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WINTERS CITIZENS TO HOLD ELECTION

The citizens of Winters and a number of the leading farmers of that section of the county, met Monday night of this week for the purpose of devising ways and means for building roads in that section.

We have been informed that the meeting was an enthusiastic one, and that a petition will be presented to the commissioners court at the next session asking that body to order an election to see whether the Winters precinct, or a road precinct with Winters at the center, shall issue bonds or not.

It is the purpose of the citizens in that precinct to build roads for a distance of ten miles on all public roads leading out of that town, and to improve the roads that are less traveled and which act as feeders to the main roads.

The people in the North end of the county suffered much from inclement weather as well as loss in dollars and cents during the wet weather, and they are disgusted with the condition of the roads, and it is believed by those who have given the matter some thought that the election for the bonds will carry by a handsome majority.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH WINTERS

The campaign year is well under way and candidates are bobbing up at different points in the county, but up to date not a single name from Winters has appeared on the political horizon. Is it possible that Winters will not be represented in the line up this year? A prominent member of the socialist party made the statement that the socialist would elect the commissioner from the Winters precinct this year, and if this should prove true it will require along time for the Democrats of that section of the county to redeem themselves. It has also been suggested that probably all the political leaders of that section of the county had moved away, but we can hardly believe this is true. We will await further reports.

LARGE FIRST MONDAY CROWD

First Monday of the new year in Ballinger was largely attended by citizens from all parts of the county, in fact we noticed quite a number here from the north part of the county, who had not visited Ballinger very often for the past three or four years. Quite a lot of good mules, horses, hogs and chickens were in evidence and the selling and trading was very lively for awhile, though no very big deals were pulled off.

C. A. Doose, L. P. Woods and N. F. Norris left Wednesday morning in Mr. Doose's auto for Comcho county. Mr. Woods goes to look after his cattle interest and C. A. Doose goes on land business while Mr. Norris goes to do the sight-seeing.

FELIX JONES CASE CONTINUED

Judge Cunningham and about a dozen witnesses spent the forenoon in Ballinger Tuesday. They were enroute to their home in Abilene, from San Angelo where they had been to attend the Felix Jones trial. The case was continued upon motion by the state.

This is the case in which Jones is charged with the robbery of the H. D. Lefel jewelry store in San Angelo about four years ago, at which time several thousand dollars worth of diamonds were stolen. Jones was tried and convicted, and the case was reversed by the court of appeals, and this is the second trial.

Jones is also indicted for a murder that was committed in Gatesville last summer, or early fall, at which time a grocery man was assassinated as he was leaving his store. This case will be called for trial at Gatesville on 26th of this month. It will also be remembered that Jones was tried and acquitted for the murder of A. J. Cogsdell at Abilene several years ago.

In the robbery case at San Angelo there are 42 witnesses from Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Abilene. Jones has a wide acquaintance over this state and both cases are being watched with considerable interest.

BUYS FARM

C. E. Ward of Coleman, who had been in our city on business the past few days, closed the deal while here with his brother-in-law W. R. Clark, in which he buys Mr. Clark's interest in their farm a few miles up the river. Mr. Ward and family will likely move to the farm before a great while to make their future home. Mr. Ward's married son and family will move here at once to take charge of the farm.

J. W. CLAMPITT BUYS FARMERS GIN

The Farmers Union-Gin property, located near the Abilene & Southern track, was sold at trustee sale Tuesday of this week, and J. W. Clampitt, who had a mortgage on the property bought it in. Mr. Clampitt expects to sell the property, but in case he does not find a buyer he will operate the gin next fall.

Austin Ward and sister Miss Euphia, after a pleasant vacation with their mother Mrs. Tom Ward and family and Ballinger friends returned to their respective schools at Dallas. Miss Euphia is attending the Ursuline Academy and Austin the Dallas University.

Master Jack Stathart, left from this point Tuesday afternoon for San Marcos to join his aunt, Mrs. Lila Mayfield to make his home.

W. A. Davis and R. Rutherford went East Wednesday morning on a short business trip.

BRIGHTEST YEAR HISTORY COUNTRY

The year 1914 starts out under what we take to be the most favorable conditions in the history of Runnels county. The weather record for the past nineteen years, which is published elsewhere in this paper, shows that about five times more rain fell during the months of November and December last year than ever fell for the same period and the weather for the largest small grain acreage ever planted in this county is as favorable as the farmer could wish for, and the crop is in splendid condition. The heavy frost which have prevailed throughout the past month has had a tendency to toughen the crop and prepare it against the hard freeze that will probably come later in the season.

The currency bill which has been a great "booger boo" in the handling of financial matters has been settled and settled in a way that meets with the approval of the people, and the outlook for the future was never more promising.

It is true that many people thru out the country are not as "flush" with ready cash as they would like to be, but when we stop to consider the short crop of three or four years, will readily appreciate the conditions, and admit that they are much better than they could have been at other places under similar crop conditions. The man that can not look just ahead now and see a bright future is living too much in the past.

THE ALMANAC THEN AND NOW.

Some one tossed a 1914 almanac on the editor's desk one day this week. We were carelessly chucking it into the waste basket, being provided for already, when an elderly citizen present in this office asked to see the pamphlet. He remarked that it was not rejected so contemptuously when he was a boy.

He went on to explain that in his early home reading matter was very precious. "The Old Farmer's Almanac," still cherished in many homes, used to turn up about this time of the year, and it was warmly welcomed. The few books in the house had long ago been squeezed dry. If the almanac was a few days late, his mother, who had a keen and never satisfied hunger for books, used to lament because Father had not brought home the new copy.

The quaint old yellow backed compendium, and others of its type, had tables of eclipses and signs of the zodiac, information about farming, puzzles, anecdotes, etc.

It was a thrilling moment when this new stock of literature, fresh from the fascinating mysteries of the print shop, enlivened the home. Great was the competition as to who should have the first reading of its crisp pages.

In many homes not so many years ago the patent medicine almanac also supplied some literary gaps. Its lugubrious accounts of diseases, and realistic analysis of symptoms made nervous people morbid. But in places where newspapers and magazines were comparatively scarce and libraries were few, its paragraphs and anecdotes seemed sparkling and newsworthy.

Many almanacs are still issued, but they are more largely directories of information. They do not find the hungry appetite for reading as of old. A torrent of newspaper and magazine literature floods our homes. Anything must be new, fresh, original, or very brilliant to attract much notice in the wide sea of print.

Herman Otken of the old Runnels neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says he has begun farm operations for another year, and the conditions for a bumper crop is favorable.

FORMER RUNNELS CO. MAN GETS 75 YEARS

Gainesville, Texas, Jan. 6.—H. P. Witt was convicted here today for the murder of an unknown man, and his punishment was fixed at 75 years in the penitentiary. Witt plead guilty to the charge and asked for the mercy of the court and the jury was instructed accordingly.

This ends a case that for several months baffled the officers, and up to the present time it is known who the man murdered was, and if Witt knew him he fails to make this known.

Witt came to Runnels county after committing this murder and the officers trailed him from here to Nolan county where he stole a horse, and they lost trail of him and he was not heard of again until he was carried from Stephenville to the pen having been convicted at that place under another name on a forgery charge. When he was placed in the pen about the first man he saw was one of his pals who had been sent to the pen from some other point and the pal furnished the officers with Witt's real name, and in short time he was facing the murder charge.

At the time that Witt committed the murder he was out under bond for horse theft. The murdered man's body was first observed by a passenger on a train crossing the river about five miles south of Gatesville. He called the conductor's attention to it. Afterward the officers in the case noted it was impossible for any one on the train to have noticed the body, much less take it for a human form, because of the obscure position in which it lay. Thereupon began a long search for the passenger who had spied the body, as the detectives felt sure that he was the man who committed the crime. The search ended in the penitentiary where Witt was serving a term under another name as above stated.

It developed in the trial that Witt committed the murder to mislead the officers and cause them to think he had been killed and this would end the case pending against him for horse theft. After killing the unknown man Witt placed letters and papers in the dead man's pockets, and when the body was found the papers published the account of the finding of the body of a murdered man by the name of Witt. Parties who knew Witt went to identify the body, and found that it was not Witt. Witt was located in this county, but made his escape and was successful in dodging the officers until he was identified in the pen under another name. He was carried to Dallas where he plead guilty to the horse theft charge and from there to Gainesville where he confessed to the murder of the stranger, and after pleading for the mercy of the court was given 75 years instead of the death penalty.

R. P. Kirk, Jack McKay and Sheriff Flynt returned from Gainesville Tuesday afternoon, where they were called as witnesses in the case.

Brock Jones of Copperas Cove who had been in San Angelo as a witness in court, spent the time between trains in Ballinger Tuesday with friends and left for his home in the afternoon.

A. C. Homan the Rowena banker had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Joe Peachick, who spent the mid winter vacation with his parents and Ballinger friends, left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas where he is attending the Dallas University.

George Stokes and family came in from Dallas Wednesday at noon and will make Runnels county their home again. We understand Mr. Stokes will farm in the Valley creek country this year.

AUTO FIRE TRUCK FOR BALLINGER

At the regular meeting of the City Council Tuesday of this week a move was put on foot looking to the reduction of the fire insurance rate. It recently developed that Ballinger property owners were paying a higher rate than some forty-odd towns in Texas in the same class, and upon investigation it was shown that this difference was due to the fact that the insurance companies doing business in Ballinger failed to make a report showing the number of fires, the aggregate loss, etc. This matter will be taken up with the local agencies and it is expected that the report will be forthcoming.

Another matter that was discussed in the council meeting, and which will be put through as soon as possible, is a proposition to sell the fire team and truck and replace same with a modern auto fire truck. The mayor was authorized to advertise the team and truck for sale, and as soon as a buyer can be found an order will be placed for the auto truck.

The council figures that it will be much cheaper to maintain an auto truck than it costs to keep the team, and better fire fighting can be done with the truck.

BAND REORGANIZATION.

At a meeting of the musicians belonging to the Ballinger Band last evening, it was decided that a re-organization take place in the institution and the work of instruction would continue as it has in the past.

Harry Lynn was elected to act as director in the place of S. L. Bird, who recently had charge of the band. Diaz Wood was re-elected business manager. The band will continue to practice during the present year.

NEW DRY GOODS STORE MOVING IN

J. H. Wilke is opening a stock of dry goods in his building opposite the court house, and in a few days will be ready for business. L. E. Bair has charge of the business, and will manage same for Mr. Wilke.

42 DEATHS, 203 BABES 176 MARRIAGES

The vital statistic records for Runnels County make a splendid showing for the health of this county, and according to the records there were only 42 deaths in the county during the year. The population of the county, as given by 1910 census is 20,858, and this is less than one-fifth of one per cent, and we doubt if there is another county in the state that can make as good showing.

Births.

While the death rate is very low, the birth rate is also low, population considered. Out of the 20,858 people in the county there has been only 203 babies born, as shown by the statistics kept in the clerk's office. We can not say that these records are complete, but if they are not some of the physicians of the county are not complying with the law and are subject to punishment as the law requires that all births and deaths be reported to either the city or county clerk, and the above figures cover both offices.

The year just closed was a good one for weddings, and County Clerk Parish issued license for 176 couples. Of this number 32 were issued during the month of December, making it the best month for marriages in the history of Runnels County.

RETURNS TO RUNNELS.

G. A. Phillips and family with their household goods returned to Ballinger first of the week from the east where they spent the past twelve months. Mr. Phillips says the east didn't suit him and he is now back to Runnels county for good. He closed the deal Tuesday afternoon with Preston Dunn for his farm eight miles down the river and will take possession at once. Mr. Dunn had rented the Booth place near his former home and will remain in the same neighborhood and still raise big water melons, sweet potatoes, etc.

B. F. Corum, the painter, has just finished repainting the Dunlap Pool Hall, which adds greatly to the appearance of that side of the street.

The Best Test

The one true test as to your success in life is this:
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Answer it honestly by yourself. No matter how much you MAKE, unless you are also able to SAVE, you are a failure and you had just as well face it squarely. Come in and talk it over. We will show you the advantages of a bank account with our bank and how to become a successful saver. It means much to you.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

START A BANK ACCOUNT THIS YEAR SWEAR OFF EXTRAVAGANCE AND NEXT NEW YEARS DAY WILL FIND YOU MUCH HAPPIER.

Happy New Year to you. This means everybody. Our friends in particular and the whole community in general. Next New Year will be here as surely as this is. If you put money in the bank all this year NEXT New Year's day will find you happier and better satisfied. Each succeeding year should find each of us better prepared for OLD AGE, which we should enjoy in comfort.

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FIRE ESCAPES FOR TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

In order that they might comply with a state law governing such matters, the commissioners court of Runnels county, let the contract for the erection of two fire escapes for the court house, and the work is well under head way and will be completed this week. The contract for the work was awarded to the Hall Hardware Co., and is being carried out under the supervision of E. Allison of that firm.

The escapes are built of steel, of course, and while it puts the county to an expense that to many no doubt looks useless. It is true that it is hardly probable that a fire would occur that would cause the loss of life in this building, as the auditorium is well provided with exits, two large double doors and wide steps leading out from both the east and west sides of the court room. But the law requires that all three story buildings be provided with fire escapes.

One of these escapes is being built at the corner where the county clerk's office is located and the other runs up over the county judge's office.

NOTICE OF STOCK-HOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stock holders of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. of Ballinger, Texas will meet at the Banking House of said bank in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, January 13, 1914 at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the ensuing year and any other business that might come before it.

CHAS. S. MILLER,
President

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Miss Ruby Embry, who is attending the Medical School at Galveston, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Embry southwest of Ballinger, and left Saturday afternoon to resume her school work for the ensuing term.

J. M. Nichols, of the Santa Anna country after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in our city and county, left Saturday afternoon for his home. He says he and his family are well pleased with their new home but get rather home-sick for Runnels county occasionally.

J. F. Kuhn, Ed Lehr and Rev. Father Gorman, of Rowena, were among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

S. L. Bird, who had been with the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., as head bookkeeper the past year or two, left Monday for his home at Rochelle to spend a month or so with his parents. He has not yet decided where he will locate permanently.

