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4-YEAR OLD CHILD LOST ALL NIGHT NEAR TALPA

TALPA, Tex., Sept. 30.—Mearl, the four-year-old girl of J. T. Lewis, and one of a pair of twins, was found by a searching party south of Talpa at nine-thirty this morning, after being lost since four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The child was out doors all night, and was found near the ranch of W. L. Cook, little the worse from the night's exposure and fright. When found the child was two miles and a half from where it was lost yesterday.

Sorrow stricken and distressed more than 200 people formed a searching party that were out all night looking for the lost child, and at an early hour this morning the crowd began to increase and people were coming in in response to call sent to Ballinger and Coleman for help, and there was rejoicing when the news rapidly spread that the child had been found.

It is supposed that the child was lost while trying to go to the other children in the cotton patch. A sister fifteen years old and a brother twelve years old were

picking cotton, and left the twin children and a smaller child at the wagon in the cotton patch. It was about four-thirty yesterday afternoon when the little girl, Mearl, was missed from the wagon by the older children, who gave the alarm and the search started.

Just before night the child's bonnet was found about half mile from the wagon and at a point where she crawled under a wire fence. Later her tracks were found about one mile from the wagon, and leading towards a very rough country where there were a number of streams and rank undergrowth and the search party almost gave up, not expecting to find the child alive.

The child could give but little account of how it spent the night out in the cold, but indicated by its talk that it was frightened and went to sleep in the grass.

Little Mearl's mother died only a few months ago, and the older children carried the little ones to the field with them, and left them to play around the wagon.

Bumps and scratches about the child's face indicated that it wandered in the dark and fell down.

6,000,000 Men in Eastern War Theatre in 6 Battles

VIENNA, Oct. 1.—Four gigantic battles are being waged in the Eastern Theatre of War.

Two sieges are also in progress in the same war zone. Six million men are represented in the six conflicts. Two million Germans and Austrians are battling with four million Russians.

This was the Official Statement of the War Office this morning. It was declared that no decisive result has been attained anywhere.

Two of the great battles are in progress on the Eastern frontier of Prussia. It is there that the fighting is the severest between the two great armies massed.

Two Russian armies are today advancing through Galicia, capturing a number of the smaller and insignificant towns as they go. The Russians have Krosno after a desperate resistance on the part of the Austrians and Germans holding down the town.

The two towns are being besieged are Tarnow and Przemysl, the latter still holding out against the fierce bombardment of the Russians. The Austrians in both places still hold their own, although they are outnumbered.

W. C. Adams from east of the city four miles, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and says he is well supplied with hands and is getting out about two bales a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chatman, who came in from Waco first of the week went up to Winters Wednesday afternoon to visit relatives. They will likely make Ballinger their future home.

BALLINGER MAN SAFE IN AUSTRIA

The first news to reach Ballinger from Ike Honig since Mr. Honig sailed from New York for Austria Hungary early last July was received in a letter to H. Giesecke this week.

Mr. Honig left Ballinger about the first of July for the purpose of going to his old home at Csab, Hungary, to wind up some business in the settlement of an estate that he was interested in. He made the trip safely, and arrived in Austria just about the time that war was declared in that country.

The letter received by Mr. Giesecke this week was dated at Berlin, Germany, Sept. 4th. The letter was brief, Mr. Honig stating that he could not write much. He made no mention of the war or of conditions in that country. He stated that he had succeeded in getting his business fixed up and had gotten as far as Berlin when he was turned back to Csab, Hungary. He asked Mr. Giesecke to send him \$200. Mr. Giesecke is making an effort to get the money to Mr. Honig, but this is no easy task. Through the Farmers & Merchants Bank the matter of sending the money was taken up with the consul at Galveston, and the Hungarian consul stated that he could suggest no way to send the money, and referred the bank to the New York Bank.

From the letter it is presumed that Mr. Honig is ready and anxious to get back to Ballinger. His letter came unsealed and he instructed Mr. Giesecke not to seal letter in writing to him.

WILSON THREATENS WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM COLORADO

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—President Wilson intends to withdraw the federal troops from Colorado unless the coal operators in that state accept his proposed three-weeks' truce. This is the information learned today from reliable sources in official circles.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

There has been a deal closed whereby Elmer Sheppard purchases the interest of M. D. Chastain & Co., insurance agency. Mr. Sheppard will continue to run the business at the same office. The style of the new business will be E. Sheppard & Co., and the new firm takes charge on October 1st.

SAYS PEACE WILL NOT BE SETTLED AT ZACATECAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—According to men who are making a close study of the Mexican situation which has suddenly arisen, it is declared here by some of them that if the Villa-Carranza peace conference is to be held today at Zacatecas, they will be unable to settle the differences immediately. An armistice, it is pointed out, may be declared by the two chieftains.

ZACATECAS, Sept. 30.—General Villa is conferring by telegraph with the Carranza peace commission at Aguas Calientes, in an endeavor to arrange a peace conference between the two chieftains.

General Villa and his staff arrived in this city last night. In statements made today, all are confident that a peaceful settlement will be arranged but at the same time they insist that the only way to insure such is the absolute removal of General Carranza.

Pending the coming conference, General Villa has ordered his generals who invaded Carranza territory to suspend operations but not to relinquish their present positions.

The movement of Villa's troops from Chihuahua continues.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The constitutionalist junta in this city is convinced that the General Villa and General Carranza split will be healed shortly.

The complete capitulation of Carranza to Villa's demands will be the solution of the problem which is worrying the Mexican officials located here. Carranza, according to reports this morning, will retire as first chief and candidate for the presidency. His probable successor will be Fernano Calderon, an advocate of Villa's policy.

CHIHUAHUA, Sept. 29.—Pareden has been occupied by 5000 of Villa's strongest men.

Zacatecas surrendered to General Villa's army without fighting.

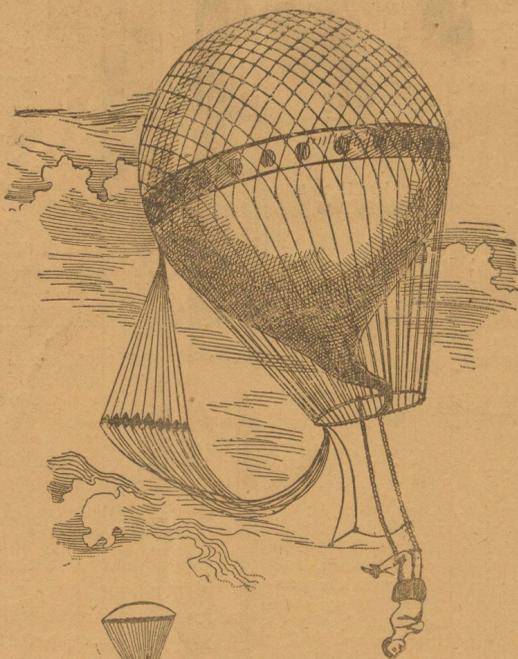
The Carranza delegation is in force at Saltillo and Aguas Calientes.

The movement of General Villa on the later cities has already commenced, it is reported here.

It is stated here, supposedly with authority, that General Carranza is trying to arrange an armistice with General Villa.

Carter on the "cotton picker's special," which passed through here.

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GERMANS MUST TAKE ANTWERP FOR MILITARY REASONS, SAY ENGLISH

LOSES FINGERS AT OIL MILL

E. E. Kemp, a member of the night shift at the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., had the misfortune to lose all four of the fingers on his left hand, when his hand was caught in the cake former as he was at work in the press room about seven o'clock Wednesday morning.

The day shift goes to work at seven o'clock, and it was just a few minutes before time for Kemp to go off duty when the accident that cost him his fingers occurred. The machine that caught his fingers is the one that forms the cotton seed meal into cakes just before it is carried to the press that mashes the oil from the meal.

The young man was carried to the Halley & Love sanitarium, and he is doing as well as a patient could do under the circumstances.

U. S. SOLDIERS AGAIN GUARDING LAREDO BRIDGE

LAREDO, Sept. 30.—Upon receiving orders from the United States war department, the infantry which has been in this city has re-established guard at the international bridge. Cavalry are on patrol for a distance of fifty miles in each direction, in order that filibustering might be prevented.

PART OF TOWN IN IS DECLARED TO BE IN BLAZES

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The Germans have fired a part of Tournai in Belgium, after the citizens of that city failed to pay a war tax to the Germans amounting to \$400,000.

Today the Germans are bombarding Lierre and Heyst near Antwerp.

W. A. Wells, of the Wingate country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Dr. Bell of Winters had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The possession of Antwerp is declared by military experts in this city, to be an absolute military necessity for the Germans. If the Germans are pushed back from the northern frontier of France, they will fall back on Antwerp and use the fortifications of the city, in the event they are successful in reducing the city.

Grave doubts prevail here whether Antwerp can withstand the Germans' biggest siege guns.

It is stated here by reliable military experts that if Antwerp can hold out several weeks, the Allies may raise the siege by pushing the Germans farther back into Belgium.

Antwerp Forts are Stormed

ANTWERP, Oct. 1.—The Germans continue their bombardment on the outer forts of this city. All the larger guns, those similar to the immense siege guns which reduced Liege, are being stationed and made ready for the siege. Already the work of attempting to demolish the outer forts is underway. It is declared here that the guns are the largest ever seen in Belgium except at the siege of Liege.

It is officially stated that the German's shells have so far only chipped the stones of the forts. It is not believed by the officers in the city that a breach will be caused in the line of fortifications around Antwerp.

It is also officially announced that the Belgians are slowly retreating from Termonde where they have made a desperate resistance against the Germans.

PAPAL SECRETARY HAS APPENDICITIS

ROME, Oct. 1.—The papal secretary of State, Cardinal Ferrata, was today suddenly stricken with appendicitis. His condition is critical.

J. N. Bizzell of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Russian General Thinks He Will Eat Turkey Dinner In Capital of Germany

PETROGRAD, Sept. 30.—With heavy reinforcements, the Germans are today battling with General Rennenkampf's strong Russian army which is stationed between the Niemen River and the Prussian frontier. In a dispatch to this city the Russian general expresses confidence that his army will defeat the strong German force despite the fact that the latter has received reinforcements.

Rennenkampf is today quoted as declaring that the Russians will take Christmas dinner in

Berlin, where they will also have the opportunity of making choice selections for their children back home, in the way of toys for Christmas.

It is declared here that Kaiser Wilhelm's stook farm on which is located many fine pedigreed animals of the German emperor, is confiscated by the Russian government. The farm is near Rominten and it is the sporting estate of the German Kaiser. The fine animals on the place are reported to have been distributed to the Russian breeders living in the vicinity of the estate.

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

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

LUMBER COMPANY

TAKES 45 BALES

Harry Gardner, manager for Wm. Cameron & Co., lumber dealers at this place, received a notice from his company today authorizing him to buy a bale of cotton and pay ten cents for same. The instructions to Mr. Gardner said for him to store the bale away in their office and to hold it until cotton advanced.

Cameron & Co., have forty-six yards in Texas and they are buying a bale at each place where they have a yard. This adds to the buy-a-bale movement in Texas, and every little bit helps.

Other big business firms in Texas and out of Texas are falling in line, and the cotton that is being taken off the market at ten cents per pound will far exceed the expectations of those who are so interested in the move.

Toned Up Whale System

"Chamberlain's Tablets have done more for me than I ever dared hope for," writes Mrs. Esther Mae Baker, Spencerport, N. Y. "I used several bottles of these tablets a few months ago. They not only cured me of bilious attacks, sick headaches and that tired out feeling, but toned up my whole system." For sale by all dealers.

C. E. Jordan of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from Santa Arna.

For Sale.

One five passenger car in good shape, will take stock are cash. Apply to Ballinger Auto Co., G. W. Dean. 28-wtf

Miss Franc Baker returned home Monday morning from a short visit to relatives at San Angelo.

Best Laxative For Children

When your baby is cross and fretful instead of the happy, laughing little dear you are accustomed to, in all probability the digestion has become deranged and the bowels need attention. Give it a mild laxative, dispel the irritability and bring back the happy content of babyhood.

The very best laxative for children is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, because it contains no opiate or narcotic drug, is pleasant tasting and acts gently, but surely, without griping or other distress. Druggists sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle. For a free trial bottle write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 451 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

COTTON PICKERS

TRAVEL INCREASES

Representatives from the T. K. Wilson ranch on the Concho, spent a day or two here and picked up twenty-five cotton pickers that had come in from other parts of the state, and carried them to the ranch on Monday's westbound Santa Fe. These pickers were employed for sixty-five cents per hundred. This seems to be the prevailing price at present, and considering the good cotton it enables a good picker to make very fair wages.

Parties from the north end of the county arrived on the noon Santa Fe with a bunch of negroes, and carried them out on the Abilene & Southern. There were about twenty-five negroes in the bunch, including a number of negro women. These pickers will be unloaded at Winters and pull the cotton from the fields in the Winters territory.

Twenty-five or thirty white men came in on the noon train and stopped at Ballinger, and were quickly assigned to places among the farmers who were here ready to take them.

It is estimated that an average of twenty-five cotton pickers arrive here on every train coming in from the East and this ratio has held good during the last two weeks or ten days. Some say that at least two thousand people are here from other parts of the state helping to pick the cotton crop. These people come to Ballinger in large numbers on Saturday evening, and it makes all lines of business lively.

SELLING COTTON SACKS.

Many of the cotton pickers that are being imported into Runnels County arrive with sacks ready to grab the fleecy staple from the fields in a hurry, but that there is a demand for sacks is shown by the rush made on the dry goods stores from day to day. One firm in Ballinger sold over one hundred sacks last Saturday afternoon. Another merchant was called from his bed a few nights ago, when a big bunch of pickers arrived here, and opened his store to supply the pickers with sacks.

There are many fields in Runnels county white with cotton that are without pickers, but the work is pretty well underway all over the county, and with pickers still coming in on every train, the gins will be crowded for the next two or three months. Most of the gins in the county will be operated on double time as long as the weather is favorable for picking.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. 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

NEW YORK FIRM BUYS BALE HERE

New York, Sept. 19th. Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co. Ballinger, Texas

Gentlemen: We are in receipt of your letter asking us to buy a bale of cotton, and while we have purchased several bales, we want you to buy a bale for us at ten cents per pound and charge us up with the amount laid out. See that it is properly stored and insured. Send us warehouse receipt, or do whatever you think is best.

Yours truly,
S. STEINFELD & CO.

The above firm is the manufacturer of ladies cloaks, suits, etc. This shows how the manufacturers of the North are aiding in the buy a bale move. At the prevailing market price every bale sold at ten cents per pound puts from \$15 to \$20 extra in the pockets of the farmer, and means taking that much cotton off the market, because the most of it will be held until the market price goes to ten cents.

H. I. Armstrong, the tailor, had a letter Saturday from his wholesale tailors, Lamm & Co., of Chicago, to buy a bale of distressed cotton at 10 cents per pound.

