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#### BALLINGER DRUGGIST MAKES A STATEMENT

We always advise people who have stomach or bowel trouble to see a doctor. But to those who do not wish to do this we will say: try the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka. This simple new remedy is so powerful that just one dose usually relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation quickly. People who try Adler-i-ka are surprised at its quick action. The Walker Drug Co.

#### LITTLE CHILD SERIOUSLY BURNED

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Leach was seriously burned about two-thirty this afternoon. She was in the house when her mother heard her screams and discovered that her clothing were burning and that she had been burned on the hips and back. It is not known how she caught fire, as no one was near and the child has not been able to give an account of the accident.

Dr. Mangum responded to the call for a physician and he reports that while the burn is a bad one that fortunately it is not on a vital portion of the body, and he did not think it would prove fatal.

#### DAYTON DEAD MAY REST AT 2000 SOULS

Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—Governor Cox at 1:30 p. m. received the following telegram from his secretary, George F. Burba, who went to Dayton last night:

"Deaths may run as high as 2,000. Property loss \$10,000,000. River four miles wide. Difficult to get anywhere near center of city. Water up to second story of Phillips House. Worst calamity in the country since Galveston."

#### ROCK CONTRACT

Frank Strum and Lee Chaney, two of the boss stone masons of Ballinger left Wednesday afternoon for Valera where they have the contract to build a rock store house at that place. Messrs Strum and Chaney are up-to-date masons and will no doubt turn out a splendid job and be the means of them getting other rock work in that city.

#### DISTRICT COURT

Judge J. W. Goodwin finished his work here and adjourned District court and returned to his home at Brownwood, Wednesday afternoon. Only a few cases of any importance were disposed of. The last case on the criminal docket to be tried and the only one that we have not reported was that of Frank Lewis, charged with burglary. It will be remembered that Lewis was arrested two or three months ago for breaking in a store at Rowena and stealing a number of articles. He pleaded guilty to the charge and Judge Goodwin sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary.

Most of the cases on the civil docket were either continued, compromised or dismissed. There were four divorce cases on the docket. One was continued, two divorces granted and one dismissed.

The docket as well as the grand jury report is proof sufficient that Runnels county people are law-abiding.

#### LUTHER GRESSETT AT DEATH'S DOOR.

We learn as we go to press that Luther Gressett is very low and it is reported cannot live but a little while. It was thought for awhile that he was improving, and last week he went to Lampasas to visit for a few days and after arriving at Lampasas he became suddenly worse and returned home last Saturday night and has been growing weaker since. His friends will regret to learn that he cannot remain in this world but a few hours longer.

#### VEHICLES IN RURAL DELIVERY SERVICE TO BE PAINTED RED.

In conformity with an order of the Postmaster General, it is directed that all vehicles hereafter placed in service by rural carriers be painted a vermilion red and that this color be used in repainting vehicles now in use whenever repainting becomes necessary.

The above is a copy taken out of the last postal guide received by our postmaster a few days ago, and we are wondering if Julius Kaiser had anything to do with the making of this law, for he is the first rural carrier we ever saw use a bright red vehicle on the route.

### THOUSANDS DEAD; THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Wind, Water, Fire and Cold Causes Death, Much Suffering and Destruction of Property.

Dayton, Ohio, March 26.—That a fierce fire which appeared to be sweeping through the half submerged business district of Dayton tonight had destroyed the Beckel house, where there were supposed to be more than 200 flood refugees, was the consensus of opinion of scores of watchers on top of the National Cash Register building, nearly a mile from the scene of the flames.

In vestigation of the fire at close range was utter impossibility. More than a mile of flood water intervened between the point where the staunchest boats dared to venture and the area of flames.

Traced by aid of maps, it appeared that the Beckel House was destroyed at some time after 10 o'clock; whether the scores of refugees supposed to have been there had tried to escape was holy a matter of conjecture.

Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—Ohio is experiencing the worst flood in its history. Many estimate that the loss of life is the greatest since Galveston, Texas, was almost swept off the map.

Gathering darkness tonight brought no relief to the scores of cities and towns of the state that are inundated and cut off from the outside world, but instead cast a gloom over the rushing waters, practically thwarted rescue work and increased the horrors of the situation. Thousands of persons are imprisoned by the swollen waters.

