

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1902

NO 29

## IMPURE BAKING POWDER SEIZED.

The New York Board of Health Find it Contains Alum and Rock, Declare it Dangerous to Health and Dump it into the River.

The New York papers report that the Health department of that city has seized as dangerous to health nearly two tons of cheap mixtures sold for baking powder, and dumped them into the offal scow to be destroyed. More of the powder was found in a Sixth ave. department store. The report of the analysis of the Health Department stated that it was "an alum baking powder" containing alum and pulverized rock.

The different Health Authorities seem to have different ways of repressing the sale of bad baking powders. In England they have prosecuted the grocers under the general law and broken up the traffic. In Missouri the sale of alum baking powder is actually prohibited by law. In New York they seize the unwholesome stuff and cast it into the river, without any discussion. The latter way is certainly effective.

The alum baking powders are usually offered at a low price, ten to twenty cents a pound, or with some prize, as a temptation to the housewife.

Consumers can protect themselves by buying only high-grade baking powder of established name and reputation. Do not be tempted by the grocer to take something else as "just as good" or "our own brand," for the trials show that the grocer himself is often deceived by unscrupulous makers and is selling an alum powder without knowing it.

There are several good powders on the market; let the housekeeper insist on having what she knows is right, and not be induced to risk the life of the family for an imaginary saving of a few cents.

## Keep's Growing.

Following is a list of new names added to our subscription list since last week:

W. D. Bell,	Winters.
L. E. Low,	"
F. L. Bridemeyer,	Winters.
J. F. Klement,	"
E. D. Beard,	"
Dr. W. W. Mitchell,	Norton.
W. H. Ray,	"
J. J. Martin,	"
C. M. Witt,	Wingate.
C. L. Alexander,	Pumphrey.
Chadbourne Ake,	Audra.
John Martinee,	Rowena.
W. T. Nichols,	Ballinger.
Geo. C. Wright,	"
J. A. Mauteith, Ft. Chadbourne	

## RENEWALS.

M. C. Bright,	Content.
Miss Nina Laudreth,	Talpa.

## Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE.

## Santa Fe Traffic.

The passenger traffic on the Santa Fe Monday night to Dallas was immense. Notwithstanding the extra coaches that were put on, the train was overloaded at San Angelo and at Ballinger 100 people were left standing on the platform who could not be accomodated and at Coleman the number left who wanted to go was 65. At Zephyr where the west bound train was met two additional coaches were added to the train but these were packed before the train reached Temple. Many of those who were left Monday night came through on Tuesday's train determined to get to Dallas some way if it takes all the week. There has never before been such a heavy travel from and through Brownwood.—Daily Bulletin, April 23rd.

## Two Trains Collide.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Frisco engine, No. 359, in charge of Al Davis, engineer, and Abe Donica, fireman, drawing sixteen cars of cattle which had just been loaded at the stock pens on Willis Creek, ran through an empty Santa Fe stock train at the crossing in this city. Will Rogers was engineer on the Santa Fe.

B. F. Baker, of Brady, an employee of R. W. White, jumped from the top of a Frisco car and sprained his back.

G. C. Duncan, of Santa Anna, and Giles Smith, a negro employee of the company, also sustained sprained ankles by jumping from the top of cars.

The Santa Fe train was cut in two. The Frisco engine was piled on its side a few feet beyond the crossing.

The Santa Fe engine at the time was several hundred feet beyond the compress.

Engineer Davis and Fireman Donica jumped from their engine and were not hurt.

None of the parties are seriously injured and the financial loss is light.—Daily Bulletin, April 23rd.

## Notice.

The new city council insists that all water dues be paid promptly and positively will not furnish water to those who are delinquents until all such delinquents have paid up in full. See that your dues are paid by the first of May as after that date the rule will be strictly enforced. 1-t.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy. 29-4t.

—My motto is to select the best quality and pay cash, thus enable me to give you the most for your money. Jas. E. Brewer. Jeweler.

## WILSON-McGREGOR.

At high noon on the 22nd inst., at the Presbyterian church in Ballinger, Mr. James Hood Wilson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Miss Mary Elizabeth McGregor, of Ballinger, Texas, were united in marriage, the pastor, Rev. M. S. Smith, officiating.

The church had previously been most beautifully decorated by loving friends, and presented a picture of gorgeous loveliness. The altar was banked in a profusion of white roses, lillies and palms, the organ and choir stand in yellow roses, lillies and palms, while in the center tier, seats reserved for members of the families of the bride and groom and Miss McGregor's Sunday school class were guarded by ropes of white ribbons and yellow roses.

To the strains of Mendlesohn's Wedding March rendered by Mrs. J. Y. Pearce with violin obligato by Miss Irene Guion, the bridal party entered the church, the bride upon the arm of her brother, Mr. Duncan McGregor, the groom escorted by Mr. Robert McGregor, another brother of the bride, and stood before the altar and in the sweetly simple service of their church were united as husband and wife. Then leaving the church, the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary McGregor. Messrs. Guion Gregg and Ralph Erwin acted as ushers at the church.

Mr. Wilson the groom, while a native of Scotland and making that his present home, spent a number of years as a ranchman in the vicinity of Ballinger, and is well known and has many warm friends here.

Miss McGregor has lived for some years in this city, where her family have been prominent in both business and social circles, and she has by her sweet and amiable character endeared herself to a large circle of devoted friends.

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—YOURS TO PLEASE,—

## Chilton Dry Goods Co.,

Eighth Street.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

A \$4,000 hotel burned at Sweetwater Tuesday.

T. E. Murphey, of Eden, was in the city yesterday on business.

The Banner-Leader is pleased to note that Mrs. Joe Wilmeth, who has been quite ill during the week, is convalescing.

The South Ballinger school closed Thursday and the teacher, pupils and parents spent yesterday on the Colorado river picnicing. They report an enjoyable time.

Take your old shoes to Currie & Shaffer and have them made new.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy. 29-4t.

Fresh vegetables received three and four times a week at Miller Mercantile Co's.

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—The BANNER-LEADER has blank chattel mortgages, blank crop mortgages and blank notes for sale. 23-tf

Remember Hartung's Photo Studio will be open for a short time after May 1st.

—Visit "The Fair" for bargains.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN.**

The Banner-Leader desires it understood that cash in hand must accompany all orders for insertion of names in these columns.

For Justice of the Peace and Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

**CAPT. J. E. SMITH,**  
(Re-election)  
**W. H. WEEKS.**  
**IKE O. WOODEN.**

For Constable Precinct No. 1.  
**J. A. DEMOVILLE.**  
**B.W.PILCHER,** Re election

For Public Weigher:  
**FRANK STUART.**

For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
**R. P. KIRK (Re-election.)**  
**PARKER G WOODWARD.**  
**J. W. CLAMPITT.**

For Treasurer  
**W. F. SHARP (Re-election.)**

For County and District Clerk  
**E. M. BLACKBURN.**  
**W. L. TOWNER (Re-election)**

For Tax Assessor:  
**W. T. PADGETT,**

For Representative 102nd Representative District:  
**DR. A. L. TAYLOR,**  
of Sonora.  
**CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH,**  
of Ozona.

