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## ARE YOU AN IN- COME TAX PAYER?

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

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

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

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

## UNCLE DICK TIL- LERY SELLS OUT.

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

## WILL STUDY FOR THE MINISTRY

News comes from a Ballinger boy, LeRoy Wilke, who is now in Austin that he will begin the study of the ministry next fall at Simmons College at Abilene. LeRoy is at present running a job printing shop in Austin, independently. He will at the close of summer discontinue his work in the printing business and attend school at the Baptist College. His father, Adolph Wilke, received the news this week from his son and is gratified over the announcement of his son that he will take up the study of the ministry.

R. B. Ingle, one of the successful farmers of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

## THE BALLINGER STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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

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

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

W. L. McMasters, of San Angelo, came in Monday at noon en route home from a business trip to San Antonio, San Marcos and other points in that section. He spent the day in our city on business and went home on the night train.

## RABBIT HUNT.

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

Mayor H. W. Bigler, John Alexander, and C. N. Craft, representative citizens of Miles, came in Monday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger. Mr. Craft is here to be at his post of duty at the regular February term of the commissioners court in our city.

## ANGELO GIRLS COMING FOR GAME

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

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

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

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

The San Angelo girls will probably arrive in automobiles, according to a letter received today from one of the rooters of the prospective visitors. They will return home after the game.

The Ballinger High School students are very enthusiastic over

## INSURANCE RATE REDUCED 9 PER CENT

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

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

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

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

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling, Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312. tfd

The girl basket ball team this year, and great interest is being manifested on all sides for the girl athletes. It is expected that a large crowd composed of students and admirers of sports conducted by the local High, will be in attendance to see the first matched game on the local court this season.

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**THE DAILY LEDGER**

Published every afternoon except Sunday by the Ballinger Printing Co.

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

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

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

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

We predict that the next five years will bring about a wonderful change in the handling of state convicts, and it will be all for the good. While there is such a demand for good roads, and with

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the move started to work convict labor in building roads, some pressure is going to be brought to bear upon the next legislature to get that body to make the needed change. Watch our predictions come true.

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

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

To one who has never had any experience in the chicken and egg business other than in purchasing them when he could at rare intervals and by piecemeal at 40 cents apiece, it appears at the present time that the hen and her finished product is the best field of activity available for the man who knows anything about the business, to make a fortune in twelve months on a limited investment. Of course more than one enthusiastic individual who confidently believed that he could get rich at the business in ninety days, have gone to the bad in the effort, but that should not prove discouraging to the man who is contented to wait a year before retiring on his surplus, especially when it is remembered that everybody has the mistaken idea that no experience is necessary to conduct a successful henery, and that all that is necessary is to get a hen from some source or other and set her down in an enclosure and wait for her to lay. The only reliable information or advice we can give to the prospective proprietor of a hen hacienda is from the exclusive but rather enlightened view point of a veteran ultimate consumer and that is that somebody in the charming circle of the trade between the cackle and the cafe, enjoys a prof-



it taking not to be despised by any man who dotes on the rich rewards of a business as pestful and entertaining as taking candy from children. Locate the fortunate man and go do likewise. If you can not do that, then get you a pecan cracker, an easy chair and a concession in some doorway and go into real big business with a courageous, headlong plunge.—Houston Post.

**\$100 REWARD. \$100**  
 The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease the science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.  
 Address F. J. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, Ohio.  
 Sold by all Druggists, 75c.  
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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

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

**MAKES ONE FEEL BETTER**  
 A purely vegetable liver medicine is Simmons Liver Purifier. It is the one liver medicine which energizes the liver and brings back its natural function strong and young again. Its action is different from other medicines. It cleanses the organ of all impurities without injury, harmless, but with all speed. Nothing like it. Sold in Yellow Tin Boxes only. All druggists sell it for 25c per box, or sent by mail. A. C. Simmons, Jr. Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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

Mrs. H. L. Blackburn and son Gordon came in Monday at noon from Pasha, Texas, to visit Ballinger friends a few days.

**STOP THAT PAIN RIGHT NOW**  
 If your head aches just rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on. This wonderful liniment has a peculiar effect on pain. It drives it away at once. Rheumatic pain quickly yields to the touch of this liniment. Neuralgia is quickly gone after Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied. For cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions of the skin and sprains, it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. Sold by all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co. Sherman, Texas.