WHOLESALE TAKING RUNNELS COTTON

Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co., are in receipt of another response to a number of letters they sent out urging their wholesale houses to join the buy-a-bale club. The New York Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of caps and hats, write as follows:

"We received your letter in reference to buy-a-bale movement in your section, and wish to say, that when the movement first started we at once purchased all that we could conveniently carry, however, we will stretch it a little and buy a bale in your section and you can do this for us, sending warehouse receipt and we will credit your account on our books for the amount."

Another letter from a New York wholesale house stated that they were co-operating in a move that would take many bales of Texas cotton at ten cents per pound.

NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA GAS OR INDEGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" settles sour upset stomachs in five minutes.

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, gassy, or out of order stomach surely within five minutes.

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

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, anorexia, debilitating headaches, dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and besides there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors. Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there.

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

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

SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS

There will be held in Ballinger a special examination for teachers for 1st and 2nd grade state certificates only, on October 16th and 17th 1914. Let all parties desiring to take this examination take notice and be on hand.

E. L. HAGAN,
County Superintendent, Runnels County, Texas.

COTTON PICKERS COME IN DROVES

The belated Texas and Pacific train No. 5 which arrived here about 8.25 a. m. Thursday, brought a coach-load of cotton pickers for the Winters section. Instructions as to their arrival caused the officials of the Abilene and Southern railway to hold their train from 8.15, the regular departure time until the Texas and Pacific arrived, so that the laborers should not have to remain in Abilene until the next train in the afternoon.

The laborers were all white. They had been picked up by the employment bureaus from over the state and those employing them had sent a man to convey the cotton pickers to this section of the state. Among the bunch were several young couples. Each of the pickers carried grips and some even had cotton sacks under their arms.

All through trains on the Texas & Pacific through Abilene carry many laborers who are going to points west to pick cotton, which is reported to be as good as it is here. These laborers represent all classes of people—some who have been up against the world and some who are out merely to gain experience in picking the staple. Some even are Northern lads who think that cotton picking is much easier work than harvesting wheat.—Abilene Reporter.

When your food does not digest well and you feel "blue," tired and discouraged, you should use a little Herbine at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Jack Wilson and Malcolm Bankston of the Pony creek country, E. J. Handley and S. S. Grantham of the Norton country, and J. S. Jones and T. J. Parish of the Concho country, were among the number who left from this point Saturday afternoon for points East after cotton pickers.

See W. B. Page, real estate man, Ballinger. 11-4twpd

MEXICAN GOTTON PICKERS ARRIVE

Some Sixty Mexicans just from El Paso arrived last night over the Abilene and Southern railway to pick cotton in Runnels County. The Mexicans were brought here by City Marshal Jack McKay who was designated by a number of farmers and business men of this city to make the trip to the western city for the purpose of securing cotton pickers for this county.

Wagons awaited the arrival of the train which brought the Mexicans. They were immediately loaded on at least six wagons and taken to the farms in the county where cotton is badly in need of picking. Today they spent their first day in this county in the cotton fields.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured. by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENNY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

Uncle Joe Routh of Andrews, Texas, who had been visiting his daughters, Mesdames R. L. Maddox, and Emma Nash, left Monday morning for his home.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

Pianos for Cotton

WE WILL AID THE FARMERS

and planters who are dependent upon cotton in the present emergency, and are now planning to take

Cotton on New Piano Purchases.

We will accept good cotton at 10c in payment either in full or one-half in cotton, and in the event of selling this cotton before the end of the year at a higher price than 10c per pound we will refund the entire profit. Do not let this war situation disturb you in the least, in so far as it governs you in the purchase of a piano.

Write us for catalogue and prices.

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Established 1890. San Angelo. West Texas' Oldest and Largest Music House.



Make your foot look smaller—

—in this chic button boot of patent.

The short vamp, the high heel, even the material itself all combine to give the foot an effect of smallness and daintiness.

And, because this model is a



the foot not only looks better but feels better, too.

The special Red Cross tanning process causes this shoe to respond instantly to every movement of the foot, making every step easy, buoyant and wholly free from that burning and binding which stiff-sole shoes have caused you.

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IF you want to buy Furniture go to Lankford's.
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you want to buy Harness go to Lankford's.
you want to buy a Saddle go to Lankford's.
you want to buy Second-Hand Goods go to Lankford's.
you want to rent Furniture go to Lankford's.
you want your Shoes Fixed go to Lankford's.
you want your Harness Fixed go to Lankford's.

Stock complete in every department with experience men to serve you. The prices are in keeping with honesty in dealings and the class of goods sold.

Will Your Home Be Cozy And Comfortable this Winter?

With the advent of fall and winter you will be wanting to add a little furniture to the home. You have done without through the hard years, and now you will want a new set, or a new table, or chair, or some other odd piece you may need to make home more comfortable and cozy. Our stock is all complete and ready for you, and includes the handsomes pieces of furniture ever shown. They are the same that sell for high prices in larger cities, but we have kept the prices down to meet the low prices of cotton, and are making prices you can afford to pay.

Visit Our Store Before You Buy Furniture.

We Are Giving Votes In the Pony Contest.

Buy your furniture here and help your favorite win the handsome and valuable pony, harness and buggy. Boys and girls this outfit is worth \$300 and is a prize worth working for. We will help you win it. Come to the big furniture store and tell your friends to save their votes for you.

Ostertag Furniture Co.

TO THE PUBLIC:

On June 30, 1913, there were 15,283.57 miles of railroad in Texas. Very little has been added since that time. They have 69,259 employees at work every day in the year. These railroads have a capitalization (stocks and bonds) of \$31,615 per mile. Their value for taxing purposes as found by the State Tax Board is \$31,150.00 per mile. They are really worth more. The total cost of construction up to June 30, 1913, averaged \$39,975 per mile as shown by Table No. 10, page 397 Annual Report Railroad Commission, 1913.

The capitalization of railroads in other countries and the United States as a whole, per mile of road, is as follows:

England . . . \$269,496	Spain . . . \$88,368
Belgium . . . 189,023	Japan . . . 84,301
France . . . 143,435	Russia . . . 83,496
Brazil . . . 142,080	Holland . . . 82,796
Italy . . . 124,116	Switzerland . . . 73,373
Austria . . . 120,311	Hungary . . . 69,084
Switzerland . . . 117,953	United States 63,944
Germany . . . 116,666	Texas . . . 31,615

The capitalization of the railroads in the United States is less than in any of the above named countries, and in Texas it is a little

less than half as much as the average for the United States.

The bonds of the Texas roads amount to only \$23,212.00 per mile. As a rule, no dividends are ever paid on railroad stocks in Texas, and therefore the amount of stocks is without influence, so far as the financial condition of the roads is concerned. The interest on the bonds, however, must be paid in order to keep the roads out of bankruptcy, and as such interest is supposed to be paid out of earnings, the public is interested in knowing that the bonds do not exceed the value of roads—in other words, that they are not watered. We are glad to be able to state, positively, that there are no watered bonds on Texas railroads. And the same is true as to stocks, taking the roads of the state as a whole.

It costs an immense amount of money to operate the 15,283 miles of railroad in this state, and as you pay the same, in freight and passenger fares, you, of course, are vitally interested in knowing whether the roads are collecting enough, or more than is necessary.

The Annual Reports of the Railroad Com-

mission of Texas show that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, the railroads of Texas lacked \$3,282,493.51 of collecting enough to pay the operating and necessary charges and expenses. For the year ending June 30, 1913, they lacked \$1,601,378.31 of collecting enough, and while figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, are not all available, enough is known to make certain that the railroads of this state will have a net deficit or loss of about Eight Million Dollars.

In arriving at these deficits, or losses, no account is taken of permanent improvements and betterments. These, if considered, would add to the deficits, or shortages.

Thus it is plainly to be seen, and must be acknowledged by all fair-minded men, that the railroads of Texas are confronted by a serious and dangerous situation. Indeed, some of them have been unable to escape Federal Court receiverships, and none of them have the funds urgently needed, and which the interest of the public require.

Every railroad in Texas now in the hands of, and operated by, receivers, was valued, and the amount of the stocks and bonds

thereof approved and limited by the Railroad Commission under the Texas Stock and Bond Law. Therefore, it is certain, over-capitalization is not the cause of their financial distress.

We think it is due to you, who pay the bills and need the service of the railroads, to show the above and actual condition of the properties devoted to your use.

We beg to assure you that we are doing our best to give you good service.

We respectfully and earnestly ask, and desire, your help and assistance in keeping down and preventing all useless and unjust expenses and charges against the railroads. We do this for the reason that you pay the expenses, and suffer the loss of service necessarily resulting when the expenses and fixed charges exceed the income of the roads. You therefore have a direct interest in the matter.

We respectfully submit that it is but fair and just that the railroads be permitted to earn what the law says they are entitled to,—a fair return on the value of the property devoted to your use.

Nothing more is asked nor expected.

Respectfully,

General Managers Texas Railroads

Y. M. B. L. AND COUNTY COOPERATE

A section of the Ballinger-Wingate-Norton road, known as the Prusser hill, and which has been a josh for many years, is being put in first-class condition through the efforts of the Young Men's Business League and the county.

Men and teams are now at work on this hill, and about one mile of the road is being graded and the hill cut down. Under the law the county is allowed to pay only \$3 per day for a man and his team, and when there is such a demand for hands it was out of the question to think about employing labor and teams at this price. The Young Men's Business League volunteered to help out by appro-

riating a sufficient amount to get the teams and men.

The road at this point is in the Miles commissioner precinct and is under the supervision of Commissioner Craft. The business men of Ballinger, or several of them at least, prevailed on Mr. Craft to make an appropriation out of his road fund to carry on this work when aided by the Business League.

The road has kept much trade away from Ballinger, and we are glad to be able to report that it has at last been put in good shape. C. A. Doose, Jo Wilmeth, Judge M. Kleberg and the writer went out and inspected the road Monday.

Scott Mack bought two bales of 10 cent cotton Monday on the order of his wholesale firms in the East, one from Mrs. M. A. Sims and one from Mrs. M. E. Presler near Ballinger.

J. M. McGregor, of Winters passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Brownwood on a short business trip.

Wm. Forbus of the Norton country was in the city Wednesday to look out for cotton pickers.

John Kipp left Monday afternoon for his home at Gaudalajara, Mexico, to look after his property interests at that place. Mr. Kipp and family have been spending the past several months here during the trouble in Mexico. His family will still remain in Ballinger for the present.

W. L. Hambricht of the Norton country and W. A. Pace of the Wingate country and W. P. Vaughn, the Crews gin man, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Prof. Beard and wife and Miss Lillie Slaughter of Maverick, left Monday afternoon for Bangs, where Prof. Beard will teach school the ensuing school year.

Strayed or Stolen.

One bay horse mule, about nine years old, branded J. V. or J. W. on left hip, from T. A. Wington's pasture near Ballinger. Liberal reward for return to John F. Currie.

TEXAN STARTED BUY-A-BALE CLUBS IN NORTHERN CITIES

Fred W. Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., who recently went to Cleveland, Ohio, on a visit, has started the Buy-a-Bale move in that city along a new plan, and one that is attracting the attention of the people of the North. The Cleveland Plain Dealer, publishes and interview with Mr. Greber in which his plan is outlined, and in commenting on the Buy-a-Bale plan the newspaper says that the people are readily taking hold of Mr. Greber's plan and declare their willingness to become the owner of a bale of cotton for which they are ready to pay ten cents a pound and they go further and say that they will never sell it again until they can get at least ten cents for it.

Following is the plan put on floor in the North by Mr. Greber, as told by the Plain Dealer, Cleveland's leading daily paper:

"Cleveland will have a part in the 'buy a bale of cotton' movement, if plans announced yesterday by Fred W. Greber, secretary-treasurer of the West Texas Telephone Co., of Brownwood, Tex., and member of the executive board of the Brownwood chamber of commerce, are carried out.

"Filled with enthusiasm for the movement, designed to offset the havoc in the cotton market created by the European war, Mr. Greber came to Cleveland yesterday. He presented his plan to Munson Havens, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and was assured it would be laid before the chamber board of directors at their meeting late this week.

"Mr. Greber's plan contemplates the formation of 'One Hundred Bales of Cotton' clubs in Cleveland and, if possible, all other cities of the United States. Members of these clubs would be pledged to buy cotton at 10 cents a pound, or approximately, \$50 a bale.

"When the organization of a club is completed and the money subscribed, the \$5,000 realized is to be deposited with Secretary Havens. Mr. Havens is to com-

municate with the secretary of a chamber of commerce or board of trade in the cotton district, to be designated later.

"The southern secretary, who will be in close touch with the farmers of his territory, will know of individual cases of cotton poverty—cases where a farmer has a large quantity of cotton that he cannot dispose of at a price sufficient to warrant sale. This farmer will be given an order for cotton.

"If the farmer has twenty bales on hand," explained Mr. Greber, "and is enabled thus to sell five bales at a reasonable figure, he will realize enough to allow him to live until he can find a market for the rest.

"When the southern secretary buys this cotton, he will store it in a warehouse and send the Cleveland secretary a warehouse receipt for each bale. These receipts then will be forwarded to purchasers and will be negotiable securities, worth their face value, minus discounts.

"Cotton sold at an average of 12 cents a pound in 1913. Sept. 7, 1914, the price was 6 5/8 cents a pound. The government estimates a 14,500,000 bale crop for 1914 as against 14,000,000 bales in 1913.

"Ordinarily, Europe consumes 8,000,000 bales. This year it will take practically none. This explains the drop in price."

"Secretary Haven said yesterday Cleveland probably will communicate at once with Memphis, New Orleans, St. Louis, and other southern cities to ascertain what part they are taking in the movement."

Worried children are unhappy, puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise while worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

COTTON STILL SELLS FOR 10c

Van Pelt, Kirk & Maek received notice Monday from a wholesale house with which they do business, asking them to buy-a-bale, pay the straight ten cent price and draw on them for the money. Two bales were bought and stored away for safe keeping, where they will remain until these wholesale houses realize on their investment.

It is encouraging to both the retail dealers and farmers throughout the South for the wholesalers and northern firms to fall in line so readily and help to take as much of the cotton off the market as possible at ten cents per pound.

The bales that are being moved by the ten cent price are out of the way, and should be the means of making the remainder of the crop bring a better price. The farmers cannot hold a sufficient quantity of the cotton to hold the

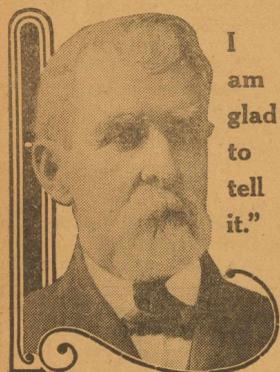
price up, but the buy a bale move places it out of reach of the regular cotton buyers and spinners, and at the same time places ten cents per pound in the pockets of the cotton growers.