D. L. Brevard one of the successful farmers of the New Home community, was among the number in Ballinger Saturday who availed themselves of our splendid clubbing offer for 1914.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN OVER 1912

The man that said this county was not holding its own in the face of the last two or three short crop years will have to take back what he has said, if the postal receipts for the local post office count for anything. We are not in position to give the total figures for the year's business done at the local office, but the quarterly report for the quarter ending Dec. 31st shows a big gain over the same quarter for the year 1912, and is as follows:

Sale of stamps\$2,754.20
Excess 2.34
Newspaper and Periodicals 33.04
Box Rent 134.00
Total receipts for quarter\$2,923.58

For the month of December this year the monthly report shows a gain of over \$100 in the sale of stamps alone, and the business up-to-date for the New Year shows that the increase is holding up as the total increase for this year will at the present rate show an increase over 1913.

BALL AT HATCHEL.

C. G. Siebel, one of the Banner Ledger's friends of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and availed himself of our very liberal clubbing offer and laid in a supply of reading matter for the next 12 months. Mr. Siebel informed us that there would be given a ball at the Drug Store in Hatchel Saturday night, January 10th, and a general nice time was expected and a cordial welcome to everybody to attend.

Hugh Wilburn, the photographer and E. D. Futch, the cotton buyer, left Monday afternoon to look after business affairs at Winters.

Mrs. J. W. Powell, who had been visiting relatives at Lampasas for several weeks past, returned home Monday at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Abernathy of Glascock county, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends, the past week or two left for their home Monday.

Miss Blanche Ward, of Sonora came in Saturday afternoon and spent the night and Sunday with her uncle W. T. Ward and family and left Sunday afternoon for Waco to again enter Baylor University for the ensuing term.

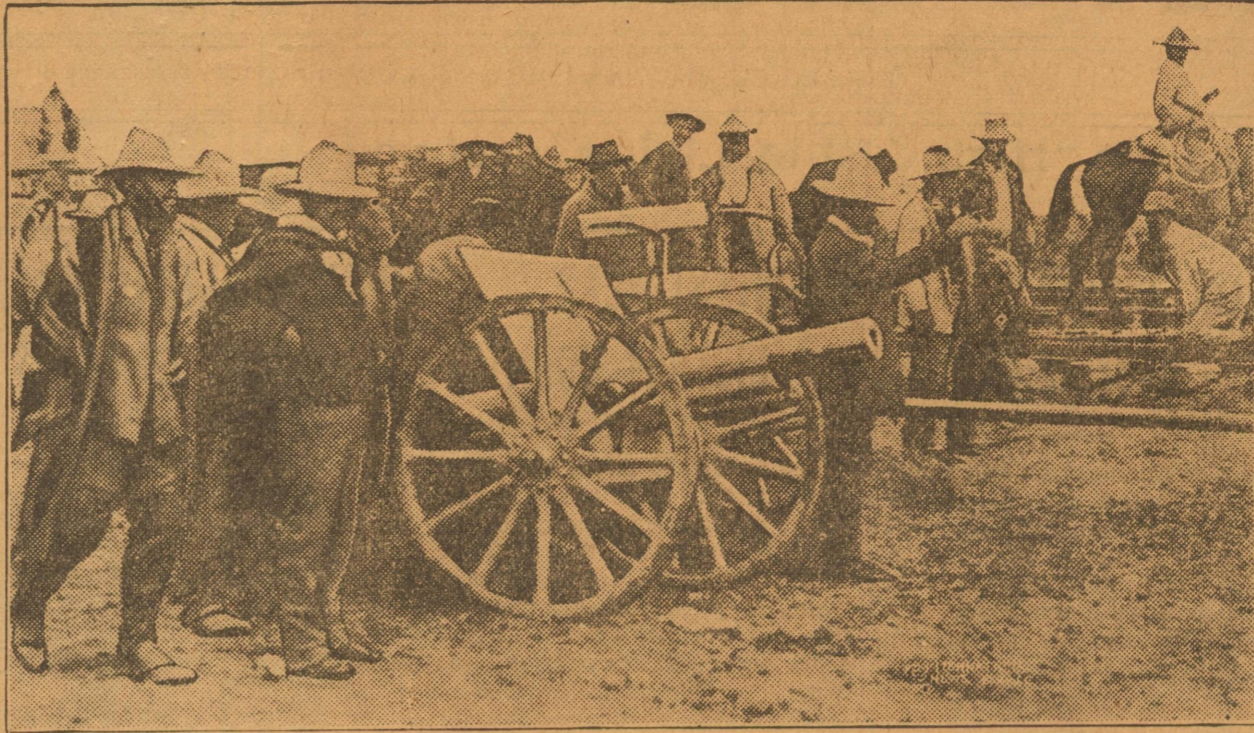
L. S. Evans, one of the representative truck farmers of South Ballinger, while here on business, received with the Banner-Ledger for the year 1914.

Charlie Ward, of Coleman, came in Monday on a visit to his brother-in-law, W. R. Clark and family a few days.

Walter Allen left Saturday afternoon for Lampasas and points in that section to look after cattle business a few days.

White Turner, of the Winters country, was among the first Monday visitors in Ballinger today.

VILLA DIRECTING THE OPENING SHOT OF THE BATTLE



Here "Pancho" Villa is seen directing the firing of the shot that opened a general engagement. He had 13 cannons at this point and the artillery duel, beginning at 4 o'clock, continued until after dark.

SOCIETY

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Hunt-Hutton.

An interesting social event of last Thursday afternoon was the marriage of Miss Hattie Hutton and Dr. Preston Hunt, which was beautifully solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutton on Eighth Street. Rev. W. Bion Adkins officiated and before the ceremony an artistic musical programme was given by Miss Bertha Rasberry, pianist and Miss Louise Doss vocalist, who sang, "Sweetheart" and "I Love You Truly."

The attractive home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a wreath of cut flowers and tropical plants. The ceremony was performed in the front drawing room before an improvised altar of palms, ferns and holly. The mantel was banked with ferns and lilies and the chandelier in their room and each of the reception rooms was twined with Jackson vines and mistletoe. In the second drawing room carnations and ferns were effectively used. The hall was decorated in the color note of white and green. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Hutton and were taken to the dining room where delicious punch was dispensed by Misses Willie Hutton and Florence Davis, who wore beautiful costumes of crepe metor combined with lace.

In the bridal party were Mes Etta Hutton, maid of honor, who wore a charming costume of brown charmuse draped in Persian chiffon. Her bouquet was of white carnations and maiden hair fern. She entered first, coming down the beautiful staircase which was effectively decorated in holy Jackson vines and ferns. Next came little Fay Etta Hutton, ring bearer; niece of the bride, who wore a beautiful lingerie frock combined with lace and ribbon. She carried the ring in the center of a white carnation.

The bride entered with the groom and they were met at the altar by Rev. W. Bion Adkins, where they were wedded in holy wedlock.

The bride was lovely in her exquisite tailor made suit of blue, with a French hat to match. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations fringed with white hydrangeas and maiden hair ferns.

Dr. and Mrs. Hunt left immediately on a wedding trip to Cuba and on returning will visit the grooms parents in Mississippi, before going to their future home in Texarkana.

Since the announcement of the engagement of this popular couple much interest has centered about the wedding and a number of pre-nuptial affairs have been given to honor the bride-elect. A handsome collection of gifts were received, in the number being a chest of silver, gift of the bride's parents, a handsome water set and many other exquisite pieces of silver and cut glass.

The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hutton and Children of Dallas and Miss Florence Davis of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Garron, who lives Southwest of Ballinger, left Saturday afternoon for Cleburne in answer to a message telling of the serious illness of her sister at that place.

\$100,000 BLAZE

AT STEPHENVILLE

Stephenville, Tex., Jan. 1.—A fire opened the New Year for Stephenville. The flames destroyed the two-story building and on tire stock of the G. M. Carlton Bros. & Co., store doing \$80,000 damage to their property, and caused minor losses to other. A shortage of water for a time threatened more serious damage.

The fire was discovered about 2 a. m. by a transfer man who was returning from the station after having met an early morning train. It was in the upper part of the building at that time, but spread so rapidly that before organized work to fight it could be begun, it was impossible to save any of the contents of the building.

After the volunteer fire company, aided by other citizens, had fought for some time, it became apparent the water supply would not last much longer, and it was decided to reserve the supply to save other buildings that were in danger.

G. M. Carlton is a brother-in-law of J. N. Adams, of Ballinger, and news of the fire reached Ballinger Friday morning.

AT THE EIGHTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school met at the usual hour Sunday, January 4th with a good attendance. Sunday being the first Sunday in the New Year new resolutions were made and the work for the ensuing year taken up with much enthusiasm. The promotion of a class that graduated from the primary into the main Sunday school room and the promotion in some of the older classes having been made the Sunday before the work started off smoothly.

Regular services at the morning and evening hour by the Pastor, Rev. A. C. Smith.

TRESPASS NOTICE

My place across Elm Creek is posted. All persons found trespassing there will be prosecuted as the law provides.
Wm-dlmo Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

GETTING READY TO

KEEP BALLINGER COOL

R. P. Kirk, manager of the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co., is busy looking after improvements to be made at the ice plant, which when completed will give Ballinger a much better plant for manufacturing ice, something the people in this country no longer consider a luxury during the hot summer months, but a necessity.

On account of a break down in the plant the latter part of the last season Ballinger people used ice for a few weeks that was made by a neighboring plant. It is the purpose of the manager of the local plant to avoid this during the coming season, and not only supply the local trade, but much ice will be shipped and those towns in this territory will be furnished a high grade ice and at a cost that will be below that made by plants not so near. Ballinger people are fortunate in having a modern ice plant right at their very door and while there has been little complaint at the service in the past they will be glad to know that a better service will be rendered during the coming summer.

LEFT FOR A HUNT.

Dr. Love, Cal Kirk, Uncle Johnnie Moore, Rev. W. Bion Adkins and Uncle Joe Routh left Monday morning in Dr. Love's auto for An drews county where they go on a hunt of a few days.

E. M. Setser, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and says at the solicitation of many friend has decided to make the race for county commissioner of Precinct No. 4 and in due time will make his formal announcement. Mr. Setser is a level headed, successful citizen and would no doubt make a good commissioner for his precinct.

E. V. Bateman of Ballinger is spending the week here reading law and getting ready for Justice court Saturday. This means he is having trouble with some of the Lardin & Bateman collections. Bateman says a successful business man must be a lawyer, or keep one employed if he sells on credit.—Bronte Enterprise.

ADVANCING ON THE CITY OF JUAREZ



The photograph shows a part of the rebel army advancing rapidly on the city of Juarez, which the constitutionalists captured and held.

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o | holidays with her parents, Mr. and
o | Mrs. P. E. Truly and family at
o | Milford, passed thru Ballinger
o | Sunday enroute to Red Branch,
o | where she is teaching school.

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There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

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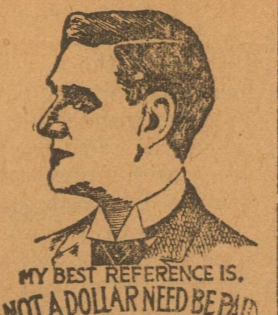
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BURGULARS WORK
ANGELO TOWN

San Angelo was the halting place Thursday night of a gang of safe blowers and burglars whose daring work has caused the people of three nearby towns to sit up and listen.

Sheriff Allen and his deputies are on the alert and hope to get some clue as to the identity of the members of this gang who appear to be experienced burglars, as well as expert safe blowers. As an indication of their shrewdness, it may be cited that they carry no tools with them and depend on burglarizing blacksmith shops and other places for the implements necessary to carry on their heavier work.

The robbery of the homes of Geo. F. Webb and Herbert O'Bannon Thursday night was the sequence of a series of burglaries and robberies which had preceded them during the week and which began with the blowing of a safe in the postoffice at Roscoe on Monday night, where three rings, one diamond one chip diamond and one opal, and a small amount of money were taken.

On the following day a residence at Sweetwater was entered and a diamond ring and a small amount of money secured.

The postoffice burglary at Tennyson, 22 miles from here, in Coke county, was the last place visited before coming to San Angelo. There a large safe was almost blown to pieces between 2 and 3 o'clock Thursday morning and the report was heard for a great distance, some people outside of the town's limits being startled out of their slumbers by it. Three shots were fired, but nothing but the money it contained was removed from the safe, amounting to \$165. No stamps nor money orders were molested. The sheriff of Coke county and Sheriff Allen of Tom Green county were immediately notified and Sheriff Allen hastened to Tennyson yesterday and assisted the Coke county sheriff in his investigations. He found the bullet which contained the explosive which had been used in blowing the safe. An examination in San Angelo Thursday night determined the nature of its nitroglycerine, and the chemist so pronouncing it declared that the man who prepared it knew his business.

In the course of the investigation at Tennyson it was found that the men had burglarized the local blacksmith shop to obtain the crow bar and the chisel necessary for the operation. The work bore the ear marks of the safe-blowing at Roscoe and it was decided that the same gang had visited the post offices and was responsible also for the burglary of the residence at Sweetwater.

This theory was strengthened by the robberies which were committed in San Angelo Thursday night, making four in four nights. Some time between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock Friday morning Herbert O'Bannon was conscious that his home on West Harris avenue had been visited by midnight marauders. Investigation showed that the robbers had entered by a front door, which had been left open, and that a watch and some small change had been lifted.

About the same time George E. Webb heard a strange noise in his home and frightened the burglars away, not, however, before he was the loser to the extent of a diamond ring, another ring and a watch.

Sheriff Allen was up all morning making an investigation of the affair. He is of the opinion that the perpetrators of the four crimes are experts and that they employ neither automobile nor buggy in moving from one point to another, but depend on freight or passenger trains which best suit their purposes.—San Angelo Standard.

His Stomach Troubles Over.
 Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired with out injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an eriding of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was the troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all druggists.

TWENTY MILLION FOR
TUBERCULO WORK

Out of nearly \$20,000,000 spent last year in the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis in the United States 69.3 per cent of the money was derived from public funds, either federal, state, county or municipal. These are some of the interesting figures given in the annual statistical statement of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, made public today. The statement is based largely on a-tual reports received from anti-tuberculosis societies through out the country, but where reports were not available the figures have been estimated.

Treatment of tuberculous patients in the more than 500 sanatoria and hospitals of the country and the construction of such institutions cost over \$18,000,000 of the total expenditure. Care of patients in dispensaries and open-air schools cost about \$825,000. Anti-Tuberculosis associations and committees spent nearly \$675,000 in furthering their work of organization and education, while state and local boards of health and special tuberculosis commissions spent over \$250,000.

More than \$13,800,000 or 69.3 per cent of the total expenditures came from public funds. The National Association points to this growing increase in the spending of public money for tuberculosis as one of the most significant facts in the report, as it indicates the shifting of the burden of institutional care of consumptives from the private purse to the general public purse, where it rightly belongs. Since 1909 the percentage of public money spent in tuberculosis work has increased from 53.5 to nearly 70 per cent.