Although the waters in some places are reported to be slowly receding, there was no immediate relief in sight tonight, while rain continued to descend at times in torrents.

So appealing and seemingly exaggerated were many of the reports from flooded cities and towns today that they were disputed and in many instances wholly disregarded. Later reports from these sections, however, many times confirmed what seemed to be wild rumors. In other cases reports proved not to be correct.

The various news agencies are working under great difficulties in securing accurate reports, because of crippled wire facilities. Many cities and towns are completely isolated and only rumors can be obtained. These cannot be confirmed until wire and transportation service is restored.

Although reports of distress and disaster are coming in from every section, the greatest damage and loss of life is apparently at Dayton. Conditions there beggar description while the business section is practically all under water and the estimated loss of life is appalling, fires adding to the terror.

The lurid lights from burning buildings are adding horrors to the stricken city. Loss of life is estimated at from hundreds to thousands.

#### Government to the Rescue.

Washington, March 26.—Secretary Garrison called on President Wilson today and outlined the situation.

"We are sending tents and rations and provisions," said the secretary as he left the white house, "just as quickly as possible. We will do everything in our power (Continued on last page)

### GRIGGS' HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Our Representative Says He Is Unalterably Opposed to Disturbing the A. & M. College.

Mr. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend: Telegram signed by yourself several other citizens of Ballinger reached me today. Beg to advise that I have never looked on the proposition to consolidate the university and the A. & M. College as being other than nonsensical and entirely out of the question.

I visited the A. & M. College on last Saturday with the other members of the House and Senate, and having never been there before I can truthfully say that I was very greatly surprised to see what a great institution the State had at College Station. I was conducted through the buildings and over the grounds by one of the citizens of Bryan, a hardware merchant by name Mr. Withers, who was indeed very kind in explaining to me the entire situation there. I deem it unnecessary to say more.

I am unalterably opposed to disturbing the A. & M. College, and feel that this Legislature and those of the future should take good care of that great institution of learning, the one which I consider to be closest to the lives and well being of the great mass of common people, the farmer, the laborer and the artisan.

I would be glad you would give this letter space in your valuable paper, which we welcome to our place of residence in Austin, each week.

With kindest regards to you and all my friends, I am,  
R. S. GRIGGS.

#### COURTHOUSE WEDDING.

J. W. Young and Mrs. Mary Neity came down from Miles Wednesday afternoon and went to the courthouse where Mr. Young purchased marriage licenses and called for the Justice of the Peace. Paul Trimmier was called in and performed the ceremony that united Mr. Young and Mrs. Neity as man and wife. The wedding took place in the county clerk's office and the happy couple spent the remainder of the afternoon seeing the sights in Ballinger and returned to their home at Miles on the mid-night train.

### NORTH TEXAS STORM SWEPT

Hail Two Feet Deep; Windows Broken, Houses Unroofed and Freezing Weather Features of the Late Snap.

Fort Worth, March 26.—Hail, snow, sleet, and rain combined Tuesday night in the worst blizzard that has visited Texas and Oklahoma in years. Houses were unroofed, window panes were shattered, wires were blown down and livestock and crops suffered.

The storm was severest through North Texas, the Panhandle and Southern and Central Oklahoma. While Fort Worth escaped the direct course of the raging wind and hail, towns not far from here suffered seriously.

Snow flurries started in the Panhandle and in Oklahoma at midnight and continued through the night and forenoon, increasing in intensity. Temperature dropped everywhere.

Trees were bent Wednesday under the burden of glittering sleet and all over North Texas the hail banked in the streets and on buildings as deep as a foot.

#### DR. SALMON LEAVES TO BEGIN LONG SENTENCE

Dr. J. B. Salmon of Christoval, will be taken today to the State penitentiary to begin a 14-year sentence for the murder of L. H. McCord of Christoval, on March 31, 1911.

Dr. Salmon was brought to San Angelo Tuesday but was held here for 24 hours on account of sickness. He is better today, however and will be taken on.

His case was called for trial in Tom Green county in 1912 and was transferred to Coleman county and three weeks ago the court of criminal appeals affirmed the verdict of the lower court. —San Angelo Standard.

Mr. J. C. Douglass and little son Sidney, returned Tuesday night for a two week's visit with relatives at Fort Worth and Cleburne.

