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## Ballinger Greets San Saba Boosters on Their Big Tour

Ballinger established warm places in the hearts of 143 San Saba business men who toured the Santa Fe branch line Thursday.

Arriving at 11:43 Thursday morning, they were met at the Santa Fe station by approximately two hundred citizens of Ballinger and the Ballinger Band escorted to the downtown sections of the city. They were taken over bodily upon their arrival in the city and were in the custody of local citizens the entire length of their stay in the city.

During their stay in Ballinger, the San Saba boosters distributed much advertising matter of the Twelfth Annual San Saba Fair which will be held in that town next month. Many merchants had special advertising matter of their stores and much of this was put out on the streets of the city.

At 11 o'clock many Ballinger people had gathered on the streets to greet the visitors. Shortly afterward a large crowd estimated at 200 met the special train in which the boosters are traveling over the Santa Fe. Upon the arrival of the train, composed of four large coaches, the local band played a lively air. The San Saba Band at the end of the first piece of music headed the line of march to the downtown section of the city, the boosters following in twos. Several pieces of music were played on the streets, after which the visitors began distributing literature.

At 12 o'clock all bands were called in and the boosters with a large number of Ballinger citizens repaired to the City Hall where an excellent dinner had been prepared by the ladies of the Methodist church of this city. The Boosters were given tickets as they appeared at the entrance of the building, which entitled them to a full repast of the various plates arranged by the ladies of the church.

Expressions heard on the streets all during the stay of the San Saba business men were to the effect that Ballinger had treated them better than any town yet visited and this is the second day of the itinerary.

W. A. Smith, who is editor of the San Saba County News, was among the large number of visitors. Mr. Smith stated that out of about twenty towns visited so far, Ballinger was "the liveliest, the most up-to-date, the one with the greatest welcome and the most courteous." Expressions similar to this were heard on every hand.

The Ballinger Business League met all expenses in entertaining the guests today. Although arrangements were made late in the day for many of the features of entertainment, the San Saba boosters declared the plans for their amusement and pleasure were the most pleasant of any place and were as fully arranged as if weeks had been spent upon them.

Many of the guests knew Ballinger people, having been in the city on previous occasions, and these renewed their friendship. Quite a number of former San Sabites who are now living in Ballinger.

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## Huerta Flees

By United Press.  
MEXICO CITY, July 16.—President Huerta and General Blanquet have left the capital of Mexico.

Their train was possibly attacked and captured at Origaba, a station on the railway half way between Mexico City and Vera Cruz. Reports received here this afternoon were to the effect that it had not arrived there.

The refugee train carrying their families arrived at Puerto Mexico today.

Expected anarchy in the capital after the flight of the president and General Blanquet did not take place.

The city is very quiet this afternoon.

A commission is arranging a peaceful entrance of the constitutionalists.

All fighting is believed to be over.

Future developments in the Mexican situation will be handled by diplomats.

### SPLENDID OAT CROP.

C. F. Reasoner, one of the prominent stockmen of the Talpa country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and while he is in the stock business still he is some what of a farmer too. He had 22 acres in oats this season and threshed out 1300 bushels of good heavy oats. He says the crop conditions generally are good in his section.

### OLD COUPLE IS SLIGHTLY HURT

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bridwell were knocked unconscious for several minutes when the team which they were driving late Monday afternoon became frightened and ran away, throwing the couple to the ground. Aid was immediately brought to their assistance and today they are doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridwell were coming down a slight incline near Valley Creek in a wagon when the accident occurred. In some manner the tongue of the vehicle became loose and the horses were frightened. A run-away ensued and the old couple were thrown to the ground. For several minutes they were unconscious. A physician was called from Ballinger who immediately dressed the wounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridwell had been to their farm near Valley Creek at the time the accident occurred. They were returning to the city late in the afternoon.

### SEVENTEEN HENS; 17 EGGS EACH DAY

Uncle Johnnie Shaffer says his wife has 17 hens that are laying 17 eggs each day and that they are so round and "Ball" like that he was down town to get some wire netting to put around his yard to keep them from rolling off.

## Telephone Attorney Invites Immediate Legal Adjustment of Phone Rates

### Two Dead; 3 Burned

DALLAS, July 15.—Two women perished and three were dangerously burned in a big fire which totally destroyed a large rooming house here at 2 o'clock this morning. The fire was of incendiary origin.

### DIES FROM SUNSTROKE

DALLAS, July 14.—Manuel Hernandez died today of sunstroke on the streets of this city. He is the first victim here of the intense heat wave which is sweeping Texas.

### LEAVES FOR IRELAND.

Wm. Hughes, of Eden, who spent the day in our city, left Tuesday afternoon for New Orleans en route to New York, and will go on to his old home in Ireland to spend several months. He expects to return to his home in Texas about the first of November.

### HARRIS-PATTON

His Honor Paul Trimmier spoke the impressive marriage ceremony Tuesday afternoon on the court house lawn, that united in marriage Mr. J. F. Harris and Miss Zeffie Patton two of the popular young people of the Pony creek country. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for the happy young couple.

### GUION AND DOSS FOR BIG RALLY

Announcement was made today that Judge Jno. I. Guion would speak in behalf of Jim Ferguson of Temple for the office of governor on the night of the rally on the court house lawn, July 24th. Announcement from the Ball forces of the county several days ago was to the effect that Judge A. K. Doss would set forth the claims of the Houston candidate.

R. P. Kirk, manager of the Ferguson Club of Runnels County, made the decision today that Judge Jno. I. Guion should espouse the cause of the Bell county candidate.

Practically all the county candidates have agreed to be in the city on the night of the rally, when a big time is promised the voters. A few minutes will be allotted each candidate for office during which time he will be supposed to set forth his claims for office in a very concise manner. Between each short speech the Ballinger Band will render music. It is quite possible that representatives of other state offices than that of governor will be in attendance at the rally and make short speeches.

A special invitation has been extended the voters of the rural sections of Runnels county to be present on the night of the rally. It is expected that several hundred farmers with their wives will be in the city Saturday evening.

A speakers stand will be erected on the court house lawn and lights will be strung for the occasion.

Declaring that the entire earnings of the Ballinger exchange of the West Texas Telephone Co., with the increased business rate of \$1.00 per month, complained of by many Ballinger citizens, will not now net the company the legal minimum of ten per cent per annum; that the company would be satisfied, however, with the low per cent, for the local exchange; expressing confidence that the court in the trial will uphold the telephone company's contention for a raise in rental for business telephones, a letter was received today from Attorney G. N. Harrison of the West Texas Telephone Co., by Mayor J. W. Powell, regarding the local telephone trouble.

The letter was the outcome of Mr. Harrison receiving a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council complaining especially of the increase of \$1.00 per month for telephones in the business houses of Ballinger.

The City Council recently in session here passed the resolution

which will be the predicate for a proceeding in the district court at this place next fall, to fix what that tribunal shall determine to be a reasonable rate for the telephone rentals in Ballinger.

Mr. Harrison invites a proceeding in the district court, stating that the present increase in the telephones of the business section of the city will not realize a ten per cent per annum dividend upon the investment along with the rentals from the residents of Ballinger. He expresses fear that, since the council has instituted proceedings against the company, the court will rule that not only the business firms' rentals be raised in order that the company might realize the minimum per annum.

"If there is to be regulation by rigid court degree," follows Judge Harrison's letter to the Mayor and the council, "it is manifestly best for the telephone company that it come now. We very much regret that the citizens of Ballinger are

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### Proof In Your Own Hand Writing.

That's what you should have when you disburse funds for any purpose. It's not the part of business wisdom to depend upon the memory or receipts for a record of money paid out.

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Winters, Texas.

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Ballinger, Texas.



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## Farmers Like Erwin's Generosity

That the library opened by Postmaster J. J. Erwin for the benefit of the rural residents of this county, is meeting with greater success than was originally expected, is the statement of Mr. Erwin. Farmers of the county are on ynow finding time to visit the postoffice where the free library is located and taking away with them much periodicals as they desire.

"Mrs. W. S. Fleming suggested some time ago that I open a small magazine stand in the lobby of the postoffice for the benefit of the rural residents of this county. I did not know whether it was permissible for the postmaster to open such a thing in the lobby, but I took it for granted that the government would be as liberal in this matter as it has been in others. However, if Postmaster General Burleson rules that the Ballinger postoffice library be taken out, then it shall most assuredly leave.

"When we put up the small rack in the lobby with a few periodicals in it, little did I think that the demand for reading matter would be very great, because of the fact that farmers are exceedingly busy in their fields. Lately, however, they have been coming into the postoffice and taking the periodicals away. And not only are the farmers the patrons of the free library, if such it might be called, but there are many city people who frequent the place and take such periodicals as they desire to read."

Postmaster Erwin's little library occupies a very small space in the lobby of the office. It is out of the way and still accessible to the farmers who frequent it. Farmers arrive in the city, go to the postoffice, take what magazine or paper they want and leave. They do not remain in the lobby but only a few minutes.

All periodicals are donated to Mr. Erwin by residents of Ballinger. They are arranged in the shelves alphabetically and are thereby easy to find. Mr. Erwin has received several nice compliments lately regarding the little newstand, from people who commend the move started by him. It

## HOW CHILDREN GROW

Children grow by nourishment—not overloaded stomachs or rich foods but qualities that are readily converted into life-sustaining blood; too often their digestive powers cannot procure these qualities from ordinary foods which results in weakness, dullness and sickness.

If your children are under-size, under-weight, catch cold easily, are languid, backward, pale or frail, give them Scott's Emulsion which is pure medicinal nourishment. It sharpens the appetite, builds healthy flesh, firm muscles and active brains. Scott's is growing-food for children. Refuse alcoholic substitutes.

is believed that every postmaster in the country will within a few years adopt the plan to amuse and instruct the people by the donations of the leading magazines of the day.

### Meats! Meats! Meats! Meats!

To our farmer friends and thrashing crews and others desiring a considerable quantity of meat at one time or small quantities, we can furnish same as ordered in such quantities as desired. We will buy your stock from you at the time you buy meat, if you have anything to sell. We guarantee first-class meat and we handle same in a sanitary way.

### CITY MEAT MARKET

Stanley Cameron and Roy Hull Proprietors.

### J. A. DEMOVILLE IN SANITARIUM.

J. A. DeMerville, who underwent an operation for gall stone last Friday, and who for a time was in critical condition, is improving at this writing we are glad to report. Mr. DeMerville has been in bad shape for some time, suffering from gall stone, and he finally submitted to an operation. The physicians report that Mr. DeMerville, while getting along as well as could be expected, will not be able to get among his friends again before the election. He is a candidate for sheriff, and it is unfortunate for him that he was called on to undergo this ordeal at this particular time.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liniment counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker

### SERVICES CLOSED.

Rev. E. W. Wells left Monday morning for Santa Anna where he will begin a protracted meeting. The meeting at that church in our city closed Sunday night with about 40 or 50 professions during the meeting. Rev. Wells informed us before he left that another meeting would begin at the tent in our city Friday night, July 17th.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbine cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. Calloway and J. D. Smith of Wingate, two of the candidates for county commissioner of their precinct, were among the number in Ballinger Monday to hear Cullen Thomas in behalf of Thos. Ball candidacy for governor.

## How Many Will Vote For Governor July 25th?

Did you know there are nearly seven hundred thousand voters in Texas, according to the number of poll taxes paid last year? To be exact for the year 1914 there were issued 606,765 poll tax receipts, and the over and unders, or exemption certificates, makes a total of 697,779 qualified voters. With this number of voters to select from Tom Ball is claiming that he will get from fifty thousand to sixty thousand the best of the race, and Ferguson says his majority will be any where from fifty to seventy-five thousand. Both of the gentlemen are guessing, and it will require a count of the votes to determine who is the best guesser.

