

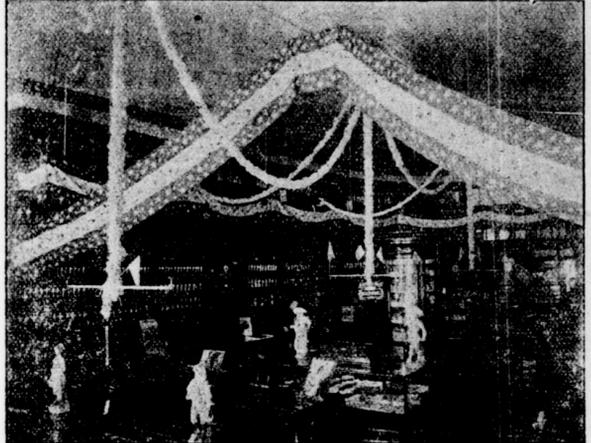
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### Arizona's Prehistoric Races.

The discovery in central Arizona of an irrigation canal of large proportions, which was used years before Columbus looked upon the western continent, has roused a new spirit for archaeological investigation in the southwest.

The remains of enormous and wonderfully made irrigation canals, constructed by a race of whom there are now no known descendants, are abundant in the region of Phoenix and Mesa, in Maricopa county; but this discovery of a canal that was evidently fed by the Rio Verde (in what is now Yavapai county,) and which was so large that great logs and small barges could be easily floated along it, is the most interesting piece of prehistoric work found in Arizona in years.

It will take months of labor, much money, and supreme archaeological enthusiasm to reveal the most instructive points about the discovery.

All who have investigated agree that there were once several cities of perhaps one hundred thousand population in central Arizona, and that buildings, each constructed of a peculiar concrete of adobe soil and gravel covering two acres and reaching eighty and more feet in height, were not uncommon for sun-worship in southern Arizona. Los Muertos, (a recently named city, but probably more than three thousand years old,) in Pima county, must have had some two hundred thousand population. The remains of its city walls, reaching miles up hill and down dale, and the immense

quantities of burned bone dust probably the remains of aboriginal cremation ceremonies, betoken this. The vicinities of the Gila and Salt Rivers, are the scene of the densest population, as the abundance of prehistoric implements and weapons and the ruined walls show.

But the artificial waterways of these ancient and mysterious peoples are the most interesting remains found in this territory. Army engineers say they are marvels of engineering skill. The largest and best preserved waterway is thirty-two miles north of Phoenix. The water was supplied from the Verde River.

For nearly four miles this waterway passes through an artificial gorge in the Superstition Mountains, cut out of solid rock to a depth of one hundred feet. After the mountains are passed it divides into four branches, the longest of which measures more than forty miles, while all four aggregate a length of one hundred and twenty miles, independent of the smaller ditches by which water was distributed over the soil.

Except in rare instances the smaller ditches have been filled and in that part of the desert are obscured by the sandstorms that prevail; but the larger one is distinct, and measures sixty-four feet in width, with an average depth of twelve feet.

Through this way the water for the support of the cities between the Salt and Gila rivers was conveyed, and sixteen hundred square miles of country, now destitute of all vegetation, except the sahurra and an occasional palo verde, was irrigated by it.

This canal reached to within a short distance of the Gila River, and the water was taken from the Salt River, for the apparent reason that at this point the north bank of the Gila was so high that the builders were unable to raise the water to the level of the surrounding country.

This part of the desert is covered with ruins and must have been at one time the residence of a teeming population. Immediately south of this region several large canals were taken out of the Gila, and they extend quite a distance into the valley, one of them supplying the city which contained the Casa Grande the largest, best preserved, and most historic ruin in the United States.

On the other side of the Salt River there are more waterways, though they are not of such length. Here, also, was the principal city, twenty-eight miles in length by twelve in breadth. It contained many buildings, which are now little more than shapeless mounds of stone and mortar.

All the wooden parts of these structures have been destroyed by the ravages of time, and even the joists where they were protected by the stone and mortar have decayed, leaving only the vacancies they once filled.

Near Phoenix, in one of the ruins, which is evidently that of some public building, the walls and roof appear to have been crushed together with great force, forming a huge pile of debris, yet standing to a height of twenty feet. The wooden beams of the structure, some of them eight inches in diameter, were bent, broken, and thrown

across one another in great profusion.

Some great deluge has apparently deposited a wash to a depth of three to five feet over the entire northern part of the valley. To this is due the fact that many of the canals are filled up and partly obliterated, though the formation is such that their courses are still easily traced; and by digging down a few feet and breaking through the sheet of lava, the searcher finds the bottom upon which a sediment of lime had formed during the years of constant use.