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Miss Maurice Truly left Monday afternoon for Santa Anna where she goes to spend a few days with her music class at that place. She also has a class in Ballinger and divides her time between the two places each week.

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October 6th and 7th are the days.

It seems that Mexico also has a Kaiser—or two.

An idle man in Runnels County is a curiosity.

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Few promises are easily kept. Big ones are often forgotten.

Some people have sense, but not enough to know how to use it.

Soon it will be termed "oceans of blood." Rivers are inadequate.

The Abilene Reporter is still advocating weed cutting. Frost will soon get the job.

When you convince a man that he is wrong, he will admit it—if he is a man.

September is almost ancient history and we haven't seen a "September Morn" of the 1914 model.

Some women never create a stir until they wear a décolleté gown.

Dont' worry today. Put it off until tomorrow, which never gets here.

The wise man puts his best foot forward. The fool stands still on both.

The hand of success is extended to everyone. But only a few grasp it.

It is quite some war when both sides win great victories in the same battle.

We still have something for which to be thankful. There has been no advance in the price of postage stamps.

Keep your optics on Mexico. Europe has driven her from the limelight, but sooner or later she will emerge with a whoop and a yell and a brand new revolution. Mexicans will cease to revolute when they cease to be Mexicans.

Villa and Carranza have never been in harmony in their fight against Huerta, and that jealousy that has cropped out from time to time will now be the end of a few more Mexican revolutionists.

Prosperity is covering a wide era in Central West Texas this year, and it means a big increase in population. The new comers know nothing about the past three or four years, and the old timers have forgotten it.

The Coleman County Fair catalogue has reached this office and if it is a criterion to go by, Coleman County will have one of the best county fairs in all of Texas this year. The dates are the 5th and 6th of October.

A prominent Mexican in San Antonio says that Villa will be overthrown in his revolt against Carranza. The Mexicans admire a fighter and Villa is all that and if he is overthrown there will be some one to take his place and the revolution in Mexico will continue to go merrily along.

The Abilene Reporter says it is tiresome to have one ask a favor of you and begin by saying "you know I am your friend?" Yes, when a man must tell you he is your friend before you find out, that friendship is not more than skin deep.

Vera Cruz is as hard for Uncle Sam to turn loose as the Irishman's wild cat. Carranza wants Uncle Sam's boys to get out and the people down there, who have been treated so nice under the protection of the flag, are afraid to stay there without the flag.

The officers at Brownwood are trying to locate a thief who stole \$65 from a foot ball player's clothes, left in the bath house while the player was in his ball togs. A ball player that will carry that much change around in his pocket is looking for a bet, and it is only a question of time until he will lose it any way. What's the use to worry.

With the buy-a-bale plan now well underway we should turn our attention to planting more biscuit and butter, hog and hominy, chickens and churns, teams and turkeys, goobers and ganders, sorghum and soudan, feterita and frejoles, maize and muttons, join the baby beef and pig club and build a silo.

Read this and then quit poking fun at Arkansas: "Arkansas has passed a child labor law that provides that a child, to work in any occupation, must have attended school for at least four years and must be over 14 years old. To enter a hazardous occupation the child must be 16 years old. Children under sixteen years of age can not be for more than eight hours a day." The law may work a hardship on the boy who needs employment and has not been in school four years, but it will teach the coming boy to stay in school.

A POLITICAL PROBLEM Virginia adopted constitutional prohibition Tuesday by a majority of 32,000. Virginia is one of the states where the women are not allowed to vote. There are a half dozen other states along in a row that are dry, including West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Oklahoma. The women are not allowed to vote in any of these states. In Colorado, California, Wyoming, Utah, and one or two other states, the women are voters, help to elect officers and pass on other public issues, and these states are all wet. The politicians who are fighting woman suffrage for fear it will strengthen the ranks of the dries in Texas, might get some food for thought from the above comparison.

ALLIES OUTNUMBER GERMAN SEVEN TO ONE. Over one-half of the population of the world is at war in Europe. The population of the countries involved in the death-dealing conflict is 899,000,000; of the countries at peace, 724,000,000. The anti-German coalition outnumber the German coalition 7 to 1. Here are the startling figures: At War—Great Britain 435,000,000; Russia 160,000,000; France 94,000,000; Germany 80,000,000; Austria 51,000,000; Japan 67,000,000; Belgium 7,500,000; Serbia 4,000,000; Montenegro 500,000. At peace—Total at war 899,000,000; At peace 724,000,000. Total population of earth 1,623,000,000. German coalition 131,000,000; Anti-German coalition 768,000,000.

WHO'S THE GUILTY PARTY? Ballinger protests against the stealing of negro cotton pickers by people along the railroad line. The cotton pickers have been routed to Ballinger territory and should be permitted to reach their intended destination and complete the contract that was made prior to entering. This is a new form of grievance and will require a new form of retaliation in case it is not stopped. Perhaps Ballinger will refuse to ship watermelons to the offending towns next year.—Temple Telegram.

More than one protest has reached us of the very same thing going on, or attempts that have been made to "swipe" cotton pickers. It is a mighty poor business, that of stealing cotton pickers, if that practice is really being carried on, and it will only be a matter of time until the guilty parties suffer.—Abilene Reporter.

of theft have been perpetrated up on the importers of cotton pickers. To roll a bundle of green backs up and stick them in your pocket, and scatter that money from Ballinger to the Red River in an effort to get cotton pickers out here, and then after you pay their railroad fare, feed them along the road and have them "swiped" after you reach here, by some farmer offering five cents more per hundred, is the way the game is played. The county attorney has been called on to take a hand in putting a stop to such dirty dishonesty, but sympathy is all that he has been able to offer the aggrieved parties. There is no law to apply in the stealing cotton pickers offense.

ARE THE RAILROADS GETTING A SQUARE DEAL?

The managers of Texas railroads make a statement over their signature in this issue of the Banner-Ledger, which if true, does not speak well for the laws of Texas under which the railroads are operated and maintained.

For the fiscal year of 1912, according to this statement, the railroads of Texas lacked over three and one quarter million dollars of paying expenses. For the year ending June 30, 1913, they lacked over one and a half million dollars of collecting enough to pay operating expenses, and claim that a deficit of about eight million dollars will be shown at the close of the present fiscal year. These figures are taken from the report of the railroad commission and are supposed to be reliable.

In order to show that Texas railroads are not over capitalized, or that its stocks and bonds are not watered in a way to make the earnings according to the capital stock appear small, the statement issued by the managers of the railroads in this state, gives a comparative showing of the capitalization of Texas roads with those of the United States and other countries. The average capital of the railroads in the United States is \$63,944, per mile, while that of Texas is only \$31,615. The comparison with other countries is published elsewhere in this paper and makes interesting reading.

Texas should have better railroad service. We believe that Texas people are willing to pay reasonable rate for good service, but this is clearly shown in the statement issued by the general managers of Texas railroads that better service is impossible under the present laws governing such matters.

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WITH THE EXCHANGES

Ballinger was recently visited by a large army of bugs. According to Daily Ledger, they were hunting for a wet or dry town. Evidently not the latter, for in Ballinger they met their Waterloo whole scoop fulls being removed from the side walks and burned the morning after.—Miles Messenger.

We have been reliably informed that they were looking for a bright place on the map, and of course Ballinger attracted them.

The watermelon season seems long drawn out here, considering the fact that they do not raise any around here.—Taylor Press.

Ballinger melons makes the season seem long.

If the government makes the war tax too high on gasoline, wine and beer some people will be inclined to cut out the use of gasoline entirely.—Temple Telegram.

Ha, ha. You should live in a dry town and then you would not have to worry about such trivial matters.

After a girl gets to be about so old she makes a bonfire of the baby picture of herself taken in a washbowl.—Taylor Press.

Do you have reference to that age when her sense all goes to her heels?

NORTON NOTES.

Cotton picking is still the order of the day.

Rev. Garland Shell, of Winters, preached Saturday night and Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. Both services were well attended.

Mrs. M. L. Patterson and daughter, also Mrs. Dickinson and daughter, Miss Gertrude of Ballinger and Runnels, visited friends in Norton Saturday and Sunday.

S. L. Taylor attended the debate at Hatchel Saturday night. Leslie, Arch and Harvey Holloway also Misses Cockrell and Prof. Emmett Cockrell attended church at Norton Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Setser of Ballinger spent last week with relatives at this place.

Miss Katherine Bass, who is attending school at Ballinger spent Sunday with home folks.

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FARMERS NOT READY FOR COURT

Jo wilmett is circulating a petition which will be presented to Judge Jno. W. Goodwin, asking Judge Goodwin to postpone the convening of the grand jury and the petit juries to the 26th of October, which is the third week of the October term of court. The farmers claim that it will work a great hardship on them to be called from the harvest fields at this time, and if Judge Goodwin grants their request, it will give them two weeks longer in which to catch up with their work. As the docket is very light, and there are four weeks in which to dispose of all business coming before the October term of court, the postponement could be made and ample time remain for the court work.

Following is the petition which is being circulated throughout the county and numerously signed by the farmers and business men:

To the Hon. Jno. W. Goodwin, Judge of the 35th Judicial District of Texas:

Whereas, our District Court convenes October 12th, 1914, and under the law we are entitled to a term of four weeks, and, whereas, we are advised that you have ordered the Grand Jury in said County to convene on the 1st day of said court, and have also ordered Petit Juries for the first and second weeks of said court, and, whereas, Runnels County has produced the largest cotton crop in the history of said county, and being desirous of gathering same while the weather is ideal, we, the undersigned citizens of said county, most respectfully and urgently request that you change the dates for the convening of the Grand Jury and of said Petit

Juries to the third and fourth weeks of said term of court. In this connection we beg to suggest that we believe that it would be to the best interest of our county, premises considered, that the Grand Jury be not organized until on Monday, the 26th day of October, and that only one Petit Jury be ordered for the term and that it be ordered for the date last mentioned, believing that one week will be sufficient to dispose of the Jury Civil cases, and in as far as the Criminal Docket is concerned, we beg to suggest that we are advised that there are only four cases on said docket in which arrests have been made, and the Defendants therein are out on bond, and we are advised that they are not of such consequence as to require hurried action, besides they are represented by local counsel, who doubtless will join us in this request. But should your Honor conclude that a Jury should be ordered to try the Criminal Docket at said term of Court, then we suggest and request that it be so ordered for the fourth week of said term of court. To require the convening of the Grand Jury and of the Petit Juries for the first and second weeks of said Court, would take from the cotton fields many people to the financial detriment of our county, but if our request is granted we will have the bulk of our crops gathered by the first of November.

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 You are hereby commanded to summon C. C. Phillips, Mrs. Ophelia Phillips, Frank B. Brandt, Jacob Brandt, Peggy Brandt, Martha Brandt, Alice Brandt, Edna Brandt, Wallace Brandt, Frank B. Brandt Jr., Emma Brandt, Martha Reese, Edna Hostetter, William Hostetter, Emma Kuhns, Effie Kuhns, Jessie Kuhns, Edward Kuhns and Alice Saxton and of the unknown heirs of each of the above named parties, deceased, by making publication of this citation 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 Co., 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 29th day of July A. D., 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1642, wherein The Winters State Bank of Winters, Texas, a banking corporation is plaintiff and C. C. Phillips, Mrs. Ophelia Phillips, Frank B. Brandt, Jacob Brandt, Peggy Brandt, Martha Brandt, Alice Brandt, Edna Brandt, Wallace Brandt, Frank B. Brandt, Jr., Emma Brandt, Martha Reese, Edna Hostetter, William Hostetter, Emma Kuhns, Effie Kuhns, Jessie Kuhns, Edward Kuhns and Alice Saxton and the unknown heirs of each of the above named parties deceased the nature of plaintiff's demands being as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Runnels.
 In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas. October term 1914.
 To the Honorable Jno. W. Goodwin, Judge of said Court:
 Now comes The Winters State Bank of Winters, Texas, a banking corporation duly incorporated under the laws of this State, having its principal office and being domiciled in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter called plaintiff, and complaining of C. C. Phillips, and Mrs. Ophelia Phillips, Frank B. Brandt, Jacob Brandt and Peggy Brandt, Martha Brandt, Alice Brandt, Edna Brandt, Wallace Brandt, Frank B. Brandt, Jr., Emma Brandt, Martha Reese, Edna Hostetter, William Hostetter, Emma Kuhns, Effie Kuhns, Jessie Kuhns, Edward Kuhns, and Alice Saxton, and of the unknown heirs of each of the above named parties deceased, whose names are unknown to plaintiff, and the places of residence of each of said parties and of said unknown heirs being unknown to plaintiff, all of said parties and the unknown heirs of said parties being herein-after styled defendants, and for cause of action herein plaintiff respectfully alleges:

I. That heretofore, on to wit, the first day of July, A. D., 1914, the plaintiff was then and is now legally seized and possessed, holding the same in fee simple as hereinafter shown, of the following described real estate, to wit:
 Situated in Runnels County, in the State of Texas, and being 25.1 acres of land out of a survey of 113 acres originally granted to C. C. Phillips as homestead donation by virtue of letters patent No. 463, Vol. No. 26, dated June 7th, 1894, said patent duly recorded in patent records of Runnels County, Texas, and said tract of 25.1 acres being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
 Beginning at the southwest corner of said survey of 113 acres, same being the northwest corner of a survey of 80 acres, being survey No. 44 1-2, patented to S. E. Kelly, patent No. 279, volume No. 28.

Then east with said S. B. line of said 113 acres, 640 varas, a point where line fence intersects said S. B. line as established by the county surveyor of Runnels County, Texas, on the 24th day of February, A. D., 1913; Thence north 406 varas to the S. B. line of the Lily or Lyla Forsythe survey, a point near the center of the Wingate and Pumphrey road. Thence in a southwesterly direction with the south line of said Forsythe survey, 742 varas to the intersection of the W. B. line of said 113 acres and S. B. line of said Forsythe survey.
 Thence south 40 varas to the place of beginning, containing 25.1 acres of land.
 II. Plaintiff further alleges that it has been so seized and pos-

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 Ballinger, Texas.

essed of said land, that it is and those under whom it claims title, under deeds duly recorded in the deed records of Runnels County, Texas, having all taxes due on said land up to the date of the filing of this suit, and in actual, peaceful and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the five years statute of limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

III. Plaintiff further alleges that it and those under whom it claims title to said land, have been in actual, peaceful and adverse possession of said tract of land, having the same enclosed by good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and that plaintiff's said title to said land has long since been perfected by the ten year statute of limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

IV. That on or about said first day of July A. D., 1914, while plaintiff was so lawfully seized and possessed of said land, holding the same under the title herein before pleaded, the defendants set up a claim and are now asserting some pretended claim of title to said tract of land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land and disturbed its peaceable possession thereof to its great damage.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, plaintiff prays that the defendants be cited by publication in manner and form as required by law and in such cases made and provided, to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing hereof it have judgment against said defendants for the recovery of the title to said land and that said cloud thereon be removed and that plaintiff be quieted in its title thereto and possession thereof, and for all costs in this behalf expended, and for general relief.