The following is a record of poll taxes paid in the state for the past seven years, showing the number of qualified voters and the percentage of gain each year:

Year—	Poll tax payers.	Qualified voters.
1914	606,765	697,779
1913	520,352	598,405
1912	571,961	657,755
1911	548,631	630,926
1910	535,352	615,655
1909	556,893	640,427
1908	561,838	646,113

### How the County Will Vote.

Clip this out and paste it up for future reference. The election date is drawing near and you will want to know how many voters are polled at the various boxes in the county. Following is the number of poll tax receipts held at each box:

Ballinger	689
Hatchel	91
Benoit	52
Crews	160
Token	58
Truitt	32
Winters	342
Antelope	41
Pumphrey	74
Wingate	130
Baldwin	32
Wilmeth	106
Cochran	46
N. Norton	61
S. Norton	46
Marie	30
Maverick	57
Pearee School House	63
Brookshire	17
Miles	226
Rowena	172
Olfm	58
Pony Creek	90
Total	2673

### KIPP FAMILY WILL MOVE TO BALLINGER

Misses Nellie and Beatrice Kipp and brother, Eugene, arrived from Dallas at noon Friday, and will visit relatives in the city until their father and mother arrive some time in the near future.

Eugene has been attending school in Illinois and Miss Nellie in Virginia. It will be remembered that the Kipp family left their home in Guadalajara, Mexico early in the spring, narrowly escaping with their lives. They have been living in Dallas since coming to the United States. Mrs. Kipp and the children will locate in Ballinger again where they will remain until conditions become settled in Mexico. Mr. Kipp will remain here awhile or until he thinks it safe to return to Mexico and look after his business interest.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver—a condition which invites disease. Herbine is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

### MR. AND MRS. GEO. KEARNEY MOVING TO BELTON

George Kearney left Thursday afternoon for Belton, where he has accepted a position with a prominent drug firm of that city. Mrs. Kearney will remain in Ballinger for a few days, and until Mr. Kearney can find a suitable location for them in Belton.

Mr. Kearney has been a resident of Ballinger for the past five or six years. He has made friends with all those with whom he has become acquainted and his many friends will regret to know that he and his family are moving away from Ballinger.

During Mr. Kearney's stay in Ballinger he has been connected with the J. Y. Pearce drug store. He will be succeeded here by Frank Pearce.

### Stops Neuralgia—Kills Pain

Sloan's Liniment gives instant relief from Neuralgia or Sciatica. It goes straight to the painful part—Soothes the Nerves and stops the pain. It is also good for Rheumatism, Sore Throat, Chest Pains and Sprains. You don't need to rub—it penetrates. Mr. J. R. Swinger, Louisville, Ky., writes: "I suffered with quite a severe Neuralgia Headache for four months without any relief. I used Sloan's Liniment for two or three nights and I haven't suffered with my head since." Get a bottle today. Keep in the house all the time for pains and all hurts 25c, 50c, and \$1.00, at your druggists.

Buckden's Arnica Salve for all Sores.

Rev. Father J. B. Lavoie returned home Monday at noon from Brownwood and Coleman where he had been on church business the past few days.

Fore SORE or WEAK EYES, use Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water. Don't hurt. Feels good. w6-1-14 6m.

### LOCAL SHOWERS EXTENT OF RAIN

It seems that the rain Thursday night fell right up to a certain line and quit, skipping a strip of country and coming down again. The report furnished by the West Texas Telephone Co., shows that the rail was spotted, but heavy in some places. The fall at Ballinger amounted to 1.40, while one mile across the river, at the home of Ed Eubanks, who keeps the government gauge there was only one-fourth of an inch. Paint Rock reports two inches and Angelo one inch. Most places report no rain, and light showers at a number of places.

### Headache and Nervousness Cured

"Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mrs. Richard Olp Spencerport, N. Y. They have cured me of headache and nervousness and restored me to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.

### FIRE PREVENTION

By S. W. English, State Fire Marshall.



It has been declared that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It is equally true that an ounce of fire prevention is worth ten pounds of fire fighting.

The man who is constantly on the alert to ward off fire has a faith that is far stronger than has the man who is careless with his property and who depends upon the zeal of fire fighting companies and the number of pounds of water pressure maintained by the waterworks.

Keep your premises free from filth. Keep them free from trash. Keep them insured against destruction by your care, rather than to trust solely to your insurance policy and to the powers of firemen and their fire fighting machinery.

A pall of smoke ascending from your property as it goes to feed the maw of the fire-god can have no silver lining. It is a black cloud and in nine cases out of ten leaves a black mark on your conscience.

Don't save all you energy to fight fires with; use some of it to prevent fires.

### Severe Attack of Colic Cured

E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.

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Then why not eat the best at the same price.

A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.

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Receives our very best attention and we ask you to visit us when in town, and we guarantee to give you a good shave, a neat hair cut and courteous treatment.

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Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

## SPEAKER COMPARES BALL AND FERGUSON

For two hours and a half Hon. Cullen F. Thomas, one of the ablest speakers and cleanest men in Texas, stood before a crowd of about 800 people in the big show tent opposite the freight depot Monday afternoon and told why he favored Tom Ball for governor and why he opposed Jim Ferguson. Mr. Fred Hayes, head of the theatrical company that is playing here for the week, and who so kindly furnished his tent for the speaking, stated that his tent would seat 1000 people, but only 800 seats had been arranged when the time for the speaking arrived. These were comfortably filled and there were quite a number who were seated in their autos and buggies on the outside. The largest crowd from any one point came from Winters. Forty-odd tickets were sold for the noon train from Winters and about twenty-five came in autos. Mr. Eason, of Winters, stated that there were about seventy-five in his party from Winters. After the speaking the A. & S. made up a special train for the return of the Winters visitors to their home.

In giving an account of the speech it would require all of this paper to tell all that the speaker said. He discussed the various questions that are confronting the people in the present campaign and discussed the charges that are being made against Tom Ball. The crowd that heard him was about equally proportioned with farmers, business men and ladies, and the crowd was with the speaker from the time he was introduced until he finished and he was frequently applauded.

While the band was playing some familiar air, the reception committee escorted Judge Thomas to the speaker's stand, and his appearance was greeted with a hearty cheering from the audience.

In a brief way Judge A. K. Doss presented the speaker to the audience. "I had the honor of being your delegate to the convention at Houston in 1912," said Judge Doss; "the convention that was looking to the selection of a man for president. Out of that convention of 3000 delegates representing the Democracy of this great state, Tom Ball was the only man in that convention that demanded the unlimited attention of that vast throng of progressive Democrats."

Judge Thomas began his talk by saying that he traveled a long way to get to Ballinger. He spoke at Tyler, almost on the eastern border of Texas, last Saturday. He expressed himself in the most appreciative way for the good attendance, thanking the farmers for leaving their work and coming in to hear him speak, thanking the ladies for their presence, and thanking the band for the splendid music. "I don't know what the band was playing when I came under the tent," said Judge Thomas, but I suggest that they get ready to play it on the night of July 25th. "There will be a Hat Time in the old town tonight," when we fill the existing vacancy in the governor's chair. We want to fill that vacancy with a big man." At this point Mr. Thomas referred to the claim that had been made that we have the smallest governor of the biggest state in the United States, and said that it was time for the people of Texas to elect a governor

that was not so much interested in Mexican intervention in American politics, and one who would not call out the entire state militia just because some Mexicans had stolen a few yearlings, but at the same time would stand by and see 25,000 Mexican voters herded in Texas to thwart the will of the American people.

"We want a governor," said the speaker, "who is not forever committed to protect 4000 saloons and help fill the penitentiaries of Texas. I am against Jim Ferguson for governor because of the things that stand for him, and I am going to tell you why I am for Ball."

First, Ball stands for clean politics and purity of the ballot box in Texas. Here the speaker pictured what clean politics and pure ballots mean to this government. He said that any man who would desecrate the ballot to gain personal ambition is unworthy of the confidence of the people. He told how Ferguson had boasted about setting aside \$30,000 to buy his way into the governor's office, "and" stated the speaker, "he said if that was not enough he would spend more. The standard set by Ferguson to gain the governor's chair would exclude Hogg and Reagan, and is contrary to Democratic principals. Tom Ball has challenged Ferguson's campaign committee to show where the money they are spending in this campaign comes from. Ferguson is silent about this. Tom Ball has agreed to publish to the world his campaign contributions and disbursements. They will not show the farmers of this great state who are paying the men that are going over this state making false charges against Ball and resorting to all kinds of mud-slinging tactics to defeat him."

Judge Thomas is touring this state in the interest of Col. Tom Ball for governor, and he stated in his speech that he was not receiving one cent of pay for his time. He scored the Ferguson forces for the liquor hirelings that were speaking all over Texas in the interest of Mr. Ferguson. He referred to the charges that had been made that breweries and liquor interest outside of Texas were contributing to the defeat of Tom Ball and that they were paying one dollar for every dollar that was raised in Texas for the Ferguson campaign fund. Mr. Thomas stated that this charge had never been denied. He referred to the refusal of Jake Wolters, manager for the antis in the last state wide campaign, to divulge the sources from which the funds were collected to carry on that campaign and defeat prohibition, and how the money was expended, when on the other hand Mr. Ball, manager for the pros, turned his books over to the legislative committee and accounted for every dollar that passed through his committee. Mr. Thomas stated that Col. Ball was in favor of a law that would put an end to turning lose in this great state a slush fund to defeat the will of the people.

"Ferguson is making the charge," said Mr. Thomas, "over this state that Ball speakers are being paid. Mr. Ferguson is just mistaken. I will not use harsher language than this in denying this charge. Tom Ball is fighting for pure politics in Texas, and Ferguson is trying to buy the office

with his thirty thousand dollars, and the liquor interest of this state is for him." At this point in Judge Thomas' speech he put the proposition of the choice of pure politics and dirty politics squarely up to the crowd, asking all those who were in favor of the demand made by Tom Ball for pure politics to say "ave." There was a roar of voices in giving the affirmative vote. The speaker then calling for those who were in favor of getting the votes through the Ferguson method to say "nay." There was silence. Some one in the audience at this point yelled, "Ferguson gets money any way, like everybody else." "No, no, my friends," replied Judge Thomas, "you don't mean that. If that is true these old men here labored in vain. The state has contributed in vain in building educational institutions, the churches of this land have labored in vain, if everybody believes in getting money any way they can."

Judge Thomas stated that Tom Ball and Jim Ferguson were both good average men in many respects. He stated that he did not believe in mud-slinging dirty politics, and that he was not a "mud-dobber." Said he regretted that Mr. Ferguson did not pitch his campaign on a higher plane. The speaker took up the record of Tom Ball for twenty-years back, showing how he stood on every question of importance that ever confronted the people. Telling how Ball served in places of honor in his old town, Huntsville, serving as chairman of his school board, serving as mayor, and as was elected to congress by an overwhelmingly majority. "The people do not place bad men in such positions," said the speaker, "and continue to honor them." The speaker told how the call came from the people of this state for a man to fill the governor's chair and tear up the rotten politics of this government. He told how when Tom Ball responded to the call and became the candidate of the people who sent more than three thousand delegates to the Fort Worth convention, the liquor interest and their hirelings are making against Tom Ball, Mr. Ball is not low down enough to suit them. "It is not because they think he will go back on his promise to the people," said the speaker, "that they are opposing him, but it is because they know he will keep his promise. They tell you that Ball is not a good prohibitionist. He is good enough for Cone Johnson, he is good enough for Dr. Rankin, he is good enough for Dr. Gambrell, and every other man in this state who has been fighting all their life for prohibition. He is good enough for me. They say that Ball belongs to the Houston Club, and Ferguson has said that he was a high tone saloon man. I want to deny this and tell you that it is false, but if it was true Ball is the only high tone saloon man in Texas. I regret that Ball is a member of the Houston Club. Not that it hurts him or disqualifies him for the high position the pros of this state are trying to give him, but because it gives the antis a club to fight with and they are magnifying the evils of the club."

Judge Thomas took up the club charge made against Ball and explained it in a way that brought forth a hearty applause of satisfaction from the crowd. He stated that he had taken his meals there Houston Club a number of times; that he had taken his meals there with prominent men in Houston, both pros and antis. Said the club was not run in violation of the law. He told how men in every

walk of life in Houston went to that club. Told how the most prominent men in the United States were entertained at that club when they visited Houston. He said the charge that a man joined that club to get liquor was absurd for he could get it on every corner in Houston.

The speaker called to mind how the pros who were supporting Ferguson were being "cuddled" by the Ferguson forces, and how the antis who were supporting Ball were being blackmailed by the anti speakers. "We welcome those antis," said Mr. Thomas, "who are antis for principle and not because they are directly or indirectly interested in the business, who are supporting Ball because they put the man above the liquor interest and recognizes that Tom Ball is the best man in this race."

