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CLUB HOUSE FOR WOODEN PARK

The boys of the Ballinger High School are building a club house at Wooden Park. Hereafter, when a player acts naughty on the field in the presence of the umpire and several hundred fans, he will be banished by his majesty to the building which is now being constructed by the high school lads.

The building is being put up in one of the corners of the lot. The lumber has been secured and is ready to be placed together. Just which corner will be used has not been decided as yet, however there is a great possibility of the building being erected in left field near the old hide house which adorns that garden.

The house will be equipped with all the latest conveniences and appliances, including a man hired to rub down the players after each and every game. Possibly a dark hued gentleman can be persuaded to do the stunt if a pass to the game accompanies the offering with tobacco money shoved in on the side. Shower baths will be strung along the walls that the players might cool off and feel refreshed before donning civilian clothes for the downtown parade.

Heretofore, the players after each game were forced to either go home to take their baths or make a run upon the barber shops. Going home in their uniforms has always been a vexing problem to many of the locals who display timidity in a uniform on the street, especially after a defeat at Wooden Park. Hence, the erection of the club house with its showers and lockers for the uniforms.

FEDERAL BUILDING RECOMMENDED HERE

It has been known some time that Congressman Smith was trying to get a bill through Congress that would give Ballinger a Federal building, and the bill has been introduced at every session of Congress for the past five or six years. The original bill called for an appropriation of \$100,000.

Reports from Washington during the last few days looks good to those who have been keeping up with the proposition, and it will be good news to our readers to know that the bill was recently taken up by the committee on public buildings, and after investigating same the committee cut the bill to call for an appropriation of \$50,000, and passed it up to the house. With the amendments made in the bill, or the recommendations made by the committee it begins to look like business and it is very probably that the appropriation will be made, and that in much less time than the most optimistic citizen anticipated Ballinger will be given a post office building that will be a credit to any city many times larger than our own beautiful little city.

In taking into consideration the kind of a building that will be erected it can well be calculated \$50,000 will build a much nicer building here than could be built at other places for a much greater amount, as the material can be had here at a very low cost, as compared with other places.

Perhaps Uncle Sam has been keeping a watch on the big irrigation project and he is waking up to the fact that it is only a question of time until Ballinger is going to demand larger quarters for the handling of his business. What the future of Ballinger is, no one will dare say, unless it is the knocker, and no one believes a knocker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hadley, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Oliver, of the Hatchel country, came in Tuesday to bring their friend Mr. Jim Barnett to the train, who left for the west.

CONVICTS LEASED FOR ROAD WORK

Austin, Feb. 9.—No exact date has been set for the initial experiment of working convicts in Texas on the public roads without guards, shackles or chains. Today Governor Colquitt entered into an agreement with T. S. Sikes of Lindale, Smith county, a road commissioner, and R. G. Christian of Americus, Ga., an engineer, for the working of fifty convicts. Mr. Christian has had previous experience with the building of roads by convict labor and spoke in glowing terms of the possibilities to be derived from use of convict labor.

The convicts used on the roads radiating from Lindale in Smith county, will be paid \$15 per month in addition to their board. Of this amount, \$7.50 goes into the penitentiary fund and \$7.50 per month to the individual account of the convict.

ANOTHER BIG EGG SHIPMENT

The egg shipment for the week just closed amounted to more than \$750. This is for the shipment from Ballinger only. Eggs were shipped from Winters, Miles and Rowena, and we feel safe in saying that at least \$1500 worth of eggs left the country for the week just closed. These eggs were consigned to New York. The price paid on the local market has been around twenty cents, none selling for less than 20 cents. We are reliably informed that this is three cents per dozen more than is being paid in Houston and other cities in Texas. The Houston quotation for eggs is 20 cents delivered at that place and it cost three cents per dozen to transport them to Houston in wholesale lots. So the local poultry people should feel good over the price being paid. Of course the market will drop as the summer season approaches, but it is predicted by those who deal in eggs that there will be a demand for good fresh eggs throughout the entire year.

AT THE NAZARENE CHURCH.

The protracted meeting that is being held this week at the Nazarene church is attracting large crowds and some splendid gospel sermons are being preached at each service. You will miss a spiritual treat if you fail to attend the meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Coggle are a power for the Master's cause and by their consecrated service and powerful preaching are stirring the souls of the unconcerned who attend the meetings. A cordial welcome awaits one and all at each service.

J. M. Joiner, of the Ideal Barber Shop, left Monday afternoon for Lampasas to be at the bedside of his mother who is reported seriously ill.

BALLINGER GIRL IN DENTON COLLEGE

166 W. Oak St., Denton, Tex. Feb. 9.—Since writing last month's letter our attendance has grown considerably. On January 15th, our number reached 1,000. Naturally the student body was enthusiastic over having reached the long aimed for mark. The pupils registering as 999 and 1,000 wore large cards with their number on them for several days. A few more have come in since that time making our total enrollment 1,005, the largest number in the history of the school.

The new manual arts building is under construction, a large force of workmen working day and night putting down the foundation. This building is badly needed, as the school in rapid expansion is out growing the present accommodations.

The Senior Class is greatly interested in observing the work of the new training school, in which the students are given actual practice in teaching under the supervision of specially trained critic teachers.

I have been noticing work in athletics that the Ballinger boys are planning to do. I sincerely hope they will carry out their plans and will be as successful as those of the past have been and even do greater things. Nothing can help build up a school and get every student feeling an interest in the school as athletics. This year the Normal has organized an "Athletic Association" and the student body as a whole is backing up our teams, and they are winning practically every game they play. Since Jan. 1st, 1914, the following games have been won by the "basket-ball boys."

Normal vs. Durant, 37-30 in favor of Normal.

Normal vs. T. C. U., 41-16 in favor of Normal.

Normal vs. Trinity, 40-3, in favor of Normal.

Normal vs. Dallas University, 49 to 9 in favor of Normal.

Normal vs. T. C. W., 37-11 in favor of Normal.

Normal vs. Southwestern, 39-9 in favor of Normal.

Two games have been played besides these, in which the Normal was defeated. We feel proud of our team winning 6 out of 8 games and hope for greater success in the future.

The Ballinger Students were certainly glad to hear that our home town had won the drinking fountains. We felt sure if Ballinger tried for the prize that she'd be successful for she never does things just half-way. We extend our heartiest congratulations.

PEARL FARRIS.

Tom McCutcheon, of Winters passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Brownwood to look after some stock he recently bought at that place.

Capt. A. D. Tally, of Crews came in Tuesday to look after some business affairs and visit his son, W. A. Tally and family a day or two.

DR. MANGUM BUYS HOME.

Dr. Thos. Mangum purchased the E. C. Moor two story rock house on the side of the hill just below the sanitarium this week, and will move into his new home at once.

This place being located close to the sanitarium makes it very convenient for Dr. Mangum, and his friends will be glad to know that he is now permanently located.

W. J. Miller had business in Rowena between trains Tuesday.

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REVENUE INSPECTOR VISITS BALLINGER

W. J. Terrell, of San Antonio United States Internal Revenue Inspector, is in Ballinger today (Tuesday) looking after business connected with his department. Mr. Terrell is not collecting income taxes, but is out on a mission of inspecting and giving out information. He stated to the writer that the final date for paying income taxes for the year 1913 is March first. After that penalties ranging from \$20 to \$1,000 will be assessed against those who fail to pay.

The income tax for individuals will be levied on all incomes of unmarried men amounting to \$25.00 or more between March 1st and Dec. 31st last year, and on married men having an income of \$3,33.33 or over for the same period. The income tax law for individuals went into effect March 31st while for corporations the tax must be paid on total net income for the entire year of 1913. Hereafter the individual exemption will be on bachelor's incomes of \$3,000 or over, and for married persons on \$4,000 or over. Corporations pay the tax on their total net income.

In computing the income, all sources are considered, including salaries, interest on bonds or securities profits from business or other sources of income.

There are quite a number of individuals and corporations in Runnels County who will have to pay income taxes, and those who are interested might do well to get busy and take care of the report they are called on to make. It will not be a pleasant matter for any one to have to dig up a penalty from \$20 to \$1000.

Mr. Terrell will leave Ballinger for San Angelo, and from there he will go to Sweetwater and other towns on his trip.

SHIPPING CHICKENS TO WOLF CITY

Chester Cherry shipped out a coop of his Partridge Wyandotts to a party at Wolf City Tuesday, and orders from other sections of the state are coming to Ballinger for eggs from some of the prize winning chickens in the recent poultry show, parties having seen account of the winnings in the state daily papers.

F. F. Ernst, one of the Ledger's friends of the Rowena country, and the man who owns one of the finest Jersey herds in the county, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

N. J. Wardlow, the South Ballinger truck and fruit grower left Monday afternoon for Dallas to attend the Swine Breeder's Association, corn show and farmers' congress, which convened in that city Tuesday.

J. D. Norwood had business at Winters between trains Monday.

MEXICAN KILLS PECOS MARSHAL

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 10.—City Marshal Moorehead of Pecos was killed about ten o'clock last (Sunday) night by a Mexican, without provocation, according to information received here this morning.

It appears that Marshal Moorehead and two other officers were hunting for a negro wanted on a certain charge and as they walked up the street spied a bunch of men. Marshal Moorehead said to the others: "I will see what is in this bunch." He walked up to the bunch, and one of the men, a Mexican, without provocation, whipped out a pistol and fired, striking the officer in one eye, and the bullet passing completely thru his skull. The shooting occurred about the time one of the churches was dismissing the night service. Mrs. W. P. Crow, who has been in the Davis mountains, had just come into Pecos, and had been to church with her daughter. She heard the shots fired just as they were returning to the hotel. She came on to Abilene this morning.

Information has been received here that feeling is intense at Pecos and that if the Mexican is caught he may be lynched. At a late hour last night his capture had not been effected. One hardware man in Pecos threw the doors of his store back, and told every man who wanted a gun and ammunition to get it.

W. E. Branch and J. G. Key, after a few days visit to their families and friends, left Monday afternoon for the east in the interest of their grocery firm.

Prof. W. A. Foigay has resigned his position as teacher of the New Home school and has been succeeded by Prof. Powel. Prof. Foigay will follow an out door occupation as his health was not very good in the school room.

C. E. Jordon, one of the Winters real estate men, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

S. D. Williams, the old war horse of Hatchel had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

Mrs. C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, who had been here with Judge Harris the past few days left for home Tuesday at noon and we are glad to report Judge Harris improving right along.

H. L. Blackburn, came in Monday night from his place in Concho county to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few days.

Will Street left Monday morning for Brownwood, where he had bought a carload of horses during the recent sale in that city, and shipped them out to Teague, where he will go to sell them out.

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BASE BALL KILLS BOY AT BROWNWOOD

Brownwood, Feb. 4.—Russell Bennett, 16 years old, a student in Howard Payne college, was killed this afternoon in baseball practice on the college diamond. Bennett was struck on the right side of the head by a batted ball and died within a few minutes. Willard Wooden, a long lanky right handed pitcher, who was Howard Payne's star pitcher last year, was batting balls to the outfield, and Bennett was catching the balls returned.

Just as Bennett ran out to catch a ball, Wooden batted a terrific liner, and the ball struck the youth on the head. He staggered to the bench and told a companion that the blow had almost killed him. He seemed groggy and within a few minutes fell to the ground and died almost instantly. Examination showed concussion of the brain.

Bennett was an orphan, and lived with his guardian, V. L. Jackson, in Comanche county. This was his first year in Howard Payne College, and although young, he expected to make the college team.

The tragedy has cast a gloom over college students, who have been looking forward to having one of the best college baseball teams in the state.

The news of the killing reached Ballinger today, and when the Fort Worth Record was received here it furnished the above details of the accident. A phone message to The Ledger from the Brownwood Bulletin corroborated the facts as given in the Record except the boy was not killed instantly. Death did not occur until the boy arrived home, and it was not thought at first that he was seriously injured.

Wooden has only been at Brownwood a few days, and the team with which he was to play during the coming season was practicing. His friends in Ballinger sympathize with him in the sorrow that comes to him and his team in this accident.

From Brownwood Bulletin: Mrs. Elizabeth Lacy, 70 years old, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at her home in Sidney when told of the tragic death here Wednesday evening of her grandson, Russell Bennett, the Howard Payne student accidentally killed by being struck in the head by a baseball. Mrs. Lacy had been a sufferer from heart trouble for a long time, and the shock of sudden bereavement resulted in her death.

On account of Mrs. Lacy's death the burial of Russell Bennett was postponed from yesterday to this afternoon, when his body and that of his grandmother will be laid to rest at the same time. Mrs. Lacy is survived by her husband, eighty years old, who is prostrated by the double bereavement.

President J. M. Carroll of Howard Payne, who accompanied the funeral party for Russell Bennett to Sidney yesterday, remained for the funeral today.

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J. H. Wilke, who had been looking after his large property interests at Temple the past week or two, returned home Saturday night.

Miss Ophelia Graham, of Winters, who had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. P. Phillips and family the past week or ten days, left for her home Monday afternoon.

Dr. W. W. Fowler returned home Sunday from his old home in Tennessee where he had been at the bedside of his mother the past few weeks, mention of whose death was chronicled in The Ledger a few days ago.

O. M. Hood, of South Ballinger, left Saturday afternoon for Talpa to be at the bedside of his brother S. W. Hood, who is reported quite ill at his home near that place.

Mrs. Walter Schulmann and little son, of Rowena, were among the visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

FATHER BURIES ANOTHER MAN'S SON

Abilene, Feb. 5.—Truth is stranger than fiction and many are the cases of mistaken identity. On Wednesday, Jan. 28, the mutilated body of a boy was found near Eastland. He had been cut to pieces by the train. Nothing was found on the body by which it could be identified. Inquiry was made and a scar over the right eye led the officers to believe that it was the body of Paul Rothel of Hamlin, Texas.

Rev. Mr. Owen of Hamlin went to Eastland. He had known the boy from childhood. He thought the body was that of Paul Rothel but J. C. Watts of Dallas was there claiming it as his son, and Rev. Mr. Owen gave under. The body was shipped to Dallas. The wife of the Dallas man was positive that the body was not that of her son.

In the meantime H. C. Rothel father of Paul Rothel, had gone to Eastland and seen the photograph of the dead boy. He was positive that it was his son. He and Rev. Mr. Owen went to Dallas Sunday morning and identified the body as that of Paul Rothel. The body was taken to Granbury and buried in the family burying ground.

During his time Paul Rothel was among friends at Gorman. They read in the papers the account of Paul Rothel's interment. The father of the boy was at once communicated with and informed that his son was alive and well. H. C. Rothel went to Gorman and was overjoyed to find his boy.

H. C. Rothel is section foreman on the Orient railroad at Hamlin. While he is rejoicing over the fact that his son is alive, the identity of the body that was buried at Granbury remains a mystery.

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T. D. Ellis of Teague, Texas, who was the guest of his cousin Mrs. Ed Globber and family while here to attend the Pastor's Meeting the past few days, left for his home Friday afternoon.

C. Y. Witherspoon, of the Tennyson country, was in the city Monday and sold to the Globber Market three shoats which brought him over \$30. It pays to raise hogs in Runnels county.

GREAT MASS OF PROOF Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Ballinger Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 30,000 recommendations. Ballinger is no exception. Here is one of the cases.

