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Let Us Help You Make the "High Cost of Living" cost you less during 1914.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

10 Yards Bleached Domestic 49c

\$5.00 John B. Stetson Hat \$3.19

21 Pounds Sugar for \$1.00

10 Yards Calico 39c

50c Underwear 24c

Best Meal a sack 74c

Light Crust Flour a sack \$1.39

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Bleached Muslin

"First Call" yard wide, Bleached Muslin 8c quality Last Stroke Price a yard 5c
Red Fox, yard wide, Bleached Cambric, 10c quality, Last Stroke Price a yard 7 1/2c
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36 inch Half Bleached Sheeting, good grade Last Stroke Price a yard 5c
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1000 yards Apron Ginghams a yard 3c
500 yards Chambray Ginghams, 10c quality Last Stroke Price 5c
1000 yards Staple Ginghams, all colors, 10c grade Last Stroke Price 6 1/2c
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30 inch Canton Flannel, full fleeced, Last Stroke Price a yard 7 1/2c

Cotton Checks

All colors Cotton Checks a yard 5c

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Short lengths, good pattern outing Last Stroke Price 5c
Best grades, all colors Staple Outing Last Stroke Price 7 1/2c

Wool Flannel

Red Wool Flannel 25c to 35c grade Last Stroke Price 10c
White Wool Flannel 35c quality Last Stroke Price a yard 20c

Calicoes

10 yards off colors Calicoes 24c
10 yards best Staple Calico 39c

Men's Hats

Men's "Big 4" Hats white and black \$1.50 values Last Stroke Price \$1.04
Jno. B. Stetson Hats, \$5.00 values Last Stroke Price \$3.19
Jno. B. Stetson Hats, \$6.00 grades Last Stroke Price \$3.58

Men's Shoes

Men's Ralston and Fellowcraft Shoes, odd sizes and shapes \$3.50 to \$4 grade \$1.48
Men's Fellowcraft Shoes, good shapes and sizes Last Stroke Price \$2.62
Men's Work Shoes odd sizes 98c

Ladies' Shoes

Ladies' High Grade \$2.50 to \$3.00 values odd shapes and sizes Last Stroke Price 98c
Empress Shoes, good shapes and sizes, \$2.75 values Last Stroke Price \$1.72
Ladies' "Vassar" Shoes \$2.00 values \$1.32
Infants soft sole shoes a pair 19c

Sheeting

9-4 Unbleached Sheeting a yard 19c
10-4 Unbleached Sheeting a yard 21c
10-4 Bleached Pepperell a yard 24c

Men's Underwear

50c grade Ribbed and Fleeced Underwear, a garment Last Stroke Price 24c

India Linon

White and Black India Linon, 10c to 15c quality Last stroke Price a yard 7 1/2c

...THE... Last Stroke Tub Sale

The year 1913 has come and gone and with it somethins went that we regret their going. Some things in our store did not go, which we regret their staying. Consequently we have decided to make them go. Not with talk, not with lengthy advertising, not deception, but by using the great Lever of Low Prices. Now to the point; We are absolutely, unequivocally going to close out all of our Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Men's Underwear and are hopeful that the prices in this Last Stroke Sale will be convincing to you that we are in earnest. LISTEN! So anxious are we to close out these lines that the clerks have been instructed to lengthen the yards rather than shorten them.

The Sale Starts Friday, Jan. 16th,

THE GLOBE

PHONE 320

Groceries

Light Crust Flour a sack Last Stroke Price \$1.39
25 lb. Sack Sugar a sack Last Stroke Price \$1.19
Best Meal a sack Last Stroke Price 74c
Roasted Coffee a pound Last Stroke Price 19c
Arbuckles Coffee a pound Last Stroke price 24c
Maxwell House Blend a bucket 98c
Club Lake Coffee a bucket Last Stroke price 94c
10 lb. Cottolene a bucket Last Stroke price \$1.39
10 lb. Swifts Premium Lard Last Stroke price \$1.58
10 lb. Jewel Lard a bucket Last Stroke price \$1.14
3 lb. Van Camp Hominy a can Last Stroke price 7 1/2c
3 lb. Van Camps Kraut a can Last Stroke price 9c
3 lb. Clipper Tomatoes a can Last Stroke price 9 1/2c
2 lb. Clipper Tomatoes a can Last Stroke price 7 1/2c
2 lb. W. R. Corn a can Last Stroke price 7 1/2c
2 lb. Clipper Corn a can Last Stroke price 9c
5 gallons Coal Oil Last Stroke price 59c
6 boxes Sardines Last Stroke price 24c
Faultless Starch a package Last Stroke price 8c
25c K. C. Baking Powder a can Last Stroke price 19c
25c Good Luck Baking Powder a can Last Stroke price 19c
Black Eyed Peas a pound Last Stroke price 5c
Searchlight Matches a box Last Stroke price 4c
Nice Pecans a pound Last Stroke price 10c

Groceries

100 pounds Salt a sack Last Stroke price 54c
Choice Pecans a pound Last Stroke price 10c
6 bars C. W. Soap Last Stroke price 23c
6 bars C. E. Soap Last Stroke price 23c
19 lbs. Pink Beans Last Stroke price \$1.00
Dried Peaches a pound Last Stroke price 8 3/4c
Dried Grapes a pound Last stroke price 8 3/4c
20 lbs. Black Eye Peas Last Stroke price \$1.00
Bulk Crackers a pound Last Stroke price 9c
3 lb. Pie Peaches a can Last Stroke price 8c
Green Velva Syrup a gallon Last Stroke price 64c
Red Velva Syrup a gallon Last Stroke price 59c
W. R. Syrup a gallon Last Stroke price 43c
3 lb. Red Top Axle Grease Last Stroke price 19c
Arm and Hammer Soda a lb. Last Stroke price 7c
10 lb. Arm and Hammer Soda Last Stroke price 49c
W. R. Soap a bar Last Stroke price 8c
Giant Lye a can Last Stroke price 7 1/2c
Shinola Polish a box Last Stroke price 8c
Gilt Edge Polish a box Last Stroke price 22c
1 gallon bottle Pickles \$1.00 value Last Stroke price 84c
Seed Potatoes a bushel Last Stroke price \$1.48
Cooking Oil a gallon Last Stroke price 73c
Grey Enamel Dippers each Last Stroke price 5c
14 Sticks Candy Last Stroke price 5c

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Ballinger, Texas

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Bookfold Percales, Staple Patterns 10c grade a yard 6 1/2c

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No. 16 All Silk Ribbons a yard 7c
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3x6 ft. Smiths Axminster Rugs \$5.00 values Last Stroke Price \$3.32
9x10 1/2 Art Squares, mixed wool \$7.50 values Last Stroke Price \$4.94

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Blue Overalls \$1.00 values a pair 87c

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Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, large size, good grade, Last Stroke Price each 4c

Men's Sox

Men's Sox, black, tan, blue and grey a pair Last Stroke Price 7 1/2c

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No. 1 Galvanized Wash Tubs each 54c
No. 2 Galvanized Wash Tubs each 64c
No. 3 Galvanized Wash Tubs each 74c
8 Quart Water Pails each 17c
10 Quart Wate Pails each 19c
12 Quart Water Pails each 22c

Hand Saws

Henry Distons Hand Saws \$2.25 values Last Stroke Price \$1.69
H. W. Peace Hand Saws \$1.75 values, Last Stroke Price \$1.34

Dish Pans

17 Quart Tin Dish, 35c value Last Stroke Price 16c
Blue Enamel Dish Pan, 14 Quart size Last Stroke Price 42c

Files

8 Inch Mill Saw Files, each 9c
10 Inch Mill Saw Files, each 14c
12 Inch Mill Saw Files, each 19c

Nails

Wire Nails, a Pound 4c

Hatchets and Hammers

Shingling and Claw Hatchets, 75c valnes, Last Stroke Price 49c
Claw Hammers, Good Grade 49c

Loaded Shells

12 Guage Loaded Shells, a box 44c
22 Cartridges, black powder, a bov 12c

Pad Locks

Pad Locks, all kinds 9c to 34c

Window Shades

Window Shades, All colors each 24c

Brass King Wash Boards

50c Brass King Wash Boards each 39c

4 Burner Oil Stove \$14.92

5 Gallons Oil 59c

4 String Brooms Each 34c

\$5.00 Stetson Hats \$3.19

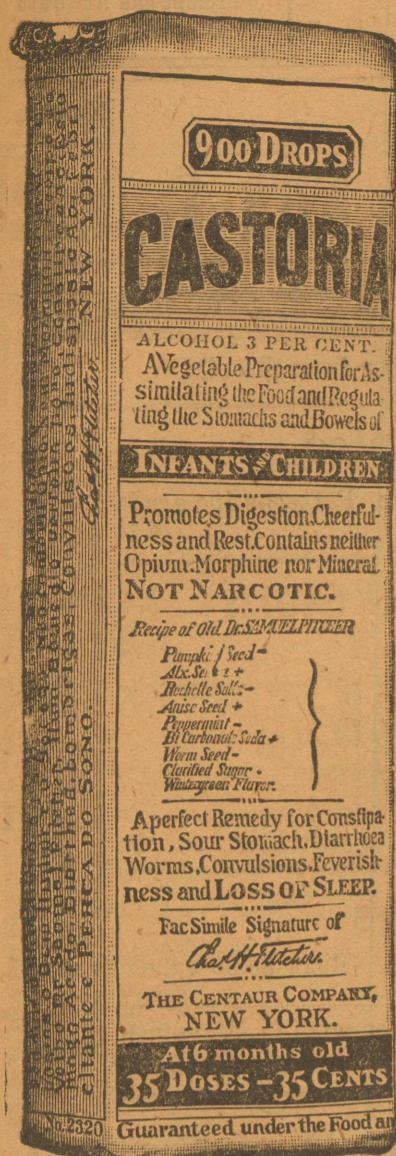
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3000 MEXICAN SOLDIERS IN TEXAS

Presidio, Tex., Jan. 11.—Twenty eight hundred Mexican federal soldiers, six generals, 200,000 rounds of ammunition, two cannon, four large field pieces and 1500 civilian refugees were in the custody of the United States army border patrol today as the result of the federal evacuation of Ojinaga, Mexico and the occupation of the Mexican village by General Francisco Villa's forces.

The distress of the refugees is intense. They have scant food and no shelter. Men, women and children, dogs, chickens and cattle are packed together in a space covering several acres. About them are packed together in a space covering several acres. About them are packed together in a space covering several acres. About them are packed together in a space covering several acres.

Other results of the rebel success that place General Villa's army in undisputed control of a vast section of northern Mexico are: Federal Generals Mercado, Castro, Orpinal, Romero Adun, and Landa are in the custody of the United States troops awaiting disposition by the war department.

A cannon toppled muzzle downward, a blood stained sabre sticking in the muddy river bank, rifles thrown in heaps, the crumpled forms among the cactus and mesquite and the unclouded eyes that peered here and there from among the rocks were among the mute signs of what had gone before.

Those who went across in behalf of the Red Cross found many wounded who had remained uncaared for. Many were traced in the trenches by their groans. It was the belief of the American army physicians that many soldiers died because neither federals nor rebels had a hospital corps.

The 1500 civilian refugees who rushed across the river when General Mercado went through the streets of Ojinaga telling the people to flee, suffered as much distress as the soldiers. Scores of women camp followers had lost their children in the scramble and were crying piteously in the corral provided for them on the American side. Others were without sufficient clothing and all were drenched from wading through the river.

The scene of disorder on the American side was almost as bad as on the Mexican. Scores of federal guns had been thrown into the river and were protruding from the mud. Federal and rebel wounded who had crawled to the river bank side by side were wading across, aided by American soldiers. Mexican women and children who had escaped from the corral were trudging up the mountain road toward Marfa and had to be brought back.

Suddenly made guardians of an entire federal garrison, generals and all, the American border patrol considered what was to be done with the Mexican soldiers. Major McNamee asked Brigadier General Bliss at San Antonio, Texas, for instructions. It was believed the question would be referred to the war department and that Major McNamee would be ordered to deliver the soldiers to the nearest point in Mexico where fugitives might return to their own country without jeopardizing their lives.

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She reached the ground safely and demonstrated to Martin's satisfaction the practicability of a new aerial life preserver. Spectators saw the girl, Miss Piny Broadwick, fall 75 feet like a shot. Then a parachute attachment on her shoulders unfolded and she descended gradually and with no apparent effort at balance.

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ANOTHER RAILROAD TO PENETRATE RUNNELS

Austin, Tex., Jan. 10.—Articles of incorporation of the Gulf Pacific railway Company with principal office at Sweetwater, Nolan county, were approved this afternoon by the Attorney General's Department. Capital stock \$125,000.

This corporation proposes to construct a line of railroad from Sweetwater to the town at Comanche, a distance of 125 miles passing through the counties of Nolan

Taylor, Runnels, Callahan, Coleman, Brown, Eastland and Comanche.

The incorporators are J. V. Holmes, Ben Anthony, E. O. Wedge, J. S.ocht, Wm. Wright, H. C. Hord, John J. Johnson and M. J. Hoaly.

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PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS

PUDDINGS

In this lesson we will treat on puddings, both baked and steamed. The secret of getting light, palatable pudding is in not baking or steaming too fast. The pudding must have a slow even heat until it has become light and porous. If directions below are followed failure is impossible.



Nevada Briggs

Marble Pudding

2 cups sifted pastry flour
2 level teaspoonsful K C Baking Powder
1/4 teaspoonful cinnamon
1/2 teaspoonful salt
1/2 cup sugar
Yolks of 2 eggs, beaten light
4 tablespoonsful melted butter
1/2 cup cold water
Whites of 2 eggs, beaten dry
1 1/2 ounces melted chocolate

Sift together, three times, the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. To the yolks add the sugar, butter and water, and stir into the dry ingredients. Add the whites of the eggs. Divide the mixture into two parts and add the chocolate to one part. Dispose the two parts in a buttered mold to give a marbled appearance. Steam forty-five minutes.

In mixing egg and sugar, use a rotary egg beater making a light creamy mixture of egg yolks and sugar. In steaming pudding have low blaze under the water for at least the first 15 minutes, giving the pudding time to rise before cooking.