The speakers referred to Ball's prohibition record, in defending him against the charges being made by the antis, and told how he stumped the state for prohibition in 1887, how he worked in his home county, Walker county, and helped to carry that county for the pros, how in the last state-wide election Tom Ball managed the campaign for the pros, and charged that if the vote had been one of pure ballots the state would have gone dry, but that a Mexican vote of 25,000 defeated the will of the American people by a little more than six thousand. "In spite of this they tell you that Ferguson is as good a pro as Ball," said the speaker. "If Benedict Arnold was as good patriot as Washington, if Ingersol was as good a preacher as Talmage, if Pilot thought as much of His Master as Paul then Ferguson is as good as Ball."

The speaker referred to the two demonstrations recently held in the home counties of the two candidates, showing how 800 people met in Ball's home county, Walker and endorsed him, there being one man in the crowd of 800 people who opposed him, and how in the county of Bell Ball received the greatest political demonstration ever given a candidate in Texas. An old Bell county man in the audience said: "They know Jim Ferguson too well at home." Judge Thomas asked this man if he was from Bell county, he said he was. When asked if he was a Ferguson or Ball man, he replied "I'm for Ball." This brought to light more than a dozen ex-Bell county citizens in the audience, and out of the number who claimed Bell county as their former home, there was only one man in the audience who was for Ferguson, and he stated that he was now living in Dallas. Judge Thomas said this was about 16 to 1.

In comparing the two candidates for governor, Judge Thomas held Ball up as a man successful as a lawyer, and said according to Ferguson's own confession he was a failure as a lawyer. He talked about how Ferguson was trying to prejudice the minds of the farmers in charging Ball with being lined up with the corporation. He told how Ferguson resigned as a director in the Texas Light & Power Co., just about the time he announced for governor. The Texas Light & Power Co., has a capital of \$13,000,000.00 and is the second largest corporation in Texas. He told how Ferguson fought the Guaranty Bank law, a law which Tom Ball helped to pass, and Ferguson's bank at Temple does not take advantage of that law, but instead of protecting its depositors through the guaranty fund it makes bond for the protection. He told how all had worked for many good laws, naming the laws, and how Ferguson had fought them. The speakers named a number of laws that Ball helped to place on the statute books to curb corporations and he challenged the Ferguson forces to name a law that Ferguson favored against corporations.

Judge Thomas stated that the bunch that fought Hogg is now fighting Ball. He stated that Ferguson's success in this race is built on nothing but the brick wall that he has built between the people and the saloons. He said Ferguson's black pledge to the liquor interest should defeat him for governor of this great state.

Judge Thomas took up Ferguson's land plank and discussed it at length. He started to pass this question up by making mention of it, but, he stated that he supposed the people of this section were familiar with it, and that it did not effect this part of this state, when his hearers said, "Go ahead and tell us about it." Mr. Thomas showed how ludicrous Ferguson's tenant plank was and said that it

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## Here's Some Chicken, Fanciers; Get Her For the Next Show

By United Press.  
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was a decoy to catch voters, and that if Ferguson was sincere in the passage of such a law he should have submitted it to the people and had it adopted in a constitutional way, so the law would have been valid. Said the plank was more moonshine in Ferguson's platform and was only for the purpose of catching the tenant farmer.

Speaking further on the land question, Mr. Thomas said: "Ferguson says that we have as much right to regulate the farm as we have the saloon. I don't think so. The farm stands for something. The saloon stands for nothing. Jim Ferguson thinks he can ride on the backs of the tenant farmer to the governor's mansion at Austin, and when he gets there he will hitch the tenant farmer outside and he will crawl in Gov. Hogg's bed. Some people say that Ferguson is a second Hogg. I think he is a second Colquitt."

Judge Thomas ridiculed in a humorous way the comparison being made over the country by Ferguson speakers, in which the Ferguson speakers hold Ferguson up as a David of old, as a Mose, and said that Colquitt's statements about Ferguson being chosen by God to lead the people was blasphemy that should burn the lips that speak the words.

Going back to the discussion of the land question, Mr. Thomas asked his hearers if they thought that the thousands of voters in El Paso were interested in Ferguson's land plank, or in his black pledge to the saloon. He asked which they thought the voters in Bexar county were interested in the most, the land plank or the black pledge? There is only one question the majority of the voters in

these two counties ask, "Is your candidate for Anheuser-Busch?"

In closing Mr. Thomas pictured the difference in the manner in which the success of the two candidates would be celebrated. He said that if Ferguson was elected the event would be celebrated by the clinking of glasses in 4000 saloons in Texas. If Ball was elected it would be celebrated by the songs of praises in thousands of homes and churches throughout this great state.

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J. B. Bass and J. D. Miller, of Norton, were among the crowd in the city Monday.

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The state supreme court of Kan-  
sas has declared that Jamaica gin-  
ger is an intoxicant and therefore  
cannot be sold in the good old  
state of Kansas. Come to Texas,  
and drink grape juice.

The recent election in Mexico  
was held on Sunday, and some one  
has suggested the idea that it was  
a desecration of the Sabbath. As  
Huerta was elected we agree with  
the suggestion.

One of the greatest problems  
the farmers of this county have  
been confronted with, is the prob-  
lem of harvesting and storing the  
great big feed crop. It is the  
greatest ever grown in this coun-  
ty.

A mean disposition is a malady  
incurable, as far as your family  
physician can cure. Diagnose  
your case and if you discover a  
mean disposition, there is no use  
to spend your money with the  
doctor.

Ballinger needs a large public  
pavilion, a place suitable for pub-  
lic speakings, and which could be  
used for revival meetings, etc.  
There is not a summer to pass but  
what such a place would be worth  
all to the town that it cost.

It is true that a man is valuable  
just in proportion to his ability  
and willingness to co-operate with  
other men in working for those  
things that are for the uplift of  
humanity. A selfish man cannot  
be very valuable.

The next thirty days will be  
watched with interest by the farm-  
ers of this county. The next thirty  
days are cotton making days,  
and will determine to a great ex-  
tent what the harvest shall be. If  
the signs come true somebody is  
going to need some cotton pickers.

The citizens who contributed to  
the success of the professional  
grafters who recently worked Bal-  
linger in the interest of the orphan  
age in far away Turkey, should  
go to San Angelo and comfort the  
two foreigners. They are still in  
jail and are having a hard time  
squaring themselves with the court.

A man is supposed to gain knowl-  
edge as he grows in years, and  
with experience as a teacher he  
is suppose to cut his eye teeth.  
Yet we have men in Ballinger  
who are dishing into politics with  
a deep spade. "Save the country  
boys," is the cry.

The Concho Herald says: "A  
car load of silos were received  
last week and distributed to the  
ranches of W. O. Shultz, Gus  
Hartgrove and Mr. Lacy of Miller  
view." That means that two  
calves are going to grow where  
he has been starving to death in  
the past.

With the experience of the past  
few years it is to be hoped that  
the farmers of this county have  
learned a lesson, and that they  
will save their feed. Will they do  
it? No, there are farmers in this  
county who are selling feed now,  
and next spring they will mort-  
gage their cotton crop for money  
with which to buy feed, and that  
too at about double what they are  
getting now for what they are sell-  
ing. Mighty poor business.

Postmaster Erwin gives notice  
to the good ladies of the town that  
the free library in the lobby of  
the postoffice is running low on  
magazines. When you come to  
town bring along those magazines  
that you have read and leave  
them at the postoffice. Remember  
that there are many people who do

**ABSENCE**

Makes the heart grow fonder, we're told, but a good  
Portrait of the absent one will keep the recollection  
more vivid and comfort many a lonely hour of sep-  
aration.

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**THE WILBOURN STUDIO**

TEAK STUART, PROPRIETOR.  
P. S. Don't forget to bring your kodak work to be finished

not take magazines and they ap-  
preciate good reading as well as  
you do.

We have heard farmers criti-  
cize those whom they term  
"book farmers." Actual expe-  
rience is said to be a mighty good  
teacher, but a man can profit a  
great deal by the experience of  
the man who has made the experi-  
ment, and there is no better way  
to get this knowledge than by  
reading. The U. S. is spending  
thousands of dollars annually in  
issuing bulletins touching on ev-  
ery branch of agriculture, as well  
as on almost everything else.

Ballinger is not a large town  
and it is generally understood  
around "these diggins" that peo-  
ple are hard up—"busted." But  
the statements of the three Bal-  
linger banks show that somebody  
has a few dollars. There is on de-  
posit in the three banks nearly a  
half million dollars subject to  
check. This too in a dull season  
of the year. With the promising  
prospects for a bumper crop the  
banks will have to enlarge their  
vaults this fall.

**GO TO THE RESCUE**

**Don't Wait 'till It's Too Late—  
Follow the Example of a Bal-  
linger Citizen.**

Rescue the aching back.  
If it keeps on aching, trouble  
may come.

Often it indicates kidney weak-  
ness.

If you neglect the kidney's  
warning,

Look out for urinary disorders.  
This Ballinger citizen will show  
you how to go to the rescue.

E. G. Smith, farmer, Ballinger,  
Texas, says: "I had soreness in  
my back and was troubled by my  
kidneys for two years. I had  
trouble in passing kidney secre-  
tions. I felt miserable in every  
way and my health was very much  
run down. Doan's Kidney Pills  
were recommended to me and I  
began using them. Soon after I  
had taken them, I felt their ben-  
eficial effects and when I had fin-  
ished one box, I was completely  
cured."

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simply ask for a kidney remedy—  
get Doan's Kidney Pills—the  
same that Mr. Smith had. Foster-  
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**MANY WOODMEN LEAVE  
FOR COMANCHE**

The following Woodmen and  
ladies of Woodmen Circle left  
Tuesday afternoon to attend the  
summer meeting of the West Tex-  
as Log Rolling Association which  
convened in that city Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lusk, Coy Dren-  
nan, Madams W. T. Ward, J. A.  
Ostertag, Moore, H. Lindsey,  
Adolph Wilke, Kate Gressett,  
Chester Cherry, John McMinn and  
little niece Miss Virginia Griggs,  
Madams Bud Cline, M. C. Brad-  
en and Misses Mary Phillips, Em-  
mie Pagles, Agnes Glover, Hettie  
Tuckey and Susie Poor.

T. E. Frierson, of the Token  
country was transacting business  
in Ballinger Wednesday.

Dr. R. A. Dickson and family,  
left Wednesday afternoon for Ft.  
Worth where they will visit rel-  
atives a week or so and will likely  
return home in their new auto.

Mrs. A. E. Bell, of Mississippi,  
who had been visiting her daugh-  
ter, Mrs. E. D. Futch and family,  
the past few weeks, left Wednes-  
day afternoon for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Moon and  
children of the Truitt country,  
came in Wednesday and left on  
the afternoon train for Alabama,  
where they will spend the summer  
with relatives.

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RUNNELS COUNTY**

What Superintendent Hagan Has  
to Say About Them.

	1906-1907	1913-1914
Number enrolled	2157	2660
Total number days attended by schol- astics, . . . . .	131,245	191,794
Number of teachers employed . . . . .	51	76
Number of schools . . . . .	44	56
Number of days Taught . . . . .	5582	8864
Number districts that levied tax, . . . . .	14	52
Seating capacity . . . . .	1408	3650
Total Value of Rural Schools, . . . . .	\$13,365.00	\$50,055.00
Amount Paid teachers, . . . . .	\$13,988.00	\$28,391.00
Total Receipts for Rural schools, . . . . .	\$18,536.00	\$52,838.00
Total amount paid out . . . . .	\$16,836.00	\$36,186.00
Cash on hand \$ . . . . .	1,700.00	\$16,652.00

The above report is a copy from  
the Department of Education. I  
trust that every citizen of Run-  
nels County will read it carefully,  
and I hope the efforts made in the  
improvement of the schools and  
the interest manifested at all  
times in the moral, physical and  
intellectual welfare of the children  
of this county will be appreciated.