Mrs. T. W. Morris, Eleventh St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "For years I was subject to attacks of kidney trouble and my back became very weak. The kidney secretions were unnatural and I felt all out of sorts. Doan's Kidney Pills were so highly recommended that I decided to try them. I got relief after the first few doses. Others of my family have taken Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit."

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R. A. Nicholson, who spent Sunday with his family returned to Sweetwater Monday morning to look after cotton business.

INSURANCE RATE REDUCED 9 PER CENT

The state insurance commission has reduced the fire insurance rate a number of towns in Texas during the last few weeks, and on last Saturday they announced a nine cent reduction in the rate for Ballinger. Several towns received a 15 per cent reduction, and Ballinger makes a total of thirty-four towns which have been allowed credits on the rating for good fire records.

It will be remembered that this paper published the report of the local insurance agencies a few days ago, showing the amount paid out for insurance during a certain period and the amount paid here on losses. Those figures showed that Ballinger property owners were paying on an average \$25,000 per annum for fire insurance, and with the reduction just made the property owners will gain above \$2000 per year. This is for the city alone and does not include insurance written in the country.

The new rate dates from January first of this year, and the local insurance agents will adjust all policies accordingly that have been written since that date. Policies written prior to January first must be carried to expiration at the old rate. It will require some time to adjust the policies and refund the overcharge, and those who hold policies written since January 1st are requested to be patient and not trouble the insurance people and the matter will be attended to as early as possible.

As stated above this reduction in rate is due to the reduction made in loss by fire. The property owners can secure another reduction if they will use every precaution against fire, fight the fire bug and make a showing of another decrease in the next report. By holding down the losses it is possible to secure another reduction of six per cent, as three per cent reduction is allowed for each five point decrease in loss down to the maximum.

A RUMOR.
It has been rumored around town that C. P. Shepherd heard that J. Y. Pearce told B. C. Kirk that Bill Chastain told W. G. Bair that Charlie Pilcher said Hatton Laxon told Sam Baker that John Weeks said Jack McKay told John Perkins that Jim Flynt got the best shave from Jim Freeman that he had got since the year of 67. And it must be so. Anyway you should try one. Front chair City Barber Shop. 31-342w

We are glad to have Dan Gill and family, of Rowena, back in Ballinger to make their future home. Mr. Gill has been section foreman at Rowena with the Santa Fe for several years past and now holds a similar position in our city.

Mrs. Gariand Parks, who had been visiting her father W. C. Pen and family, the past several weeks, left Saturday afternoon for Brownwood to visit relatives a while before going on to her home in South Texas.

WANTED: At once, live, female prairie dogs by University's Zoology Department, Austin. Send shipments about a week apart, 4 to 6 at a time, in light wooden boxes, express collect. Send bills to above address. 2t w

Henry Connor, one of the pioneer citizens of Benoit, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

J. P. Huffacker, one of the Ledger's friends of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had his figures on his Banner-Ledger set up to 1914.

Ira Thurman returned home Monday at noon from Glen Cove where he spent Sunday with his mother and friends.

Miss Posey, of Indian creek Brown County, who had been the guest of Mrs. E. L. Rasbury and family during the Pastor's Conference in our city last week, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

E. Schum, one of the pioneer and successful farmers of the Maverick country, left from this point Monday at noon for San Angelo and points west on a short business trip.

PLAIN TALK



Mrs. E. T. Gaddis, of Marion, North Carolina, writes to the Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio: "Before I commenced to take Peruna I could not do any hard work without suffering great pain. I took Peruna and Man-alin, and can say with pleasure they have done more for me than any other medicine I have ever taken. Now I am as well as ever. I do all my own work and it never hurts me at all. I think Peruna is a great medicine for womankind."

Mrs. Sarah Frye, No. 105 Sylvan Ave., Asbury Park, N. J., writes: "I have no words to express my gratitude for the wonderful cure that Peruna has done for me. It is a godsend to all suffering women. Peruna has done wonderful work for me."

"I was sick over half of my life with systemic catarrh. I want this letter published far and wide, as I was a great sufferer, but to-day I feel as well as anybody can feel."

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Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets. Ask your Druggist for free Peruna Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

RABBIT HUNT.

John H. Webb, who lives 10 miles down the Colorado River, requests us to state that there will be a rabbit hunt in his section on Saturday, February 28th, and a cordial invitation is extended every body to attend. The hunt will begin on the Leaday road near Robert Herring's ranch and the dinner will be had at the Pecan Mott in Feb McWilliam's ranch opposite the J. H. Booth or Preston Dunn places down the river. We are requested to ask everybody to leave their target rifles at home, and bring well filled baskets.

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J. M. Adams, the Wingate commissioner and Edgar Jayroe, of the Crews country, came in Monday to be at their post of duty at the regular February term of the commissioners court.

Col. J. R. Taylor, one of the pioneer and successful stock farmers of the Norton country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

A. J. Byars, one of the successful farmers, east of the city, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

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UNCLE DICK TILLEY SELLS OUT.

One of the largest land deals that have occurred recently is about closed. Uncle Dick and Ashby Tillery of near Concho, are selling their farms amounting to 960 acres to parties in Hopkins County for a consideration of \$12,000 about one-half in trade and the balance cash. The trade the Messrs. Tillery get is farm property in Hopkins county that is said to be very desirable stuff. The new purchasers will not move here this year and Messrs. Tillery will lease the property here and remain in possession until next year. They have no plans now beyond that. Paint Rock Herald.

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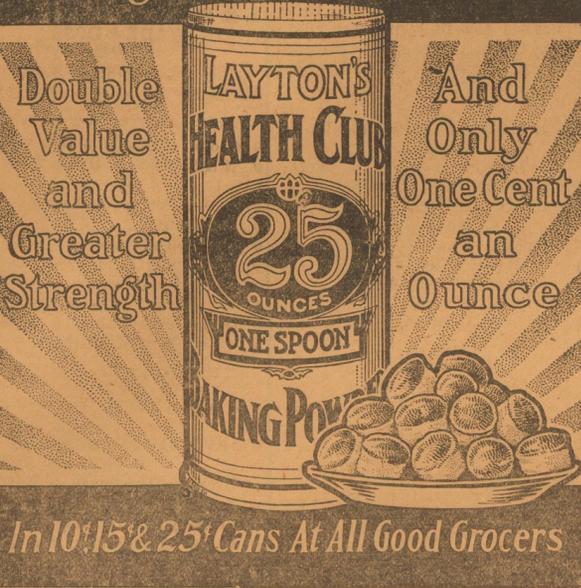
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MRS. J. W. SANDLIN DIED FRIDAY NIGHT

Mrs. J. W. Sandlin died at her home 908 11th Street, Friday night at 8:40. Deceased had been in poor health for some time but it was thought that she had been improving during the past few weeks. She rapidly grew worse Friday and the death angel relieved her suffering.

The funeral was conducted from the residence Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. W. H. Doss, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducting the services and the remains was interred in the Ballinger cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed by the friends of the grief stricken family.

To those who are left to grieve and suffer the loss of a loving wife and mother, The Ledger joins friends in extending sympathy.

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

ANOTHER GOOD FAMILY COMING BACK HOME

Yes, it is remarkably strange how they'll come back. But it is true. Time after time we are called upon to chronicle the return of some good family, who left here for various reasons, and who after satisfying themselves with other countries, and other people, return to again cast their lot with Rannels county people. This time it affords us pleasure to say that Dr. F. M. Hale will return to Ballinger with his family within the next few days. Dr. Hale left here more than a year ago and located at Temple, in the heart of Bell county, the black land, where it is supposed to be always prosperous. Of course we don't know anything about the circumstances that is bringing Dr. Hale back to Rannels county, but presume that he remained in this county too long to successfully rid his system of that hankering for West Texas ways, and the only remedy is to return. His friends will welcome him back.

We want your job work.

Important Question Stops Train Coming Into Ballinger

Because a train stops at a flag station is not an indication that some one wants to get on the vehicle of transportation. The man you see, who has dropped his shovel and is racing across the field in the direction of the railroad track, might be intending to stop the train at the little flag station ahead. His brain might be breaking with a very important question for the conductor. If the world series is in progress, he may be going to ask how the last game resulted; or if Harry K. is occupying the front page of the daily press with his maneuvers in search of a place to bunk without Jerome being on his heels, he might be going to ask the con if Harry really tangled up with Evelyn and if so did he do so while he was in his right mind.

He very probably is busted and that flat. Probably he hasn't sold his last cotton, and since he has no telephone in his house, he must find out the latest quotations on the fleecy staple in the terminal of the railroad. The man on the train who shakes the baton carries a list of all kinds of information desired by his rural friends living along his route, as well as those who ride on his launch. It wouldn't be well for a conductor to fail to give the necessary information to a man in the cotton patch if the latter

derives it, since the train runs neighborly.

You see him tearing his shirt in an effort to reach the flag station in time to get the drop on the engineer. He's not going to wreck the wagon. He's on his way to ask some very important question of the conductor—something he has been splitting the sheets about every night.

A certain railroad conductor running into Ballinger tells of an amusing case on his road. His train was nearing a flag station when a farmer dropped his plow and allowed his horse to travel anywhere he pleased over the field. The man reached the flag station in time to wave the throttle down and train was brought to a stop. The conductor thought he would see what kind of a specimen was getting on his train and he bobbed his head out the window at the prospective passenger. He noted, when he did so, that the man was making no efforts to board the train and he asked him what he wanted.

The man answered, in what appeared to the con as being an excited and worked-up voice: "Have you got them there oysters on this train for me?" The conductor's reply floated back to the hungry man while the train was whistling off the miles.

STAMFORD STUDENT IS FATALLY SHOT

Stamford, Texas, Feb. 6.—Robert Pace, a student of Stamford College, was probably fatally shot last night. J. N. Hendrix, who is studying for the ministry, and another student, have surrendered to the police, claiming that Pace and other students were trying to haze them.

\$100 REWARD, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. J. J. Henkhaus and little daughter of the Spring Hill neighborhood, left from this point Thursday afternoon enroute to Fayetteville, Texas, to be at the bedside of her father who is reported seriously ill.

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.

Mrs. W. L. Brown returned home Friday afternoon from San Angelo, where she had been at the bedside of her sister who was quite ill and we are glad to report her sister improving when Mrs. Brown left her.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Stuart of Brownwood who had been in Ballinger this week to attend the Pastor's Association meeting returned home Saturday morning.

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

PARCEL POST LAW CONTAINS A JOKER

To Senator Morris Sheppard, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator: While Texas is in the throes of an elimination campaign for a single candidate for Chief Executive on the Prohibition side of the Democratic party, I wish to call your attention and invoke your assistance to an elimination of much broader application—of National importance—to that class of citizens who create the Nation's wealth. It is in reference to a joker in the Parcel Post law when it comes to the transportation of the farmers' seeds.

The people are so accustomed to seed being discriminated in favor of instead against in government transportation, that when they run across this little joker in the interest of class legislation they are simply amazed.

The old law of seed transportation through the mails permitted the large seed department houses to send their seed clear across the continent to 5 miles of a local seed house as cheap as the local seed house could send its seed to the same postoffice. It was to the interest of these large seed houses to have this law retained, so they by some hook or crook persuaded the Congress that passed the Parcel Post Act that the old law was good and cheap enough and had seed exempted from its provisions. No doubt the old law is good enough for these few large department seed houses in the United States, but how about the people and local seed merchants, who are very numerous?

The zone system in the parcel post law was designed to protect the local merchants from the large department houses of the cities. Why not protect the local seed merchant as well?

Again it is a demonstrated fact that nearer home seed are raised, better they will thrive in that locality. This is the general rule, with few exceptions. Hence it is to the best interests of the planter to encourage him to buy and plant seed raised as close to his home as possible. The zone system encourages this.

The only advantage the parcel post allows over the old law is the increased weight that will be permitted in the mails, from 4 pounds to 50 pounds under the new law for the first 150 miles and 20 pounds greater distances. But this advantage is more apparent than real, and right here is where the Joker gets in his stunning work—while he seems to grant you a privilege, yet at the same time forbids it in the most forcible terms. Let me illustrate it with a bushel of sorghum seed that weighs fifty lbs. The letter of the law permits you to mail it, while the spirit of the law forbids by charging \$4 to carry it to the nearest postoffice. Of course, if the party ordering the seed, wanted it to feed his chickens, you can send it for 54c. But, forsooth to plant you must pay \$4 in the interest of big seed houses. Was there ever a law more iniquitous in class legislation? Was there ever a law that more fatally stabs the heart—the very initiative step—of the Nation's annual wealth? This wealth is created annually by planting seed. Hence, seed should have the right of way over every commodity.

I hope all that is necessary to have this little joker eliminated from the Parcel Post law is to call the lawmaker's attention to the tricks he is playing in the interest of a very small class at the expense of the many. And my object in giving this letter publicity is to call attention of the people to the existence of this little joker, so that if the law makers do not act on their own initiative, the people will in their wrath and their might demand its elimination from the statute books.

Yours very truly,
 H. A. HALBERT
 Coleman, Texas, Jan. 12, 1914.

Eczema and Itching

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Hunt's Cure has proven itself the standard medicine for skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

A PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS OF KIDNEY TROUBLE.

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

More than two-thirds of the annual death rate, physicians claim, is directly traceable to kidney disorders.

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

"To what do you attribute the great destructiveness of kidney disease?" was asked.

"The hold which the disease gains in the body before the victim becomes aware of his true condition, and the rapidity with which it eats its way into the vital organs."

"Would not the proverbial 'ounce of prevention' check the progress of the disease?"

"There is no doubt of it. The trouble is that victims of this disease mistake the symptoms for some trifling ailment in the stomach or bowels; therefore they do nothing to arrest the course of the disease until it is well advanced."

"What is the origin of kidney trouble?"

"Almost invariably bad digestion, followed by torpid liver and a constipated habit."

"What are the symptoms?"

"Headache, dizzy spells, sluggish brain, restless nights, pale or sallow skin, bad breath, lack of appetite, heart burn, sour belching, backache or tenderness over the kidneys, nervous weakness, dark rings around the eyes, tired feeling, too much or too little urine, and sediment in urine."

ITS EFFECT ON THE HEART.

"In what way is the heart affected from kidney trouble?"

"In all cases the heart is disturbed, though in many instances the palpitation does not become alarming until the disease has advanced to a serious point. A severe heart throbbing and nervous trembling is noticeable, especially after a little bodily exercise; the victim frequently imagines he has heart disease."

HOW TO CURE IT.

"What is the proper course of treatment for kidney disease?"

"First, to get rid of uric acid and other poisons in the system. This can be done by stimulating the bladder and bowels so that they will act more freely. The suffering kidneys must be strengthened, the liver and stomach toned up and the digestion improved."

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

M. W. Burr, village blacksmith and respected citizen of Starks, La., says: "I was troubled with kidney and liver disorder for 18 years. I was in continual misery until I began taking Prickly Ash Bitters which has entirely cured me, and I am now a strong, healthy and hearty man. I give it to my wife and four children and they are in the best of health, too. I feel that Prickly Ash Bitters is the best remedy on earth and that everybody should keep a bottle at home."

Get the genuine with the figure "3" in red on front label.

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R. T. Williams of the firm of Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co left Thursday afternoon for St. Louis and other points East to buy the Spring and Summer stock of merchandise for his firm.