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

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**CANDIDATES**

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

- For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, JO GARDIN, J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. C. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON.
- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL
- For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN.

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

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**Broadway Jones**

From the Play of  
**George M. Cohan**

By  
**EDWARD MARSHALL**

With Photographs from Scenes in the Play

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**SYNOPSIS.**

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

**CHAPTER II**—Judge Spotswood informs Broadway that \$250,000 left him by his father is at his disposal. Broadway makes record time in heading for his favorite street in New York.

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

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

**CHAPTER V**—Wallace expostulates with the aged flirt and her youthful niece, but fails to better the situation. He learns that Broadway is broke and offers him a position with his father's advertising firm, but it is declined. Wallace takes charge of Broadway's affairs.

**CHAPTER VI**—Broadway receives a telegram announcing the death of his Uncle Abner in Europe. Broadway is his sole heir. Peter Pembroke of the Consolidated Chewing Gum company offers Broadway \$1,200,000 for his gum plant and Broadway agrees to sell. Wallace takes the affair in hand and insists that Broadway hold off for a bigger price and rushes him to Jonesville to consult Judge Spotswood, who was Uncle Abner's attorney.

**CHAPTER VII**—Broadway finds his childhood playmate, Josie Richards, in charge of the plant and falls in love with her. Wallace is smitten with Judge Spotswood's daughter, Clara.

**CHAPTER VIII**—Josie points out to Broadway that by selling the plant to the trust he will ruin the town built by his ancestors and throw 700 employees out of work. Broadway decides that he will not sell. Wallace receives an offer of \$1,500,000 from the trust and is amazed when Broadway turns it down.

**CHAPTER IX**—Broadway explains the situation as set forth by Josie and Wallace agrees that it is Broadway's duty to stick by the town and his employees. He authorizes an announcement to his worried employees that the plant will not be sold.

Continued from Yesterday.

She did not quite approve of this. She was sure that she had seen some wondrous acting there in Jonesville. Had she not watched her eyes out over a new play, "East Lynne," the previous week? Had not another novelty, which the bills announced came straight to Jonesville from a



Judge and Mrs. Spotswood.

metropolitan run of many weeks, and which was known as "The Two Orphans," held her spellbound for an evening? Had not the leading men in these productions been invariably very different in their appearance from any of the Jonesville youth, and therefore romantically attractive; had not the leading women worn enormous jewels and extraordinary, yellow hair which she had envied fiercely? Her own hair was rich, dark brown. She thought it very commonplace.

She looked at him somewhat coldly. It was plainly time to turn from gossip to pure business.

"I've worked all the morning with the auditor upon a statement which shows the year's business up to the first of this month," she notified him gravely. From an upper drawer of the big desk at which she had been seated she secured a long, formidable-looking paper and, rising, approached him with it. "Do you care to go over it now?"

He eyed it askance, as if it might have been a dangerous thing and liable to sting. Business! Should he ever really discover how to feel the slightest interest in it or understanding of it? What a tiresome looking thing it was.

"No; not right now," he told her, almost shivering. "I—Mr. Wallace promised to do all that for me."

She put the statement back into her desk, a little disappointed. "Then he'll be here this morning?"

"Yes; he'll be here right away. He had to go to the barber shop." He laughed. "I shave myself, 'thank God!'" he added fervently.

Her manner now became more serious and rather puzzling. It was not as if he had done anything which displeased her, it was not even as if she thought he might; it was only that of the delightful woman who is wondering if, presently, she may not think he might. She was not suspicious, she suspected that she might suspect. He knew it; men always know when women are beginning to wonder if they had not better very soon begin to wonder. It's the only intuition mere men have. The others are all feminine monopolies.

Presently, while he waited, acutely conscious that some unpleasant element had entered into the situation, but densely ignorant of its character, and while she calmly went about the business of her office management, at which, it may as well be stated now as ever, she showed unmistakable signs of perfect competence, she went to a complicated filing cabinet, extracted from it certain other papers, carried them across the room to the desk near which he had found a seat, laid them out on that desk, then slowly turned and faced him.

"Do you know that Mr. Pembroke, of the Consolidated, is here in town?" she asked, after a second's hesitation.