WADE & DOSS,
 Attorneys for plaintiff.
 Herein Fail Not, But have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
 Witnessed my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 3rd day of August A. D., 1914.
 (Seal)
 MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk,
 District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 8tw

CITATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:
 You are hereby commanded to summon V. E. Hutchens and the unknown heirs of V. E. Hutchens, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive 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; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next

regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden 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 27th day of August, A. D., 1914 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1643, wherein Mrs. Myrtle Jones, joined by her husband, Willie Jones, and Minnie and Charley Ray Stamps, minors, acting by and through duly appointed guardian, T. W. Murray are plaintiffs, and V. E. Hutchens and the unknown heirs of V. E. Hutchens, deceased, are defendants and said petition alleging a cause of action in trespass to try title on the following described lands and premises, to wit:
 Situated in Runnels County, in the State of Texas, being 160 acres of land, being the southeast quarter of a 640 acres survey situated on the waters of Coyote creek, known as survey No. 99, abstract No. 626, originally granted to the H. & T. C. Ry. Co., by virtue of certificate No. 28-2063, patented to the said Ry. Co., October 11th, 1877, by letters patent No. 638, volume 18 in which plaintiffs ask for the recovery of the possession and title to said property for costs of suit and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Ballinger, Texas, this, the 27th day of August, A. D. 1914.
 (Seal)
 MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk,
 District Court, Runnels County
 By W. H. Weeks, Deputy.

HARROLD SAUNDERS IS MARRIED
 Miss Winnie Davis and Harrold Saunders were married at the ranch two miles north of Sonora Wednesday night, Rev. J. L. Burns officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Walter Davis and the groom is a well-known windmill repair man. They will make their home in Sonora for the present—Sonora News.
 Mr. Saunders above mentioned is a nephew of the McGregor's of our city and is a young man of sterling worth and ability and is one of Ballinger's favorite sons, and many friends join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for the happy young couple.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
 List of letters advertised September 26, 1914.
 Alderson, J. A.,
 Holliday, Mrs. W. N.,
 Lawrence, Frank,
 McCullen, Jim,
 Osborn, John C.,
 Roost, R. L.,
 Womble, J. H.,
 Woods, Jim.
 When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.
 James J. Erwin P. M.

Seed Rye for Sale. Telephone or write J. J. Bedford, Winters, Texas. 28-6tw
 W. M. Forbus one of the successful farmers of the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

PIONEER CITIZEN BURIED FRIDAY

The life of W. C. Lowry slowly ebbed away, and at eight-thirty Thursday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. A. Massey, he breathed his last and his suffering on this earth ceased.

Will Lowry had been in poor health for a long time. He came near dying last spring, and since that time he has been an invalid, and death came as a welcome relief, realizing that he could not get well.

Mr. Lowry came to Ballinger in the early days of Ballinger, and has been making his home with his sister since coming to this country. For a number of years he was connected with the different lumber yards of the town, being an experienced man in that line of business. He was of a quiet disposition, had little to say to any one, except when talking business, and if he had an enemy the writer does not know it, and we have known Mr. Lowry for more than twenty years.

Deceased died on his 56 birthday, having been born on Sept. 24th, 1858.

Arrangements were made early Friday morning for the funeral and at 11 o'clock of the same day the remains were taken to rest in the city cemetery, Rev. T. C. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducting the services.

STOPS HEADACHE OR NEURALGIA AT ONCE

Don't suffer! Get a 10 cent package of Dr. James' Headache Powders

You can clear your head and relieve a dull splitting or violent throbbing headache in a moment with a Dr. James' Headache Powder. This old-time headache relief acts almost magically. Send some one to the drug store now for a dime package and a few moments after you take a powder you will wonder what became of the headache, neuralgia and pain. Stop suffering—it's needless. Be sure you get what you ask for.

G. W. Prineing, of Victoria, who had been looking after land interests in Concho county, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home. He at one time lived at Miles and informed us that he was figuring on coming back to make his home in this section again. Mr. Prineing is well pleased with his investments in our section.

TO ENJOY WINTER
 Prof. Frankland demonstrates that COD LIVER OIL generates more body-heat than anything else.
 In SCOTT'S EMULSION the pure oil is so prepared that the blood profits from every drop, while it fortifies throat and lungs.
 If you are subject to cold hands or feet; if you shiver and catch cold easily; take SCOTT'S EMULSION for one month and watch its good effects. NO ALCOHOL. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.
 1440
 SCOTT & BOWNE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

...WE ARE...
BIDDING FOR YOUR TRADE

Watch Our Prices Closely Then Come and Examine Our Goods.

\$1.50 Bed Blankets, each	\$1.09	1 suit Standard Overalls and Jumper	\$1.85
\$2.25 Bed Blankets, each	\$1.74	1 lot of Hats mostly 7 1-8 to 7 1-4 values up to \$2.00 choice	79c
\$2.00 Bed Comforts, each	\$1.24	1 lot Ladies' Shoes mostly 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 values up to \$3.50 choice	\$1.69
Counterpaines, Counterpaines.		1 lot Men's Shoes values \$3.50 choice	\$1.79
Pepperell Sheeting, the yard	23 ¹ / ₂ c	\$5.00 Stetson Hats, choice	\$3.69
Pepperell Tubing, the yard	19c	\$3.50 Hat for	\$2.74
Turk Bath Towels, each	18c	Just received a big lot of Trunks Bags and Suit Cases. Prices less than cost!	
Turk Bath Towels, better, each	23c	Men's \$25.00 Suits, now	\$14.98
50c Work Shirts, each	38c	An all wool Serge Suit for	\$8.98
Work Shirts guaranteed for 6 months	49c	Top Buggy fully guaranteed for 12 months only	\$64.75
\$1.00 Soft Shirts, each	73c		
\$1.50 Dress Shirts, each	\$1.24		
1 lot job shirts, values up to \$1.00 choice	39c		

We offer special inducements to cotton pickers. Come and see us before buying. You'll not regret it. Yours to please,

J. H. WILKE

NO MARKET FOR HALF AND HALF COTTON

News Office, Dallas, Tex., Sept. 29.—The Dallas cotton buyers claim that there is being shipped from various points in Texas and Oklahoma cotton that is known to the trade as "half and half." This cotton is not a merchantable product and is being refused by the cotton trade generally, the Dallas Cotton Exchange having officially posted a notice to that effect.

"Half and half" cotton is raised from a species of seed which produces from 40 to 50 per cent lint from 1,000 pounds of seed, while the standard American seed at 1500 pounds will average 35 per cent. This cotton however, is not considered by the trade any better than East India cotton, which sold last year 2 cents under the American products, and further, the staple is very short, is without strength, and is considered even less desirable than the standard American linters.

YOU ARE DAILY INVITED

TO VISIT OUR SPLENDID EXHIBIT at the following fairs: Texas State Fair, Dallas, Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport, and Arkansas State Fair, Hot Springs, National Feeders and Breeders Show, Ft. Worth, Texas, East Texas Fair, Tyler, Texas. We invite all our former students, their friends and those contemplating entering our school to visit our booth in the Exposition Building, and see our splendid exhibit which has won first honors at all these state fairs. Our Exhibit this year will be more extensive than ever before; it will be interesting and educational to old and young. We will have demonstrations on some of the most modern office appliances which are taught in our school. Speed demonstrations on the typewriter, exhibit of student's work in Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Business Administration and Telegraphy. A visit to our exhibit will show you why we have the largest school of the kind in America, when you are shown clearly why it is that we can make you a more practical and thorough stenographer in three and a half months with the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand than other schools teaching other systems can in seven months, and why it is with our original copyrighted systems of Bookkeeping and Business Training in less time that other school can give you a mere theoretical course of Bookkeeping, and why it is that our practical department of Telegraphy, the largest in the United States, with a loop of the Cotton Belt train wire, giving every message to our students that goes from Mt. Pleasant to Waco; every station blank and record book that is used by Western Union or Cotton Belt Railroad, turns out practical operators and station men; and that we place our graduates promptly into good positions.

From present indications we will easily enroll 2,000 students this year.

If you cannot see our exhibit at one of these fairs, be sure to write for catalogue and read what we guarantee to give you, what our former students say we have given them, and what their employers say of their proficiency. Address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

RUNNING FULL TIME

D. C. Claypool returned home Wednesday night from Norton where he had just finished up the work on the new gin for the Seter Gin Co., of that place and Mr. Claypool says it is one of the most modern up-to-date gin plants in the county and is now running both day and night to keep up with the ginning in that section.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"I cannot speak highly enough in praise of the Magic Washing Stick. It saves half the labor in washing. Makes the clothes sweet clean and white as snow without the use of rubboard," writes Mrs. R. M. Cardwell, Forney, Texas. Sold by grocers and druggists three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

John Walden and daughter of the Bronte country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Elgin Davidson of the Wilmet country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

HINTS TO FARMERS

Now is the time that you realize on your season's work.

As you sell your cotton, stock, or produce, place your money on open account with a reliable bank.

Pay your bills by check, which makes the best kind of a receipt, and avoid the worry and danger attending the carrying of large sums of money.

Our officers are always at the disposal of our customers and country friends.

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas. Capital \$50,000.00 Guaranty Fund Bank

"PEACE DAY" WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY

In accordance with President Wilson's request that all cities in the United States devote one Sunday in October to "Peace Day," the churches of Ballinger will hold special services Sunday morning and evening. Although some cities are on this date holding mass meetings at which prominent speakers are present and prayers said for the betterment of the Old World, no plans have been made as yet for such a meeting in Ballinger. Practically at all the churches will there be heard special sermons regarding the war in Europe and prayers offered for the restoration of

peace in the war-stricken continent.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"All glory to the Magic Washing Stick—my clothes were as white as snow," writes Mrs. Sallie Cummings, Marquez, Texas. Not a soap or a washing powder but a peculiar article which makes dirty clothes clean and beautiful without a bit of rubbing. Sold by grocers and druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c, or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

It Always Does the Work.

"I like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy better than any other," writes R. E. Roberts, Homer City, Pa. I have taken it off and on for years and it has never failed to give the desired results." For sale by all dealers.

BALLINGER, TEXAS, Oct. 12 MONDAY, SHOW GROUND BALL PARK.

GENTRY BROS FAMOUS SHOWS

THE OLDEST AND BEST TRAINED ANIMAL EXHIBITION
PRE-EMINENTLY ABOVE ALL OTHERS
EVERYTHING NEW THIS YEAR BUT THE TITLE
WILL POSITIVELY EXHIBIT TWICE DAILY AT 2 AND 8 P. M.
The 33rd Anniversary of America's Standard Tented Enterprise, now presenting the Blue-Blooded Aristocracy of the Equine and Canine Worlds.



Gentry Bros. Sole Owners and Managers.

HORDES AND HERDS OF TRAINED ANIMALS—AMONG THEM:— Elephants, Horses, Monkeys, Mules, Apes, Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Cats, Dogs, and Ponies.

One Ticket ADMITS TO ALL

REMEMBER THE DAY AND DATE

Children attending the Show in the afternoon are permitted to ride an Elephant or Pony under the care of our especially trained and courteous attendants.



MANY BIG FEATURE ACTS NEW TO AMERICA

- Among Them Are:
 - The Corr-Thomas Trio** of Sensational Burlesquing Acrobats on Horizontal Bars and Trampoline Spring Net.
 - THE COLE TROUPE** of Novelty Artists and Artistes in a Maze of Wonderful and Difficult Feats on the High Wire.
 - The Krannell Sisters** Aerial Butterflies, Swinging by their Teeth in a Fascinating Display of Terschorean Grace and Splendor in Mid-Air.

A FORTUNE EXPENDED IN OUR MAGNIFICENT NEW BIG STREET PARADE

Which POSITIVELY takes place, Rain or Shine, 10:30 A. M., Show Day. A SOLID MILE OF GOLD AND GLITTER

DOORS OPEN FOR INSPECTION OF MENAGERIE AT 1 AND 7 P. M. PERFORMANCE COMMENCES ONE HOUR LATER. GRAND FREE EXHIBITION ON SHOW GROUNDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARADE.

SPRING HILL NEWS

Health in our community remains good.

Cotton picking is progressing fine. We are having fine weather for it too.

Mr. Fred Ferguson is visiting his uncle Mr. Van Cunningham.

Messrs. Shin, Woodland, Alexander, of McLennore, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Compton the past week.

Miss Hattie Laxon was a guest

of Miss Flora Compton last Sunday.

Mr. Davis' nephew of Gainsville is visiting him.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Aycock are here on a visit to parents.

Mrs. Rogers' brother and family are visiting her.

Mrs. Owen Aycock visited in Ballinger last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zachary and Miss Kate Zachary visited Mrs. Vandlingham last week.

There were a good many from

the city out to visit our Sunday School last Sunday evening. We were glad to have them with us. Come back again, as it encourages us to go on with our Sunday School work.

"KNOX"

Why Not Publish It?

When you want a fact to become generally known, the right way is to publish it. Mrs. Joseph Kallans, Peru, Ind., was troubled with belching, sour stomach and frequent headaches. She writes: "I feel it my duty to tell others what Chamberlain's Tablets have done for me. They have helped my digestion and regulated my bowels. Since using them I have been entirely well." For sale by all dealers.

CITY MEAT MARKET

We always handle the very best meats of all kinds that the market affords, and your orders promptly attended to at all hours. We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, when you have anything to sell. We guarantee first-class meats and we handle the same in a sanitary way. Your orders appreciated. City Meat Market, Telephone 185 STANLEY CAMERON, Prop dwtf.

What Would You Do?

There are many times when one man questions another's actions and motives. Men act differently under different circumstances. do right now if you had a severe cold? Could you do better than to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by people who have used it for years and know its value. Mrs. O. E. Sargent, Peru, Ind., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is worth its weight in gold and I take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by all dealers.

Cole's Hot Blast Heaters make a big reduction in your coal bill—see their advertisement and guarantee. 1tw

O. Sims of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Tuesday and joined J. Louie Strube of the Olfin country was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

OUR OFFER

Believing the idea of encouraging the "BUY-A-BALE" movement will accrue to the benefit of the entire South, we wish to offer to everyone buying a bale of cotton under this plan FREE storage in our iron-clad warehouse, when it will be protected from the weather.

Everyone should join the patriotic movement and buy one bale of cotton from a FARMER.

We have bought ours—Have you?

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Member of Federal Reserve System.

BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

WELCOMES YOU

To the Agricultural Fair Oct. 6th and 7th

Make Our Store Your Headquarters, Use Our Rest Rooms, Telephones, Drink Ice Water and Be at Home With Us.

Take Advantage of Our Low Prices to Buy What You Need. Great Values in Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Millinery.

Glad to Have You Call—and to Show You that We Can and Will Save You Money.