EXTEND LIMIT FOR PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES

The City Council at its last meeting extended the time of paying tax without penalty to March 1st, 1914. Mayor Powell calls the attention of all delinquent tax payers to this liberal order passed by the council, they feeling the times are hard and money scarce, with many citizens of our city suspend the penalty the law put on delinquents February 1st and gives all a chance to pay any and all back taxes without penalty, if paid before March 1st. The City needs the money and all should make an extra effort to pay all back taxes this month and save themselves the penalty the law places on delinquents. 4-31d3w

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

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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.

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CICERO SMITH LEFT CHILDREN \$100,000 EACH

Cicero Smith, Millionaire lumberman, who died in Mineral Wells Monday night, left each of his children \$100,000, according to reports here today. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Mineral Wells. It was attended by many prominent people from various point in Texas.

Smith, it is told, was refused credit for a pair of shoes in East Texas when he was 34 years old. All of his immense fortune was made after that date.

The man who refused him credit for the shoes afterwards borrowed \$20,000 from Smith on his personal note. Smith said the refusal of credit to him was convincing evidence the merchant had good business judgment.

Feel Miserable?

Out of sorts, depressed, pain in the back—Electric Bitters renews your health and strength. A guaranteed Liver and Kidney remedy. Money pack if not satisfied. It completely cured Robert Madser, of West Burlington, Iowa, who suffered from virulent liver trouble for eight months. After four doctors gave him up he took Electric Bitters and is now a well man. Get a bottle today; it will do the same for you. Keep in the house for all liver and kidney complaints. Perfectly safe and dependable. Its results will surprise you. 50c. and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

J. O. Roofs of Winters passed thru Ballinger Saturday en route home from Dallas where he had been to attend the District Bankers Meeting which convened in that city this week.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on January 22nd, 1914, O. H. Dahlgren, of Hatchel, Texas made executed and delivered to me an Assignment under the laws, both real and personal, for the use and benefit of all accepting creditors under said assignment, and that I, as such Assignee have duly qualified, by giving the required bond in manner and form as required by law, and that I now have actual possession of said property of said Assignor, and shall proceed to administer said estate under said assignment in manner as required by law in such case made and provided.

Witness my hand this 31st day of January A. D., 1914.
 JNO. HOPKINSON,
 Assignee.

NOTICE

I will be in Winters on Monday, February 9th, and February 23rd, for the purpose of fitting your eyes with glasses. Will be at Dr. Alford's office, 6-W3t DR. J. H. CLELAND

THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Leader and The Runnels County Ledger were consolidated January 23, 1913.

The ground hog is a reliable old pig.

Where is the man who said we would have no winter?

Don't worry about your water pipes, the plumber needs the money.

Some one has said that the devil lived in heaven until he began knocking his home town.

There is a growing demand for the Young Men's Booster Club. "I want to be a member" said a prominent citizen nearly fifty years old.

Runnels county farmers are ready for another five or six inch rain. It would be the very thing to head off a dry spring.

Some people are worrying about the future and are afraid that it is not going to rain. There is plenty time for rain, but no time for worry; cut it out.

The Temple Telegram refers to the organization of the West Texas baseball league to be composed of Abilene, Ballinger, Coleman and other towns of the district, as the "A B C League." Thanks That is strike one.—Coleman Democrat.

"We are going right ahead with the irrigation proposition," said Mr. Stanley before leaving today for Bronte, where he has a bunch of men at work surveying the lake site. Yes, it's going to be built.

New York has a chicken trust and thirteen members of that trust have been given a jail sentence. No wonder the demand for poultry has increased so rapidly and that Texas is shipping thousands of dollars worth of eggs to that little city.

Don't get excited and think Texas is growing as fast as the increase in poll tax receipts indicate. The big increase is due to the pleadings of the newspapers all over Texas for the payment of poll tax, and also the great desire of the voters to "swat" some candidate on July 25th.

Secretary McAdoo says it is the desire of President Wilson that the Regional Bank to be established in Texas or in this region be located in the place where it will do the most good. Bring it to Ballinger, and quit wasting time fooling with such places as Houston and New Orleans.

There is more building and improvement going on in Ballinger at present than there has been at any one time for several years. It is just another evidence of a general return of normal business conditions. The same is true of all of Runnels County.

Ballinger merchants are receiving new goods, and the people who must buy them will gain by keeping their eyes on the advertising columns of this paper. Remember, Mr. Buyer, that competition is keen in Ballinger and it will pay you to come here and do your trading.

"Please find enclosed check for which please renew my subscription to your paper," says Bert E. Low, of Winters, in a letter to us "You are certainly giving us a good paper, and it is never late. I always receive it on time." is an expression from Mr. Low that we appreciate.

The farmer who has been carrying feed to his hog pen two or three times a day will now feast on spare ribs, sausage, souse and have "chittlins" for a Sunday dish. Oh, what a long time we have to be a farmer at hog killing time.

Before you promise to support any man for commissioner, ask him if he is in favor of working convicts on public roads. Let's give the people the benefit of convict labor instead of permitting it to go to waste at a heavy expense by the mis-management of a few incompetent politicians.

By building dams to store the flood waters there are many places in Runnels county that could be converted into irrigated farms. It requires a little money to make the improvements, but it has been proven that irrigated land in this country will more than pay for itself and pay for making the improvements with one good crop year.

We predict that the next five years will bring about a wonderful change in the handling of state convicts, and it will be all for the good. While there is such a demand for good roads, and with the move started to work convict labor in building roads, some pressure is going to be brought to bear upon the next legislature to get that body to make the needed change. Watch our predictions come true.

A mass meeting of the prohibition democrats of this county has been called to meet at the court house in Ballinger at 12:30 o'clock Saturday, Feb. 14th. The question naturally arises as to whether those who participate in this convention will be honor bound to abide by the results of the convention which is to be held at Fort Worth on the following Saturday.

The coming prohibition conflagration which is scheduled for February 21st at Fort Worth promises something real warm in old time convention scraps. County conventions are being held in many of the larger counties of the state—the political hot beds, and the men who generally rule or ruin in such matters are billed to be on the firing line.

"The man who acted as judge in the clean town contest certainly knew his business when he awarded the prize to Ballinger," said a prominent visitor to Ballinger this week. And speaking further about the cleanliness of our little city the visitor said, "This is the neatest and most substantial appearance of any town on my list and I visit lots of them." The man making the statement was not of the hot air type and his statement came in a sincere way.

President Huerta has issued a decree authorizing an increase in his army of 50,000. That's the way to end the Mexican trouble. Instruct all the citizens of that republic in the scrap and give them plenty ammunition and guns and they will soon slaughter each other. It would be folly to send a bunch of American boys in to that country to do the killing when such rapid progress is being made without the loss of our men and ammunition.

The Ballinger Ledger man arises to say a few words about the high cost of living, and recalls the fact that our grandparents didn't have electric lights, telephones, and dozens of other things that we have today. Going still further back, the Ledger man will find that the cave dwellers didn't wear pants and instead of giving the girls home-made candy to win our love, they landed on them with a club. If the man's sweet heart came to, he married her—otherwise they buried her. Living at that time cost nothing, when compared with the price we are paying today.—Claude Callan in Star-Telegram.

The K. of P. Lodge was organized on Feb. 19, 1864, and will be fifty years old next Thursday. The order is arranging to celebrate the occasion with a Golden Jubilee. The Ballinger Lodge will keep open house on the night of the 19th and will entertain the members and friends with a program arranged especially for the occasion. The K. of P. Lodge has done much good during its life of fifty years and today an orphan home is being maintained at Weatherford, and thousands of widows are being cared for by money paid in insurance through the order.

Ballinger, out there in Runnels county, took leading place in the "Cleanest Towns Contest," conducted under the auspices of Holland's Magazine, and we congratulate Ballinger. But keep it in mind that right here in old McLennan county there was a close second, McGregor. And any one who has ever been to McGregor and had a good look at that thrifty city, a city to look on, will agree with us that it is indeed ideally clean. It looks wholesome. The air is clean and wholesome and the people are

proud of their town. Brother Whitley, of the McGregor Mirror, avers that his town has more cement sidewalks than any town of its size in Texas. That one fact alone is something to be proud of. Waco Tribune.

Ballinger Ledger: The man with an income that compels him to pay an income tax is worrying. The fellow that has no income is worrying. It is just another grunt from old man human nature to show how hard it is to be satisfied.

Those who are subject to the new income tax act are finding it awfully hard to understand. They can cursorily examine a legal proposition that promises a profit to themselves and readily comprehend it. But the income tax law appears to them to be a compound of many puzzling contradictions and oppressions. It is full, they declare, of inconsistencies and inequalities, whereas if it were merely an act to prescribe dividends payable to those whose incomes exceed \$3,000 a year it would be in their view but a simple instrument capable of but one construction. Considering how full of human nature man is it is a wonder that there is ever any room for prunes.—State Press in Dallas News.

At the present rate Runnels County hens are laying about \$10,000 worth of eggs per month. Yet men will tell you that there is nothing in the poultry business. There is nothing in any kind of business to the man that does not push the business.—Ballinger Ledger.

To one who has never had any experience in the chicken and egg business other than in purchasing them when he could at rare intervals and by piecemeal at 40 cents apiece, it appears at the present time that the hen and her finished product is the best field of activity available for the man who knows anything about the business to make a fortune in twelve months on a limited investment. Of course more than one enthusiastic individual who confidently believed that he could get rich at the business in ninety days, have gone to the bad in the effort, but that should not prove discouraging to the man who is contented to wait a year before retiring on his surplus, especially when it is remembered that everybody has the mistaken idea that no experience, is necessary to conduct a successful henery, and that all that is necessary is to get a hen from some source or other and set her down in an enclosure and wait for her to lay. The only reliable information or advice we can give to the prospective proprietor of a hen hacienda is from the exclusive but rather enlightened view point of a veteran ultimate consumer and that is that somebody in the charmed circle of the trade between the cackle and the cafe, enjoys a profit taking not to be despised by any man who dotes on the rich rewards of a business as restful and entertaining as taking candy from children. Locate the fortunate man and go and do likewise. If you can not do that, then get you a peccan cracker, an easy chair and a concession in some doorway and go into real big business with a courageous, headlong plunge.—Houston Post.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY CHICKEN We have been requested to write a series of editorials on the subject of chickens. We have always had a very tender place in our anatomy for chicken, but it is not in the heart. Chickens in town are very useful nuisances if allowed to run at large and scratch up other folks' flowers and gardens. In fact chickens can make any woman so mad that she don't think pretty things at all when she finds them in her flower bed or digging away in the vegetable patch. (The only way we know to have eggs is to have chickens, however. But the way to have chickens is to get some wire netting and build a pen for the chickens and then keep them in the pen, which is an easy task if said owner will clip one wing of each chicken. This is about all we know about chickens and we don't know what we are going to do for material to write our series of articles which we promised to write. We suppose that we will have to branch off and write something about how unthoughtful a person must be who will attempt to raise chickens with close neighbors all around them, right down in town, if you please. Every one knows that

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY CHICKEN

they don't want other folks chickens bothering them and why some people will permit their chickens to bother other folks we don't know. You can depend on it, if you have chickens and don't keep them up that your neighbor is secretly mad at you and that he or she is talking bad about your seeming disregard for the feelings of others and their rights. People have no more right to turn chickens loose to depredate on others folks flowers and gardens than they have to turn hogs loose. A person who cares nothing for their neighbor is not a very good citizen, be that person man or woman.—Ex.

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FARM FACTS. By Peter Radford, Texas Farmtr's Union.

The need of the rural communities today is intelligent and consecrated leadership.

The farm is the power house of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble.

The farm is the nursery of civilization and the paragon of all religious denominations.

We should construct Christian character in our own community before we fight foreign sins in other lands.

The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would yet close to God must get close to nature.

The farmer asks no special privileges. The business of farming only wants the same opportunities afforded other lines of industry.

It is as much a duty of the country pastor to exhort us to own a home while on earth as it is to inspire us to build a mansion in the skies.

BALLINGER AND RUNNELS COUNTY 25 YEARS A.O.

Copied from Ballinger Leader, February 8, 1889

Judge Sylvester Adams, the first county judge of Runnels County, died at his home in Runnels on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. On the following Monday, on opening the county court, M. C. Smith, a member of the bar, arose and announced the death of Judge Adams, and offered appropriate resolutions. The resolutions were signed by M. C. Smith, Jno. I. Guion, W. R. Spencer, committee.

The first pair of twins born in Ballinger were born about two weeks ago to Mr. and Mrs. Cass, who reside on the "summit of the hill" in our town. One a boy and one a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Clayton, near town last week, a fine boy.

Miss Carrie Fentress of San Saba, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Jno. I. Guion and Mrs. Jack McGregor.

C. R. Crews, the furniture dealer of West Texas, is figuring on a fine stone building, so we are informed.

Last Friday night quite a number of the young people enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Emma and Josie Routh at the home of their father on the hill. The party was given in honor of Misses Harris, of Menardville.

J. W. Pipkin, recently from Ellis County, decided this country was good enough for him and leased a track of land and moved out on same this week.

The Ladies of the O. S. Presbyterian Aid Society, will give a Valentine and Egg Tree on the evening of Feb. 14th at the City Hall.

The gravel walk on Ninth Street which is nearing completion, being extended from Hutchings Ave to the foot of the hill, will be quite an improvement to that part of the town.

Dan Sullivan purchased the old Jaffer corner lot, for \$500 cash and will begin the erection of a two story building.

S. S. Martin, of the Crews-Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

- For County Superintendent: E. L. HAGAN. For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, JOE HARDIN, J. A. DEMOVILLE. For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. M. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON. For County Judge: M. KLEBERG. For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN. For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL. For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES. For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN. For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: E. M. SETSER.

OBITUARY.

Nancy Caroline Stacy one of God's most faithful children passed out of this world into the great beyond on Jan. 28, 1914, on her 88 birthday, being born on Jan. 28 1826, to join her life companion and the father of her six children of whom all are now living. Her husband, Jesse B. Stacy was born April 18, 1822 and died June 20, 1910, being 88 years, 2 months and 2 days of age. They were married in Murray County, Tenn., on Dec 5, 1848 by Rev. Jno. McKelive, being married 62 years at the time of the death of her husband. They were both true to God in their devotion being possessed to the utmost depths of their hearts with the "Old Time Religion" that made their pathway clear on the way to the Golden Gates where God and his Angels stood in all their glory waiting for their children, who had served them long and patiently.

Grandmother Stacy said she wished to be with her husband in the home God had prepared for them and for which they two had worked side by side for 62 years. She wanted to reap their reward together as they had endured the many hardships of this old world and resisted the many worldly temptations together. They have reared their six children in a truly christian home of whom are as follows:

Mrs. Clemie Watson, of Brown County; Mrs. Francis Valentine of Santa Anna, Mrs. Mollie Page of Brown County, Mrs. Lucy Valentine of Lavaca County, Mr. Will Stacy of McCulloch County and Mr. M. J. Stacy, of Stacy.

Grandmother Stacy looked not over 75 years with her black hair silvered with white and having a white robe she looked beautiful with the sweet expression upon her noble Christ-like face that was only a picture of the noble life she had led so many years with such success.