Vanilla Sauce

Boil 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup of water six minutes; add 2 teaspoonsful of butter and a teaspoonful of vanilla extract.

Cherry Pudding

2 cups sifted pastry flour
2 level teaspoonsful K C Baking Powder
1/4 teaspoonful salt
1/2 cup butter
2 eggs
Cherries
Salt or 1 tablespoon butter
Sift together three times, the flour, baking powder, and salt and work in the butter; beat eggs, add milk to eggs and stir into the flour. Half fill a baking pan with cherries, add bits of butter and pour batter over top of cherries, and bake slowly for fifteen minutes, then increase heat and bake until pastry is done. Turn on a plate with cherries uppermost, serve with hard sauce or very sweet cherry juice. Other fruits, such as apples, peaches, apricots, berries or bananas may be used.

Hard Sauce

Cream 1/4 cup butter with 1/2 cup sugar and flavor to suit, putting over pudding when pudding is still warm.

Prune Kuchen

2 cups sifted pastry flour
2 tablespoonsful granulated sugar
1/4 cup butter
2 level teaspoonsful K C Baking Powder
Cinnamon to taste
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1/2 pound prunes
3 tablespoonsful melted butter and 3 tablespoonsful sugar for top of kuchen.
Sift together, three times, the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder, and work in the butter. Beat the egg; add the milk, and stir into the dry ingredients. Turn into a shallow buttered pan and spread the dough

evenly in the pan. Have the prunes cooked tender and remove the stones. Press the prunes skin side down, into the top of the dough.

Brush over with melted butter, dredge with sugar and cinnamon, and bake twenty-five minutes. Serve hot, cut into squares, with hard sauce or stewed prunes.

Baking Helps

Select materials with great care. The best of everything is always the cheapest. To have a perfect finished product we must first have good material for our foundation. In selecting materials for baking, first get a high grade baking powder, for unless properly leavened, food is not palatable. A high grade baking powder is not necessarily a high priced one. K C Baking Powder is medium in price, but of the highest quality, made of the best and purest of materials properly combined to produce the best possible results.

For cakes and pastries a soft wheat pastry flour is preferable. To determine a soft wheat from a bread, or hard wheat flour, press it tightly in the hand; if the flour stays packed in a mass showing the imprints of the fingers, it is a pastry flour; if it falls through the fingers sandy, it is a bread flour, and should be used only with yeast.

Shortening must be fresh and sweet. Sugar should always be cane sugar.

Water is equally good as milk in all articles where a large amount of sugar is used, except for cookies.

Larger masses of dough require longer time for rising and baking.

Bear in mind that baking rules are as important as measuring rules. Do not bake cakes, pudding and such pastries as short cake, dumplings and meat rolls with a hot fire at the start. Have a slow oven until the dough doubles in bulk; then increase heat to bake and brown.

Biscuits, cut cookies and pie pastry require a hot oven.

Have food thoroughly cooked. Half cooked pastries are hard to digest and injurious, better to over-bake than under-bake.

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Rev. J. W. Raby, of Valley Creek, says, "I can't get along without The Ledger."

"We can't keep house without The Banner-Ledger."—Mrs. E. J. Hardgrave, San Angelo.

"I enjoy reading your paper. I think it is a credit to Ballinger and Runnels County."—Walter J. Gardner, Winters, Texas.

WE NEVER DID THIS BEFORE

You may not be interested in politics, but the coming year promises to be a record breaker, not only in politics, but in every line. No man can profit by being without his county seat paper and a good state paper. The Banner-Ledger gives you the county news, Court House news, Market report, and Cream of the state news, and and happenings in the adjoining counties—12 and 16 pages every week. Look over the following list and select what you want and send your order to us.

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PERSONALS

S. B. Caperton of Maverick, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

P. W. Barnes left Wednesday afternoon for Robert Lee on a short business trip.

I. S. Baldwin, of the Crews country, was here on a short business trip Wednesday.

John Hardgree, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. A. Watkins, of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Wm. Hughes, of Eden, came in Tuesday afternoon on a short business trip to our city.

W. A. Davis left Monday afternoon on a short business trip to Brownwood.

Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Shall we have a B. M. Banquet? February is the date for a get-together meeting.

Mrs. Clifford Sheffy, left Sunday afternoon to visit her parents at Brady a week or two.

M. L. Watson, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. A. Tyler, of Miles, was looking after business matters in Ballinger Saturday.

Wm. Davenport, of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

R. L. Stokes, of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Howard Baldwin, of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

T. Jones Webb, the stockman of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Preston Dunn, one of the successful farmers down the river 8 miles, was closing up some business deals in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. D. Miller, the Norton Drug gist, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

H. G. Stokes, our popular express agent says send me the daily can't afford to do without the local news.

Profitable agriculture comes easier when the farmers have good roads to haul agricultural products to market over.

W. W. Farmer, the big irrigation farmer six miles down the Colorado, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

S. B. Howard, the irrigation farmer up the river, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday afternoon.

A. W. Strube, of Rowena, was a pleasant visitor at the Ledger office while here on business Monday.

Uncle Johnnie Huffman and son Joe, of the Benoit country, were marketing the fleecy staple in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

J. F. Kuhn, of Rowena and F. Bloominritt, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Jobe Hearrell, of Bronte, came in Monday morning to visit friends and look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or two.

Mrs. Lynn Harris left Sunday afternoon for Teague, Texas, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Corbet and family a while.

M. E. Hearrell of the Hatchel-Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

R. O. Walton, of Waco, came in Sunday on a visit to Ballinger

friends and to look after business affairs a few days.

Rev. Elliott, of Miles, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from Winters, where he preached Sunday.

Tol Proctor and W. S. Davis of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

A. J. Byars and R. B. Ingle, of the New Home community, were among the number transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

R. B. Sabright, of the Norton Country, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends in the city Saturday.

Mrs. M. V. Browder, of Alvoid, who had been visiting her son I. C. Browder and family at Miles, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home.

W. W. Allen, of South Ballinger passed through the city Wednesday with his household goods en route to his new home in the Moro mountain country.

C. I. Curtsinger and Walter Midgely, business men of Paint Kock, were looking after business in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

W. A. Esmond of the Winters-Wingate country, was supplying and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Katie Van Doren of Belton, after a pleasant visit with her sister Miss Ann and Ballinger friends returned to her home Monday afternoon.

N. J. Alexander, of the Winters country passed thru Ballinger Saturday enroute to Brady, Texas, to visit his brother and family a few days.

Tom Embry, of Hason, a former valued citizen of this county, came in at noon Monday to visit friends and look after business affairs a few days.

We are glad to report Charlie Hetrick back at his post of duty at the Santa Fe ticket office after a very severe spell of lagrippe the past few days.

Mrs. C. B. McKinney and baby and Madams Allen Currie and Bud Cline, left Wednesday morning for Bangs to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harmon a week or two. Mrs. Currie had been visiting in Ballinger and returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman and children returned home Tuesday night from a visit to her parents near Brownwood. Mr. Freeman says Ballinger looks better to him every time he goes away and returns.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Seabrough, left Sunday afternoon for Abilene, where she will visit relatives awhile. Mr. Seabrough returned to Ballinger Monday at noon and is again on his job with the Security Title Company.

Prof. E. L. Hagan, County Superintendent, and G. P. McClelland, the Agricultural Demonstrator, left Tuesday morning for Wingate and other points in that section. Prof. Hagan requests us to say that he will be away from home looking after the schools of the county and will return home Friday night.

Rev. Fred S. Carter, of Winslow, Arizona, formerly pastor of the Christian Church of Ballinger, will read the Banner-Ledger for the next 12 months with the compliments of the members of his church, as a slight token of the high esteem he and his wife were held in our city.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

If you read this article through thoughtfully you will, and if you are young you will think twice.

Did you ever stop to think that you do four things, just four and no more? You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better, you are increasing your efficiency, and therefore, your income. You may feel that you are

very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. You will agree with us to violate a part of the laws of business means partial failure, and to violate all the laws means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all of the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher percent of the laws of success, and therefore, enable you to be nearer the maximum success. The late Prof. James of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean that you are only twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five percent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 a week or less? That ninety-two percent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That ninety-five percent have no money at the age of 60? We have been very successful in getting men out of the eighty-five, the ninety-two and the ninety-five percent class. Why not let us help you? We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusively proven by the letters in our catalogue from former students. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are a thousand of men worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man; you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only about \$2.00 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousands dollars a year from the chin up, selling brains. Be a chin upper and sell the higher type of brains; you can't afford to be a chin downer; there's no room for

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W. E. Allen, of West End is just in receipt of two of the largest lemons grown in Texas, we ever saw, or in fact as fine specimens as grow in any country. They were sent to Mr. Allen by his sister, who lives in Live Oak county, Texas. Mr. Allen says he remembers to have seen the tree when it was a little bush in his sister's yard at her home, near Oakville.

C. C. Farmwalt, of Colorado City, came in Tuesday night on a visit to his sister, Mrs. W. E. Allen and family of West End and Ballinger friends for a few days.

L. J. Strube, one of the Ledger's friends of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Louise Cooper, of the New Home neighborhood, left from this point Wednesday afternoon, for Houston where she will visit relatives several weeks.

Ever hear of George M. Cohan? His greatest success **BROADWAY JONES** has been novelized and it will appear in these columns **Watch for It!**

Broadway Jones
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The Texas Egg and Poultry Supply Co.
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Did You Ever See A Better Time For Planting Trees and Shrubbery?

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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

TO MAKE RABBIT SAUSAGE. will be solved.—Miles Messenger. That's what we would call rabbit hash.

Since the county quit paying a bounty for the killing of mule ear rabbits, writes a Farm and Ranch correspondent, they have become very numerous, to the detriment of growing crops. It has recently been found also that they make a splendid food product and will greatly cheapen the high cost of living. A full grown rabbit will dress about 5 pounds. The meat trimmed off the bones, a pound of fresh pork added to the five or six pounds of rabbit, and all ground together thru a sausage mill and seasoned with salt, red and black pepper and sage, will make a sausage far superior to pure pork sausage. A syndicate, it is said, is planning to establish a packing house at some convenient point in West Texas for the manufacture of rabbit sausage and grind the bones into chicken feed. The plant will be sufficient to consume all the rabbits in Texas and thus the great rabbit question

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

W. P. King one of the pioneer citizens of the Crews-Token country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

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. 4tv

DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect. Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store. Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

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The Pioneer Lumber People of Texas.

We are headquarters for all kinds of building material and carry the most complete stock in this section of the country. We also handle the famous B. P. S. Paints and Varnishes which are as good as money can buy. We make a specialty of window lights and show case glass and our stock of same is sufficient to supply all demands.

Lime, Cement, Post, Moulding, Fire Brick, Common Brick and Mill-Work always kept in stock.

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

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS CLUB?

A club which has quite a number of members, some of whom are Ballinger's noblest sons and representations of chivalry, was filled to the brim before every many knew what was going on. The time was this year and this month—election year. The place was any where there might be candidates.

A group gathered in a drug store. Each had a long black stogie in the corner of his mouth and smoke was curling under the soda fountain for purifying purposes. The jerker of soft drinks was trying to breathe in a cloud of dense tobacco smoke. The group smoked and said nothing for several minutes.

Finally one young fellow, who had not reached his majority, but who had made the tape measure manufacturing companies increase the length of their longest tape that he might be measured without splicing, said: "What's wrong 'round here. Why all the taciturnity?"

A voter whom the candidate for some office had probable bought with the nickel stogie replied: "Yes, why the double piano? You fellows should be raging in double fortissimo about this time of the year." The speaker had heard a band piece played once in his life and thought he knew more than the president of the musicians union about rip-roaring rags and more classical dope turned out by the long-hairs.

There was a haunting presence in the drug store despite the fact that there wasn't a poisonous medicine on the shelf; a mysterious indefinable something which pervaded the room and checked the jocularity of the most jovial. The members of the crowd tried to act as usual but familiarity seemed sacreligious; conversation was choked at its source. For fifteen minutes not a word was blown out from any representative of the smokers. Then one genius hit upon the thing that had been troubling even the medicine man of the Navajo Indians in the Southwest.

"Why it's the cigar each of us is smoking that is causing this graveyard feeling. Just lamp around the room and see the stogie huag in the corner of the mouth of each representative."

About that time one of the charter members of the club was forced to hunt a cuspidor. Another called the house doctor. One who was weak in the lungs and hadn't been able to take over three puffs at his five-center, requiring three matches to do the stunt, made the remark that the panorama of the sticks of cabbage was certainly some view for a photographer. The impressionistic stogie in his own mouth was getting a little wabby and at times nearly fell from his rubies.

The game had been put on ice, however, and everybody began sizing up the other fellow's cigar. Every one had been donated by a candidate for some office as a token of appreciation of past services rendered the aspirants or as a token for something that might be done in the future.

The cigars were pitched out the door and an order was placed for a line of fifteen-centers by the president of the club.

A committee was appointed and the following resolutions were drawn up:

Whereas, the members of the Club have always been known as sane, sensible American citizen; simple in habits yet ostentatious in their choice of cigars; and

Whereas, it is our earnest desire to maintain health in our club by smoking only cigars of excellent quality, and in all events, the club has borne unmitigated aversion to all forms of offensive plutocracy and unregulated fancies in smoking stogies of ill-fame; therefore,

Be it resolved that these vociferous cigars which were given us by the candidates for offices in this county, be banished to the gutters; and furthermore,

Be it resolved that we make a demand upon the said candidates to give us only first-class cigars costing at least a dime each, or none at all.

The resolutions were passed unanimously.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTI-SEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Note: liniment. 25c. Soc. \$1.00.

POULTRY SHOW TO BE JANUARY 22-23

At a meeting Friday night in the office of Dr. S. B. Raby over the Ballinger Loan Company, the Runnels County Poultry Association elected officers for the ensuing year, decided upon dates for the exhibit which is to be held in Ballinger this month and passed upon other matters pertaining to the display of fine fowls.