New York state spent more money in tuberculosis work than any other state, due largely to the increased and growing activities of city and county governments in building adequate hospitals for consumptives.

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A foul, disagreeable breath, dark circles around the eyes, at times feverish, with great thirst; cheeks flushed and then pale, abdomen swollen with sharp cramping pains are all indications of worms. Don't let your child suffer—Kickapoo Worm Killer will give sure relief. It kills the worms—while its laxative effect adds greatly to the health of your child by removing the dangerous and disagreeable effect of worms and parasites from the system. Kickapoo Worm Killer as a health producer should be in every household. Perfectly safe. Buy a box today. Price 25c. All Druggists or by mail, Kickapoo Indian Med. Co. Phila. or St. Louis.

INITIAL TRIP.

Ewing Taylor made his initial trip Friday morning as rural mail carrier on Route three, and started with a bran new buggy and horse and looked as happy as a King. Ewing is a splendid young business man, and one of Ballinger's favorite sons and all wish him success in his new line.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Mary Morgan, of Sterling City, who had been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Andy Gustavus the past day or two, left Friday afternoon for Corsicana, where she is called to the bedside of a relative reported quite ill.

J. R. Harwell and family came in Friday night and are now comfortably domiciled in the H. Giesecke old residence and are full pledged Ballinger citizens. Mr. Harwell is manager of the Harwell Allen Ford Auto Co. of our city.

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 For Infants and Children
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Uncle Warren Williams came in from Miles Friday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

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 Model T Touring Car **\$595**
 Get particulars from Harwell-Allen Ford Co. Ballinger, Texas.
 A car load just received, come in and see them.

MADAM RUMOR SAYS! **COW DRAGS LITTLE BOY TO DEATH**

The rumor is current in our city that C. C. Schuchard will be a candidate for tax assessor of Runnels county at the coming election. Mr. Schuchard has not yet been approached by the reporter but we feel safe in saying that there are many strong friends of Mr. Schuchard all over Runnels county who will be glad to see him enter the race. Mr. Schuchard has been with the Ostertag Furniture Co., of our city for the past several years and is no stranger to our people. He was for 12 years county treasurer of Menard county and has filled several other offices of public trust and is a man clerically qualified to fill any position to which he aspires. He is a thorough-bred German-American citizen, and soul honor and integrity, who never failed a friend nor betrayed a friend in the near future.

For Frost Bites and Chapped Skin

For frost bitten ears, fingers and toes, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, there is nothing to equal Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Stops the pain at once and heals quickly. In every home there should be a box handy all the time. Best remedy for all skin diseases, itching, eczema, tetter, piles etc. 25c. All druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

L. M. Brunley, of Bronte, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon on a visit to his old friends at Brownwood.

E. J. Handley, of the Norton country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Friday afternoon.

FETERITA SEED—Also choice white and Red maize selected for planting for sale. Feterita at 5 cents per pounds or \$2.50 per bushel. Maize four cents per pound. Leave orders at Ledger office or see me at my home on J. H. Routh place. J. H. Taylor, 2-31w

Mrs. W. H. Greer, of South Ballinger, left Friday afternoon for Paris, Tenn., in response to a message stating that her mother was seriously ill at her home in that city.

Miss Ella Henniger, of the Winters country passed through Ballinger Saturday at noon en route to Bronte where she is attending a music school.

Mrs. J. D. Norwood and two little daughters left Saturday morning to visit relatives at Santa Anna a few days.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

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When in need of anything in the building line don't fail to figure with us for we can save you money.

F. Bloomintritt and Henry Weaver, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

S. S. Grantham, of the Norton country, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Tuesday afternoon.

Victor Miller, who spent a very pleasant Xmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller and family and Ballinger friends, returned to Austin Friday afternoon to resume his school work in the State University. He will graduate this session with his L. L. B. Degree and return home with his law diploma next summer.

TRESSPASS NOTICE
 You are hereby warned not to trasspass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.
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Did you ever stop to think what
kind of world this would be if ev-
ery man could have his way?

Santa Claus has come and gone
but the bill collector is here to
stay.

The fact that you failed to ac-
complish any great good during
the year just closed should cause
you to try all the more for 1914.

A little nonsense now and then
is good for the best of men, and
the man that fails to realize this
is a grouch.

Our grand father kept a diary,
but such records today you seldom
see. People in the present age pre-
fer to forget the past.

We understand that the style
makers will set the pace for long
skirts next season. At the rate
they have been thinning them down
we didn't expect any skirts for
the coming season.

It is better to have a blot on a
new leaf than to continue blotting
the old one. If you have broken
your new year resolution, compare
the effort with the past and try
again.

In some cities, according to
press dispatches, the street car
companies are putting on lower
steps to accommodate women
with tight skirts. While they are
making the changes they should
raise the roof and make room for
the hat plumes.

The tango, double steps, buzzard
trot, etc., gives the dancing mas-
ters a new hold on his job. A man
that pays a dancing teacher so
much per lesson to learn him how
to hug a woman has a vacuum in
his upper story. A grizzly bear
knows how to hug.

We have heard the statement re-
peated over and over every since
as far back as our memory rec-
ords, that a rich man is not as
happy as a poor man; yet every
man desires and is seeking unhap-
piness.

Until Ballinger is supplied with
a good opera house Ballinger peo-
ple can not select the attractions
but must take what comes. There
are few towns in Texas with as
many people, but what can boast
of a modern play house.

The papers tell almost daily the
story of some American who has
made his way out of Mexico, after
being robbed of his property and
in some instances threatened with
death. If one half of the stories
coming from Mexico are true war
is hell, and then some.

Conditions for planting flow-
ers, shrubbery, trees, etc., were
never more favorable than at the
present. Take advantage of the op-
portunity to make your home sur-
roundings beautiful and thereby
enhance the value of your prop-
erty.

The Ledger acknowledges re-
ceipt of a beautiful calendar put
out by The First National Bank.
The picture is a bird's eye view of
the Panama Canal, and the calen-
dar leaflets are large and the
dates can be seen at considerable
distance. The calendar is one of
the best office calendars that ever
graced our office.

The Temple Telegram says that
two days have past and lots of
swearers-off are still riding the
water wagon. Its different in
Ballinger. All efforts on the part

of some to fall off the water wa-
gon fail.

The taxable values of Texas in-
creased nearly one hundred and
fifty million dollars the past year.
All this and the present tax rate
for the state is the highest for sev-
eral years. It is a critical period in
the history of the state and a time
when a sound business man should
be placed at the head of the state
affairs.

The high price of all kind of
farm products should cause a
"back to the farm" movement
that would reduce the population
of every town in the nation. The
opportunities for the farmer are
growing as the population in-
creases.

They say the currency bill is a
liberally constructed money law,
but the banks will continue to
do business on the old basis—put
up the collateral and pay the in-
terest and you can get the money.
The law makes it easier for the
other fellow to get the money for
you.

The latest census reports show
that there are 13,669,645 fowls in
Texas and about three-fourth of
them are egg producers. The an-
nual egg production is 77,845,047
dozen with a money value of \$11,
934,546. The yearly poultry pro-
duction is 25,656,356 fowls valued
at \$7,481,165. Some fowls for one
state, but the city guy is still hun-
gry for chickens and eggs and is
bidding for them with a price that
should cause every farmer to plan
a big poultry crop next year.

If a man ever expects to buy
Ballinger property it is our opinion
that now is the most opportune
time for him to get busy. From
our view point property in Ballinger
is cheaper today than it will
ever be again. The short time of
one year will show a difference
that will make the speculator a
handsome profit on his investment.
The same holds good with refer-
ence to farm and country property.
Mark our prediction.

The father that lives close to his
boys and makes himself one of
them will have no trouble in hold-
ing their respect and confidence,
and as they reach that period in
life where they need the advice of
a friend they will naturally seek
the one who has been a real com-
panion to them. It is better to stay
down on a level with your boy
than to get away from them and
leave them to seek the companion-
ship of one who will teach them
things that will cause you shame
and disgrace. Be a boy with your
boy.

Callan's Cracks at the Crowd in
the Fort Worth Star-Telegram never
missed an issue during the holi-
days, and some of the boys are
wondering how it happened.
(That's easy, a Christmas supply
of cracks) were arranged in ad-
vance and the stuff you read to-
day was hung on the hook before
the big celebration came off. And
another thing perhaps you had not
thought of: Fort Worth is in dry
territory for about nine hours out
each day—from nine-thirty to
six.

The Abilene Reporter says:
"Midnight Wednesday night
found Chief of Police Clinton
standing on the corner as another
old year died and a new year was
born. This was the thirtieth con-
secutive time the chief has oc-
cupied the same spot on the last
minute or the last day of Decem-
ber, and the first minute of the
first day of January." That's
what might be called standing on
the corner a long time.

S. B. Baggett, one of the suc-
cessful farmers east of the city
four miles, was marketing a load
of turkeys in Ballinger Tuesday
and reports having killed a year
old hog last Saturday that weigh-
ed 368 pounds and rendered out
100' pounds of lard without cut-
ting the meat very close. Can you
beat it?—Ballinger Ledger.

No, we cannot beat it, but if we
wanted to try to do that well,
we would write to Mr. Baggett to
see if we could not learn upon
what meat this "our Caesar was
fed that he has grown so great."
—Temple Telegram.

The southern people send suf-
ficient money to the North every
year for fireworks to support thou-
sands of people. The northern peo-
ple get the money and the south-
ern people get the burns, the brok-
en limbs and have their eyes blown

"HABIT" IS ACQUIRED

Make a habit of having every member of your family
photographed at least once a year
and begin TODAY.

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out. It's a poor way to commemo-
rate the birth of Christ.—Ballinger
Ledger.

It wouldn't be so bad if what is
said above was all there was to
say on the subject. There is one
variety of fire works that is oper-
ated down South with deadly re-
sults. The six-shooter year after
year causes more sorrow and more
suffering in the South than fire-
works.—San Antonio Express.

Cullen Thomas says Mayes and
Lane should either play the elimin-
ating game with him or get out of
the way and let Ramsey, Ball or
Brooks run for governor. In other
words, Thomas and a certain
bunch down at Dallas seem to
be determined to select the next
governor regardless of consequen-
ces, but the day of the dictator in
Texas politics is past. What Texas
people want is a real business man
for governor, one who can put
things aright, and if the politi-
cians could be put out of the way
this could be accomplished. The
people should elect a governor
and not a few self appointed poli-
ticians with an ambition to gratify
their own selfish interest.

This is the season of the year
when that restlessness, so common
with many people, gets in its work
and people are exchanging homes.
They move from town to town,
from county to county and from
state to state, and there is a gen-
eral hunt being made for the
land of milk and honey and the
place where money grows on trees.
No country can build for the fu-
ture unless its citizens are stable
—permanent citizens, and no citi-
zens can build for the future unless
they adopt a place to call home
and stay with it. Taking the world
over, local conditions and people
being equal, and if you cast your
lot among people of your class you
can profit much by moving. In
other words, a rolling stone gath-
ers no moss and the man who is
continually moving his family can
not expect the best environment
for his family.

The Banner-Ledger, our weekly
paper, has added a new feature
for the benefit of our several hun-
dred German readers who can not
read the English language, but
take the paper for the benefit of
their children, and each week a
column or two will be printed in
German. These articles will be
furnished by Otto Von Prillwitz
recently from Germany and a well
educated man who has been in the
paper's work in his native coun-
try. The articles will deal with mat-

ters of general interest to our Ger-
man readers, such as agricultural,
irrigation, and development news
notes, etc. The articles are read by
a man who places his O. K. on
them and nothing of damaging
nature to any one or that is not
to the best interest of Russell
county will be published. We feel
that our German readers will ap-
preciate this feature as it makes a
paper for them as well as for their
children.

THE FARMERS FUTURE.

The day of "clod-hopper" and
the "hayseed" farmer is a day
that has past, if there ever was
such a day, and the farmer has
things coming his way and at a
speed that will never be overcome
by the oppressive hand of any
class of people. In fact the farmer
is really coming into his own, and
the world today looks upon him
as the sinew and backbone of the
universe, the source of supply and
the fountain head of the neces-
sities of life.

Law makers and those who
shape the rules of government are
today devoting more time to the
study of those questions that con-
cern the agricultural interest of
our country than ever before in
the history of the world. More
legislation favorable to the man
with the hoe is being enacted, ap-
propriations made for his benefit,
demonstration and experimental
work put under way and carried
out. The United States government
is paying particular attention to
the credit and market system, and
a committee appointed to investi-
gate the marketing system of other
countries is about ready to make
its report and the next two
years will witness a great forward
step along this line, which is of
such great importance to the man
that produces the wealth.

Modern conveniences have been
adopted by the citizens in the
rural districts. The establishment
of rural telephones and mail lines
have brought the farmer closer to
the business side of his work, and
millions of farmers throughout
this nation are now receiving daily
papers, and are studying those
questions of vital importance to
their interest, and in many cases
are better posted than the average
men in town, and can cast an in-
telligent vote on any question that
comes up. They keep in daily
touch with the markets of the
world through the daily press and
the telephone, and they are in a
position to take advantage of op-
portunities that were never pre-
sented to them before.

It is a day of enlightenment and

Community Co-Operation

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Not long ago I was talking with
a country merchant who told me
of a species of unfair competition
he was having to contend with.
His is a general merchandise store
and he prides himself in the su-
perior quality of the goods he
handles. In every department he
carries full lines of standard
made, trade-marked, advertised
goods, and does this, notwithstanding
the fact that the margin of
profit on many article is smaller
than it would be on unadvertised
goods of poorer quality, because
of the pleasure he has in selling
high-class goods to satisfied cus-
tomers.

In the little railroad town some
five miles away is a dry-goods and
clothing firm that buys up old,
out of date bankrupt stocks a il
over the Southwest, brings them
to its store and puts on widely-ad-
vertised "out-price sales." To
blind the people to the shoddiness
of its goods and give a conviction
of genuineness to the advertised
"out prices" this firm carries in
stock one or two lines of standard
goods on which it does cut the
price to cost or even less. This it
can well afford, for the sale prices
on the bulk of its stock are so
high, quality considered, that the

progress for the coming farmer,
on good roads. The day is rapidly
coming when the majority of the
farmers will own his auto and
when these wonderful eliminators
of space will be as common in the
country as buggies. It is no un-
common scene in the present day
to drive up to a country church
and see a dozen or two autos stand-
ing among the other vehicles that
brought the congregation togeth-
er. Teams of fine horses and mules
will be used for farming and on
Sundays they will be allowed to
rest, and for pleasure riding the
auto will relieve them. This day is
coming and with it will come good
roads.

