bank, \$2.50 pair pants, Ballinger Dry Goods Co.

Fanciest pair of Chickens, J. C. Reese—Bucket coffee, B. Dornberger.

J. C. Burns, of Wingate, bought the largest bill of goods from A. J. Zappe and got the \$3.50 razor.

J. L. Humphreys bought the largest bill of goods from Rosenwasser & Levy and got the \$2.50 pair of shoes.

Best year-old colt, G E Schneider—\$2.50 razor Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.

Best saddle horse, D W Turner—Pair Keen Kutter Fetlock Clippers, Hall Hardware Co.

Best buggy team, Wilj Hearrell—\$1.50 buggy whip, T. S. Lankford Best brood mare, Thos. Eagan—halter, H L Wendorf.

Best all purpose stallion, Arch Brookshire—Razor Strap J. Y. Pearce.

Best mule colt, B. F. Kemp—\$1. buggy whip, Shaffer & Mullins.

Best span of work horses, Dee Oliver—\$2.50 pair pants, R. A. Riser & Co. and \$2 bridle, Jones Walton & Co.

Champion pool player, French pool, A. B. Burrell, straight run of sixty-six.

Champion pool player, call shot, Frank Collins, twenty-eight highest score.

There was considerable interest in the egg marketing contest, and

thousand of eggs were marketed in Ballinger, and at a good price, considering the spring season, when eggs are plentiful. The largest number brought in by one party was thirty-eight dozen, W. C. Wright, of the Crews country selling that number to A. L. Spann & Co.

E. H. Hastings sold 33 dozen to Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., Mrs. S. A. Moreland sold 31 dozen to W. B. Wood & Son.

Mrs. S. B. Baggett sold 25 1-3 dozen to W. W. Chastain.

Considering the weather the day was a success from every standpoint. The band which had been engaged to furnish music for the occasion did not play on account of the rain. Arrangements are already under foot for next Trades Day, and it is expected that this will be the record breaker. An effort will be made to have one or two prominent speakers—Jake Walters or Cone Johnson, or both if possible, to visit Ballinger on the First Monday in April. You had as well begin to get ready now to be here and take part in the big day.

Working For Charity.

C. R. Crews and M. D. Chastain, who have in charge the work of looking after the poor and those deserving of charity help, prevailed upon L. C. Alexander to get out and solicit funds for the cause, and Mr. Alexander is at work, and it is to be hoped that all will contribute liberally when under calls. There are a number of cases that have recently been brought to the attention of the committee and we can't afford to stand by and see those who are sick and unfortunate suffer. Dig up and help the poor.

Mrs. R. D. Hall Dead.

Mrs. R. D. Hall, mother of R. A. Hall, a former Ballinger business man, died at the home of her son in San Angelo Tuesday. The remains passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route to the old home at Warren, Pa., where they will be laid to rest. The remains were accompanied by the husband, and two sons, R. A. of San Angelo, and L. H., of Warren, Pa.

Mrs. Goe, Brockman, of San Angelo, is the guest of Mrs. C. C. Schuchard this week.

J. W. Godwin is at home from Oklahoma where he has been the past six months buying cotton.

Sunday School Convention.

Program for the Sunday School Convention to be held at the 8th street Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 10th, at 2:30 p. m.

President R. T. Williams, presiding.

Opening song, No. 227.

Prayer.

Song, No. 92.

Opening Remarks by the President Solo by Miss Coral Clark.

Address, "Grading the S. S." by Prof. E. L. Hagan

Quartet by Messrs Martindale, Adkins, Reeves, and Simpson.

Address, "Organizing S. S. Work" by Rev Hammock.

Song No. 25.

Open Discussions led by A. H. Eicke.

Future plans and Business.

Song No. 34.

Closing prayer.

J. N. Adams returned Monday from an extended business trip over East Texas. He traveled over Houston county, Limestone and Anderson, and he said he did not see as much life in those old counties as there is in Runnels. The people there are not up and on the job like they are in West Texas, and they seem to be satisfied with conditions as they exist, and are doing nothing to better conditions. Taking all things in consideration Mr. Adams says we have them bested in many ways.

Mr and Mrs Joe Peltus arrived first of the week from Albuquerque New Mexico, and will visit Mrs Peltus' father, J H Kelly for a week

Among our new recruits this week was our old friend J. O. Roots who recently returned to Ballinger after an absence of some time. He with his family will occupy his pretty cottage home on 5th street. Their many friends are glad to welcome them back home.

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A Nature Freak.

Three Monday, exhibiting a freak here Monday, exhibiting a freak in the way of a deformed colt. The colt was dead of course, but had been embalmed. It was a well developed animal with two heads, two sets of hips and hind legs, with single chest and only one neck and two fore legs. It was a genuine freak of nature and attracted a great deal of attention.

Born to Mr and Mrs G W Halshead last Saturday a boy.



**One Boll
of
Cotton
is of small account**

**the Cotton
is of great Value**

Less bolls. But be planted—and then come with money. A lot if you plant more will grow in time

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Sometimes, When You are in Town

You have a little spare time on your hands while you are waiting to do this or that.

Perhaps you will find it convenient to rest or meet your friends in our Bank which is open for the accommodation of the public. We will be glad to have you call whether you have an account with us or not.

We want you to become acquainted with the First National the Oldest and Strongest Bank in Runnels County, a Bank that has always catered to the Banking of farmers and we cordially invited their business.

By the way accounts can always be opened with us by mail if it isn't convenient to call.

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FREE SAMPLE CURED OLD PERSON'S BOWEL TROUBLE

One of the most remarkable proofs of the unusual laxative merit contained in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is that it is effective not only in people in the prime of life, but at the extremes of ages. As many letters are received from mothers regarding the cures of children, as from men and women of sixty, seventy and eighty years of age. It must be truly a wonderful laxative.

In the cure of constipation and bowel trouble in old people it has no equal. It corrects the constipation, dispels the headache, biliousness, gas, drowsiness after eating, etc. People advancing in years should see to it that their bowels move freely, and if they do not to take Dr. Caldwell's

Syrup Pepsin. You can prolong your life by healthy bowel action. Clogged bowels invite disease. Women about to pass the menstrual period cannot do better than use Syrup Pepsin several times a week until the system has settled to its future condition.

Among the strongest supporters of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin are Mr. W. G. Zorn of New Decatur, Ala., and Mr. George S. Spaulding of the National Soldiers' Home, Kansas, both elderly men. The regular size bottles can be bought of any druggist at fifty cents and one dollar, but a free sample bottle can be had by sending your address to the doctor.

Address him Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

Human Life.