Geologists believe that the now extinct craters have not been active during the last two thousand years, and as the matter from them is found in these canals, it must be that the people lived before the last eruption.

One of the errors into which writers upon this subject have fallen is the belief that the builders of these ruins were contemporaneous with the cliff-dwellers, evidences of which are found throughout all the mountain ranges, especially in the northern part of the territory.

There were undoubtedly two eras of inhabitation, that of the cliff-dwellers being the more recent of the two, and perhaps as long after the valley races as our age is after them. As yet no theory has been advanced by which we can so much as approximate the age of the cliff-dwellings.—Ex.

### An Arkansas Wedding.

There happened to be a large audience present, but Squire Vance told them to stand up, and then proceeded with the

ceremony in this wise:

Fellow Citizens:—This yer man and this yer woman have appeared before this yer court be hitched in the legal bond wedlock. If any galoot mob knows anything to block the game if tuck to the higher courts let him now to his bazoo or else keep his hands himself now and forever. All in favor of my proceeding as authorized by law, say "I."

Everybody said "I."

Contrary "No."

Nobody said "No."

"The motion's carried unanimously and the court rules that there haidt nothing to prevont the trying of the case."

"Now," said Squire Vanae, "grip your fins."

The candidates joined hands.

Amos Peabody do you solemnly swear that you'll freeze to Mandy forever and provide for her and treat her square and white, according to the rules and regulations set down to govern such cases in the laws of the United States, so help you God?"

"Yes, sir; I do."

That fixes your end of the bargain.

Mandy Thomas, do you solemnly swear that ye'll nuss him in wellness; that ye'll always be to him a good, true, loving, honest, up-to-date wife under the penalties prescribed by the law for the punishment of such offenses? Do you swear to help you God?"

"I swear I will."

Then by the power in me vested as justice of the peace in and for this precinct, I pronounce you, Amos Peabody, husband, and you Mandy Thomas, wife, and legalize you to remain such now and for yer more; and ye'll stand committed to each other. cost have be may God hav souls and bless his loftiest ble.

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### A Peculiar Man in Politics.

It ought to be pretty well settled now that the dead do not turn over in their graves, else Allen G. Thurman, George Pendleton and other Democrats who made the State of Ohio famous for intellectuality and statesmanship, would, by repeated turnings, be above mother earth. If the political methods of that Democrat, John R. McLean, and those who train with him, could not have disturbed the sleeping Old Roman and the polished Pendleton, surely the political antics of that Democrat, Tom Johnson, would have done so. Mr. Johnson is a peculiar man. That is he is a peculiar man in politics. He is honest. This does not necessarily preclude him from politics and does not make him peculiar, since there are some men in politics who are honest and who are not peculiar. He has views. In this he does not differ so much from other men in politics. But he will adhere to them though he loses votes thereby, and though he would suffer in pocket if they were carried into effect. And in this he and other politicians differ widely. His peculiarity, which comes when he enters politics, is that he is a man of affairs. In other words he would conduct a campaign with no sort of recognition of such a thing as high sentiment, but in a way that would secure votes for him, even if in the details of the conduct of his campaign he sets the whole world wondering, and then laughing. And having fought for and won the leadership of the Democratic party in Ohio, he is conducting his campaign in his own way and according to his ideas of the best methods of securing votes. And because of the way he is conducting it, Thurman, Pendleton, and other great Democrats, who are gone, would toss in their graves and roll out of them, if dead people tossed in and rolled out of their graves. Mr. Johnson purchased two tents, each with a seating capacity of 3,000. He only uses one, but as a man of affairs, he has an extra one on hand if the one in use should be destroyed. He purchased ten circus wagons twenty feet high. He purchased the necessary horses to pull the wagons, and then hired a man named Wagner, who had long been connected with a big show, canvas men,

seat men, and all the talent required about a circus, except tumblers, riders and menagerie men, were secured and the Great Johnson Aggregation of Political Talent took the road, with Mr. Johnson in front of the procession in a mammoth red automobile. There was never anything like it seen under the sun. The

son does not and never did care for expenses when he wanted to accomplish anything. He is a man of affairs—a man who believes that if success depends on getting the people to come to a political speaking, the best way to proceed is to get them to come. He is a man of affairs—a man who believing they can be

American citizen can not be induced to come forward and attend political or meetings when the affairs of his Republic are discussed, unless he is baited with brass bands and gaudy wagons. If so, then the bands and wagons will be provided. But it will show that we have fallen low and there is reason for Thurman, Pendleton and others of the past tossing in their graves, if dead people ever toss.