No county in Texas, or any other
state for that matter, will make
a more rapid progress along the
line of modern improvements, con-
veniences, and comfortable living
than Russell county. We have the
conditions for an ideal country
home life. Health, climate, and
citizenship insures this. The qual-
ity of the land is such that when
the modern method of farming is
followed the yield will be increas-
ed. Demand for every kind of pro-
duct from the poultry yard to cot-
ton field, from the pasture to the
silo is all that a farmer could
ask for. The price is a profit giv-
ing one at present, and when the
marketing system is improved and
there is a fixed price for every-
thing, another epoch will be re-
corded in the agricultural history
of our country.

It is true that every line of bus-
ness has its calamities, and no
country is exempt from the rav-
ages of destruction of some na-
ture. The farmer does not suffer
alone when such things occur.
Diversification has brought a
new era for this country, and the
farmer who diversifies can not
fail. There is no year when every
crop is a failure, and there are few
years in any country when every
crop is a success. By paying at-
tention to every department on the
farm every farmer can succeed,
and where this is being done the
farmers are prosperous and inde-
pendent.

**NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA,
GAS OR INDIGESTION**

Each "Pape's Diapepsin" digests
3000 grains food, ending
all stomach misery in
five minutes

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin will
digest anything you eat and over-
come a sour, gassy or cut of order
stomach surely within five min-
utes.

If your meals don't "fit comfort-
ably, or what you eat lies like a
lump of lead in your stomach, or
if you have heartburn, that is a
sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a
fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin
and take a dose just as soon as
you can. There will be no sour
risings, no belching of undigested
food mixed with acid, no stomach
gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy
feeling in the stomach, nausea, de-
bilitating headaches, dizziness or
intestinal griping. This will all
go, and, besides, there will be no
sour food left over in the stomach
to poison your breath with nau-
seous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain
cure for out-of-order stomachs,
because it takes hold of your food
and digests it just the same as if
the stomach wasn't there.

Relief in five minutes from all
stomach misery is waiting for you
at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases con-
tain enough "Pape's Diapepsin"
to keep the entire family free from
stomach disorders and indigestion
for many months. It belongs in
your home.

Mrs. J. D. Norwood and little
daughter returned home Tuesday
at noon from a short visit to rela-
tives at Santa Anna.

U. G. Thomas, one of the promi-
nent and prosperous citizens of
the Marie country, was transact-
ing business in Ballinger Tuesday

F. E. Lee, of Seymour, passed
through Ballinger Tuesday en
route to Lometa to visit his father
a few days.

Judge M. C. Smith left Monday
afternoon for Brownwood, to look
after legal affairs a few days.
Tom Brown, of Hylton, was
among the first Monday visitors
in Ballinger.

**Suffered with
Throat Trouble.**

Mr. Barnes used to be sheriff of Warren County, Tennessee. From exposure to the elements he acquired throat trouble. He supposed that his health was entirely ruined, in spite of all the treatment he could procure. After using four bottles of Peruna he claims that he was entirely restored to health.



MR. B. W. D. BARNES,
McMinnville, Tenn.

Catarrh of the throat is not only an
annoying disease of itself, but it ex-
poses the victim to many other dis-
eases. We are constantly breathing
into our throats numerous atmos-
pheric germs. Disease germs of all
sorts. This cannot be avoided. If
the throat is healthy the system is
protected from these poisonous
germs. But if the throat is raw and
punctured with numerous little ul-
cers, by catarrh, then the disease
germs have easy access to the system.

Keep the throat well and clean.
This is the way to protect yourself
against contagious diseases. Gargle
the throat as explained in the new
"Tills of Life," sent free by the Peruna
Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Barnes says: "I had throat
trouble and had three doctors treat-
ing me. All failed to do me any
good, and pronounced my health gone.
I concluded to try Peruna, and after
using four bottles can say I was en-
tirely cured."

Ask your Druggist for free Peruna
Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

**TO THE DEMOCRATS OF
RUNNELS COUNTY**

I hereby announce myself as a
candidate for the office of sheriff
of Runnels County, subject to the
action of the Democratic primary
in July.

I am 39 years of age, have lived
in Concho and Runnels Counties
since 1886, and in Ballinger since
1900.

If elected, will devote my entire
time to the duties of the office
and it will be my ambition to so
conduct myself that no just man
can complain of me. Your support
and influence will be duly appreci-
ated.

JO HARDIN,
Candidate for Sheriff Runnels
County. 1tdw

NORTON NOTES.

Health of the community is
very good at present.

Farmers are busy again since
the continued dry weather turn-
ing the soil.

Miss Leslie Holloway who has
been employed as the third teach-
er in the Norton school began her
work Monday.

Ollie and Ben Taylor, Myrtle
Willis, Archie Holloway spent
part of Saturday and Sunday with
home folks.

Mrs. Mimie Patterson of Bal-
linger visited friends in Norton
Sunday.

Mrs. Lock Williams spent sev-
eral days last week with her sister
Mrs. J. J. Martin in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morgan vis-
ited relatives in Miles Friday and
Saturday.

"QUEEN OF THE PRAIRIE"

NOTICE.

Strayed from my place two
miles north of Talpa December
26th, one bay horse about seven
years old. I think his brand is E.
on left thigh, about 15 1-2 hands
high, collar mark around neck
white spot in face, small scar on
outside left hind foot. Any infor-
mation leading to his recovery will
be rewarded. J. R. SPARKS,
Talpa, Texas. 71td Itw

J. W. Rogers of Winters, was
seen on the trading grounds first
Monday.

CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to an-
nounce the following candidates
for the offices named, subject to
the action of the Democratic Pri-
mary to be held in July:

- For County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN.
- For Sheriff:
JOHN D. PERKINS.
- JO HARDIN.
- For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD.

Wilke's New Dry Goods Store

I have just opened up a \$10,000.00 stock of Dry Goods in my store building next door to Nance's new Garage. We should be glad to have you come in and inspect this stock before purchasing elsewhere. Stock consists of Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes, Underwear for all ages, Wool and Cotton Blankets, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, Ladies' and Children's Coats, Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Trunks, Bags, Suit Cases, Notions, etc., etc.

These goods will be sold at sacrifice prices. I can sell them at cost and then make a good profit; some things I will sell at less than cost especially Winter Goods. How can I do it? Because I traded land at a good price for the goods, cheap, which enables me to sell to you at less than Wholesale Cost and still make a better profit than the average merchant that sells for 50 percent profit, thus saving you 1-3 of your money.

Do not confuse this stock with those you generally find for trade, but was taken from one of the best stocks in Coleman and is above the average stock of \$10,000.00 found in any city

A Careful Study of the Following Prices Will Convince You that We Have Real Genuine Bargains

Men's Underwear	Oil Cloth, etc.	Men and Boys' Clothing	Men's Hats
Men's 50c Underwear..... 34c	Oil Cloth per yard..... 16c	Men's \$27.50 Suits..... \$16.49	One lot of Men's Hats ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.00 now..... 98c
Womens 50 Underwear..... 38c	40c Table Damask, per yard..... 29c	Men's 20.00 Suits..... \$13.74	Men's Worth Hats..... \$1.98
Children's 25c Underwear..... 15c	90c Table Damask, per yard..... 74c	Men's 15.00 Suits..... \$8.93	\$7.00 Stetson Hats..... 4.89
Men's \$2.50 Union Suits..... \$1.79	35c Bath Towels..... 24c	Men's 12.00 Suits..... \$7.84	5.00 Stetson Hats..... 3.49
	25c Bath Towels..... 18c	Boys' \$10.00 Suits..... \$6.39	
Notions	Men's Shirts	Men's Hats	Hosiery
11 Dozen Pearl Buttons..... 25c	50c Work shirts..... 38c	Boys' \$6.00 Suits..... \$4.29	1 dozen Men's Sox..... 49c
7 Good Handkerchiefs..... 24c	\$1.00 Wool Shirts..... 64c	Boys' \$3.50 and 4.00 Suits..... \$2.49	12c Child's Hose..... 8c
10c Novelty Braid..... 07c	2.50 Wool Shirts..... \$1.69	Boys' \$2.50 and 3.00 Suits..... \$1.79	20c Child's Hose, heavy..... 14c
25c Jar Talcum Powder..... 11c	One lot of \$1.00 Dress shirts..... 49c		Excellent line Topsy Hose for Women and Children..... 74c
3 Pair Heavy Shoe Laces..... 04c			1.00 Silk Hose..... 74c
Dress Goods	Trunks	Men's Gloves	50c Silk Hose..... 38c
50c Silks per yard..... 29c	\$1.50 Suit Case..... 83c	\$3.50 Auto Gloves..... \$2.39	Ladies' Skirts
10c Ginghams per yard..... 8c	4.50 Suit Case..... \$2.98	2.25 Auto Gloves..... 1.54	29 Ladies Skirts, values \$4.50 to \$12.50, choice..... \$2.49
10c Outings per yard..... 7 1/2c	3.00 Trunks..... 2.19	2.00 Auto Gloves..... 1.39	\$5.00 and \$6.00 Silk Petticoats, your choice only..... \$2.49
One lot Red Seal Ginghams..... 8 1/2c	6.50 Trunks..... 4.34	1.50 Auto Gloves..... 1.09	
One lot Foil Du Nords..... 10 1/2c			
Blankets			
\$6.50 Wool Blankets..... \$4.75			
\$1.50 Wool Nap Blankets..... 1.83			
\$2.00 Wool Nap Blankets..... 1.37			
\$1.50 Cotton Blankets..... 98c			

American Lady and Dress Selby Shoes for Women, also security line for Women and Children. Ralston, Fellow Craft, and American Gentlemen Shoes for men at prices that are right.

Our line of Overcoats for Men and Boy's, also Ladies and Children's Coats is still in good shape and prices cut to the quick.

Hundreds of other bargains too numerous to mention. Just come in and see for yourself. We will treat you right and will appreciate your call.

J. H. WILKE, PROPRIETOR

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ballinger, Texas, Jan. 8, 1914
My Dear Friends:-

I take this method of informing you that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Schools of Runnels County. I hope that my administration has been such as to merit your approval, and that my earnestness and zeal in behalf of the educational interests of Runnels County will secure for me your endorsement and support.

I will say that during my term of office I have learned many things which, coupled with my long experience in school affairs, will enable me to do more efficient work in the future than in the past. If elected, I shall put forth every effort to successfully develop the plans which I have already begun.

It requires both experience and time to place any enterprise upon

a firm base from which it may develop into its grandest and broadest usefulness. I have prepared the fields and have planted the seeds of a practical, useful Christian education and I hope to be permitted to remain in the office of County Superintendent long enough to nurture and cultivate these until they have reached such a magnificent growth that Runnels County can point to them with a just and patriotic pride.

I hope that you will give me your support, influence and assistance in placing the schools of Runnels County in the foremost ranks of the educational standard of Texas. I shall greatly appreciate an expression from you; and at the same time I am open to any suggestion that you may make for the improvement of the schools.

I am, very truly yours,
E. L. HAGAN.

Complimentary Afternoon at Cards.

Miss Lois Crews entertained the Beau Nots Tuesday afternoon with cards in compliment to Miss Hattie Hutton. The colors of the Club, pink and green, furnished the color motif in the decorations, and pink carnations and foliage plants were used effectively throughout the rooms. Dishes of mints, conforming to the color requirements, were placed upon each of the tables used in playing.

Following the game salad, and sandwiches and a mint ice was served and a second course of coffee and cake. Pink carnations were given as favors, and the bride-elect, Miss Hutton, was presented with thirteen pieces of Haviland china, a gift from the club. Miss Crews was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Homer Alexander of San Antonio.

Those present were: Miss Florence Davis of Portland, Texas, Miss Vining of Austin, Misses Hattie Hutton, Etta Hutton, Kate Guion, Bertha Van Pelt, Florence Westbrook, Winnie Trail, Mamie Gregory, Mrs. Harold Tucker and Betty Miller and Bertha Resbury.

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make it thick, glossy, wavy, luxuriant, and remove dandruff—Real surprise for You.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a „Dandarine hair cleanse.” Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Dandarine and carefully draw it thru your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Dandarine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it surely get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Dandarine from any druggist or toilet counter, and just try it.

E. W. Yardley, one of the prosperous barbers of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Will Doose left Monday afternoon for Coleman on a short business trip.

S. B. Caperton, the Maverick stockman, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

H. L. Chataun, of Winters was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

We are informed that Jo Hardin will make his formal announcement for sheriff in the papers in a few days and will present his claims to the voters of Runnels county to be acted upon at the coming primary election.

Year That Just Closed Was Very Wet One

Perhaps it had not occurred to the average citizen that last year was the wettest one this country has had since 1906, and that there has only been two years during the last twenty that has more rain fall than the one just closed. We are publishing below a correct report of the rain fall since 1895 and the year just closed is only exceeded in the total rain fall by two other years—1900 and 1906. Total rainfall for 1913 is 29.54.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
1895.	.67	2.92	.00	1.89	3.68	2.48	4.16	2.37	2.04	2.13	.94	2.93	27.11
1896.	1.86	.98	.04	1.22	.11	2.06	5.74	1.47	5.68	4.93	.27	2.22	26.58
1897.	1.17	.01	2.62	.65	2.75	1.23	3.28	2.67	1.08	2.01	.11	1.03	18.61
1898.	.70	.26	.16	2.67	2.78	10.85	1.29	.74	4.97	.00	.30	2.37	26.99
1899.	.10	.00	.01	2.65	5.21	7.27	1.73	.00	.31	1.92	2.56	3.38	24.14
1900.	.57	.39	1.84	7.53	6.08	.07	2.99	4.12	7.55	2.54	.93	.62	35.23
1901.	.15	1.01	.08	2.19	3.25	.12	.85	.65	1.06	1.54	1.65	.22	12.74
1902.	.27	.60	.75	.58	7.08	2.20	5.98	.62	1.25	.88	4.09	.24	24.44
1903.	2.14	3.67	.80	.14	4.44	2.91	1.47	2.97	8.02	.67	.00	.24	27.67
1904.	.65	.79	.00	1.57	.91	2.12	1.00	.92	2.71	1.41	.79	.54	13.41
1905.	.11	1.39	4.54	3.57	2.29	2.68	1.86	.17	.78	1.82	.83	.77	20.71
1906.	.35	.45	1.09	2.64	2.85	4.55	7.19	11.54	4.11	.95	1.25	.85	37.82
1907.	.05	.00	.40	.20	2.04	.19	3.27	.00	2.40	6.69	2.50	.70	18.44
1908.	.40	.20	1.40	7.22	5.62	.00	2.12	2.44	6.92	.16	2.84	.00	29.32
1909.	.00	.00	.14	.06	1.30	3.21	1.82	2.05	2.67	3.65	.99	1.16	17.05
1910.	.00	.00	.26	2.92	.82	1.72	.60	.35	2.02	1.42	.85	.50	11.64
1911.	.10	4.55	.43	3.04	1.40	tr	2.12	4.02	3.70	2.20	.76	3.94	26.26
1912.	.00	1.61	.56	1.39	5.05	1.50	tr	1.16	tr	1.35	1.75	1.38	15.75
Avg.	.54	1.00	.85	2.39	3.15	2.56	2.82	2.13	3.35	2.04	1.30	1.05	23.53

Runnels County has the largest acreage of grain this year in its history. We are going into the new year with our grain prospect the brightest ever known and with an increase of fully 25 per cent in acreage.