While I am proud of this report,  
I feel that it has only been made  
possible by active co-operation of  
the broad minded citizenship of  
this county, together with the as-  
sistance of that patriotic body of  
men who have served as trustees  
and the splendid men and women  
who have worked so faithfully as  
teachers. This co-operation and  
public spirited service has laid the  
foundation of an educational  
structure upon which can be built  
in a few years a system of schools  
not excelled by any, if we build  
intelligently. We must remember,  
however, that one idea will not  
solve the great problem of the  
education of our boys and girls  
and that castles in the air will not  
house your children in comfort.

When I assumed the duties of  
the office of County Superintend-  
ent I adopted the motto of effi-  
ciency, economy and fidelity to  
duty in all my work. I have en-  
deavored to handle the affairs of  
the schools in a common sense,  
business like manner and the  
friends of education generally en-  
dorse my administration. Because  
of my knowledge of all the con-  
ditions pertaining to the parents,  
children and schools, I believe  
that I am in a position to render  
you more effective service the  
next two years than any one else,  
and I earnestly solicit your sup-  
port. I am anxious to continue the  
development of your schools until  
they will have become so effective  
in progress and finance that we  
shall be able to have a first-class  
high school in every part of the  
county where it is practical and  
the people desire it. Runnels  
County is now in the front ranks  
of educational progress. I have  
the confidence of all the children  
of the county, and I feel that my  
long experience will enable me to  
accomplish much for your schools.  
Believing this I respectfully solicit  
your vote on July 25th.

Respectfully,  
E. L. HAGAN.  
(Political Advertisement.)

Mr. and Mrs. G. Goetz, of Row-  
ena, were among the visitors in  
Ballinger Monday afternoon.

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I bale for 7 and 8 cents. See  
me at once. Phone 377. W. E.  
TODD. 25-2td3w

J. Ed Gentry and C. C. Gau-  
naway of Norton were among the  
visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Luther Williams of the Norton  
country, was among the business  
visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

**Commissioner Craft Makes  
Reply to Witherspoon**

Miles, Texas, July 12, 1914.  
To Ballinger Merchants:

In response to an article in The  
Ballinger Ledger of July 10, 1914,  
dictated by one J. T. Witherspoon  
twenty miles up the Colorado riv-  
er, and under the caption, "Bad  
Roads Prevent Hauling to Ballin-  
ger," and as said article tends to  
reflect a dereliction of duty on my  
part, I will briefly state some facts  
in the case:

Some months ago, I do not re-  
member the exact date, this self  
same Witherspoon came to Miles  
stating his grievances respecting  
this road and I explained that as  
there is no overseer and no one on  
said road to look after it, if he  
would refer me to some one that  
would do the work, I would allow  
the limit of the county for both  
man and beast. Mr. Witherspoon  
said he would like the job and that  
he would attend to it. This being  
agreeable, I heard nothing more

**TAX COLLECTOR PAD-  
GETT ADDRESSES VOTERS**

To the Voters of Runnels County:

When you elected me as your  
tax collector I promised you the  
best service that was within my  
power to give. Up to this good  
hour I have tried to fulfill my  
promise and I believe that I have  
made good. In order to complete  
my term in office with the same  
faithful service I have rendered  
up to this good hour, I can not get  
out and see each voter personally  
and I am taking this opportunity  
to let my friends and the voters  
know that I place my duties in of-  
fice and my duty to the people  
above my personal ambition.

It would afford me a great  
deal of pleasure to call on every  
voter in this county and express to  
him my appreciation for what he  
has done for me in the past and  
to solicit his support for the com-  
ing election, but I can not leave  
my office to make a canvass of the  
county. I feel that a great ma-  
jority of the voters of this coun-  
ty know me well enough to know  
that I will not neglect the duties  
of my office in order to advance  
my personal interest. If I had time  
I would call on each voter in per-  
son but as I have not been able to  
make satisfactory arrangements to  
leave my office, I am addressing  
you and assure you that it is not  
through indifference that I have  
failed to see you, but that the  
duties of my office have kept me  
out of the field. If one of you  
should have business at my office  
desiring to pay some back taxes,  
or look up the taxes on property  
or some other business connected  
with the tax collector's office, and  
should make the trip to town for  
that purpose and after reaching  
here find me out of town, I could  
not very well expect you to vote  
for me.

I trust that you will not get the  
idea that I am not appreciative of  
your support because I have not  
called on you in person. I will see  
as many of my friends between  
now and July 25th, as I can see  
without neglecting the duties of  
my office, but in case I do not see  
you, I sincerely ask that you take  
my record in office for what it is  
worth, and re-elect me for another  
term.

Yours truly,  
W. T. PADGETT  
1td 3tw

**TO ALL PROGRES-  
SIVE FARMERS**

The Farmers' Short Course will  
open in about one week at Col-  
lege Station. I am pleased to re-  
port to you that all arrangements  
in regard to giving the work and  
for the accommodation of students  
have been completed.

The Instructional Staff will be  
one of the strongest ever assem-  
bled in the South. This year's  
Short Course offers a rare oppor-  
tunity to the farm men and wom-  
en of this State to receive valu-  
able instruction on practically ev-  
ery question concerning the farm  
and farm home.

There ought to be a great many  
families take this work. Will you  
not come and bring yours?  
On Sunday the 22nd, an old  
fashioned barbecue will be given  
for the benefit of Short Course  
students and farmers of Brazos  
County.

GEO. McCLELLAND.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO  
OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching,  
Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days.  
The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

until some months later, Mr.  
Doose called my attention to the  
condition of the road and stated  
that he would for a stated amount  
shape said road, so I turned the  
matter over to him. I think on my  
last trip to Ballinger he informed  
me that he had been so busy that  
he had not done anything but  
would do so. Now I have the ut-  
most confidence in Mr. Doose and  
assure you that the road will be  
attended to.

There is an idea prevailing with  
some optimistic kickers that to  
secure favor they have only to  
press the button before an elec-  
tion. Suffice it to say that this  
did not get my number, for I am  
just the same, after taking as I am  
before you, so I leave it with you.  
sons. Mr. Ballinger Merchant this  
is food for thought. I cannot  
force you, so I leave it with you.  
Who next?

Yours to serve,  
C. N. CRAFT.

**TO THE PUBLIC.**

As July 25th draws near I real-  
ize how utterly impossible it will  
be for me to see every voter in the  
county. I am doing my best to  
cover the county, but in no com-  
munity am I attempting to see ev-  
ery man. If you do not know me,  
ask your friends and neighbors  
about me. I am not at all a stran-  
ger in the county, and I stand for  
something definite I have been  
identified with almost every pro-  
gressive movement in the county  
since coming to West Texas. My  
opinion on every public question is  
well known, and no man can truth-  
fully charge me with intolerance  
respecting the opinions of others.

Now, if I am elected, it shall be  
on my own merits and the policies  
for which I stand. I do not ask your  
support because of a weakness or  
fault of my opponent. I am not a  
critic or "mud-slinger." In my  
opinion, the man who will resort  
to these methods is wholly unfit  
for this important office. My op-  
ponent may have made mistakes,  
doubtless has. But I do not expect  
myself to fill the office with per-  
fection, especially from the view  
point of every citizen of the coun-  
ty. I only promise to do my best,  
trying to avoid the errors that may  
have been made before, devoting  
my whole time to the schools, or-  
ganizing, systematizing and un-  
ifying them to the end that boys  
and girls who attend these may be  
fitted for the practical duties of  
life. To accomplish this I deem it  
necessary and it is my purpose to  
visit the schools as often as possi-  
ble and remain with them as long  
as possible, to assist in planning  
and outlining the work to be done  
and to see that this is done or know  
the reason why. I shall not be tyran-  
ical or an absolute dictator to teach-  
ers, but a helper. Wherever my  
services are needed most, there I  
shall be found most often. How-  
ever, if I am to render the great-  
est service to any community, I  
must have the co-operation of pa-  
trons and especially the trustees  
of the schools. These I shall take  
fully into my confidence in all  
matters pertaining to their school.

With the return of good seasons,  
crops, and the consequent prosper-  
ity a great influx of people to our  
county will follow; the number of  
children of school age will be in-  
creased; land and property values  
will be enhanced; more teachers  
must be employed; new school  
houses must be built and equipped  
and old ones enlarged; the rate of  
taxation in many localities must be  
raised; greater expenditure of  
money for school purposes will re-  
sult. All these and many other  
things come naturally as a result  
of conditions. They have come to  
our sister counties, even where  
there was no county superinten-  
dent. In many sections of this  
county where eight years ago it  
was an almost unbroken prairie it  
is now an unbroken series of farms  
with a school house every three or  
four miles. But in times like this  
it is of the utmost importance that  
you select an active, able, and  
progressive superintendent that  
may direct wisely, and build for  
today only, but for the future.

I am not saying that I am the only  
man for this place. I am simply  
offering myself for your considera-  
tion. But I do feel keenly the re-  
sponsibility that will be laid upon  
me, should you elect me. And it  
shall be my policy, not so much  
to build new schools, but build bet-  
ter schools; increase the efficiency  
rather than the number; build a  
Rural High School where there

are two, three, or more little  
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Now, to those who look with  
suspicion upon my proposition to  
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and the East, and sections where  
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shall be given this work.

But before closing this article  
I must express my appreciation  
for the active support of friends  
and the friends of education, and  
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W. W. WOOTEN.  
(Political Advertisement.)

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to give it my best service.  
Yours very respectfully,  
OVERTON L. PARISH.  
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**CANDIDATES**

This paper is authorized to an-  
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mary to be held in July:

- For County Superintendent:  
E. L. HAGAN.  
W. W. WOOTEN.
- For Sheriff:  
JOHN D. PERKINS.  
J. A. DEMOVILLE  
MARSHALL SIMPSON
- For Tax Assessor:  
MIKE C. BOYD.  
WILL L. STUART.  
C. C. SCHUCHARD.  
SAM H. McPHERSON.  
R. L. (Bob) SHAFFER.
- 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.  
Miss MARY PHILLIPS.
- For Tax Collector:  
T. L. TODD  
M. D. CHASTAIN.  
EDWIN DAY.  
W. T. PADGETT.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:  
E. M. SETSER.
- For County Attorney:  
C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:  
FEB McWILLIAMS.
- For Constable Precinct No. 1:  
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**Citation**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—GREETING:  
You are hereby commanded to summon Unknown Heirs of A. A. Millican, Dec'd. and the Unknown heirs of Wesley J. Millican, Deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper 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 October A. D., 1914, the same being the 12th day of October A. D., 1914 then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of June A. D., 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1641, wherein Lizzie Vanderventer, a feme sole, as survivor in Community Estate of H. Vanderventer, Deceased is Plaintiff and Unknown heirs of A. A. Millican, Deceased and of the Unknown heirs of Wesley J. Millican, Deceased are Defendants; the nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows:  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Runnels,  
In District Court, October Term, 1914.  
To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:-  
Lizzie Vanderventer, a feme sole, the surviving widow of H. Vanderventer, deceased, as survivor in community of the estate of the said H. Vanderventer, deceased, hereinafter styled plaintiff complaining of the unknown heirs of A. A. Millican, deceased, and of the unknown heirs of Wesley J. Millican, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, hereinafter styled defendants, represents:  
1. That plaintiff resides in Runnels County, Texas, and that she is the duly qualified and acting Administratrix as survivor in community of the estate of her said deceased husband, H. Vanderventer, deceased, in said County and State.  
2. That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 1st day of May 1914, she, the said Lizzie Vanderventer as such survivor in community, and in that capacity, was lawfully seized and possessed holding the same by fee simple title, and by limitation title as hereinafter shown, as the property of said estate, the following described tract or parcel of land, as follows:-277 acres of land off the South end of the A. A. Millican Survey No. 260, patented to the heirs of A. A. Millican, deceased, situated in Runnels County, Texas, said 277 acres being described by metes and bounds as follows:-  
Beginning in the north line of the Harrison County school land at a point 425 veras north 75 east of northwest corner of said Harrison County survey, at a rock set in ground marked X on top at a corner of fence; Thence north 75 east 2084 varas with fence to large rock set in ground marked X on top at corner of fence same being the northeast corner of said Harrison County survey of land from which a 14 inch mesquite bears north 2 1-4 east 187 varas; Thence north 15 west 751 varas to rock set in ground marked X on top; Thence south 75 west 2078 varas to 14 inch gate post at southeast corner of the Robinson survey of land and northeast corner of the Boatwright survey from which a 10 inch mesquite bears north 37 east 60 varas and a 12 inch mesquite bears south 76 1-2 east 68 varas. Thence south 15 east with fence line, 751 varas to the place of beginning. That said strip of land as above described, is the property of said community estate and of which she has qualified as such survivor under the law of this state, as aforesaid, in which capacity she sues herein.  
3. Plaintiff alleges that said community estate is so seized and possessed of the title and possession of said strip of land by limitation title as follows: That she, as such survivor in community, and those from and under whom she and her said deceased husband, H. Vanderventer, deceased, acquired title and possession thereto, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence and paying taxes thereon, claiming and asserting title and possession thereto under deeds duly registered in the Deed

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**W. F. DOUGHTY**  
of Falls County  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
Candidate to Succeed Himself  
Subject to action of the Democratic Primary, July 25, 1914.