### He is the Agent.

The average editor of the country weekly newspaper carries the weight of the whole world upon his shoulders. Besides they all need him at every stage of their career from the cradle to the grave. When they first open their eyes upon this whirling clod, it is the editor who announces the glad tidings to the world. As they journey on and perhaps choose a consort it is the country editor who burns the midnight oil writing a column telling of the charms of the bride and the sterling qualities of the prominent young man. Later in life if he needs any boosting and deserves it the editor is usually the one to start the boom. And when the journey is o'er and he reads up an account of his close relationship the editor is again called upon to say kind words, which live in print long after the eulogies of tongue are lost upon the ear.—Convoy (Ohio) Crescent.

Ethel, aged five years, was learning to sew, and one day, after vainly trying to make the preliminary preparations with a needle and thread, she asked: "Mamma, don't they call the hole of the needle the eye?" "Yes dear," was the reply. "Well," continued the little miss, "I'll bet this old needle's crosseyed."

### Stopping the Paper.

The man who gets mad and stops his paper generally thinks he has "played thunder" and crippled the paper's influence, but he hasn't. Every newspaper man long in the business will tell you that the mad subscriber who quits always swells the subscription list. He talks about what he has done and about the paper. His neighbors, with whom such a man is never very popular, conclude "if that man stops his paper and abuses it there must be something in it" and so two or three new subscribers are gained for every one lost. Let five or six men at a postoffice get mad at one time and order the paper stopped and the publisher is almost reasonably sure his subscription list will double at that office.—Ex.

His choice—When the superintendent of the Texas penitentiary at Huntsville said to a newly arrived delegate, "You'll have the privilege of working at trade you may prefer," the member replied, "I'd like to be driving cattle in Kansas or other some place in the States."—Buffalo

### \$25,000 Pair of Opera Glasses.

One of the most costly pairs of opera glasses in the world is owned by Queen Alexandra, for whom they were specially made in Vienna. The barrels are of platinum and set with diamonds, sapphires and rubies. Various estimates have been made as to its probable worth. An expert in such matters fixes the value of the lorgnette at \$25,000. It will, however, never come into the market—if it did it would certainly fetch far more than its mere intrinsic value.

## Oct. 8 and 9 OPENING Oct. 8 and 9

### Friday and Saturday October, 8 and 9

### → Ladies Imported PATTERN HATS ←

We will have on exhibition the largest and most complete line of ladies Imported Pattern Hats ever shown in Ballinger. Prices from . . . . \$2.50 to \$15.00

### Special.

To make it interesting for the ladies we will put on sale our entire line of ladies fine handkerchief ranging in price from 20 to 50 cts for these days only 10cts

### Dress Goods

We will put on exhibition the newest and best selected line of dress goods and general merchandise ever shown in West Texas. It will be a pleasure to show you. Come and get prices.

Ballinger, Texas  
Phone 86. **THE HUB** J. D. Norwood  
Manager.  
**Dry Goods for CASH**

program provided for the presence of the Aggregation in each town, giving two performances each day, Mr. Johnson or an attache of the "Aggregation" being the performer in the way of making a speech. When the performance is over at night the tent is taking down and the cavalcade proceeds by night. Mr. Johnson sends his red automobile along with it and follows on the train, arriving in time to lead in the street parade. It is hardly necessary to say that the multitudes flock to see the show. As there is no admittance fee, the multitudes go in the tent to hear. The cost of it all is enormous, but Mr. John-

son does not and never did care for expenses when he wanted to accomplish anything. He is a man of affairs—a man who believes that if success depends on getting the people to come to a political speaking, the best way to proceed is to get them to come. He is a man of affairs—a man who believing they can be induced to come by parading a lot of red wagons and beating the drum, at once goes to work to get the wagons and at once commences to beat the drum. And it may be that his method of getting the multitude within the coils of his eloquence may result in victory to him. Ohio may yet show the brand that he put on those whom he seduced into his corral. If so, may it not be possible that future campaigns will be conducted like that which won for Tom? In politics now, the chief thing is to win. The man who can show how it can be done is exalted in party affairs. It may be that we have arrived at that condition where the free

## Millinery Opening Oct. 8th and 9th 1902.

I will have on the above date the largest and cheapest line of imported hats ever shown in Ballinger. A full line of street and ready to wear hats, Bab and kid caps with prices to suit you. Don't fail to attend this grand display.

# Mrs. Stella Forbes

In The Davis

# THE O K WAGON YARD

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W. T. WARD, Proprietor

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Does as good work as any Laundry in Texas. Is a home institution and we think deserves the patronage of the town and surrounding country. Give us a trial order and we will do the balance.

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Frank Stewart.  
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"Banner-Leader."  
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The First National Bank.  
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M D Chastain.  
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Hoffer & Abney,  
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Miller Mercantile Co.  
Davis-Noyes Co,  
A Schawe,  
The Fair.

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The "Fair."

Read The Hub ad.

The Hub is the only cash house in Ballinger.