For County Judge.  
**C. H. WILLINGHAM.**  
**T. T. CROSSON (re-election)**

For Congress 16th Congressional District:  
**O. T. MAXWELL,** of Cisco.

Justice of the Peace and Commissioner Precinct No. 3:  
**J. E. GREENFIELD.**  
**C. J. HORTON. (Re-election)**

Commissioner and Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2.  
**A. D. TALLY. (Re-election.)**

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:  
**W. S. MOORHEAD**  
**J. W. DALE**

**J. Jett Green,** of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Tuesday.

Monday was a very busy day in Ballinger. The town was alive with visitors.

Miss Unity Ledbetter returned to Coleman Tuesday after a visit with friends.

Monday was San Jacinto day, but was only observed by the postoffice and banks.

F. L. Pierce and Whit Patterson were among the number from Winters to take the train here for the re-union.

Prof. E. L. Hagan and his friend, Mr. Henry of Dallas, went to the Concho Tuesday to spend a few days fishing.

The ex-confederates and other citizens contributed to a fund with which to send Poly Smith and Levi Nevar (Frenchie) to the Dallas re-union.

F. P. Abney left on Tuesday's train for Brownwood where he will attend to some business matters and visit his brother, Dr. J. A. Abney.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler and J. R. Birdwell and "Uncle" Joe Routliff spent Tuesday and Wednesday on the green banks of Mustang creek. They "had a time" and caught some — cold.

**Guy-Miller.**

At 6 o'clock Sunday evening at the Methodist parsonage Mr. Jack Guy and Miss Mary Miller were united in marriage, Rev. C. M. Shuffler officiating.

Mr. Guy is an attache of Van Pelt & Kirk's hardware house and a young man of energy, worth and integrity.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller.

The Banner-Leader joins this happy couples great number of friends in wishing them a wedded life of many pleasures.

Over one hundred tickets were sold Monday to parties who wanted to attend the re-union at Dallas. The train was well filled when it rolled into Ballinger, but all except a few of those who had bought tickets crowded and jammed into and on the train and went rejoicing. Several ladies sat on the steps as the train left Ballinger. Those who were left boarded Tuesday's train.

When it comes to "boasting" or fighting candidates, the Banner-Leader is not there. The paper is not taking a stand for or against any candidate, and hereafter will not publish anything of the nature of a recommendation except at regular rates. Let the candidates have the race among themselves.

A delegation of Bronte people came down Monday and boarded the train that evening for the re-union. Of the number were P. S. Stark, J. J. Robbins, F. R. Faton, S. Boyde, Cooper, W. L. Haley, J. R. Smith, W. R. Waner, Dr. W. F. Key, H. R. Key, Garland Key and A. B. Cooper.

Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Turney arrived Tuesday from Blanket to visit their daughter, Mrs. Geo. F. Kornegay, and their new grand-son, the Banner-Leader's little "devil," who put in his appearance Sunday.

"Mark Hopkins," alias J. M. Hill was down from Pumphrey Saturday and paid the Banner-Leader a pleasant call. Mr. Hill has just finished teaching a successful term of school at Stone school house.

Mr. Murry is one of Winters' hustling merchants.

Mrs. Dr. Marberry returned to San Angelo Tuesday night after a pleasant visit of several days with friends in Ballinger.

Mrs. J. Whit Patterson will spend the week in Ballinger with her uncle Dr. T. A. Rape, while Whit is away from home.

F. C. Ludwig returned Tuesday from San Angelo, where he had been on business for the Temple Grocery Co.

E. Schumm, a jolly, whole souled German farmer from Runnels, was in to see us Saturday.

Dunc McGregor, of Coleman, came up Saturday night to attend the wedding of his sister.

Jim Johnson, a stockman from the Wingate country, was in Ballinger Tuesday.

T. M. Murray was in town on business Monday.

Steve Francis was in from Maverick Monday.

Mrs. P. E. Scott, of Brownwood is visiting her sons Harry and Gaines Scott.

J. W. Clampitt sold 37 cows to G. M. Vaughn Saturday. We did not learn the price.

C. C. F. Blanchard and J. J. Erwin left for Beaumont on Monday's train to see about their oil interests.

The following named persons from Paint Rock left here on Monday's train for the reunion at Dallas: Dr. D. D. Fowler, Joe Currie, W. T. Riley, J. M. Able, W. S. Wade, J. W. Ratchford, W. T. Simpson, Judge Garland and wife and sons and Lee Cochran.

**Communicated.**

Autra, Tex., 4 21, '02

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:

I am a reader of the Leader and a citizen of Runnels county and wish to express my opinion politically.

I don't believe in a life time in office. I think two terms are Democratic and long enough for any man to draw a living from a county in one office. So long as we elect those men from term to term just so long young and competent men have reasons to no fear their chances and have no courage to offer for any public position and I think we say by casting votes for those long term men that they are the only men competent to fill the positions. If we turn our young men down when they do offer what courage is this to our boys or neighbor's boys to fit or qualify for any position.

There are plenty of young men that are just as competent to fill the position as those holding office were when they were elected. I am strictly a two term Democrat and say let us vote out the long term officers and put in new ones thus we encourage the rising generation.

Yours Respectfully,  
**W. H. WHITLEY.**

**Epworth League Program.**

April 27th, 1902.  
Subject—Factors Essential to the Evangelization of the World in this Generation.

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**CHAS. S. MILLER,**  
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**Contributed.**

EDITOR BANNER-LEADER:  
I understand that newspaper men hold out a standing invitation to all persons to furnish all the minor locals and happenings occurring in their neighborhood such as deaths, births, marriages, and who has been to town, etc. Thus believing, about two weeks ago, not knowing of any deaths, or births, or marriages, and not observing any visitors on our streets, I very foolishly ventured to contribute, as an item of news, the result of the proceedings of a little case before a justice of the peace, in which I was counsel for the defendant, the accuracy of the report thereof may best be determined by an inspection of the record and an interview with that tribunal. Now, to my great surprise some fellow has rushed into print, through the columns of your paper to advise the public that the "bit of news" handed in by me is "misleading," without stating where in it is "misleading" or in what particular it is incorrect. If the gentleman will point out the slightest inaccuracy in my statement, I shall not only hasten to correct, it, but promise him faithfully never again to report the result of a justice court case until Joe Bailey shall have been elected president of the United States. **M. C. SMITH.**

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—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy. 29-4t.

Tax Assessor W. T. Padgett is touring the county this week.

Rev. E. T. Bates of Wingate was in town the first part of the week.

Rube Gentry and wife, of Oak creek, were shopping in the city Wednesday.

J. E. Brewer and wife went to Winters Saturday evening, returning Sunday evening.

Miss Mary Kather, who has been on a visit to Mrs. Doc Vancil, of Runnels, has returned home.