In Texas today human life is cheap. No matter what the surrounding conditions or circumstances matter how dastardly the deed or crime just give a man money and he can come out of the courts of Texas with a clear title. Instance after instance could be cited where cold blooded murder has been committed and after a year or two wrangle in the courts the perpetrator of the crime goes scot free. Is it any wonder that an outraged public will oftentimes take justice in their own hands and resort to mob law? Texas is now laboring with a standard of legal procedure that is rotten as hell itself. It is a disgrace to the intelligence of our people. Last year in Dallas alone over fifty homicides were recorded. Yet there has not been a legal execution in the county for all those crimes. Something is radically wrong with Texas courts and unless there is a change within the next few years sentiment will grow, and when justice is needed the case will never get to the court house. This may seem strange doctrine to advance, yet every man who has watched the court procedure in this State knows that contending with the most methods of criminal court ever inflicted upon a civilized people. Our courts now in the hands of unscrupulous criminal lawyers. They bulldoze judges,

work upon the sympathy of weak minded jurors, until it is not possible to convict a man who has the money to employ them. A few days ago we heard a gentleman say that not long since a criminal lawyer inquired of him who would be good lawyer to assist him in a noted case he had in charge. The gentleman named over several attorneys in the town and suggested that they would be good material, as they stood at the head of their profession in the town. The criminal lawyer replied that he was not looking for the brains, he was wanting to pick a fellow who knew how to pick a jury. He wanted men on the jury who would not consider the evidence of the case but who lacked gray matter sufficient to reason out the natural elements of the case, but would be guided in their verdict by the amount of tears shed by the hypocritical criminal lawyers. What a travesty of our courts and the real intent of expectation of right and justice from legal sources. It is not time for the people of Texas to rise up in their wrath and demand that a change be made? Is it possible that we will idly sit by and see murder committed in cold blood and the criminal allowed to go without punishment? Human life in Texas is indeed cheap. No matter how unanimous sentiment may be that a criminal is guilty as the devil himself just give the criminal lawyer

free rein and plenty of money and he will override public will and justice and throw upon society as unscrupulous a villain as ever walked the earth of the earth. The records will bear us out in this statement. We do not have to go a thousand miles to cite an instance of this very nature. In fact it is now fresh in the minds of all our readers. Will the next legislature remedy this condition? We truly hope so.—McGregor Mirror.

FREE IF IT FAILS.

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

We are so positive 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 drugs. 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.

Constipation is caused by a weakness of the nerves and muscle of the large intestine or descending colon. To expect permanent relief you must therefore tone up and strengthen these organs and restore them to healthier activity.

We want you to try Rexall Orderlies on our recommendation. They are exceedingly pleasant to take, being eaten like candy, are ideal for children, delicate person, and old folks, as well as for the 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, nor create any inconvenience whatever. They may be taken at any time, day or night. They will positively 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, 10 cents; 36 tablets 25c; 80 tablets, 50 cents. Sold in Ballinger only at our store—The Rexall Store. The Walker Drug Co.

Weather Forecast

Colder with rains causing rheumatic pains. Hunt's Lightning Oil stops all aches and pains whether from Rheumatism, Pneumonia, Cuts, Burns or Bruises. Quickest Liniment known. 25c and 50c bottles. All Druggist.

City Election Next Month.

The usual city election will be held next month at which time the voters will select three men to serve as aldermen for two years. The three retiring aldermen are B. C. Kirk, J. A. Weeks and L. C. Alexander. The two holdovers are C. C. Cockrell and E. F. Krebs.

FOR TRADE.

We have for trade for improved farm, a clean stock of merchandise and accounts. Good location. Address Box 701 Coleman Texas.

D. E. Caudle returned last Saturday from Lott, Texas, where he went on business. Mr. Caudle said his friends in his old home tried to figure with him and show where it would be to his interest to move back to that county but he returned home feeling very well satisfied.

Why take Calomel

When Simmons' Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant, yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives. (In yellow ten box only.) Price 25c, Tried once, used always.

A Bargain—For Trade or Sale.

460 acres land in New Mexico, 103 in cultivation, modern improvement in irrigation district, well and pump close to good county seat town. A seven room home and four lots in Ballinger. Will trade for good farm any where except west of Ballinger.

W. T. Bundick, Ballinger, Texas. 4t.

Runnels County Will Win.

That milo maize is a profitable crop, especially in west Texas, has been frequently demonstrated. A Hale county farmer recently stated that he planted 17 1-2 acres in milo maize last May and in October gathered and sold the crop for \$372, nearly twice as much as he paid for the land. The Texas Industrial Congress is offering \$1,000 in gold for the best crops of either kaffir corn or milo maize grown this year on two acres without irrigation, and a like amount for the same crops grown by irrigation, the first prize in each case being \$300. Application blanks to enter either contest can be secured by anyone who will write to the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas.

A number of farmers in Runnels county have entered the contest, and will make a strong effort for first money. We all know there is no county in Texas that will grow better milo maize or more of it on an acre of ground than Runnels and we predict that the man that wins first money in this contest will be a Runnels county man. Send in your name and get in the game for cash prizes being offered by the Texas Industrial Congress and also for the prizes to be offered for the best crops by the Ballinger Business League.



More Home Baking.

Better every way than the ready made foods

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

A pure Cream of Tartar Powder

No Alum No Lime Phosphate

Made from Grapes

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Brownwood, North and South Railroad has been called for March 20th, at Brownwood. The meeting is for the purpose of increasing the capital stock from \$30,000 to \$225,000.

Five million dollars has been raised among St. Louis capitalists to finance the construction of the Waco Dallas Interurban line.

TWO BOYS OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bair was operated on last Friday for appendicitis, and is getting along very well.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Futch was operated on for appendicitis Monday of this week and is doing as well as could be expected.

W. W. Farmer is at home from a three weeks visit to Oklahoma and the Panhandle country, where he owns some property. Mr. Farmer is arranging to irrigate more land on his irrigated farm on the river below town. He was very successful last year, and thinks an irrigated farm in this county is a paying investment.

For hoarseness, inflamed lungs or irritating coughs, Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm. It does its work quickly and thoroughly. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Will Heide left Monday for Ballinger where he has entered the employ of Higdon Melton Jackson Co., as bookkeeper. Will has made good in that capacity in terms and the Enterprise, with many friends in Wirt surrounding country predict him the same success in location.—Winters Enter

HERBINE cures constipation, reestablishes regular movements. Price 50c. Sold by Pearce.

L. A. Bedford, W. H. Havenhall, and A. R. Orr were among the Winters visitors to Ballinger on Trades Day.

Thru Sleeper TO Kansas City

VIA



Leaves South Texas every night, North Texas next morning, arriving in Kansas City following morning.

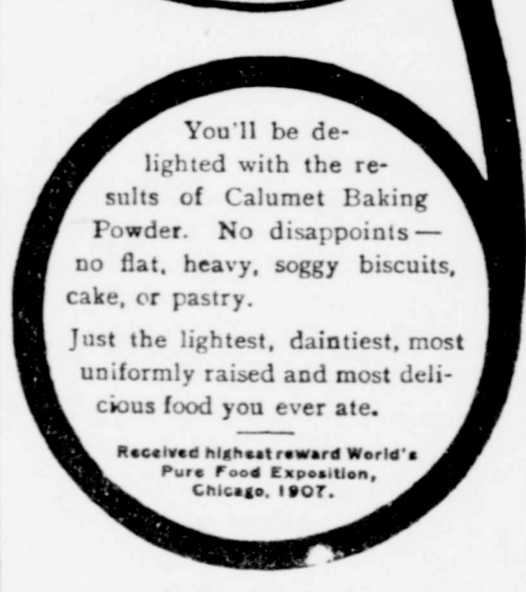
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W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston, Texas



"Hell, China or Oil" is Sign On Derrick.

Roff, Ok.—"Hell, China or Oil; ask no questions." This sign adorns the side of a large derrick operated by prospectors for oil and gas near Roff and it is meant as an answer to the many questions asked by those who visit the derrick.

"They have struck another flow of water, warm enough to boil an egg," said one observer, "and it would seem they had reached the destination they are bound for. Still I'm not asking questions."

Take HERBINE for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

The Frisco Railroad is to build a \$200,000 hotel at Kingsville.



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"PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE FARMERS OF CENTRAL-WEST TEXAS"

Written by the Santa Fe's Practical Demonstrators.