She has 21 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and none of these will ever have a more honorable, a grander, richer, nobler, more precious prize than memory of our dear angelic grandmother. She has left a picture in real life of perfect christian purity as a model for generations until the Judgment Day. She has left more to us than gold in numberless millions if we only inherit her qualities of Christ love, we are rich, immensely rich far beyond that of worldly riches.

We want to thank God for this noble pure life of our own dear grandmother. May we not dishonor her holy name but may we wear jewels of which she shall have the praise.

Goodbye dear angel mother Your life shall guide us on the way

Thy without you seems a struggle Yet we must be brave and stay Farewell but not forever God may call us all ere soon. And you'll greet us darling mother With your blessing kind and pure Her granddaughter UNA.

Walter Gann, of the Leaday country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday

Charlie Castor left Monday morning for Brownwood where he goes to do some contract cement work in that city.

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J. B. Cooper, of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and renewed his subscription to the Banner-Ledger.



BROADWAY JONES

FROM THE PLAY OF
GEORGE M. COHAN
EDWARD MARSHALL
WITH PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SCENES IN THE PLAY
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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Jackson Jones, nicknamed "Broadway," because of his continual glorification of New York's great thoroughfare, is anxious to get away from his home town of Jonesville. Aber Jones, his uncle, is very angry because Broadway refuses to settle down and take a place in the gum factory in which he succeeded to his father's interest.

CHAPTER II—Judge Spotswood informs Broadway that \$25,000 left him by his father is at his disposal. Broadway makes record time in heading for his favorite street in New York.

CHAPTER III—With his New York friend, Robert Wallace, Broadway creates a sensation by his extravagance on the White Way. Four years pass and Broadway suddenly discovers that he is not only broke, but heavily in debt. He applies to his uncle for a loan and receives a package of chewing gum with the advice to chew it and forget his troubles. He quietly seeks work without success.

CHAPTER IV—Broadway gives what is intended to be a farewell supper to his New York friends, and before it is over becomes engaged to Mrs. Gerard, an ancient widow, wealthy and very giddy.

(Continued from last week)

"Who's Rankin, sir?" The tone was that of tolerant curiosity to learn a total stranger's unimportant identity.

"I'm the butler, sir."

"Butler?"

"Yes, Mr. Jones; the butler."

This seemed to rouse his master and he looked him over with some show of interest. "A butler!" he exclaimed in tones of deep reproach. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself? When you were a little boy your mother had great hopes of you—thought you were going to be president of the United States, or something like that."

Rankin bowed impassively; he did not deny it.

"Now," said his employer with the deepest of reproach, "you've disappointed everybody. You've turned out to be nothing but a butler. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

Rankin was not offended; instead his air was that of triumph. "Ah, but see who's butler I am, sir!" he exclaimed.

"Who's butler are you?" inquired Broadway, apparently with idliest curiosity.

"I'm your butler, sir."

"Oh, you're my butler?" This seemed not to be especially astonishing, though deeply interesting to the master of the house.

"Yes, sir."

Broadway looked at him with a glad smile, then with an earnest and enthusiastic gravity. He warmly shook his hand. "I congratulate you, Rankin. I'm very fond of my butler." His sentiment rose higher and he patted Rankin on the cheek. "I love my little butler. You must come out with me some night, Rankin."

"I should like to, sir," said Rankin truthfully.

Broadway became gay, mysterious. He looked at Rankin slyly and himself essayed to whistle some bars of the wedding march. "I know something you don't know," he cried irrelevantly.

Rankin listened with respect and close attention. His curiosity was almost painful.

But his master did not satisfy it. "Now I'll bid you good-night, Rankin. Nightie, nightie!" Genially he waved his hand at him, laughed, whistled another bar or two and elaborately made the starboard tack toward the door of his bedroom.

Rankin made no protest; he knew better. "When do you wish to be called, sir?"

"Oh, that's so, I must be called," his master granted after a second's deep and serious thought. Then, in a deep study: "Now, let me see—when do I wish to be called? What day is it, Rankin?"

"It's Thursday, sir."

"Thursday? Well, I tell you what you do, Rankin. You call me on Saturday."

After this entirely unexpected suggestion to the little butler whom he loved, he found a devious course into his bedroom and Rankin, after he had watched the door close, heard the key turn in the lock. He sank into a chair, even his composure utterly destroyed.

In the distance a church-clock chimed. Rankin counted the slow strokes. "Five o'clock in the morning!" he said helplessly.

CHAPTER V.

Wallace was a mid-morning visitor. He came in briskly, inquiring of the very much puzzled butler for the very elegant apartment's master.

"He's not yet up, sir."

This apparently had not the least deterrent effect on the young caller. He urged his firm athletic frame through the short hall into the dim illumination of the flat's reception room. It was evident enough that he had no intention of departing, simply because the master of the house had not yet risen. Rankin understood that and did



"But See Who's Butler I Am, Sir!"

not gainsay him. Wallace had his privileges as the best friend of the tenant of the flat.

"Shall I tell him you are here?"

"Yes," said Wallace firmly, "and tell him that I want to see him right away. It's very important. Do you understand?"

Rankin had already read the morning's papers which were lying in a neat pile on the table. He longed for fuller news than theirs.

"Yes, sir." But he hesitated slightly. Broadway was an indulgent master—still, strange things were happening; he was doubtful. "He said he didn't wish to be disturbed till Saturday, sir."

Wallace was not impressed. "That doesn't make any difference. You tell him I want to see him."

"Yes, sir." But the perfect servant still hesitated, filled with curiosity about the previous night. Wallace might enlighten him. "He didn't get

home until five o'clock this morning. He attended some big dinner-party, believe."

"Yes; I was there—I was there! Go on and call him! Tell him I am waiting. I'm going to have a heart to heart talk with that young man."

"Yes, sir," said the butler without hastening, for he saw that Wallace had picked up a paper from the neat pile he had made of all of them upon the table.

"Great Scott!" Wallace cried, dismayed. "Here it is on the front page?"

"I beg pardon, Mr. Wallace, but is it all true, sir?"

"What?"

"The story in the morning papers, sir, about—er—his engagement?"

"I don't know. Someone rang me up and told me of it. It's what brought me here. I want to find out if it's true. I left the dinner at 12:30. The engagement, I am told, was announced shortly after I had left. Were you up when he got home this morning?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did he talk of it at all?"

"He—couldn't talk so very much, sir."

"Tipsy?"

Rankin nodded very solemnly. "Stewed, sir."

"Did he come home alone?"

"He came in here alone, but a crowd was serenading him upon the sidewalk for ten minutes after he arrived. It was the wedding march they tried to sing. I couldn't understand why they chose that until I read the morning's papers, sir."

"Well, what do you think of it, Rankin?"

Rankin shrugged his shoulders, but did not reply. His instinctive loyalty to his employer, his perfect knowledge of his own propensities prevented that.

"Oh, come on," Wallace urged. "You can tell me. Just between us now."

"She's old enough to be his mother, sir." Rankin said with lowered voice.

"She's old enough to be his mother's mother!" Wallace cried explosively. Then, with determination: "Go or and tell him that I want to see him. Hurry up!"

Rankin yielded.

looked at it as if lay upon the floor with discontent apparent in his countenance. "That's the biggest laugh New York has had in years," he groaned. "I'd like to—"

Upon a nearby table the telephone buzzed busily. He went to it.

"Hello," said he. "Yes. . . . No; this is Mr. Wallace speaking. . . . No; not Mr. Jones. I am a friend of his. . . . No; he can't come to the phone. He's dressing. . . . I can't make an appointment for you."

What's the name? . . . Yes; I have it: Peter Pembroke. . . . You must see him today? . . . Very well, I'll tell him. . . . Say you'll call? . . . All right. I'll tell him. . . . Good-by."

He returned from the phone as Rankin reappeared. "Wake him, did you?"

"Yes, sir. He'll be dressed in about ten minutes." He bustled about the room, gathering up the newspapers. "I told him I had just read of his engagement and I congratulated him."

"What did he say?"

"Nothing, sir; just asked for the papers and a whisky sour. He says he's sure and wait."

"Oh, I'll wait, all right!"

There was something stronger than mere acquiescence in the young man's voice. There was determination in it; the determination of a man who has a plan in mind. Thus might a fond, but angry father speak, who held a rod in pickle for the erring son for whom he waited.

Fiercely he paced the room until his steps, half way to the outer hall, were arrested by the buzzing of the doorbell. Rankin, who had started with the whisky sour and newspapers for his master's door, turned back and put them on a table.

"Another early caller!" he complained. The situation had begun to get on his nerves.

"If it's a newspaper reporter tell him Mr. Jones is out of town."

"Yes, sir."

Wallace felt his nerves rasp as he heard the voice which greeted Rankin in the hall. It was not that of a journalist, but that of the fair and ancient widow to whom Jackson was alleged to be affianced. For a moment he considered flight, but he was made of sterner stuff and held himself in check. The lady swept into the room.

It was evident that she was just a bit nonplussed at seeing him, but she recovered quickly; she had had much experience with the emergencies of life.

"Good morning, Mr. Wallace," she said sweetly.

Her age, he noted, showed more plainly in the daytime, despite the arts which she invoked to hide it. He had not seen her previously, save by artificial light.

He was shocked. She made him think of the unpleasant mother of an unpleasant boyhood schoolmate. He had hated all of them. Exactly as this old woman now was smiling that old woman of his early youth had smiled when she with diabolical ingenuity had been devising comprehensive plans for spoiling a day's fishing.

His greeting of Mrs. Gerard was very formal, but she did not seem to mind.

"Where is Mr. Jones?" she asked Rankin.

"He's dressing, ma'am."

"Well, tell him I am here and waiting to take him for a spin through the park. Say to him that it's a glorious morning."

There was an unctious in her tones, a hint of triumph and proprietorship which maddened Wallace. Could it be possible that his good friend was to be linked in wedlock with this—er—this—

He was instinctively a courteous man and his thoughts refused to form a word to suit his wild emotions.

She turned to him. "Won't you join us, Mr. Wallace?" Her voice was hon-

ored. "You don't expect me to believe that you—"

She was thoroughly indignant. "How dare you, sir! Do you know what you're saying?"

"I know what I'd like to say," he confessed, looking steadfastly at her.

"About what?"

"About your engagement to young Mr. Jones. Why, you're not taking the chap seriously, are you?"

Her anger grew. "What do you mean?"

"Just what I say," he answered firmly. "That it's all wrong. It's impossible. The idea of a woman of your age imagining for a moment that this boy is fool enough to think of such a thing! Do you stop to think what people will say? Don't you realize that it can't be? That it's simply preposterous? Why—"

"Are you trying to insult me, sir?"

"No," he answered earnestly, "I'm trying to save you from being humiliated and laughed at. Deny the story at once. Say it was all a joke. Say anything, but for heaven's sake don't let it go any further!"

She gazed at him in speechless wrath while he nervously paced the room.

"Surely," he said whirling, "you don't think he seriously considers marrying you?"

"And why not?" Her icy tone was full of outraged dignity.

"Because it would be a ridiculous match. Give it serious thought. You're a sensible woman, figure it out for yourself. Why, you're more than twice his age!"

"Sir!"

"Why, he's only twenty-five—not that, yet."

She gazed at him in speechless rage for twenty seconds, then said, explosively: "You—brute!"

"I'm your friend," he urged. "I'm trying to help you. I'm trying to save you from being made the laughing stock of the town."

"Do you mean to insinuate that Jackson doesn't love me?"

"Jackson doesn't love anyone except a good time. Why, he doesn't take anything seriously, especially women. To my knowledge he's been engaged to thirty since he's been here in New York."

"I—don't—believe you!"

He shrugged his shoulders. "Very well; go ahead; it's no affair of mine."

She agreed with this. "You'll do well to remember that. Attend to your own business, Mr. Wallace."

"Excuse me," he said apologetically. "I'm sorry I spoke."

As he thus apologized, disgusted, worried, even frightened by the middle-aged woman his friend had so involved

himself, entirely ignorant of the sorry cause which had led Broadway to the fatal step, that young man entered from the hall, having effaced as many traces as he could of the wild night, and rightly clothed himself for morning callers. As he advanced he hummed a stanza from some cabaret favorite which ran, monotonously: "I love you; oh, I love you!"

At sight of Mrs. Gerard he brightened and sprang toward her eagerly. He was not the one to go back on a bargain, or to make a wry face over necessary medicine.

"Beatrice; My Beatrice!" he cried. Wallace eyed them with disgust as they flew into each other's arms.

Having released his "Beatrice, my Beatrice," he turned to Wallace with a calm which Wallace could not but admire. The youngster certainly was game! "Good morning, Bob."

Wallace scorned him.

Broadway did not even wince, but turned back to his Beatrice. "And how is my little banquet queen this morning?"

"I came here happy as a lark," she said complacently, "but now I'm terribly upset."

"Why, what has happened to my little round of pleasure?" He smiled serenely, worshipfully into her scarcely hidden wrinkles.

"This man has been saying terrible things to me."

Jackson whirled reproachfully upon his friend. "Why, Bob! What have you been saying to my little Beatrice?"

"Oh, don't!" implored the utterly disgusted Wallace.

"Tell me," Jackson begged in comforting tones of the excited widow; "what has he been saying to you?"

"Calling it a ridiculous match, saying that I shouldn't take you seriously, intimating that you didn't really love me, and—"

She was very close to tears, but fought them back for the sake of a complexion which she feared might not be waterproof.

Broadway went with an accusing mien to Wallace. "You said these things!"

"Yes," said that young person, unashamed, "those and a great many more."

"Bob Wallace! I'm surprised! Shame on you!"

Wallace scarcely was prepared for this. "Now see here, Jackson, I—"

He did not complete the sentence, but seized his old friend by the lapels of his coat as if to bear him from the room to some spot where, unworried by the lady's presence, he could talk or hammer sense into his head.

But Broadway would not have this. He pulled away with emphasis. "Don't do that! Don't do that!" he cried. "You've—you've insulted my future wife and I demand apologies!"

Were all his plans for paying up his debts to be thus put at naught? Was his first venture as a financier to be thus nullified? He thought not!

"You mean to say you're going to be married?"

"Of course we're going to be married," Mrs. Gerard said very snappily.

"Of course we're going to be married," Broadway echoed with a quick glance at her which Wallace though-

held something indicating apprehension.

He stood aside with face all woe-begone, worried and amazed. If this thing—this unthinkable, unbelievable insanity—was seriously planned by his young friend, if he had actually passed his word, why then, of course, nothing more was to be said upon the subject.

"Very well then; I apologize," he said dejectedly.

"Not to me," said Jackson grandly, "to the lady."

Wallace went to her in humility of attitude, but in revolt of soul. "Mrs. Gerard" (he never before had found it difficult to avoid profanity in a lady's presence), "I offer a thousand apologies."

She was not convinced of his sincerity, which was not in the least surprising. "After such impertinence I don't know that I ought to accept your apology."

"But, don't you see? I thought it was all a joke."

This was a new offense. "But why should you think such a thing? Is it at all unusual that people in love should marry?"

He thought her positively aged as he looked at her. Every wrinkle in her countenance took on new length, new depth as he observed her. From her he looked to Jackson. How very young he seemed! A mere child, in fact.

"Why, no," he granted, knowing that he lied. "Of course not. But I—I didn't understand it."

Broadway, himself with nerves unstrung almost to hysteria, began to hum a tune and walk about, endeavoring to look unconscious. Wallace eyed him with new hope kindling in his eyes. Was it, after all, a jest?