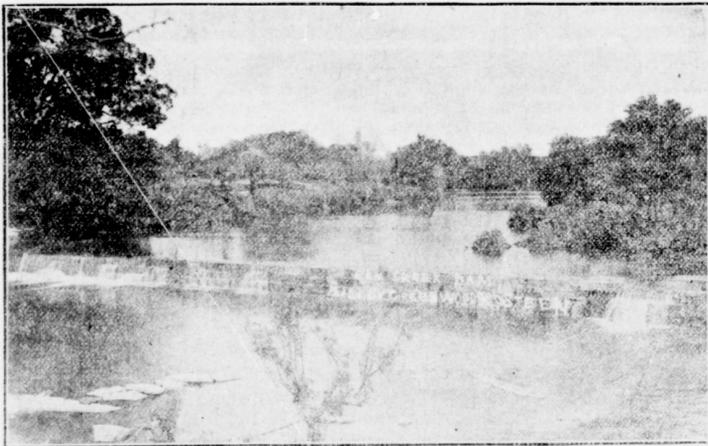
#### When Their Names Are There.

When his wife died the late J. Sterling Morton had erected over her grave a tombstone bearing the inscription: "Caroline French, wife of J. Sterling Morton and mother of Joy, Paul, Carl and Mark Morton." "Why did you put the boys' names in?" inquired a friend of him one day. "I took my boys out to the cemetery," said Mr. Morton, "and showed them their mother's grave. 'Boys,' I said, 'your mother is buried here. If one of you does anything dishonorable or anything of which she would be ashamed if she were alive, I will chisel your name from her tombstone.'"

The Hub has a fine line of men and boys' shoes.

#### Sensitive Wall Street.

Just how sensitive Wall Street is was manifested on a recent morning when it became known that Russell Sage was unable to come down town. This is so unusual that an uneasy feeling at once manifested itself and could not be quieted until it was certainly known that the octogenarian multi-millionaire was merely suffering from a slight cold. Mr. Sage has only absented himself thus on one or two occasions since Norcross tried to blow him to pieces with a dynamite bomb.



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The "Star" Yard—Ross Moss.  
The "O K" Yard—W T Ward.  
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Hall Hardware Co.  
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Stone & Gregg.  
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Jas E Brewer.  
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**Practices in All Courts.**  
**BALLINGER, TEXAS.**

#### Foiled at Last.

"I tell yew what, them bunco men didn't git none of my money this trip," boasted Uncle Silas. "They didn't, hey?" "No, siree! I lost my pocket-book on the way to town an' they wan't nothing for them to git."

#### The Worm Turns.

"I see," said Mrs. Henry Peck, "that there is talk of imposing a tax upon single men. What do you think of that?" "I think it is right," replied Henry. "I'd like to be in a position to pay some of that tax myself."

#### News Instinct In Ad. Writing.

The trouble with most advertisers and advertising writers is that they have not the newspaper sense of what is "news." Items of knowledge that would be of the highest interest to the persons they are talking to are so familiar to the advertiser himself as to seem commonplace and hardly worth speaking of, yet it is probable that the average man knows nothing regarding it and would be thankful for the information. One advertiser of wide experience who has been very successful in the preparation of "newsy" advertisements makes the practice of finding out just what his friends and acquaintances know concerning his goods and their method of manufacture. Wherever he finds the slightest degree of ignorance he promptly starts a "campaign of education."—Advertising Experience.

When you read this send it to a friend back home.

#### To Make it "Pull."

Three things are necessary in an advertisement in order to make it "pull." The first essential is that it shall contain some line or lines that shall arrest the attention; secondly, it must have matter in it that will hold the attention until all of the facts have been read and digested; thirdly, it must give assurance of something that will be to the advantage of him who reads. These three facts should be kept constantly in mind by the writers of advertisements.—Printer's Ink.

#### The Horse Understood.

Broadway cars and vehicles were blocked in a jam. The horse wouldn't move. His driver stood alternately staring at him in despair and beating him with a heavy whip. But neither blows nor words would move him; he laid back his ears and stood stock still. A crowd gathered, watched and commented.

"Build a fire under him," suggested one.

"Suck a pin in him," advised another.

Again the driver laid on the whip more heavily than before. But it was no go. Just then a man stepped out of the crowd.

"Let me have a try," he said. He walked up to the old horse and laid his hand on his head.

"Come on, old boy, buckle down to it," and he patted him gently. The horse turned his old head and looked at the stranger.

"Come," he continued, "have another try; buckle down to it," and he stroked his neck.

The old horse understood at last. His limb gave a quiver and the truck moved ahead.

#### Ad. Points.

Talk in print as you would talk to a customer in your store.

It pays to advertise goods that are worthy of being advertised. Many advertisements and booklets fail because they do not contain sufficient specific information.