This pamphlet treats of better methods of general farming, and is written in a simple, concise way, to cover that portion of Texas that you are interested in.

I will be glad to send you this pamphlet, FREE OF CHARGE, if you will drop me a line.

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"I was under the treatment of two doctors," writes Mrs. R. L. Phillips, of Indian Valley, Va., "and they pronounced my case a very stubborn one, of womanly weakness. I was not able to sit up, when I commenced to take Cardui.

I used it about one week, before I saw much change. Now, the severe pain, that had been in my side for years, has gone, and I don't suffer at all. I am feeling better than in a long time, and cannot speak too highly of Cardui."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

if you are one of those ailing women who suffer from any of the troubles so common to women.

Cardui is a builder of womanly strength. Composed of purely vegetable ingredients, it acts quickly on the womanly system, building up womanly strength, toning up the womanly nerves, and regulating the womanly system. Cardui has been in successful use for more than 50 years. Thousands of ladies have written to tell of the benefit they received from it. Try it for your troubles. Begin today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. For Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 132

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist.
Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-4.

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

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mr. H. Silks, 29 Dowling Street, Sydney, Australia. This remedy is sold by all dealers.

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One Hundred Fifty bushels good Mebane Cotton Seed, at 65 cents per bushel. Guaranteed to be 97 per cent pure.

J. S. Worsham,
Hatchel, Texas. 21

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

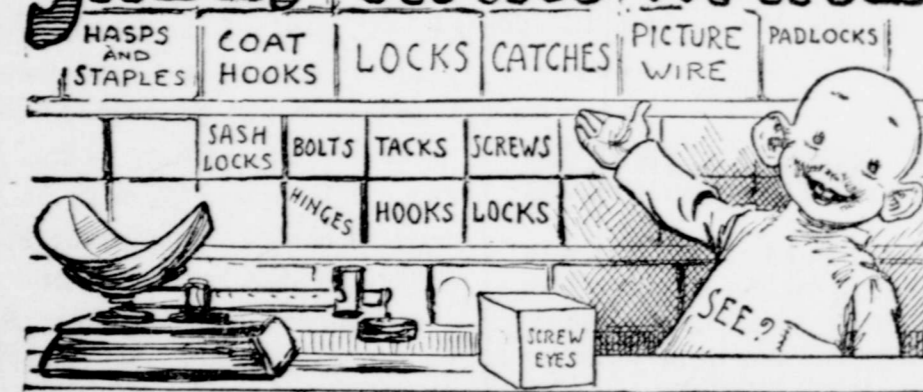
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We make a study of this question and try to supply our customers with the best the market affords. Prompt delivery and the best quality of goods is our motto. Give us a trial.

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Ballinger, Texas

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WE HAVE EVERY THING YOU WANT IN HARDWARE!

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.
Give full weight, full measure and a fair

to see you in our store more than once.

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County Office..... 7.50
Precinct Office..... 2.50
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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) DEMOVIILE

For County Clerk.
O. L. PARISCH.

UBIQUITOUS COTTON.

The uses to which cotton is put are legion. Not only are our swaddling clothes made from it but our shroud is woven therefrom. The poor mans friend on account of its cheapness it has manufacture. It varies from the heavy waterproof canvas that defies the elements to the exquisite muslin of such delicate texture that it becomes invisible under a heavy dew. Prince and peasant alike demand it. In a palace it readily displacing silk and linen; in the cottage it is supreme nothing can take its place there.

Neither are the uses of cotton confined to the surface of the earth. We see it over head in the copeland; underground in the "brattices" of the mine. It is equally noticeable in the flag of peace and the high explosive (gun cotton) of war.

So varied are its uses through the art of manufacture that it is serviceable in all climes and under all conditions. It protects alike the polar explorer from the freezing blast of the wintry winds and the Sahara traveler from the rays of the scorching sun.

REAPING BENEFIT.

From the Experience of Ballinger People.

We are fortunate indeed to be able to profit by the experience of our neighbors. The public utterance of Ballinger residents on the following subject will interest and benefit thousands of our readers. Read this statement. No better proof can be had.

Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 Thirteenth St., Ballinger, Texas, says:

"I was troubled by my back for some time. I was so stiff and lame that I could hardly work. This would go away after I moved about for awhile, but was sure to come back the next day. The kidney secretions were disordered and this was a source of annoyance. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I had seen them highly advertised and after using half the contents, I found them a great help and my lameness began to leave me. I always keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand, as I consider them an excellent remedy and I am glad to tell others how I was benefited."

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.

Patronize our Advertisers.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECK NEAR BROWNWOOD

One Man Killed and Five Injured in Santa Fe Wreck This Side of Brownwood. Boys Stealing Ride.

Crowded out last week. The passenger train due here at twelve-forty last Sunday night did not reach here until Sunday morning at nine o'clock. The delay in traffic was caused by a "battleship" oil tank car jumping the track five miles this side of Brownwood about five o'clock Saturday afternoon. The train left Ballinger shortly after noon Saturday and was running at a rate of thirty miles an hour when the wreck occurred. The Brownwood Bulletin printed the following account of the wreck:

The train was in charge of Conductor Col Lockett with T. G. Brown at the throttle, and Sam Whidden doing the firing, and at the time of the wreck was making from 20 to 30 miles an hour. Just what caused the wreck can not be determined, but it is barely probable that the sloshing of the oil in the large tank car caused it to jump the track.

The dead and injured: C. B. Frazier, killed outright. Homer Avinger of Bangs, arm torn off at the shoulder.

W. M. Whitten, brakeman, bone in left arm broken.

Bob Reid of Bangs, foot mashed and minor wounds.

Sol. Lockett, conductor, lick over eye.

From the best information obtainable it seems that Frazier and Avinger were riding on the front end of the oil car and were thrown on opposite sides of the track.

The big tank left the trucks and one set of the trucks landed squarely on top of Frazier and the other on Avinger. Frazier evidently met death without a struggle, since his back was broken and his hip twisted out of shape, besides many minor cuts and bruises. Avinger, on the other side of the track, was also under the trucks, and his arm was torn from the socket at the shoulder.

Brakeman W. M. Whitten was in the cupola of the caboose when the oil car jumped the track and the caboose was only a car length away from the oil tank. He was thrown down to the floor of the caboose with force enough to break a bone in his arm. Conductor Sol Lockett was bumped against the side of the caboose with force enough to make a slight wound over his eye, but otherwise escaped injury.

Bob Reid and Chester Allen, both of Bangs, were on the oil tank when the wreck occurred, Reid escaped with a mashed foot and other minor injuries, and Allen escaped practically unharmed. These boys say they can not account for their escape and that it is a wonder that all four on the oil tank were not killed outright.

As soon as the news of the wreck reached Brownwood Saturday afternoon a wrecking crew was organized and a special train conveyed them to the scene. The first work was to look after the injured and remove the trucks off the body of Frazier. The body was put on the special and carried to Brownwood, along with the injured and turned over to Undertaker, MeInnis, where it remained throughout the day Sunday. The father of the dead man, who lives at Rockdale, Texas, was notified at once and arrived here Sunday morning to accompany the body back home. A brother of the dead man lives in Brownwood and was at once notified. The body was shipped to Rockdale Sunday night.

Young Frazier so the train crew informs a Bulletin man, was riding on the train without authority and had been put off three times between Ballinger and the scene of the wreck. He got on the train at Ballinger, evidently with the intention of coming to Brownwood to join his brother. The three boys, Avinger, Reid and Allen got on the train at Bangs to ride to Brownwood. All are well known young men of that community.