Mrs. Luther Gressett and two children, returned home Thursday at noon from a visit to relatives and friends at Lampasas. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Yates, who will visit in Ballinger for a while.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**For Alderman:**

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 B. W. (Chop) PILCHER.

**For Secretary and Collector:**

J. R. LUSK.  
 G. W. NEWMAN.

**For City Attorney:**

H. ZDARIL

The way some of the boys are hurrying to get on the river with their fish hook, one would think that its the early worm that catches the fish.

Get your paper and read about the thousands of dead and suffering in those old wealthy states, and then be thankful you are living in West Texas, Texas, and Ballinger is good enough for us.

Old Jack Frost believes in the old saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try again," and it is the opinion of many that he succeeded last night, and the fruit crop is now only imaginary.

There are more men in the United States than women, which no doubt counts for some women being so anxious to marry. They are afraid the supply will be exhausted.

With the organization of a good county fair, and the building of good county roads this county will take a much higher class in the list of counties known in Texas for higher standard of citizenship and progressive people.

Have you put your name down for a small share of county fair stock? It may not pay you a very big dividend directly for the first year or two, but it will be the best money you can invest because it will bring you a large dividend in improving the general conditions of Ballinger and Runnels county.

Adolph Wilke is making some valuable improvements in the courthouse park. He is adding new flower beds, and will make a number of designs in them. He has just completed laying the plans for a large star, and with his skill as a landscape gardener will make the courthouse park a very attractive place this summer.

Taylor county issued \$150,000 in bonds and built good roads, and now a campaign is on and an election will be held Saturday to determine whether \$150,000 bonds shall be issued for the purpose of building a new courthouse. Ballinger has a handsome courthouse but we are short on good roads. When will the people wake up?

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

I. R. Hart to I. H. Ferguson, 75 by 75 varas in the town of Miles Texas, consideration \$275.00

F. G. Hoelscher to Frank Hoelscher 100 acres out of B. B. & C. Ry., Co., survey No. 22 1-2, consideration \$256.00 and other consideration.

F. G. Hoelscher to Clara Seidel, 100 acres out of B. B. & C. Ry., Co., survey No. 22 1-2, consideration \$74.00 and other consideration.

C. P. Thraikill to H. R. Bailey, lot 3, south one-half of lot 2 in block 114, original town of Ballinger, Texas, consideration \$10.00 and other consideration

H. E. Jackson et al to W. T. McKee, 5-6 of an acre in Miles

consideration \$2500.00.

T. I. Morgan to A. H. Hardin et al, lot 8 in block 7, Miles, consideration \$1500.

G. T. McDonald to J. L. Allred lot 4 in block 13, Dale West Addition to Winters, consideration \$900.

J. F. Smartt et ux to W. P. Bryan, lot 8 and 1-4 of lot 7 in block 8, in College Heights Addition to Ballinger, consideration \$1800.

B. C. Channes to H. T. Channes et al 1-2 of block 9, and West 1-2 of block 8 of Reederw addition to Ballinger, consideration, love and affection.

A. T. Scott to B. V. Simpson, lot 10 block 2, Vancil addition to Winters, consideration \$530.00.

Clara J. Miller to R. H. Schooler lots 8, 9 and 10 of the J. C. Baker addition to Ballinger, consideration \$5000.00.

W. B. Smith et ux to M. C. Bell 222 3-8 acres out of M. Fitzpatrick survey No. 492, consideration \$11,100.00.

J. B. Bass to H. C. Daniel, S. 1-2 of block 13 in the town of Norton, consideration \$500.

C. S. Miller to W. F. Street, lot 16, block 10, original town of Ballinger and block 15 and 16 of California Fruit Land Addition to Ballinger, consideration \$3750.

H. Henkes et ux C. H. Willingham et al 200 acres out of C. H. Earnest survey No. 156, consideration \$5733.44.

H. Henkes et ux to C. H. Willingham et al, 159 1-2 acres out of C. H. Earnest survey No. 156, consideration \$3880.00.

**Marriage Licenses.**

Marriage license have been issued as follows.

Ed Onken to Miss Ida Vogler, Winters.

J. R. Kaiser to Miss Lena Palmer, Ballinger.

Mr. C. R. Clayton to Miss Zella Martin, Oxien.

Children who have worms, are pale, cross, fretful and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites, White's Cream Vermifuge is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

There is a great "kick" going up all over the country about the new nickle. The people are not pleased with it. We like 'em and will take all we can get.