The papers that have the largest circulation in a particular city or locality can usually be relied upon to make a satisfactory circulation statement.—Printers' Ink.

#### Thoughts About Things.

The Audobon Society, for the protection of birds, is deploring the use of birds on fall hats and even boas.

The soldiers at the Presidio in San Francisco, are again unruly. The vast majority of them are pretty hard cases.

Efforts are being made to stop prize fighting in Kentucky. It looks as tho' this sport will soon be outlawed.

Banker Fish, of New York, was foully murdered in New York Monday. He is of a prominent family.

The Shah of Persia is visiting the Czar at St. Petersburg. His baggage weighs twenty tons and his hotel bill for eighteen days was \$25,000.00.

Comanche will probably be without a roller mill for several years, so one of the Comanche papers says. The Ringo mill has recently burned.

Sterling City is making arrangements for a grand democratic rally and barbecue. They never do things by halves out

there.

A Catholic priest in Yonkers, N. Y., says hatless women can not attend his church and quotes Paul as authority for his action.

The immense loss by fire on Spirdletop has taught the oil men a lesson, and they are building levees by which they hope to make the spread of fire impossible.

A man whose mind has been a long blank for ten years, has come to himself in Denver. His wife is married to another man, tho' they are separated.

Two white men and fifteen negroes are imprisoned in a mine in West Virginia. Attempts are being made to rescue them thro' the burning coal.

Swift & Co have closed the deal for six of the large cotton seed oil mills in Texas, located at Temple, Alvarado, Grandview, Itasca, West and Greenville. The deal involves \$750,000.00.

There is good news from Alabama. The negro is barred from the republican convention in Birmingham, and the party will henceforth be a white man's party. The negro question is becoming more and more prominent.

The war department has announcement that hereafter the army will be clad in a cloth of olive mix, instead of blue. And the poets are complaining because they can't find the words to rhyme with mix, as they can with blue or grey.

The Cuban church held services at Havana, in memory of McKinley. The services were conducted by Rev. Alberta Diaz, a lie

who reminded his congregation that they owed their liberty to McKinley. McKinley was a greater man than the average person realizes, and like Lincoln, his fame will grow with time.

Sixteen thousand council tablets have been found at Babylon, which were written before the time of Abraham. It is estimated that when the excavations are completed 150,000 tablets will have been found. These tablets are in the university of Pennsylvania.

Scientists think that meteors cause the forest fires in Colorado. The forest fires of last year caused the water supply in Colorado to be short this year. The lack of protection afforded by the forests allows the snow to melt more easily and allows it to slide down the mountains.

#### He Loved Truthfulness.

A careless mason dropped a brick from the second story of a building on which he was at work. Leaning over the wall and glancing downward, he discovered a respectable citizen, with his silk hat jammed over his eyes and ears, rising from a recumbent posture.

The mason, in tones of apprehension inquired: "Did that brick hit anyone down there?"

The citizen, with great difficulty extricating himself from the extinguisher into which his hat had been converted, replied with considerable wrath. "Yes, sir, it did. It hit me."

"That's right," exclaimed the mason in tones of undisguised admiration; "noble man, I would rather have a brick hit me than a lie."

# C. H. WILLINGHAM,

STOCK-FARMER.

FINE BRAHMER  
CHICKENS



POLAND CHINA  
HOGS

Residence of C. H. Willingham, Ballinger, Texas.

**Fine Short Horn Cattle.  
Registered stock for Sale**

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Responsibility \$300,000

Buys Script,  
Loans Money,  
Sells Exchange,  
Receives Deposits,  
Buys School Warrants,  
Advances money on cotton,  
Pays interest on time deposits,  
Buys and sells Foreign exchange,  
Issues bank money orders, good anywhere

Offers to its patrons every courtesy and accommodation within the range of prudent banking. Takes an earnest interest in the prosperity of its patrons. Assists those who have surplus money to find safe and profitable investment

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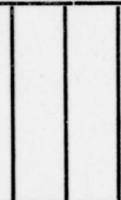
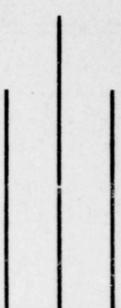
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Is the place you are looking for when you want pure fresh groceries. We handle nothing but the best line of groceries and hence sell nothing but the best and that is why our customers are always pleased.

We do not have one price to one man and another price to another, but always sell to everyone just as low as legitimate profits permit



The Miller Mercantile Company

## THE BIG "13"

Do you want insurance? If, so look over the "Big 13" and see how they strike you for strength.