January 22nd and 23rd were chosen as the dates for the exhibit here. An attractive folder is being arranged now by Dr. S. B. Raby for advertising purposes. These will be distributed among the various persons of this section of the state, who are interested in the breeding of fine feathered stock, with the intention of securing entries for the coming show.

A set of regulations and rules for the exhibit were passed upon and same will be printed for the benefit of the poultry breeders of this country and nearby counties.

E. D. Walker was elected president of the association; R. G. Erwin, vice president; Dr. S. B. Raby, secretary, and Harold Tucker, treasurer. Oscar Pearson was elected manager of the exhibits. The board of directors is composed of the following Ballinger gentlemen: J. McGregor, Scott Mack, R. T. Williams, G. M. Vaughn, J. Y. Pearce, E. D. Walker, R. G. Erwin, Dr. S. B. Raby and Jno. A. Weeks.

Jno. C. Skaggs, an expert judge of fine chickens and other forms of poultry, was chosen at the meeting held Friday evening, to award all ribbons. Judging will be done at the show by comparison. In this manner of judging, all fowls will have a fair showing if they are excellent breeds, the best birds of the lot taking the ribbon of its class. Judge Skaggs is recognized as one of the best poultry judges in this section of the state and has gained repute over the entire state as one who is eminently fit to qualify for the position of judging fine fowls. He resides in Paint Rock and is one of the enthusiastic poultry breeders of this section of the state. He was judge of the Winters show, which was held about one month ago and the San Angelo exhibit, held in October.

The entrance fees will be very small it being decided at the meeting held Friday evening, that twenty-five cents will be charged for single birds; fifty cents for pens; twenty-five cents for turkeys; twenty-five cents for ducks and twenty-five cents extra for trio.

The Runnels County Poultry Association has received about one hundred fine coops to be used for the first time at the coming exhibit. They are the latest model coops, being first-class in every particular and being built so that fowls are protected amply during the exhibition.

Entries will close on the night of January 21st, according to statement of Dr. S. B. Raby this morning. The last hour those who have fine fowls should register their breeds will be six o'clock on the evening of January 21st. In this manner, those who have charge of the show will have ample time to arrange the birds for exhibition for the following day.

This is the second annual exhibit of the Runnels County Poultry Association, the first having been held here a few years ago. It was a marked success. Those handling the affairs of this exhibit have secured the promises of many from nearby counties to have their birds on exhibition at this show.

Worms The Cause of Your Child's Pains.

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.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers of the Ladies Aid of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church elected to serve for 1914 are:

President, Mrs. Alfred Doose.
 Vice president, Mrs. Jess McAdams.
 Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. O. R. Austin.

With the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. A. C. Smith the ladies feel greatly encouraged and are planning a most successful year's work.

CORRESPONDENT.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

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

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Model T
 Touring Car **\$595**

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BANGS HAS NATURAL GAS.

Bangs, Jan. 10.—Practically every residence and enterprise at this place is using gas. This commodity having been piped here from a local well and turned on last week. Several oil concerns are boring for oil and gas near this city at the present time, and it is expected that other oil companies will assign men to this field immediately.

EXCESS OVER 1913.

Galveston, Jan. 10.—With cotton receipts of 12,974 bales for today the week ending today showed total receipts of 98,759, a good excess over the cotton receipts of the same day last week. This is the first week of the present season that cotton receipts have been more than for the comparative week of last season and is taken to be a good indication that the average here from now on will be steady and quite heavy.

Total receipts for the season to date are 2,191,986 bales while to this date last season there had been receiving a total of 2,995,190 bales, leaving the present season 803,204 bales behind last season.

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 without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending 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.

Ed Kevil, of the Marie country, was visiting his sister Mrs. R. E. Gentry and family and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

C. F. Reasoner, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger a few hours at Rowena Route No. 1, was Saturday.

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

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A Tender Juicy Steak is something that every man wants. We have 'em.

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 J. A. NICHOLS, Proprietor.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Capital \$60,000.00 Surplus \$9,000.00

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If You Like Good Syrup—

Here it is. A syrup that is simply good in every sense of the word.

Made from the sweet Kansas sorghum—all the goodness and the richness possible to extract from its pure, healthful juices boiled down into a blended perfection never before attained in syrups.



Farmer Jones SORGHUM BLEND SYRUP
Use it in Farmer Jones Pie

One teaspoon Farmer Jones Sorghum, two eggs, one pint sweet milk, one tablespoon melted butter, one teaspoon vanilla. Beat the eggs well, add the milk, sorghum, butter and vanilla. Make an open pie crust and bake ten minutes in hot oven.

FREE—Farmer Jones Recipe Book on request.
Try it on your pan cakes or waffles. You never tasted anything so delicious—so satisfying.

We grow all our own Sorghum and are independent of any trust or combine. We prepare the cane, and treat it differently from any other sorghum syrup in the country. We boil it down in vacuum pans—no contamination is possible. We include cane syrup with an addition of corn syrup to prevent fermentation.

Packed in 5 and 10 pound friction-top tins—easy to open—easy to close up again.

Ask Your Grocer
If he shouldn't happen to have it—he'll get it.

Send Us 5c in stamps to pay postage and we will forward you a sample can of FARMER JONES SYRUP and a Recipe Book—see above.



FT. SCOTT SORGHUM SYRUP COMPANY
Ft. Scott, Kansas
Packers of "Ma Honey Bee" Honey.

YARD RECEIPTS PASS 5,000 MARK

Those who set themselves up as being experts when it comes to estimating a cotton crop, and predicted that Ballinger would not receive 5,000 bales of cotton for the present season missed the mark. Up to Wednesday of this week the two yards at Ballinger had weighed 5045 bales, and quite a number of bales were shipped out flat, having been shipped to warehouses and cotton brokers at other places and did not pass thru the local yards. The receipts at the Stuart yard is 3725 and at the Farmer's Union Yard 1320. There will be several hundred bales more to come in, as there is considerable remnant cotton at the gins and some cotton is being held by the farmers.

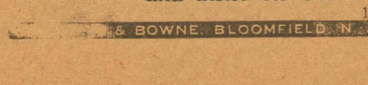
COOPS ARRIVE.

The coops for the Poultry Show January 22 and 23 have been received and placed in the show room. Any one not having received premium list and entry blanks can procure same by calling or phone S. B. RABY, Secretary.



HAVE YOU CATARRH? Is nasal breathing impaired? Does your throat get husky or clogged?

Modern science proves that these symptoms result from run down health. Snuffs and vapors are irritating and useless. You should build your general health with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion—it's nourishing powers will enrich and enliven the blood, aid nutrition and assimilation and assist nature to check the inflammation and heal the sensitive membranes which are affected. Scott's Emulsion will raise your standard of health to correct catarrh. Shun alcoholic mixtures and insist on SCOTT'S.



LARGE GRAIN CROP OUT OF DANGER

For some time there has been considerable uneasiness among the farmers for fear that a hard freeze would kill the oat crop. The crop was never known before to be as far advanced as it is this season, nor was the acreage in grain ever as large as at the present time.

In conversation with the writer in Winters last Saturday, S. L. Alexander who has about 1100 acres in oats, and who is one of the most successful grain growers in this county, says he does not think the crop is in danger of freeze. Mr. Alexander stated that he had thoroughly examined the oats growing in the field, and only found a hill occasionally where the plant had begun to joint out, and that the blades, or foliage of the plant extended down to the roots, and the heavy frost had not only checked the growth, but had caused the fodder to fall over, and would act as a protection to the roots in case of a freeze. "It would take an extremely hard freeze to damage the crop," said Mr. Alexander, "and the prospects were never so good for a bumper oat crop."

There are thousands of acres of oats in this county where the farmers have not been able to get stock to graze them down, and before the frost checked the growth of them in many places they were knee high. With the splendid season in the ground a few showers will finish the making of a big big crop. It is true that the hail may damage some fields, but hail generally covers a small territory when it comes and it is safe to say that nothing of this kind will damage the crop to any great extent.

From a crop point of view this county was never in as good shape as it is at this particular season of the year.

How's This
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.

MEDICAL MEN ENTERTAINED

Celebrating the fifty-seventh birthday of Mr. J. Y. Pearce Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce were at home to the doctors and druggists of this city, Tuesday evening, at their home on Seventh Street. The entertainment was in the nature of a surprise party to Mr. Pearce. Mrs. Pearce having invited the guests to her home to participate in a most delicious dinner that had been prepared in honor of Mr. Pearce's birthday, without his knowledge of the affair.

A dinner consisting of six courses was served to the guests, after which came several excellent renditions of music. The dining table was decorated with pink and white carnations. Cigars were passed to each guest and the evening was spent most pleasantly in passing congratulations to the surprised host. "Forty-two" was the game of the evening.

Those at the table were: Doctors W. W. Fowler, J. G. Douglass, E. R. Walker, J. W. Bladdell, T. E. Mangum, T. A. Rape; Geo. Holman of the City Drug Store; Jno. A. Weeks of the Walker Drug Co.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce.

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.

Rufus Thomas left Sunday afternoon for Teague, Texas, and other points in that section where he will spend a few months looking after business interests.

E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

JAMES E. FERGUSON FOR GOVERNOR

Makes Known His Views to the Democracy of Texas.

PRESENT LAWS ENOUGH.

Native of Bell County, Forty-Two Years Old, Lawyer, Banker, Farmer, and Believes Business Ideas Should Prevail in State Affairs.

To the Democrats of Texas: In announcing myself as a candidate for the high office of governor of Texas, I am not unmindful of the discussion which I may arouse or perhaps the criticism which I may bring forth.

For years and years it has been quite the custom to elect our governors under a rule which we might term political succession. In other words, we have been determining a man's qualification for governor in proportion to the number of years he has been in active politics and the number of offices to which he has previously been elected. The same rule has been largely followed with reference to other offices.

So I realize that when I, a country lawyer, a country banker and a country farmer, if you please, try to land myself in the governor's chair at one fell swoop, I imagine I can already hear the thundering tones of "Nay, verily, we were here first." And here the issue is raised. If it can be shown that the state affairs have been under the old rule administered in an economical and business way, then I am frank to agree that there is no particular demand for my candidacy, and I will have no one to blame should I be disappointed in my ambition. But the burden of proof is upon those who would thus criticize my announcement. And should the proof be not sustained, then the propriety of my candidacy is established, and upon my merits and the merits of my platform I shall indulge the hope that the great mass of Texas Democrats will give me their favorable consideration.

I am a native Texan. Was raised on a farm in Bell county. Am forty-two years old. Seven years of my life have been given to the practice of law. For the past eight years I have been engaged in banking, farming and stock raising. I believe I can show as fine a herd of Durham cattle as there



JAMES E. FERGUSON.

is in Texas. I have never sought public office, but have always taken interest and part in public affairs. I believe my training will in some measure qualify me for the office of governor.

It is my intention to make an active campaign and discuss my platform, which is:

First: Until such time as all state institutions and state finances are put on a sound business basis, all other matters of legislation should be put aside.

Realizing the imperative need of this policy and recognizing the attempt of certain candidates to ride into office on the prohibition issue to the exclusion and detriment of the pressing business demands of the state, and in order that the issue may be clearly made, I hereby pledge myself, if elected governor, to promptly and surely veto to the extent of my power any legislation which may be passed, through pro or anti influence, pertaining to or dealing with the liquor question in any manner or form.

Present laws are sufficient. I ask no man to surrender his views on prohibition, but the deplorable condition of our state institutions and finances makes a graver condition. It can only be met by ceasing, for a time at least, the factional strife which is destroying the state.

Let us have more business and less talk. Instead of wrangling over the question of whether man shall drink, let us consider for a time how he and his loved ones may get something to eat and something to wear. Three years ago I voted for submission of the prohibition question to the people. An election was held and by a clear majority the issue was decided against prohibition. Frequent elections on the question will only bring renewed agitation and strife. I, therefore, am opposed to any resubmission of the question at this time.

Second—I am heartily in favor of any legislation looking to the improvement and advancement of our public schools, the Agricultural and Mechanical College and our State University.

Third—Matter of appropriations for such purposes I would only be restrict-

ed by the ability of the state to pay and an economical expenditure of the public money. If we get our money's worth, let us buy all the education we can pay for. And let us begin with the little school house on the country road.

Third—No candidate for governor who has not had business experience and who has not had ample opportunity to give the question serious attention can safely outline any intelligent plan for the management of the state penitentiaries. If elected governor, I pledge my best efforts as a business man to put all state prisons on a self-sustaining basis. If it would not involve the state in loss, I am in favor of using our convict labor to build permanent public roads.

Fourth—I am opposed to any reduction in rates charged by railroads. Railroads are entitled to earn a fair return on their investment.

If railroad investment is not assured of a fair return on the investment Texas will wait long in the future before other railroads are built.

Again, if rates are reduced the railroads will use such action as a pretext to decrease the wages of organized labor, and will use it as an excuse for their failure to furnish proper service to the patient public. I favor such firm and prompt regulation of the railroads by legislation, and by our railroad commission, as will relieve the people from the discomfort of bad crossings, late trains, delayed shipments and discourteous employees. The passenger who pays three cents a mile is entitled to a seat. The shipper who is forced to pay extra because he does not unload the car is certainly entitled to reimbursement when the car is furnished for him to load.

A study of this question is good for all concerned, and will lead to a better understanding of the relation which should exist between the roads and the public.

Fifth—I favor the establishment of a system of bonded warehouses with power to issue negotiable receipts, all under the sanction and supervision of the state. The demand for this legislation is apparent to everyone.

A gradual marketing of farm products can never be brought about unless some general plan of storage is available. Not one farmer in fifty has or is able to purchase, facilities to store and house through the winter months all of the cotton or grain which he can raise.

Yet unless they have this facility our entire crops must go on the markets at one time to prevent their destruction or damage from wind and storm. The bad effects of enforced marketing on the price of farm products in Texas, and in the South, causes the loss of more money every year than any other one thing.

Sixth—Perhaps of greater moment than all other questions is the question of land tenure and land rents. History reveals that the fall of all nations was closely connected with it, if not directly caused by the failure to promptly meet and equitably adjust the division of land production between landlord and tenant.