A BARGAIN — Good second hand square piano, and Remington typewriter. Have no use for them and some one will get them at a bargain. Call at Ledger office. 24dtf

**ADJUSTING TOUR.**

Our circulation manager, Mr. C. C. Cockrell is making a tour over the county for the purpose of getting our circulation on a cash and certain basis.

These trips are made each Saturday and they are for a twofold purpose, to collect all back dues and correct errors.

Please meet Mr. Cockrell on receipt of notice each week and he will correct errors and take your money if you owe anything.

W. A. Nance, U. E. Hartman, B. C. Kirk, W. C. Reeves and H. O. Rhodes, spent Tuesday night on Red Bank. They report a pretty bad night, but plenty fish.

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**WHERE WILL "FREAKIES" STOP.**

The "Freakies" have Texas by the throat; quack political doctors are as numerous in the legislature as red-headed widows in Houston. There is a "medicine man" with a bag of dopum for every ill that irritates humanity, from the monopolization of the air by biplanes down to ingrowing toe nails. Why, one would imagine, after reviewing the great array of restricting halters and checkreins and cinch-girths on display over at Austin, that the proud citizenship of this great commonwealth was made up of wild mustangs from the plains of barbarism. It is no wonder that the Easterners have such an opinion of us; it is no wonder that when they cross the border land into Texas they expect to see human backing like bronchos and bellowing at every buck.

The trouble with our state today is that we do not raise hogs enough for home use and raise too many donkeys for the legislature. We cannot expect anything but freak bills and freak laws from freakish individuals. "Like begets like"; Georgia rattlesnake watermelons will not grow on gourd vines unless it be in the salubrious climate of Val Verde county, and mud turtles are never hatched out in the eagle's nest away up yonder in the mountain's crag.

If the business men of every community of Texas would stand together against the freakies they might put a stop to this biennial flood of foolishness. We do not need so much governing. Our homes should not be policed against innocent amusements. It is wrong to place an alarm bell on a man's conscience that will go off at every wrong tick. What we need is freedom to grow along both moral and commercial lines—an opportunity to be men without a legislative pure food label pinned to our coats, and to have railroads built into sections sadly needing them. It is not necessary to regulate the size of a fellow's "chaw" of tobacco to save the country, or to meet every business proposition of chloroform.

Of course we must resist an invasion of beetle bugs, Mexican smugglers, Oklahoma bootleggers, populist ideas and marauding monopolists, but we do not want to dislocate the hip joint of the buzz wagon of prosperity; we do not want to fortify every road by which a capitalist might enter the state with a legislative blunderbuss loaded to the tonsils; we do not want so all-fired many laws governing our tastes and appetites and general deportment, that a person will have to be a supreme judge to know whether he can maintain a graphophone in the city limits or permit limburger cheese to run at large without a scent deadener.

Every citizen of Texas, except a lightning rod agent or a man who refuses to pay for his paper, should be protected, together with his family, his property and whatever reputation he has, but the state has no right to invade the sanctity of the home to keep a bald headed man from snoring or to die tate to a woman the size of the buttons she must sew on her shirt-waists; it has no right to deter the development of the great western regions which are yet in the very infancy of what they will ultimately become, to satisfy the desire of piney-woods trust-buster who, with roached hair and Ciceroan eloquence fights his way up the ladder of political success by making the peepul believe that a wild-eyed geytusgootus lives in every woodpile and that his is the strong arm and courageous heart to shiver its shins.

We need a change of program a kind of constructive carnival rather than a camp meeting. Texas is a big business which should be run in a business-like way; it is not as aborigine or Riverdrift man who requires daily training to be weaned from the worship of a stuffed toad. The manhood of the state is par excellence, the opportunities are the greatest on the continent and to expand in prosperity, power and happiness beyond every star in the nation's

Judge C. O. Harris and son, L. B., of the law firm of Harris & Son, left Wednesday afternoon for Galveston to look after legal matters for a few days.

LOST—Riding bridle without throat latch, new reins on A. & S. right-of-way. Return to Ledger office and receive liberal reward. J. A. Nunn. 27-2d

J. T. Moore left Wednesday afternoon for his old home at Florence, Texas, to visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

T. H. Gillispie, of Coleman, who had been here to deliver a fine stallion to Mr. Harper at the brick stable, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

**ROARK'S FEED STORE**

Car of choice prairie hay \$11.50 per ton. Car choice maize heads \$17 per ton. Expected daily. 2d

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drews left Wednesday afternoon for the East where he will visit points in the interest of his company and Mrs. Drews will visit with friends at Houston a few weeks.