For safety security and prompt adjustments the above lead them all

1. Home of New York established in 1853 assets \$15,255,890.
2. Aetna of Hartford, established in 1819 assets \$14,071,948.
3. Royal of Liverpool, established in 1855 assets 7,440,281
4. Phoenix of London, established 1782 assets 2,897,059
5. Hartford of Hartford established 1810 assets 12,259,076
6. Scottish Union and National of Edinburg established in 1824 assets 4,404,937.
7. Springfield of Springfield, Massachusetts, established in 1849 assets 5,898,887
8. Fire Association of Philadelphia established in 1817 assets 6,315,526.
9. Liverpool, London and Globe of London established in 1836 assets 10,316,351
10. New Hampshire of Manchester N. H. established in 1864 assets 3,474,584
11. Orient of Hartford, Connecticut, established in 1867 assets 2,200,723
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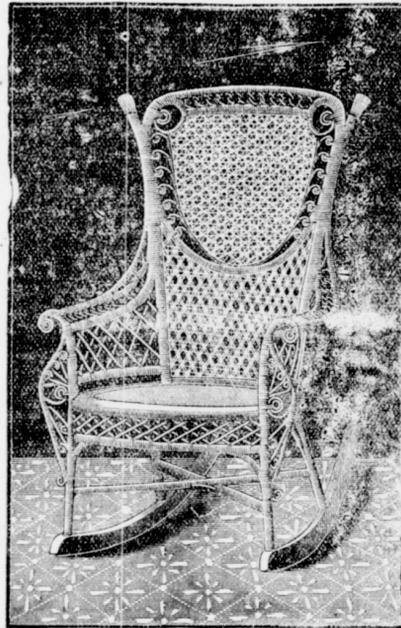
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As we are going to discontinue the stove and crockery line, we offer same for 60 days after September 1st, at **Actual Cost for Cash**



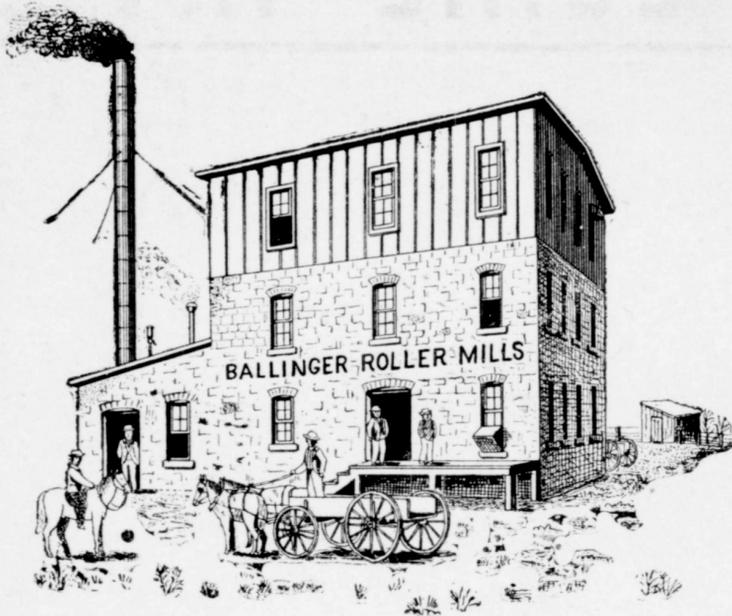
This will be the time to buy a new stove, China and crockery at a bargain as we are going to sell it all and the first to come will get first choice. We have some fine goods in this line that will go cheap. Come see them

Yours for Furniture,

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## The Ballinger Milling Company.

## CITY LIVERY STABLE

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**RED CHERRIES** Gal. Can 65c

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Soap Big Pete ..... 6 Bars 25c

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Oxydol Big Size ..... 25c

Soap P. & G. or Crystal White Giant Bar 5c

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Barry, 15, of Dublin. Both girls sustained painful injuries but were dismissed from the San Angelo hospital after treatment.

The accident occurred at the top of a small hill near Rowena. It is thought the driver of the car going west was blinded by the afternoon sun and did not see the approaching car. One automobile was completely demolished and the other considerably damaged.

### Livestock Raisers In Annual Meeting Renew Theft Offer

The Runnels County Livestock Association will continue its offer of a \$250 cash reward for the conviction and prison sentence of any livestock thief. This reward was posted by the organization two years ago when "rustling" was prevalent in this section but so far the association has not been called on to pay.

It is believed that the cash offer has caused thieves to avoid this county and also has caused many officers to keep a closer watch on suspicious characters.

George Holliday was reelected president, and Hugh Campbell, secretary, of the organization for 1936. Directors named at the annual meeting are: E. F. Krc, Ballinger; Dee Currie, Miles; J. W. Bigby, Bethel; Arch Brookshier, Benoit; and W. W. Parramore, Winters.