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Interesting Interview.

On our return from Gatesville to miles last week we had occasion to meet a Tennessean in the person of Mr. Pollock Mepherston Mr. Macperson was on his way to Ballinger, accompanied by his wife, daughter and son, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Macperson is a Tennessean from head to foot; a loyal man to his native state; a firm believer in the laws of both God and man, and stated that he had been told that West Texas was no place for people to go, but we venture the assertion, that if he will only write back to some of his neighbors and tell them of our hospitable citizen-ship, our good and well taught public schools and last, our churches besides other things too numerous to mention that Runnels county in less than another year will be the home of many Tennesseans. He is an elderly gentleman, highly educated and has reared a family that he might well be proud of. These hospitable people will find a class of people in Ballinger who are every ready to extend the "welcome hand" and lend aid in any way to those who are less fortunate than themselves.—Miles Enterprise.

The County Commissioners of Tarrant county have granted a franchise to the Texas Company for the construction of an oil pipe line that will extend from Electra, across Tarrant county, to the Texas Company's West Dallas refinery, connecting with a fuel oil oil station to be constructed on the Burford tract.

Jake Walters and W. H. Gray who was sentenced to twenty four hours in jail by the last legislature for their refusal to answer question have been released by the court of criminal appeals.

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If letters advertised, March 15th, please say "advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead letter office.

H. A. Cady, P. M.

Joe Haddon sends this Leader to his brother C. L. Haddon at Blanket this week. Others might follow Mr. Haddon's example and then get the merits of our country before the outside world.

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Grand Pa Clampett.

A baby arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs O. D. Dillingham, of Winters on the 25th of Feb. Mrs. Dillingham is the daughter of J. W. Clampett, and it is now Grand Pa Clampett.

R. P. Kirk returned from San Angelo Tuesday. He said there was considerable excitement there over the one case of meningitis that developed there first of the week. The authorities were using every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

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Trafic Maager Johnson of the West Texas Telephone Co., had business in Ballinger this week.



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Another recently won a prize offered by the women's Clubs of Kentucky for the best model school in the country. Just now the great demand is for a large chapel and class-room facilities, because the student body has out grown the original building.

Brevard Institute in the mountains of Western North Carolina, is doing good work and constantly growing. The second session of the school year opened January 3, 1912, with a large percentage of the old students back and a number of new students.

The Brevard Institute issues, four times a year, a school periodical, the Lanephian; all the composition and press work is done in the Institute. If the Auxiliary Home Mission Council in matters scribe for this paper it would keep them informed about the advancements of one of their Schools. Brevard needs enlargement.

The buildings are full to overflowing.

The Home Mission Council of the United States was organized 4 years ago and is now composed of twenty-two General Home Missions Boards and Societies of Protestant dominations.

The Council held its fourth annual meeting January 17, 18, 1912, in New York. Rev. Thomas C. Woffett, D. D., Superintendent of Indian Missions in the Presbyterian Church, and Chairman of the committee on Indian work, has given more study to the needs of the Indians and the religious work that is being done for them than any other man. In his report he made it clear that the Indians in many places are being defrauded of their lands by designing white men, are being controlled in the schools by designing Churchmen, and being neglected in matters of religion and civilization in many quarters by the Protestant religious organizations.

The committee during the past year has retained legal counsel in Washington who will represent the Home Mission Council in all matters touching the social, intellectual, religious, as well as political, welfare of the Indians."

Press Reporter,
W. H. M. S.

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Mr. S. S. Johnson.

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Our Legislatures ought to encourage progress, as well as restrain crime. Goodness and prosperity are boon companions and should be associated together in law. Building factories is as much a part of statecraft as putting shackles on criminals.

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Temple, Tex., March 2.—With an able discussion of the rights and needs of the farmer, the initiative and referendum, the tariff and the direct election of senators, the strengthening of our anti-trust laws and the rights of labor and capital, Colonel Jake Wolters, candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Joseph W. Bailey, opened his campaign here today before the largest crowd that was ever assembled in Temple or Bell County. The speaker's opening campaign speech was well received and he made a highly favorable impression upon his hearers. On all sides it was agreed that Colonel Wolters is a formidable candidate and can easily hold his own with any man in the State.

The special train bearing the candidate and several hundred of his home friends reached Temple shortly after noon, the speaking beginning at 2:30. Colonel Wolters was introduced by Judge John M. Furman of Belton, a lifelong acquaintance. In introducing the speaker, Judge Furman said that if Colonel Wolters was elected he would be the first native-born Texan to occupy a seat in the United States senate and the first senator from South Texas.

A special train was also run from Waco bearing a large number of Wolters supporters, and low rates were made from Austin and other points along the Katy and Santa Fe.

Colonel Wolters' speech was, in part, as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Imbued with the spirit of the old-time Democracy which actuated the fathers of Texas seventy-six years ago, when they assembled at Old Washington on the Brazos and declared the independence of Texas from Mexico, I come from the ranks of the private citizens to continue the battle for the preservation of those principles in the administration of our public affairs.

I concede to every American the right to think and speak as it pleases him upon any matter of public concern, but I insist that every man shall fight from the ranks and under the flag of the political party whose policies or principles he advocates.

I am a Democrat. I shall contend for the Democratic faith. I am confident that the overwhelming majority of the people of Texas are Democrats. Nor do I doubt that they will rally to the support of the candidate who adheres to the principles of Democracy, to the end that the one of their political faith, not in name alone, but in fact, shall speak and vote their convictions in the senate of the United States. If the people of Texas are no longer Democrats, and do not want one of their faith in the United States senate from Texas—I am not the man to send. I do not understand, nor have I any desire to learn, how to cast a vote contrary to the principles of Democracy.

In submitting my candidacy for the high office to which I aspire, I lay my ambition at the feet of the Democrats of Texas. I shall cheerfully abide by their verdict. Nor do I fear for one moment the action of the members of the legislature, should I become the Democratic nominee for the office of senator. I am sure that every man who aspires to be a member of the next legislature, with the correct conception of the duties of a Democratic representative, will be only too glad to yield his individual preference to that of the Democracy of Texas.

Agreed Issues.

I favor an income tax to be imposed upon the incomes of individuals as well as corporations; the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; the preservation and strengthening of our Federal anti-trust laws, and opposition to monopolies in trade. An extended discussion of these subjects would not, at this time, be of benefit to the public and would only tend to consume time to the exclusion of other matters which, though no more important, become so only because of differences relating thereto.

Opposes Discrimination in Tariff.

In any extended discussion upon the tariff fragments of an argument are easily misconstrued or distorted. I desire it emphatically understood now and for all time that I am unalterably opposed to protection. I deem it a robbery of the masses to enrich a few. It is a system wholly indefensible either under our constitution, sound business or good morals. There ought to be no difficulty in arriving at the true Democratic position for the reason that we can all agree upon the correct premise upon which we base our arguments and ultimate conclusions. It will not be disputed that the premise is: The Democratic party stands for a tariff for revenue only. The simple statement of this proposition precludes any possibility of a

sentation that from a Democratic standpoint, a tariff duty is defensible for any other purpose. Its purpose is not to protect American industries of any kind. We are opposed to protection. But it must not be forgotten that any system of taxation, and especially such an one as the tariff system imposes burdens and incidentally distributes benefits or advantages. Is there a Democrat who will for a moment contend that as a fundamental principle it is not correct that where burdens are to be imposed and benefits distributed by a system of taxation, that they shall be imposed and distributed as equitably as the system will permit, and without discrimination? Justice is the great arch that upholds the Temple of Democracy, and Equality is the keystone that binds together the component essentials of the Arch of Justice. Take from the magnificent Democratic structure the keystone of equality, and it will fall to pieces in an instant. The surest and safest rule to apply in determining whether any proposed governmental policy is in accord with Democratic principles, is to test it by the fundamental rule that in order for it to be Democratic it must confer "equal rights to all; special privileges to none."