Let us not be deceived into thinking that Texas is not confronted with this question right now.

Until a short time ago, a fourth of the cotton and a third of the grain crops was considered for fifty years in Texas as the equitable rent which the tenant should pay for the use of the land rented. Under this rule Texas has prospered and grown from one financial triumph to another.

But lately, with the appearance of high-priced lands, the argument has become quite popular that rents should go higher to keep pace with the earning power of money.

As a result, it is becoming almost a custom to demand and collect of the tenant a bonus in addition to the usual rents, or to demand a cash rent, exceeding the customary rent. It is true that for a few years we have had an era of high prices, and so far the tenant has been able to pay the increased rent and live without any great inconvenience.

But it must be borne in mind that an acre of land that now sells for \$100 per acre does not produce any more cotton or corn than it did when it sold for \$30 per acre.

As perhaps a majority of our rural citizenship are tenants, it is folly to argue that the good of society is not involved in the matter of a material increase in rents. An increase in rents necessarily impairs the ability of the tenant to raise and educate his family. Therefore, it must follow that in such cases as rents go up, the tenant's effort and education, so far as the tenant is concerned, go down.

Therefore, as a solution to this vexing problem and to settle the strife which seems brewing, I, if elected governor, will urge upon the legislature to bring about by statute or constitutional amendment, as may be proper, the passage of a law that will make the collection of rent in amount in excess of one-fourth of the value of cotton or one-third of the value of grain crops, usury, the penalty for which shall be a forfeiture of double the amount of rent collected, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction; provided, that the landlord may collect rent in an amount equal to one-half the value of all crops where the landlord furnishes all the tools, implements, feed and teams with which the tenant makes the crop.

Such a law is not only essentially progressive, but necessary. It involves not only the good of society, but the life of the government.

I shall be glad to debate and defend this legislation with any reputable candidate for governor.

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Double Value and Greater Strength
LAYTON'S HEALTH CUP
25 OUNCES
ONE SPOON MAKING POWER
And Only One Cent an Ounce
In 10, 15 & 25 Cans At All Good Grocers

FELLOW DEMOCRATS OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

"Of my own free will on a cord," I have decided to make the race for county clerk of Runnels county, subject to the voters at the primary election in July.

I feel that I need no introduction to most of the voters of the county, as I have lived in your midst for nearly 20 years and in Texas 37 years, and my record is open for your judgement. I have at all times done what I thought was best for the good of the entire citizenship of my section. I will appreciate your careful consideration of my aspirations, and your support and influence will be duly appreciated. Will make my announcement in all of the papers of the county in due time, and will leave the subject with you, until I meet you in person.

Yours very truly,
C. C. COCKRELL,
Candidate for county clerk.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

LIKES THE WEST

C. C. Thomas, who has just returned from a visit to his old home near Knoxville, Tenn., mention of which was made in Monday's Daily, says the old country did not look good to him after living in the beautiful fertile West.

Mr. Thomas says he saw nothing on his route that at all compared favorably with Runnels county, and in fact the best country he saw was between Ballinger and Brown wood. He came home better satisfied than ever to live and die in Runnels county.

'CASCARETS' RELIEVE SICK, SOUR STOMACH

Move acids, gases and clogged-up waste from Stomach, Liver, Bowels—Cure Indigestion.

Get a 10-cent box now. That awful sourness, belching of acid and foul gases; that pain in the pit of the stomach, the heart burn, nervousness, nausea, bloating after eating, dizziness and sick headache, means a disordered stomach, which cannot be regulated until you remove the cause. It isn't your stomach's fault. Your stomach is as good as any.

Try Cascarets; they immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour undigested and fermenting food and foal gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels. Then your stomach trouble is ended. A Cascaret to-night will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet; liver and bowels regular for months. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

Clyde Fowler of Galveston, who spent a few days in our city with his father, Dr. W. W. Fowler and family and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for his home where he holds a splendid position with the Santa Fe Railway Co.

CARNIVAL COMPANY ARRIVED WEDNESDAY

A carnival company arrived in Ballinger Wednesday and are setting up for business on the Santa Fe right-of-way. The show is not running under the auspices of any of the local organizations, and have made no announcements as to how long they will remain in Ballinger. They will probably give the first entertainment Thursday.

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 drug gists in 25c and 50c bottles.

MRS. W. O. CRYER DEAD.

Mrs. W. O. Cryer died at her home in Winters last Thursday and was buried Friday afternoon in the Winters cemetery. Deceased had been in poor health for some time and for the past several weeks it has been known that the end was near. She came to this county with her husband several years ago, and has lived in the north part of the county. Her sorrowing husband and other members of the family have the sympathy of a large host of friends.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Voters of Runnels County: I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer. Should you elect me I promise to do my best to discharge the duties of the office.

During the partial term I have served for you, I have done the very best I could to discharge the duties of the office and I let my reports that have come before the commissioners court stand for themselves.

I assure you that I appreciate what you have done for me in the past and I respectfully solicit your vote and influence in the coming primaries, July 25th.

W. L. BROWN.

Dr. Sulith of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Temple Heights, an addition to the city of Temple, but which is not in the city limits voted for road bonds last Saturday and the issue carried there only being two votes polled against the proposition to issue \$15,000 road bonds.

R. L. Sapper and W. P. Hawkins and Judge J. P. Cogdill, of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. H. Mills, one of the prominent citizens of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

HEISKELL'S OINTMENT
One application soothes and heals a rough pimply skin, and when repeated, quickly effects a cure. Eczema, Erysipelas, Tetter, Ulcers and all skin diseases yield to its curative properties. 50c a box. At all Druggists.
Send for free sample and book "Health and Beauty."
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Rheumatic Twinges

yield immediately to Sloan's Liniment. It relieves aching and swollen parts instantly. Reduces inflammation and quietsthat agonizing pain. Don't rub—it penetrates.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

Kills Pain

gives quick relief from chest and throat affections. Have you tried Sloan's? Here's what others say:

Relief from Rheumatism
"My mother has used one 50c. bottle of Sloan's Liniment, and although she is over 80 years of age, she has obtained great relief from her rheumatism."—Mrs. H. E. Lindley, Gilroy, Cal.

Good for Cold and Croup
"A little boy next door had croup. I gave the mother Sloan's Liniment to try. She gave him three drops on sugar before going to bed, and he got up without the croup in the morning."—Mr. W. H. Strange, 3721 Elmwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Neuralgia Gone
"Sloan's Liniment is the best medicine in the world. It has relieved me of neuralgia. Those pains have all gone and I can truly say your Liniment did stop them."—Mrs. C. M. Towler of Johnsonburg, Mich.

At all Dealers. Price 25c., 50c. & \$1.00
Sloan's Instructive Booklet on Horses sent free.
DR. EARL S. SLOAN, Inc., BOSTON, MASS.

COMPRESS RECEIPTS PASS 15,000 MARK

The compress has handled up-to-date 15,000 bales of cotton, there is in sight about 5,000 bales more, and the present season will close with a total of a little better than 20,000 bales. This is 14,000 bales less than last year's receipts, and is next to the smallest run the press has made since it was established at this place. The record run for the local press was made during the season 1908-9, when 85,000 bales of cotton were passed under the big press and reduced to little bales. That was the banner cotton year for Central West Texas and the local press handled the cotton for a large territory. With a good crop for the coming year with the increased acreage the receipts will no doubt go beyond the high record made in 1908.

FOR SALE—Span good work mules at \$150.00. Call on A. L. Kirtley, Phone 88-4 Bungs, Ballinger. 12-21d 11w Pd

John Walden, of Coke county was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Mary Peekceek, book-keeper for the Zappe store, is visiting friends at Rowena for a few days this week.

Henry Martin, of Leaday, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Broadway Jones

Is a great comedy and a great story has been written from the play.

—Ithaca Journal.

Don't Miss Reading It

Broadway Jones

The greatest of play-novels ever written

Our next serial, watch for it

A laugh in every line

O. L. PARISH MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Voters of Runnels County: I take this method of announcing that I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of County clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primary July 25th.

I have served you to the best of my ability for the past three years; but as to how well I have succeeded I am willing for you to say.

I am grateful to the people of Runnels County for past favors, and if re-elected it will ever be my ambition to serve them more faithfully in the future than in the past.

Very truly,
O. L. PARISH.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max McCray and baby, of Calvert, Texas, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis, and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for their home.

N. W. Gray, of South Ballinger was looking after business matters in Ballinger Tuesday.

NEW YORK SAYS THE SOUTH IS BUTTING IN

Wall Street Core Because Cotton is Being Held in the South. Speculators Have Forced the Price Down to Make South Turn Loose Cotton.

A Texas business man, who was in New York a few days ago, reports that Wall Street is sore because the South is holding cotton. In and around the Exchange, the speculators say the South is "butting in," holding cotton instead of surrendering it to the speculators as heretofore. The Exchange claims it is their business to control the cotton crop and fix the price.

In their efforts to force the South to give up its cotton, they have driven the price down by manipulation of contracts, by which probably no cotton will even change hands. They have circulated big crop reports, but the government estimate nailed those lies. They predicted labor troubles in this country and in England, among cotton mill workers, but the mills run tranquilly on. Worst of all, for the speculator, Southern Exchanges and markets have refused to follow New York quotations. At some places spot cotton is quoted in the South as much as 50 points above the New York price.

This is the time to hold your cotton. Don't be disturbed by the juggling of prices on the New York Exchange. Their little game does not represent sales of actual cotton bales and the price they quote does not fix the value of cotton. The cotton exchange, as at present operated, has had its day. Ignore it, forget it. The spinners are the men who consume your cotton. Watch them, forget Wall Street. One of the largest legitimate brokers in New York predicts 15c cotton. In their bulletin they state that the world used 14,900,000 bales of American cotton last year. That consumed our last year's crop and all the surplus stock. In November, 1913, there were 900,000 more active cotton spindles in the mills than in November, 1912. Did the mills increase their number of spindles because they expect to spin LESS cotton? The speculator says so. Common horse-sense tells anyone that the mills can't increase their capacity for the sake of additional expense. They increase to spin MORE COTTON, so as to meet the world's needs, which are greater this year than ever before.

We have a crop of 13,677,000 bales, more than 1,200,000 BALES LESS than the mills required last year. Our crop is low grade. Its spinnable value reduces its availability 500,000 bales. Anyone who can read knows at this date that our cotton crop this year will not supply the mills' needs. Anyone knows that a short crop means a high price. The market, in the early fall weeks, stood at 13c to 14c, short crop prices. But as the farmers still held a good part of the crop, the Wall Street crowd put the price down. They want to scare the farmer into selling, so they may get possession of the whole crop, put the price up and sell it. These men have worked this scheme year after year. Some farmers tumbled to the game this time and are selling their cotton. But the majority are holding. Keep on holding. In a few weeks you can sell for 15 cents.

Things are looking good for the Southern farmer. The recent currency bill will provide several regional banks for the South. They will supply our money instead of Wall Street. The new tariff schedules will soon begin to be felt in lower prices on many necessities. We have a President and a Congress who are active in the farmer's interests. Also they are looking into the Wall Street business and it may well tremble. As it is, the New York Exchange has done far less business this year than for several years past.

Cheer up. Hold your cotton for 15 cents. Get a good start in 1914 and make it a prosperous year.

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.

WILL PREACH AT DRY RIDGE

Rev. W. J. Hicks, of Miles, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route home from a visit to Hamilton, and requests us to say that he will preach at the Dry Ridge school house next Sunday, January 18th at 11 o'clock a. m.

Rev. Father Lavoie left Saturday afternoon for his regular appointment at Coleman and will also visit at Brownwood before he returns home.

A. J. Zappe, and E. Shum left Monday night for the West on a short business trip.

WHOLE NATION OF WILD MEN

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 13.—Former expositions have shown wild men and women from the Antipodes, but it has remained for the San Diego Exposition to find a whole nation of wild men within the border of the United States, a whole vast area where nothing has progressed since before the invasion of Mexico by Cortez in 1517. This area is in northeastern Arizona, and the Santa Fe Railway will cover ten acres of ground at the Exposition with as close a copy of this country as is possible to produce.

This locality is known as the Painted Desert. It is a land where no white man has dared attempt agriculture or mining, where there is nothing but the Indian, his ancient civilization unaltered, living in six story houses of 100 rooms without an outside door, doing the same things in the same way his forefathers did for centuries before the white men came to America.

Comparatively few white men have penetrated this district. None has remained there. At long intervals a scientist has penetrated the fastnesses of the red and yellow hills. Indians emerge from it occasionally but they invariably return. Their homes are the identical buildings erected many centuries ago. Their pottery is the same, used for the same purpose and in the same rude manner. Their customs and tribal laws remain unchanged since when no man knows to the contrary. They irrigate small patches of grain just as did their forefathers. The country repels even the hardy prospector. Trees, except those petrified into stone, are not seen. No two hills are of the same color. The very rocks are variegated in hue. The pitiless sun scorches all vegetation encouraged by the winter and spring rains.

Members of the Santa Fe exploring party declare the Painted Desert rivals the wonderful Grand Canyon of the Colorado in grandeur and beauty of scenery. A second party has been sent into it to gather material for the great exhibit the railway will install at the San Diego Exposition, to contain every thing possible to bring from that region, a territory that seems to have been forgotten by Nature herself.

MOTHER! IS CHILD'S STOMACH SOUR, SICK?

If tongue is coated or if cross, feverish, constipated give "California Syrup of Figs."

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath, bad, throat sore doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally has stomachache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies children of all ages and for grown ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

A. J. Tyree, one of the successful citizens of the Valley creek country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and says the oat crops are fine, cattle fat and the ground in fine shape for a bumper crop and no long faces seen in his country.

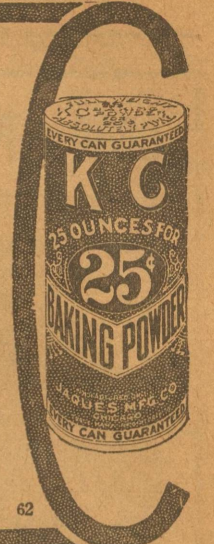
W. D. Samsome left Saturday afternoon for Waco to join his family and will spend several months in that section before returning home.