Miss Octavia Wade, of Brownwood, is the guest of her nieces, Mesdames Theodore Butler and W. R. Spencer.

Miss Modena Whitehead, the accomplished principal of the Coyote school visited friends in Ballinger Saturday.

W. C. Castleberry, of west Tom Green county, was here to see Judge J. W. Powell on legal business this week.

Hand & Carter's Minstrel, Saturday night, entertained one of the largest audiences ever attracted to the opera house in this city.

Judge Powell spent Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo, on legal business with the Federal court which is in session there. He reports San Angelo lively.

At Winters today there will be a picnic, a game of ball between Winters and Ballinger teams, and speaking at night by the candidates for county offices.

Rev. J. D. Sillman left Thursday for a trip to his ranch on the line of Edwards and Kimble counties. He went via San Angelo and Sonora, and will be away several weeks.

To friends and acquaintances of our beloved husband and father, we return our heartfelt gratitude for their kindness and tender sympathy which was so freely extended to us in our great sorrow. The remembrance of which will abide in our hearts forever. **MRS. M. HUMPHREY,**  
W. P. HUMPHREY

T. D. Shider was here Monday and left with the crowd for Dallas. Before leaving he was cautioned to beware of "fakes," and while being lectured on this subject by M. D. Chastain and others he was relieved of his satchel which he had strapped to his shoulder, and the work was done by a home man just after Mr. Sheider had boasted that he had never been robbed. After a hearty laugh by the crowd and a promise from Mr. Sheider to "set 'em up," the City Marshal B. W. Pilcher, restored the satchel.

### Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday March 22nd, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of this list.

#### LADIES:

Grasshaus, Miss Lizzie.  
Medling, Miss Molley.

#### GENTLEMAN:

Bailey, Wm. B.  
Caaig, M. M.  
Heflin, Lum.  
Reed, C. P.

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"Cash"

**F. M. HONEA**

Louis Afflebach is a Federal court juror at San Angelo this week.

A. M. Millar was compelled to hold his last shipment of Territory cattle about a week on account of the railroad not furnishing transportation and did not get them loaded until Sunday. Mr. Millar was at great expense, we are informed \$100 a day, besides the shrinkage in cattle, and it is probable that the Santa Fe will have a good healthy suit for damages on hand.—San Angelo Press.

C. F. Dickinson, a Ballinger attorney, arrived from Del Rio Friday evening enroute home. Judge R. B. Truly arrived from Ballinger Saturday morning and went out to Sterling City on business. R. E. Overton, of Ballinger, was here with Millar's cow outfit last week and called on the Press, paid a year's subscription in advance and stated that he expected to move his little bunch of cattle somewhere out in this country this fall.—San Angelo Press.

### Stolen.

From my pasture five miles north-west of Crews and turned into the lane ten miles north of Ballinger last November, one dark colored horse mule, now two-years-old, branded J on left shoulder. Liberal reward for information leading to his recovery. **J. T. BILLUPS,**  
26-4t Crews, Texas.

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### SANTA FE TRAIN SERVICE.

#### Passenger Trains:

West bound due at Ballinger 12:08 a. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 5:12 p. m.

#### Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

### Publisher's Notice.

Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and similar notices published in the BANNER-LEADER will be charged for at regular advertising rates. Advertising for church, school and charity benefits will be charged at half rates.

THE MAYES PRINTING CO.

—Most anything you want at a bargain, at "The Fair."

Dallas had a \$350,000 fire Monday.

Nacogdoches sustained a loss by fire of \$6,000 Monday.

### MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Fixed June 14th for Primary.

Runnels county Democratic Executive Committee met at the court house Saturday evening at 2:30 p. m. The committee was called to order by Chairman J. Y. Pearce. B. B. Stone was elected temporary secretary. The roll call was answered by the following members: P. J. Baron, Rowena Jno. A. Grimes, Maverick; Steve M. Francis, Pearce School House; A. F. Adams, Antelope; J. W. Murray, Winters; J. C. Swift, Runnels; J. F. Lusk, Ballinger; W. T. Middleton, Pumphrey. Rome Clayton was elected to represent Norwood in the place of G. W. Clayton, who was absent.

B. B. Stone was elected permanent secretary.

All democrats in the audience were invited to participate in the proceedings of the committee to the extent of making suggestions and arguments, and a number of visitors accepted the invitation.

The committee was unanimously in favor of holding a democratic primary, and the majority voted for June 14th as the date for the primary.

It was moved that only candidates for county and precinct officers be voted for at the primary election. Judge Guion made a lengthy speech in support of the motion and several others favored it while a number expressed a desire to vote for candidates "from Governor down to constable." The vote was five to four in favor of the motion.

Moved and carried that the election of candidates before the primary be decided by plurality

vote.

The following motion was made by Mr. Adams, to-wit: That at said primary election none but white democrats be entitled to vote, and all persons who do vote at said primary election shall at the same time subscribe to the following test:

#### THE PLEDGE.

"I am a democrat and I pledge myself to support all democratic nominees in the next general election."

And that the above be printed at the head of each ticket in the primary election. Carried. Moved and carried that the basis of representation in the county convention shall be one delegate for every 25 votes, or fractional part thereof in excess of 12, cast for Gov. Sayers in 1900; but each voting precinct shall be entitled to at least one vote

Moved that this committee meet on Wednesday, June 28th, at 2 o'clock p. m. in Ballinger to canvass returns of primary election and declare nominees of party.

Mr. Adams moved that the Runnels county democratic convention meet in Ballinger on Saturday, June 28th, to select delegates to district, state and other higher democratic conventions and to attend to any and all other duties that may properly come before said convention. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that said primary election in each voting precinct be presided over and held by the executive committeeman of said precinct who shall have authority to appoint any and all assistants and clerks necessary for the purpose of conducting said primary election. Carried.

Moved and carried that the polls at primary election be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and closed at 6 p. m. on the day of said primary election.

Moved and seconded that the chairman and secretary of this convention are hereby instructed to have tickets printed for the primary election and to provide the election officers with printed blanks for tabulating the vote and making the return of said primary election. Carried.

Moved and seconded that no ballots be counted in said primary election except those officially sent out by the chairman of this committee, and that no announcement of the vote of any candidate shall be made until the polls are closed. Carried.

The committee adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

#### DEMOCRATIC VOTE 1900.

Number of delegates to be elected from each box.

Ballinger	286	votes	11	delegates
Content	22	"	1	"
Oak Creek	30	"	1	"
Miles	21	"	1	"
Maverick	32	"	1	"
Antelope	16	"	1	"
Runnels	22	"	1	"
Pearce	26	"	1	"
Norwood	27	"	1	"
Lone Star	40	"	2	"
Wingate	53	"	2	"
Winters	42	"	2	"
Cochran	17	"	1	"
Rowena	20	"	1	"
Pumphrey	—	"	1	"
Norton	—	"	1	"
Total delegates	—		29	

The outlook for a big wheat crop in Northern Texas is said to be splendid.