Officers and directors want all the livestock raisers in the county to affiliate with the organization. They think the small fee of \$1 a year should not keep anyone out of the association. They also believe every livestock producer is receiving benefit from the reward offered by the association and are anxious to increase the membership. Any officer or director will be glad to take the membership of anyone wanting in at this time.

#### HILLS MOVE TO TRACT IN SOUTH BALLINGER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill have moved to the Bob Justice place in South Ballinger where they will make home. They rented their residence on Eighth Street to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stanley, who have already occupied the house.

Mr. Hill has about fifteen acres in the South Ballinger tract, six acres in berries, and a large garden plot. He also intends to raise chickens and a few hogs.

Calling Cards printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Messrs.

James Parrish, Asa Cordill, W. A. Robertson, Grindstaff, Misses Louise and Cordelia Batts.

#### Contract Club Complimented

A gay New Year's party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly Tuesday evening to compliment members of their contract club.

A silver and white color scheme was used to decorate the O'Kelly home on Ninth Street. Silver New Year bells hung in the doorways. A white bowl of crystal fruit, flanked by white candleholders holding tall white tapers centered the dining room table.

Partners for games were found in a unique way with cards decorated with silver stars. Numbered stars were given as games were bidden and won with the holder of the lucky number being rewarded at the close of the games. This award went to Wil-meth McKenzie.

At midnight a supper plate was served with coffee to: Messrs. and Mmes. Henry Doss, Edward Sommer, Ralph Payette, W. D. Hooper, Cicero Smith, McKenzie, Sam Dunlap, Miss Louise Batts and Pete Thompson.

Informal New Year's Frolic Held  
Members of the Sockeye Club were guests at a no-host dinner

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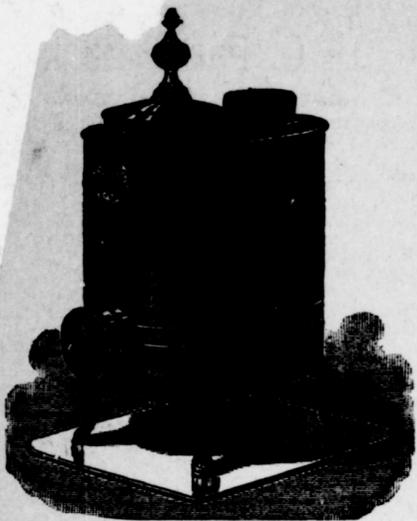
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Ballinger \$7.75. On Sept. 26th to Oct. 12th Oct. 13th. Through and sleepers. No change W. M. WRIGHT Agent.

**Good Horse Sense**  
Teaches that glue and old eggs (used to glaze some coffees with) are not fit to drink.  
**Lion Coffee**  
is never glazed—it's pure, undoctored coffee. The sealed package keeps it fresh and pure.

#### SURGEON'S KNIFE USED.

Bone of the President's Leg Slightly Affected.

Washington, September 28.—Another operation was performed today on the abscess on the left leg of President Roosevelt. In the former operation a simple needle was used to relieve the trouble, but today the surgeon with a knife made an incision into the small cavity, exposing the bone, which was found to be slightly affected. The president's case has been progressing satisfactorily, but it is believed by the physicians that the further operation made hasten his complete recovery. None of the following are quoted.

dence whatever of any matter that would produce blood poison. They confidently expect that the president will be on his feet within a reasonable time and with his robust constitution to assist recovery will soon be himself again.

It was noticed that there had been a slight rise in the president's temperature and an increase in local symptoms, and the conclusion was reached that the patient's recovery would be hastened by making an incision of the wound for the purpose of relieving the slight tension or swelling which was present and also to drain the wound. The operation was performed between 2 and 3 in the afternoon. An application of cocaine was used to allay the pain. The president stood the operation very well and subsequently expressed his satisfaction at the result. Dr. Rixey, the surgeon general of the navy, performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Lung, the president's regular physician. Dr. O'Reilly, who was also present with the other physicians, is the surgeon general of the army and has heretofore been consulted about the case. Dr. Edward Stitt, another of those present, is in charge of the naval museum of hygiene and the medical school. The physicians tonight took a roseate view of the president's prospects for getting out again. He has become somewhat restive because of his close confinement and the physicians are considering the advisability of permitting him to take a ride in a few days. The physicians say the question now is simply one of the healing of the wound and reiterate that this will be hastened by the operation made today."

#### Advertisd 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 Sept 27, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised, giving date of his list.

Reininger, B. F.  
Searcy, Dr. W. P.  
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We represent nothing but strictly reliable Fire Insurance Companies R. G. ERWIN & CO.

J. T. Phillips, of Content, spent Monday in Ballinger.

M. C. Smith and J. F. Currie spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Willie Francis is now holding a place with the Davis Noyes Co.