Paul Michaels, one of the successful and pioneer citizens of the Hatchet country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Purity Guaranteed

under all State and National Pure Food Laws. You can pay a higher price, but you cannot get a baking powder that will raise nicer, lighter biscuits, cakes and pastry, or that is any more healthful.

Your money back if K C fails to please you. Try a can at our risk.



ANOTHER ECHO FROM DISGRACE

The wail of a child awoke Mrs. C. H. Abbott, 719 Avenue I from her sleep Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. It was a cold morning and she and all of her four children were sleeping in the same room. The bed was close to the stove. Thinking that one of her children was crying in its sleep she paid no attention to it until a continuation of the wailing proved that it came from outside.

As she opened the front door she beheld a naked baby, lying upon the veranda, without wrap or cover.

Her mother's heart was touched and pressing the small form to her breast she sat by the stove and warmed its little body.

It was a little girl with blue eyes and dark brown hair.

All day Sunday she nursed it later in the day when the baby showed signs of sickness she called in Dr. F. M. Hale who administered a tonic which soothed the pain of the wail.

The doctor said it was a white child and probably an American descent, although its nose was of the Roman shape. It is a perfect baby in every respect and neither scar nor blemish can be found on its tiny body. The child weighs but three pounds, and was not more than two hours old when found.

"My heart was touched," said the new found mother as she kissed the wee-hand of the infant. "when I saw it lying there in the cold—its little body like ice, and as soon as possible I built a fire and wrapped the baby in a warm cover. It's such a good little thing and so pretty that I would like to keep it forever but the minister thinks it would be better to place it in some good home where it could get better attention than I can give it."

"You see, I am a widow and have to work for a living, and some times it might be hard to make both ends meet. I do sewing and it doesn't come regular. Before I had the measles I worked at a factory but the sickness left me weak and I can't do hard work now."

"But I will slave for the little baby if they let me keep her. I love her already just as if she were my own and it will break my heart to part from her."

As the mother pressed the infant to her breast and cooed into its small ear, four little tots gathered around her and wanted to kiss the baby.

"I have an awful time keeping my children from loving it to death. They want to hold her at the same time. Bless its little heart."

The child is still with Mrs. Abbott but it is expected that it will be taken in charge by the Pastors' Association, until it is large enough to be adopted by some one. Temple Daily Telegram.

News Told In a Hurry For the Busy Reader

A ship arrived at New York from Puerto, Mexico, Monday with six Chinese who had spent 10 days without food in the ship's hold. They were trying to get into the United States. They will be returned to Mexico as soon as they are able to travel.

After dragging a dying woman, 88 years old, from her bed and tying her to a chair and beating into insensibility her six year old boy who went to his mother's rescue, two masked men Monday night ransacked the home of Chas. Kimmel near Baltimore, Md., in search of gold reputed to be hidden in the house.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Monday C. E. Winsby, a painter, was convicted in police court for abusing his three year old step-daughter. He was fined \$20 and sentenced to fifteen days in jail, neighbors testifying that he whipped the child unmercifully with a board. Winsby denied most of the charges, but stated that he frequently punished the child because she was reluctant about saying her prayers.

A mass meeting of Texas Democrat who favor state wide prohibition has been called to be held at Fort Worth January 24th at 10 a. m. The railroads will be asked to grant a low rate for the occasion. At this meeting it is expected to unify that element that is behind some of the candidates for governor.

In order to compete with saloons in Fort Worth that serve free lunch, the Union Gospel Mission of that city announces that it will serve free lunch from 8 to 10 p. m. daily.

2,360 miners were killed by mine disasters during 1913 in the United States. This is a big increase over the previous year. The president of the United Mine Workers have started a move to improve the safety and health conditions in coal mining operations.

The home of John Brown at Fort Towson, Oklahoma, was fired into by a crowd of negroes Monday night. Several volleys were fired into the building but the occupants escaped uninjured. Eleven negroes have been arrested. An unsuccessful attempt was made last Wednesday night to burn Brown's home. Brown is prominent in social circles.

Brown county has up a boom on baby beef clubs and clubs are being organized in that county. A number of visitors from the agricultural department of the state and the railroads are assisting in the work.

T. H. Hubby, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

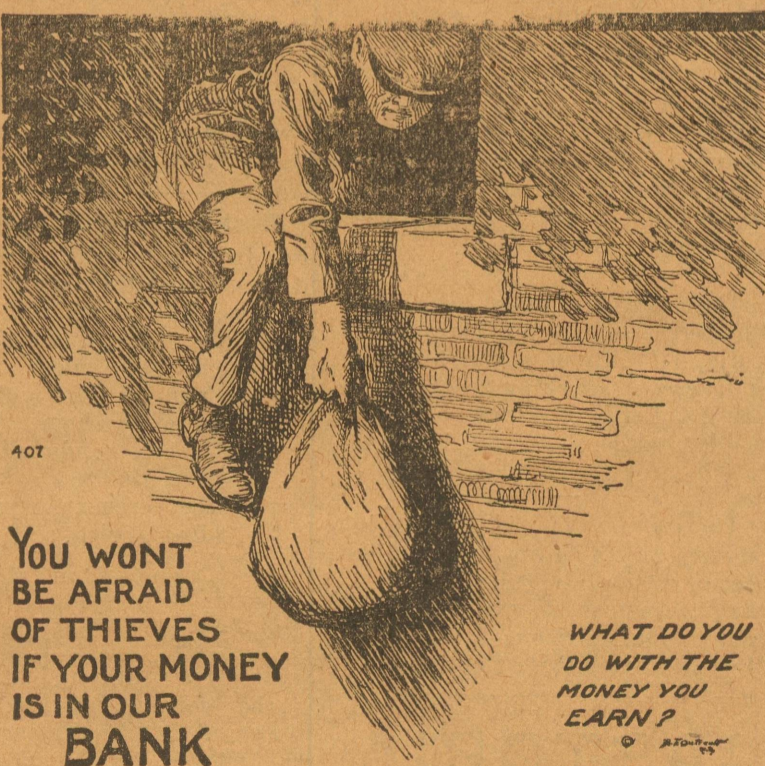
IN GIRLHOOD WOMANHOOD OR MOTHERHOOD

Assist Nature now and then, with a gentle cathartic Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets tone up and invigorate liver and bowels. Be sure you get what you ask for.

The women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will tell you that it freed them from pain—

helped them over painful periods in their life—and saved them many a day of anguish and misery. This tonic, in liquid form, was devised over 40 years ago for the womanly system, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., and has been sold ever since by dealers in medicine to the benefit of many thousand women.

Now—if you prefer—you can obtain Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription tablets at your drug store at \$1 per box, also in 50c size or send 50 cent stamp to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. for trial box.



YOU WON'T BE AFRAID OF THIEVES IF YOUR MONEY IS IN OUR BANK

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE MONEY YOU EARN?

Burglars always SPOT the house where the money is hidden. That's the BURGLAR'S BUSINESS. They know all the pet hiding places—the book case, under the carpet, in the sugar bowl, behind pictures, or in the clock. Besides, if burglars don't get it FIRE may. It is OUR BUSINESS to keep your money SAFE.

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NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Rannels County at 8 per cent. 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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Everything in the leather goods line. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection.
Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, Texas

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

To the Voters of Rannels County,

Greeting:-
I, herewith, announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Judge. Should you see fit to have me serve you another term, it shall be my effort to discharge the duties of the office with greater and better ability than I have in the past.

As presiding judge of the Commissioners' Court to still look after the best interest of the County and at the same time to foster and maintain an economic yet progressive administration of the County's affairs.

In the discharge of the duties of the office, I may have made some errors. Yet, they were prompted and directed by what I thought to be right and conscientious and for the best interest of all concerned. I let the records speak for themselves.

With these brief remarks, I thank you for past favors and kind indulgences, and respectfully solicit your vote, influence and support at the primary to be held July 25th, 1914.

Respectfully,
M. KLEBERG.

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**TAX-PAYERS MUST
MAKE FULL RENDITION**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 8 - The State Board today adopted a resolution to exercise all its powers to see that the law requiring a full rendition of property and assessment at its reasonable cash value be complied with. The Board decided to report all under assessments to the Attorney General for prosecution. A copy of this resolution will be sent to all tax assessors and county judges throughout the State.

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. 2-3tw

A. C. Hardgrove, one of the prominent citizens of Blackwell, and a former valued citizen of this city, came in Saturday morning to look after property interests and visit Ballinger friends a few days.

W. H. Boozer of the Marie community was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

**DID THIS EVER
HAPPEN BEFORE**

Under the present law governing the handling, the sale and the drinking of booze a man is running the risk of getting in trouble if he mentions the word booze. In fact we have been told time and again that it is dangerous to be caught buying a ticket to a wet town with a grip in your hand. A question came up in Ballinger this week that is a new one on the prohibition law question, and is perhaps the first time such question was ever raised.

A citizen of Abilene was passing through Ballinger about two weeks ago en route home from San Angelo. In transferring the Abilene man from one depot to the other the transfer man lost the Abilene man's grip. Despite the transfer man's effort to locate that grip it is still a lost grip. The Abilene man returned to Ballinger again this week, and while he was passing through he inquired to see if his grip had been found. The transfer man, desiring to do the right thing, proposed to pay for the grip and in making out a list of what the grip contained the Abilene man claimed the loss of two quarts of whiskey. This was perfectly natural, because a man is not going all the way from Abilene to San Angelo, attend to his business and then return home without taking home with him a San Angelo souvenir. But in paying for the lost grip and its contents this is where the hitch came. Under the Allison law the man who receives booze in a dry territory is just as guilty of violating the law as the man who sells it, and the transfer man, while perfectly willing to make good his passenger's loss, did not want to take chances on drawing a two year term in the pen, neither did the man who lost the booze want to violate the law and do anything wrong, yet he felt that he was entitled to just damage on his loss, and nothing but the actual value in dollars and cents could be considered just damage.

A prominent attorney was called on for an opinion, and taking the position that the booze had gone where most booze goes to, he advised that the matter be settled by the transfer man paying for the booze.

But, suppose the lost grip should be found and the transfer man appropriate the booze to his own use—it is his property, he paid for it, what would be the law in the case?

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 used 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 lung trouble 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.

Mrs. C. L. McCartney, of Brownwood, came in Saturday at noon and will be the guest of her brother Judge T. T. Crosson and family a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Garron, who live, southwest of Ballinger, passed through the city Saturday at noon en route home from a visit to relatives back east.

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.

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf Concho county, Tex

Zack Snell came home from the north part of the county Saturday at noon to spend a few days with his family and Ballinger friends.

Max Winkler, one of the ranch men of the Milersview country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

**TAX COLLECTOR
HAS MANY TROUBLES**

As the time for paying taxes draws near the rush at the tax collector's office increases. Monday was the best day for the season and many called to square up with the government for protecting them from Huerta and other war devils.

The tax payers can save time and turn a great favor for the collector if he will be prepared to answer certain questions when he applies for his tax receipt. Especially is this true with the man who is writing to the collector about his taxes. The collector gets many letters that he must read, but he is no wiser when he peruses the letter than before it was written. Frequently a non-resident tax payer will write to the collector making inquiry about taxes, and the letter reads: "Mr. Tax Collector, will you tell me what the taxes are on a piece of land that I bought from John Smith last year." Another will write and say, "I want to pay my taxes on a lot in Winters that I got in a trade in which I traded some notes to a man for a house and lot with a small barn on it, and a well without a windmill." Just such letters is calculated to cause the collector to forget himself and hit the office cat with the coal shovel.

Remember there is a certain class of voters who must have an exemption certificate if they expect to be looked upon with favor by the politicians. The law has been made plain time and time again a sto who can and who can't vote without a poll tax receipt or exemption certificate. If you don't know what class you are in you have about twenty days to find out.

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 give 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.

B. C. Kirk, Rev. Adkins, Joe Routh and Dr. A. S. Love returned home Friday night from Andrews County where they had been on a hunting trip the past week and report a very pleasant outing.

FIRE HORSES AND WAGON FOR SALE.

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

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

Who wants to take salts, or castor oil, when there is nothing better than Dr. King's New Life Pills for all bowel troubles. They act gently and naturally on the stomach and liver, stimulate and regulate your bowels and tone up the entire system. Price, 25c. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Mrs. J. Walter Cooper of Hillsboro, who had been visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer and other relatives in our city, left for her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Cooper was formerly Miss Opal Jones, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones of Miles, who she also visited while in our section.

I. N. Iden, of the Crews country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

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OAK for Coupling Poles, Tongues etc.
Let us save you some money on your Bill.

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FOREST NOTES.

A rancher has applied for the rental of 320 acres on the Pike national forest, Colorado, to be used in connection with other private land, for raising elk as a commercial venture.

The government has just sold 43,000 cords of cedar wood for shingles from Washington national forest. The shingles manufactured from this wood, laid six inches to the weather, would cover 2 1-2 square miles of roof.

The navy department has asked the forest service to investigate guijo, a Philippine wood, for possible use in decking boats and ships. Longleaf pine, sugar maple, and beech are the domestic woods most used for decks.

The state university lands in Arizona are to be lumbered under a co-operative agreement between the government and the state land commission. Arizona is the first state in the southwest and one of

few in the country to cut its timbered lands on forestry principles.

The annual meeting of the American Forestry Association will be held in Washington on January 14. A president, twenty-one vice presidents, a treasurer, an auditor and five directors are to be elected and plans made for an active campaign for forest conservation during 1914. The association has 8,000 members.

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.

Mrs. J. C. Wheelis and babe, of Hamlin, Texas, who had been visiting her cousin Mrs. T. G. Marburger and family the past few days, left for her home Friday afternoon.

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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 Pain and Heals at once. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

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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.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Bilioussness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.



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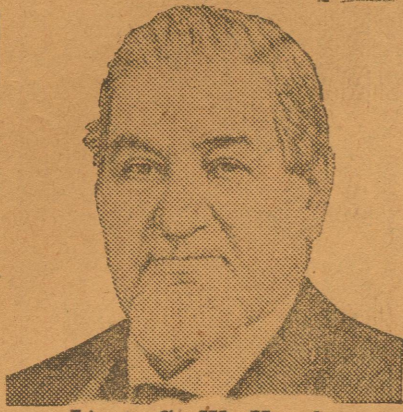
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A Doctor's First Question Is ?