Haven't time to name all the new goods just received at Jas. E. Brewer's, come and see for yourself.

"It's better than a letter."

#### Decoration.

The graves of the dead confederates will be decorated at Winters on the second Sunday in May. John Young and M. A. Hunter are appointed to superintend the services.

Services at Content the 3rd Sunday in May A. D. Talley and M. C. Bright will superintend the services.

Services at Runnels on the 4th Sunday in May at 10 o'clock. J. C. Swift and D. C. Timpson will superintend the services.

Services at Ballinger on 4th Sunday in May at 3 p. m. H. D. Pearce and G. W. Newman will conduct the services.

Services at Ft. Chabourne, on Saturday before first Sunday in June. C. S. Stocks and W. G. Cathey will conduct services.

Services at Maverick 1st Sunday in July. Jones Webb and J. C. Thaxton will conduct the services.

The above committee men will prepare a program and make all necessary arrangements for these occasions; and will make a list of the confederate dead, both male and female, and send to the Adjutant of Henery E. McCullough Camp.

B. S. Taylor, Commander.

#### Crews District Singing Convention.

The Crews District Singing Convention met at Atoka, Coleman county, Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20. As it was the annual meeting of the society, the election of officers was necessary. Mr. W. A. Tally, a prominent young man of Crews, was elected president, Prof. H. A. Montgomery was elected vice-president.

After the business of the meeting had been properly attended to, the society at once proceeded to take up the song service.

It seems to me, if ever people sang with the spirit and with the understanding, it was certainly these classes.

Sunday the house was filled to overflowing with grinning men and beautiful women. Though crowded, yet everything went off quietly. The man or woman on the back seat seemed as well contented as though he or she occupied the choice seat in the building.

The time soon sped away, and before we were hardly aware, dinner was announced. And there beneath the shades of the verdant old oaks, was spread a dinner that would have tempted the appetite of a king. We ate, drank and were merry together. After we had satisfied our appetite we returned to the building to hear that song service out or die. The evening soon fled away and the time to bring the convention to a close had arrived.

Crews, Mud Creek and Atoka called for the next meeting of the convention. Atoka succeeded in getting it at the next regular time of meeting (July 19 and 20, 1902.)

Davis-Noyes Co. are leaders.

Rings, just lots of them, new both plain and set, diamonds too Jas. E. Brewer, the Jeweler.

—Chatelaine purses, a few left on hand, will be to your interest to get one now—Jas. E. Brewer.

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## DEALERS IN GROCERIES and GRAIN

John Hoffer and F. P. Abney have combined their stores and are now handling a full line of choice staple and fancy family groceries, fresh vegetables, farm and ranch supplies, and the largest stock of grain, hay and other feed stuffs in Ballinger. They make prices to suit the times and will appreciate your trade

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John Hoffer Old Stand.

BALLINGER, TEAS

#### Pumphrey.

Being as we are, having some leisure this week, we decided to pencil what news we could scratch up.

Rain has become a thing of need in these parts as we didn't get much during that wet spell.

However, wheat and oats are holding up very well. A mile or two south of here can be found some fine field of wheat

Some cotton up and I am told that the cotton that is being planted on old ground is sure for a stand while the new ground is not.

Little Guy Hess is very sick with pneumonia at present but hope he will make a change for the better soon.

No other sickness as far as is known.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pumphrey are visiting relatives in Falls county this week.

Our eighteen year old townsman W. E. Davis left Monday for Dallas on business and pleasure. As he was properly labeled before his departure we feel quite sure he will reach his destination, unless some circumstances, over which he'll have no control, interfere. Through negligence return was not put on the label, so we can't say as to his getting back.

Assessor Padgett was attending to the duties of his office in these parts last week.

Parker G. Woodward, candidate for sheriff, was cheerfully pressing his claims in these parts this week.

We have been informed that G. W. Cooper has sold his farm to Mr. Allen.

Several are anticipating a visit to Winters Saturday night.

W. T. Middleton, committeeman from this place, attended the Democratic meeting at Ballinger Saturday.

Also ye scribe exhibited himself in the capital city Saturday, and while there we had the pleasure of meeting, for the first time, the genial and energetic editor, Mr. Korngy. As Saturday was an unusual day in the city it is useless to say we shook hands with every candidate in the field. Among the number were R. P. Kirk for sheriff and T. T. Crosson for judge.

Nothing else new or startling. MARK HOPKINS.

On May 5th Mr. Hodnette and Miss Pitman will open a private school in the Public School building. Special attention will be given those desiring to take examination for certificates or those who have failed to be promoted. Tuition from \$2 to \$4 per month.

We're the Printers.

#### The Excursionists.

Following is a partial list of Runnels county people who attended the Ex-Confederate Re-Union at Dallas.

J. H. Cabe, C. F. Dickinson, W. T. Caraway and daughter, J. A. Meadows, W. H. Weeks, H. A. Massey, W. L. Towner, C. W. Duke and wife, J. B. Pickle, J. T. Lynch, F. J. Stewart and wife, Misses Minnie and Blanche Perriman, Tom Patterson, C. S. Bowdon, F. L. Pierce, J. Whit Patterson, A. Hall, Rev. G. W. Newman, G. W. Wilson, I. O. Wooden, Poly Smith, W. R. White and wife, T. S. Lankford, Dr. W. B. Halley, Will Dunlap, Harry Scott, John Barbee, G. B. Nixon and wife, W. P. Humphrey, S. R. Muncy, Joe B. Johnson, Joe Ostertag, H. H. Hamilton, Dr. W. A. Gustavus, R. P. Kirk, Presley Starnes, Max Lange, Mc D. Townsend, C. S. Woodward, A. F. Campbell and wife, J. I. Guion, C. E. Abernathy and daughter, W. E. Eskridge, R. F. Echols, Rev. O. M. Fitzhugh, W. C. Lourey, J. T. Shaffer, John McKowan, Uma Wyatt, Margaret Hurdry, J. C. Swift, M. Briscoe, Miss Edna Odom, Miss Lousue Luckett, Levi Nevar (Frenchie) J. M. Winters, J. W. Gannaway, R. C. Gannaway, J. R. Taylor, B. S. Taylor, J. G. White, W. G. Cathey, H. D. Pearce, R. E. Douglass.

Thursday's Dallas News contained "pointers about the many thriving towns and cities" on the Santa Fe, giving a brief description of each. It has the following to say of Ballinger and Miles respectively.

Ballinger—Population 1,128; founded 1886; has electric light plant, ice factory, two cotton gins, \$50,000 flour mill, \$30,000 court house, \$10,000 school building.

Miles—Population 400; founded 1890; 209 miles west of Temple on divide of Colorado and Oncho Rivers; "Concho is Spanish for "River of Pearls," pearls found in Concho River have brought as great a price as \$500.

Gaines Scott left yesterday evening for Fort Worth where he has accepted a position as bartender in a saloon.