The citizenship of our common country may be divided into classes, which pursue agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, mechanical arts, mining and transportation. Intimately connected therewith are to make it impossible for any of these great pursuits to be successful without the other, are CAPITAL and LABOR. As an essential to these various pursuits, which as a whole constitute the system of our society, we have the great professions with their various collateral branches, and the sciences and arts.

I contend that in devising a system of taxation for the purpose of raising sufficient revenue only to economically administer the affairs of government, the correct Democratic way is to lay the tax so as not to discriminate between any of these classes of our citizenship, nor the sections of our common country. I freely concede that it is probably an Utopian dream, not yet realized by mortal man, to expect that any taxation system, based upon the levying of taxes upon imports, can be made so uniform in its application as to not, here and there, to discriminate between classes, but it ought not to be denied that it should be the duty of Democrats to minimize these discriminations whenever and wherever possible, and put them upon as equitable a basis as it is possible to do.

Hence, I contend that in laying the tax upon imports it must be so applied as not to discriminate between the products of the manufacturer and the raw material which the manufacturer requires. So long as the tax is to be laid upon manufactured products of the foreigner, thereby incidentally giving an advantage to the American manufacturer, from whom the American citizen buys, a tax shall be imposed upon the raw material imported by the foreigner, which the American manufacturer buys. Thus we avoid discrimination between all the people of the United States, for our entire citizenship, regardless of their avocation, derive their support and means of livelihood through the industries developed by these two classes—manufacturers, and the producers of raw material. When in any taxation system we discriminate against the producer of the raw material, in favor of the manufacturer, we impose a burden upon all those who are bound together in their means of livelihood with the raw material and it will affect every man within the borders of Texas. When the prosperity of the farmers and stock raisers is adversely affected, the prosperity of labor is at once diminished, the banker feels its effects, the merchant finds trade dull, the transportation companies' business slackens, and the professions find the fees growing fewer and smaller.

If elected, I shall, whenever opportunity is afforded, vote to reduce the tariff to an absolute revenue basis, but I shall also vote so as not to discriminate between the manufacturer and the producer of raw material. We should, of course, lay the highest tax upon luxuries and the lowest upon necessities. By an uniform and universal application of the tax we can make it low upon all articles, and still raise sufficient revenue.

I stand for a tariff for revenue only; not for a protected North and East, and a free trade South and West.

In order that there may be afforded an opportunity to every Democrat in Texas to investigate this subject for himself, I propose to submit, briefly and without copious quotations, the position of the Democratic party upon this question, as well as the position of recognized Democratic leaders.

In 1844 James K. Polk was elected president, and with him a Democratic congress. That congress repealed the tariff act of 1842 and enacted a new law. President Polk in his inaugural address, and in his various messages to that congress, stated the Democratic position to be as I have herein contended that it was and is. Time will forbid my undertaking to quote the many strong statements of President Polk, but I trust that if there is any Democrat in Texas still in doubt as to the Democratic position, he will take the pains to read the messages of President Polk, which may be found in "Messages and Papers of the Presidents," on various pages of Vol. 4. It was while this tariff bill was under consideration that the issue was clearly drawn by the introduction of a resolution by the Whig leader in the senate instructing the committee on finance to place the manufactured products upon the tax list, and leave the raw material upon the free list. We find John C. Calhoun, Lewis Cass and Thomas H. Benton, three of the greatest Democrats the nation produced, standing together against the undemocratic heresy of free raw material. We find General Sam Houston and Thomas J. Rusk, then senators from Texas, on record against that doctrine. We find every Democrat in the senate, except three, opposed to it. It was during that congress that Robert J. Walker, secretary of the treasury, wrote his famous report, in which he presented an argument that for all time destroy-

ed every vestige of the contention that the doctrine of free raw material was in accord with the Democratic theory of the tariff. I understand full well that it is contended that in later years Mr. Walker changed his views upon that question. I do not know what motives induced him to change that position, but I do know that he changed his position upon other public questions. He was a senator from Mississippi—a Southern man, and a Democrat. He went as such into the cabinet of President Polk. When the war between the States came on he cast his fortunes with the North and became one of the bitterest enemies of the South. It was after he did this that he changed his views on taxing raw material and was willing to favor the manufacturers of the North and East by discriminating against the farmers and stock raisers of the South and West. But his argument in opposition to the doctrine of free raw material remains where it has stood for sixty-seven years—unanswered by any man.

In 1896 the national Democratic convention declared:

"We hold that tariff duties should be levied for purposes of revenue, such duties to be adjusted so as to operate equally throughout the country, and not discriminate between classes or sections, and this tax should be limited by the needs of the government, honestly and economically administered."

The same year, and prior to the adoption of the national platform, the Democrats of Texas, in a convention held in Austin, declared their opposition to the doctrine of free raw material. That platform was written by none other than the great Democrat who gave to Texas more than fifty years of service, and left a record unblemished and unstained—John H. Reagan.



COLONEL JAKE WOLTERS, Candidate for United States Senate.

In view of the fact that the senator to be elected by you will be associated for the major portion of his term as the co-fugate of the Hon. Charles A. Culberson, it will not be amiss to here quote his position, in his announcement for the office of senator, on January 1, 1898. He said:

"All Federal taxation, whether in the form of tariff or import or otherwise, should be strictly limited to the necessities of a simple government, economically administered. On the tariff question, I am, in principle a free trader as far as practical, because, among other reasons briefly put, such a policy, in my judgment, would best subserve the interests of the people in that (1) it would tend to enable them to buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest market of the world; (2) indirect taxation or tariff is a tax on consumption which wholly disregards equality of taxation and government benefits; and (3) direct taxes in lieu of tariff duties by fixing public attention upon expenditures and taxation, would force a marked reduction of expenses and maintain economy. As long, however, as we may be compelled, as under the present constitution, to support the government in large measure by duty on imports, they should be laid for purposes of revenue only, first upon luxuries and last upon necessities of life.

"THUS LIMITED AND APPORTIONED, SUCH DUTIES, IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE NATIONAL PLATFORM OF 1896, SHOULD BE SO ADJUSTED AS TO OPERATE EQUALLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND NOT DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN CLASS OR SECTION."

It is needless for me to undertake to cite the position of the junior senator from Texas upon this important question. His position is probably better known and more thoroughly understood than that of any living statesman of either political party. Mr. Bailey has always contended for the application of the Democratic principles of equality in laying taxes upon imports.

In 1904 the Democratic party again declared:

"We denounce protection as a robbery of the many to enrich the few, and we favor a tariff limited to the needs of the government, economically administered and so levied as not to discriminate against any industry, class or section, to the end that the burdens of taxation shall be distributed as equally as possible."

The platform of 1908 demands a revision of the tariff by the reduction of import duties. It provided that articles coming in competition with tariff-controlled products be placed on the free list, and that material reductions be made in the tariff on the necessities of life, especially upon articles competing with such American-made goods as are sold abroad more cheaply than at home, and it insists upon a gradual reduction in such other schedules as may be necessary to restore the tariff to a revenue basis. It further demands the repeal of the tariff on wood pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs, and that those articles be placed upon the

free list. Nowhere in that platform is there a declaration in favor of free raw material. I do not think that it may be contended that the mere declaration in this platform in favor of placing certain articles upon the free list, shows that the doctrine of free raw material is approved.