"How are Your Bowels? A Simple Remedy that Guarantees Good Bowel Action."

Trace the origin of the common- you will find that constipation was the cause. It is not to be expected or ills of life and almost invariably that a mass of fermented food can remain in the system beyond its time without vitiating the blood and affecting the nerves and muscles. It congests the entire body. The results are colds, fevers, piles, headaches, and nervousness, with its accompanying indigestion and sleeplessness. There is only one thing to do, and that is to remove the trouble; and when nature seems unable to do it, outside aid is necessary. You will find the best of all outside aid a remedy that many thousands are now using for this very purpose, called Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Many hundreds of letters are received by Dr. Caldwell telling of the good results obtained, and among the enthusiastic letters is one from Lieut. G. W. Vaughn, of 623 W. North St., Decatur, Ill. He is 72 and has had a bad liver and stomach since he came out of the army. He says he tried about everything, but never succeeded in getting permanent relief until he took Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. He is never without a bottle in the house, and he is never without health.



Lieut. G. W. Vaughn.

It has untold advantages over pills, salts and the various coarse cathartics and purgatives, for which these do but temporary good. Syrup Pepsin cures permanently. The effect of its action is to train the stomach and bowel muscles to do their work naturally again, and in a short time all forms of medicine can be dispensed with. It can be bought without inconvenience at any nearby drug store for fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, the latter size being regularly bought by those who already know its value. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded. Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it postpaid by addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 419 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. A postal card with your name and address on it will do.

NEW LIFE FOR COUNTRY CLUB MOVE

It will be remembered that something over a year ago a move was started to organize a County Club, and considerable stock was subscribed and for a time looked bright for the parties behind the work. But on account of the depressing condition of financial matters it was decided to drop the matter for awhile.

Parties are again becoming interested and are ready to take the work up and push it to a successful finish.

The plan at that time was to organize a company with a capital of about ten thousand dollars and improve property on what is known as the Reeder land just a short distance west of town and north of the Colorado River. The place selected is an ideal site for a dam that would impound a thirty-five acre lake of water and would afford fine fishing after this had been stocked with fish and would make an ideal place for boating and other forms of amusement. This matter could be handled in connection with the move for a county fair. The two could be made a success with a small amount of capital. A number of the most prominent business men and the citizens who are amply able to finance the move have expressed a willingness to help in both the country club and fair proposition, and with the returning of prosperity there is no reason now why this country club, fair and play ground move should not take on new life.

You've heard of George M. Cohan the popular actor and successful playwright. He's the author of Broadway Jones You don't want to miss reading it. Full of fun and real heart interest. Our Next Serial. Be sure to get the first installment.

"BROADWAY JONES" FOR LEDGER READERS

Ledger readers are to be treated. The treat will be in a form that will be both educative and entertaining. "Broadway Jones" a successful play and novel will be run in Banner-Ledger every week in form of a serial for the benefit of the readers of the paper. The first number of the popular serial will appear next Friday.

"Broadway Jones" is the most popular play on the American stage today. It made its appearance in New York last season. The author of the play, Mr. George H. Cohan, was at his best when he presented this very popular comedy. He has been showered with numerous letters from all over the country, each full of praise for the American playwright.

This season the play is making the larger towns over the country. It has just completed a tour of Texas, playing in only the larger cities. In the absence of the play from the smaller theatres over the country, many of the best newspapers have contracted to run the novel in their columns for the reading public. The play was recently novelized by Mr. Edward Marshall, a writer of note, famous for his novelizations of popular plays on the American stage today. At a great expense, The Ledger has purchased the rights to print the story in its columns for the benefit of the reading public of this section of the state.

As a story and play full of good-wholesome humor and comedy, "Broadway Jones" has no rival of the present day. The story is above the average. The story has been pronounced by many who have seen the play and read the proof of the serial, as being better than the play.

Every person who is not a subscriber to this paper should hand in his subscription, immediately that he might get every chapter of this exceedingly interesting and humorous comedy story. It will appear each day in this paper beginning Friday, Jan. 23. Hand in your subscription and get the first number of "Broadway Jones," the laughing sensation of the day.

LIGHTNING PLAYS HAVOC.

Mention was made by one of our correspondents a couple of weeks ago of the fact that lightning struck Mr. O. B. May's residence five miles northeast of Clyde, during a storm December 11th.

We learn that the bolt first struck and demolished the flue and tore a big hole in the roof adjoining it. The current then split into three parts, one part going down the stove pipe tearing it open and flattening out the elbow over the stove and thru the zinc mat, carpet and floor to the ground. The second current followed the ceiling of the south room to the south wall going to the ground near the window, its course being marked by a strip of torn and riddled paper. The third current followed the metal valley to the tin gutter, tearing up the roof badly. From metal valley it passed to the screen door of the shed room at the top of which it again divided, one part passing down the door partly burning out the screen and knocking the bottom part of the door frame out, went through the floor into the ground; the other part of the current passing along the south wall near the ceiling, tearing the paper to shreds, to the southwest corner of the room where it went down the corner bursting it open to the ground and breaking all window glass in that end of the house.

Fortunately the family were not at home at the time, a fact which alone probably saved their lives.—Clyde Enterprise. 1tv

FLUSHING WATER MAINS.

The water mains were flushed Thursday morning, all the fire hydrants being thrown open and a high pressure of water shot thru them for the purpose of cleansing the mains and making sure that the fire hydrants are in good shape. Ballinger has a water system that is a credit to the town and one a city of many times its size could feel proud of. The beauty of the system too, is that it is making the city a little profited can be used in extending the system as the demand occasions and making all necessary improvements.

Orlan Furgason left Wednesday afternoon for Comanche on a short business trip.

AVIATORS MEET AT DALLAS.

Every Type of Flying Machine Will Be Shown at National Corn Exposition.

The greatest exhibition of flying and flying machinery ever held in the South and Southwest will be given at Dallas during the National Corn Exposition, Feb. 10-24. A great hangar is being erected, 200 feet long and 30 feet wide, that will house ten machines. Monoplanes, biplanes, tractors, and every type of machine that has been successfully flown. Among the aviators of national and international reputation already contracted who Walter Johnston of the Thomas Brothers Aeroplane Company of Bath, New York, who holds the American endurance record, flies the "65" horsepower Thomas biplane, has won all first prizes in ten, fifteen and twenty-five mile races, and first prize for accuracy in bomb dropping; Frank Terrill of Worcester, Massachusetts, flies a headless Curtiss plane of "80" horsepower, has made over seven hundred exhibition flights down the Ocean Wave, the Turkey Trot, and everything but loop the loop, one of the best known flyers in the United States. Captain Thomas Baldwin in his famous "Red Devil" is planning the most thrilling effects that have ever been seen in Texas. Captain Baldwin formerly came from McKinney, in Collin county, and is noted for his ability for a sensational flyer. Charles Foster of St. Louis will pilot the McCarrall plane, built in Dallas. Foster is a daring aviator, and flies a new type of plane with the wing warping balancing features. Dallas is especially proud to have an aeroplane invented and built in Dallas to enter in this feat. Katherine Stinson, the only successful woman aviator in the United States today, is the fifth of the great aggregation of flyers. Miss Stinson has been the headline in a great many of the large aviation meets throughout the United States. She has made good in three different places in Texas as being the single pilot. The National Corn Exposition Department of the Chamber of Commerce feel that when five machines leave the ground at the same time at 2 o'clock every afternoon that there will be some sensation in flying effects. Every portion of the aviation meet is a free attraction at the Corn Exposition.

Music at the Sixth National Corn Exposition at Dallas.

Weber's Famous Concert Band of thirty-five pieces will play two free concerts daily during the Corn Exposition, February 10 to 24. John Weber of Cincinnati is one of the very best known band conductors in the United States, and his organization of thirty-five artists have played in the greatest expositions ever held. Dallas considers herself very fortunate in having been able to contract to bring Mr. Weber to Dallas for the National Corn Exposition. In addition to this, the Dallas Concert Band of twenty-five pieces, under the direction of Paul Harris, will also play two concerts daily, and any one that is fond of music, and especially fine inspiring band music will find it in Dallas during the Corn Exposition. It is planned by the exposition management that every building shall have a band concert at least once a day. The Dallas Concert Band will play in a half dozen different buildings where the exposition is going on. Weber's Famous Band will play in the Coliseum twice daily.

PAVLOVA AND BALLET.

Madam Anna Pavlova and Great Russian Ballet Will Appear at National Corn Exposition, Dallas, Feb. 10.

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce considers itself very fortunate in having made a contract at the expense of \$4000 for one night's appearance of Madam Anna Pavlova and her famous Russian organization that consists of forty select solo dancers, including Novikoff, premier danseur classique; Zealich, premier danseur caractere of the Imperial opera house of Moscow, and Cochet, the premier mime of the Imperial opera house of St. Petersburg. Their repertoire consists of ten ballets, staged with characteristic and rich scenery. Most of the scenery and costumes designed by the famous Leon Bakst and Boris Anisfeld. This ballet, total solo and chorus dancers of eight-five will appear Tuesday night, Feb. 10, as a part of the Grand Opera "La Gioconda" that will be sung in Italian by the Grand Opera company of Canada. Pavlova dances with her dancers, "The Dances of the Four" is a part of the opera, and aside from this, will do thirty minutes of solo dancing. There is no attraction of a high art standpoint than the original Russian ballet which Dallas has secured for this occasion. The fact that the National Corn Exposition department of the Chamber of Commerce is going to give \$4000 expense for one night's appearance of Pavlova and her ballet indicates somewhat the extent of the entertainment offered for the sixth National Corn Exposition.

Opportunity for Texas.

"The producers of Texas must not forget that at the Sixth National Corn Exposition, Dallas, Tex., February 10-24, 1914, they are not in competition with each other in county contests, but that they must strive to make a better showing than any of the other thirty-seven states which will bring exhibits, and have a chance in the international contests to show the world what Texas can do." writes Rufus J. Nelson, editor Farm and Ranch, Texas at last has a chance to show the whole United States the wealth of her soil, the quality of her products, the advantages of her climate, the resourcefulness of her people and the opportunity for farming and other investments—the making of a great empire not yet in her "teens" stage of development.

MERCHANDISE PREMIUMS.

\$50,000 in Merchandise Prizes Will Be Distributed at National Corn Exposition at Dallas.

The National Corn Exposition to be held at Dallas, Feb. 10-24, under the auspices of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Industrial Congress, the Texas State Fair Association and the National Corn Association, are completing the premium list, amounting to over \$50,000 in merchandise premiums. Everything from a post hole digger to an automobile, all sorts of agricultural implements, the new and improved, tons and tons of high grade fertilizer, gasoline engines, pump sets, harvesting machinery—grain drills, cotton and corn planters—every conceivable tool or implement, or anything used in the farm and home, including magazine subscriptions, books, clothing, such an aggregation of premiums as has never been given before for any agricultural exposition anywhere in the world. The exhibition of these premiums alone will occupy the vehicle and implement building 54 feet wide and 200 feet long.

The Best Test

The one true test as to your success in life is this:

"Are you saving money?"

Answer it honestly with 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.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"Fathers and Mothers Bank."

FEDERAL APPOINTMENT ORDER PLACED FOR BALLINGER MAN LIBRARY BOOKS

Albert W. Wood, manager for the West Texas Telephone Co., at Ballinger is receiving congratulations for securing the appointment as deputy income tax collector. His friends here are rejoicing with him and telegrams from his old home at Jefferson, Texas, congratulate him for the honor and recognition which come through the efforts of Senator Morris Shepherd.

It has been known for some time by Mr. Wood's closest friends that he was slated for a good appointment, but the first news to each Ballinger of the appointment came through the daily papers that were received at Ballinger Wednesday evening. Mr. Wood is an old school mate of Senator Morris Shepherd, and it will be remembered that he was very active in Mr. Shepherd's behalf during the Shepherd-Wolters campaign and sacrificed his time and money in the interest of his old school mate and friend when the campaign was at its best. By the appointment just made Senator Shepherd has reciprocated and fully shows his gratitude for it was through the endorsement of Senator Shepherd that Mr. Wood was appointed.

The salary of the new office is fixed at \$1600 with an allowance of \$1200 for expenses. It is not known yet where Mr. Wood will be located, but it is presumed that he will be stationed somewhere in West Texas as this is considered a West Texas appointment. He is fully competent to perform the duties the office requires and his friends will be glad to know that he has been so fortunate of the worthy promotion in the commercial world.

A telegram to Col. J. H. Parramore and another to this paper which were received today, announced the death of Mrs. Medora A. Harris, mother of Mrs. Van Ness Lewis of this city, which occurred at Gonzales, Texas, this (Wednesday) morning at 5:20 o'clock. Mrs. Lewis was at the bedside of her mother when death came. The funeral will occur at Gonzales Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Old age and a general break-down was the cause of death.—Abilene Reporter.

Joe Mitchell returned home Wednesday afternoon from San Angelo where he had been holding a position with the express company the past month or more.

Silas Izard, the San Angelo marble works man, came in Wednesday to look after business interests for his firm in our section a few days.

Grandpa W. G. Cathey, of Wingate, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit his daughter, Mrs. T. S. Lankford and family and his son Ebb Cathey and family and his many friend a few days.

FITTING UP DANCE HALL.

That Ballinger is to have a public dance hall is no longer guess work, but is a sure thing. The Wilke building near the Santa Fe passenger station is being put in shape, and public dances will be given from time to time where those who like to whirl the two-step, the tango and all the other variety of steps can go and dance to their heart's delight.

The first order for the latest popular books to be used in the Carnegie Library was placed Thursday morning. The books will probably arrive about the 15th of February and will be placed on the shelves of the building immediately after their arrival, for the use of the reading public.

Mrs. W. S. Fleming, librarian, stated today that a subscription had been made up and another order for books will be placed with in the near future. Over one hundred dollars have been raised among Ballinger citizens to be used in buying books.