The lightest rainfall of which

we have record would have produced a good crop based on a season like the one we now have, so the farmer who fails of harvest the coming year will have to attribute his failure to other causes than lack of rain. Failure is bad

enough at best, but it is very consoling to be able to place the blame on causes beyond our control, so let's conserve the moisture plant good seed, thoroughly cultivate and reap great things for 1914.

Dirty Clothes

should not be thrown in the corner, but put in a nice Clothes Hamper till Wash-day.

25 percent off on fine Indian Wood Hampers for a few days.

THE FAIR

W. H. Boozer, of the Norton country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday and took advantage of the Banner-Ledger clubbing list while here.

Rev. W. G. Green, of South Ballinger left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes to visit his son and family for several months.

Mrs. J. R. Lusk and little son and her daughter Miss Kathleen Jones, left Tuesday at noon for Alpine. Miss Kathleen is returning from her holiday vacation to resume her school work, while Mrs. Lusk will visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy a short while.

Mrs. Walter Parker, returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Oden, of Goldthwaite.

Julius Brosig, one of the prominent stockmen of the Lipan Flat country, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

J. J. Erwin, of Temple, left Tuesday afternoon for his home after a pleasant visit of a few days after the past week, with his parents and Ballinger friends.

E. Graves, of the Hatchel country, was among the large crowd on the streets of Ballinger Monday.

C. W. Schwartz, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Hall Hardware Co.

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

...IT IS NOW...
THE

SECURITY TITLE CO.

You are cordially solicited to patronize for your
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CLOSING OUT

Our Entire Stock of Buggies and Wagons,

For the next 90 Days at a Big Reduction. See us before
you buy.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

BALLINGER LUMBER COMPANY

We carry a full line of Building Material at all times.
OAK for Coupling Poles, Tongues etc.
Let us save you some money on your Bill.

BALLINGER LUMBER COMPANY

CHANGE IN ABSTRACT OFFICE HERE.

LEFT FOR AUSTIN.

We failed to make mention of the changes made in the position of H. M. Josey and E. P. Scarbrough on the first of the year. Mr. Josey who has been with the Security Title Co. for a number of years, has accepted a position with H. Giesecke and E. P. Scarbrough who has been with the Ballinger Loan Co., accepted the position made vacant in the Security Title Co.

The following young ladies, who had been spending the holiday vacation at home with relatives and friends left Friday afternoon for Austin to resume their school duties in the State University. Misses Mackie James, Corrine Eskridge and Susie Rodgers. Master Joe Brice Wilmeth, who had been visiting his father for some time past, accompanied them to Austin to be with his mother and brothers during the ensuing school term.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

FOR SALE—A stallion,

5 years old, weight 1500 pounds, chestnut sorrel color. Can be seen at my place, 9 miles south of Ballinger. Aug. Halfman. 4tw

J. R. Perry, of Big Springs, a former citizen of Runnels County who had been in Ballinger on a short business trip, left Friday afternoon for points in East Texas, on a visit to old friends.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves and cures. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX OR WORK THE ROAD

During the month of December Tax Collector Padgett only issued 328 poll tax receipts, and up to January first had only issued 625 poll tax receipts, as follows:

Ballinger No. 22	22
Ballinger No. 24	51
Hatchel	12
Beniot	12
Crews	38
Token	40
Truitt	10
Winters	43
Antelope	11
Pumphrey	13
Wingate	41
Baldwin	5
Wilmeth	29
Cochran	15
North Norton	19
Marie	15
Marvick	38
South Norton	16
Pierre House	13
Prookshire	6
Miles	72
Rowena	68
Office	31
Pony Creek	18

The tax rolls show that there were 2913 polls assessed in this county, and with only 635 paid there remains 2278 unpaid, and less than a month in which poll tax receipts can be issued that will entitle you to the privilege of voting. Under the new law, which has only been in effect one year and which has taught quite a number of citizens of this county a lesson, requires all citizens subject to poll tax who fail to pay same to work three days on the public roads or the payment of \$5. This work is in addition to regular road work. Those who fail to comply with the law governing the working of road is subject to prosecution and punishment as the law directs. Any man can see that it is far better to pay the \$1.75 poll tax and have the privilege of participating in the various elections that are held than it would be to neglect to pay the tax and be either penalized by the payment of \$5 or three days on the road.

County Treasurer Brown states that quite a number who failed to pay their poll tax last year later paid their five dollars to avoid road work. The law will be enforced again next year. The new law makes it the duty of the officers to see that the delinquents do road service or pay the \$5.

As will be seen from the above list of polls paid there is going to be a rush as the time limit draws near. Under the old rule the tax collector could accept your order and money for poll tax and later issue the receipt, but all receipts must be issued before twelve o'clock January 31st, and those who fail to call at the office in time to be waited on before that hour will have to suffer the consequence.

Only 32 City Polls Issued.
City Tax Collector Lusk has a long list of delinquents, and out of 492 city polls assessed only 32 have been paid. The poll tax receipt is fifty cents, and no man living within the city limits can participate in either city or county election, or any other kind of an election unless he is armed with a city poll tax receipt, except in cases where the voter is not subject to city poll, having moved from the country to the town since the first day of January 1913. The date for paying city poll is the same as the date for paying your state and county taxes.

I Will Buy Your Seed Cotton.
I am in the market for your seed cotton. Before you sell your remnants be sure to see me, and get the highest price the market will afford. E. M. EUBANKS, wtf

GINNERS REPORT SHOWN BY COUNTIES

Washington, Dec. Jan. 2.—The preliminary totals for the state was made public by the Bureau of Census at 10 a. m. on Saturday 20. The corrected total and the amounts for the different counties for the crops of 1913 and 1912 are as follows:

Quantities are in running bales, counting round bales as half bales. Linters are not included.	
County—	Crop—
	1913 1912
Total	3,628 4,368,915
Anderson	23,444 24,130
Angelina	6,946 6,222
Archer	4,015 8,911
Atascosa	10,670 13,568
Austin	26,858 26,711
Bandera	2,215 1,865
Bastrop	34,522 33,174
Baylor	7,357 13,715
Bee	7,582 18,931
Bell	66,626 79,445
Bexar	25,595 26,491
Blanco	4,998 4,505
Bosque	19,419 25,958
Bowie	26,622 24,964
Brazoria	7,301 7,750
Brazos	26,736 34,063
Brooks	2,005 3,813
Brown	14,604 18,203
Burleson	29,355 34,542
Burnet	12,010 10,664
Caldwell	57,187 53,474
Callahan	5,161 4,555
Callahan	10,109 15,369
Cameron	6,509 7,948
Carroll	11,905 12,157
Cass	23,949 26,230
Chambers	98
Cherokee	22,002 20,133
Childress	6,634 16,611
Clay	12,736 25,201
Coke	4,615 7,254
Coleman	23,931 23,874
Collin	70,975 91,235
Collingsworth	6,953 9,406
Colorado	18,583 20,688
Comal	16,257 13,322
Comanche	20,813 33,767
Concho	5,496 4,508
Cooke	19,752 32,754
Coryell	24,803 35,706
Cottle	4,637 9,780
Dallas	55,087 80,209
Delta	29,163 38,180
Denton	34,482 47,863
Dewitt	52,528 51,676
Dickens	3,196 5,875
Donley	3,457 3,726
Duval	3,154 8,933
Eastland	26,483 35,517
Ellis	117,951 159,307
Erath	19,740 37,929
Falls	60,463 69,120
Fannin	56,561 87,513
Fayette	42,918 45,916
Fisher	13,144 9,782
Foard	2,791 8,162
Fort Bend	33,719 32,017
Franklin	10,702 12,402
Freestone	24,348 23,794
Frio	15,371 16,267
Gillespie	13,140 9,460
Goliad	14,282 17,924
Gonzales	48,613 44,163
Grayson	50,066 68,344
Gregg	8,988 11,878
Grimes	26,660 27,495
Guadalupe	52,866 43,956
Hall	12,832 18,504
Hamilton	13,967 22,821
Hardeman	4,361 12,347
Harris	6,222 4,111
Harrison	21,902 24,442
Haskell	14,675 20,858
Hays	28,120 29,933
Henderson	26,713 22,530
Hidalgo	1,894 5,619
Hill	67,734 119,320
Hood	7,547 15,230
Hopkins	48,587 40,071
Houston	28,698 29,861
Howard	4,366 3,643
Hunt	64,576 75,307
Jack	5,807 14,692
Jackson	7,527 6,455
Jim Wells	2,389 7,017
Johnson	44,604 62,816
Jones	19,740 32,886
Karnes	29,298 32,298
Kaufman	67,563 92,213
Kendall	2,550 2,365
Kent	3,549 2,819
Kerr	957 527
Kleberg	1,750 2,963
Knox	12,160 17,230
Lamar	68,717 77,094
Lampasas	4,967 6,172
Lasalle	2,087 3,87
Lavaca	38,038 40,508
Lee	14,618 15,030
Leon	21,615 20,894
Liberty	2,567 1,715
Limestone	62,459 82,138
Live Oak	668 2,130
Llano	4,123 2,491
McCulloch	15,650 12,271
McLennan	93,391 126,587
Madison	12,329 13,655
Marion	6,070 6,710
Mason	4,809 3,689
Matagorda	6,601 6,471
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Navarro	95,575	96,454
Nolan	6,961	8,303
Nueces	14,799	15,825
Palo Pinto	7,298	16,504
Panola	20,406	24,145
Parker	18,464	34,817
Polk	8,681	6,903
Rains	7,665	8,444
Red River	44,130	41,552
Robertson	41,126	49,471
Rockwall	22,603	27,827
Runnels	15,697	24,475
Rusk	28,456	31,635
Sabine	3,785	3,188
San Augustine	10,047	8,451
San Jacinto	7,583	6,773
San Patricio	19,390	16,472
San Saba	9,242	9,489
Scurry	9,538	7,712
Shackelford	1,894	4,420
Shelby	23,112	23,268
Smith	38,502	45,603
Somerville	2,049	3,986
Stephens	2,748	5,334
Stonewall	5,732	4,500
Tarrant	26,542	41,093
Taylor	13,688	24,538
Throckmorton	3,180	7,357
Titus	15,642	16,305
Tom Green	3,436	3,817
Travis	61,833	65,055
Trinity	7,441	7,566
Tyler	2,201	1,746
Upshur	20,824	22,714
Uvalde	6,604	9,612
Van Zandt	39,211	36,550
Victoria	23,547	19,597
Walker	12,912	15,174
Waller	11,994	13,219
Washington	40,641	36,983
Wharton	20,245	24,228
Wichita	5,716	11,516
Willbarger	9,929	24,299
Williamson	101,309	118,333
Wilson	27,524	23,476
Wise	18,890	34,486
Wood	27,839	29,421
Young	10,891	22,832
All other	37,120	24,875

EXAMS TO BE HELD SOON

The first half of the high school term will terminate very soon and pupils of this institution are preparing themselves for the examinations which will be held during the last week of the term. Already the midnight oil is being burned in many homes where the children attend the public schools, the students preparing themselves for the exams which will mean so much to them. The tests will begin probably Monday Jan. 12th and last thru the week.

Wonderful Cough Remedy.

Dr. King's New Discovery is known everywhere as the remedy which will surely stop a cough or cold. D. P. Lawson of Eidson, Tenn., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the most wonderful cough, cold and throat and lung medicine I ever sold in my store. It can't be beat. It sells without any trouble at all. It needs no guarantee." This is true, because Dr. King's New Discovery will relieve obstinate of coughs and colds. Lung troubles quickly helped by its use. You should keep a bottle in the house at all times for all the members of the family. 50c and \$1.00. All druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

W. P. Vaughn, the Crews gin mart was winding up New Year's business affairs in Ballinger Friday and remembered the Banner-Ledger while here. Mr. Vaughn says, "I can't do without my country paper and you are now giving us one of the best papers the county has ever had." We are glad our friends appreciate our efforts to give them a good weekly newspaper.

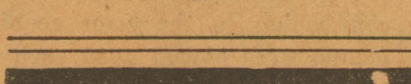
To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a ointment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

E. C. Horn of Maverick, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

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 7 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.



NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

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REDUCTION SALE

**WILL CONTINUE TO
 JANUARY 30th**

Offering to the citizens of Runnels County the very best prices ever made on first class furniture. Having just traded land for this stock I make you the prices regardless of cost as follows:

Art Squares, 9x12 feet now \$9.00 to	\$12.00
Rocking Chairs, \$5.00 sellers now \$2.00 to	\$2.50
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Kitchen Safes and Cabinets from \$4.00 to	\$15.00
Chiffoneers and Dressers from \$6.00 to	\$18.00
Dining Chairs from 85c to	\$1.85
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**The whole Entire Stock
 Will Go At Same Re-
 duction In Price**

We are going to sell these goods and you will be the looser if you miss buying your furnitue from us now at the

OSTERTAG FURNITURE CO.

L. DAUGHERTY, Owner.

**News Told In a Hurry
 For the Busy Reader**

A flat boat was wrecked on a rock in the Frazer river in Canada and 72 laborers drowned, Monday. The employers were employed by the Grand Trunk railroad and they were crossing a swift current when they lost control of the boat. Only 25 of the laborers made their escape.