HIGGINBOTHAM CURRIE WILLIAMS CO.

"THE HOME OF LOW PRICES"

War Bulletins

ROME, Sept. 30.—Italy has taken the first step which is believed to be leading to a break with Austria.

The Italian government today notified Austrian government

that the latter must stop strewing mines in the Adriatic Sea. It is believed here that the Austrians will either fail to reply to the note or make such an answer that will be satisfactory to this government.

Many Italian fishing vessels have been reported lost in the Adriatic within the past several weeks, many of them striking the floating mines of the Austrians.

It is known here that the Austrians are placing the mines in the sea for the protection of her navy from an allied attack, and since this is the case, it is hardly probable that the Austrians will dispense with the laying of mines in the sea, because it would imperil her own safety.

Just what step Italy will take should the Austrians fail to reply to the demand made today, is a matter of conjecture only. It is firmly believed here that the government will make declarations of war.

PEKIN, Sept. 30.—The fall of the German colony of Kiau Chau is imminent, stated the Japanese legation in this city today.

The British and Japanese forces operating together have surrounded the Kiau Chau outer forts and been successful in silencing them. The forts looking toward the waters are still active, however.

The Japanese warships have been successful in silencing two of them.

A close watch is being maintained on the German ships within the harbor. According to the statement made at the legation, there is a strong possibility of the Germans trying to run the blockade, but since the Japanese warships are keeping close watch upon them, it is hardly likely that they will be successful.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 29.—It was declared here by the War Office that 500 civilians were killed in the German bombardment of Rheims last week.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Germans have again reinforced their right wing, according to messages received here from the French battle front.

The allies intend to win the present big battle if it takes every available man in the British and French army.

A portion of the English volunteers were reviewed Saturday and started to the front.

It is rumored here that several thousand Canadians were landed the first part of the week at Boulogne. The expeditions from India and New Zealand are already at the front with the allied armies. The question of sanitation is

gravely concerning the British army authorities, according to official statements made today.

Many allied soldiers are suffering from mild diseases. Typhoid, dysentery and other similar diseases have broken out among the Germans. Cholera has broken out in the Russian ranks. In Galicia, the trenches have been filled with water and the Austrian soldiers have been compelled to stand in water hip-deep. The percentage of sick soldiers among the allies is declared to be as large as the percentage of wounded.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—The battle which will end the great European war will be fought soon, probably before the extreme cold winter sets in.

This is the opinion of some of the leading military attaches of foreign governments now in France and the French officers.

They expect the great conflicts to end simultaneously in both Belgium and Prussia.

It is declared this afternoon by the French war office here that the spirit of the French soldiers is wonderful under the hardships which they are experiencing.

The French took yesterday many prisoners. Six German corps are represented among the prisoners captured along the lines Monday.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.—It is reported here that 20,000 Germans have reoccupied Alost. The Belgians are advancing from Antwerp to the scene and it is believed that a general battle is beginning.

ANTWERP, Sept. 28.—The Germans are shelling the outer fortifications of this city today. The work of demolishing the defenses of Antwerp began before day break and is being continued vigorously.

Two of the strong outer forts are already demolished. The Belgians within the defenses are responding vigorously.

It is believed it is the intention of the Germans to keep the Belgian army inside the city, and thus enable the invaders to work destruction throughout the country with little resistance.

MANY WORSHIPERS KILLED
MALENES, Sept. 28.—The German bombardment of this city

Archbishop Urges Marriages

(By United Press)

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has asked all ministers to do everything possible to encourage marriages. England, it is declared, realizes that a high birth rate is necessary in order that the gaps caused by the European War might be filled.

killed many worshippers who were leaving the churches yesterday morning. Many buildings were fired, including a number of the best hospitals of the city.

Among the forts demolished by the German bombardment is Fort Strembaut which was practically destroyed by the German shells.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 28.—Cholera among the Austrian soldiers is causing apprehension here. Fifteen new cases were discovered today.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Germany has lost Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, Togoland, Samoan Islands and Bismarck's Archipelago since the war began, it was stated today by those who have been keeping a close watch on the great conflict now in progress in Europe.

This colonial loss represents more than one-half of the German

empire in Europe. The colonies are three times the size of European Germany, and all will probably be invaded shortly.

Joe Turner returned home Tuesday at noon from the east where he secured quite a number of cotton pickers.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"The Magic Washing Stick is the finest thing in the world. Cleans the clothes without rubbing—makes the whitest clothes I ever saw. I cannot do without it anymore. All you say is true, it does all you say it will. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. Hope every lady will try it," writes Mrs. W. F. Gammill Ashdown, Ark. This peculiar article is sold by grocers and druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

COTTON

On account of the low price of cotton and scarcity of money we have been able to make a deal for several cars good sound apples, hand picked from the trees, so we can sell them for 75 cents per bushel—while the supply lasts and at this price it is the cheapest food on the market today.

Don't fail to see our apples before you buy.

We are still boosting the poultry business and will always pay the highest cash price for all the Chickens, Eggs and Butter offered.

Raise more produce & less cotton.

Jeanes Produce Co.

THE SECREST HOTEL

IN SPEIDEL BUILDING

NEAR COURT HOUSE SQUARE.

We are endeavoring to maintain the good reputation made by Mr. Secrest. W. E. THORPE, Manager.

Rules and Regulations Governing the Holding of

RUNNELS COUNTY'S PROSPERITY EXHIBIT

of
**Live Stock, Agriculture, Poultry, Baby Beef Clubs,
 Feterita Clubs, and Ladies' Art Textile Work**

to be held in

BALLINGER, TEXAS, OCTOBER 6th AND 7th 1914

The Exhibit Will Open at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, October 6th and Closes at 5:00 p. m. Wednesday, October 7th, 1914.

There will be no charge for space for the exhibits.

All Live Stock entries must be made on or before Monday, October 5th. Stock must be in the exhibit grounds by 9:00 a. m. October 6th. All other exhibits must be in place by 7:00 p. m. Monday, October 5th.

The gates will open at 8:30 a. m. of each day at which time officers will be required to be at their posts.

Competition is desired and is open to Runnels County.

Every article or animal upon the grounds, will, during the exhibit, be under control of the management. All possible care of stock and articles will be taken, but they will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

All entries should be reported to the secretary or to the committee man in charge of the various departments.

PRICE OF ADMISSION WILL BE 25 CENTS FOR ADULTS.

CHILDREN FREE.

Preparation Of The Exhibits

Horses, all breeds

Best Stallion, four years and over.
 Best Stallion, three years and under four.
 Best Stallion, two years and under three.
 Best Stallion, one year and under two.
 Best Stallion, Foal.

MARES

Best Mare, four years old and over.
 Best Mare, three years and under four.
 Best Mare, two years and under three.
 Best Filly, two years old and under three.
 Best Filly, one year old and under two.
 Best Mare Foal.

Jacks and Jennets

JACKS

Best Jack, four years old and over.
 Best Jack, three years and under four.
 Best Jack, two years and under three.
 Best Jack, one year and under two.
 Best Jack under one year.

JENNETS

Best Jennett three years old and over.
 Best Jennett, two years old and under three.
 Best Jennett, one year old and under two.
 Best Jennett, under one year.

Mules

Best Mule, sixteen hands high and over, four years and over.
 Best Mule, under sixteen hands high, four years old and over.
 Best Mule, three years old and under four.
 Best Mule, two years old and under three.
 Best Mule, one year old and under two.
 Best Mule colt under one year old.

Cattle, all breeds

Best Bull, three years old and over.
 Best Bull, two years old and under three.
 Best Bull, Senior yearling.
 Best Bull, Junior yearling.
 Best Bull, Junior calf.

COWS

Best Cow, three years old and over.
 Best Cow, two years old and under three.

HEIFERS

Best Heifer, Senior Yearling.
 Best Heifer, Junior yearling.
 Best Heifer, Senior calf.
 Best Heifer, Junior calf.

Hogs, all breeds

Best Boar, two years and over.
 Best Boar, eighteen months old and over twenty-four months.
 Best Boar, twelve months old and under eighteen months.
 Best Boar, six months old and under twelve months.
 Best Boar, under six months old.

SOWS

Best Sow, two years old and over.
 Best Sow, eighteen months old and under twenty-four months.
 Best Sow, twelve months old and under eighteen months.
 Best Sow, six months old and under twelve months.
 Best Sow Pig, under six months old.

Sheep, all breeds

RAMS.

Best Ram, two years old and over.
 Best Ram, one year and under two.
 Best Ram, under one year old.

EWES.

Best Ewe, one year old and over.
 Best Ewe, under one year.

Goats, all breeds

BUCKS.

Best Buck, two years old and over.
 Best Buck, one year and under two.
 Best Kid under one year.

DOES.

Best Doe, two years old and over.
 Best Doe, one year old and under two.
 Best Doe kid under one year.

Seeds, Grasses and Forage Plants

Best one-quarter bushel Sorghum Seed, any kind.
 Best one-quarter bushel Millet Seed.
 Best ten heads all varieties of Milo Maize.
 Best one-quarter bushel Milo Maize Seed, all varieties.
 Best ten heads, all varieties Kaffir Corn.
 Best one-quarter bushel Kaffir Corn Seed, all varieties.
 Best bale of each, Alfalfa Hay, Sorghum Hay, Johnson Grass Hay, Cow-pea Hay, threshed Peanut Hay, Sudan Grass Hay.
 Best ten heads of Feteritea.
 Best one-quarter bushel Feteritea Seed.
 Best bundle Sudan Grass.
 Best one-quarter bushel Sudan Grass Seed.
 Best ten ears, all varieties of Corn.

Sugar and Syrups

Best ten stalks Ribbon Cane.
 Best ten stalks Sorghum Cane.
 Best ten Sugar Beets.
 Best one-half gallon jar, home-made Ribbon Cane Syrup.
 Best one-half gallon jar, home-made Sorghum Cane Syrup.

Fruits

Best plates of all kinds of Runnels County Fruits.
 Best one-eighth bushel of Pecans.
 Best Watermelon, all varieties.

Grain and Products

Best one-quarter bushel Mediterranean Wheat.
 Best one-quarter bushel any other variety.
 Best one-half dozen stalks of Corn.
 Best three, four-inch sheaves of oats, any variety.
 Best one-quarter bushel red rust proof Oats.
 Best one-quarter bushel any variety Oats.
 Best one-quarter bushel Rye, any variety.
 Best peck Speltz.
 Best dozen stalks Broom Corn.
 Best six Brooms, Runnels County made.

Vegetables

Best peck Irish Potatoes.
 Best ten Pumpkin Yams.
 Best ten White Yams.
 Best ten Yams, any variety.
 Best five Beets.
 Best gallon String Beans.
 Best dozen Carrots.
 Best dozen Parsnips.
 Best six Egg Plants.
 Best dozen Tomatoes.
 Best dozen ears of Sweet Corn, green.
 Best two heads of Cabbage.
 Best dozen Radishes.
 Best four bunches Garlic, 12 each.
 Best winter Squash.
 Best Kershaw.
 Best and largest Pumpkin.
 Best peck Onions.
 Best peck Turnips.
 Best Gourds, five specimens.

Fat Stock

STEERS

Best Steers, two years old and under three.
 Best Steer, one year old and under two.
 Best Steer, under one year old.
 Best Champion Steer.

Cotton

Best single stalk of Cotton, with 12 additional bolls.

Domestic Science

Best one-quart jar of all kinds of Preserves and Jellies and Canned Goods.

Textile Department

Best specimen Drawn Work.
 Best specimen Point Lace.
 Best specimen Irish Crochet.
 Best specimen Embroidery.
 Best specimen Knitting.
 Best specimen Quilting.

Lace Work

Best specimen Battenburg Lace.
 Best specimen Tatting.
 Best specimen Fillett Lace.

Knitting and Crochet Work

Best specimen Knitting.
 Best specimen Crochet
 Best specimen Shawl.
 Best specimen Fascinator.
 Best specimen Spread.
 Best specimen Mitten.

Embroidery

Best specimen all kinds of Embroidery Work.

Poultry

Best Pen, any breed

Ducks

Best Trio, any breed

Geeses

Best Trio, any breed

Turkeys

Best Trio, any breed

Guineas

Best Trio, any breed

BIG CROWDS HERE

NEXT WEEK

Exhibits for the two days Agricultural and Livestock Exhibits next week are arriving, and being held at different places around town awaiting to be arranged in the exhibit hall at the Young Men's Business League.

Geo. P. McLelland, who has been behind the Boys Baby Beef, Baby Pig and Feterita Clubs throughout the year, has been busy getting in touch with his boys and girls and instructing them how to send in their exhibits. Cash prizes are up for the best exhibits in the various lines, and it is anticipated that competition will be keen between the various clubs over the county, as well as between farmers and livestock growers.

This is a free for all show. It will give the livestock growers and the farmers an opportunity to show the world what Runnels county can produce, and at the same time pocket enough prize money to help pay for the labor spent in producing the "goods."

Many people will be in Ballinger on the two days, is the expectation of the committee. Every paper in the county has been boosting the big exhibit and it is well advertised. The Y. M. B. L. are in touch with a number of attractions that will furnish the amusement for the occasion, and the two local movie houses will offer special features for the visitors.

The merchants will arrange to offer special inducements in their various lines, and those who come to trade will find that they can save money on their bills on this occasion.

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT,

BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make it thick, glossy, wavy, luxuriant and remove all dandruff.

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

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

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

NAZARENE ASSEMBLY

HERE IN NOVEMBER

The General Assembly of the Nazarene Church will convene in Ballinger on November 18th. This is the annual session, and will bring to Ballinger the largest number of delegates that ever attended a meeting of any kind in this city.

The pastor of the local church in discussing the great convention of religious people to be held here said that his people would have to depend on the other churches of the town and the citizenship to help entertain the delegates.

It is not known definitely how many delegates will be here, but the number will be between 200 and 300, and of course the Nazarene congregation alone cannot entertain such a large number of visitors without involving themselves heavily.

The Nazarene church has accomplished much good in Ballinger, and we believe the people of the town will see that the delegates to the coming convention are accorded every hospitality for which Ballinger is noted.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

Mrs. Arch Holman of San Angelo, who had been here at the bedside of her brother-in-law, Geo. M. Vaughn, left at noon for her home and we are glad to report Mr. Vaughn doing very nicely since the recent operation. Harris Mullin, of Winters passed

through Ballinger Monday at noon with a bunch of negro cotton pickers he had picked up in the Brazos bottoms and says there

will be plenty hands in that section out of work soon as most of the cotton is about picked. Mrs. C. A. Doose and children

left Saturday afternoon for Stacy, to visit her parents and her little sister will return here with them to attend school.

FORT WORTH WOMAN TELLS ABOUT HEALTH RESTORED AS BY MIRACLE

Mrs. Reed, Long a Suffer From Stomach Ills, Can Eat and Sleep Like a Baby.