—When you visit Winters be sure to call on W. H. Avery for cold drinks and warm good lunch or meals at all hours. Willie will make you happy.

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The ice chamber, the waste pipe, the shelves, the trap and ice grate are easily removed, cleaned, scalded and aired in the White Mountain Refrigerator. J. A. Ostertag.

# IT'S A LUCKY LOOK

When you see the new moon over your left shoulder, but it's a luckier look when you see our new goods over either shoulder and you will never see better goods than are contained in our New Stock

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# It's All Moonshine

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D. P. Gay returned yesterday from his ranch in Schleicher county.

Judge R. B. Truly returned yesterday from a legal business trip to Sterling City.

### Look Out for the Wagon.

Ballinger Steam Laundry will be in operation by the 22nd of April. We cordially invite a liberal patronage from our home people and adjoining towns. We guarantee first class work as we have experienced help, said to be as good as there is in the state. All work at customary price, family washing and ironing 50 cents per dozen. Agents wanted in all adjoining towns. Address

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Look out for the ice man and have him put your ice in a White Mountain Refrigerator.

J. A. Ostertag.

### Drinks Electricity in Water.

A New York man says he drinks electricity in water and it has made him ten years younger in a twelve-month. It restored his teeth, his sight, his hair, his lost vitality. He declares that a glassful of the water as he prepares it will produce sufficient electric force to ring a small bell.

### "Observation Automobiles."

A line of "observation automobiles" is to be run in Washington, D. C., for the benefit of visitors. Each vehicle carries twenty-two passengers and will be accompanied by a lecturer on points of interest at the capital. The fuel is kerosene and the motive power steam.

### To Offset Heat at St. Louis.

An air-cooling system on a vast scale is to be tried at the St. Louis exposition. Great fans will bring down a current of cold air from a height of 800 feet above the earth and pour it over the grounds on hot days.

### Curious Punishment for Servants.

Servants in the Isle of Man who refuse to complete the period of service for which they are engaged are liable to curious punishment. In a case before the magistrate at Peel recently William Corlett, a farm laborer, was charged with refusing to carry out his engagement. It was stated that the penalty provided by a statute of 1665 is that the servant is to be kept in prison and allowed one cake and a cup of water per day until he returns to service. Corlett was spared this punishment, as the magistrate was satisfied that he had not engaged to serve a stated period.

### A Game for Two.

Once upon a time a young gentleman and a younger lady were in a bright parlor in front of a cheerful open fire, with a table between them, playing cards. As they continued to play and chat the table was not so much between them, for they both got nearer the fire and played the game on one corner of the table. They had started in to play euchre, but after an hour and a half they found that they were playing hearts. Moral—We are not always sure what the game is.—St. Louis Republic.

### Bean Crop in United States.

With reference to weight, the commercial bean crop of the United States is more nearly comparable to that of rice than to any other domestic food crop. Excluding the important producing state of New York, for which no recent statistics are available, the production of beans in the principal producing states in 1895-6, the record year for that crop, was about 300,000,000 pounds.

### Order From the Philippines.

Among recent orders from Philippine headquarters is the following: "The metallic lining of boxes and packages belonging to the United States, used to protect matches and other articles from moisture, and when no longer needed will be melted and thrown into deep water or otherwise disposed of in such manner as to prevent recovery."

### All Days Are Sacred.

Each day of the week is observed as Sunday by some nation. The first day of the week is our Christian Sunday; Monday is the sacred day of the Greeks; Tuesday is the holy day of the Persians; Wednesday, of the Assyrians; Thursday, of the Egyptians; Friday, of the Turks, and Saturday, of the Jews.

### Floating Disinfecting Plants.

Floating disinfecting plants are now stationed in Cuba, at Havana, Matanzas, Santiago and Cienfuegos, and a plant is now in course of construction at the port of Havana for use at Nuevitas. A floating plant has been stationed at San Juan and another at Ponce, Porto Rico.

### London Handles Fur Trade.

In the Alaskan fur market London quotations govern. These are fixed twice a year—in March and August—by a board of principal dealers in that city, and prices are gauged according to that scale in all parts of the world except Russia.

### Doing Away with the "Obeahman."

The Jamaican government is making great efforts to do away with the "Obeahman" or witch doctor, who practices among the superstitious blacks, and the lash is inflicted to discourage this kind of quackery.

## A TRYING WAIT.

Albert W. Horton, former chief justice of the supreme court of Kansas, and George R. Peck, now chief counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, met some years ago in New York. It was before either had gained his present distinction and independence. Horton was in the city on legal business. Peck had been sightseeing.

Horton accepted Peck's invitation to dine at Delmonico's. The check was \$26 and some cents. Peck's exchequer was not adequate to liquidate, and he asked Horton for a temporary loan. Horton had \$18 and his railroad ticket. The latter was not considered collateral. "I'll tell you," said Horton. "You busy yourself eating while I go down Broadway to my client and get an advance."

Horton was gone more than an hour. To Peck it was like the Iron Duke's wait for Blucher. When Horton returned, Peck said he had cleaned up all the scraps and emptied six pint carafes of water in his effort to appear unconcerned.—Leslie's Weekly.

### Houseboats at Chicago.

Formerly the Chicago river was merely dirty. Now it is becoming picturesque in the magnitude of its industries and the strange and startling contrasts that it presents.

Before long the river will be one of the great sights of the city, a characteristic panorama, showing in a most favorable light more that has conduced to Chicago's commercial greatness than can be seen in any other way in the same length of time. Indeed, already there are excursion steamers that make daily trips to the drainage canal, carrying passengers along this great artery of trade that until very recently was considered by all but vesselmen an unmitigated nuisance.

A few steam launches have appeared as well, and not long ago a houseboat was launched—a houseboat on the Chicago river! And yet why not? With a houseboat or a launch one can go from Lake Michigan to the gulf of Mexico, and vacation trips of this description are certain to grow in popularity.—Century.

### Rather Badly Expressed.

"Speaking of James J. Hill," said a St. Paul man at the Holland House the other evening, "I can tell you a story of him."

"It was away back in the eighties when the late lamented Harry Ives was Mr. Hill's private secretary and Mr. Hill was giving away pigs of purest breed to the farmers of the northwest in order to encourage stock raising along the line of the Great Northern road and thus build up its traffic. The state fair was in progress in St. Paul when one September morning Ives opened Mr. Hill's mail and found a letter from a farmer, which read as follows:

"Mr. J. J. Hill:  
"Dear Sir—I went to St. Paul and to the fair, as you told me. I looked for you at your office and also at the fair grounds. I found plenty of hogs of your species, but could not find you anywhere."  
—New York Times.

### Flowers For the Summer Garden.

The lovers of flowers will find it a difficult matter to select from the seedsmen's catalogues for next summer's garden. Every flower mentioned is described so attractively that it will seem as if the garden must be sadly incomplete without it. But do not let enthusiasm get the better of your good judgment. Make up your mind to have only as many flowers as you can grow well and, having done this, select such kinds as will adapt themselves most readily and most fully to the care you can give them. Do not experiment with "novelties."—Eben E. Rexford in Ladies' Home Journal.