To her great satisfaction, which she would not for the world have admitted, he did not hesitate before he answered; he did not try to beat around the bush; he indulged in no evasions or delays of any kind whatever.

"Yes, I know it," he said promptly. It may be that some detail in his tone or manner reassured her, at any rate her voice, when she spoke next, was free from a certain icy hint of criticism which undoubtedly had crept into it.

"Did he come here with you?"

"No; he followed me here."

"Have you seen him?" She made no attempt to offer an excuse for cross-examining him; she evidently asked the question as an interested party who has a right to be informed. Was she not a citizen of Jonesville and an employee of the Jones Pepsin Gum Company?"

"No; I have not seen him, but Mr. Wallace saw him last night and turned down his offer, too."

Instantly the reserve, which, intangible but perceptible, had affected her, dropped from her. She was no longer in the least suspicious.

"Oh, I'm so glad!" she exclaimed cordially.

But he failed to note this circumstance; he failed to ward against oncoming danger. As a matter of fact he was not thinking of her as an employee of the Jones company, he was not thinking about Jonesville, he was considering his own pressing need for money and the delightful possibility

that through Pembroke, in one way or another, that need must be relieved. He rose and paced the floor with light and hopeful tread, wholly without apprehension.

"We gave him to understand that we wouldn't sell for less than a million and a half." He said this half proudly. Then, with the accents of a hoper: "We expect him here at eleven o'clock with his answer."

Her face took on a puzzled and disapproving frown. "But you just gave your word to the men that—"

Now he spoke definitely and crisply. No one listening to him could imagine that he did not mean exactly what he said; that he had not carefully considered every meaning of each syllable that he was uttering.

"Oh, don't be afraid," he assured her. "I meant exactly what I said to Higgins."

She sighed with real relief. "I don't mind telling you, Miss Richards, that when I came here yesterday my intention was to sell this business and get it off my hands at any price or sacrifice."

The mere statement of this evidently past and gone intention was a shock to her. He noted, and not without emotion—mind that: Broadway unmistakably was touched—that her face blanched at the thought of that which he had definitely decided not to do.

The young man was beginning to think; he was forming some faint realization of the fact that his own troubles were but somewhat unimportant bubbles in a sea made up of everybody's troubles. The thought was forming in his mind that, while he had been severely worried about ways and means for getting luxuries, these people, here in Jonesville, who had lived and probably would die without ever having heard the names of many of the things his sybaritic soul had learned to crave, had felt themselves confronted by the possibility of loss of the necessities.

Indefinitely, but for the first time in his life at all, he saw how grim the struggle for a bare existence is with the majority; how, although they strain and strive to their limit of ability, they never feel quite safe in their possession of the means for getting it. He acknowledged to himself a feeling of embarrassment as he considered the undeniable selfishness of his previous existence.

But he brightened visibly, as he went on. He had learned his lesson and had learned it thoroughly.

"Carnegie couldn't buy the plant this morning," he said simply, "if he offered every dollar he has in the world. Mr. Wallace and I sat up talking it over until two o'clock this morning. I told him everything you said, and went over the whole situation with him. I promised to take his advice, and he's convinced me that the right thing to do is to stick right here and put up a fight for these people, the same as my uncle did."

Her reserve quite vanished; as is the way of women, she took credit for an intuition which her previous manner had not indicated. Where she had been suspicious of a reason for suspicion, she became enthusiastic over reason for enthusiasm.

"I knew you would!" she cried. "I knew—I knew you would!"

She had not known he would; she had feared, had half believed that he would not; but that now made not the slightest difference with her firm belief that she had known he would. Nor had the fact that Broadway, a short minute before, had suspected, with good reason, that she seriously doubted him, any influence whatever on his deep pleasure when he discovered that she did not—did not because she could not, not because she would not.