A Mississippian by birth; a Texan by adoption. Graduate of the University of Texas and of the University of Chicago. Nineteen years' experience as teacher in country and city schools and summer normals, both at Baylor and Southwest Texas State Normal, Superintendent for seven years of the Marlin public schools, where he raised the affiliation with the State University from 10 to 28 units; member of recent Textbook Board; president of Texas State Teachers' Association, and now State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This appointment came to him unsought, and being president of the State Teachers' Association, to which office he was unanimously elected by the teachers of Texas, made him the choice of not only the Governor, but of the teachers for this office. He accepted the position as any other prominent school man ambitious to become State Superintendent would have done, if offered the place.

Mr. Doughty is a practical, progressive school man, who believes that the greatest business of the State is the education of its people. He strongly emphasizes the importance of industrial and vocational education that our citizens may be trained to become efficient producers. Over eighty per cent of the teachers and school men of Texas endorse Mr. Doughty for this position, and 104 out of 120 county superintendents are actively supporting him.

His one year's experience in this office as superintendent since his appointment, together with his unusual educational ability, eminently fit him for the duties of this office. We know that Mr. Doughty is thoroughly qualified for the office which he seeks and feel that it is our privilege and duty to give the above information to the voters of Texas.

**THE CITIZENS OF MARLIN.**  
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Records in the County Clerk's office of said Runnels County, Texas, for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit and that by reason thereof said title thereto has been perfected in said community estate and in her as such survivor in community of said estate by said five years limitation title which is herein pleaded and asserted.

4. Plaintiff alleges that said community estate is so seized and possessed of the title and possession of said strip of land by the ten years limitation title and possession of said strip of land by the ten years limitation title as follows: That she, as such survivor in community, as such representative of said community estate, and those whose title she and her said deceased husband, H. Vanderventer deceased, hold, have had actual peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit and have acquired title thereto by reason thereof, which ten years limitation title to said premises is herein pleaded and asserted.

5. Plaintiff alleges that on or about the said 1st day of May, 1914, the said defendants unlawfully asserted and are still asserting some character of title and right of possession to the above described premises the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon plaintiff's said title, and the title of said community estate, to which title and possession thereof plaintiff is lawfully entitled, as such survivor in community, to plaintiff's great damage \$5000.00.

6. Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to answer herein and that on final hearing hereof she have judgment, in the capacity in which she sues herein, against defendants, for the recovery of the title and possession of said premises, and that said cloud upon said title be removed and that she, as such survivor in community of said estate, be quieted in her said title and possession, and for said dam-

**WILL ENCOURAGE NEW ENTERPRISE FOR BALLINGER**

Editor The Banner-Ledger:

While Ballinger is ahead of other places in many things and behind them in very few, yet a huller gin is one thing it hasn't got that most of the towns north of here have. One can go to Abilene Stamford, Anson, in fact, most all towns north of Ballinger, and they will find them equipped with huller gins. What I mean by a huller gin, is a gin that will take the burrs out of the cotton before ginning. It is too far to carry cotton to Abilene to have it ginned, yet it will pay a farmer to haul it there. I sold some cotton this last fall for 5 cents per pound that would have brought 8 or 9 cents, had the burrs been taken out of it before ginning. One farmer told me that he left 75 bales of cotton in the field that he did not pick because it would not pay for the picking. Not only the farmer loses this money but the whole community.

Ballinger ought to have a huller gin because it is centrally located and a farmer in any part of the county can haul at least a part of his cotton to Ballinger. As I said before, most all gins in North Texas and Oklahoma have huller gins. The farmers in these sections allow their pickers to gather (not pick) their cotton, because they can take it to the gin and have all the burrs taken out. The prospects in this county is for a very large crop of cotton. Pickers are going to be scarce. If a farmer allows his pickers to gather his cotton, he will lose ten or fifteen dollars per bale. If he does not allow them to gather his cotton, they will quit and go where they can gather it. In either case he will lose. One by not getting anything for his cotton; the other by having it blown out by the wind and beat into the ground by the rain.

Some gin man will say, "I have

not made anything in the last four years, and I can not afford to go to any more expense to put in new machinery." This is true While I know nothing about the expense of a gin, yet anyone can see that there is nothing in letting machinery lie idle for 9 months and then gin some eight hundred bales during three months of the year. This will not much more than pay the interest on the investment. What Ballinger needs is not more gins, but more up-to-date gins. If the farmers would cooperate with the gin men any one gin could gin twice the number of bales. This fall, no doubt, all gins will be crowded and farmers will be waiting their turn for hours. This is all unnecessary. The only way we can have first class gins is for them to gin lots of cotton during the ginning season, and the only way for a gin to gin lots of cotton is to run day and night. Nearly all gins have a cotton house that will hold from 50 to 60 bales of seed cotton. If the farmer when he found a gin crowded, would store his seed cotton, and let it be ginned that night, he would not only save time for himself but would enable the gins to do twice the amount of work in the same time. Of the 117 bales that I had ginned last year, not a dozen were ginned off the wagon. I lost no time waiting and it helped the gin man. The point is simply this: If the farmer expects to get the best service from gins he must make the gins pay the men that run them, and he can do this by cooperating with them in every way he can.

I am not writing this because I want to get rid of a lot of hot air. But because I want to see a huller attachment put to a gin at Ballinger. I want to see it to this extent that I am willing to donate \$25.00 towards the enterprise if necessary.

J. J. POPE

**PROTRACTED MEETING**

Perry Boswell, of the Jamison school community, was among the visitors in the city Monday to attend the Thomas speaking and requested us to announce that a protracted meeting would begin at Jamison, five miles east of Ballinger, on the first Saturday night in August, beginning the first of August to be conducted by Rev. J. V. Havenor, of that neighborhood and his sons of Comanche. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend the services.

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Scott Mangum, who had been traveling in the interest of his firm in the east the past several months, came in Sunday to spend a few weeks with Ballinger friends.

**Meats! Meats! Meats! Meats!**  
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Sam Boyer, of the New Home community, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday and says the crops in his neighborhood are the best the past five or six years.

T. Bell and little daughter Miss Ruby, of Brownwood, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Bradshaw on a visit to relatives for a week or two.

**SENATOR H. B. TERRELL**



OF WACO.  
CANDIDATE FOR COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Terrell is a native Texan, having been born on a farm near Alto, Cherokee County, in 1869. In 1890 he settled on a farm in McLennan County, where he was engaged in actual farm life until 1900, when he was elected to the 27th Legislature. He was returned to the 28th, 29th and 30th Legislatures. At the close of the 30th Legislature he was elected to the State Senate from the Eleventh District, composed of McLennan, Falls and Milam Counties, and re-elected to that office in 1912. At the close of his first term in the Senate he was elected President pro-tem of that body, the highest compliment that can be paid a member.

Senator Terrell has been one of the recognized leaders of the Senate for a number of years, having served the people of his district continuously for the past fourteen years. As a candidate for Comptroller of Public Accounts Mr. Terrell promises the people a business administration of the Comptroller's Department, for he declares in his announcement that "if honored by the Democracy of Texas at the coming election, I here and now pledge myself to use every means at my command and all the power with which the office is vested by the Legislature, in the strict enforcement of every law over which the Comptroller's Department has supervision to the end that the people and society are given that protection intended by the framers of the constitution and the law making bodies of the State."

(Advertisement)

Tom Shaffer who has made such reputation in Runnels county as a shoe repair man and saddle and harness maker has moved to Winters and will be with the Winters Saddle and Harness Shop. This firm is certainly fortunate to get the services of such competent man in this line and Winters, likewise fortunate, to get this estimable family. 1dw

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**TO THE VOTERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY**

I have made a thorough canvass of the county and tried my best to see every voter of the county but of course I failed to see a few for first one reason and another and I take this method to ask you, that I did not see, to take me into consideration when you go to cast your ballot on July 25th and I will certainly appreciate the same. I have been a resident of the county for 17 years and have been with the papers of Ballinger most of the time since coming here and feel that I am well known to nearly every voter in the county. I feel thankful for the many assurances of support while traveling over the county the past six weeks and while I have no fight to make on my opponent, I do feel like many of the citizens of the county will vote against him on account of his having promised that he would not run for the county clerk's office but two terms.

Give me your careful consideration at the coming election and I hope to prove to you that I will appreciate the position and will make you a faithful, efficient county clerk. Again thanking you for any favors shown me I remain.  
Your friend truly,  
C. C. COCKRELL,  
Candidate for County Clerk.  
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## NEW YORK KNOCKS DOWN REAL HONORS FOR WEALTH

BY CARLTON TEN EYCK.  
(Written for the United Press.)

NEW YORK, July 13.—Income tax returns have disclosed the richest region in the world. Estimates several months ago made the Empire state a bad second to Pennsylvania in number of millionaire residents—the Keystone state having upwards of six hundred while New York boasted but four hundred odd—but a little corner of Manhattan has captured the real wealth honors.

This is the story. Fifteen thousand New Yorkers in the district bounded—roughly—by 24th street the Bowery, the Battery and the Hudson River pay an income tax total of \$15,000,000. On the last payment day \$5,000,000 was paid. For 3 days now penalties have been assessed on the small minority who did not come forward on time. As 99 percent of the "victims" paid up on the dot the penalties are not heavy.

In marked contrast to the wealth of the lower Manhattan district the billion dollar income estimate covers a district but two square miles in extent—is the square mile to the east, bounded by 14th street, the Bowery and East River. In this territory reside 600,000 persons. They do not pay income taxes. They live in the most populous district in the world and they count their money by pennies, instead of by dollars, hundreds or thousands.

Linking the two—the income tax district and the populous square mile—the discoveries of Mrs. Marie S. Orenstein, state labor department investigator, have startled New York. The young woman finds women and girls of the East Side slaving far beneath the streets in restaurant kitchens under conditions that drove even the veteran investigator into the street

for air. Popular Broadway restaurants were on the list of those whose kitchens were branded as filthy. A Park Row restaurant, on the borderland between the two New Yorks, the rich and the poor, was the most unclean of any inspected, Mrs. Orenstein reported. Briefly her discoveries are:

That women, the great majority of them young girls, are compelled to wallow in grimy, foul smelling water and do their work while discarded vegetables and scraps rot on shelves and in corners and fill the place with germs, stale air.

That many of them work in total darkness—sometimes in kitchens three levels below the sidewalk, and that they are little better off than beasts that work in mines.

That most of the women work from eighty-seven and a half to ninety-eight hours a week while little or no regard is shown for the one day a week rest law.


That the ventilation, when it is provided—and that not often—is, in the best of the restaurants inspected, faulty in that while the air is mechanically drawn out of the kitchens no fresh air is returned.

That the various State labor laws, admittedly patchwork, have done nothing for the women who in restaurant kitchens or, for that matter, for laundresses and that they are at the mercy of their employers to be worked so long as they can stand the grind or take the only other alternative and quit their positions.

That foodstuffs prepared in most of the restaurants are carelessly handled, being allowed to stand in kettles and pots on floors covered with dirty water, and in many cases surrounded by putrid potato parings and other decaying matter.

The Best at Any Price

No other baking powder will raise nicer, lighter biscuits, cakes and pastry, none is more pure and wholesome



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### FARMERS REJOICE OVER CROP OUTLOOK

A visit out through the country in any direction you wish to travel, will show the finest crops that ever grew in any country. There is no question but what all feed crops are the best that have ever been grown in this country. This is true, and the farmers freely predict that a heavy yield of second crop of maize will be made.