### A Thirty Dollar Tenor.

The recent order of E. H. Harriman, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific railroad, that persons who are ejected from trains for not paying their fare must be treated tenderly and with consideration recalls a famous order of Chauncey M. Depew when he first became president of the New York Central. Brakemen on the line were instructed to call off the names of stations in a "clear tenor voice."

One morning Mr. Depew received a letter from a young man in Poughkeepsie asking:  
"What sort of a tenor do you expect for \$30 a month?"

Ex-Judge Horace Russell at a recent dinner in New York told a story about a one time client of Ambassador Choate. The opposing lawyer made a remark about the length to which Mr. Choate's client seemed to be willing to go in his testimony.

"Yes," rejoined Mr. Choate, "it is beginning to look as if my client had sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and a blanked sight more."

### To Embellish a Mantelpiece.

The question often arises how to embellish a mantelpiece which can lay claim to no artistic merit or how to conceal the defects of an absolutely ugly one. A novel method of overcoming the difficulty has been devised by an English woman and is exemplified in her attractive little studio.

A light wooden casing is made exactly to cover the sides of the mantelpiece, and over this is stretched an embroidery harmonizing in design and color with the character of the room. A border of similar embroidery edges the mantelshelf.

Art serge, Roman satin or linen may be requisitioned for the purpose. In this studio the second of these materials is used in a soft shade of dull green worked with a conventional design of Tudor roses in subdued pink, the stems and foliage being lightly traced in gold thread. The straight border to the mantelshelf carries out the same design.

### Water Lilies For the Amateur.

The cultivation of water lilies in tubs is very simple. A wooden tank similar to those used in cisterns, only much shallower, is an ideal receptacle for them if six or eight feet wide. An oil barrel sawed in half makes two good tubs for the smaller sorts. If such a barrel is used, burn it out well before putting any plants in it, to prevent possible injury from the oil which has penetrated the wood. Fill the tub two-thirds full of good garden soil or mucky matter obtained from ponds. Plant the roots of your lilies in it, covering them to the depth of about two inches. Then fill the tub with water. It should be placed in a warm and sunny location. The appearance of a tub made from a barrel can be greatly improved by giving it a coat of paint of some neutral color. I would advise sinking all tubs in the ground, however, if it can be done, as the effect will be much better.—Home and Flowers.

### Cooking Prunes.

Miss Parloa is the authority for reversing the long cherished tradition of most housekeepers that prunes should be soaked several hours or even over night to prepare them acceptably for cooking. Instead this well known expert teaches that the fruit should be washed carefully in tepid water and allowed to stand in it two or three minutes to swell. Wash in a second water and put on at once in a saucepan with one and a half cupfuls of cold water to one cupful of prunes. Simmer slowly for two hours and a half. No sugar is needed, as cooked in this way the natural sweetness of the fruit is brought out. Other dried fruits need soaking.

### Pretty Bedsteads.

Some new bedsteads have instead of the usual solid head and foot boards a light open framework, which it is intended should be draped with material to correspond with the hangings of the room, an idea, it may be added, that is not especially commendable. It adds to this extent to the furnishings of the room that will gather dust and need renewal. Better an enamel finish or brass head and foot board or one of solid wood with little ornamentation to catch dust. If a draft is to be kept off, one of the light Italian silk blankets hung at any time over the foot board of a brass or enamel bed performs the office serviceably.

### Household Hints.

Persons whose hands easily become chapped should thoroughly rinse the hands with fresh water after they have been washed with soap, being careful to wipe them perfectly dry.

Table salt applied with a wet cloth will remove egg stains from silver.

To save wear and to insure that it dries in shape hang table and bed linen across the line to dry with the ends down. The warp threads, which are the stronger, will thus take the strain.

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### Had a Better Story.

"Did you see the account of the flash of lightning that burned the hair from a boy's head without otherwise hurting him?" "I did," answered the cheerful liar, "and I was pained to note the incompleteness of the story. Now, I happen to know of a case that is really remarkable. The lightning entered a barber's shop and not only undertook the task of singeing a man's hair, but it rung up the proper amount on the cash register."—Exchange

### The Effect Spoiled.

A Philadelphia preacher tells a story of a young man who took his best girl to church, and when the time for "collection" came round, rather ostentatiously displayed a \$5 gold piece. Presumably upon the engagement to marry, that had been made by her, the young woman placed a restraining hand upon the arm of her fiance. "Why, don't be extravagant George!" she exclaimed. "Oh, that's nothing," he replied. "I always give \$5 when I go to a strange church."

Just then the deacon came with the plate, and George dropped a coin. Everything seemed favorable, and the young man beamed with a sense of generosity. Then the minister made the announcement of the day's collection. "The collection today, said he, was \$3.75." George hadn't much to say all the way to his fiance's home.

### CAUSES OF STOMACH TROUBLES. Four Professors Claim That Quick Lunches Bring on Diseases.

The "business lunch" threatens to accomplish the destruction of the human race—or so much of it as dwells in large American cities—if the statistics adduced by eminent physicians and surgeons, at a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society are bound to be the unflinching mirrors of destiny that the doctors promise.

In the alarming increase of intestinal or "gastric" ulcers such eminent medical practitioners as Dr. N. S. Davis, Jr. W. A. Evans, J. B. Herrick and E. W. Andrews announced in a symposium that they feared the American stomach would give out in the course of time unless the public becomes wise enough to curb and regulate the lunch counter method of hasty eating.

It would seem that danger from gastric ulceration is not confined alone to the men, who are the consumers of the business lunches, but that women are also threatened. To the women's habit of eating a few bites at many hours of the day their imminent peril is ascribed.

Everyone should counteract the danger brought about by too hasty or overeating by taking at meal times Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and Herb Laxative Compound. This wonderful medicine will keep the stomach in a perfectly healthy condition, preventing and permanently curing indigestion, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and all complications arising from stomach trouble. Try it today. Its pleasant taste and almost immediate effect will be a revelation to you. 50c and \$1.00 bottles. For sale by E. D. Walker.

—Buy yourself a new dress, make biscuit for supper with Housekeepers Delight flour and "all will be well"—Davis Noyes Co. 23-tf

### Charges Against Arkansas' Governor.

Little Rock, Ark., April 21.—Charges have been preferred by the discipline committee of the Second Baptist Church of this city against Gov. Jefferson Davis, who is a member of that church, and the matter has been set for consideration Wednesday next.

The specific charges are withheld from publicity until read to the church, but the information is vouchsafed by church members that they embrace substantially the same allegations of inebriety brought against the Governor before his renomination in the Democratic State primaries on May 29, last.

The Governor has asked the church either for an investigation, or, as he expresses his preference, for a letter of withdrawal enabling him to depart in peace.