The latest expression binding upon the Democrats of Texas is that of the last Democratic State convention, which reaffirmed the declarations of the State and National platforms of 1896.

Advocates of free raw material are attempting to fasten a system of taxation upon us, under the terms of which we are to play the old game of "Heads and Tails" so that the manufacturers win when it is "Heads," and we lose when it is "Tails."

I am a human, and liable to error, but I assure you that as your senator, some "Down East Yankee" will never be able to "laugh in his sleeve" and say that I by my vote discriminate against my own people for the benefit of his people.

Upon this question, as all others, I shall yield my individual judgment and views to the judgment of the Democrats of Texas. I have no ambition other than to encompass the happiness and prosperity of the people of Texas. I am part and parcel of them—and my destiny is mingled with theirs. From the sod of Texas I sprang, and with it, in time, I shall mingle my dust. It is my home—my native land—her people are my people; their joys are my joys—their sorrows are my sorrows. Realizing and understanding as I do, that the laying of tax on imports by this government that will discriminate against the farmers and stock raisers of Texas, in favor of the manufacturers of the North and East, will adversely affect the prosperity of our people, I would not wish to answer to the name of Texas in the United States senate, compelled to cast a vote that would contribute to our injury. If you want a senator to represent the manufacturers of the North and East, rather than the great varied interests of Texas, I respectfully suggest that you elect another, not me. If, on the other hand, you agree with me that it should be our province to have our interests in the senate represented first—then I most cheerfully and gladly and proudly shall contend for your interests with all the energies I possess.

Improvement of Harbors and Waterways.

The comparatively near approach of the time when the Panama canal will be affording an outlet through the ports of Texas for the products of the great Southwest to the markets of the East, emphasizes the importance of the speedy development and improvement of our deep water harbors to the end that not only the people of Texas, but of the entire Southwest, may reap the benefits to which they are entitled by reason of their natural and superior location.

I do not wish to be misunderstood. I am an economist—not a spendthrift. I would not wish to squander the public funds in undertaking to develop projects that are not practicable or development. To do that would be to indulge in a public graft, which no honest citizen would countenance for a moment; but under the present system, no project is likely to be supported by appropriations from congress until first approved by the engineering department of the government.

Federal Aid for Irrigation.

There are millions of acres of land in Texas as fertile as any on earth, that require the life-giving touch of water. Frequent and long-continued droughts have made agricultural pursuits in those sections of our State precarious undertakings. The time has come when men, representing Texas in the congress of the nation, must, by constructive statesmanship, remedy this trouble. The present reclamation acts authorize the secretary of the interior to construct reservoirs and irrigation systems in States and Territories where the United States own public lands, and out of the proceeds of the sale thereof. The government owns no public lands in Texas, same being reserved to the State by the annexation treaty entered into upon the admission of Texas into the Union. However, I propose that our representatives as senators devote their talents and energies toward the enactment of a law, whereby a suitable sum shall be appropriated out of the treasury of the United States and placed at the disposal of the secretary of the interior, following in line with the Carey and Newlands acts, to be used in the examination and survey, and for the construction and maintenance of irrigation works for the storage of water for the reclamation of the arid and semi-arid lands in Texas.

I would rather approach the eventide of my life, beholding the vast areas within the boundaries of Texas, now awaiting cheaper transportation facilities through waterway improvements, afforded them the lands now sleeping beneath the blighting touch of periodical droughts, succored by the embrace of life-giving waters, producing the things that humanity the world over requires for sustenance and protection, dotted with comfortable homes, housing happy and contented men, women and children, conscious that in a period of public service, by my energy and effort, I contributed ever so little to that—than to leave upon the record speeches, though they be utterances in words of gold, framed in silver, which, after all, are only empty words—not deeds.

Local Self-Government.

I adhere to the time-honored principle of local self-government, and the application thereof to the relations existing between the Federal and State government. The autonomy of the State and its right through its courts to adjudicate matters involving the control and regulation of the intrastate business of public service corporations, should be preserved inviolate, as well as all other rights that belong to the State.

Labor.

The right of laborers, skilled and unskilled, to organize for mutual protection is an inherent one. Labor organized or unorganized, is entitled to the benefit of proper legislation, especially applying to their respective crafts. Capital is likewise entitled to the protection of the law safeguarding its investments. In the apparent continuous struggle between capital and labor, each striving for an advantage, we should be just, so that each may not suffer wrong at the hands of the government, and that each may be afforded just and constitutional protection. But ultimately both of these classes of our citizens—the capitalists and the laborers—depend upon the great masses of average citizens that constitute the producing masses of raw material, and the consuming masses of the finished product, for their support, through profits derived directly by the capitalists and indirectly by the laborers through the wages they are enabled to earn from the capitalists because of their dealings with the producers and consumers. In our efforts to define and maintain the rights of capitalists and laborers, we must be guided by wisdom and prudence so that the original producers and the ultimate consumers are not crushed between the upper and nether millstones. I think I may be permitted to say that my life's record should be a sufficient guarantee to the laborers in this State of my friendship for them. I have never played the demagogue. When I thought their demands for remedial legislation were just, I have aided them to the extent of my ability; when I thought these demands were unjust and not for the general public good, I have had the courage to tell them so, adopting as my guide the fundamental principle expressed in the declaration "Equal rights to all; special privileges to none." I am constrained to believe that I possess judgment sufficient to conceive the rights of all concerned and the courage in the performance of the duty of a public servant to apply them in the enactment of proper and suitable legislation upon the subject.

The Initiative and Referendum—Child of Socialism.

I do not think that it will be wise to apply the initiative and referendum to our National and State governments. The referendum is in use in our State with reference to constitutional amendments. This is as it should be, for the constitution is a compact entered into by and between individual citizens, under the terms of which the individuals confer certain powers involving frequently the ceding of natural rights, to the legislature. We have also in Texas the initiative and referendum upon matters relating to local and specific questions. We might with safety extend this further to similar subjects, especially to local matters in the affairs of our municipalities. The exceptions do not involve the abandonment of representative government as it is now proposed shall be done.

The initiative and referendum as a substitute for representative government, found its birth in the ranks of the Socialist party. It is the child of Socialism, and Democracy can not even become its foster parent without violating its fundamental principles. The Democratic party is the exponent of representative government, and not of a system of direct legislation. There is not an advocate of Socialism who will not proudly claim this political heresy as the fundamental principle of the Socialist party.