"Now see here, Jackson; if you're trying to fool me I want to know! I—"

Mrs. Gerard, who had been upon the point of granting him forgiveness, stiffened in new wrath. "There you go again!" she screamed hysterically. "Another insult!"

"Really, Mrs. Gerard, I didn't mean it."

"Then what did you mean?" The lady fixed him with a baleful glance.

He was entirely undone. "Why, I—God knows! I don't!"

"Well," said Jackson, "I think I do. You're still in doubt as to whether or not we are really going to be married. Isn't that it?"

Put thus lucidly and simply, Wallace could not definitely deny that that explained his mental state. He had opened his distressed lips to admit this when Mrs. Gerard prevented the expression of his worries with:

"But why should he imagine such a

thing? I—"

Broadway rose to the occasion, nearly making Wallace faint with the glib case with which he used endearing words when talking to the ancient dame. "Just a moment, sweetheart—dear—please!" Then he turned to Wallace. "Come on, now; tell me the truth!"

"Well, I will admit," said his miserably heartsick friend, "that at first I did think it was a joke. But—"

"And you're not quite satisfied yet that it is not?"

"Why, of course, if you say—why—"

"I'll put you right. It'll all true. We're engaged. We're going to be married and we expect to be very happy. Do you believe it, now?"

"Why, certainly, if you say so." His next question was of Mrs. Gerard. "May I ask how long you've been engaged?"

"We became engaged last night at dinner."

"That's right. It was last night at dinner," her fiancé corroborated. "It was during the ice cream."

"It all happened in a moment," said the bride-elect.

"Just like this," said Jackson. "See?

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"I mean she said 'yes.' Beatrice said 'yes,'" corrected Jackson.

"We're going to spend our honeymoon in Spain," she gushed, restored to a good temper by Broadway's explanation.

"Spain!" It was Wallace who exclaimed.

"Yes, Spain," said Broadway, too elated at the thought of finding cash to pay bills to be worried about anything. "I'm going out this afternoon to buy a sombrero and a tambourine. Won't you congratulate us, Wallace?"

But Wallace simply could not trust his ears. "Jackson, if you're trying to fool me—"

"There he goes again!" cried the now thoroughly infuriated bride-elect. "Jackson, I'm not going to stay here and be insulted in such a manner!"

"There! There!" Jackson soothed, following her as she essayed to leave

the room. "Don't be worried. Mr. Wallace only thinks we're fooling him."

"But why should he think such a thing?"

Wallace, again contrite, approached and started to apologize. She waved him back with a wild hand.

"Leave him to me, dear," Jackson urged her. "In five minutes I'll convince him that it all is absolutely true."

She was comforted a little by his tone. "Then you won't come for a drive?"

"Stop for me in, say, half an hour."

"Well, I'll run along, then. I must get the air. All this has given me a dreadful headache."

Jackson turned reproachfully to Wallace. "See what you've done? I—"

"Bye, dearie!" cried his fiancée.

"Bye, sweetheart!"

"In half an hour?"

"About that."

"Don't you listen to that man!" This in a warning tone.

"No; I'm going to make him listen to me."

"Oh, you dear boy! Bye, dearie!" She waved a plumply wrinkled hand at him, and left the two young men alone together.

"Say, are you going crazy?" were Wallace's first words, spoken as soon as he was sure that she was gone.

"Nothing of the kind. I'm perfectly all right."

"You mean to tell me that—"

"I've got a whole lot to tell you. Sit down."

As Wallace found a chair and, as if exhausted, sank into it, Broadway paced the room uneasily.

"The bell rang and Rankin hurried in, on his way to answer it."

"If it's anyone for me, I'm not at home," said Broadway. "I'm visiting in—Paterson."

He turned again to Wallace.

"Now, in the first place," he said gravely, "I want you to understand thoroughly that I'm positively serious about this whole affair and that nothing you can say will change my plans. Is that understood?"

"Well, go on."

"Mrs. Gerard and I are going to be married, and it's going to happen very shortly, whether you like it or not. If you care to retain my friendship you must get used to it"—he sighed—"the same as I shall have to. Am I clear?"

"Well, I'm listening."

Continued next week.

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In our mention of Messrs. Sharp and George buying stock in the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., firm yesterday, we failed to state that our young friend Tull Adams also became a member of that firm by buying a nice block of stock. Tull is perhaps the youngest stockholder in the big firm, and with the start so early in life he will no doubt be numbered among the prominent business men by the time he reaches his majority.

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PREACHER'S HOME NOT TAXABLE

It will be remembered that a decision of the court of Civil Appeals was recently made in which the court held that church parsonages were not taxable. A letter was addressed to the attorney general asking for an opinion as to whether money that had recently been paid the tax assessor as taxes on church parsonages could be recovered, and in reply the attorney general wrote a lengthy opinion holding that the court had decided the case in question, which was a case appealed from Lampasas county under an admission made by the county attorney at Lampasas to the effect that the parsonage in question was used for public worship, and the attorney general adhered to the opinion that had been previously rendered by him that parsonages were not exempt from taxation.

County Attorney Shepherd addressed a letter to the court asking for a copy of their judgment in the case, and we publish it in full below. It will be seen that the court's decision does not tally with the opinion rendered by the attorney general and that the court very plainly says that if statute governing such matters is constitutional then in that event buildings owned by churches where used exclusively for the pastor's home, are not taxable, as the article quoted in the court's decision fully sets forth.

The State of Texas, acting by the County Attorney of Lampasas County, brought this suit against the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Lampasas, Texas, and certain officers or trustees of that church. The purpose of the suit was to recover certain state and county taxes alleged to be owing and due by the Church upon three lots, situated in the town of Lampasas, and to foreclose an alleged lien.

The defendants filed an answer which contained a general demurrer, a special exception, a general denial and a special answer which contained the following averments:

"And further answering here-in defendants say that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is a religious organization and an institution of purely public charity and the sole aim and object of said Church is to promulgate and advance the Christian religion and to do good of every possible sort as far as possible, to all men; to their bodies, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked and by visiting or helping the sick; to their soul, by teaching and instructing in the Christian religion, and in carrying out these purposes it is necessary to have a pastor at the different towns where there is a local organization of said Church to act as a leader in carrying out the purposes of said organization. This pastor is appointed in accordance with the rules of said Church and the annual Conference within whose bounds such Church is located and said pastor depends on voluntary contributions for his financial reward or compensation and renders said service without having any contract by which he could recover pay for said service if the membership of said Church should fail to contribute anything towards his support and the premises described in plaintiff's petition were purchased and paid for by voluntary donations and were conveyed to certain trustees and to their successors in office who might be appointed from time to time by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Lampasas, Texas, and said property by the terms of said deed to be held, used and disposed of by said trustees and their successors in office as a place of residence for the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Lampasas, Texas, who should from time to time be stationed at Lampasas, Texas, by the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, within whose bounds said property is located.

Defendants represent that ever since the purchase of said property on December 20, 1904, the same has been exclusively used by the pastors of said Church designated by the Annual Conference of said Church to reside there, and has not at any time

since the same was so conveyed to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, been leased or otherwise used with a view to profit.

"Defendants further represent that the entire life and labor of the pastors of said Church who occupy said property, are giving exclusively in building up the societies of said Church, and promoting the charitable purposes aforesaid, preaching the gospel and administering the sacraments, and their financial reward or compensation is dependent solely upon voluntary contributions and voluntary aid, and said property forms a part of the property of said church used as an actual place of religious worship, and the same is necessary for the proper occupancy, use and enjoyment of its houses and grounds used exclusively for public worship. Wherefore, defendants say that under the Constitution and laws of this State, said property is claimed to be exempt from taxation, and of this they put themselves upon the court."

There was a non-jury trial which resulted in a judgment for the defendants, and the State has appealed. The decree recites that "it was agreed and defendants that the plaintiff is entitled to recover the taxes claimed in its petition and the costs and penalties as alleged, and have a foreclosure of the tax lien as claimed in plaintiff's petition, unless the facts set forth in the defendants' answer show a sufficient and valid defense to said claim of plaintiff for taxes, it being admitted in open court that the facts as alleged in defendants' answer are true."

Art. 7507, Rev. Stat. 1911 prescribes what property shall be exempt from taxation, among which is houses used exclusively for public worship, and the grounds attached to such buildings necessary for the proper occupancy use and enjoyment of the same and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit, etc. Also all public buildings belonging to or in possession of purely public charity together with the lands belonging to and occupied by such institutions, not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit, etc.

The Attorney General's department has filed an interesting brief in support of the contention that the property is not in fact, either as a place used exclusively for public worship, or a building belonging to an institution purely of public charity. In view of the admission which were made by the State in the trial court, we think the question discussed are abstract and academic and we decline to express any opinion concerning them. If the State ever had any cases, we think it was swept away and destroyed when it admitted that the property in question forms a part of the property of the church, used as an actual place of religious worship, and was necessary for the proper occupancy, use and enjoyment of its houses and grounds used exclusively for public worship; and that the Church which owned the property is a religious organization and an institution of purely public charity, and the property had never been leased or otherwise used with a view to profit. These admissions brought the case fully and clearly within the purview of the exemption statute, and therefore the trial court rendered the proper judgment. And this is especially true as to charity feature of the case. The provision of Article 7507 relating to charitable institutions.

It is not contended on behalf of the State that the provisions of the statute referred to extend beyond and are not authorized by the provision of the Constitution which authorizes the Legislature to provide exemption from taxation, and therefore we do not feel called upon to determine the constitutionality of the statute.

No error has been shown and the judgment is affirmed.

(Affirmed.)

W. M. KEY,
Chief Justice

Filed January 21, 1914.

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For constipation, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y., says they are the "king of all laxatives. They are a blessing to all my family and I always keep a box at home." Get a box and get well again. Price 25c. At Druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

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By buying and contracting direct from the factories for tires in large quantities for spot cash, we are able to offer them at a great money saving price direct to the consumer. A saving of from 35 to 60 per cent. When you buy tires from us you get full value, you don't have to pay the dealer's profit, the distributor's profit, salesman's commission and other high selling and overhead expenses. We sell tires direct to consumer at jobbers prices and You Get Big Values And Exactly What You Pay For.

Shrewd auto owners compose our customers, among them are bankers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, planters and men in all lines who know values and realize the advantages of buying direct. During the past dull winter automobile months we secured some excellent deals from the factories and now offer our purchases at the following prices:

Among our tires are Diamond, Goodyear, Quaker, Nassau, Empire, Fisk and others of equal quality.

All Tires Guaranteed Fully.

Note These Prices Carefully.

Size	Tubes				Size	Tubes			
	Tire	Grey	Red	Reliner		Tire	Grey	Red	Reliner
28x3	\$ 7.20	\$1.65	\$1.90	\$1.35	34x4	\$16.80	\$3.60	\$4.00	\$2.60
30x3	7.80	1.95	2.20	1.40	35x4	17.25	3.75	4.20	2.70
30x3 1-2	10.80	2.80	3.10	1.90	36x4	17.85	3.90	4.25	2.80
31x3 1-2	11.00	2.90	3.20	1.95	34x4 1-2	18.00	4.80	5.10	3.40
32x3 1-2	11.90	2.95	3.25	2.00	35x4 1-2	18.75	4.85	5.20	3.45
34x3 1-2	12.40	3.00	3.30	2.05	38x4 1-2	19.45	4.90	5.30	3.60
30x4	13.10	3.10	3.40	2.30	37x4 1-2	21.50	5.10	5.40	3.70
31x4	13.45	3.20	3.60	2.35	36x5	23.00	5.80	6.20	4.00
32x4	13.70	3.35	3.80	2.40	37x5	24.40	5.90	6.35	4.20
33x4	14.80	3.50	3.90	2.45					

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Our supply of these tires is limited, so we advise early ordering. Remember, they are new, clean, fresh, fully guaranteed goods. All high grade goods that will give best service.

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LIKES BALLINGER

P. W. Collier of Krum, Texas, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Miller and family for several months past, left Thursday afternoon for his home. Mr. Collier says he had a most enjoyable stay in our city and says he never knew a more clever, hospitable class of citizens and a finer climate in his life. If it were not for considerable business interests in North Texas, Mr. Collier says he would make Ballinger his future home.

A WINTER COUGH

A stubborn, annoying, depressing cough hangs on, racks the body, weakens the lungs, and often leads to serious results. The first dose of Dr. King's New Discovery gives relief. Henry D. Sanders, of Cavendish, Vt., was threatened with consumption, after having pneumonia. He writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery ought to be in every family; it is certainly the best of all medicines for coughs, colds or lung trouble." Good for children's coughs. Money back if not satisfied. Price 50c. and \$1.00. At all Druggists H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Rev. J. V. Havenor of the New Home neighborhood, and J. O. Phelps of the Hatchel country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

For Sale or Trade.

Two sections of school land, for particulars address L. C. Tomlison, Winters, Texas, Box 374-2-d 2tw.pd

Rev. Curry of Santa Anna who had been in our city to attend the Pastors Conference the past day or two left Friday morning for his home.

EPILEPTIC ESCAPES FROM COLONY CLAD ONLY IN HIS NIGHT CLOTHES, SUNDAY

During Sunday night one of the inmates of the Epileptic Colony strayed from his domicile and has not yet been recovered. When he went away he wore only his night clothes and he was said to be very feeble in mind. Local officers have been instructed to keep a watchout for him, but it is feared that he must have wandered to Cedar creek or somewhere else and either drowned or laid under some tree and died of exposure and will later be found dead.

Officers at Ovalo and other places have been asked to keep a watch for him. Officer Obar at Ovalo has been maintaining a close scrutiny of every stranger coming through there, but has not discovered him.—Abilene Reporter.

Horrible Blotches of Eczema.

Quickly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. C. P. Caldwell of New Orleans, La., states: "My doctor advised me to try Dr. Hobson's Eczema Salve. I used three boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Dr. Hobson's DermaZem Soap. To-day I have not a spot anywhere on my body and can say I am cured." It will do the same for you. Its soothing healing, antiseptic action will rid you of all skin humors, blackheads, pimples, Eczema blotches, red unsightly sores, and leaves your skin clean and healthy. Get a box to-day. Guaranteed. All Druggists, 50c., or by mail. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

J. M. Schneider and W. A. Ogle the irrigation farmers four miles Southeast of Ballinger left Saturday at noon on a short business trip to San Angelo.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

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

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 Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

Sprains, Bruises Stiff Muscles

are quickly relieved by Sloan's Liniment. Lay it on—no rubbing. Try it.

Ankle Sprain and Dislocated Hip.
"I sprained my ankle and dislocated my hip by falling out of a third story window. Went on crutches for four months. Then I started to use your Liniment, according to directions. I must say it is helping me wonderfully. We will never be without Sloan's Liniment anymore."—*Chas. Johnson, Lawton Station, N. Y.*

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

Kills Pain

Splendid for Sprains.

"I fell and sprained my arm a week ago and was in terrible pain. I could not use my hand or arm until I applied your Liniment. I shall never be without a bottle of Sloan's Liniment."—*Mrs. H. R. Springer, Elizabeth, N. J.*

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"Sloan's Liniment has done more good than anything I have ever tried for stiff joints. I got my hand hurt so badly that I had to stop work right in the busiest time of the year. I thought at first that I would have to have my hand taken off, but I got a bottle of Sloan's Liniment and cured my hand."—*Wilton Wheeler, Morris, Ala.*

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BOSTON, MASS.