24 men, including seven officials of the Structural Ironworkers' Union, who were convicted for participating in the dynamite plots, must go to the pen, the cases having been sustained by the higher court.

An operation was performed on Mert Carey in Fort Worth Tuesday to cure him of mania for fighting. A tumor on the brain was removed.

A Temple policeman fatally wounded a Mexican who tried to escape after robbing a jewelry store at Temple. The Mexican fired upon the officer as the officer went to arrest him.

Ford Motor Company, of Detroit, Michigan, will give away ten million dollars to their 25,000 employees. It is a division of the profits and the lowest man in the service of the Ford company will receive \$5 per day for his work. The floor sweeper gets his five dollars per day in the future.

The Texas committee in charge of the relief work in the flood district of Texas, will ask the U. S. government for \$200,000 for relief work.

Chairman Walker in charge of the elimination primary, has called a meeting of the drys to meet in Dallas at ten a. m. January 10.

The conscience fund of the United States treasury has been increased by the remittance from a man in Oregon, who said that about forty years ago he made use of a three cent stamp that had been used once before. He made good the three cents with compound interest which amounted to 25 cents.

At Newark, Ohio, on Tuesday of this week, 7 people were burned to death and 3 injured in a hotel fire.

The Southern Publishing Co., a company organized for the purpose of publishing a prohibition daily in Texas, have purchased the Waco Morning News.

Harris county, with Houston as the center, recorded forty-six killings and thirty-five suicides during 1913.

**IF CONSTIPATED OR
 BILLIOUS "CASCARETS"**

**For Sick Headache, Sour Stomach
 Sluggish Liver and Bowels—
 They work while You
 Sleep.**

Get a 10-cent box.

Take a Cascaret to-night to cleanse your liver, stomach and bowels. You will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascares—or merely forcing a passage way with salts cathartic pills or castor oil.

Cascares immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the intestines and bowels.

Remember, a Cascaret to-night will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

Lynn Stokes, of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Acute Sore Throat.

There is nothing better for sore throat than Hunt's Lightning Oil. Put it on at night, and the next morning the soreness is usually gone. Rubbed on chest is fine for sore lungs, of all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

**Lumbago-Sciatica
 Sprains**



"The directions says, its good for lumbago too,—Sloan's cured my rheumatism; I've used it and I know." Do you use Sloan's?

Here's Proof.
 "I had my back hurt in the Boer War and two years ago I was hit by a street car. I tried all kinds of dope without success. I saw your Liniment in a drug store and got a bottle to try. The first application caused instant relief, and now except for a little stiffness, I am almost well."—Fischer Norman, Whittier, Calif.

Instant Relief from Sciatica
 "I was kept in bed with sciatica since the first of February, but I had almost instant relief when I tried your Liniment."—W. H. Hawkins, Frankfort, Ky.

Sprained Ankle

"As a user of your Liniment for the last 15 years, I can say it is one of the best on the market. Fifteen years ago I sprained my ankle and had to use crutches, and the doctors said I would always be lame. A friend advised me to try your Liniment and after using it night and morning for three months I could walk without a cane and run as good as any of the other freemen in my department. I have never been without a bottle since that time."—Mr. William H. Briscoe, Central Islip, N. Y.

**SLOAN'S
 LINIMENT**

At all Dealers. Price 25c., 50c. and \$1.00
 Sloan's Instructive Book on horses, cattle, poultry and hogs, sent free.
 Address, DR. EARL S. SLOAN, Inc., BOSTON, MASS.

C. E. Jordan, of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

T. S. Lankford left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

For Cold on Lungs.
 Rub the chest well with Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be really surprised how soon the soreness leaves. Cold in lungs is dangerous often developing pneumonia. The use of Hunt's Lightning Oil in time is important. Sold by all reputable druggists everywhere in 25c and 50c bottles.

Nath Allen left Tuesday at noon for the west on a short business trip.

J. M. Kiker and his son J. H., of Erath county, who had been visiting S. A. Kiker of Bronte, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home.

For Skin Diseases.
 Hunt's Cure is sold under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded without question if it fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc. You therefore run no risk whatever in purchasing a 50c box from your druggist.

Pat Mapes, the Pony creek merchant, had business in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

J. W. Bigby, of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

**PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS
 MUFFINS**



When properly made, there is nothing more appetizing for breakfast or tea than muffins, or gems, as they are sometimes called. With honey, preserves or marmalade, they readily make the chief feature of the meal, and there are so many ways to vary them, that one can have a different kind about as often as she likes. Below I give a few choice and successful recipes.

Nevada Briggs

A great many housewives have had trouble in making rich, light, moist muffins without their falling, and to overcome this, they have resorted to making the batter so stiff that when baked, the muffins are very dry. A muffin can be made almost as light and just as palatable as a pop-over, but to make a light, moist muffin which is not soggy in the center, a double-raise baking powder such as K C must be used. K C Baking Powder has two separate and distinct raises: one when moisture is added, and the other when heat is applied, so that the raising is sustained until the muffin is baked through, and all danger of falling and becoming soggy is past.

Like biscuits, the softer the dough goes into the oven, the lighter the muffins that come out of it.

One-Egg Muffins
 2 cups flour 1 teaspoonful salt
 2 slightly rounded teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder 1/2 cup sugar
 1/4 cup melted lard or butter
 1 egg 1 cup water or milk
 Sift dry ingredients together three times. Add to this the unbeaten egg, melted shortening and water or milk. Then beat all together until perfectly smooth. Oil muffin or gem pans and have oven slow until the muffins come to the top of the pan, then increase the heat to bake and brown the muffins. This recipe makes 12 large muffins. Raisins or currants may be added if desired.

Graham Muffins
 1 cup graham flour 1 cup pastry flour
 2 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
 1 to 2 level tablespoonfuls sugar
 1/2 teaspoonful salt 1 egg
 1/4 cups milk or water
 2 to 3 tablespoonfuls melted butter
 Mix and bake as One-Egg Muffins.
 Graham batter should always be quite soft to insure lightness and a moist muffin.

Corn Meal Muffins
 1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup sugar
 2 eggs, well beaten 1 cup milk or water
 1 1/2 cups corn meal 1 1/2 cups flour
 1/2 teaspoonful salt
 1 level teaspoonful K C Baking Powder
 Cream the butter; add the sugar and eggs. Sift together, three times, the meal, flour, salt and baking powder. Add this to the first mixture alternately with the milk. Bake about twenty-five minutes, baking a little slowly to start, then increase heat to bake brown.

Bacon Muffins
 2 cups flour 1 teaspoonful salt
 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
 1/2 cup sugar (if desired)
 1/4 cup melted lard or butter
 4 or 5 slices of bacon fried crisp and broken into small bits 1 cup milk or water
 Mix and bake as One-Egg Muffins above.
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Date Muffins
 1/2 cup butter 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup milk or water 1 egg
 2 cups pastry flour 1/2 teaspoonful salt
 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder
 Scant 1/2 pound dates
 Cream the butter, add the sugar and the egg, beaten light. Sift together three times, the flour, baking powder and salt; add these to the first mixture, alternately with the milk; beat thoroughly and add the dates, stoned and cut in pieces. Bake rather slowly to start, increasing heat to brown.

Some Helpful Suggestions

Muffins would be served on many more breakfast tables if this meal were not prepared so hurriedly that there is not time enough to stir up muffins and bake them. With K C double-raise baking powder, the batter may be stirred up the night before and if set in a cool place, it will remain in a partially leavened condition all night, and the raising will be completed when put in the oven in the morning. No difference will be noticed between muffins mixed the night before and those mixed immediately before baking. This should not be attempted however, with any of the old fashioned single-acting baking powders.

The old fashioned way was to bake muffins in a hot oven, but this makes a thick heavy crust and a soggy center, which is unpalatable and hard to digest. The proper and healthful way to bake muffins is to start the oven at a low temperature, just as for baking cakes. When the muffins come up to the top of the pan, the heat should be raised, and they should be baked until a crisp crust is formed. This crust will be thin, and the centers will be found light and fluffy, but thoroughly baked.

Always sift the flour and baking powder together at least three times, no matter what kind of pastry is to be made. This will insure its rising evenly and the flour is lightened by having air sifted into it.

Either water or milk may be used for muffins. Milk will make the richer muffin and brown better, but water will answer the purpose very nicely when milk is not to be had.

A most excellent "spread" for muffins, hot biscuits and hot cakes is made by creaming together about equal parts of butter and honey either strained or in the comb. If the butter is solid it will work up to about the consistency of hard sauce and it is simply delicious.

Next Week's Lesson: PUDDINGS

KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Seemingly Common Disease which Becomes Fatal through Neglect and which May Be Easily Cured by Prompt Attention.

More than two-thirds of the annual deaths, physicians claim, is directly due to kidney disorders.

Created by this remarkable assertion and desiring to acquire a better understanding of the origin of the disease, a prominent physician was recently induced as to the symptoms of such cases.

What do you attribute the great effectiveness of kidney disease? Was it the hold which the disease gains in the body before the victim becomes aware of its true condition, and the rapidity with which it eats its way into the vital organs?

Could not the proverbial 'ounce of prevention' check the progress of the disease?

There is no doubt of it. The trouble with victims of this disease mistake symptoms for some trifling ailment, such as stomach or bowels; therefore they try to arrest the course of the disease until it is well advanced.

What is the origin of kidney trouble? It is most invariably bad digestion, followed by torpid liver and a constipated bowels.

What are the symptoms? Headache, dizzy spells, sluggish bowels, restless nights, pale or sallow complexion, lack of appetite, heartburn, sour belching, backache or tenderness over the kidneys, nervous weakness, dark rings around the eyes, tired legs, too much or too little urine, and much in urine.

EFFECT ON THE HEART.

What way is the heart affected from kidney trouble? In all cases the heart is disturbed, and in many instances the palpitations do not become alarming until the disease has advanced to a serious point.

Where heart throbbing and nervousness is noticeable, especially after a bodily exercise; the victim frequently imagines he has heart disease.

HOW TO CURE IT.

What is the proper course of treatment for kidney disease? First, to get rid of uric acid and other poisons in the system. This can be done by stimulating the bladder and bowels so they will act more freely. The kidneys must be strengthened, and the stomach and bowels toned up and the system improved.

Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy that meets these requirements completely. It is not only a system tonic and regulator of its healing and restorative influence will build up the weakened kidneys and urge them to a better performance of their duties. It gives strength to the liver, stomach and heart, and promotes harmony of action throughout the body.

Dr. Burr, village blacksmith and respected citizen of Starks, La., says: "I was troubled with kidney and liver disorder for 19 years. I was in great misery until I began taking Prickly Ash Bitters which entirely cured me, and I am now a strong, healthy and hearty man. I am now the wife and four children and they are all in the best of health, too. I feel that Prickly Ash Bitters is the best remedy on earth and that every family should keep a bottle at home."

Get the genuine with the figure of a man in red on front label.

Sold by druggists. Price \$1.00.

Janie Baldwin, one of the smart grocery merchants of Ballinger, was among the business women in Ballinger Wednesday.

Harry Williams, left Tuesday afternoon for Teague, Texas. He will open up his pool hall new days.

Estes Lynn, of Sam Anker, after a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor, left Wednesday afternoon for her home.

Keeping the Body in Repair

Nature intended that the body should do its own repairing—and it would do so were it not for the fact that most of us live other than a natural life.

Nature didn't intend that we should wear corsets, tight collars or shoes, nor live in badly ventilated and draughty houses, nor eat and drink some of the things that we do, nor ride in street cars when we should walk.

The consequence is that the body when it gets out of order must look for outside help to make the necessary repairs.

For weak stomachs and the indigestion or dyspepsia resulting, and the multitude of diseases following therefrom, no medicine can be more adaptable as a curative agent than **DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY**.

This famous Doctor's prescription has been recommended for over 40 years, is today just as big a success. Restores a healthy appetite. Cleanses the blood, strengthens the nerves. Regulates stomach and liver. Demand the original.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery Sold in Liquid or Tablet form by Dealers in Medicines

Send 31 one-cent stamps to pay cost of mailing only on a free copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1908 pages, clothbound. Address Dr. Pierce, B. F. Ho, N. Y.

Announcement for Sheriff of Runnels County

To The Voters of Runnels County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Runnels county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I am now serving the people as deputy sheriff of this county. I served the people of Milam county in the capacity of deputy sheriff and constable, and my record as an officer in that county is open for the inspection of any one who wished to investigate it. I am not the candidate of any man or set of men and if elected I shall try to faithfully and impartially serve the people of the county in a fair and impartial way, without fear or favor. I have no special promise to make, only if the law is violated and it comes to my knowledge I shall do all in my power to enforce the law.

I have been a citizen of this county for ten years. I was raised in Milam county, and all I ask is that you give me a fair investigation before you make up your mind to cast your vote in the sheriff's race.

Your vote and influence will be highly appreciated and I hope to see every voter of the county between now and the primary. Thanking one and all for any favors you may do for me, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,
JOHN D. PERKINS.
Candidate for sheriff of Runnels County. Itdv

MOTHER! THE CHILD IS COSTIVE, BILLIOUS

Don't hesitate! A laxative is necessary if tongue is coated, breath bad or stomach sour.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow.

If your little one is out of sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating, and acting, naturally—look Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that it's little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative" because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels, and sweeten the stomach and and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" that see that it is made by the California Fig Syrup Company. Don't be fooled!

J. M. Greenhill, of the Pony creek country, while here on business Tuesday remembered the Banner-Ledger with a renewal.

WILL BE IN WINTERS—Saturday, Jan. 17th. If you have eye trouble come to see me at Dr. Alred's office. Dr. J. H. CLELAND. Itw

S. A. and N. W. Kiker and Ed Rollins, representative citizens of Bronte came over in their auto Wednesday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

WANTED—Sudan Grass Seed, quote lowest price. R. E. McMINN Roscoe, Texas. 9-3tw

W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer had business at Talpa between trains Tuesday.

Runnels County Girls In Dent on Normal School

Denton, Jan. 4, 1914. The North Texas State Normal has re-opened after the Christmas holidays with an unusually large attendance. The present enrollment is 993, and new students are entering constantly. It is expected that we will reach the 1,000 mark before the session is over.

A remarkable feature of this year is the fact that two-thirds of the students enrolled are in the senior class. This is due to the addition of another year's work to the course of study, a change that will go into effect at the beginning of the next regular session; so that this is the last year diplomas are granted upon the completion of a three year course.