What is said of feed crops is also true of the cotton crop. At present this little weed that means so much to this country is in the most healthy condition, growing rapidly and fruiting as fast as the growth of the stalk will permit. There has been no complaint from damage from any cause. The insects have not found the splendid cotton crop in Runnels county, and unless the unexpected happens there is going to be a demand for pickers in this section that will attract attention from all over the United States. Truly the promise for the farmers this year is great.

It makes one's heart glad to go among the farmers in this county at this particular time and hear them talk and enjoy the smile that radiates from the whole countenance of a healthy, happy and prosperous farmer. They seem to be the most appreciative set of people on earth, made so perhaps from the effect of the several short crop years. They know how to appreciate the bounteous blessings that are now being showered down upon them, and they do not hesitate to let it be known.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Cuts, Burns, Sores.

Mr. E. S. Loper, Marilla, N. Y., writes: "I have never had a Cut, Burn, Wound or Sore it would not heal." Get a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve to-day. Keep handy at all times for Burns, Sores, Cuts, Wounds. Prevents Lockjaw. 25c at your Druggist.

### ATTEND THE SPEAKING.

Among the number in the city Monday to attend the speaking we noticed: E. F. Edwards, Rev. Neal, Judson and Howard Baldwin, of Winters, John Alexander, of Miles, W. G. Cathey and C. P. Pruitt of Wingate, J. M. Greenhill, John Simmons of the Pony creek country, Sam Farmer of Miles, Dee Oliver of the Valley creek country, Mr. and Mrs. M. Roper of the Oak creek country and W. P. Hawkins and O. Dillingham, of Winters and quite a number of others whom we failed to meet.

### Nothing Better for the Liver...

Simmons Liver Purifier is the ideal liver medicine, because it contains no minerals. While it is thorough in action it is mild and pleasant to take. Price 25c. Put up in yellow tin boxes. Ask your druggist.

### GOVERNOR COLQUITT SPEAKS AT WALNUT

WALNUT SPRINGS, Texas, July 14.—Governor Colquitt divided an address here today between urging the candidacy of James E. Ferguson of Temple for governor and defending his own administration.

Jeff Riggs and J. A. Street of the Wingate country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

### FRIGHT CAUSES MOST DEATHS, NOT CRAMPS

NEW YORK, July 13.—Fright, not cramps, causes most drownings, according to a summer swimming bulletin issued by Dr. Louis R. Wetzniller, Y. M. C. A.

"A slight movement of a hand or a foot is enough to keep you afloat in water," the physical director declares. "The next time you are stricken with a cramp while in bathing keep your head cool. Keep yourself afloat without using the cramped limb. Then alternately draw up and stretch out the cramped limb, helping nature to overcome the condition."

Nine thousand one hundred and nineteen bad boys and bad girls were bad enough to get into the Children's court during the year 1913, according to the report of the Court of Special Sessions just issued. Three thousand of these—one third of the total number—came from broken homes. One fourth were charged with trifling offenses such as breaking windows while playing ball or building fires on asphalt pavement.

### Skin Disease Cured or Money Back

Hunt's Cure is absolutely guaranteed to cure itchy, Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, or any other form of skin disease. Failing to cure the druggist is authorized to promptly refund your money. Price 50c. Ask your own druggists.

### MOVING TO WINTERS.

Tom Shaffer has accepted a position with Ebb Cathey in the saddle and harness shop at Winters, and on Tuesday morning of this week he left with his household goods and family for his new home.

Mr. Shaffer has been a citizen of Ballinger for many years, and we are glad to know that he is not leaving Runnels county, and while his friends here will regret to lose him, they will be glad to know that he will remain a neighbor. Mr. Shaffer is a splendid workman and the Winters people are to be congratulated in securing his splendid family as citizens of that community.

H. L. Wendorf, the saddle and harness man, returned home Monday at noon from Austin where he had been with his wife and the many friends of the family will be glad to learn that Mrs. Wendorf is convalescing very nicely when Mr. Wendorf left her bedside.

### How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

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Examining Land Titles a Specialty.

### MILLION FOR STATE FROM AUTO LICENSES

SACRAMENTO, July 13.—Between August 10, 1913, and May 31, 1914, the California motor vehicle department took in \$1,169,669 in automobile licenses, according to a report completed today by the state engineer, head of the department.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, the state's revenues from this same source were only \$85,810. Collection of the tax at that time was under the secretary of state's supervision. The new law, under which the state engineer is now acting, called for a much more energetic prosecution of the business of collection. Automobile owners fought the law hard but the state beat them.

There are at present registered in California 100,514 automobiles and 20,427 motorcycles.

### LOVE AND LUNACY ABROAD IN JUNE

PARIS, July 13.—June, when Cupid is busiest, is also the month of lunatics, according to Dr. Roubinovitch, chief of staff at the Bicetre Hospital for the Insane here. His statistics, which cover a number of years show June to lead all other months by far with its average number of new cases of mental breakdown. September shows the smallest average. The scale runs: June 1,896; May 1,753; July 1,745; October 1,744; March 1,729; January 1,709; December 1,692; April 1,659; August 1,632; November 1,614; February 1,503; September 1,501. The alienist believes that spring, with its effects on the average nervous system, has something to do with the averages.

### BEGINS SECOND FIGHT FOR HER LIFE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 14.—Vindication for Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of her husband William O. Wakefield, was predicted by the defense here today when the second trial of the woman opened in the Superior Court.

James Plew, Mrs. Wakefield's companion in the murder, was hanged on March 4. Women of Connecticut were active in behalf of the Wakefield woman and her appeal to the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors won for her a second trial. Recently Mrs. W. J. Blickensderfer made an automobile tour of Connecticut taking a "silver quarter" subscription to finance Mrs. Wakefield's second fight for life. Charles W. Bauby of Waterbury, Conn., will be attorney for the defendant.

A member of a family of fifteen children, Bessie Wakefield began working as "hired girl" for farmers near her home at fourteen, and at seventeen was married to William Wakefield, who was twice her age. Wakefield did not provide for his family and Mrs. Wakefield later became housekeeper for Plew. For a time Wakefield also lived on the Plew farm, when then he again established a home and his wife returned to him. It was after this that Plew and Wakefield quarreled and Wakefield's dead body was found in a field twelve miles away. Plew's confession implicated Bessie Wakefield, and, subjected to third degree drilling by the corner, she further implicated herself. Before her trial Mrs. Wakefield was without legal advice, and during the trial the jury was not segregated and was influenced by popular opinion. The defense claims that Mrs. Wakefield knew nothing of Plew's intention of killing her husband.

### Chigger Bites

To get rid of Chigger Bites put a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on, and the itching stops instantly. Good for all kinds of insect bites and stings. Fine for headaches and neuralgia, as well as rheumatism. All druggists.

E. H. Voelkel, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

### TOWN WITH 23 VOTES IS NO LONGER DRY

Big Lake, in Reagan county, had a prohibition election Saturday and the anti vote by a vote of 13 to 9. It is understood that all but one vote in the precinct was polled. Reagan county has been dry for several years, and Big Lake is the first precinct to vote wet.

Although only a small number of voters could participate in the election, a large territory in the Big Lake country was interested in the outcome. The fight is declared to have been one of the hottest ever waged, the interest being as intense as in campaigns where thousands of voters participate.

The fight was made by the anti for the privilege of having liquor shipped into "wet" territory and not for the purpose, it is said, of establishing a saloon in the town—San Angelo Standard.

### Has Your Child Worms?

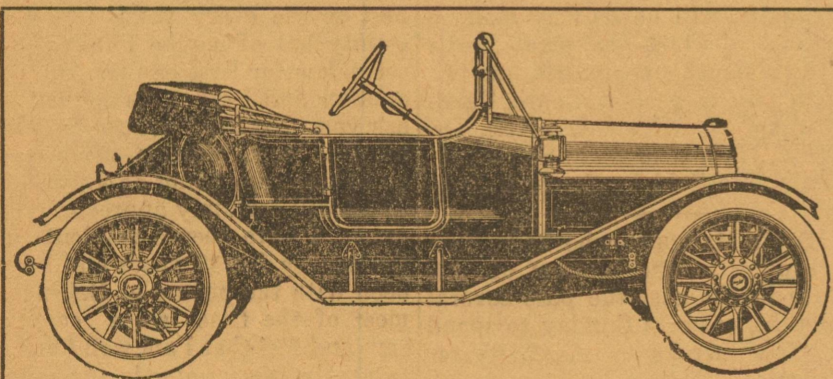
Most children do. A Coated, Furred Tongue; Strong Breath; Stomach Pains; Circles under the Eyes; Pale, Sallow Complexion; Nervous, Fretful; Grinding of Teeth; Tossing in Sleep; Peculiar Dreams—any one of these indicate Child has Worms. Get a box of Kickapoo Worm Killer at once. It kills the Worms—the cause of your child's condition. Is Laxative and aids Nature to expel the Worms. Supplied in candy form. Easy for children to take. 25c. at your Druggist.

### LEAVE FOR CONCHO RIVER.

Ed Schawe and sisters, Scott Mangum, the W. T. Routh family and the Schooler family and Mrs. J. A. Kelley left Tuesday morning for the Concho to spend a few days in camp and enjoy the fishing outing.

WANTED.—Oats. I am in the market for an unlimited amount of oats. Will pay the best prices. See me before you sell. JOE TURNER. 24-4tv

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kasberg, who live south of Ballinger, left Sunday afternoon for Waco, where Mr. Kasberg goes as a delegate to the state meeting of the German Mutual Aid Society. Mrs. Kasberg will go to Marlin for a visit before she returns home.



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what you will pay any where else. Better see us or we both loose. Dry Batteries, all you want and any kind you want at 20 cents each.

- Presto-O-Lite tanks put on complete . . . \$12.50
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all Druggists.

G. W. Ray, of the Maverick county and H. W. Henniger of the Winters country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Charlie Castor left Monday morning for Talpa and will go out and put up three silos for Ossie McWilliams and brother and for Andy Herring on their ranches near that place.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**

**THE DIAMOND BRAND.** Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

**WE'VE GOT THE BEST COTTON CROP IN THE U. S.**

W. B. Ray, who recently returned from a trip covering the entire cotton belt, says that the cotton crop in Runnels and adjoining counties is the best there is in the United States. Mr. Ray visited the Carolina states, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and the South Texas country extending from Brownsville to the Red River. He made a close inspection of the cotton crop, and without boosting for this section of the country, Mr. Ray is familiar with the conditions of the cotton crop over the entire cotton belt, and his judgment is worth something.

Crops were never better in Runnels county than at present. Both feed and cotton is extra good, and the farmers who planted corn have as fine corn as ever grew in any country. In the language of one farmer, "it looks like Illinois corn to me."

**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

**BALLINGER MAN REMEMBERED IN WILL**

The San Angelo Standard says that the estate of the late Judge T. C. Wynn is valued at approximately \$60,000, and in his will Judge Wynn remembers his relatives and friends and makes an equitable distribution of his property.

Judge C. O. Harris, a former Ballinger attorney and law partner of Judge Wynn at the time of the death of Judge Wynn, is bequeathed a half interest in Judge Wynn's valuable law library, and office fixtures, which is valued at about \$11,000.

He leaves his mother one hundred shares of the capital stock of the Concho Valley Loan & Trust Company, and gives her the use of the North Oakes street residence, in which she now resides. The par value of the stock is \$10,000 but it is worth considerably more now.

Forty shares of stock in the San Angelo National Bank is left to his sister, Miss Nola Wynn. The par value of the forty shares is \$4,000, but they are now worth about three times that amount.

Mrs. J. W. Wynn, the widow of Dr. Wynn, is given the privilege of living in the West Beauregard avenue residence as long as she remains unmarried. Forty-eight shares of stock in the San Angelo National Bank, with a par value of \$4,800 and now worth about \$13,400, are set aside for the maintenance and education of Mrs. J. W. Wynn's three children G. A. Thomas and Minerva, and whatever amount is left will be divided among them when they become of age.

As a reward for her faithful service, Judge Wynn left \$200 to Miss Winnie Jenkins, stenographer for the firm of Wright, Wynn & Harris.