Mrs. William Reed of 1617 Enderly place, Fort Worth, Texas, suffered from stomach derangements for years. She could not eat with satisfaction. Her sleep was broken and life was misery.

She took Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. The wonderful results started her and her friends. She wrote:

"I have lots of people come to me to find out where to get your remedy, as I was in such a terrible condition, and it helped me so much. I can eat most anything my appetite craves and I sleep like a baby."

Just such astonishing stories of health regained come from the thousands in all parts of the United States where Mayr's Wonder-

ful Stomach Remedy is taken. From the first dose it shows results.

Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy clears the digestive tract of mucoid accretions and removes poisonous matter. It brings swift relief to sufferers from stomach, liver and bowel ailments. Many declare that it has saved their lives and many tell of having escaped dangerous operations by its use.

We want all people who have chronic stomach trouble or constipation, no matter of how long standing, to try one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy—one dose will convince you. This is the medicine so many of our people have been taking with surprising results. The most thorough system cleaner we ever sold. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy is now sold here by all druggists.

PARKER SHOWS HERE FOR W. O. W. BENEFIT

Parkers United Shows, a carnival company that has played here a number of times before, are assembling here for a week's stand, and by Friday the various shows that have been scattered over the state will be here and ready for business.

The shows are being given under the benefit of the W. O. W. Lodge, the lodge to receive a certain per cent of the gross receipts. A committee from the lodge have issued a program, outlining the different attractions

and these will be distributed among the people as they come to town.

A big feature of the show will be a balloon Saturday afternoon, and a high dive from the balloon will be made after the balloon soars to a height of several thousand feet.

The big merry-go-around has cut the price from ten cents to five cents for this occasion, and Mr. Parker says they will issue six tickets for twenty-five cents.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves'

The Old Standard Groves' Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Notice To Farmers.

We Have Overhauled Our Gin and Will Give You the Same Good Work.

A Share of Your Patronage Will Be Appreciated.

Ballinger Gin Company
Joe Spoons, Manager

We Are Headquarters For All Kinds of BUILDING MATERIAL

We Believe You Will Save Money By Buying From Us

No Trouble for Us to Figure Bills, whether you buy from us or not.

Give Us a Trial is All We Ask.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

Do Your Building Now! It Will Never Cost You Less.

Are you going to build a store, a house, a barn, a fence, or anything at any time in the near future?

Take our advice and do it now. Lumber and other expenses will never be lower than they are now.

See us about your lumber, lath, shingles, casings, cement, lime and anything else you need.

We Carry Them All In Stock.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

SOLID TRAIN LOAD OF NEGROES ARRIVE TUESDAY

Don't worry about cotton pickers—they are coming now by the train loads. It was only necessary for the Santa Fe to hook on a few extra coaches to bring the pickers to this country, but travel reached the climax Tuesday at noon when a solid train load of negroes arrived in Ballinger.

The cotton picker's special was made up of five cars and arrived at Ballinger about thirty minutes before the departure of the regular

train. The train load of negroes included both women, men and children and they were of the genuine African tribe, and when turned loose on a cotton field they will "show their raising."

Detraining at Ballinger the negroes were distributed out to the farmers of this territory. Some of them will go to the north part of the county, and some will go to Concho county and the southern part of the county.

COLORED ROMANCE CULMINATES HERE

Getting its start in the snowy white fields of South Texas, receiving a mighty powerful impetus on a speeding train bound for Ballinger, and reaching its climax in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon, a romance between two colored people culminated "for better or worse" Tuesday afternoon in the office of H. Giesecke, when the two dusky were united in matrimony. They immediately set out for the cotton fields of Rannels county where they will spend their honeymoon during the fall months.

Sambo and Lize arrived on the "Cotton Picker's Special" Tuesday at noon from the south. They had known each other for the past several days and the ride to the "land of milk and honey" made them know each other all the better. The little jolts which the fast train gave them made them realize all the more that life was not a thing of systematic jolts if one were happily married to another who understood him. Lize understood Sambo because she had known him for exactly a week and on passenger trains one learns enough about another person to ruin him for good, if he goes home and tells his friends what he saw on the traveling facility.

Despite the fact that the train was packed with others of the same race, the loving couple did some cooing and some wooing and elucking en route to Ballinger. They thought of the many blissful moments they would have under the shade of some cotton stalk in Rannels county, loving each other until the late hours of the day. By the time they reached Ballinger they could wait no longer. They had reached the decision long since that it was essential that they live with each other during their remaining days, and so, embarking from their special train, they sauntered up the streets to the magistrate's office where they announced their intentions to give up single blessedness and take on its opposite. They married. They caught a wagon for the country. They ate a hearty supper, retired early and began a most arduous day's labor Wednesday. Latest reports are that they gathered several pounds by noon—but they are not expected to make any records on the first day of their life in Rannels county.

Paul Trimmer tied the nuptial knot that made the two hearts go pit-a-pat with joy.

Apply Sloan's Freely For Lumbago

Your attacks of Lumbago are not nearly so hopeless as they seem. You can relieve them almost instantly by a simple application of Sloan's Liniment on the back and loins. Lumbago is a form of rheumatism, and yields perfectly to Sloan's, which penetrates quickly all in through the sore, tender muscles, limbers up the back and makes it feel fine. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents at any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.

J. R. Turner of the Norton country was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday and was the guest of his son Joe Turner and family while in the city.

When the chest feels on fire and the throat burns, you have indigestion, and you need Herbine to get rid of the disagreeable feeling. It drives out badly digested food, strengthens the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke returned home Wednesday at noon from Wichita Falls. Mrs. Wilke had been visiting relatives at Mineral Wells and other points in that section for some weeks past and Mr. Wilke came by from Temple to accompany her home.

Dr. R. A. Dickinson returned home Sunday night from a short business trip to Fort Worth.

FORT BEND NEGROES COMING

Deputy Sheriff Perkins left Ballinger Tuesday afternoon for Richmond, Texas, where he goes in response to a telegram stating that 200 negro cotton pickers are ready to come to this county at once.

Mr. Perkins will round up the negroes when he arrives at Richmond, wire the First National Bank at Ballinger the number he wants transportation for and will leave with them for Ballinger as soon as transportation is provided.

These negroes will arrive here either Friday or Saturday, and farmers who need cotton pickers should get in touch with the First National Bank at once and be at the train ready to receive these negroes when they arrive.

Ed Eason was here from Winters Tuesday and stated that parties were in Lamar county and would bring a couple hundred of white people to Winters the last of this week.

IF CONSTIPATED OR BILIOUS "CASCAETS"

To-night! Clean your bowels and stop headache, colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box. Take a Cascaret to-night to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, a bad cold, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick gassy, disorder stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets—or merely forcing a passage every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil? Cascarets immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels.

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

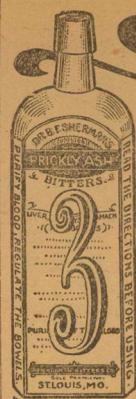
Wm. Connally of the State Agricultural Department, came in Wednesday and will address the farmers Thursday afternoon, Oct. 1st at 1:30 p. m. on agricultural subjects.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVES' TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

Judge R. S. Griggs left Tuesday afternoon for Austin where he will attend the special session of the legislature and Mrs. Griggs and the children accompanied him as far as Gatesville where they will visit relatives a few weeks.

Stop coughing! you rack the lungs and worry the body. Ballard's Horhound Syrup checks irritation, heals the lungs and restores comfortable breathing. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.



BAD DIGESTION

Biliousness and constipation bring on kidney disease which is the great destroyer of life. The safe course is to remove bilious disorders as soon as they appear.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a system tonic and corrective which carries its cleansing and stimulating influence to every part of the body, drives out impurities, strengthens digestion and quickly restores energy and cheerful spirits.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

PRICE \$1.00

MEXICANS POOR

COTTON PICKERS

The 60 Mexicans who were brought to this city from El Paso last week for the purpose of gathering cotton near Ballinger, have proven a frost. Reports coming from the scenes of the cotton fields in which the Mexicans are working are to the effect that some of the Mexicans cannot pick over 35 pounds a day, to save their lives. They are not earning enough money to pay for their board which is furnished by the men who sent for them. Just what the cotton growers will do now that they have something they cannot turn lose, remains to be seen. With 60 men not paying for their board and railroad tickets costing approximately \$500, spent in bringing the number to Ballinger, a difficult situation is being confronted by the unlucky cotton growers.

W. B. Parner and niece Miss Cora, of the Miles country, came in Tuesday afternoon and the young lady was operated upon Wednesday for appendicitis at the sanitarium and we are glad to learn is resting very nicely at present. Dr. Herndon, of Miles, their family physician, accompanied them to Ballinger.

RECEIVES NEWS OF RELATIVES SAFE RETURN

H. Giesecke received news this week that his brother's family had arrived safely in New York from Germany, where they went on a visit last summer. The relatives left their home in San Antonio early in July with the expectation of spending several months in Germany. They arrived in Germany the day before war broke out, and began at once to make their way back to the United States. They were two months incoming back to the land of liberty and peace.

RETURNS HOME.

Mrs. John Loveless returned home Tuesday night from an extended visit to San Francisco, Oakland, and several other important points on the Pacific coast and reports a very pleasant summer vacation.

LET THE CAT OUT OF THE WALLET.

Recipes guaranteed to cure catarrh, hay fever, sore throat, at any stage, also one for rheumatism and one for chronic constipation. Call on Jim Freeman at Bank Barber Shop and get one and cure your catarrh. Three receipts \$1.00. Hiram W. Smith. 2-24w pd.

Little Miss Willett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Elliott of Valley creek was operated upon at the sanitarium Tuesday afternoon for appendicitis and we are glad to report her doing very nicely Wednesday afternoon.

HOME BURNS

ON OAK CREEK

Robert Lee, Sept. 29.—The new Norton gin started the first of the last week and is running night and day, as most gins in West Texas at present are.

The home of Mrs. Gregory, near Oak Creek, in Rannels County, was consumed by fire about noon Wednesday. It is reported that the fire started from an oil stove, on which dinner was being prepared. It was a total loss, as there was no insurance.

The ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church, and the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church of Bronte, are not only helping the finances of their respective societies, but also are helping the farmers by going, each society in a body, and giving a day each picking cotton. This is a splendid idea in every church member and every business person would each give a day in this way it would be an immense aid to gathering the cotton crops in Coke county.

The Bronte public school will open Monday, Oct. 5th. Prof. Hankins is to be the superintendent and Mrs. Hankins the principal for the ensuing year. The school would have opened earlier but owing to the lateness of cotton and the urgent need of the children as pickers, it was decided to delay the opening.

HERE AT HOME.

Ballinger Citizens Gladly Testify and Confidently Recommend Doan's Kidney Pills.

It is testimony like the following that has placed Doan's Kidney Pills so far above competitors. When people right here at home raise their voice in praise there is no room left for doubt. Read the public statement of a Ballinger citizen:

S. V. Parrish, Ballinger, Texas, says: "A sharp pain took me suddenly in my back and I was obliged to lay off from work. My kidneys were also troubling me and I was completely used up until Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention. I got a box and they worked like magic in my case. After two days' use, I began to feel well enough to go back to work and I have not had any symptoms of kidney complaint since."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Parrish had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

P. M. Caudle of the Bethel neighborhood was among the number in the city Tuesday looking for cotton pickers.

J. H. Tucker of Hatchel, had business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

John Richards of the Oak creek country, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday.

What "Bee Dee" Means

"Bee Dee" on the label means REAL VALUE inside the package, and RESULTS, and SATISFACTION after the contents have been used. Always ask for "Bee Dee" when you buy a stock or poultry remedy. "Bee Dee" remedies are prepared from pure, medicinal ingredients, in a scientific way, and are genuine medicines that you can depend on.

Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE LINIMENT—DIP
Bee Dee Healing Powder—Bee Dee Colic Remedy

After using the Bee Dee Remedies generally for sometime, we take pleasure in saying that they are giving entire satisfaction, and we cheerfully recommend them.

McMillen Stock Farm, Waco, Texas.

You can get them at your dealer's.

Doughnuts

That will remain moist.

Every housewife who bakes her own bread knows that if a little potato is added to the sponge, the bread will not dry out as quickly. In this recipe potato is utilized to make doughnuts that will remain moist and fresh for several days.

K C will be found to have distinct advantages over any other Baking Powder for doughnuts. K C is a double acting baking powder with which a large batch of doughnuts may be mixed and fried a few at a time. The last will be as light and nice as the first.

K C Potato Doughnuts

By Mrs. Nevada Briggs, of Baking School fame.

$\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour; 2 eggs; 1 cup sugar; $\frac{1}{4}$ level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful mace; 1 cup cold mashed potato; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, or more if needed.



Sift three times, the flour, salt, spice and baking powder. Beat eggs with rotary beater, then still using rotary beater, gradually add sugar, then work in the mashed potato with a spoon and alternately add milk and flour mixture. Make a soft dough, roll into a sheet, cut into rounds, pinch a hole in the center with the finger and fry in deep fat.

Fat for frying should not be hot enough to brown the doughnut until it has risen. When the doughnut is dropped into the fat it sinks to the bottom. As soon as it comes up it should be turned and turned a number of times while cooking. This recipe is excellent as they do not take the fat in frying and will stay moist for days.

COMPLAINS OF MEXICANS STEALING

W. L. Hambright, of the Norton country, was in Ballinger first of the week. Mr. Hambright says the Mexican cotton pickers in his neighborhood are causing trouble by "swiping" everything in sight. He says they seem to have an appetite for watermelons and chickens.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

E. Buchwald, Mr. Bryant, Tom Patterson of Winters and S. D. Williams of Hatchel had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Davis of the Winters country, was met Saturday afternoon by her son, W. J. Davis, of the Bethel neighborhood and they went together in the afternoon where Mrs. Davis will visit a few days.

Archie Brookshire of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

W. W. Paschal of the Wingate-Norton country, and Sheriff Flynt and J. A. Demoville left from this point Saturday afternoon for Fort Worth and other points in that section after cotton pickers.

Marshall Witt left Saturday afternoon for Cisco to visit a sister who he has not seen in 18 or 20 years.

IMPORTANT TO ALL WOMEN READERS OF THIS PAPER

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney or bladder trouble and never suspect it.

Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

You may suffer a great deal with pain in the back, bearing-down feelings, headache and loss of ambition.

Poor health makes you nervous, irritable and may be despondent; it makes any one so.

But hundreds of women claim that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, by restoring health to the kidneys, proved to be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

A good kidney medicine, possessing real healing and curative value, should be a blessing to thousands of nervous over-worked women.

Many send for a sample bottle to see what Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy will do for them. Every reader of this paper, who has not already tried it, by enclosing ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Ginghamton, N. Y., may receive sample size bottle by Parcel Post. You can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at all drug stores.

SUGGESTIONS TO COTTON FARMERS

TO THE FARMERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY:

You are hereby requested to take notice to the Department of Agriculture advice.