The order placed Thursday was made up mostly of the latest books in the line of fiction. The idea of Mrs. Fleming and the board of directors is to get books that will appeal to the public starting the institution and later order his torical and reference matter.

OLD ATTEMPT TO BURN HOUSE.

Paul Trimmer is having a house moved from the northwest part of the city to a lot near the stand pipe. The house being moved was built several years ago by D. C. Dannelley. About the time the house was completed Mr. Dannelley moved to Dallas and the house was only occupied a short time. It has been vacant for the past two or three years. Ben Allen is moving the house.

When the house was pulled from where it was built it was discovered that it had been set on fire under the floor in two different places, but for some reason the fire did not get a start. The house was on a rock foundation, but there was an opening where a man could easily crawl under and it is presumed that some one went under the house and started the fire with the intention of destroying it. Indications are that he made the second attempt, and perhaps failing he gave up in disgust at the success of his dirty work and quit the job. The signs of the fire had the appearance of old, but no doubt they were put there since the house was vacated.

Rev. E. W. Wells the pastor of the Nazarine Church, made a short trip to Miles and returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Dick Russell, of Menard, came in Wednesday afternoon to look after business interests in our section a few days.

Mrs. J. D. Allen, of Santa Anna who had been visiting her sister at Abilene, was the guest of her friends Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Crews Wednesday and returned home in the afternoon.

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Are You a Woman?

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The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris, of
Miles, after a visit to their daugh-
ter, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and fam-
ily over Sunday, left Monday at
noon for their home.

**LARGE HAY STACK
BURNS FRIDAY**

A large hay stack belonging to
Harry Midgeley, who lives in
South Ballinger was burned, Fri-
day afternoon about 4 o'clock.
The hay was some of the best
grown in this section of the state
and was very valuable.

It is not known how the fire
originated, but it is supposed,
that some one dropped a match in
the straw sometime during the
day.

The fire was seen from Ballin-
ger and it was supposed by many
who saw it that it was some resi-
dence in the south section of the
city, on fire. The fire department
was called to the scene but was
unable to do any good, because
there was no water connections
within the vicinity.

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

J. W. Tippett of the Crews-To-
keen country, was supplying in
Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

**HIGH SCHOOL PAPER
TO BE ISSUED SOON**

The high school journal which
is edited by the students of the
Ballinger high school will make
its initial appearance on the
desks of the pupils of that insti-
tution within the next several
days. The copy is in the hands of
the printers now and is being pre-
pared for publication.

Almer Allison, who is editor-in-
chief of the journal, promises the
Ballinger students one of the best
school journals in this section of
the state. It will be complete in
every particular, carrying newsy
features from the school, jokes
and other matter, not only for the
students of the institution but for
the older people who are out of
school.

This is the third attempt to pub-
lish a paper in the high school,
the first having been gotten out about
four years ago and the second
three years ago. For the past two
years there has been no school pa-
per published here.

Mr. and Mrs. Studenmeyer left
Saturday afternoon for San An-
tonio, where they will spend a few
months.

**SHIPPING CHICKENS
TO ALABAMA**

Oscar Pearson, the man that
put Ballinger on the map in the
chicken world with his famous
prize winning Partridge Wyand-
dotts, shipped three of his fine
chickens to Prattville, Alaban-
Monday.

Mr. Pearson has pulled down
some of the highest awards at the
big chicken shows held over the
country. It will be remembered
that he was winner of the high
awards at the last Dallas Fair, and
his chickens have been advertised
not only over Texas, but over
other states, and there is a demand
for both eggs and stock from his
poultry yard. He is putting up
some special prizes for the coming
Ballinger show, and he will give a
five dollar gold piece to the one
showing the best pen of Pearson
Partridge Wyandotts.

The big show to be held here is
attracting attention as far North
as Stamford. A poultry man at
Stamford has written to the secre-
tary, Dr. Raby, asking for informa-
tion, and stating that he would be
here with some chickens. Duck
and turkey growers are getting
ready to come in with exhibits.
Some of the finest pigeons ever
raised in the South will be on ex-
hibit also, and on account of the
great demand for poultry products
people who never realized the
worth and importance of the
poultry industry are waking up
and the coming twelve months will
show a big increase in both the
poultry and egg output of this
country. Its easy money, and our
country friends who are fixed for
growing poultry are taking hold
and will develop this line of in-
dustry that has been neglected in
the past.

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.

**JAN. 22 AND 23
POULTRY SHOW**

We are pleased to announce that
all details for the holding of the
annual poultry exhibit at Ballin-
ger have been worked out, and
that the big show will be held on
January 22 and 23, Friday and
Saturday.

The local committee will mail
out the premium list and other ad-
vertising matter Monday, and the
premium list is the best ever ar-
ranger for a poultry show in this
section of the state. It covers
every class of poultry, and also
includes special premiums, and
should attract poultry from quite
a distance. The show will prob-
ably be held in one of the vacant
buildings on Eighth Street.

Coops that will make about one
hundred pens will be used for the
first time in this show, and to-
gether with the pens already on
hand will enable the local commit-
tee to make a display that will
attract a great deal of attention,
and will bring together the best
poultry in this part of the state.

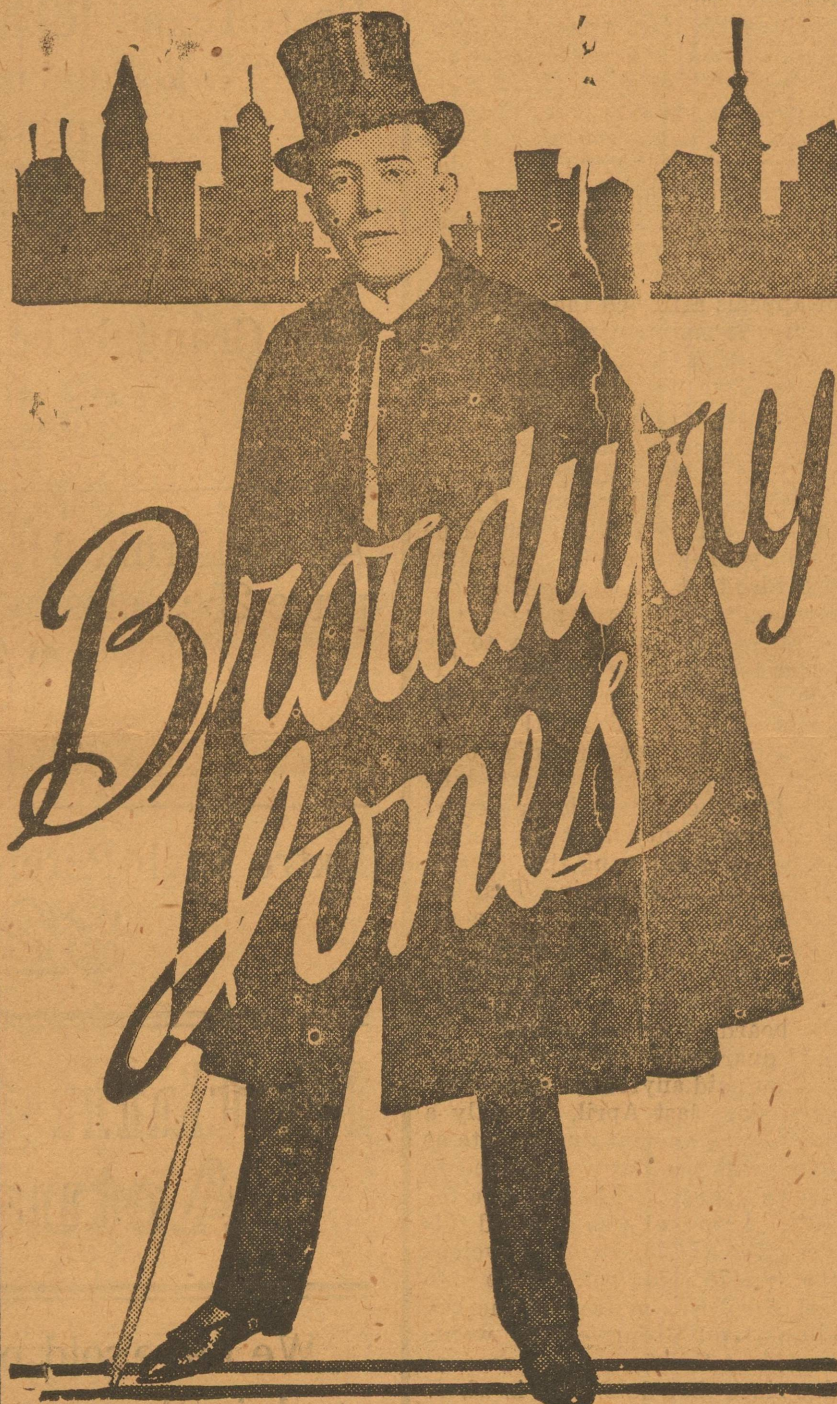
Mr. Skaggs, who has had great
success in judging at poultry
shows, will be here to pass on the
birds, and the awards will be made
in a fair and impartial way.

It's up to every citizen to get
busy and help advertise the show.
In writing to your friends over
the country tell them about the
show and extend them an invita-
tion to come here and bring their
poultry and try for the premiums.
On account of the spring season
being so close at hand the time
for holding the show had to be
selected at the earliest date possi-
ble and this makes the time
short in which to give it the pub-
licity it deserves, but by co-oper-
ation the show will be a big suc-
cess.

H. J. Butts, of Tenge, Texas,
has accepted a position with Hig-
don-Melton-Jackson Co., and be-
gan upon his duties a day or two
ago.

Ed Globber, the Market man, had
business in Talpa between trains
Monday.

J. S. Gamble and A. J. Bingham
representative citizens southwest
of Ballinger, were among the busi-
ness visitors in the city Saturday
afternoon.



A novelization of a most successful
play by the most successful actor-
playwright of the United States

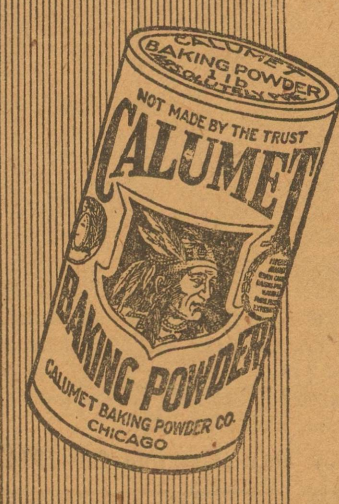
GEORGE M. COHAN

When a wealthy relative leaves a handsome
fortune to young Jones he immediately re-
sponds to the call of "Broadway." Before
long he's the most celebrated spender in the
metropolis of spendthrifts. Every chorus
girl and bartender, every taxi-cabman and
policeman on the streets knows him and
calls him by his nickname. He out-broad-
ways Broadway. Then suddenly he finds
himself "broke." Marriage with a maiden
lady of many summers promises a solution
not at all to his liking; then he meets THE
girl and—

But you want to read the whole story—it's
all very human and full of lots of good, roar-
ing laughs. You'll not regret reading our
coming serial—**BROADWAY JONES.**



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The cook is happy, the
other members of the family
are happy—appetites sharpen, things
brighten up generally. And Calumet
Baking Powder is responsible for it all.
For Calumet never fails. Its
wonderful leavening qualities insure
perfectly shortened, faultlessly raised
bakings. Cannot be compared with
other baking powders, which promise
without performing. Even a beginner in cooking
gets delightful results with this never-
failing Calumet Baking Powder. Your
grocer knows. Ask him.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS
World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.

You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

**WILL ASK FOR POOL
HALL ELECTION**

Petitions are being drawn and
will be presented to the voters of
Runnels county, asking them to
petition the commissioner's court
to order an election to determine
whether pool halls shall be run in
this county or not. We under-
stand that this move was started
at Miles, where some of the citi-
zens considered the pool halls a
detriment to the town and an in-
centive for a violation of the law.
This move was started several
months ago, but on account of
there being some doubt as to
constitutionality of the law passed
by the legislature, giving towns
and counties authority to vote up-
on such questions, the move was
stopped and has been held to
await the action of the court in
making a test case. The highest
court in the state sustained the
action of the legislature, and in a
decision give the people the right
to vote out pool halls, and the
question will now be put up to the
voters, or at least the commis-
sioner's court will be asked for an
election.

Rev. W. Bion Adkins, pastor of
the Ninth Street Baptist Church,
addressed a mass meeting of men
at Winters, Sunday afternoon and
returned home that evening.

**SNAKES! 33 BIG ONES
BAGGED AT WEATHERFORD**

Weatherford, Jan. 12.—Thirty-
three rattlesnakes were killed on
the farm of County Commissioner
V. G. Tucker Saturday by a party
of men comprising the commis-
sioner, Joe Gilley, E. Wright, Will
and Tom Gilley, Tim Tucker and
Luther Handy. Twelve of the
snakes were of enormous size, mea-
suring more than six feet in length
twenty of them were from two
and a half to four feet long, while
the other was smaller.

The den was found last week by
Joe Gilley, who made up the party
of snake hunters. Two of the
six-footers were captured alive by
means of a rope, but one of the
captives, becoming enraged, bit
himself in several places and died
soon after. His mate was preven-
ted from suicide and is in pos-
session of the captors.

The den was under a large rock
where there was a sort of cave.
By using long poles the rattlers
were poked out one at a time, and
their heads chopped off with a
mattock.

W. S. Graham returned home
Monday morning from a short
visit to points West.

C. C. Thomas, of the Valley
creek country, returned home
Monday at noon from his old
home in Tennessee where he spent
the past few weeks with relatives
and friends.

**HUSBAND RESCUED
DESPAIRING WIFE**

**After Four Years of Discouraging
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave
Up in Despair. Husband
Came to Rescue.**

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter
from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock
writes as follows: "I suffered for four
years, with womanly troubles, and during
this time, I could only sit up for a little
while, and could not walk anywhere at
all. At times, I would have severe pains
in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treat-
ment relieved me for a while, but I was
soon confined to my bed again. After
that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand,
and I gave up in despair.
At last, my husband got me a bottle of
Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I com-
menced taking it. From the very first
dose, I could tell it was helping me. I
can now walk two miles without tire
tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly
troubles, don't give up in despair. Try
Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped
more than a million women, in its 50
years of continuous success, and should
surely help you too. Your druggist has
sold Cardui for years. He knows what
it will do. Ask him. He will recom-
mend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies'
Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special
Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home
Treatment for Women." Sent in plain wrapper. 1-16

Are You One Of Those Who Habitually Catch Cold?