His ten shares of stock in the San Angelo Club are given to the directors of that organization.

**You're Bilous and Costive**

Sick Headache, Bad Breath, Sour Stomach, Furred Tongue and Indigestion, mean liver and Bowels clogged. Clean up tonight. Get a 25c. bottle of Dr. King's New Life Pills today and empty the stomach and bowels of fermenting, gassy foods and waste. A full bowel movement gives a satisfied, thankful feeling—makes you feel fine. Effective, yet mild. Don't gripe. 25c. at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Burns.

**THEY CONTINUE TO RETURN TO RUNNELS COUNTY**

J. H. Price surprised his friends last Saturday by stepping from the train coming in from the East, and the first thing he said was, "Boys be as easy on me as you can, I had rather be a poor man in Ballinger than a rich man where I have been living since I moved away from here last fall."

Yes, Mr. Price is moving back to Ballinger. He left here less than a year ago, and he says the stay away from Ballinger would have been much shorter if he could have arranged his business affairs where he moved to when he left here. Mr. Price, it will be remembered, moved to Rosebud, Texas, moving his planning mill and carpenter's shop from here to that place. Financially things ran along nicely with him in his new home, but you know there is other things to take into consideration in this life, and Ballinger suited Mr. Price better. We are glad to have him as a citizen again.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c the bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. H. D. McKinley, of Monument, Texas, who had been visiting relatives in this section and at Miles, left from this point Monday for her home. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breedlove accompanied her home and after a short visit with her, will go to Roswell, N. M., to live.

Jack McGoughey, of Brownwood, who represents the McCormick Harvester Co., came in Monday at noon to look after his company's interests in our section a few days.

**TEXAS RABBITS IN NEW YORK**

In a recent issue of the New York Times a column story appeared giving an account of Runnels county rabbit drives. The story was headed "Texas Rangers Killing Cotton Tails," and among other things says:

"The spring campaign of the Rangers has been very successful, and the organization has again demonstrated its value as one of the first tutions of Texas. No, this story has nothing to do with the Mexican situation; it treats of the exploits of the Runnels County Rabbit Rangers, an organization of much more account to the farmers of this region than its famous namesake, now that Uncle Sam has undertaken the job of policing the border.

"The Rabbit Rangers have a constitution and by-laws of their own, dealing solely with the problem of reducing the overabundant jack and cottontail population. Not only the farmers of this fertile stretch of country, but the bankers, lawyers, and business men of the community are enrolled as Rangers and take part in the spring drives, which are at once the business and pleasure of the members—for the annual event is made the occasion of a huge picnic in which men, women and children participate, the women's auxiliary performing its part by furnishing the luncheon of fried chicken, cornbread, and mince turnovers, without which a Runnels County rabbit drive would be shorn of half its glories. Rabbits have multiplied here so rapidly that only concerted action can keep them within such limits as to make it possible to carry on agricultural operations without heavy loss. It is estimated that the yearly drive saves the farmers of the country not less than one-fourth million dollars. To be sure, one can protect his growing crops against the ravages of rabbits by enclosing the fields with a wire netting about three feet in height, but this is expensive and is not, after all, an infallible prevention."

The above is just a little overdrawn and is calculated to give the tender foot of New York a longing for a taste of the real sport. We suggest that we extend to our New York friends an invitation to visit us next spring and be the guests of the Texas Rabbit Rangers.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it in curable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

L. W. Wade, who is with M. C. Braden wagon yard, ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address at the Ballinger post office Monday.

**TRESSPASS NOTICE**

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

GODFREY MASSEY,  
wtf  
Concho county, Tex

I. O. Wooden left Sunday afternoon for Amarillo. Mr. Wooden has accepted a position in Amarillo. He will not move his family away from Ballinger at present.

Judge J. O. Woodward, of Coleman, was in the city between trains to attend the speaking in our city by Cullen Thomas.

**It Always Helps**

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.  
I wish every suffering woman would give

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**The Woman's Tonic**

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."  
Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

**Get a Bottle Today!**

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The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works---a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.  
**Special Attention to Hurried Calls.**  
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**NOTICE**

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**Spring is the Time to Repair**

Mr. Farmer, if your house or barn needs screening, painting or repairing, come to see us, we can supply your wants. We keep a full supply of paints, screen doors and all kinds of building material.

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Ballinger, Texas.

**ELECTRICAL STORM; HOUSE DAMAGED**

It has been a long time since the citizens of Ballinger witnessed such an electrical storm and squinted their eyes as the lightning played hide and seek around the room. It was the worse electrical storm to visit this country in several years.

The greatest damage reported from the storm is from the home of Mrs. E. M. Rodegs, who lives on Park Avenue. The lightning struck this home and left a hole in the roof that will require shingles and work to repair. The lightning struck the metal flue, and passing from the flue to the metal valley it tore a hole in the roof about two feet wide and four feet long, and passing through the roof it came in contact with a telephone wire that carried it into the ground. Those who visited the house today attribute the escape of the family to the fact that the lightning was grounded by coming in contact with the phone wire.

The family was badly shocked and frightened, and the paper torn from the wall in the room where the phone wire was located, but aside from this no other damage was done.

**Meats! Meats! Meats! Meats!**

To our farmer friends and thrashing crews and others desiring a considerable quantity of meat at one time or small quantities, we can furnish same as ordered in such quantities as desired. We will buy your stock from you at the time you buy meat, if you have anything to sell. We guarantee first-class meat and we handle same in a sanitary way.

**CITY MEAT MARKET**

Stanley Cameron and Roy Hull Proprietors.

Judge W. D. Jennings, Preston McKinney and C. C. Cidwell, came over Monday morning to be present at the speaking in our city by Cullen Thomas in the interest of Hon. Thos. Ball, in the afternoon. Messrs. B. V. Russell and G. J. Croddoe, of Bell county, who were visiting at Miles, stopped off to be present at the speaking.

Mrs. Riley Harkins left Sunday afternoon for her home at San Saba. She had been here visiting her sons, L. L. and J. L. Stroble.

**ENGAGES IN BUSINESS ON 23RD BIRTHDAY**

When George Kearney, who has had charge of the prescription department of the Pearce drug store for the past five or six years, resigned and retired from that store Thursday, our young friend Frank Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, stepped in to take the place made vacant by Mr. Kearney's resignation.

It was just a coincidence---just a happen so, that this popular young man engaged in business and became associated with his father in one of the oldest and most popular drug stores in Central West Texas on his 23rd anniversary, and this all taking place on his birthday made Frank too busy to celebrate.

Frank recently completed his school days, graduating in the Galveston College of Pharmacy, and came home for a vacation. He is what we might call a home boy. He was born in Ballinger and at the proper age entered the Ballinger school and completed his high school education. After leaving the Ballinger school he went to a military academy where he graduated. He spent two years in the pharmaceutical department of the State University at Austin, and two years in the Galveston Pharmacy College, where he graduated this last spring. He has made good all through his school days, and there is not a young man in Ballinger today more popular, one against whom we have never heard a word of criticism. There is not a young man in Ballinger with a brighter future in the business world. The only child of a father and mother who have given him the advantage of an education of the highest type, an advantage that is often abused by young men who spend their school days in idleness and in sowing wild oats. Frank has taken advantage of this opportunity and fitted himself for a useful business man. Applying himself in his studies he has completed his school work thoroughly, and now as he locates and engages in business in the town where he first saw the light of day, it is with pleasure that we chronicle his success among those who esteem him so highly.

V. B. Bailey, of the Maverick, is here with his wife, who is in the local sanitarium. Mrs. Bailey was operated on at the sanitarium last Friday and is getting along nicely.

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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 Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.



**Telephone Attorney  
Invites Immediate Ad-  
justment of Phone Rates**  
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dissatisfied. But we recognize their right to ask the legally constituted tribunal to act in the matter; and, without the slightest ill-feeling, the company will attempt to enlighten that tribunal at the trial with all the pertinent facts, and will abide the final decree entered and obey its mandate. Should the rates established by the court's decree prove unsatisfactory to the subscribers, no complaint should be made of the company's obeying to the letter, the mandate of that decree."

The directory of the company has given the Ballinger exchange trouble very careful consideration, said Judge Harrison in his letter, and has done in Ballinger all that it feels justified in doing, by suspending for one month the order raising business telephone rates here. A part of the letter follows:

"In economically and intelligently building, or reconstructing, a telephone exchange, a development study is made covering the estimated life period of the plant. The central office, cable and plant installation is regulated accordingly. The investment per installed telephone usually decreases as development proceeds, until the plant, as planned, is fully developed. The company there is usually a lower rate of earning in the early life of the plant than is realized when the plant, as originally planned, is fully developed. The company, through its directory has given much thought to the telephone rate problem, and believes that it is working the same out everywhere more in accordance with ultimate justice than will a rigid court decree, fixing rates.

"Any decree entered, fixing rates, must, under the statute above mentioned, fix such rates as will yield the company a net return of not less than ten per cent per annum upon its Ballinger Exchange investment. The entire earnings of the Ballinger Exchange, with the increased business rates complained of, will not net the company the legal minimum. If allowed to work out this problem of rates, the company would however, be satisfied. But if rates are to be fixed by the court, it is believed to be for the company's interest that they be fixed now, and the company will necessarily, in justice to itself, have to ask that they be so fixed now, as to warrant at least the minimum return limited by law, on its Ballinger investment. Otherwise, if the present rates are permitted to stand for the present, but are later, when increased development should raise the net return above the minimum, reduced to the minimum by court decree regulation, inasmuch as they do not now return the minimum, the result will manifestly be a rate of less than the legal minimum for the life period of the plant.

"This in our judgment, would in the contemplated proceeding feel that it has a just right to, and will show the facts requiring the court to raise the present rates, in Ballinger; and it will make such request of the court, to the end that it may now earn at least the minimum allowed by law.

"It is believed that the proceeding will result in a raise of residence telephone rates, and this especially, if there is any lowering in business telephone rates.

"This is our judgment, would not be as just, all things considered, as the present rates; because the new equipment in Ballinger is a great time-saver to the business man. The saving of time is not of so much advantage to the residence telephone subscriber, whose wife and children mostly use the facility, and to whom time is not usually a matter of material value."

**WELL PLEASED WITH  
RUNNELS COUNTY**

W. H. Baker, of the Winters country, as here Monday to attend the Ball rally, and hear Cullen Thomas speak. Mr. Baker is a former citizen of Bell county, having moved to Runnels county only a short time ago. This is his first year in Runnels and he says he is well pleased with this country. He left an order for the Banner-Ledger to go to his aunt, Mrs. Vira Page, at Five Points, Alabama, for a year.

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**NOW IS THE TIME  
TO PUT ONE OVER**

Runnels County will never have a better time to show skeptics what the soil of the great western prairies will do.

If Runnels wants to put one over, now is the time. A county fair this fall inaugurated on the wave-crest of prosperity would bring visitors from far and near.

These rich and alluvial lands, and the elevation and topography of the county are admirably adapted to the economic growth of the most nutritious, food grains yet discovered. The climate for curing and preserving these golden grains as a healthful and nourishing human food is perfectly ideal. Mills and elevators have been erected and railroads have come to transport these wonderful foods around the world.

And now farmers can put on exhibition some of the finest specimens of cotton, milo, sorghum, sudan and feterita ever grown in this county. People who have come here and bought and paid for land and who are satisfied and enthusiastic over the resources of the country could write back to friends where they came from and the railroads would give excursion rates. Many close observers have been watching the average rainfall and crop yields in this bully good young robust country for a number of years

**Ballinger Greets  
San Saba Boosters  
On Big Tour**  
(Continued from first page.)

linger were among the most loyal entertainers of the boosters during their stay.

At 12:55 Thursday afternoon, the special train bearing the visitors left over the Santa Fe for other points down the road. They will continue to make stops during the remaining hours of the afternoon. The itinerary is expected to end tonight at about 9 o'clock when they will arrive home. They passed through Ballinger last night for San Angelo where they spent the greater portion of the morning.

The San Saba excursionists passed through Ballinger last night shortly after 11 o'clock, en route to San Angelo in which city they arrived about 1 o'clock this morning. They left San Angelo at 10 o'clock this morning for San Saba and will stop at all places along the Santa Fe lines between San Angelo and their home during the day. They will arrive home about 9 o'clock this evening, barring all accidents.