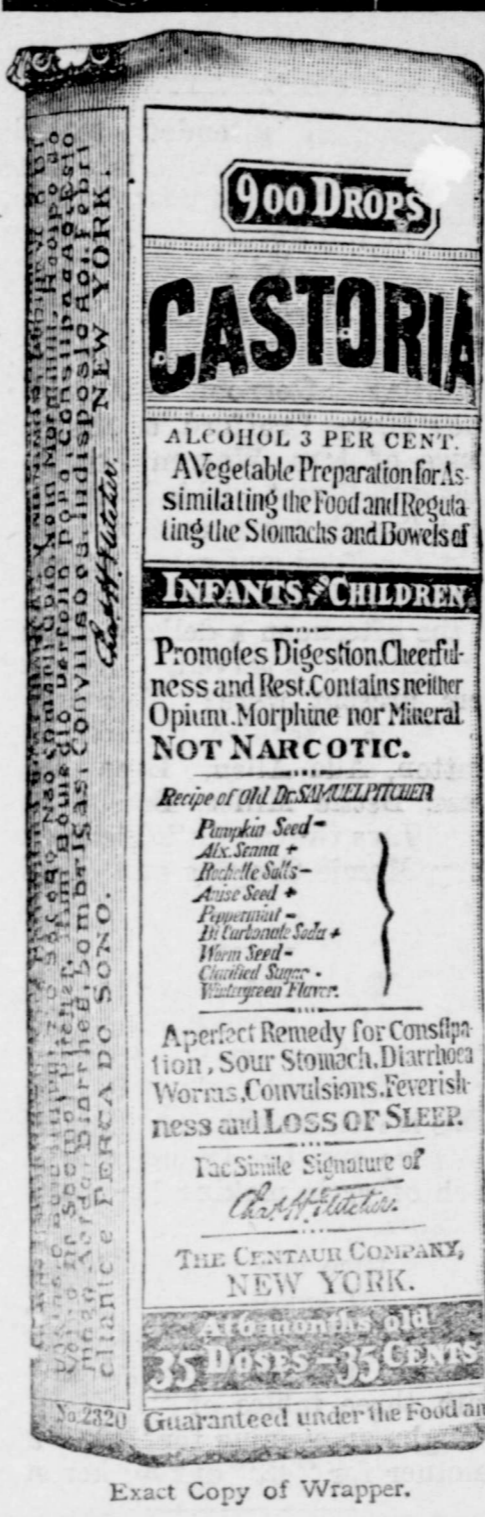
Men do not think clear to the bottom of these things. They take what women give them, when they give them anything, and are humbly grateful and surprised because they get a smile when they deserve one, rather than a brick when they do not deserve one. Nothing which the world has ever offered to the gaze of the philosopher has been one-half so pitiful as the astonished gratitude of the right-minded male when he finds that the one female for whom he has begun, consciously or without his knowledge, to live his life and do his deeds, does not utterly condemn him when he has done his level best and that best has been worthy. Men are the world's natural "come-ons," women the world's natural vendors of psychological, sentimental and often very raw gold bricks.

So when Josie soulfully declared that she had known he would, Broadway did not let it pass with an unappreciative, "Of course you did," but looked at her with gratitude alight in his pleased face and humbly queried, "Did you?"

For a moment the fact that she declared that she had known he would be decent and not villainously selfish so completely overwhelmed him (and please do not forget that she, within a minute, had admitted that she thought him capable of base selfishness) that he could not find words with which to proceed conversationally. All men are that way.

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

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

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

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

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

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Miss Louise Doss, Editor

**Afternoon Tea.**

All society turned towards Mrs. R. T. Williams on last Wednesday afternoon. The magnet being the tea, given by the ladies of the First Baptist Church. It was truly a beautiful affair, marked with an elaborateness and thoughtfulness of detail that was in itself guarantee of success. The spacious home was most attractively decorated with cut flowers, Jack son vines, and plants. On the tables in the dining room were bouquets of violets. Palms and ferns lent an attractive green setting to the gay-silks and satins of the modishly dressed throng. During the afternoon a much enjoyed musical programme was rendered by Misses Bertha Rasbury, Louise Doss, Christine and Mrs. Skinner. Mrs. Williams who received her guests at the door, was handsomely gowned in green satin combined with pure lace. The offerings received at the tea will be used for the primary department of the church.

**Musical Club Organized.**

A social event of last week was the organization of a musical club at the Carnegie library with Mrs. F. L. McAlone as director. The club was organized with thirty one members. The following of were elected: Mrs. J. Y. Yearce, president, Miss Sammie Yearce, Secretary and Miss Louise Doss Treasurer. After other

business was attended to old songs were sung until a late hour. The club will meet next Tuesday night at the library for practice.