A printing office, says a writer, is usually considered a rather tough place and the newspaper worker a mighty bad man. Statistics, however, do not bear out the idea. Of 3890 in the Texas penitentiary, there is not a printer or a newspaper man, while there are ministers, lawyers, music teachers, doctors, bankers, cooks, photographers, bar-keepers, barbers and members of other professions and callings. The printer gets a bad name because the nature of his business teaches him to detect shams while he scorns hypocrites.—Sunset Signal News.

One of the churches in a little Western town has a young woman as its pastor. She was called to the door of the parsonage one day and saw there a much embarrassed young German farmer.

"Dey say der minister lifted in dis house," he said.

"Yes," replied the fair pastor. "Vell—m—I—I vant to kit marrit!"

"To get married? Very well, I can marry you," said the minister encouragingly.

"O, but I got a girl already," was the disconcerting reply.

Dispatches from Gautomala are to the effect that the whole republic was shaken by earthquakes from 2:30 o'clock on Friday night up to 8 o'clock Sunday night with only short intervals between the shocks. It is estimated that 500 persons were killed and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed.

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A club of young ladies in Kansas have adopted the motto: "The young men who smoke cheroots shall never put their lips beneath our snoots." The boys should retaliate by telling them that "The girls who chew the gummy gum with us can never yummy-yum."—Bastrop Advertiser.

### Only One Donkey.

A man who was bicycling in southern France was pushing his machine up a steep hill when he overtook a peasant with a donkey cart. The patient beast was making but little progress, although it was doing its best.

The benevolent cyclist putting his left hand against the back of the cart and guiding his machine with the other hand pushed so hard that the donkey, taking fresh courage, pulled his load successfully up to the top.

When the summit was reached the peasant burst into thanks to his benefactor.

"It was good of you, indeed, monseier!" he protested. "I should never in the world got up the hill with only one donkey."—Youth's Companion.

### The Cooks Canonade.

The first thing that strikes a landsman on a man-of-war is the rigid discipline observed everywhere. On some of the ships belonging to the tropical countries, however, discipline is very lax.

The Defense, a Haitian man of war, was lying in the harbor of Port au Prince. One day a mess cook for some reason cleaned about a peck of knives and forks on the gun deck, and, being suddenly called away and not wishing to spend time to go to the galley, he seized the mess pot full of knives and forks and stuck it in the muzzle of the ten inch gun, putting the tampoin in after it.

About an hour afterward the admiral came aboard, and as the gun was loaded with a blank cartridge they used it to fire a salute.

It happened that the gun was aimed toward the town, and almost point blank at the Grand hotel. The guests assembled on the porch to witness the ceremonies, when they were saluted with a rain of knives and forks, which stuck against the wooden walls like quills on a porcupine. Fortunately no one was hurt, although there were many narrow escapes.

—Visit the 5, 10 and 15c counters at "The Fair."

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A whole lot of new watches at Jas. E. Brewer's. See them and get prices before buying.

—See Jas. E. Brewer before you buy a watch or jewelry of any kind, he will not be undersold.

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### Estray Notice.

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National Baptist Anniversaries, St. Paul, Minn. May 20th to 28th, limit May 29th, rate, one standard first class limited fare plus \$2.00.  
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State Volunteer Firemen's Association, Waco Texas, May 14th, to 16th. Limit May 17th, 1902. Rate convention plan.  
General Baptist Foreign Mission Convention (Colored) Smithville Texas, April 16 to 21st. Limit April 25nd. Rate fare and one third tariff No. 1.  
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"I had stomach trouble all my life," says Edw. Mehler, proprietor of the Union Bottling Works, Erie, Pa., "and tried all kinds of remedies, went to several doctors and spent considerable money trying to get a moment's peace. Finally I read of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have been taking it to my great satisfaction. I never found its equal for stomach trouble and gladly recommend it in hope that I may help other sufferers." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. You don't have to diet. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. E. D. Walker.

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The Ballinger Banner-Leader and Texas State Democrat Farm and Home, \$1.00 each per year. Both for \$1.50. If ordered in 30 days. The Texas State Democrat Farm and Home is a 16-page Farm and Home Democratic newspaper well worth its price of \$1; but for the next few weeks we have arranged to offer it with ours for \$1.50 for one year. The Truck Growers page alone is worth the price of the paper. Then the Agricultural Miscellaneous Live Stock, Dairy and Poultry pages with its general news and correspondence, make it a valuable paper for the Texas home. The paper is eight years old, and has been under the present successful management for nearly five years. Cash must accompany orders for the papers.

"Did Noah only take two of each kind o' animals in de ark wif 'im?" said Mr. Erastus Pinkley.

"Dat's what I un'stan's," said Miss Miami Brown.

"Well, course, Noah was runnin' de boat, but I would er' spected dat he'd o' laid in an extra supply o' pork an' chickens."—Washington Star.

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A girl absent from school for half a day brought the following satisfactory excuse: "Miss teacher—dotter's absents yesterday was unavoidable. Her shoes had to be half-soleed and she had a sore throte. Her konstitushun is delikit and if she is absent any more you can know that it is en account of unavoidable sickness or something else." A boy absent for half a day laid the following explanation on his master's desk: "Dear sir, please excuse Henry. He went to grandpapa's funeral with me this afternoon. I have been promising him for several weeks that he might if he was good, and he has been very good so I kept my word."

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#### The Old Trouble Again.

"What is the difference," broke out the exchange editor, without a moment's warning, between a coal box and John L. Sullivan?"

"One's a bin and the other is a has-been," retorted the information editor, bristling up. "Why is a dog's tail—"

"Because it works both ways What is the dif—"

"Stop it. Why is a dog's tail—"

"Because it isn't a-waggin' when the dog's sulky."

"Nothey like it. Why is a dog's tail like a rich man's pocketbook?"

"Full of bones. Or, it's bound in dogskin. I don't think much of that one. What's the difference—"

"One's a straight gate and the other's a great state. Why—"

"Is it all right to cut yourself with a lawn mower! Because all flesh is grass. What are the points of difference between four roads—"

"Dead easy. One's an acre, and the others are ichor, ochre and euchre. Made that up myself years ago. Why is a bottle of champagne—"

It isn't, if you get it at a restaurant. It's baked sawdust. Why is a railroad like a baseball pitcher?"

"You ought to know. You never got on to the curves of either without a pass. What's the difference between money and trouble?"

"The difference is that you can borrow trouble, but you can't borrow money from anybody that knows you."

It was at this point that the financial editor thought it time to interfere.

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### On a Pullman Car.

THE MASS OF HUMANITY comprises two Classes,—those whose Individual Characteristics enable them to command situations and those whom situations govern. The weaker element covets constantly the attributes of Preference. Frequently the Insufficient appear to triumph. Title and Regalia, however, never yet made a king.

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#### Saw the Joke.

A prominent Bostonian inquired of a Londen shopkeeper for Hare's "Walks In London." The shopkeeper, after much search, found it on his shelves, but in two volumes.