Our new Training School will be open on Jan. 15th in the temporary building erected for this purpose. Miss Maud L. Fier, formerly principal of Normal Training School at Plattsburg, N. Y., has already arrived to assume her duties as principal of this school. The other members of the faculty are Miss Willie Floyd, of Abilene; Miss Leta Brooks, of Waco; Mrs. Cora Martin, of Wellington; Miss Corinne Trippet of Waxahachie.

Our section is represented by a number of students, who have organized a "West Texas Club." This club is primarily social, but also serves the purpose of showing loyalty to Ballinger and West Texas at the Normal. The membership includes, Eunice Lilly, Vera Patterson, Lucile Powell, Virginia Wood, and myself, from Ballinger and Ora Griffith from Winters.

PEARL FARRIS

Rheumatic Pains. Every last one of them leaves. The hurting is gone almost the instant Hunt's Lightning Oil is used. The aching stops so quickly it is surprising. Hunt's Lightning Oil is especially compounded to relieve pain. For neuralgia and headaches it is a boon to humanity. For cuts, burns and bruises it acts as a healing oil, soothing the hurting parts and preventing soreness. Nothing better for chilblains. All druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

Charles Schlake, of the Miles country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

Sam Woods, of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. H. Wilke is having his stock of dry goods put in tip-top shape on the shelves at his store house on Hutchings Avenue and will soon be in shape for the public. This store will add greatly to that part of the city when ready for inspection.

Emory Williams shipped out Monday afternoon his pool hall fixtures to Teague, Texas, and will go on there in a few days to open up business at that place.

Mrs. Tuereck, the Miles druggist had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

B. C. Reams, of the Hatchel country, was here first Monday looking after business affairs a few hours.

Editor Kubela, of Rowena, came over on the auto-bike to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

N. F. Smithson, the Wingate blacksmith, came in to look after business affairs in Ballinger first Monday and returned home Tuesday morning.

F. Schaefer, of the Olfen neighborhood, was among the crowd in Ballinger first Monday looking after business affairs a few hours.

John Simmons, one of the pioneer citizens of Runnels county of the Fuzzy Creek neighborhood was greeting his many friends in Ballinger Monday.

S. A. Lee, of Lometa, who had been in Ballinger the past day or two looking after property interest returned home Tuesday afternoon.

In offering myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor for the third term, I do so fully realizing that there is some who do not approve of any officer holding anyone office longer than two terms, but after making careful inquiries in all parts of the county in regard to my making a change and asking for another office, I was assured by the people that they would rather I would not make any change but ask again for the same office, so after getting an expression from so many over the county who desired me to again ask for the office of Tax Assessor, I have decided to do so. I feel I am no stranger to you as I have served you as Tax Assessor for three years and you know whether or not I have treated you fair and honest, and I ask all who wish to know about my record as an assessor to ask your commissioners court if my records are kept straight and my work done well. I have but one promise to make you and that is, if you elect me your assessor I will do my duty as I see it regardless of who it concerns and will work for Equal Taxation. In conclusion will say, the office of Tax Assessor belong to you and on July, 25th 1914 you will choose whom you will have serve you as your assessor, and if you think from my past efforts to serve you I am worthy of the office again, I shall consider it a great honor and will try to show my appreciation by again serving you faithfully and honestly thanking one and all for the past honor and trust bestowed on me. I am your obedient servant,
MIKE C. BOYD.

WHY NOT GET A GUARANTEE?

Every Article of Merit that is sold These Days is Guaranteed—No Guarantee Often Means Poor Quality.

There is very little excuse for any person to claim that he has been "stung" on a purchase. Fifty years ago the buyer had to look out, but today it is unusual to find a merchant who will not return the money for any article that has proved unsatisfactory.

An excellent example of this kind of fair dealing is shown by the clean-cut guarantee that The Walker Drug Co., give on Dodson's Liver Tone.

These people tell us that an person who pays 50c, for a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and does not find it a gentle and most pleasant liver tonic, harmless, but a sure reliever of constipation and a perfect substitute for calomel, can get his money back just as quick as they can get it out of the money drawer.

Dodson's Liver Tone has practically taken the place of calomel. It is absolutely harmless, sure in its action and causes no restriction of habit or diet. No wonder the drug people are glad to guarantee it, while other remedies that imitate the claims of Dodson's Liver Tone are not guaranteed at all.

Miss Gladys Oliver, of Winters, passed through Ballinger en route home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. A. Terry and her brother Dick Oliver, of South Texas.

ROARK'S FEED STORE. High Patent flour \$2.35. Highest Patent Flour \$2.50. Extra High Flour \$2.75 Every sack guaranteed. Corn 95c. Itw

R. F. Green, the dairy man, and his little son, left Tuesday afternoon for Orange Grove, Texas, to visit his brother and family a few weeks.

How's This We offer one hundred dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Cure.

F. J. CHENNEY & Co. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Itw

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—Muffins, Waffles,
—and Home Baking
Success and Satisfaction
One Heaping Teaspoonful's Enough
Health Club is the purest, strongest and most economical Baking Powder obtainable at any price.
Only One Cent an Ounce



In 10, 15 & 25 Cans at all Good Grocers

BALLINGER BOY MAKING GOOD.

The many friends of the young man will be glad to know that Hugo Miller is making good in Arizona where he is engaged in mining engineering and assaying. We recently received a copy of the Oasis, the Nogales newspaper, which was issued in a holiday cover and carried extensive write ups of the business men of that town and the country, together with splendid half tone cuts of the business men. In speaking of Hugo, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller, of Ballinger and who was born and raised in Ballinger, the Oasis among other things says:

One of the younger of the business men in Nogales, who has located here but recently, yet has built up a fine business within a very short time, is Mr. Hugo W. Miller, whose office and laboratory are in the Marsh Block, on Grand Avenue, near the Post Office.

Mr. Miller, who is a native of Texas, is a graduate of the University of Texas, Mining Department, taking the degree of E. M. in 1910. Shortly after graduation the young gentlemen accepted a position as assistant engineer with the Chino Copper Company, at Santa Rita, New Mexico, which post he relinquished to accept the position of chief chemist and assayer for the Socorro Mining Company in the Mogollon mountains which place he held a year going thence to Pioche, to fill a similar position with the Day-Bristol Mining Company, under the management of Mr. George Bent, an operator known well in Arizona and Sonora.

From Pioche Mr. Miller came to Sonora with Mr. Bent, making determinations in mine examinations at the Rey del Oro, and other points that Mr. Bent was reporting upon. While in that employment Mr. Miller noted the excellent opening offered an independent business in the Line City, and he came here and opened his office and laboratory, the latter being one of the finest and best appointed in this vicinity. Almost immediately he was crowded with business, and is doing finely. He is prepared at all times to make mineral and chemical determinations, bullion assaying mine surveying and examinations and supervise work. He deals also in ores and bullion, giving those producing them the highest market values.

SECOND TAX ROUND.

Tax Collector W. T. Padgett requests us to state that he will be in Winters, Saturday, January 10th, 1914 to collect taxes, also will be at Rowena Friday, January 16th, 1914 and at Miles Saturday, January 17th. Will spend a day in each of the places mentioned. Itw

H. B. Hofman, of the Rowena country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

For Sale. One 20 horse power gasoline engine \$500.00 F. O. B. Brownwood. This engine is in first-class condition and a bargain at this price. WALKER-SMITH CO. Brownwood, Texas. Itw

Mrs. E. A. Zurcher, of Houston who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke and family and Ballinger friends the past few weeks, left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

GRIP LOST—Canvas grip lost between Talpa and South Ballinger on Christmas night. Finder please leave at this office. Itw

T. A. Tidwell and A. B. Burrell, who spent the past few weeks with home folks and Ballinger friends, left Tuesday afternoon for the east in the interest of their grocery company.

FIRE HORSES AND WAGON FOR SALE.

A good fire wagon and well broken fire team for sale cheap Reason for sale City wishes to change to fire automobile. J. W. POWELL, Mayor, City of Ballinger. 9-4tw

Mrs. Joe A. Jones and two children, of Somerville, Texas, after a pleasant holiday visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin and family, left Tuesday afternoon for their home.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express through the columns of this paper our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many kindness shown us during the sorrow that has just befallen us. Your kind acts and words of sympathy were a great help to us and we appreciate them more than any words can express. Our prayers is that you will have such friends as we feel that we have among you, when the death angel visits your home.

M. BARBEE and Children
dypd

E. G. Bowden, of Norton and Tom Puckett, of Wilmeth, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Puckett had his fine Percheran stallion on exhibition that day and several of the fine colts of this horse, were also in evidence here Frist Monday.

DON'T DREAD WINTER'S COLD.
Prepare to enjoy its exhilarating frosts by making your blood rich, pure and active to prevent colds, grippe and rheumatism.
Good blood prevents sickness and Scott's Emulsion will energize your blood and create reserve strength to endure changing seasons.
Scott's Emulsion is not an experiment but has served humanity faithfully for forty years; it contains the purest cod liver oil—free from alcohol or stupefying drugs.
Scott's Emulsion is nature's greatest blood-maker and furnishes the elements necessary for body warmth, rich blood and healthy circulation.
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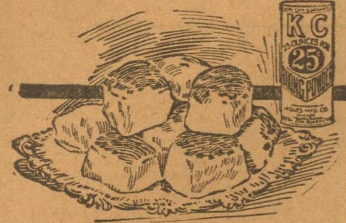
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Baking Powder Biscuits

Light as a Feather
By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine

Baking Powder Biscuits made by this recipe are so far ahead of ordinary baking powder biscuits that, if once tried, you will never use any other recipe. Try it the next time you run short of bread. Save this recipe. 29



K C Baking Powder Biscuits

Three cups flour; 1/4 to 1/2 cup shortening; 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; about 1 cup milk or water; 1 teaspoonful salt.

Sift three times, the flour, salt and baking powder. Work into the flour the shortening, using lard or butter for shortening. Then mix to a very soft dough with the milk. The softer the biscuit enters the oven, the lighter it comes out. Never knead baking powder biscuits; press the dough into shape and roll lightly. Cut in small shapes and bake on a sheet or very shallow pan in a hot oven. In placing biscuits in the pans place well apart, not allowing edges to touch. Small biscuits are better than large ones. Large biscuits do not have the proper amount of time to raise and bake.

Have you seen the new K C Cook's Book. Brimful of appetizing recipes that simply must be successful every time if the few simple directions are carefully followed. You would gladly pay 50 cents for this valuable book, yet we send it absolutely free upon receipt of the colored certificate packed in every 25-cent can of K C Baking Powder. JAGUERS MFG. CO., Chicago. Small cans do not have Cook's Book certificates.

MOTHER HELPS

DAUGHTER ELOPE

What came near being the most romantic wedding ever performed in Ballinger was nipped in the bud about three o'clock this afternoon by the refusal of County Clerk Parish to issue the necessary license. The young couple were accompanied by the mother of the would-be-bride and notwithstanding that the mother assured the clerk that everything was alright the clerk solemnly shook his head when the answer to the age question came and the pretty girl stated that she was seventeen. The boy looked to be only a little older, and they both plead with clerk for the license, and their pleadings were added to by the mother's consent. The bridal party spent some time in the clerk's office and it was only after being convinced that they could not marry here without the consent of the father that they cranked their auto and left in the direction from whence they came.

Mr. Parish stated that the law forbids him issuing marriage license where the lady is under eighteen years of age without the consent of the father, and he did not care to take any chances even with the mother's consent. The party in a way admitted that the father objected to the match, and this accounted for the attempt to elope and wed. The people are wealthy and among the most prominent society people in a neighboring town.

Jim Rainwater, the Crews drug man, had business in Ballinger Monday.

The Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co.
O. L. HURLEY, Manager

Shippers of eggs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and butter. We pay the highest market price. Ware house and office on corner near Santa Fe passenger depot. Ballinger, Texas.

PLANT TREES

Did You Ever See A Better Time For Planting Trees and Shrubbery?
The Brownwood and West Texas Nursery

has as fine a stock of Fruit and Shade Trees, Roses, Shrubs, and Vines of all kinds as can be grown, and at reasonable prices. Send and get my price list before ordering your trees. I have no agents and so save you the middle man's profit. Respectfully,

W. J. Schulze
Bangs, Texas

STRANGER HERE IN CRITICAL GONDITION

A man giving his name as T. H. Armstrong, traveling in a wagon with his wife and four children, arrived in Ballinger last Friday and stopped at the Farmers Union Wagon Yard. The man was in a critical condition when he arrived here, suffering with an infectious disease, and his condition became such that it was necessary for the physicians to perform an operation in order to try to save his life. The sick man had been under the treatment of the doctors since arriving here, but it was not decided to perform the operation until today, and he was carried to the sanitarium this morning and the operation successfully performed.

This is one of those sympathetic cases that every town and community is called upon to handle in the course of human events, and it is one of the most pitiful that has been brought to our notice in a long time. Armstrong says he left Oklahoma some time ago, and was making his way to San Angelo, where he hoped to get work and make a living for himself and family. He was in bad health when he left his Oklahoma home, being afflicted with asthma, and he thought that the climate in this country would help him. He had \$110 when he left for the West, and his outfit consisted of a team of "broom tail" ponies and a pretty well worn out wagon and a camping outfit. When he reached Ballinger his cash had been about exhausted and he sold one of his ponies for \$25, leaving him with only one horse. His family consist of a wife and four children, the youngest less than two years old and the others all small, and to witness the faithful wife and little ones around the husband and father sick on his camp house bed was a scene that caused the tears to trickle down the cheeks of hard hearted men.

The case was reported to the charity committee, and the committee provided medicine and assured the man that his family would not be allowed to suffer. When the man was carried to sanitarium the wife and children were moved to the home of Grandma Pollard where they are being cared for at present. They have a little money which they realized from the sale of the pony, but the father will not be able to provide for them for some time, even if he survives, but we feel sure that the good people of Ballinger will look after their wants. As soon as the man can be moved from the sanitarium he will also be carried to Mrs. Pollard's.

The physicians are doing their part of the charity work in giving this man medical attention and in keeping him at the sanitarium.

Prof. Tignor, who teaches the school in the Nichols neighborhood on the Rowena Route No. 1, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday. The professor had just returned from a visit to his old home in Houston county, and reports a very pleasant trip.