WEST TEXAS IN PEN

San Angelo, Tom Green Co., Feb. 9.—Twenty-seven convicts charged and sentenced to the Texas penitentiary for almost every crime punishable under the Texas law were turned over to Bert Russell, a Texas transfer agent, at Sweetwater Saturday, by City Marshal Carroll Bates. Bates went after the prisoners for J. V. Cunningham, transfer agent, who is seriously ill here at the home of his brother. He secured the convicts at El Paso, Colorado City, Fort Davis and Barstow.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew, of and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

PROF. SANDIFER.

President J. D. Sandifer, of the Simmons College of Abilene, will lecture at Hatchel Friday night in connection with the school exercises to be conducted in that town as heretofore announced in the Ledger. Don't fail to hear him.

THE LIONS IN THE WAY

Many young people who lack "gumption," get-up-and-get, or whatever you may term it, often reason thusly: If it had not been for so and so and such and such a thing, I could have made a great success. The lions in the way of these young people and such a successful career is barred by the ifs and the ands that enter into their daily life and rob them of their vim and courage. They are breastworks thrown up by the weak and vacillating which beguile and deceive, and which are offered as excuses for many failures. The lions in the way and nothing more.

Young people who lack these qualities need our help; our life work is to train young people to determine, to get up and do the things the commercial world wants done, develop their latent talents, quicken their perception, teach them Bookkeeping-Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Telegraphy, Station Work, Business English, Business Law, Business Arithmetic, Spelling, Business Writing, Rapid Calculation, and the use of the most modern office appliances. With such training the lion is put out of the way. We have trained thousands who are now on the road to success, and we can do the same for you. Write for catalogue, and make your arrangements to enter as early as possible. To remain where you are and what you are means that you are where you will always be. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

FELIX JONES ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Gatesville, Tex., Feb. 10.—After exhausting one venire, during the first day of trial, and requiring the attendance of twenty-five more for Tuesday morning, the trial of Felix Jones, charged with killing Frank Battle, began with day morning in the Fifty-second district court, Judge J. H. Arnold presiding.

Battle was shot on the night of August 20 last, dying early the next morning. The wounds were inflicted about thirty minutes after he had returned home from a trip to Waco, where he had been on business.

Jones was arrested at Fort Worth, on the night of August 26, five days after Battle died. He was located in that city by Sheriff E. B. McMordie of Coryell county and Deputy Sheriff Lee Jenkins of Waco, just as he was about to board a train. Jones was kept in jail at Waco for a brief period, then transferred to this city. Following his indictment by the grand jury, he was allowed bond in the sum of \$7,500, to await the result of his trial, which he gave, and was released from custody.

Jones is well known at Ballinger and in other neighboring towns. He was tried and acquitted for killing Alf Cogsdell at Abilene a few years ago. The case is being watched with interest, and the progress of the case will be published in this paper until it is ended.

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.

MAN PLEADS GUILTY; JURY CAN'T AGREE

It may seem strange that a jury cannot agree after a man pleads guilty, but that is what happened before Judge Buck in the Forty-eighth district court Monday.

The case was that in which Walter Bering was charged with robbing the Carnegie library. Attorneys for Bering presented a motion for a suspended sentence and it is said eleven of the jurors favored granting this request, while one opposed it.

Bering was arrested some time ago by a number of policemen and citizens, led by Night Sergeant Billie Little, while attempting to descend a water-spout at the library. He had been routed out of the main building onto a roof and just as he started down the spout Little "drew a sight draft on him" and commanded him to "come back." He "came."—*Ft. Worth Record.*

Kerney Mays, one of the prominent business men of Bronte, passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon to points east to look after business interests a few days.

John Phillips and Emmett Long are fixing up the Confectionery and Cold Drink stand now occupied by Mr. Phillips and will put in an up to date Restaurant and expect to be open to the public by Saturday, February 14th.

Tad Richards, of Blackwell, passed through Ballinger Wednesday at noon en route home from a business trip to Winters.

J. S. Blocker, the big ranchman up the Colorado, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Joe Turner, of Winters, and Richard and White Turner, of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.

E. Ballew, the South Ballinger truck farmer, was marketing sweet potatoes in Ballinger Wednesday and says his crop has kept well during the winter.

Charlie Dean returned home Monday from Iowa where he had been to visit his mother for two weeks past and says he thinks more of Ballinger than ever since his visit to the frozen regions up North and is much better satisfied now to make Ballinger home forever than ever before.

Deputy Sheriff John Perkins returned home Tuesday night from Fort Worth, where he had been on a short visit to relatives.

NORTON NOTES.

Farmers generally are well up with their work. The oat crop is needing rain since the severe cold weather.

Mrs. Luther Williams returned home Sunday afternoon from Brownwood, where she had been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Clark. She reports her much better.

Alta Inman and her brothers, Coy and Ira visited Saturday and Sunday in Winters.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas attended the Methodist Conference in Ballinger the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ganaway left Wednesday for Borden County, where they will visit relatives.

The ladies of the Woodman Circle served ice cream Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Hambright and Good went to Bronte Friday to market oats.

The remains of Mrs. John Hall was laid to rest in the Center Valley cemetery Monday afternoon. For several months Mrs. Hall had been at Mr. Sam Hall, her husband's brother until her condition grew worse and she was carried to the sanitarium at Ballinger where she died.

"Queen of the Prairie."

FALLING HAIR MEANS DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE

Save your Hair! Get a 25 cent bottle of Danderine right now—Also stops itching scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf.

There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, lustre and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a few week's use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp.

WINS BY TWO FEET

Adolph Wilke says Bob Kirk claims to be the boss chicken raiser of Ballinger and does show up some mighty pretty poultry, but Mr. Wilke has him bested by two feet in the poultry race as he now has a well developed chicken with four feet.

Dr. Leggett of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday afternoon.

For Sale.

Genuine vineless yellow yam seed potatoes, a potato that has stood the test here for 12 or 15 years. A good yielder and the best keeper. Phone or write F. D. Rushing, Route 1, Ballinger, Texas. 13-2tw

W. T. Nichols, of the Pony creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. R. Harris, of the Hatchel community, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Gus Prusser, of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Matt Fox, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

DO YOU KNOW

We have a big assortment of fresh Garden and Flower Seeds. Call for anything in the way of seeds.

THE FAIR

P. S.—Remember we have the finest line of fresh candies in town. A new assortment of books just received.

GRAND AND PETIT JURY DISTRICT COURT

District court will convene in Ballinger, March 9th. The first week will be non-jury civil docket week, and will be taken up in trying non-jury civil cases. The grand jury will not be impaneled until Monday, March 16th, at 1:30 o'clock and jurors have been drawn for the second and third week of court. Following is the petit and grand jury list for the term:

Grand Jury.

To appear at 1:30, March 16th:
W. E. Ratliff,
J. A. Curry,
R. A. Dobbs,
W. H. Rogers,
H. A. Mitchell,
M. D. Chastain,
W. B. Ray,
Jake Stubblefield,
E. D. Walker,
G. W. Clayton,
J. W. Bigby,
Tom Puckett,
S. B. Caperton,
J. D. Smith,
Pink King,
W. L. Ellis.

Petit Jury Second Week

To appear at 1:30 March 16th:
Walter Bailey,
B. C. Kirk,
Nick Stallworth,
J. D. Smith,
J. W. Pruett,
J. L. Chastain,
W. D. Allen,
J. W. Borders,
J. R. Cook,
W. W. Wiggles,
S. H. Meek,
C. L. Kest,
E. B. Walker,
J. T. Billups,
Willie Brown,
B. J. Clayton,
W. Boatwright,
R. L. Mesley,
Ed Gaston,
W. L. Bell,
Tom Carr,
John Curry,
E. M. Davis,
J. T. Cummins,
P. K. Laxton,
G. W. Briley,
W. R. Bruce,
W. B. Curry,
J. J. Bedford,
J. V. Davis,
John McKowan,
J. N. Mason,
C. M. Gipson,
W. R. Clark,
A. J. Watson,
Elmer Shepherd.

Petit Jury Third Week.

To appear at 1:30 March 23rd.
H. L. Lindermann,
A. J. Yonng,
O. C. Clint,
P. M. Armstrong,
W. H. Mitchell,
Henry McDonald,
Tom Brandon,
G. C. Broek,
John Book,
Mitchell Moore,
L. J. Brian,
R. A. Bishop,
Luther Poe,
W. E. Middleton,
S. T. Proctor,
F. L. Harper,
H. L. Chapman,
R. S. Davis,
W. W. Cammins,
M. D. Oliver,
R. S. Bowden,
J. C. Jones, Jr.,
L. Baldwin,
J. M. Franklin,
Ed Hoffmann,
R. A. Grimes,
F. Roper,
S. P. Bates,
J. R. Brandham,
Walter Gardner,
M. B. Boykin,
U. G. Thomas,
W. A. Bridwell,
J. L. Loveless,
V. B. Jones,
T. M. Osteen.

TEMPORARY LOCATED.

In the restaurant next to the City Meat Market on 8th Street and will appreciate my old customers and the public generally to call and see me. L. L. Stroble, formerly at Green Front Restaurant. 13-2tw

W. P. Jones, of the Valley creek country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Saturday afternoon.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY SPECIAL

Roark's Feed Store now unloading car bought at rock bottom. On every sack you buy 5c goes off. It pays to investigate. 1tw pd

How to Overcome a Bad Constipation

There is a Mild Laxative That Will Bring Safe and Pleasant Relief Over Night

It is only natural that the simplest of ailments should be the most general, and so we have a whole nation suffering from constipation and indigestion, for they are closely allied. But common as constipation is many people do not seem to know they have it. They will complain of headache, drowsiness or biliousness, all unconscious of the cause of the trouble.

You should have a full and free movement at least once a day. If you pass a day you are constipated and that result will be that you will catch a cold easily or have a more serious ailment. To cure the constipation and forestall still graver trouble take a dose of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at night, before retiring and by morning relief will come, without disturbance from sleep or any inconvenience.

Legions of people use it regularly in such emergencies, some of them formerly chronic invalids who had suffered from constipation all their lives. Mrs. N. Frantz, 67 Eighth St., Salem, Ohio, took physics for years, and worst of all, without much avail. Finally, she began to take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and today she is no longer troubled and eats what she likes. Many others will tell you that they have tried most things recommended for this purpose but have found Syrup Pepsin the only one always re-



Mrs. N. Frantz

liable. A bottle can be obtained at any drug store for fifty cents or one dollar, the latter size being bought by families already familiar with its merits.

Syrup Pepsin is mild, pleasant-tasting and non-gripping. Mothers give it to tiny infants, and yet it is effective in grownups. It is for everyone who suffers from any form of stomach, liver, or bowel trouble, constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, etc. Its action will so delight you that you will forever avoid harsh cathartics, purgatives, pills and salts.

Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it post paid by addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 419 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. A postal card with your name and address on it will do.

HARD WATER EXPLAINED

Much complaint lately by users of the Ballinger water supply that the water is unusually hard and alum being used by the city to clear the water is supposed to be the cause. I have taken up the question and reached this conclusion, that it is not alum but alkali that is the cause of our trouble. I reason from this, that when we have freshets and muddy water in the creek we use alum and settling tank and furnish the city clear water. The more muddy the water the more alum is used, and when those conditions exist there was much praise and no complaint. Now that the water in the creek is unusually clear little or no alum is used and we have the greatest complaint. As it is not alum what is it? Our pumping force state the creek water before being pumped is hard and not fit for washing purposes and is hard on the machinery and destructive to the boiler, all of which indicate alkali. Again the water in the creek cleared up quicker and clearer than heretofore. That is the case with all alkali streams. Why is this water supply different now from its custom of several years past? We all know that in many places over the country, when boring for water that alkali is frequently found in such quantities that renders the water unfit to use. I have inquired of many persons in the country and they say most all springs over the country are running bold streams ever since the late unusual rain fall. These springs supply the creek, as it has not done for several years. That the springs are still flowing and the water running over the dam today, notwithstanding it has been nearly two months since it rained. I conclude that so long as our creek is supplied by this source we will have alkali to contend with and when our supply comes from rain falls and surface-water we will have less alkali. Our water committee solved the muddy water problem very successfully and are now taking hold of our present troubles and expect to solve them.

Respectfully,
J. W. POWELL.

J. F. White, of the Truitt country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. W. Bigby and John Simmons two of the representative citizens of the Pony creek country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

B. A. Mattieson, of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Dr. Mitchell, the Norton physician, was among the business visitors, in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

D. E. Moody left Tuesday morning for points in New Mexico on a prospecting trip.

WOULD CLOSE BANK TO ESCAPE PRISON

Winona, Miss., Feb. 9.—"We wish to close up the Winona Savings Bank before the legislature puts us all in the penitentiary, therefore we wish all depositors to come and draw their money. We also wish all parties owing us to come forward and pay us immediately."

This is a notice that has been sent to all depositors of the bank by J. C. Purnell, the president.

The Mississippi legislature now has under consideration a banking bill, one of the features of which is the guarantee of deposits. In a statement Mr. Purnell said heretofore his word was all that was necessary to insure confidence in the bank and that he will quit business before submitting to the proposed law.

"CASCARETS" CLEANSE LIVER AND BOWELS

Cure Sick Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, Sour Stomach, Bad Breath—Candy Cathartic.

Get a 10-cent box now. Are you keeping your liver stomach and bowels clean, pure merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic and fresh with Cascarets—or pills, or castor oil? This is important.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels.

No odds how sick, headachy, bilious and constipated you feel, a Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from your druggist will keep your head clear, stomach sweet, and your liver and bowels regular for months. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleaning, too.

MAKES OLD PEOPLE STRONG AND WELL

We want to get the news to all old people about Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion, a remarkable new food-medicine which we firmly believe is the best remedy ever made to overcome the weakening, debilitating effects of increasing old age. It helps to rebuild wasted tissues, strengthen the nerves, and give new energy and a lively feeling to the body. It contains no alcohol or dangerous drug. No matter how old you are, if you do not feel much better and stronger before you have taken a quarter as much as you have of other medicines that have not helped you, we will gladly give back your money.

Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion contains pure Olive Oil and the Hypophosphites which, though they have long been endorsed by successful physicians, are here for the first time combined. The result is a real body, nerve and blood-building food-medicine that we believe is superior to anything else in overcoming debility, weakness and liability to disease, and to tone and strengthen the nerves and enrich the blood. You who are weak and run-down—you who are often troubled by various cold weather ailments, use Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion to get and keep well and strong. It is a sensible, pleasant tasting aid to renewed strength, better spirits, glowing health. If it doesn't help you, come and tell us and we will give back your money without a word. That is how much faith we have in it. Sold only at the 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only by us. \$1.00.—Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

DEATHS

Mrs. J. N. Wylie died at her home in West End last Saturday afternoon, and was buried in the Runnels cemetery Sunday. Deceased is survived by a number of relatives besides her husband. She had been living in this county for a number of years, residing part of the time in the New Home community, and the many friends of the family sympathize with them in the loss of the good wife and mother.