"Ah, said the Bostonian "you have your Hare parted in the middle over here."

"What?" queried the Englishman blankly, passing his hands over his hair.

The next day the Bostonian called for another book.

"I'm so glad you returned," said the Englishman. "I want to tell you I see that joke."

#### Lincoln's Ready Wit.

Col. Alexander of Topeka was an intimate friend of President Lincoln, and can tell many anecdotes of "Old Abe." In 1862 the colonel visited Lincoln at Washington and found him in a greatly worried state of mind, "This being president isn't all it is cracked up to be, is it, Mr. Lincoln?" inquired the colonel. "No" said Lincoln with twinkling eyes. "I feel something like the Irishman, who after being ridden on a rail, said: 'Bejabbers if it wasn't for honor of the thing, I'd rather walk!'" —Swiped.

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Campbell Murray spent Sunday in San Angelo.

All Texas has been greatly benefitted by the Ex-Confederate re-union.

The outlook for a big wheat crop in Northern Texas is said to be splendid.

Ed Slaughter, a citizen of Fulton, Ky., is prospecting in Ballinger. He is an uncle of C. Murray.

Mrs. F. J. Williams left Wednesday evening for Jefferson, where she will visit relatives and friends.

WANTED—Another rain. Ballinger people are not all satisfied. Let it reach us not later than Tuesday of next week.

Many prospectors are coming out from the old states, having taken advantage of cheap rates to the Ex-Confederate re-union.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guest, who have been visiting their niece, Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt, left Thursday evening for Kaufman to visit a brother.

Miss Laura Burnett, who has been teaching school at Center Point, left Wednesday for her home at Abbott, Texas, her school having closed.

A prominent Brownwood citizen who went to Dallas the first of the week returned and said that the only way a man could see was to look straight up.

Dick Rose, from Fulton, Ky., arrived in Ballinger Wednesday night accompanied by three other parties. They are prospecting and will spend several days in this vicinity. Mr. Rose is an uncle of Campbell Murray.

A fishing party composed of Rev. C. M. Shuffler and wife, Rev. J. R. Birdwell and wife, Mrs. R. L. Maddox, Mrs. A. W. Sledge, Mrs. Haden Routh, J. H. Routh and others spent Thursday on Mustang creek.

Dr. J. A. Abney, of Brownwood, who was here on business Thursday, says the people of Brownwood are of the opinion that that city is destined to be an oil center. The well in which oil was recently found has been tested and proved to be a paying "pumper" and two more wells are to be sunk as soon as possible. Two more companies have been organized and Dr. Abney is president of one and a director of the other.

### Another New Rock Building.

On Wednesday of this week Tom Osteen sold his restaurant building and lot to Globber & Shaw, who will move the frame building away and build where it now stands a rock building to be used by them as a meat market. The price paid for the building and lot was \$1800. Mr. Osteen will move his restaurant into another building.

### A Pleasant Event.

A very pleasant event was the picnic enjoyed by the members and friends of the Shakespeare Club, on the 23rd of April, in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday. At 10 a. m. the members who had the pleasure of attending, proceeded to Copeland's crossing on Elm Creek, where everyone entertained themselves as fancy dictated, until a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all. Several parties who could not attend earlier in the day, came out in the afternoon and joined the merry band bringing with them a generous supply of ice cream, etc. A delightful supper was served, and the party remained until the moon arose in its splendor, and sent its silvery beams into every nook of the grove, lending its soft glow to light the belated revelers home. Those attending were, Mrs. C. S. Miller and children, Mrs. F. C. Miller and children, Mesdames W. R. Spencer, Jno. Currie, Dr. Butler D. M. Baker, Misses Kate Thomson, Clara Guion, Mamie Thomson, Minnie Francis, Neal Guion, Maud Erwin, Beatrice Thomson, Mildren Erwin, Nell Butler, Messrs. Bob McGregor, Sam Parks, Guion Gregg, Conda Wylie, Harry Thomson, Prentice Gregg, Foster Ryan, Arthur Chilton. REPORTER.

Last Saturday afternoon while John W. Pike, who lived near Garden City, was crossing a draw near his home was overtaken by a terrific cloud burst, and before he could get to high ground, he and his horse were both drowned. The bodies of both man and horse floated some distance down the draw. It is thought by some that he was killed by lightning, but the truth of the matter will probably never be known. Those who witnessed the cloud burst say it was appalling. The water came down in torrents and it seemed as if no living thing could live in it.—Sterling County Record.

L. E. Low, a progressive farmer living near Winters was in the city Saturday and was an appreciated visitor at the Banner-Leader office. He is late of Bell county, but thinks he will like Runnels well enough to make this his permanent home. Mr. Bell subscribed for two copies of the Banner-Leader, one for himself and the other for a neighbor.

F. P. Abney returned from Brownwood Wednesday night accompanied by his brother, Dr. J. A. Abney. The Doctor returned to Brownwood Thursday evening.

Nearly every ranch in the county is preparing for a forage crop this year. This means prosperity for everybody.—Sterling Record.

Hartung's Photo Studio in Ballinger will be open for a few weeks after May 1st, come early if you wish work done.

Quite an assortment of new Brooches just received. They are beautiful. Jas. E. Brewer.

The Opera house management grants to all parties renting the hall full control for the time rented. No dance or other enjoyment will be allowed to take place in the hall during that night if objected to by the parties renting the hall. Upon request of those attending and no objections, the use of the hall has been given for such purposes gratuitously. J. W. POWELL  
Manager.

A nice lot of fresh strawberries at Miller Mercantile Co's.

Those who have returned from the re-union at Dallas talk interestingly of the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, of Ballinger, have passed through the city on their way to the east.—Daily Bulletin.

Miss Nina Landreth called at the Banner-Leader office Thursday, paid a dollar on subscription and ordered the paper addressed to her at Talpa instead of Winters.

P. S. Stark, of Bronte, returned from the re-union and went out to his home yesterday. Mr. Stark has sold his store at Bronte and is now a candidate for treasurer of Coke county.

Having made

### A Change in Business

that necessitates a closing of my books I respectfully ask that all owing me come forward and settle up by paying the cash or their notes until fall. Very Respectfully,

**T. A. FANNIN,**  
WINTERS, - - TEXAS.

Chas. H. Jones, who has been soliciting subscribers for the Banner-Leader, was in the city Monday and intended going to the re-union at Dallas, but there was not standing room on the train and he did not go, but returned to the northern part of the county where he will again represent this paper. Mr. Jones is an ex-Confederate soldier, a poet and all-round writer. He says it is no trouble to get subscribers for the Banner-Leader.

D. C. Underwood sold 1000 acres of Tom Green land yesterday. R. L. Bennett went to Angelo last night on business connected with the deal.

Will Gressett was confined at home Tuesday from what has developed into a severe case of pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Frank Rather, Lee Maddox and Guion Gregg will leave Sunday evening for San Antonio, where they will attend the convention of insurance men.

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