Harry Scott of San Angelo, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Dick Oliver, of Asherton, who had been in our section the past week or two on business, left Wednesday afternoon for his home.

**CHANGES LOCATION.**

Any one needing my delivery wagon telephone 350 Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co., instead of Will Chastain old stand. T. J. Starkey. 12-dtf.

T. R. Hopper is arranging to open up a restaurant in the building between Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., and the City Meat Market. He expects to get his place in shape for business about April 1st.

Save your little chickens. Chicken fountains at The Fair. 25c. 28-2td 2tw

S. B. Caperton, of Maverick came in Wednesday afternoon from San Angelo, where he had been the past few days on business.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price, 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. R. R. Jones came in from New Mexico Tuesday night and will visit Ballinger friends a few days before going on to her home at Waco.

Ed Glober returned home Wednesday afternoon from his ranch in Concho county, where he had been looking after his cattle interests the past several days.

**JUST UNPACKING.**

A big line of spring goods of all kinds for men, ladies and children. See A. J. Zappe before you buy. 27-1td 1tw

galaxy we but need relief from the freakies.—Del Rio Herald.

Herbine cures constipation and reestablishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

B. R. Burr, U. S. postoffice inspector, passed through Ballinger Thursday from Winters en route to points east. Mr. Burr is delighted with our section and says he is always glad to spend a few days in our clean, pretty city.

Fish bowls at The Fair. 27-3td

Tom Ward returned home Wednesday from points in the East where he had been on business the past few days.

Dr. A. S. Love had professional business West between trains Thursday.

NICE HOME FOR RENT—407 Tenth street. J. D. Norwood. 27-3

J. A. Davis, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Mrs. Austin F. Taylor returned home Thursday at noon from a visit to relatives and friends at Goldthwaite. She was accompanied home by her mother, in-law who will visit in Ballinger a while.

J. L. Lee, of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

W. S. Moehead, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

W. J. Wilke returned to Abilene today after spending the week here looking after his show interest.

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### A DUEL BETWEEN PESTS

Texas does something original most every week and other states and nations that desire to keep abreast of the times should send emissaries to Texas where they can see the fresh rush of life as it enters into new evolutions of progress. We are the thought-center of the nation and in this State powerful minds set in motion new economies that belt the earth in their travels.

The latest achievement is a duel between pests announced in press dispatches from Port Arthur. The Commercial Club of that city has procured a supply of bats to turn loose on mosquitoes that thrive in the swamps of southeast Texas. The plan is said to work successfully and the bats disappear after ridding the country of mosquitoes.

Mrs. R. Gentry left Thursday afternoon for Hatchel, where she goes to be with her sister, Mrs. George Holliday who is at the bedside of her father-in-law J. R. Holliday and we are sorry to learn

Mr. Holliday is still very low and very little hopes of his recovery is entertained.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

W. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

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Toledo, O.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Blood Was Wrong

All women, who suffer from the aches and pains, due to female ailments, are urged to try Cardui, the reliable, scientific, tonic remedy, for women. Cardui acts promptly, yet gently, and without bad effects, on the womanly system, relieving pain, building up strength, regulating the system, and toning up the nerves. During the past half century, thousands of ladies have written to tell of the quick curative results they obtained, from the use of this well-known medicine.

TAKE **CARDUI** The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Jane Calahan suffered from womanly trouble for nearly ten years. In a letter from Whiteville, N. C., she says: "I was not able to do my own housework. My stomach was weak, and my blood was wrong. I had back-ache, and was very weak. I tried several doctors, but they did me no good. I used Cardui for 3 or 4 months, and now I am in the best health I have ever been. I can never praise Cardui enough." It is the best tonic, for women.

Whether seriously sick, or simply weak, try Cardui.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J53

## Thousands Dead Thousands Homeless

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for the afflicted districts."

There will be no delay in shipping supplies for refugees. Twenty thousand tents authorized by congress for Gettysburg celebration and 12,000 for the Confederate veteran's celebration at Vicksburg had been packed for shipment. All that remains is to hurry them aboard express cars.