In every emergency a plan or action is a great help. The price of food products are high and there is every indication that they will remain so during the next year. The war in Europe has disturbed production abroad and has interfered with consumption and with market and financial conditions in this country. This state of affairs familiar to every one, makes it imperative that every farmer and every community should plan for next year's work accordingly.

The Department suggests to the cotton farmers the following important things to consider for the next year:

A Home Garden for Every Family.

The home garden is one of the most important means of cutting down expenses and producing the living of the family on the farm. Set aside a good rich piece of land near the house for this purpose. Prepare it with extra care and apply manure liberally. Secure from your county agent, your Agricultural College or the U. S. Department of Agriculture, directions for the making of a garden, not only in the summer but early and late in the year. Proper attention to the garden will give the farmer wholesome food for the family during a large portion of the year. Get in touch with the Girl's Canning Club work and arrange to can the vegetables and fruits for the winter use.

Produce Your Own Hay and Grain Crops.

If you can obtain seed at a reasonable price sow crimson or bur clover, vetch, or some other winter legume. If unable to do this put in oats or rye this fall, peas or beans in the spring, or use sorghum, kaffir corn, maize or some other crop adapted to your climate and soil. Consult your county agent, your Agricultural College, or the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Produce Enough Chickens and Hogs to Make Your Meat and to Spare.

As a rule our southern farmers have to few chickens, pay some attention to them, with a little work they can be produced cheaply, and enough of them will save the necessity of purchasing meat. Every family should plan to raise a few head of hogs and the necessary feed for them. The county agent will help you with plans in this direction. Save your brood sows and hens and pullets. You cannot afford to sell any breeding stock. Market apart of your grain crop through hogs and chickens. Do not be tempted to sell heifers or cows; breed them to good strains of beef cattle and grow your own meat.

Plow Up All Vegetable Matter.

Cut up and plow under all the vegetable matter on your land while it is green and you will have an abundance of plant food or humus for the coming crop. Turn it while it is green if possible. Landlords should see to it that their tenants follow instructions and grow as much as possible their supplies, as suggested above. Next year is the important year for all farmers in the cotton territory to make up their minds to "live at home" as nearly as possible. Every dollar saved on advances will be so much gained at the end of the year; every dollar borrowed on advances has to be paid out of the cotton crop.

Plant Less Acreage in Cotton.

Why? Because food products will remain high and cotton will probably remain low if the war lasts. Do not run any chances. Follow a safe plan. You will need the extra acres to produce the food crops. It is estimated that between three and four million bales of cotton will have to be carried over out of the present crop. A normal acreage in cotton next year, and no increase of food crops, will certainly mean higher priced living and lower priced cotton. You cannot afford to be compelled to purchase high priced products out of a very narrow of profit in the cotton crop. But the greatest economy of today, is raising what we need at home. To bankers and merchants we would say that with their co-operation much can be done to make our own supplies for next year in many counties in boll weevil territory, bankers, farmers and merchants have united to sustain credit. In such cases farmers have agreed to produce home supplies and do good farming, and bankers and merchants have limit-

ed advances, by insisting that the farmers must reduce the acreage in cotton to make way for the necessary food crops. A little of that same co-operation will help the whole cotton territory next year. Will our bankers and merchants be co-operators?

The same general principal applies to all farmers. Make your plans now to meet the situation. Diversification and the production of home supplies is the only safe plan to follow.

Suggestions and instructions on all of the subjects mentioned in this letter may be had on application to your county agent, your Agriculture College or the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

This letter will be followed by other suggestions from time to time.

Very truly yours,
GEO. P. McLELLAND,
Agent.

TRESPASS 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.

BORING FOR OIL

Sam Brookshire of the Benoit country, was in Ballinger Tuesday and informed us that the oil drill and all necessary material is now on the ground and work of drilling will begin in a few days near his place one and one-half miles from Benoit.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter 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

Lon Mapes and J. J. Fox of Pony creek were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Jim Talley of Temple, a schoolmate of Dr. Hale, spent Monday in our city with his friend, while en route home from the San Angelo community, where he had been looking after land interests the past few days.

For Lease.

Irrigated farm for term of five years. Apply to Jno. W. Clampitt, Ballinger. 25-2td 3tw

M. Rosenwasser, Mr. and Mrs. A. Levy and Mrs. L. Landon and children left Monday afternoon for San Antonio to be at the bedside of Mrs. Rosenwasser who was operated upon in that city Sunday and is in a very critical condition.

E. G. Hoelscher, the Olin merchant, and his brother Clemens, of the Rowena country, left from this point Monday afternoon for Lott, Texas, to attend the funeral of their father who died at that place Sunday.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To all patrons, parents and guardians, who desire to send their boys and girls to College and who are unable to secure the cash at this time, please note the following proposition made by the trustees of Howard Payne College.

We will accept from you cotton, graded middling and above at ten cents per pound in payment for either tuition or board, but of course the boarding must be done at the Dormitory. The boys can get their meals at the Dormitory and the girls their meals and rooms. We could not of course pay any money at this price, but we will take cotton as stated above. If the cotton is not yet picked out, we will take your note until you turn the cotton over to us.

Howard Payne College now has a full College Faculty second to nothing in the State. Our Fine Arts Faculty cannot be surpassed this side of the great conservatories of the North and East.

Note, particularly, this one fact: For this year, free tuition will be given to every girl both in Domestic Science and Domestic Arts, provided that girl takes one full course in literary, music, art or commercial.

Write us promptly, freely and frankly and whatever we can do to help you, we will gladly do. Remember, that Howard Payne College is now a full Senior College granting all College degrees.

Our recent opening, considering the hard existing conditions, was absolutely great.

J. M. CARROLL,
President Howard Payne College
Brownwood, Texas.
ltd-1tw.

Use "Gets-It," Corns Shriveled, Vanish!

It's the New Way, and You'll Forget You Ever Had Corns.

"2 drops put on in 2 seconds, corn shriveled, comes clean off!" That's the marvelous story of "GETS-IT," the new-plan corn cure. Nothing can be simpler for the cure of corns—and it

No Corns to Bump; No Pain, if You Use "GETS-IT."



never fails. That's why millions of people are using "GETS-IT" today and throwing away their fussy plasters, sticky tape, toe-eating salves, and "wrapping outfits" that make a bundle around the toe and choke it into pain by pressing either on or around the corn. There is nothing to stick to your stocking, nothing to cause inflammation or rawness, nothing to press on or around the corn. You apply it in 2 seconds. No more knives, razors, scissors or files, with their blood-poison dangers. Try "GETS-IT" for that corn, callus, wart or bunton. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago. "Gets-It" sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce, The Walker Drug Co., and City Drug Store.

POKER PLAYERS FIGHT

A vacant farm house near Maverick, more than twenty miles from Ballinger, was the scene of a poker game and a drinking match last Saturday night, and a free-for-all fight that left some of the participants fit subjects for the hospital.

The local officers received a hurry up call early Sunday morning and County Attorney Shepherd and Deputy Sheriff Perkins chartered a car and visited the scene of action where they took a hand in the game which resulted in the filing of thirteen complaints; seven for gaming, five for affrays and one for carrying pistol.

The officers found one of the participants in the game in pretty bad shape, and confined to his bed. From the wounded man they secured evidence that justified the filing of the thirteen complaints, and the confession of the wounded man shows that it was fortunate that some one did not get killed in the fight that followed the poker game and drunken spree. Cuts, black eyes and bruises were signs left for most of the participants to carry home, and clubs, knives, pistols and lamps were the weapons used in the fight.

It seems that a party from Bronte arrived at the vacant house about midnight Saturday night. The Bronte parties brought a quantity of booze which it is claimed will result in the filing of a charge of bootlegging in Coke county. The man so badly wounded in the fight is not only sore from the results of blows from the weapons used, but he is sore over the manner in which he was relieved of his cash, claiming that he was heavy loser.

It developed in the investigation that followed by the officers, that this is not the first poker game pulled off at this vacant farm house, but it has afforded a meeting place for the poker players in that section of the county for some time, and it is probable that other complaints will be filed against Coke and Runnels county poker players.

W. A. Hall and his brother-in-law, J. D. Humphrey, of the Pony Creek neighborhood, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. Mr. Humphrey was a former citizen of our county but now makes his home in South Texas and is out here on a short visit.

L. B. Harris and Dr. Leggett returned home Saturday afternoon from points West where each had business.

E. H. Pfluger of the Rowena country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to points in South Texas to look after cotton pickers for his neighborhood.

FIDDLERS' CONTEST FOR FAIR

Features which are bound to make the Runnels County Agricultural and Live Stock Exhibition, which will be held in this city October 6 and 7, one of the most successful ever held in Central West Texas, were announced Tuesday morning by Secretary Boler of the Fair Association. One of the features is an Old Fiddlers' Contest and the other is the Old Fashioned Calico Ball.

Both exhibitions will be held in the skating ring on the last night of the exhibition, or Wednesday night, October 7th. The first number will be the Old Fiddlers' Contest which is expected to be a funmaker from the start to finish. The old fiddlers of the county are now being collected by a committee, while others are registering their names as entres to the big event.

The fiddling contest will be followed by the Old Fashioned Calico Ball. With every lady on the floor wearing a calico dress, and every man wearing working clothes and calico ties, the biggest event of the fair is expected in this closing number of the two days' show. The Virginia reel, the quadril, and other old-fashioned square dances will be indulged in long to the wee hours of early morning.

Secretary Boler requests that all the old fiddlers of the county confer with the entertainment committee as there are several valuable prizes which will be offered to the best manipulators of the bow. The prizes will be announced later, probably during one of the days of the fair.

Considerable encouragement is being received by the fair association in the way of exhibits. A large number is being secured daily. That the fair will be one of the biggest events ever held in Runnels County is becoming the common belief.

George P. McLelland, who is handling the agricultural and live stock exhibits stated that the live stock department would be held at the City Wagon Yard, located on Eighth Street, just back of the postoffice. The "Ladies' Department, the Agricultural Department and the Poultry Show will be held in the Skating Rink, located on Central Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets. It was originally planned to hold the agricultural exhibit in the rooms of the Young Men's Business League but later it was discovered that this site is too small for the proper exhibition of the many products which are pouring into the city from all parts of the county.

LOST — Black sack-coat on streets of Ballinger, name in pocket, B. J. Clayton. Finder return to Ledger office. 26-1td -tw

Mrs. J. S. Stubbs returned home Tuesday at noon from Dallas, where she had been visiting her son W. B. Stubbs and family. Mrs. Stubbs spent several months past at her old home in Arkansas and other points in that section.

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.

W. A. Summers, of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

O. O. Brightman, a prominent cotton man of Comanche, spent the day in Ballinger looking after the cotton situation and left for his home Monday afternoon.

W. C. Penn received a message Monday stating that a fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Moody Sunday at their home at Rutherford, Tenn., and the young gentleman was named Wm. Penn, for his grandfather. We are glad to learn Mrs. Moody and baby are both doing well.

Lee Davis of the Winters country, and Bryan Petty of the Toke country, who had been here threshing maize the past week, left for their homes Tuesday. They will return here to thresh again when the farmers are not so busy with the cotton crops and will have time to haul the maize to the machine.

The Country Trade
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.

City Barber Shop
H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

YOU'VE GOT TO EAT IF YOU STAY HERE.

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.

Laxson's Restaurant

Q. VICTOR MILLER
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Office with Security Title Co. Will Practice in all the Courts.

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—Attorneys-at-Law—
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Collections and Land
Litigation
Specialties
Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

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THE BEST COMPANIES
Prompt Service
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Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office.
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Ballinger, Texas.

Are You a Woman?
Take Cardui
The Woman's Tonic
FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

ABILENE AUTOISTS VISIT BALLINGER

Five autos with a party of twenty people, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon on a tour of the country extending from Abilene to Ballinger. The party arrived in Ballinger about three o'clock and departed about four. They spent the hour parading the business streets of Ballinger and distributing advertising matter telling of the Central West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene on October 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The party of boosters left Abilene about eight o'clock Friday morning. They traveled down the Abilene & Southern, making stops at the towns through which they passed.

Among those in the excursion were Geo. L. Paxton, Joe T. Perry, Ed. S. Hughes, W. J. Fulwiler, Oscar Parker, C. W. Bacon, Sim Shelton, Will Watson, W. E. Harris, Floyd Hardin, Eugene Wood, A. B. Jones, Wiley Dodd, John Mingus, J. H. Jefferies.

GOOD PAINT.

is cheap; and Devoe is not the only good paint; it is one of a dozen; and, very likely, the only one in your town—there are hundreds of middling and bad.

You can see what chance there is of another good one there: perhaps in ten at the most.

Bad paint is dearest; middling is dear; costs 2 or 3 times as much as the best.

No matter about the cost a gallon; that isn't it; the cost a square foot; the cost a job; better yet, the cost a year.

There's a whole education in paint in this advertisement.

DEVOE

Ballinger Lumber Co., sells it.

A. Levy of Sweetwater, who with relatives accompanied Mrs. M. Rosenwasser to San Antonio a few days ago, came in Monday and we are glad to learn Mrs. Rosenwasser is doing very well at present after a successful operation for stomach trouble and hopes are now entertained for her recovery.

Fore SORE or WEAK EYES, use Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water. Don't hurt. Feels good. w6-14 5m.

Ben Long of Temple, an old friend of Preston Dunn, was here with cotton pickers Saturday and returned home in the afternoon and will return in a few days with another crowd of hands.

BANK OF TEXAS LAW WILL NOT PASS

Representative Griggs, who arrived home Thursday at noon from Austin, where he has been for the past month attending the special session of the legislature, will return to Austin Monday to attend the third special session of the Texas law makers.

In commenting on the work of the session of the legislature just adjourned, Judge Griggs says that the permanent warehouse bill is a good law, and will be of great benefit to the cotton growers of Texas, as well as to the entire commercial interest of the state, and the emergency warehouse bill is good only to the extent of the boost it will naturally give the cotton interest in handling the present crop.

"While the laws passed, I think are good ones, said Judge Griggs, 'I think that Texas could have gotten along very well without the special session and the one that I am now called upon to go back to Austin and attend, is a waste of time and money to the state. If it was not for the fact that I am a member of the banking committee I would not return to Austin.'

Judge Griggs did not express what stand he would take in voting on the Bank of Texas Bill, but expressed it as his opinion that the law would not pass. The idea of capitalizing a twenty million dollar bank with the school funds of Texas will meet much opposition, in the house, is the idea that we got from talking with Judge Griggs.

Notwithstanding that Judge Griggs was sick a good part of the time he was at Austin, he only missed one roll call, and that was due to the fact that he did not arrive in Austin until the day after the legislature convened.

Judge Griggs stated that the Governor's message in calling another session of the legislature only calls for the passing of the bank bill, and that it is another thirty days work in which little or nothing will be accomplished.