Mrs. John Hall died at her home in the Western part of the city last Sunday and was buried in the Norton cemetery Monday afternoon. Mrs. Hall formerly lived in the Norton country. The family moved from Runnels county several years ago, but recently returned here on account of Mrs. Hall's health, and it was hoped that the climate here would benefit her, but death was the only relief. She is survived by a husband and a number of children.

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 troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

F. Bloominritt, the Miles real estate man, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. M. Mapes, of the Winters country, on Elm Creek, was here Monday to meet W. E. Harris and his sister, who came in from the West Monday afternoon.

ONE BOY STABS ANOTHER WITH KNIFE

A fight between Nathan Holliday and Joe Crockett occurred in the Millar school house neighborhood early Wednesday morning in which a pocket knife was used and Holliday stabbed in the shoulder and cut in several places in the hand and Crockett considerably "banged" up. Holliday came to town to have the doctors patch him up and after having his wounds dressed he called on the officers and answered to a charge of affray. Crockett also came in and answered to a complaint filed against him, and the boys will have to pay for the fun at so much per fight.

According to the story told of the affair by young Holliday, the trouble started over a difficulty between a younger brother of Holliday and the Crockett boy. The younger Holliday boy and Crockett were going to school at the Millar school house, and a fight between them occurred Tuesday evening. According to Holliday's story, his brother is only 12 years old and the Crockett boy is 17 years old. Nathan Holliday met the Crockett boy on the road to school Wednesday morning, or the Crockett boy passed him as he was going to his work in the field, and after some words between them, they "locked horns" with the above results.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

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

L. B. James, the irrigation farmer up the river, was among the visitors in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. A. C. Homan and baby of Rowena, came over Tuesday afternoon and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke and Ballinger friends a day or two.

W. L. Keith, one of the successful young farmers of the Valley creek country, left Tuesday morning for Brownwood on a short visit to friends.

C. A. Sewell of Miles, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jeanes, left Wednesday at noon for Miles, where Mr. Jeanes goes on a short business trip and Mrs. Jeanes to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kre, of the Pony creek country, who had been back to their old home in South Texas, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home.

J. E. Newby, one of the prosperous citizens of the Bradshaw country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

E. Groves, of the Hatchel country, returned home Wednesday from an extended business trip to Franklin, Texas, where he had been to look after land interests.

Joe Hopewell left Tuesday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

R. T. Jones of South Ballinger, while here on business Wednesday informed us that he was well up with his farm work and the land in fine shape for planting.

AIRLINE HIGHWAY MEETING CALLED

Secretary Fred Wood of the Abilene Highway Association which has charge of the affairs and construction of the highway from Wichita Falls to Paint Rock and other southern points is today mailing out calls to all the members of the association to attend an executive session of the association to be held in Abilene at the Booster hall at 7:30 p. m. Feb. 20, at the same time as the Poultry show and the Central West Texas Agricultural associations annual meeting, at which completion of all matters will be made for the immediate construction work of the new highway.—Abilene Reporter.

SICK, SOUR STOMACH, INDIGESTION OR GAS

Take "Pape's Diapepsin" and in five minutes you'll wonder what became of misery in stomach.

Wonder what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it digests food and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Please, for your sake, don't go on and on with a weak, disordered stomach; it's so unnecessary.

IN NEW LOCATION

E. F. Elder & Son are now comfortably located in their new place of business, the building recently vacated by Troy Simpson, and now have one of the sweetest places in the city for their cold drink and confectionery business.

E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country was among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Ollie Evans, of Talpa, came in Tuesday at noon to visit Ballinger friends a few days.

Jeff Riggs, of the Wingate country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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

Mrs. J. S. Greenhill and little daughter of the Pony creek country were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and we are sorry to report the little daughter had the misfortune to get her arm badly broken at school first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Patterson of Warnett, Okla., came in Tuesday to visit his sisters, Mrs. S. P. Hathaway and Miss Sallie Patten and other relatives and friends in our city for a week or two.

Mrs. M. J. Stacy and little daughter are here from McCulloch county, having returned home from Stacy with C. A. Doose Monday. They will visit Mrs. Stacy's daughter Mrs. Doose, while the little girl Agnes undergoes an operation for throat trouble.

T. G. Conway of the New Home community was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger and also our very liberal clubbing offer of \$2.25 now in force.

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

George Eskridge returned yesterday from a month's hunting and trapping expedition in the Western part of the state. He reports very good success and a splendid outing.

\$19,000 DIRT DEEDS RECORDED

J. W. Mode to Jno. Kirby and J. R. Wilhelm, six lots in town of Winters, lot No. 8, block No. 8 lot 2, block No. 33, lot 4, block 12 lot 8, block 7, lot 20, block 22, lot 11, block 7, consideration \$350.

S. J. Robinson and wife to J. D. Reed, 154 4-10 acres of land all of block 66, a subdivision of survey No. 122, consideration \$4500.

W. F. Sims and wife to W. J. Moon a certain tract of Miles, being a part of the T. & N. O. Ry. survey No. 86, consideration \$700.

Tom P. Cooper to W. D. Ake being an undivided 1-4 interest in lot 1, block 10 in the town of Miles, consideration \$1000.

L. C. Tomlinson and wife to A. S. Taylor, 200 acres of land out of the north end of blocks 8 and 9 subdivision of survey No 440, consideration \$6000.

W. E. Rodgers to J. L. Allred 150 acres of land out of a survey of 1107 acres, known as survey No. 511, consideration \$3375.

Paul Biederman and wife to Mary Lucy Glass, 150 acres of land, a part of Texas & New Orleans Ry Co., survey No. 527, consideration \$4500.

W. B. Ray to D. Reeder, the south one-half of the west one-half of block No. 38, West End addition to the town of Ballinger consideration \$350.

L. Baldwin and wife to Howard Baldwin and wife, a certain tract of land being a part of 320 acres tract of land known as the Mrs. W. E. Barton, survey No. 76 1-2 consideration \$3700.

Beulah V. Rape and husband Thos. A. Rape to Mrs. J. C. Hill lots 11 and 12, block 9, College Heights addition to Ballinger, consideration \$50.

BARRED ROCKS, thoroughbred; select eggs from choice stock. \$1.50 for 15. H. A. Cady 11-3rd 1tw.

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K. OF P. GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The Ballinger Lodge K. of P. will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the order with a Golden Jubilee on Thursday Feb. 19th, at eight o'clock. A special program is being arranged for the occasion and public service of unusual interest will be held. Every member is urged to be present and bring a friend, and the ladies are especially invited.

M. KLEBERG, SCOTT MANGUM, E. F. KREBS, Committee

mond3t 1tw.

J. W. Northington, of Ohio, who is spending the winter in our city, returned to Ballinger Wednesday morning from an extended visit to points West.

SEE IF THE CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

Mother! Don't hesitate! If cross feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look at the tongue mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative;" they love its delicious taste and it always makes them feel splendid.

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. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure to get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

MONDAY and TUESDAY

Feb. 23 and 24

E. A. JEANES & CO.

will have a poultry car on the track in Ballinger to be loaded out direct for New York. This is your opportunity to clean up your surplus Poultry at a fancy price.

- Hens per pound - 10c
- Small Springs per pound 12c
- Turkeys per pound - 12c
- Old Roosters, each - 15c

Remember the Date

PRACTICAL BAKING LESSONS

FRITTERS AND DOUGHNUTS

I am pleased to submit to you choice recipes for doughnuts and fritters. These few recipes I have selected from my large collection with a view of giving you the most practical, as well as the very best. If these meet with your favor, I am greatly pleased.



Nevada Briggs

German Doughnuts

4 cups flour 1/2 cup sugar
4 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder 1/2 teaspoonful of mace or nutmeg
2 eggs or 1 egg and 2 additional yolks
Sift together, three times, flour, K C, salt and spice. Beat the eggs very light, using the rotary egg beater, then gradually beat in the sugar, making a very light creamy mixture of the egg and sugar; beat in the milk and stir into the flour. Make a soft dough, roll into a sheet, cut into rounds, pinch a hole in the center with the finger and fry in deep fat. Fat for frying should not be hot enough to brown the doughnut until it has risen. When the doughnut is dropped into the fat it sinks to the bottom. As soon as it comes up it should be turned and turned a number of times while cooking. This recipe is excellent as they do not take the fat in frying and will stay moist for days.

Pineapple Sauce

1/2 cup sugar 1 teaspoonful flour
1 tablespoonful lemon juice
Cook until smooth with pineapple liquid and water, using enough water added to the pineapple liquid to make 1 1/2 cups.

Cheese and Rice Fritters

1 cup boiled rice, grains distinct
2 tablespoonfuls milk or melted butter
1/2 cup grated cheese 1 egg, beaten light
1 level teaspoonful K C Baking Powder
1/4 teaspoonful salt
2 level tablespoonfuls pastry flour.
Sift together, three times, the flour, baking powder and salt. To the egg, add the rice, butter or milk, cheese and lastly the flour mixture. Drop by spoonfuls into butter melted in the blazer of a chafing dish (or frying pan). Let cook until a delicate brown color, then turn to cook the other side. Serve with

White Sauce

2 tablespoonfuls rounded of butter
1 tablespoonful rounded of flour
1/2 cup milk
Salt and pepper to taste.
Rub butter and flour together, add milk and cook until smooth.

Helpful Hints

Never let the fat be hot enough to brown before the doughnuts and fritters rise and expand. Often soggy fritters and tough doughnuts are made by having the fat too hot.

K C Baking Powder is especially adapted for doughnuts as one cannot fry all at once, and with K C the food can be mixed and stand for hours before cooking. This is an advantage over the old fashioned one-action baking powders, cream of tartar and soda or sour milk and soda.

I urge every housekeeper to try a can of K C Baking Powder. The ease with which it can be used is very gratifying. One can mix any amount of batter and cook it as needed. For instance a large amount of biscuits can be mixed and cut out ready for the oven and baked as wanted through several hours. This is due to the double action of K C, which also makes it impossible for cakes to fall. Purchase a can of K C and be convinced for yourself just what it will do. Follow the directions carefully and success is sure to follow.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Contable of
Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to
summon M. E. Barry by making
publication of this Citation once a
week for four consecutive weeks
previous to the return day hereof,
in some newspaper published in
your county, if there be a newspa-
per published therein, but if not,
then in any newspaper published
in the 35th Judicial District; to
appear at the next regular term
of the District Court of Runnels
County, Texas, to be held at the
Court House thereof, in Ballinger,
Texas, on the 2nd Monday in
March A. D. 1914, the same being
the 9th day of March A. D. 1914
then and there to answer a petition
filed in said Court on the 26th
day of January A. D. 1914, in a
suit numbered on the docket of
said Court, No. 1618, wherein Mrs.
Pauline Barry is Plaintiff and M.
E. Barry is Defendant, the nature
of plaintiff's demand being as
follows:

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Runnels

In the District Court of Run-
nels County, Texas.

To the Hon. Jno. W. Goodwin,
Judge of said court:

Now comes Mrs. Pauline Barry,
who resides in Runnels County,
Texas, hereinafter styled plain-
tiff, complaining of M. E. Barry,
hereinafter styled defendant, and
for cause of action would respect-
fully represent to the court:

1st. That the residence of the
defendant is unknown to plain-
tiff, and that plaintiff is an ac-
tual bona fide inhabitant of the
State of Texas, and has resided in
the County of Runnels for more
than six months next preceding
the filing of this suit.

2nd. That on or about the 9th
day of January 1910 plaintiff and
the defendant, M. E. Barry, were
lawfully married, in Runnels
County, Texas; that shortly there-
after they moved to Houston, Tex-
as, and there they continued to
live as husband and wife until on
or about the 18th day of January
1911, at which time and place
without cause or provocation on
the part of plaintiff, the defend-
ant left her, with the intention to
permanently abandon her and did
permanently abandon her since
which said time they have not liv-
ed together as husband and wife,
nor has her said husband in any
way contributed to her support.

3rd. Plaintiff alleges that dur-
ing their marriage one child was
born to them to wit: a girl by the
name of Gusie Mae, about three
years of age, which child has been
in her care and possession ever
since the defendant abandoned
her; that during the time she and
her husband lived together she
was kind and affectionate and
conducted herself with propriety
and managed the household af-
fairs with prudence and economy
but the defendant disregarding
his marriage vow and obligation
deserted and permanently aban-
doned her at the time and place
as alleged above.

Wherefore, premises considered,
plaintiff prays that defendant be
cited by publication as required
by law, and that on final hearing
she have judgment dissolving said
marriage relations, the care, cus-
tody and education of the said
child of said marriage, costs of
suit and for general relief.

HARRIS & HARRIS,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Herein Fail Not, But have you
before said Court, on the first day
of the next term thereof, this
Writ, with your return thereon,
showing how you have executed
the same.

Witness my hand and official
seal at my office in Ballinger, Tex-
as, this 26th day of January A.
D., 1914.

MARY PHILLIPS,
Clerk, District Court, Runnels
County, Texas.
30-4tv

Rev. Father Lavoie left Satur-
day afternoon for Coleman, where
he went to conduct services for his
people over Sunday.

Owing to ill health, H. G. Knight
has severed his relationship with
The Caller. During the two years
he has served as City Editor, Mr.
Knight has been an enthusiastic
member of the force, punctilious
in the performance of his duties,
observant, cautious, dependable
in emergencies. He will be sadly
missed, but we hope for no great
length of time. Such a man is al-
ways needed, always welcome
home.—Corpus Christi Caller.

ACTUAL COST OF MAKING COTTON

Interesting Letter From Owners of
6,000 Acres in Cotton Shows the
Cost of Production Under
Favorable Conditions.

The land of the Coleman-Fulton Pas-
tures Co., in Aransas and San Patricio
Counties, is commonly called the Taf
Ranch. On this ranch are six thousand
acres in cotton. The planting, culti-
vating, picking and ginning of this cot-
ton are under the supervision of Mr.
Chas. H. Alvord, formerly of A. & M.
College of Texas—a recognized author-
ity in practical cotton growing. A
strict cost system is maintained at
the Taf Ranch and Mr. Alvord's let-
ter on the cost of producing cotton may
be regarded as stating fact only. His
letter follows:

My Dear Mr. Yeary:
I regret that I cannot give you at
this time the details in relation to
the cost of producing cotton on
our ranch this year, but this would
hardly be satisfactory, if I could, as
this has been an exceptionally good
year for us, probably much above
the average. I am very confident
that where a year's accurate account
is kept of expenses, depreciation,
etc., that over a series of ten years,
with varying climatic conditions and
loss incident to insect devastation
that cotton cannot be produced for less
than ten cents per pound, and in
many instances it costs considerably
more than this. I believe that the
difference in the cost of production
will depend more upon the yield of
cotton than upon the cost of la-
bor, seed, etc. On four of our farms,
varying from one thousand to eight-
teen hundred acres each, I find that
the total expenses per acre (1912),
not including any interest or rent
charges, was \$22.10, \$21.48, \$25.10
and \$23.00, respectively.

The first one mentioned, the ex-
penses were listed as follows:
Labor \$12.57
Seed 4.15
Feed 4.15
Supplies and Repairs88
Poison74
Fertilizer15
Depreciation on Stock and
Equipment 1.90
Overhead Expenses, includ-
ing, etc. 1.70
..... \$22.10

This farm was operated as an eco-
nomically as any farm could be, if
kept up in proper condition and,
of course, you understand that every
minute's time of labor and every
expense was charged against it. If
we add to this, a rent charge of \$5.00
per acre, which is very small for
land worth as much as this, it would
make the cost per acre about \$27.10.
If the farmer was fortunate enough
to produce one-half a bale of cotton
per acre, the cost would be approxi-
mately 54 cents per pound. The
Agricultural Reports show the aver-
age production of cotton is much
less than one-half a bale per acre,
and of course, the cost would increase
as the production decreases.