**Thirteen Club.**

The Lucky Thirteen Club met Saturday afternoon with Miss Lancy Minor Crofford, at the residence of Mrs. Warren Lynn, on Eleventh Street. This is the first time the club has ever met with Miss Crofford and every one most heartily enjoyed the meeting. Late in the afternoon a delicious Mexican lunch was served. The members present were: Misses Nell Anderson, Beulah Kindell, Etta Hutton, Ada Allen, Lena Belle Doss, Bettie Miller, Bertha Rasbury, Lois Crews, Katie Belle Gregory, Mamie Gregory and Louise Doss.

**Mrs. Sims Honoree.**

Mrs. D. E. Sims of Paint Rock spent several days last week visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Sims is well known and quite popular here and her friends vie with each other in making her visit a pleasure.

This time she was the honoree of several small social affairs. Mrs. W. H. Lynn had a dining Mrs. J. Y. Yearce an afternoon with three tables of "42." Mrs. Vaughn an evening for "500" and another for "42" during her stay.

**Chronic Constipation Cured.**

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

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

**COUGH TWO YEARS OLD.**

Yields to VINOL. Read Why.

Strong vigorous men and women rarely ever catch cold; it's only when the system is run down and vitality low that colds and coughs get a foothold.

Now isn't reasonable that the right way to cure a cough is to build up your run down condition again?

Mrs. D. A. McGee of Waycross Ga., says: "I had a chronic cold cough which kept me awake nights for two years and I felt tired all the time. Vinol cured my cough and I feel stronger in every way."

The reason Vinol is so efficacious in such cases is because it contains in a delicious concentrated form all the medicinal curative elements of cod liver oil, with tonic, blood building iron added.

Chronic coughs and colds yield to Vinol because it builds up the weakened, run down system.

You can get your money back any time if Vinol does not do all we say. The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

P. S. For itching, burning skin try our Saxo Salve. We guarantee it.

D. G. Hadden of Blanket Texas who had been visiting his brother Joe Hadden and family the past month or more, left Friday afternoon for his home.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy**

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures for sale by all dealers.

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

**SUNDAY AT EIGHTH STREET CHURCH**

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

The second meeting for both the Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor was held Sunday, these societies having been organized two weeks ago. A splendid program was carried out at each service church are becoming more inter and the young people of the city are interested in the church than heretofore. We extend a cordial invitation to the young people of the town to attend the Endeavor which meets at 6:45 every Sunday evening. To those who are not affiliated with any church or Sunday school we extend an invitation to come and be with us.

Sunday School Reporter.

**A FALSE STANDARD OF CULTURE.**

has gained ground in this century which looks upon the bearing and rearing of children as something coarse and vulgar and to be avoided, but the advent of Eugenics means much for the motherhood of the race. Happy is the wife who, though weak and ailing, depends upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore her to health, and when headaches and backaches are a thing of the past, brave sons and fair daughters rise up and call her blessed.

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

**BALLINGER DRUGGIST HAS VALUABLE AGENCY**

The Walker Drug Co., has the Ballinger agency for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy has powerful action and drains such surprising amounts of old matter from the body that Just One Dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost immediately. The quick action of Adler-ika is astonishing.

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

**NO MORE PAIN**

Pain cannot exist where Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied, says one user. No other liniment acts so quickly. You simply rub it on and the pain is gone almost instantly. Those who suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, headaches and similar troubles should get a bottle at once. For cuts and bruises, burns and sprains and abrasions of the skin it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. We have never known it to fail to relieve chilblains. For sale in 25c and 50c bottles by druggists. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

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

**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.

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



Sift three times, the flour, salt, and baking powder. Beat eggs with rotary beater, then 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.

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

**His Stomach Troubles Over.**

Mr. Dyspeptic would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

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

**ECZEMA AND ITCHING**

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. H. H. H.

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THE RED BRAND  
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TRADE MARK REG. 1906 BY ED. V. PRICE & CO.

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for you to come in and select your choice of Ed. V. Price & Co.'s entire line of new and exclusive Spring and Summer woollens, and leave the order for  
**Your New Clothes Tailored-to-Measure**  
Delivery will be arranged to suit your own convenience, but action today will insure you absolute satisfaction, and avoid the rush of the busy season later on.

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