R. B. Ingle, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, R. L. Bates, of the Novice country, G. W. Houston of Tennyson and C. W. Schwartz of the Crews country were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

J. W. Powell bought lot three and one-half of lot two in block nine, Miller addition to Ballinger the W. B. Stubbs residence on eleventh street paying \$750 cash.

WHERE IS THIS WANDERING BOY?

Stephenville, Tex., Sept. 24.
Mr. Bob Williams,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:
A boy about 16 years old, tall slender, blue eyes, dark hair, by the name of John Trolenger, left his parents at Dalton, Ga., about three months ago. The boy was here a few days ago and was told he could get work in your city. His father, who has come all the way from home by a lot of is here and is anxious about the boy.

The boy wore blue overalls, brown shirt and cap when last seen here. His father says there is nothing wrong with the boy; to the contrary he is a good quiet boy, but that he was persuaded away from home by a lot of crooks and hobos.

If you can get your city marshal or sheriff to try and locate him you will do a great service to a distressed father. He does not want the boy arrested, but merely wants him to know that his father, John Trolenger, has come all the way from Dalton, Ga., to see after him and if he wants to get back home he is ready to take him.

Mr. Trolenger is at my home for the present. If you hear anything let me know.

Your friends,
O. H. BELL.

MOTHER! THE CHILD IS COSTIVE, BILIOUS

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

No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given.

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

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

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the "Cafifornia Syrup Company."

WOODMEN BOUGHT A BALE.

J. F. Lusk, clerk of the Woodmen Camp of Ballinger informed us that the lodge passed a resolution to buy a bale of cotton at 10 cents for the members of this lodge and each member can pay to the clerk at his office any amount from 50 cents up, towards paying for the second bale, it being optional as to the amount you pay or not at all if you see fit. When it is decided to sell the cotton all who contributed will get their money back from the proceeds of the second bale and any profit that might accrue on the sale. See Mr. Lusk when you go to pay your monthly dues and help the buy-a-bale movement along.

A TEXAS WONDER

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown, of Winters, and heir daughter-in-law Mrs. W. L. Brown left Monday morning in Mr. Brown's auto for Eldorado, where they will visit with relatives and friends a few days.



Do Your Dollars Fly up the Flue?

Coal costs money. You know it. The winter's coal costs BIG money. You know that also. Yet, half of it is wasted by poor management. Oh, yes it is! Listen and be convinced.

Ordinary soft coal is half gas. An average ton of \$3.00 coal contains about 14,000 cubic feet of gas—common illuminating gas. A gas which will, if properly mixed with air, burn with an intensely hot blue flame. (This gas represents the best half of your ton of coal.)

This unburned gas and a large portion of the heat IS CARRIED UP THE CHIMNEY by the air leaking cracks in stoves of ORDINARY construction.

There is only one way to save this wasted gas and heat and that is with a



Cole's Original Hot Blast Heater

which is so constructed that it has no air leaking cracks. In this wonderful heater and fuel-saver the gas is kept under perfect control until oxidized and burned.

It is the only stove that is made tight—holds tight—stays tight.

It is the only stove that saves the wasted chimney heat.

It's the only stove that gives you a constant, steady heat with soft coal, hard coal or lignite.

It will give you all the heat that is in your coal.

It will hold your fire 36 hours without attention.

It will burn all kinds of fuel.

It is guaranteed to consume one-third less fuel than any lower draft stove of the same size, using soft coal, lignite or slack.

AND—It is sold you under a guarantee to fill all these claims.

Back of this guarantee is the credit and capital of an immense factory and it is worth to you 100 cents on the dollar.

COME IN AND SEE IT. IT MEANS DOLLARS IN YOUR POCKET AND A PLEASED CUSTOMER FOR US.

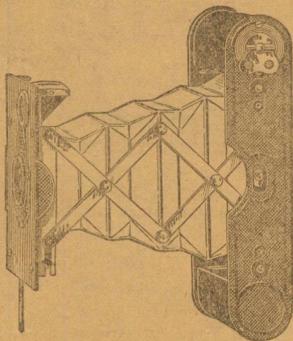
See the name "Cole's" on the feed door of each stove.
None genuine without it

Higginbotham-Currie-
Williams Co.



The very essence
of efficiency.

The
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Pocket



KODAK

Literally small enough to go into the vest pocket (or a lady's handbag)—big enough to bring home all outdoors—a miniature in size, but lacking nothing of Kodak efficiency or simplicity.

Has Kodak Ball Bearing shutter with iris diaphragm stops, meniscus achromatic lens. Autotime scale and brilliant reversible finder. Loads in daylight with Kodak Film Cartridges for eight exposures. A fixed focus makes it always ready for quick work. Lustrous black metal finish.

Pictures, 1 5/8 x 2 1/2 inches. Price, \$6.00

Catalogue at your dealers, or on request. Free.

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

City Drug Store, Local Dealer.

Big Poultry Show to Be In Winter

The poultry exhibit which will be held in connection with the Runnels County Fair in Ballinger October 6th and 7th, will not affect the big poultry show to be held in Ballinger in December, according to Dr. S. B. Raby of the committee handling the fair fowl exhibit. Instead, Dr. Raby believes that the little exhibit of next month will act as an impetus to the real show, and will draw many exhibits which would not be secured otherwise.

The exact dates for the annual poultry show in Ballinger have not as yet been selected by the poultry fanciers of this city, but it is quite probable that the two days' show will be about the middle of December. It is pointed out that at this time of the year, there will be many fowls which are in trim for an exhibit.

At first it was the intention of some of the managers of the Runnels County Fair to make an effort to persuade the breeders of fine stock to hold their show in connection with the county fair, but the breeders made strong objections to this move, declaring that this is not the time of the year when a successful poultry show can be held. Many of the fowls are not in condition to be placed on show at this particular

time, while in December they will be in fine trim for the admiration of the hundreds who are expected to be here.

Many Ballinger fowls will go out next month to the State Fair to be held at Dallas, several fanciers having already announced their intention of shipping their birds to that city for exhibition. A number of breeders of this county, among whom were Chester Cherry and Oscar Pearson, took prizes with their fowls at the fair last year.

Dr. Raby declares that from all parts of the state, he has received inquiries relative to the Runnels County Poultry Exhibition. Many desire to know the dates and others are anxious for the list of prizes. That this year's show is attracting more than ordinary attention is the common belief of the men heading the movement.

Your Fall Cold Needs Attention

No use to fuss and try to wear it out. It will wear you instead. Take Dr. King's New Discovery, relief follows quickly. It checks your Cold and Soothes your Cough away. Pleasant, Antiseptic and Healing. Children like it. Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and keep it in the house "Our family Cough and Cold Doctor" writes Lewis Chamberlain, Manchester, Ohio. Money back if not satisfied, but it nearly always helps.

C. Y. Witherspoon of the Tennyson country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

See W. B. Page for bargains in city property.

CITY PROPERTY

IS VALUED AT

\$6,002,560

Tax Collector M. C. Boyd announced today that he had just completed the tax rolls of the city property of strictly residents. The total valuation amounts to \$6,002,560, of which \$3,295,930 is land valuation, \$2,211,830 city property, and \$1,494,800 personal. The total amount of taxes levied from the renditions of city property owners amounted to \$53,438.60. The state will receive \$22,506.08 of this, and the county \$22,204.85. The various independent school district, Ballinger, Winters, Miles and Rowena, will get \$8,727.67. The number of poll taxes issued in 1914 falls short of 1913 by 241. The city rendition is slightly less than the 1913 rendition, too.

Keep Your Stomach and Liver Healthy

A vigorous Stomach, perfect working Liver and regular acting Bowels is guaranteed if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good Digestion, correct Constipation and have an excellent tonic effect on the whole system—Purify your blood and rid you of all body poisons thru the Bowels. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

Rev. Father G. Gollbach, left Saturday afternoon for Coleman, and Santa Anna, to look after church work a few days.

**GENTRY BROTHERS
SPEND SUNDAY HERE**

Fall Opening

Fall fashions are in. During the next two weeks this store will be a busy place, fitting out the early shoppers---men who have learned the wisdom of getting the "first pick."

Remember this—each season the styles change just enough to rob an old garment of its former charms. New body lines, new patterns and new colorings make it hard going for the left-over suits.

It does not cost any more to buy early. And you are well dressed from the crack of the starting gun.

Come in. Come in any way, even if you only 'browse' around. Start in by looking at **STYLEPLUS CLOTHES \$17.**

No need of thinking you can buy these clothes for less later on in the season. They are always one price and always quality you can trust.

If you have been in the habit of making your old suits do until late in the season for the sake of trying for a bargain, come here and try **STYLEPLUS**, a suit never sold for less—always a bargain.

Skill fashion artists design the style, workmen who are trained in producing **STYLEPLUS** quality apply the tailoring.

You could not secure such style and finish plus all-wool fabrics plus good trimmings if the makers were not one of the largest in the country and did not specialize on this one suit.

We have other clothes. We have dwelt at length on **Styleplus** simply because this suit appeals to so many men—in quality and in price.



C. W. Finney, general manager for the Gentry Brothers, famous dog and pony show, spent Wednesday in Ballinger arranging for the coming of this popular attraction.

The date for the exhibition of this show at Ballinger this year is on Monday, Oct. 12, and falls so as to give the show a day's rest in Ballinger. The first section of the train bringing the all new feature show will arrive here early Sunday morning before the day of the show. Mr. Finney while here made arrangements for track room in the local Santa Fe yard, and the show will detrain as soon as the trains arrive and the children of Ballinger and surrounding country will have an opportunity all day Sunday to see the menagerie as the dogs, ponies and wild animals are given a day's outing.

In speaking of the stop at Ballinger Mr. Finney said: "Our show people enjoy a day's rest as well as any soul on earth; and it enables them to start out afresh early Monday morning and give the best service that is possible for any show to give. With the stopping of the first wheel Sunday morning, a host of showmen will tumble from their berths, and before the town hardly realizes it our show lots will be transformed into a city of canvas coliseums. To the casual observer this will be accomplished in great disorder. But our training is so perfect that no man makes an unnecessary move and waste no energy."

At ten o'clock Monday morning the famous parade of the Gentry Brothers New Feature Shows will leave the grounds. It will traverse the principal thoroughfares, presenting to old and young alike their nearest dream of fairy land.

The Gentry Brothers shows, which are the world's pioneers in trained animal exhibitions, have been so enlarged that they now present the realistic taming of leopards of the jungle and other ferocious beasts within canvas coliseums.

A large portion of the youth of the community will welcome the trains on arrival, because this feature appeals to both old and young. These displays will be upon a larger and grander scale than ever before in the two decades of the Gentry Brothers career.

STANDARD LINES SOLD ONLY BY US

Eagle Shirts \$1.00 to \$5.00. Knox Hats \$3.00 to \$5.00. Wilson Brothers Underwear 50c to \$3.00 a garment. Howard and Foster Shoes \$4.00 and \$5.00. Beacon Shoes \$3.50 and \$4.00.

\$35,000 Invested in Clothing, Furnishing and Shoes. Let us clothe and shoe you.

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.
"The Store Ahead"

BALLINGER, LAMPASAS, TEAGUE

TRAINED MEN WANTED

The "want columns" of every big daily contain advertisements for bookkeepers and stenographers.

If you get business training—the Draughton Training—you will not have to look for a job; the job will look for you. The Draughton Training, by mail or at college, will take you from the \$1.00 a-day class of wage earners and, step by step, elevate you to the \$10.00-a-day class.

J. E. Hoyt, Bookkeeper, Portersville Lumber Company, Cotton Valley, La., writes: "As a result of taking the Draughton Training, I am drawing a salary of \$100.00 a month."

Lon McCoy, Manila, P. I., writes: "On the 1st I was promoted to position of Chief Clerk and Cashier, U. S., Bureau of Agriculture, which position carries with it a salary of \$2,000.00 a year and thirty-five days' vacation. I attribute my success to Draughton's College."

You can do what these people have done, if you attend Draughton's Practical Business College. Abilene, Texas. Catalogue Free. Positions secured.

E. Owens of Lampasas and his son Howard Owens of Brownwood, who had been looking after land interest near Tennyson, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chatman came in from Waco Tuesday at noon and will make this section their home again.

The Magic Washing Stick.
"The Magic Washing Stick is just fine. It did just what you said it would do and the clothes were so nice and white with all the hard rubbing left off," writes Mrs. Sarah Goodale, Preston, Texas. The Magic Stick is not a soap nor a washing powder. Sold by grocers and druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c, or by mail from A. B. Richards, Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

WHOLESALE HOUSES TO THE RESCUE

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., have four bales of cotton stored away for people from whom they buy goods, and the growers of the four bales have ten cents per pound in their pockets as a result of the deals.

This firm sent out a number of letters to wholesalers asking them to help in the buy-a-bale move and so far four of the firms called on have responded, and instructed the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., to buy for them and pay the ten cent price.

Spero, Michael Co., makers of clothing, of New York, in writing to their local dealer says: "We agree to hold this cotton for ten months from Oct. 1st, 1914, unless the price should reach ten cents before that time. This is a time for optimism, a time for courage, physical, mental and moral." We are going to do our part towards supporting and upholding the

price of cotton, and we appreciate the spirit of co-operation."

Townsend-Grace Co., manufacturers of straw hats, of Baltimore, writes: "We are enclosing our check for \$54.75 to pay for the bale of cotton which you purchased for us, and for which you are holding warehouse receipt."

Walter M. Stepacher & Bro., manufacturers of the Emery shirt of Philadelphia, writes: "We take pleasure in enclosing you herewith our check for \$50 to purchase one bale of cotton, and our only regret is that we are not able to purchase more, but demands made upon us from other customers throughout the South requires a great deal of money and by the acceptance of one bale at each place it will enable us to contribute a little to each and every one."

J. Friedman & Co., of New York, manufacturers of mens and boys overcoats and suits, writes: "We originally intended to authorize our customers to buy for us two bales each, but the requests have been so numerous that we feel all that we can stand at present is one bale from each customer. We hereby authorize you to buy a bale for us at ten cents and we agree to hold the bale until it is worth ten cents, and to pay carrying charges."

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G. W. Dean, one of the successful irrigation farmers of the Spring Hill neighborhood was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday and says they have hands enough to gather 25 bales of cotton a day on their place at present.

John Eskridge came in Tuesday afternoon from the W. O. Shultz ranch near Eden, where he had been doing some carpenter work the past week.

Mrs. Arch Brookshire of the Benoit country was among the shoppers in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. C. Moor of Brownwood, who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past few days, returned to her home Tuesday.

W. W. Farmer, the irrigation farmer, six miles down the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and says he has hands enough to pick about 30 or 12 bales per day and is well supplied for the present. Mr. Farmer says his cotton crop will turn out a bale or better to the acre this year.

Mrs. Will Voss and children of Miles, came in Wednesday afternoon and will visit her sister, Mrs. J. B. Wade and family a few days.

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