The excursion is similar to some planned by Ballinger merchants in passed years. San Saba is going to have a big fair this year, and the people of that community are striving to make it the biggest affair of its kind ever staged in this part of the state. A personal invitation is being extended to every citizen met on the tour by the boosters. Practically the entire city is represented in the roster handed out by the excursionists during their stay in the city.

The following persons were in the party:

Automobile dealer, Elton Noble; Attorneys, Jas. Flack, Leigh Burleson, M. M. Allison, Representative 14th District; Banks, Ward, Murray & Co., T. A. Murray; San Saba National Bank, R. T. Bruce; First National Bank, U. M. Sagerdson; County officials, J. T. Hartley, county judge, A. B. Wilson, county attorney, Hugh Miller, sheriff, J. B. Nalls, Deputy sheriff; Dry goods, T. C. Tenry, W. E. White, J. E. Hagan, A. R. Mosley; Gent's furnishings, Geo. B. Clark, T. E. Gains; Druggists, W. C. Dofflemeyer, Clarence Goseh, E. A. Murray; Wholesale grain and feed, J. I. Carson, B. T. Rich; Groceries, J. T. McConnell, J. J. Urpuhart; Jeweler, W. H. Kimbrough, Farmers, T. Y. Elton, C. E. Whitman, A. L. Johnson, W. B. Taff; Hardware, W. A. Martin, W. W. Holman, L. H. Ward, W. F. Sullivan; Transfer, B. D. Sullivan, Fire insurance, R. L. Seiders, S. E. Kelley, N. K. Lidstone, Life insurance, A. E. Moore, Mitch Johnson; Lumberman, C. T. Jones; Lime quarry, B. R. Russell & Son, David Russell; Musical Goods, E. E. Hoyt; Meat market, E. M. Dickerson; News paper, San Saba News, W. A. Smith; San Saba Star, W. D. Cowan; Restaurant,

and this year is going to run the record of average rainfall up and if present conditions continue the average crop yield is also going to be raised. Indications actually point to a bale of cotton per acre where the rain of the third of July fell.

The county fair would be great in bringing hands here to pick this cotton if it materializes.

Farmers who have stock for sale could bring them to the fair and meet those who want to buy. Implement men could put their machinery on exhibition at almost no cost. Old friends and acquaintances could meet together and hug each others necks and talk over their boyhood days and pioneer times and altogether, my, my, what a time, what a time!

And at absolutely no expense. It ought to be in the summer before cotton picking time—in the good old summer time when water melons abound and pink lemonade is in demand.

What we want is a fair without expense and a fair for everybody—Methodist, Baptist, Campbellite, Democrat, Socialist, Smith or a fair?

Who'll take the initiative? The primaries will soon be over and we can meet at the fair, shake hands and forget it.

"UNCLE JOHNNIE."

John Callaway; S. W. Telephone Company, W. A. Dickerson, mgr.; San Saba Water Works, S. E. W. Hudson, Supt.; San Saba Cotton Oil Company, J. P. Bass, Mgr.; Dentist, J. L. Dailey; Riley Cedar Company, Inc., A. V. Riley; Real estate, laons, abstracts, John eiders, Dean & Fagg, G. A. Walters; Post Office, A. Hill; Moving picture shows, S. L. Kirk, Jas. F. Dofflemeyer; Stock raisers and ranchmen, Reeves Kuykendall, J. M. Kuykendall, A. J. Harkey, R. C. Turner, W. C. Edwards, Walter Whitley, Walter Fry, J. T. Taylor, Guy M. Bron, J. R. Cunningham, O. D. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Poulk, H. R. Harkey, W. J. Hill, R. Thornton; Fair Directors, W. V. Dean, president; S. E. Kelley, secretary; R. G. Coryell, J. L. F. Fentress, S. E. W. Hudson, T. C. Henry, O. D. Kirkpatrick, T. A. Murray, Jno. Seiders, W. A. Smith, S. W. Walker.

**AT TENNYSON AND MILES.**

This representative of the Banner-Ledger visited the Tennyson and Miles sections the past week in the interest of the paper and feels grateful for the large list of subscribers received while on our rounds and also for the kind hospitality of the clever and whole-souled citizens visited during the week. Runnels county is noted for her hospitality and live-wide awake citizens and the sections visited last week are no exceptions to the rule.

The crop prospects are certainly splendid, in fact the best all round crops that have prevailed in the country for eight or ten years.

It was our sad privilege on Wednesday, July 8th to attend the funeral of Mr. Christave Kettler, aged 84 years which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. Steinfeld a few miles north of Miles and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Miles cemetery at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Doerr at the German Methodist Church, and the large crowd that followed the remains to the cemetery attested the high esteem in which Mr. Kettler was held by all the citizens of that neighborhood.

We have closed our subscription tour over the county for the present and certainly feel grateful for the large list of Banner-Ledger subscriptions received in all parts of the county and we were made glad to learn that the citizens of the county were well pleased with the efforts the management is putting forth to give them one of the best county weekly papers that was ever published in this section of the state. There is hardly a household in Runnels county but what reads the Banner-Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gardner left Wednesday afternoon for Brownwood and will go out on the Llano to spend a week or so fishing and recreating in camp with friends.

**NEW GIN MAN  
LOCATES HERE**

A deal has been closed between L. W. Ross, of Vancourt, and J. W. Clampitt, of Ballinger, in which Mr. Ross becomes the owner of the Farmer Union Gin at Ballinger, at a consideration of \$10,000. Mr. Ross will send his son-in-law, Mr. Gray here to take charge of the gin and begin at once to get it ready for the bumper cotton crop that now promises to be the greatest in the history of this county. Mr. Gray is an experienced gin man. He will move his family here, and locate at an early date.

In the deal Mr. Clampitt gets 286 acres of fine land in the Lipan Flat country.

The gin above referred to is one of the best plants in this section of the country. On account of the short crop it has stood idle for the past two seasons. From every indication it is going to be needed this year.

**BOB SHAFER'S ADDRESS  
TO THE VOTERS**

To my friends:

I have been on the go for the past few weeks in an effort to see you and solicit your support in my candidacy for the office of tax assessor. There are some whom I have not been able to call on in person. I am adopting this method of presenting my claim to you, and kindly ask all those whom I have not seen to remember that it is not through any carelessness or neglect on my part that I have not called on you. It is impossible for me to see every voter in the county. The time is too short. All I ask you, is that you investigate my record as a citizen in your county, take into consideration my ability and desire to serve you as tax assessor, and remember that there is not a man living that will appreciate your vote in this election more than I will. I have been here long enough for you to know my life, and this is the first time I have ever asked for a public office.

If I failed to present my claim to you in person, please take this as a personal appeal, and do what you can for me. I wish to say that I appreciate fully the many kindnesses shown me and the encouragement my friends have given. I feel that I will be elected by a good majority, and if I am I assure you that I will do my best to make you a good officer.

R. L. SHAFER  
(Political Advertisement.)

**HATCHEL W. O. W. PICNIC**

On July the 22nd two and one-half miles north of Hatchel in Mr. F. Vealkers pasture there will be a picnic. Everybody invited to come and bring something good to eat. All kinds of refreshments on the ground. Prof. W. W. Wooten will address us on woodcraft and all others who may wish. Every candidate will be given a chance to speak. Music by the Hatchel Brass Band. Everybody is expected to be there.

E. M. BURRALL,  
J. R. HARRIS,  
E. D. BOWEN, committee.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

John Pechacek to Wm. Gallia, being the north one-half of the south one-half of block No. 10, in Reeder addition to Ballinger, consideration \$399.

J. H. Burnett to J. F. Paxton, being the south one-half of the north one-half of lot No. 2, block No. 9, Murray's west end addition to Winters, consideration \$590.

John Ferguson to C. E. Armstrong, being lots 4 and 6 in block No. 54, division C of Thompson's addition to Bradshaw, consideration \$100.

**Marriage Licenses.**

J. F. Harris to Miss Zeffie Patton.

C. T. Bogard to Miss Myrtle Russ.

N. A. Holladay to Miss Bessie Byers.

Elijah Collingsworth to Miss Laura Henderson.

Ed Haines to Miss Naomi Devare.

Mrs. B. C. Mann, of Sterling City, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit her father Dr. E. R. Walker and family for a week or two.

Mrs. E. S. Stokes and children left from this point Wednesday to visit her parents near Fort Worth.

**Official Ballot  
of  
Democratic Primary**

I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this Democratic Primary.

For the submission by the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting within this State the manufacture, sale, exchange and intra-state shipment of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and sacramental purposes.

Against the submission by the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting within this State the manufacture, sale, exchange and intra-state shipment of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and sacramental purposes.

For Governor:

JAMES E. FERGUSON,  
Bell County.

THOS. H. BALL,  
Harris County.

LEOPOLD MORRIS,  
Victoria County.

For Lieutenant Governor:

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For Associate Justice Supreme Court:

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For Commissioner of Agriculture:

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For Railroad Commissioner:

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For Congressman from 16th Congressional District:

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WM. R. SMITH,  
Mitchell County.

For District Attorney for 35th Judicial District:

WALTER U. EARLY,  
Brown County.

For Representative of the 111th Legislative District of Texas:

C. Y. ROBERTS,  
Coke County.

R. S. GRIGGS,  
Runnels County.

For County Judge:

JIM FLYNT,  
JAMES P. COGDELL,  
M. KLEBERG, Jr.

For County Attorney:  
C. P. SHEPHERD.  
For County Clerk:  
O. L. PARISH.  
C. C. COCKRELL.  
For District Clerk:  
JOHN THOMASON.  
GEO. M. STOKES.  
MARY PHILLIPS.  
For Sheriff:  
JOHN D. PERKINS,  
J. A. DEMOVILLE,  
J. MARCHAL SIMPSON,  
For Tax Assessor:  
C. C. SCHUCHARD.  
R. L. SHAFER,  
WILL L. STUART,  
SAM H. McPHERSON,  
MIKE C. BOYD.  
For Tax Collector:  
M. D. CHASTAIN.  
EDWIN DAY  
T. L. TODD.  
W. T. PADGETT.  
For County Superintendent of Public Instruction:  
E. L. HAGAN.  
W. W. WOOTEN.  
For County Treasurer:  
W. L. BROWN.  
County Surveyor:  
J. E. POWELL  
For Chairman of Democratic Executive Committee:  
J. B. WADE.

**McPHERSON ENDORSED**

To whom this may concern:-  
This is to certify that we the undersigned officers of Hamilton County, have known Sam McPherson for years and some of us since his boyhood, and know him to be one of the best and most highly respected families of Hamilton County, and know him to be reliable and a worthy citizen, thoroughly conscientious, and to the voters of Runnels County who may have only a limited acquaintance with him, we take pleasure in recommending him, and if you see fit to elect him to the office of tax assessor of your county, we beg to assure you he will serve you faithfully, and being of good ability and such strong principles, you should have one of the best assessors in the history of your county.

Signed:

J. E. BECK, Sheriff.

R. C. CORNELIUS, County Clerk.

WM. LEMMONS, Deputy Sheriff.

J. F. HILL, District Clerk.

W. P. SHOCKLEY, Justice of the Peace.

T. M. WALL, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

A. H. SUMERFORD, County Trustee.

W. T. SAXON, County Surveyor.

J. L. LEWIS, County Judge.

TOM C. PIERSON, Tax Assessor.

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R. P. EDGAR, County Superintendent.

A. D. BULLAD, Ex-District Clerk.

A. J. Porter, Ex-County Treasurer and Ex-Representative 87th District.

D. L. TRUETT, Ex-County Treasurer.

L. N. RICE, Tax Collector.

J. A. McCALEB, Ex-Sheriff, Hamilton Co.

S. R. Allen, Ex-County Attorney, Hamilton Co.

J. T. DEMPSTER, Ex-County Clerk.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Elder Early Arceneaux of Fort Worth ill begin a revival Thursday night of the 16th at the Church of Christ. He will preach in the house on the corners of Fifth street and Strong Avenue, until Sunday night after which will move to the vacant lot on Merrell and Tenth Streets. Everybody is cordially invited to attend each service.

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Ballinger Lumber Co., sell it.