Investigation Shows That Certain Occupations and Professions Are Constantly Prolific Causes For Frequent Colds. What Can Be Done About It?

We read a lot of medical literature that only entertains, but does not instruct. In this strenuous period, when life is put to such a severe strain, we need light and facts how to prevent disease more than talk that entertains.

Do you know that the clerk and the shop girl, the merchant and the professional man, confined to sedentary work, are daily creating those conditions that conduce to colds?

Mental fatigue, worry, heavy strain, nervousness resulting from desk or store work are the easiest means for the development of colds. The average life of a clergyman is less than that of a farmer—cause, sedentary work.

Sedentary life, especially where it means the consumption of brain tissue, often leads to over-eating; there is no more common cause of colds than over-eating.

When the digestive organs are weighed down with an excess of food, the liver and kidneys and other important vital organs are overworked, vitality is lower and there is less resistance; slight exposure, which under ordinary conditions causes no harm, results in a bad cold.

To relieve a cold, a good expectorant or cough remedy such as PERUNA should be conveniently at hand to be taken at the very first attack of the cold. But what can be done to stop the frequency of colds to such people that are confined to sedentary work?

Start with a cold water towel bath, walk to your place of business, or devote an hour of each day to outdoor life, take a dose of PERUNA before each meal to tone up your system, eat moderately, retire early and sleep in a room full of fresh air.

Mr. L. A. Richardson, a substantial druggist from Marine, Illinois, commenting on the merits of proprietary medicines, writes as follows:

"I have been engaged in the retail drug business here for the past forty years. During this time I have seen many patent medicines come into use, flourish for one or two years and then gradually disappear. There are very few of these remedies that possess enough real merit to insure them long life. Peruna has always been a good seller with us, with a marked increase from year to year. The change in the formula some years ago, by the addition of the slightly laxative properties, has made it a reliable remedy for constipation and for colds. I take pleasure in urging my brother druggists to recommend it for these two ailments."

Those who wish to begin the cold water towel bath should have a copy of the Ills of Life. Sent free by the Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio. Ask your Druggist for free Peruna Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

MARKETING AS IMPORTANT AS PRODUCING COTTON

The agricultural papers, for several years, have been full of interesting and instructive articles, telling the farmer how to increase his crop yield per acre; the best seed to plant, how and when to plant; how to prepare the soil, the mixture and quantity of fertilizer to use. Full descriptions have appeared, covering the breeding and raising of stock, how to treat their various diseases, what feed to use in the different seasons.

The United States Department of Agriculture has printed carloads of bulletins and other literature regarding crop making and stock raising. Representatives of the Government in every state examine the soil, tell what it will produce, determine what irrigation or fertilization is necessary. We have, without doubt, the best equipped Agricultural Department of any nation on earth, in so far as farm production is concerned.

Our agricultural schools are everywhere. We have seen new theories taught and actually put into successful use. We have seen the "scientific farmer," once scoffed at and ridiculed,—we have seen him prove to be the practical farmer; we have seen him double his production per acre, improve his products, plant and harvest new and unheard of crops with success. Much attention has been given to the farmer and his crops, and rightfully so, for on his success or failure depends, in its last analysis, the prosperity of our commonwealth. A great work has been and is being accomplished, and the results speak for themselves. Truly the farmer is being taught amply in the science of production.

But where in the pages of the Farm Press, or in the Government bulletins or literature, will you find any words about profitable selling or marketing methods? Where will the farmer find information about how to get the best price or where to ship his products?

If the average farmer could sell his crops as successfully as he can produce, he would soon be independent. The cotton grower seems to be the weakest of all as a seller of his crop. He makes a fine crop of cotton by his skill and energy. He produces well, but his method in cashing his crop is pitiful. He takes his cotton to market at the time when prices are always lowest, and he sells his cotton for whatever he can get, regardless of his cost of production. Why should he be anything but poor and in debt?

The Government has finally awakened to the fact that marketing is as important as producing. A "Bureau of Markets" has been established and investigations into present conditions are being made. A survey of cotton marketing in Oklahoma was made this fall by the chief of the Bureau of Markets. His findings have just been published in Bulletin No. 36, United States Department of Agriculture; subject, "STUDIES OF PRIMARY MARKET CONDITIONS IN OKLAHOMA." Every cotton grower should read this Bulletin. Mr. Brand and his expert classifiers visited every part of Oklahoma's cotton section. His report of market conditions reveals facts about cotton selling that every farmer should know.

For instance, on Page 6, Mr. Brand shows different prices paid for middling cotton in the same town, on the same day. In Mountain Park, Oklahoma, November 18th, one farmer received \$50.25 for a 500 pound bale of cotton, middling. On the same date, in the same town, another farmer received \$56.25 for a 500 pound bale of middling cotton. The second bale was of identical grade as the first bale and the two bales were of equal value. Why then the difference of \$6.00 per bale? The Galveston price that day was \$60.00 per bale, middling. On November 12th, in Terral, Oklahoma, there was a variation of \$12.50 per bale, comparing the price on the same grade paid one farmer as against the price paid another.

A copy of this Bulletin may be secured by writing to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Ask for Bulletin No. 36, Department of Agriculture.

When will the cotton farmer wake up? When will he cease to glut the market in the fall when the price is lowest? Why will he stick to a selling system that has made him poor? Has the cotton farmer no hope of prosperity?

The cotton farmer faces the same situation that the Rice Growers, Fruit Growers, and Wheat Farmers faced. They saved themselves by establishing marketing systems. Now they sell their products on a business basis. They have facilities for holding their products till they are needed. They no longer dump their crops on the market, saying, "Here is our crop; give us what you will for it." They demand and get a profitable price.

Cotton is a safe commodity for holding. In a suitable warehouse, cotton may be held indefinitely without decreasing its quality. Cotton must be held and sold as the world needs it in order to bring a fair price. Overloading the market always brings the same results, low prices. How can

the supply of cotton be delivered to the world, so as to meet the demand but not exceed it? Co-operation by the growers, through a business like marketing system, will put cotton on a stable basis. The farmers must cooperate, get a living price for their cotton through sensible marketing, else they must plant their cotton fields to other crops.

Statistics from a Texas plantation, 6,000 acres in cotton, show that the cost in 1912 was 11 1/2 to 12c per pound. This great plantation has improved farm machinery, is in charge of a very capable manager, employs Mexican labor at \$1.00 per day instead of negroes at \$1.50; their land is probably the richest in the state. If their cotton costs them 11 1/2c, what does your cotton cost?

If cotton before ginning cost 12c and more, it is worth at least 15 CENTS. Co-operate with your neighbors. Get a profit on your year's work. Get 15 CENTS for your cotton. Hold your cotton. The world must have every pound of this crop and your cotton will soon bring 15 cents. New York has put the price down in the effort to make you sell. Hang on. Sell your cotton when they sell theirs. Their price will soon be 15c.

IN WRANGLE OVER BROWN'S BOARD BILL

The local jailer is having some trouble collecting the amount due him for keeping George Brown, who is being held in the Ballinger jail waiting the action of the higher court in passing on Brown's case. It will be remembered that Brown was convicted in the district court at this place in the spring of 1912 for the murder of his wife in Brown county. The case was appealed and the court of appeals affirmed the verdict of guilty. A motion was made for a new hearing before the higher court. This was denied and a second motion is now pending.

In the mean time Brown is confined in the Ballinger jail and under the law the expense of feeding and caring for him should be paid by Brown county. The law provides that the county shall not pay less than 45 cents per day nor more than 50 cents per day to the jailer for boarding prisoners. It seems that for some time Brown county allowed Sheriff Plynt 75 cents per day for Brown's board and the expense of keeping him. Whether the commissioner's court of Brown county went beyond its authority in allowing this amount is for them to determine. That has nothing to do with the present trouble. At that time A. Wilke was jailer. At present M. C. Sheffy is jailer. The law also provides that the board of prisoners shall be paid quarterly, but Brown county has not paid anything for Brown's keep since last April. Recently a bill for the amount due to date at fifty cents per day was mailed to Brown county. The bill was for \$131. A warrant was received this week for \$71.25. It now develops that the 75 cents per day up to last April was more than the law allows, and Brown county wants to deduct this from the amount due since that date. This is where the "rub" comes. Jailer Sheffy did not share in the over charge, or over amount paid, and he does not want to stand for the loss sustained in docking him for a mistake that was made by the commissioners of Brown county.

County Judge Kleberg has returned the \$71 warrant just received and is making an effort to adjust the matter with Brown county.

Fred Prusser and family of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to the Spring Hill neighborhood, to spend Sunday with Mrs. Prusser's brother, August Voglesang and family.

D. W. Payne one of the representative citizens of the Norton country, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Saturday and divided his cash with the Banner-Ledger on subscriptions.

H. M. Benson and family, of the Pumphry country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Winchell, Brown county, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Grant and children, of Winters, visited his sisters Madames Cordill and Brewer and families over Sunday and returned home Monday afternoon.

One half of the first month in the new year has past. What have you done towards making it a better year?

A. L. Spann & Co.

In order to close out the balance of our stock we are offering many ARTICLES BELOW COST

We want to bring our business to a close as early as possible. We are absolutely.

Going Out Of Business

You will find prices here on groceries cheaper than you have ever bought them before. Below we quote a few prices.

East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup in lots of 5 gallons or by the 1-2 barrel per gallon
35c

Best Grangulated Sugar, per 100 lbs.,
\$4.70

All California 3 lb. Can Goods, regular price 25c, closing them out per can
15c
(Cost 16 2-3c per can)

Extra High Patent Flour, per 100 lbs.
\$2.70

Nothing Above Actual Cost

We have sold over half of our large stock in the past week and expect to finish closing out in the next 10 days.

Respectfully,

A. L. Spann & Co.

FIRST NATIONAL ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual stockholders and directors meeting of the First National Bank was held, this week, and the usual routine of business attended to. While the year just closed has not been as prosperous as some of the years past in the history of this bank, we have been informed that the men who are interested in that institution are well pleased with the year's work, and they start out in 1914 with the determination to make the bank live up to its standard of usefulness long maintained in this county.

The following board of directors were elected: J. A. Walker, Gus Noyes, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, W. W. Fowler, T. J. Webb, E. L. Rasbury, R. A. Hall, H. Giesecke, D. M. Baker, R. G. Erwin.

The officers for the ensuing year are: H. Giesecke, president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; J. Y. Pearce, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; J. W. Thurman, J. W. Patterson, and W. R. Bogle, asst. cashiers.

This bank has filed its application for membership in the Federal Reserve Bank that is to be established in this region. It will be remembered that the recently enacted currency bill provides for not less than eight regional banks and not more than twelve regional banks, and Texas is making a strong effort to secure one of the banks for this state, which will either be located in Houston or Dallas.

J. H. Sheffield of Bangs, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives at Baird. Mr. Sheffield was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. A. T. Campbell and family over Monday night.

E. V. Bateman, the lumber man, left Tuesday morning for Coleman on a short business trip.

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

1196 POLL TAX 46 EXEMPTIONS

About the busiest place in Ballinger at this particular season is the tax collector's office, and as the time limit draws near. Remember if you don't pay your taxes by 12 o'clock Jan. 31 you will have to dig up ten percent additional as penalty, and a poll tax receipt is no good when you present it to the election judge unless its date shows that it was issued before the above date.

Collector Padgett has issued almost fifty poll tax receipts per day since Jan. 1st. Up to Jan. 1st he had issued 645 poll tax receipts. Up to Wednesday the number had increased to 1196 with 46 exemption certificates not included, which makes a total of 1242 voters who are ready for the coming campaign. Following is the number of polls issued at each voting box in the county.

Ballinger No. 1	66
Ballinger No. 24	100
Hatchel	33
Benoit	25
Crews	61
Token	42
Truitt	17
Winters	161
Antelope	25
Pumphrey	35
Wingate	61
Baldwin	16
Wilmeth	54
Coehran	31
North Norton	28
Marie	20
Maverick	33
South Norton	23
Pierce S. House	22
Brooksire	9
Rowena	76
Miles	87
Olfin	36

Ben F. Parker, one of the representative citizens of the Token country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rev. Braley, of San Saba, who preached at the New Home school house Sunday last, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

Will Hamibachek, the popular justice of the Peace of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mr. Stukesberg, the Winters barber, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route west on a short business trip.

J. W. Bigby, of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

S. S. Grantham, of the Norton country, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

W. J. Wilkerson, of the New Home community, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

MID-WINTER LOG ROLLERS MEET.

The District Log Rollers Convention will convene at Coleman Friday of this week. Quite a number of delegates from this county will attend. Secretary J. F. Lusk will go down Friday morning, and will be accompanied by his wife and they will remain over for a day or two visiting their son George Lusk. This Association is composed of six or seven counties and at the Coleman meeting Brown and Comanche counties will come into the Association.

A. L. Kirley, one of the Banner-Ledger's friends of the New Home neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday, and left an ad for a fine span of mules at a bargain, in the Daily Ledger.

Sam Reese, one of the pioneer and prominent citizens of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

HELD FOR MURDER AS RESULT OF WRECK.

Fort Worth, Jan. 13.—J. C. Thompson, a teamster, living on the Stove Foundry road, faces a charge of murder growing out of the Frisco freight wreck on the Clear Fork bridge near Trinity Party early Sunday morning, which cost the lives of three trainmen.

The wreck was caused by striking a horse, resulting in the overturning of the engine.

Thompson, who owned the horse is charged with having placed the animal on the bridge to be killed in order that he might collect damages from the railroad. When arrested Thompson admitted he owned the horse, but denied that he had placed the animal there with the intention of having it killed to collect damages from the road.

Abner Perry, of Miles, came in Tuesday morning to visit friends and look after business affairs a day or so.