GOVERNOR COLQUITT FAVORS INTERVENTION

Austin, Texas, Jan. 4.—Before leaving tonight for Brownsville while here he goes on a pleasure trip, Governor Colquitt, discussing the Mexican situation said he was convinced "that the U. S. government is neglecting its duty to the world in permitting the continuance of the butchery and uncivilized warfare that is now in progress in Mexico." He made the prediction that since President Wilson has seen fit to involve this government in the present affairs of the republic to the south of Rio Grande, he must go forward ultimately by intervention, or "we must back squarely down and out of the controversy."

The governor said: "Under the Monroe doctrine the United States owes to the world a moral obligation in dealing with questions affecting Mexico. Mexico has been in a state of revolution now for over three years. Lives of foreigners have been ruthlessly taken; their property confiscated, pillaged and burned and American as well as Mexican women outraged.

"From my point of view, it matters not whether Huerta, Carranza Villa or some other Mexican becomes president. Conditions are such that revolution and anarchy will continue. After looking diligently after the protection of Texas along the 900 miles of Mexican border for three years, I am convinced that the U. S. government is neglecting its duty to the world in permitting the continuance of the butchery and uncivilized warfare that is now in progress in Mexico.

"I reiterate the opinion which I have many times expressed:

"I had a firm policy been adopted some time ago, with notice to the Mexicans that they must themselves restore order within a certain time, or submit to the restoration of order by the U. S. Government, practical peace would long ago have been restored in the unhappy republic south of us."

"We may say what we will, but the president having taken a hand in Mexican politics, and involving the government in the controversy must go forward ultimately, or we must back squarely down and out of the controversy."

"So far as the race prejudice is concerned, the meddling with Mexican politics has really engendered as much feeling as actual intervention would produce.

"I am not an alarmist but have had to deal with an actual situation more or less difficult and perplexing on account of over 900 miles of frontier in Mexico.

"It will be exceedingly unfortunate if present conditions in Mexico are to continue until a presidential campaign in the United States forces the Mexican question into American politics, when the American people thoroughly understand the situation in Mexico, as I believe I know them to exist, they will demand the exercise of the authority asserted when the Monroe doctrine, and demand that steps be taken to pacify conditions and restore order, and protect the lives and property in the Mexican republic."

OLD MIRRORS.

Re-silvered and damp-proof backing put on, making them as good as new. All work guaranteed. Maxie L. Phillips, phone 299. 13-each Sat d&w-5

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST

List of letters advertised, Jan 3, 1914:
Brooks, Mrs. A. L.
Edmond, F. B.
Hase, Miss Nellie,
Little, Charlie.

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

After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead letter office.

JAS. J. ERWIN, P. M.

Edwin Giesecke, who spent the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke and Ballinger friends, left Saturday afternoon to resume his school work in the A. & M. College. Edwin is one of Ballinger's favorite sons and we wish and predict success for him in his school work.

Miss Pearl Wilburn, of Brownwood, came in at noon Monday to visit her brother Hugh Wilbourn and family a few days.

MILES POULTRY SHOW JANUARY 29 AND 30

It seems that it is going to remain for Miles and Winters to do the boosting for the poultry industry of this county. For some time the poultry growers of Ballinger have been trying to get together and arrange the dates for the Ballinger show. They have gone to some expense and have just received about one hundred new pens, but we are not able to give the dates for the show, or to say whether Ballinger ever will have a poultry show or not.

The following letter to Dr. S. B. Raby speaks for itself and shows that the Miles people appreciate fully the importance of the poultry industry in the making of a better county. The hardest knocker this country has in it will not dare deny that the chicken business is a big item in swelling the cash accounts of the people of this county. We believe that the proper authorities will get busy and see that the proposed show is held at Ballinger before the season closes, and that it is made the biggest and best ever held in this section of Texas.

Miles, Texas, January 3, 1914.
"Dr. S. B. Raby.
"Ballinger, Texas.

"Dear Friend:

We are pulling off another show here January 29 and 30 and leave competition open to the world. Now you know that leaves little of the firsts for Miles, but we are boosters and want the best birds in all the country in the show.

"To induce breeders to send birds we have arranged coops for exhibition purposes and will take best of care of everything shipped us. Will appreciate your insisting upon your fellow breeders there to turn out, try to fill the classes (two entries) with every breed you have which we pay premiums on. Will send list next week and want a list of your breeders so that I can mail direct to them.

"We contracted with Skaggs to judge and am figuring on your Reds and the Longhorn. Get a White Rock, Partridge Wyandotte and Minorca breeder to come.

"I think Mrs. Ferguson will turn out this year and you bet I am anxious to see a class of Reds.

"I have an Angelo list, shall get Winters and Sweetwater and have some Brownwood names.

"I intended writing you to know how many members you would require here in order to let the ex-coops, but Doer, told me the show fell down and have been so busy that I just neglected. Later I heard that you bought them anyway, but of course we wanted you to use them first. We will attend to this matter some time.

"My wife asks me to tell you that she will show a pet of Reds, that will make you demand the setting of eggs that she had promised you.

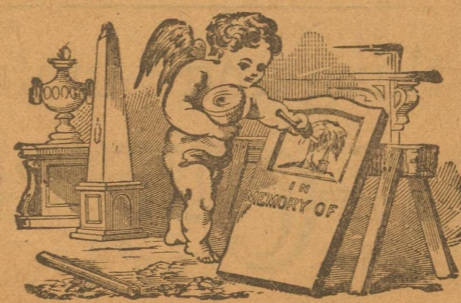
"Thanking you in advance for the list. Your influence for the show, I am

Sincerely,
W. R. HUNTON.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box, 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Parker and little daughter of Lockhart, Texas, who spent the past week or two with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Gray and other relatives, left for their home Saturday afternoon, Miss Bertha Gray accompanied them home to visit a few weeks.

Frank Mountz, of Valley creek was in the city Monday and informed us that on account of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Wiseman, who died at her home at Erwin, Ky., on Xmas eve he would have to make a trip back to that place in a few days.



Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

SOCIALISTS WILL PUT OUT TICKET

There is considerable activity among the socialist leaders of this county, and we have been informed that the socialist party will have a full county ticket in the field, and in some of the precincts a prominent socialist stated will have precinct candidates. In that his party expected to elect every officer in the Crews precinct, and they are hopeful of slipping in some of the county officers this year.

It is their plan to hold precinct conventions some time the last of this month, perhaps the last Saturday in this month. Later a county convention will be held and men selected to make the race for every county office. On account of vacancy in the county organization made by some of the officers moving away, the first work will be to elect new officers and perfect a county organization and this will be done as soon as the precinct organizations are perfected.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Some People We Know, and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event. It took place in Ballinger. Not in some faraway place.

You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word. To consider a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home

Is more worthy of confidence Than one you know nothing about. Endorsed by unknown people.

R. Rutherford, Hutchins Ave Ballinger, Texas, says: "My kidneys were out of order and I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions. I had a dull pain in my back, over my left kidney, and a cold or stooping made it worse. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., rid me of the annoyance." Price 50 cents, of all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Rutherford had Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

COUNTY CANDIDATES GETTING BUSY

Three candidates for county offices have expressed their intention of making their formal announcement in the Banner-Ledger next week, and have requested us to not let them forget this important matter before we issued the next issue of the paper. Next week's issue of the paper will be the second issue of this paper for this year, and while it is a little early in the campaign year many papers over the state are carrying as much as a half column of announcements.

It has been customary for this paper in years past to give each candidate announcing for office a complimentary write-up, and giving various reasons why such candidate should be elected, setting forth his qualifications for the place he might be seeking. This rule has been discarded, and in the future each candidate will be expected to make his own announcement, using his own language, and the copy for publication turned in to the office ready for the paper. Any reasonable amount of space will be allowed to each candidate to make his claims and announce his platform. Our reason for adopting this rule is very simple. Where there is fifteen or twenty men in the race for office, and all of them good men, which is generally the case, it is no small undertaking to give each one a "boost" without in a way saying practically the same thing about each man. Candidates will please write their announcements, or have some friend to write same, and have their copy in the office by Tuesday afternoon of the week in which they desire the announcement to appear.

Names will be arranged in the announcement column in the order in which they reach this office, and will be carried regularly in both daily and weekly papers until the primary election. Our columns are open for any statement you wish to make and our rates are reasonable.

W. H. Harrison, of Fort Worth, at one time a prominent citizen of South Ballinger, after a two weeks visit to friends, left Saturday afternoon for his home.

SAN ANGELO MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

SHIPMAN and IZARD, Prop.

Would be glad to figure with you, on your Monument work, either in marble or granite. Iron and wire fencing.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

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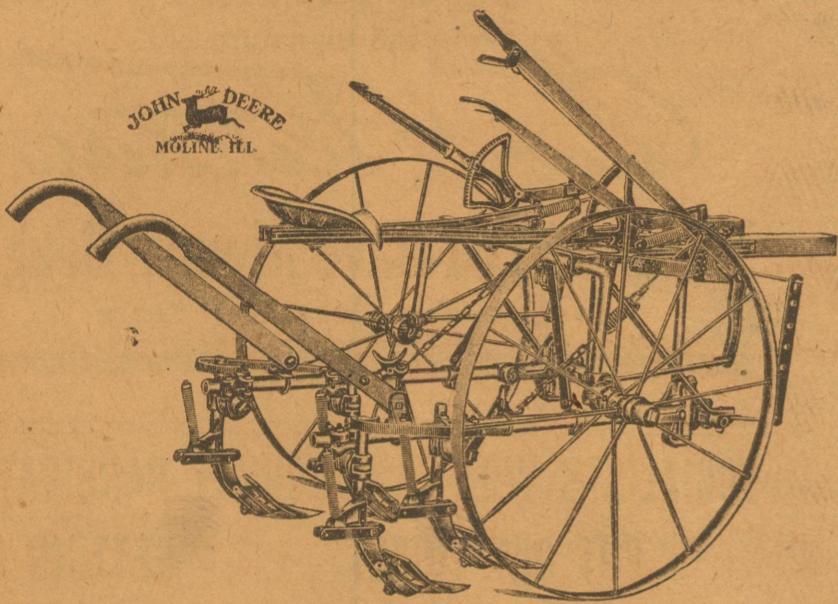
For Our Customers

That's the reason We sell **JNO. DEERE GOODS.**

We can buy others for less money---But

We Want You to Have the Very Best That's Made

DO YOU NEED OR ARE YOU GOING TO NEED ?



Cultivators

One or two row, 4 or 6 plow. The cultivator that satisfies and makes farming a pleasure.

A Harrow

of any kind. We have the celebrated Acme, The Jno. Deere disc, section or drag harrows.

Stag Sulkey's

Jno. Deere single, double or thribble disc plows occupy the top rounds of the ladder. When it comes to breaking plows---ask your neighbor he has one.

We want you to see the Jno. Deere low-down manure spreader, it will more than pay for itself the first year you use it.

A Planter

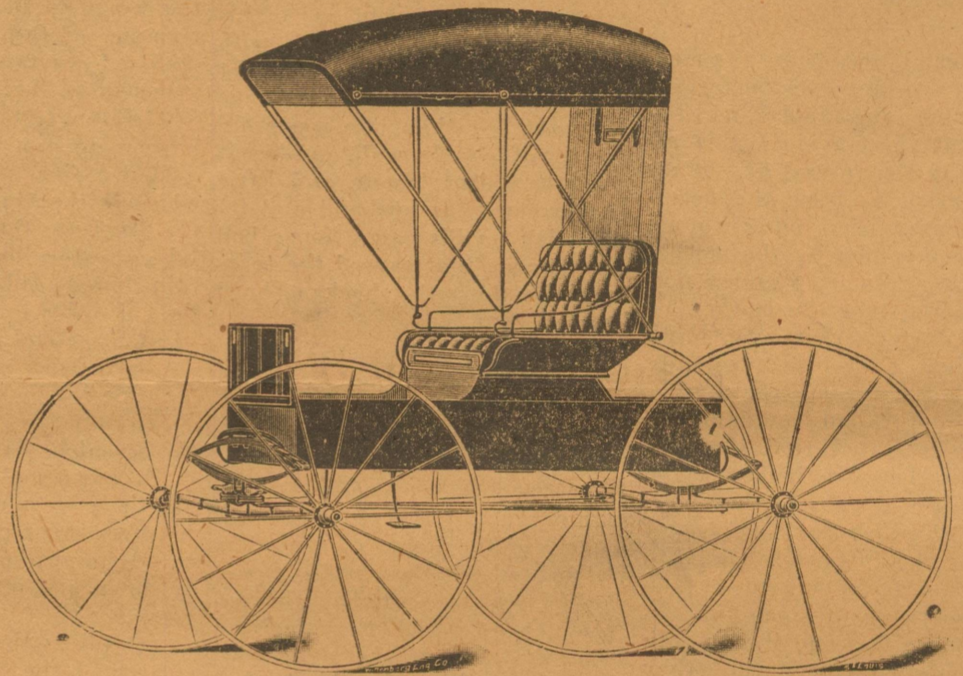
Then don't fail to see our Jno. Deere 1 or 2 row planters. It is the best. Drops the seed just like you want it to. We want an opportunity to show you.

Drills

The Famous Van Brunt is the leader in the drill world. The best---yes it has proved it.

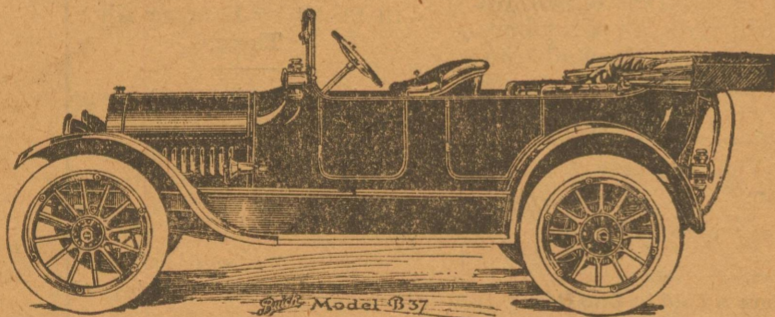
Engines

The Muncie Crude Oil Burner and the R. and V. Gasoline Engines. We think that we can show you that these two engines are the two most desirable of their kind made.



Velie Buggies

We have others but we say and are ready to prove it that the Velie Buggy is the best one made for the price. Broad statement but a fact



Buick Automobiles

When better cars are built Buick will build them

Wind Mills

The Monitor, all steel mill, is the one that gives universal satisfaction, the kind that pleases every one.

Start the New Year Right

Resolve to trade at this store and be happy.

Wagons

The Jno. Deere, The Moline and The Mitchell The Davenport roller bearing wagons have stood the test of time. Long life, light draft, makes them occupy front ranks in the wagon world.

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