I am firmly convinced that cotton
cannot be produced year after year
for a fixed cost for less than ten
cents per pound, and in many in-
stances the cost will exceed this.
Respectfully,
(Signed) CHAS. H. ALVORD,
Ft. Land, Tex., Dec. 22, 1913.

The Taf Ranch has every advantage
in producing cotton at a low cost.
They plant their cotton in the best
soil in Texas; they have every mod-
ern machinery for planting, preparing
the soil and cultivation; they have
their own ginners; they pay but \$1.00
per day for labor; picking costs them
only 40 cents to 60 cents per hun-
dred. In fact the record shown in
the above letter might fairly be said
to be a demonstration of how cheap
cotton can really be made under the
most favorable circumstances.

Mr. Alvord puts the rental charge
at \$5.00 per acre, though their land
is easily worth \$100.00 per acre. Even
then, he states that on their best
farm, he must make 1/2 bale to the
acre in order to get the cost down to
10 cents. What about the farmer who
has not the advantage of cheap labor,
fine land, his own ginners, whose
picking costs 75 cents. And suppose
that he makes but 1-3 of a bale per
acre? A production of 1-3 of a bale
per acre on the Taf Ranch means a
cost of 15 cents per pound. What
does it mean on your farm?

The U. S. Government Records
show that from 1908 to 1912, inclu-
sive, the yield per acre in Texas was
\$7-100 of a bale, or 185 pounds per
acre. If cotton costs 10 cents on a
yield of 1/2 bale per acre, on 37-100
yield, cotton costs 13.5 cents. Figure
it out for yourself, look up your
records and consider how much you
have lost in the last five years.

How to Market Their Cotton For a
Profit seems to puzzle a majority of
the farmers. But the solution is very
simple. Have not the cotton buyers
and speculators sold their cotton at
great profits for years and years? Un-
doubtedly. How do they do it?
Cotton speculators have a very sim-
ple plan, feasible on account of the
fact that, when offered by anybody
but a farmer, cotton is regarded as
the best collateral security behind a
loan. The banks of the South loan
money to the cotton buyer to pay for
the cotton, the cotton standing as
security. The buyers sell the cotton
to speculators who borrow from Euro-
pean banks and repay the local bank.
The cotton is shipped to Europe and
is the collateral that secures the
money which pays for it. The specu-
lator must put up a certain margin
to secure the bank against the mar-
ket. When cotton becomes scarce the
speculator sells to the mills at such
a price as would have easily netted
the farmer 15 cents.

The Southern States Cotton Corpora-
tion is an association for the pur-
pose of marketing cotton. It has
European connections by which it can
handle any amount of cotton. It can
get as good a price for cotton as any
speculator. But this corporation is
owned by farmers, they represent the
majority of the stockholders. Its plan
is to pay the farmer 15 cents. But
to get 15 cents, the farmer must wait,
like the speculator, and must maintain
a margin, in cotton, of 25%.

If farmers want to market their own
cotton, through their own association,
at a profitable price, they have the
opportunity. If they want to continue
to give their cotton to the speculator
and let him make the profits, the
farmers can do that by simply con-
tinuing to sell their cotton to the buy-
ers just as they have always done.
W. B. YEARY,
Farmersville, Tex.

ANGELO GIRLS COMING FOR GAME

The girl basket ball team of the
Ballinger High School will play a
match game with the girl team of
the San Angelo High School next
Saturday on one of the local high
school courts.

The girls of the local club have
been practicing hard for the past
several days, getting in trim for
the big event, which will be the
second of its kind to be played by
the Ballinger club. The first game
of the season was played with
Winters several weeks ago, and
resulted in a victory for the Win-
ters crowd.

This second game of the season
promises to be one of the best
games to be played in this sec-
tion of the state this year between
girl teams of the high school class.
The Ballinger five is in excellent
condition to meet the Angelo
bunch and word comes from that
city to the effect that San An-
gelo has done remarkably well
on the field this year, several
games having been played and re-
sulted in victories for the western
city.

The game will be staged on one
of the courts of the high school.
Several fine courts have been
built this year and the grounds
are in excellent condition for a
match game.

The San Angelo girls will prob-
ably arrive in automobiles, accord-
ing to a letter received today
from one of the rooters of the
prospective visitors. They will
return home after the game.

The Ballinger High School stu-
dents are very enthusiastic over
the girl basket ball team this year,
and great interest is being man-
ifested on all sides for the girl
athletes. It is expected that a
large crowd composed of students
and admirers of sports conducted
by the local High, will be in at-
tendance to see the first matched
game on the local court this sea-
son.

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 the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

SUNDAY AT EIGHTH STREET CHURCH

Despite the disagreeable weath-
er Sunday was a good day at the
Eighth Street Presbyterian
Church. There were eighty present
at Sunday school and \$3.12 col-
lection. The pastor, Rev. Smith
preached at the 11 o'clock hour
and at 7:30 and considering the
weather the attendance was good.
After being without a pastor for
nearly two years our congrega-
tion become scattered and we
might say our church was run
down, but we feel encouraged
over the splendid gain made dur-
ing the month of January, both
in attendance at church service
and Sunday school attendance.
The average attendance for the
Sunday school for January was
the highest in over three years.

The second meeting for both the
Junior and Senior Christian En-
deavor was held Sunday, these so-
cieties having been organized two
weeks ago. A splendid program
was carried out at each service
church are becoming more inter-

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr.
Hughes Would Die, But
One Helped Him to
Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting ad-
vices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes
writes as follows: "I was down with
stomach trouble for five (5) years, and
would have sick headache so bad, at
times, that I thought surely I would die.

I tried different treatments, but they
did not seem to do me any good.

I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep,
and all my friends, except one, thought I
would die. He advised me to try

Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit



Have You Found It?

The Syrup you've been looking and
waiting and longing for and talking
about ever since you grew up. The
Syrup like that which smothered
the waffles and pan cakes in your
childhood days and made your
young heart glad.

Farmer Jones
SORGHUM BLEND
SYRUP

For Taffy—Two cups Farmer Jones Sorghum, one cup
granulated sugar, one tablespoon butter, one table-
spoon vinegar. Boil sorghum, sugar, butter and vinegar
about fifteen minutes or until it hardens when drop-
ped in cold water, add one tablespoon vanilla before
removing from the fire. Pour out on greased platter
and when practically cold, pull until light.
FREE—Farmer Jones Recipe Book on request.

Try it and repeat that old delight once more—
and as often again, too, as you use it. A ripe,
rich, golden brown syrup made from Kansas
Sorghum—the very essence of its wholesome
sweetness.

We include cane syrup with an addition of
corn syrup to prevent fermentation.

Packed in 5 and 10 pound friction-top tins.

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.

ARE YOU AN IN- COME TAX PAYER?

"Austin, Texas, Feb. 9th, 1914
"Mr. A. W. Sledge, Editor,
"Ballinger, Texas,

"Dear Sir:—This office is mak-
ing every effort possible through
many channels to explain the
provisions of the new In Come Tax
law and disseminate the import-
ant fact that the returns must be
made previous to March 1st, to
avoid the penalty for failure to do
so. The language of the law is
ambiguous and confusing, its
scheme of operation being com-
plicated, it is therefore wise for
every individual whose income for
the taxable period of 1913. (Five
sixths of the year) amounted to
\$2500.00 to make returns regard-
less of any exemptions or deduc-
tions allowed to the end that he or
she may not become liable to an
increased tax.

"I hope you will disseminate
this for the benefit of those who
are subject to the tax.

"Yours truly,
"ALBERT W. WOOD,
"Deputy Collector."

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle spent
Sunday between trains with their
friends Mr. and Mrs. Page of
Miles.

and the young people of the
ested in the church than hereto-
fore. We extend a cordial invita-
tion to the young people of the
town to attend the Endeavor
which meets at 6:45 every Sunday
evening. To those who are not af-
filiated with any church or Sun-
day school we extend an invitation
to come and be with us.
Sunday School Reporter.

taking other medicines. I decided to
take his advice, although I did not have
any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught
for three months, and it has cured me—
haven't had those awful sick headaches
since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-
Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been
found a very valuable medicine for de-
rangements of the stomach and liver. It
is composed of pure, vegetable herbs,
contains no dangerous ingredients, and
acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely
used by young and old, and should be
kept in every family chest.

Get a package today.

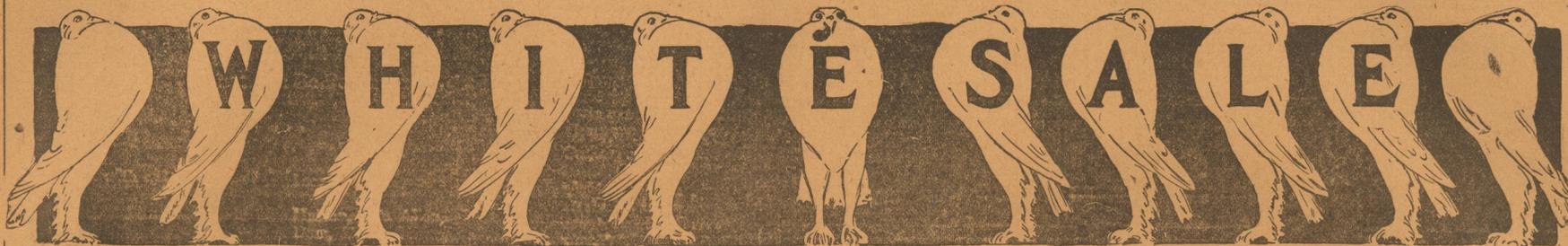
Only a quarter.

Annual Muslin and White Goods Sale Starts MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 1914

COME

THE SALE THAT ALL THE WOMEN OF THIS VICINITY LOOK FORWARD TO:

COME



LARGEST PURCHASE WE EVER NEGOTIATED, GREATEST SALE WE EVER STARTED

NEW, BEAUTIFUL AND PERFECTLY FINISHED MUSLIN AND CREPE UNDERWEAR

Our present showing of handsome, dainty undermuslins is superb. The material from which these garments have been made were carefully selected, not alone for softness and beauty, but with special attention to their service qualities. High quality muslins, soft, sheer, dainty nainsook and servicable cambrics, and beautiful Swiss and American embroideries and French, German and American laces, have been made up into undergarments of rare beauty. The fit and finish on all are of the highest order, and oh, such enticing prices! You'll want to buy a great deal when you see what exquisite undermuslins you can buy at such small cost during the White Sale.

ENTICING OFFERINGS OF UNDERWEAR

GOWNS 49c. 10 dozen Muslin Gowns open and slip over effects, full cut, actually worth 75c, priced at **49c**

GOWNS 98c. 15 dozen Muslin Gowns, slip over and open effects, trimmed in lace and embroidery, priced at **98c**

GOWNS \$1.25. Unusual large assortment at the price, in Muslin and Crepe, open and slip over effects, every wanted style and size, each **\$1.25**

SKIRTS 49c. 10 dozen snowy white skirts. Full cut finish, buttonhole stitch. Easily worth 75c. At only a **49c** garment

SKIRTS 98c. Skirts made of good quality muslin, neatly trimmed in pin tucks and open work embroidery. Extra values at a garment **98c**

BRASSIER Every wanted size in Brassier, beautifully made and neatly trimmed in embroidery, special prices at **35c**



CHEMI-DRAWERS. Trimmed in Laces and Embroidery. Prices at 98c and up.

ENTICING OFFERINGS OF UNDERWEAR

Drawers 25c. 10 dozen Muslin Drawers open and closed kind, neatly trimmed in linen lace and tucked, extra values at **25c**

Drawers 50c. Real values in fine cambric Drawers, open and closed, embroidery and laced trimmed **50c**

Drawers 98c. Womens Muslin Drawers of fine quality, beautifully trimmed in lace and embroidery, each **98c**

CHEMISE 98c. Hand embroidery Chemise made of finest quality muslin, at the garment **98c** only

Princess Slips 98c. Real values in this garment, finished with embroidery and lace edged **98c** at only

Princess Slips A large assortment of Princess Slips, all neatly trimmed in laces and embroidery, prices range from 98c to **\$2.50**

SPECIAL
10-4 Pepperel bleached Sheeting the yard **25c**

SPECIAL
1000 yards shadow lace 2 inches to 6 inches wide Values up to 20c Yard **9c**

SPECIAL
10 dozen women's muslin gowns, slip over and open lace front effect. Worth 75c only **49c**

SPECIAL
15 dozen ladies' petticoats, finest cambric and real values at 75c. A garment **50c**

SPECIAL
20 dozen ladies' fine cambric drawers, real value 35c. This sale price **25c**

SPECIAL
25 dozen children's cambric drawers, exceptional value at 10c. This sale, pair **8c**

By All Means See This Magnificent Undermuslin Exhibit Even If You Are Not In Need Of Any Just Now.

WHITE GOODS, LACES, EMBROIDERIES

The best white event we have ever held begins Monday, February 16th with immense stocks of beautiful white goods laces and embroideries at the lowest prices in years.

White Goods	White Goods	Embroideries	Laces
THOUSANDS OF YARDS TO SELECT FROM—	IMMENSE ASSORTMENT, WONDERFUL VALUES OFFERED	BEAUTIFUL SNOWY WHITE EMBROIDERY	MILES OF YARDS IN LACES.
36 inch Irish Linen, smooth finish, real values 35c. Here the yard, only 25c	40 inch white Voil, beautiful quality the yard 25c	27 inch Flouncing sheer quality, dainty open work edge, small design, worth the yard \$1.00 This sale, the yard 69c	50 bolts shadow lace two to six inches wide, bought to retail at 20c. This sale the yards, choice 9c
40 inch Linweave fine sheer quality, unusual value, the yard 25c	30 inch Persian Lawn, sheer and beautiful. Actually worth 15c and 20c. This sale 11c	27 inch Embroidery Flouncing Hamburg quality, open work. Worth 50c this sale, yd. 29c	50 bolts Linen Torchon lace and insertion 1 1/2 to 3 inches wide, unusual values at 7c to 10c yard, this sale the yard 5c
36 inch Ratine beautiful light weight quality. A real value at 35c. Here the yard 25c	We have hundreds and hundreds of yards of beautiful White Goods here to select from in Crepes, Mulls, Linweaves, Voile, Ratines. In fact every things thats good and new is here. COME.	We have hundreds of yards of beautiful crepe, voile and mercerized batiste flouncing You will agree with us that it's the best and most complete line we have ever shown. All ye ask is for you to come.	1500 yards thread or underwear lace and insertions 1-2 to 5 inches wide, not a piece in lot, worth less than 10c and up to 20c. yard 5c
50 bolts white India Linen, actually worth 12 1/2c yard, during our White Sale, the yard 9c			Everything that white is here for personal use or for the home. You will find values in this great sale that will live in your memory for a long time to come.
20 bolts English Long Cloth, extra value the yard 10c			

BALLINGER THE STORE AHEAD **HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON Co.** **TEAGUE**
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