## AMERICAN LAOY FLOUR--- The Best on Earth ---VAN PELT, KIRK \& MACK

Judge B. B. Stone Tendered san quet by Ballinger Bar, County for New Home.

Balling before in the history Ballinger was there a more suc-
cessful occasion than that of th banquet at the Central Hotel Tues day night, given in honor of Judge
B. B. Stone by the members of the Runnels county bar, the count and city officials.
Judge Stone had arranged
leave Ballinger Tuesday acconpanied by his family, going t but his friends of the bar, and th county officials with whom he ha the past thirteen years, prevaile on him to remain over until nesday that they might do hin at a banquet

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| lawyer and his high sense of honor and standard of Professional Ethics have endeared him to his prefessional brethren wherever he is known; <br> And Whereas, he has recently concluded to locate in the City of Fort Worth, where the field of litigation will better compensate him for his labors; <br> Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Runnels County Bar, the County Officials and the City Officials of Ballinger: <br> First: That in his departure from our midst, Runnels County has lost one of her most honored and beloved citizens and the Ballinger Bar one of their ablest lawyers; <br> Second: That while we regret the change he is making in his place of residence, it is with that degree of sincerity ever abiding in the hearts of a grateful people that we give expression to the thought that Fort Worth has gained what Ballinger has lost. <br> JNO. I. GUIO. <br> J. B. WADE, <br> M. C. SMITH, <br> PALL TRIMMIER <br> Committee. <br> Judge J. P. Cogdell, of Winters, spoke to the toast "The Lawyer a Progressive Booster," and in part said. <br> I have listened attentively to the remarks of the gentlemen, who hve responded so eloquently to the various toasts. I have tried to appropriate to my self and live in the beautiful sentiment by which each Htterance was illuminated, and I have tried to live in harmony with the creatures of their intellects, which have been so brilliantly por trayed, but in spite of all effort but one image occured in every impressive variation of phrase. The cause of this temporary monomania is absent. The fact is, I hve recently married the best and most beautiful woman in Texas, and in the tyrannical exercise of her potential jurisdiction she allows me but two privileges, and around these she has thrown many restrictions. She allows mé to sing in a male quartett, provied I sing very small and that no contralto voice commingles with the deep base and bari-tone. She also allows me to speak at a stag party, with the provision that I refrain from passionate oratory. <br> So in responding to the toast, The Lawyer as a Progressive Booter, my muse must not be abated as an insufferable nuisance and I must speak dispassionatly of a great fact. Progressiveness, is the most significant word in the English language, and it is as impos- | sible to speak it without thinking of the legal profession as it is to speak the word love without dreaming of the gentle ministrations of motherhood. Without the lawyer there would have been no progress-law and progress are synonymus. From the earliest dawn of history, when moses the great law giver received the law on Sinais' flaming crest to the inauguration of Wilson the lawyer has been the avang-courrier of progress and enlightenment. Indeed fellow members of the bar, I would be ashamed of myself if I was not a lawyer. Ceaszar, the great constructive lawyer laid the foundation of Ryme, and Cicero the brilliant lawyer, who soared like the Condor when its shadow falls on the highest peaks of the Andeas, watered it with eloquence until it bloomed a veritable garden of roses and became the city eternal. Our own Jefferson was a lawyer and he became the greatest booster and made the greatest progress the world has ever known when he wrote the declaration of independence and gave liberty a tabitation and a name. Why gentlemen, the legal profession and progress are one and inseparable, in the name of civilization I pronounce them man and wife. <br> To better illustrate the potentiallity of lawyers I refer you to the history of the City of Winters. Two years ago she was a sleepy village of two hundred people, and she sat dreaming like a dope fiend on a broad expance of montony until she was aroused from her slumber by the timely advent of the lawyer. First Doss came, then I put in my appearance, then came Cobb, Harris and Patterson, and we, together contributed our respective potion of influence and as a result Winters is today, the queen of the golden west. <br> It was once said of a certain gentleman that he found Rome a city of stone and left it a city of marble. <br> I now say that the gentleman whom we are delighted to honor on this occasion found Ballinger a city of wood and is leaving it a city of stone, for indeed his influence has so permiated the city of Ballinger that we should call it home." <br> May happiness be his in his new home. <br> Speaking to the resolution before the vote of adoption was taken, Judge Guion said: "Ben take them with you as the God bless you and your family in your new home. Look back, remember and cherrish friends of your early day. No friends can be truer and dearer (Continued on lest page) |
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