It will be recalled that the high priests took Jesus before Pilate, who said: "What accusation bring you against this man?" The high priests answered: "If he were not a malefactor we would not have delivered him unto thee." Pilate then examined into the matter, after which he said to the Jews: "I find in him no fault at all." He suggested, however, that it being the Passover and the custom upon such occasion to release unto them some man charged with violating the law, that he therefore release unto them "The King of the Jews." This did not please them, and with one voice they cried: "Not this man, but Barrabas." Pilate then scourged Jesus, the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head and placed on him a purple robe. Thus attired they led him forth, saying: "Hail, King of the Jews," smiting him with their hands. Pilate said: "Behold, I bring him forth to you that ye may know I find no fault in him." But again rose the cry, "Crucify him, crucify him." To Pilate they said he ought to die, "because he made himself the Son of God." Hearing this Pilate grew a little afraid and proceeded further to investigate this charge. After examining Jesus at some length, Pilate again sought permission to release him. It was then that the high priests, cunning, shrewd politicians that they were, played their master stroke. They understood that Caesar who had appointed Pilate judge could, on the instant, recall Pilate. Then they cried: "If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend; whomsoever he maketh himself king, speaketh against Caesar." Hearing this Pilate returned to the judgment seat. He hoped yet to be able to appease the Jews, and once more said: "Jews, behold your king." But again came that terrible cry—"Away with him; away with him; crucify him." Once more and for the last time Pilate turned to them, pleading: "Shall I crucify your king?" To the instant reply that struck terror to the heart of the poor, weak Pilate: "We have no king but Caesar." Then there fore Pilate, the judge, the son of Caesar, the vision of wrath when these political Jews should lay their before mighty Caesar—l appointed by him refuse one who had dared to see as a king of the Jews, that Jesus had violated G not affect Pilate, but w made to appear that Jesus ed against Caesar, who h recall Pilate, the judg ed Jesus unto the Jews fied, and they led him t was crucified.

Never by my vote shall inauguration of a system that will make the ju bench cringe and bow to "Crucify him, crucify him, crucify him!"

Ask the People Who Know My father and mother w beneath the blue skies of Sou

and forty years ago I drew the first breath of life within the confines of the same farm upon which my mother first beheld the light of day. My childhood, my youth, my young manhood and my maturer years have all been spent amongst the people of Austin, Fayette and Harris Counties. I attended the public schools of Fayette County and then Add-Ran Christian University, then located at Thorp's Spring in Hood County. I was admitted to the bar at twenty-one. From that day unto this my life has been spent beneath the bright light of publicity. Thousands of men and women know my every step in life, and know and understand what I have accomplished and what my shortcomings have been, even as neighbors in every community in Texas know the same sort of thing about each other. I mention this as a predicate to make one request. When men go abroad and speak evil of me, before you accept their statements, write to any man or woman in Fayette County, where I spent twenty-five of the forty years of my life, and cheerfully I will acquiesce in anything they may say as to my life. Or, ask the people of Houston, my present home, those who ought to know me best, and by their testimony I am willing to be judged. In addition to that there is scarcely a County in this State, where there are not good men who know me personally. I trust that when the mandal monger comes you will deal with me as you would want to be dealt with, under like circumstances.

Appeal to Democrats.

I am an optimist—not a pessimist. I would rather live in the golden sunshine of a glorious heart expanding optimism for one single moment of time, than to grovel in the misty miasmatic shadows of pessimism throughout the eternal years. The men of our State and nation are not bad—they are good, strong and honest. The danger to the stability of our government, our prosperity and continued happiness is not corruption in high places or low, it is moral cowardice in dealing with questions of public import. Men in public office who are willing to subvert principles of government in order to catch the political support of this or that individual citizen, under the banner of public station. The Democrat who will today forsake the teachings of his party to gain the favor of Socialists will, on the morrow, if he deem it a political advantage, kiss the foot of despotic monopoly. I have no hope that the conscience of those who, in their zealous greed for money, forget their fellowmen and their country, shall be aroused to the dangers that confront us, nor yet have I hope that those who, by reason of unavoidable circumstances of misfortune, or through shift habits, have fallen upon hard times, and vainly seek for better things in theories, that, if put into practice, will destroy free, stable government among men, shall be halted in their mad, onward rush.

I do not hope to reach the heart of Dives, nor the ear of Lazarus. I do not hope to stay the ruthless hand of the politician, who, wrapped in the ambitions of self, is blind to his country's weal or woe. For such there are only today, when opportunity must be clasped in endearing embrace—no tomorrows, when principles violated and outraged, confront us with the fallacies of today. There is a class to whom I do appeal, confident that I shall not speak in vain. With centralization threatening on one hand, and Socialism on the other, I turn with reassured confidence to that class of our citizenship, which, not very rich, is yet not very poor—the class that toils in the fields, on the ranches, in the factories, shops, the tracks and trains of our great transportation companies, the stores, the offices, the forests, the mills, the mines and wheresoever strong-hearted and clear-minded men and women engage in legitimate endeavor and life and lay away a little rainy day. The dauntless men of that class fought the battles of the Republic at the feet of their women managed the good, common sense that this government in ever it is this great middle class that can once more to correct Democratic pri only by the continued these principles that stable government and the prosperity of our commonwealth in turn, you who must end this ceaseless and agitation that disturbs the proceedings of our affairs. That I come from the private walks of life, not from high public station, ambitious to serve Texas as a senator it is true, yet not more ambitious for political preferment, than animated by a sincere desire to see the Democracy of this State remain untainted from the withering touch of Socialism and held to the proud prestige which only purity of principles can secure and maintain for it.

I call to arms that small remnant of loyal Democrats who followed the lion-hearted Richard Coke through fires of negro soldiers and State police to plant the flag of an untainted and unshaken Democracy upon the ramparts of our government.

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The United Fruit Company has ordered machinery and other appliances to the extent of \$40,000, preparatory to operating its line of fruit vessels from Galveston into Central American territory.

A deal was recently closed in Houston whereby 1,400 acres of irrigated land near Harlingen were sold, involving about \$1,000,000. The plan of the purchasers is to colonize the land at once.

An election will be held at Dallas in April to vote on issuing bonds of \$1,300,000 for various municipal improvements.

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TALKS IN BEHALF HIGHER EDUCATION

Superintendent of Ballinger School
Delivers Address in San An-
gelo.

W. S. Fleming, superintendent of Ballinger Public school, addressed teachers and others in San Angelo Friday afternoon at the High School building on the subject of the Conference for Education in Texas. His talk was part of a state-wide campaign being conducted to bring about improved legislation and better school methods, which are desired by the Conference.

Mr. Fleming gave his audience a thorough explanation of the Conference for Education and its purposes. He told of its organization in 1907 and its progress to the present day, when it has 10,000 members enrolled in its work for the advancement of education in Texas. Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth, editor of the Fort Worth Record, is president of the Conference.

"It is a non-partisan organization of laymen and teachers, devoting its entire time to a campaign for educational progress in this state," said Mr. Fleming. "We are conducting a campaign to lay before the people of Texas an explanation of the thing essential to education in Texas, so that when the time comes to vote on the question they will know what they are voting on. We want to inform the voters of the essential legislation.

"For instance, we want an adequate and permanent financial support for higher educational institutions of the state, principally the Agricultural & Mechanical College and the State University.

Would Lengthen Office Term.

"We want an amendment to Article XVI of the state constitution, to provide that the governing bodies of educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions under control of the state shall be elected for terms of six years instead of two as at present.

Want Majority Rule in School Tax Elections.

"We want the submission of a constitutional amendment by the next legislature providing for a majority rule in school tax elections of cities that have assumed control of their free schools, and removing the present maximum of district school taxes. The law now is that a two-thirds majority must prevail. Austin has been trying for a long time to get a special school tax, and while at each election the issue gets a majority of the votes the number does not reach two-thirds.

"The Conference advocates a more efficient county organization of schools and the establishment of rural high schools; and an enlightened public sentiment in the school districts of Texas which will result in the supplementing of the school fund by local taxation, the lengthening of school terms, and employment and retention of efficient teachers, and for the construction of modern school houses.

"The Conference has already made plans for a model school house free to school officials; has endeavored to unify educational effort, and to provide definite and complete support for the common schools and for the state institutions of learning; has rendered efficient service in the adoption of an amendment to the state constitution providing for the formation of school districts containing a territory within two or more counties of the state. The last service made possible better school facilities for thirty thousand children.