The million rations going around at Governor Cox's request are sufficient to feed 100,000 persons ten days. It is evident that the relief workers fear pestilence and typhoid in the flood district. Among the medical supplies being rushed forward are ten thousand vaccine points and five thousand anti-typhoid vaccine.

relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

### FAMILY REUNION AT SILVER WEDDING

(From Rowena Review)

All the children and grand children and families have made arrangements to surprise Mr. Dan Eckert and wife of Loecker, San Saba county Saturday, March 29, which will be their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eckert do not know anything of their children's plans and it will certainly be a welcome surprise to meet up with children that they haven't seen for several years and grand children that they have never seen.

The following party consisting of 25 were to leave here yesterday in wagons and buggies. Frank Eckert and family, Dan Eckert and family, George Hey and family and Harry Tinker and family.

### DECIDE TO GO TO DALLAS APRIL 28-MAY 1

Dallas will do honor to the cotton growers of the entire South, April 28 to May 1. This is to be a record-breaking convention that will emphasize to the world the fact that the movement for 15c cotton is the development of an economic principle that must be reckoned with. Aside from contact with prominent people concerned in the cotton growing industry of the Southland, the trip will be worth the time and money of any man. Decide to see Dallas, the bustling, thriving city of the Southwest, with its mammoth commercial and manufacturing concerns, its million dollar hotels, magnificent "sky-scrapers," miles of macadamized streets, and more than a hundred thousand people waiting to give you a welcome, April 28 to May 1.

Fifteen-cent cotton and freedom! The world recognizes that this is a principle that must be reckoned with in the future. It realizes that the movement inaugurated by the Southern States Cotton Corporation having for its object a stable price for cotton, means a dependable market system for the future. The South will show her patriotism in a mammoth rally, Dallas, April 28 to May 1.

Ask your railroad agent today about the low rates to Dallas, account the big Cotton Growers' rally to be held April 28 to May 1.

The Cotton Convention, at Dallas, April 28 to May 1, will not only launch the campaign for 15 cent cotton with renewed vigor for the coming season, but will place before the world a plan worked out to maintain a dependable basis for our product that will largely relieve it of the element of guesswork in marketing. This convention will be held at Fair Park coliseum four days, commencing April 28, and promises to have a record-breaking attendance. Low rates on railroads.

All Texas will do honor to the Cotton Growers of the South at the Cotton Growers' rally, Dallas, April 28 to May 1. This convention will doubtless establish a new standard in the cotton growing industry, and should be attended by every man who is concerned in the best interests of the South.

A world-demanded utility is entitled to a stable valuation. Fifteen cents for your cotton. Attend the Cotton Growers' convention, Dallas, April 28 to May 1, and help make it a reality.

## Abilene

J. P. GREEN, The Persian Polish Man has sold lots of polish in this city. It takes white spots off furniture and makes it look new. It is fine for polishing your pianos. I guarantee it will dry in two minutes. Price 50c by parcel post.

J. P. GREEN,  
Care of Metropolitan Hotel  
ABILENE TEXAS.

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is the one who always looks neat and whose clothing doesn't bag at the knees nor gather in wrinkles. You can have your suit cleaned and pressed at such a moderate price that there is no necessity of looking slouchy and badly groomed. We make your suit look like new when it is renovated by

W. H. ROARK, The Tailor.  
Tailor to His Majesty  
"The particular Dresser"  
Phone 290.

Tonight fair, not so cold but freezing. Friday warmer.

### CALMUET ENDS "BAD LUCK."

Remember when you were a youngster, what a trial baking day was? If Mother was lucky, every thing went finely—but if she had "bad luck" her cakes and her pies and her bread were failures. Her success in baking seemed to depend almost altogether on "luck."

Nowadays there's no such thing as "baking luck". At least, not in the kitchens of the up-to-date cooks. Simply because Calumet

Baking Powder has smashed that old time idea. It has made baking sure of success. It has made inexperienced cooks able to bake perfectly, and day after day it is saving hundreds of dollars worth of time and materials by doing away with costly failures.

Calumet Baking Powder is the purest baking powder made—and guaranteed not only to be pure, but to stay pure in the can and in the baking. Calumet has twice been officially judged the best baking powder made—receiving the highest awards at the World's Pure Food Expositions in Chicago (1907) and in Paris (1912).