"It has rendered efficient aid in the passing of the laws.

That increases the state apportionment from \$5 to more than \$6; lengthened school terms from five months to more than six months; provided professional county supervision in more than sixty Co.; established an additional state normal authorized investment in the permanent fund in the common schools district bonds, and gave the state a Rural High School Law.

"The Conference conducted a campaign which assisted in the adoption of a constitutional amendment authorizing the levy of a 50-cent tax by majority vote, resulting in longer school terms and better school building for 598,618 children in common school districts."

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Miss Maggie is well known and well liked in Ballinger and her many friends will wish for her the best that married life contains. Mr. Barnes has not been a citizen of Ballinger long, but is a man worthy of the hand and heart he has won.

Norton News.

Farmers are getting anxious about their crops, there being so much rainy weather, can't get in their fields.

Oats are looking fine and weeds are beginning to grow for the stock.

Bro. Wilson filled his appointment at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Williams is on the sick list this week.

Little Lucile Miller who has been suffering from croup is reported better this week.

Mrs. Emma Forbus and children of Winters visited her sister, Mrs. Long last week.

Queen of the Prairie.

The largest produce buyers in Ballinger is Spann & Co.

J. T. Garlington was here from Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday visiting his brother Mose. Mr. Garlington recently sold his holdings in Navaro Co., and comes to West Texas with considerably money to invest. He is a heavy stock holder and one of the directors of the Southland Life Insurance Co., of Dallas.

Miss Jessie Valentine, of Santa Anna, was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Dooze first of the week.

TIMELY COMMENTS FROM UNCLE JOSH.

Dear Banner-Leader:

I was very much pleased a few days since to read in your very valuable paper that on March 5th, the Santa Fe Railway Company would have a special train through Ballinger with the view of benefiting the farmers of this locality by giving them the opportunity of hearing experienced, practical men on modern and improved methods of farming adapted to this section. Nothing among the list of those that would make addresses, the name of Mr. Singleton of Collin county and knowing him to be one of the best practical men of this State on successful hog raising, and further reasoning that the great Santa Fe System could not afford to have any but the very best in the respective lines to speak for it, I at once decided that as an amateur farmer in this section I could not afford to miss anything that would be of assistance to one desiring knowledge of how to successfully farm in this locality.

Everything favored my attending; the weather making it impossible for me to do much at home and so I came and enjoyed four very instructive talks by practical men on the following subject:

"Poultry Raising and Marketing."
"Producing Pork at a Profit."
"Better methods of general farming."

"Dairying as a help to our Farms"

It was unanimously admitted by those capable of judging that each speaker knew what he was talking and not from theory.

about, and spoke from actual experience. Now Mr. Editor, I highly enjoyed the meeting and feel that I received some valuable information, but I was very much surprised at the exceedingly meager attendance accorded the Santa Fe's efforts. I did not arrive until the train had made its stop, so I was at once invited to enter one of the coaches, and on doing so found about a dozen men, and probably two dozen or more came in latter. Most of the crowd were citizens of Ballinger, and I don't think there was exceeding ten farmers and truckers on hand.

Judging from the attendance granted this meeting and the little interest taken in the various farmers meeting that I have had the opportunity of attending since com-

ing here, it causes one to form the opinion that we farmers are perfectly satisfied with the results we are obtaining and don't want the benefit of any one's experience, and are willing to stay in the old rut of "Scanty Living and continue to enjoy Land and Crop mortgages."

Mr. Editor, I feel that we could be benefited by listening to those who have learned by actual experience and are able to tell us of better methods and more profitable ways of extracting substantial results from the soil, and I feel that the farmers of this section have missed an opportunity by declining to avail themselves of the proper assistance of those thoroughly practical men. Does it apply to us.

"Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise."

Yours very truly,
Uncle Josh.

District Court Next Week.

The spring term of District Court convenes here next Monday. The first week will be taken up with the non-jury civil docket. Outside of the Brown murder case transferred here from Brown county and which is set for the third week there will be very little doing.

Planting Fruit Trees.

Judging from the large number of fruit trees that have been unloaded at Ballinger during the last month this country will soon take the lead over the East Texas fruit belt in the production of fruit. Thousands of trees have been put out this spring, and the large orchards that were planted two and three years ago together with the older orchards are in fine shape for bearing this spring, and the prospects were never more promising for a big fruit crop. We need a canning factory.

BALLINGER MAY LOSE ANOTHER GOOD CITIZEN.

H. S. Perkins went to Temple Tuesday afternoon, and it is reported that he is thinking seriously of moving his family to that place and make it his home. We trust that Mr. Perkins will decide to remain in Ballinger.

The two leaders in bread products—White Crest and Blue Ribbon. Spann & Co.

Tom O'Bryan was down from Miles, first of the week, mixing with the Trades Day visitors.

BUSINESS LEAGUE OFFERS CROP PRIZES

Will Award Valuable Premiums in Cash and Merchandise for Best Crop Yield in Certain Crops.

The Business League met this week and among other matters discussed and work planned it was decided to offer premiums for the best yield of certain crops, and the secretary instructed to arrange a premium list and publish same together with the rules governing the contest.

The premiums to be offered will include both cash and merchandise and premiums of value. This work is along the same line as that being done by the Texas Industrial Congress which is offering \$10,000 in prizes. The premium list is being arranged and will be published at an early date.

C. A. Dooze and A. W. Sledge were appointed to compile the matter and have several thousand illustrated folders, descriptive of Ballinger and Runnels county, printed for free distribution and to mail those seeking information about Ballinger and the county.

Lost.

A ladies cloak some where between my house and the W. J. Allen gate. Finder please return the Leader Office.

D. Oliver.

FAIL TO FIND THE PROMISE

Tom Lively, who his family in the year, and declared his intention of making his home at Amarillo, returned this week, and says it all a joke about him moving away from Runnels Co. It is the same old story, and the same old experience, of those who become dissatisfied and start out to find the promised land, where the milk and honey flows free and where a man does not have to work for a living. Mr. Lively says he failed to see anything in his rounds that suit him as well as this country. Tom has been here a long time, and we are glad to welcome him back, and forgive him for leaving, if he promised not to make the same mistake again.

City Council in Session.

The city council met in regular monthly session Tuesday afternoon. There was no business outside of the regular routine of work that came before the meeting. The usual monthly accounts were approved and ordered paid. The action of the committee appointed to sell the land on the North side of the creek at the upper dam was approved and the deal closed in which land was sold to W. T. Routh, Ermen Krebs and Kirk were pointed to arrange with the Company for a street light Sixth street near the Church. The regular election for the annual election of nine was passed.

New Millinery Store.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the announcement of the new millinery firm of Misses Gilliam & Poor.

This firm will conduct their business at the Fair Store, and will carry a line of goods that will please the buying public.

We don't have to guarantee White Crest Flour; there is never a kick. Spann & Co.

ON ACCOUNT OF BAD WEATHER THE BIG SPECIAL SALE AT A. J. ZAPPE'S CONTINUES ONE MORE WEEK

Having bought a big line of Sample Muslin Underwear for Ladies at 50 CENTS ON THE \$1.00 we will place the same on sale beginning March 2nd and ending March 9th. This is an opportunity to buy Underwear at less than factory cost. We will also place a big line of Laces, Embroideries, White Goods in this sale. 15 Per Cent on all Mens', Ladies and Children's High

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