Asa Cordill and wife spent last Sunday in Winters the guests of relatives.

Conda Wylie and Glen Heslep left Sunday afternoon to attend the Dallas Fair.

C. A. Doose and Charlie Lange were in Concho County the first of this week on land business.

A. L. Tabor, one of Wingate's prosperous merchants spent Monday in Ballinger on business.

Ed Jersic a cotton buyer of Brownwood was in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. F. Currie went to San Angelo Saturday night returning Wednesday evening.

J. T. Billups the cowman of Crews was in town from the ranch a few days this week.

G. G. Odom and wife are spending the week in town, they came in from their Coke County Ranch Sunday.

The following Miles parties were present at the opening of the District Court Monday: E. N. West, Tom Farmer, R. A. Currie.

Marion Mullins, who works on the Miles Messenger, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon for Brownwood.

F. F. Gressett came in from Snyder Sunday afternoon, where he had been to see his sister-in-law, Mrs. Will Jones, who has been quite ill for the past month.

Mrs. F. A. Mater presented the Banner-Leader last Saturday a sweet potato grown in her garden that weighed 4 lbs. This potato was planted June 27, which shows up Runnels Co. soil.

Attorney Wilsen, of Brownwood Referee in Bankruptcy passed through Ballinger Saturday enroute home, he had been to San Angelo on legal business.

Jack Hill now has charge of the short order house heretofore owned and run by M. C. Cobb & Co. Jack has had experience in this line of business and we predict success for him in this venture.

Job Davis, an old citizen of Runnels County but who now resides in Garza County and is engaged in the stock business was a pleasant caller at the Banner-Leader office and "squared" for another year. Mr. Davis is well pleased with his new location.

#### District Court Convenes.

Last Monday the Sept. term of the District Court convened in Ballinger, Judge Jno. W. Goodwin presiding, after qualifying and instructing the Grand Jury the court proceeded with the regular business. The Docket as usual was light and most of the cases thereon were old ones, continued from a previous term. Besides the Ballinger Bar the following visit ag attorneys were present, J. Snodgrass, Coleman; C. H. Jenkins, Brownwood; Sid-an Hines, Austin; J. C. Randolph Coleman.

#### Ladies

Let me take your order for tailor made suits and skirts, jackets and waists. I am agent for Chas. A. Stevens and Bro. of Chicago. Mrs. Alice Green.

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Meals at all hours, short orders from morning until after train time at night. Good cooking and polite service.

FRED ROLLIER

None of the experienced newspaper men happened to be in as the fire bell rang, so the green reporter went. After returning from the conflagration the green reporter wrote laborously for a time and turned the following over to the city editor.

"There was a fire alarm sounded about an hour ago and a reporter from the Herald arrived at the scene of the conflagration before the fire department, which responded promptly. After the hose had been attached to the water plug it was found that the hose was too brief to carry the aqua pura to the flames, in seeming defiance of the fire department. Several of the firemen who were more excited than the others discussed the propriety of carrying the fire closer to the source of water supply, but this plan was abandoned on account of the extreme heat of the flames."

"In the meantime the fire fiend raged worse than ever, and kept on raging until the entire stable was reduced to ashes. The livestock was saved, with the exception of one cow, which

was badly scorched, but will survive. The harness and other items to numerous to mention perished in the flames. The reporter did not learn who owned the stable nor the street it was located on, but if the readers of the Herald will call up the fire department they can find out. There were several other interesting facts the reporter did not learn, but they can not be mentioned for lack of space."

Rev. M. S. Smith left Wednesday of this week for Collins Miss. where his family will follow later, as Bro. Smith has been called to that point as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Bro. Smith has resided in Ballinger a number of years and has made many warm friends who regret to see him leave Ballinger.

Frank Ludwig of San Angelo spent Sunday in Ballinger.

J. E. McCord, of Coleman was in Ballinger Tuesday to attend Court in a case in which he is a party.

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Son of General DeWet is dead

Secretary Root has planned a new system of army instruction.

Mexico was shaken by an earthquake.

Many lives were lost through a cyclone in Cicily.

Disturbances in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania keep troops busy.

Dr. S. A. Knapp estimates the rice yield at 3,400,000 bags.

Charges of bribery were made against coal operators at Scranton.

The strike region was comparatively quiet owing to the presence of soldiers.

The Wall street financial situation is discussed at large in London and Berlin.

A combination is to be made of Southern cotton mills with a capital of \$25,000,000.

Circuit attorney Folk of St. Louis has sprung another sensation in the boodle investigation.

Sir Thomas Lipton is said to be booked for a trip across the channel in an airship.

Wheat reached 87 cents on the Chicago exchange, which is the record price for the season.

The grand jury's investigation may show more startling facts in the St. Louis boodle cases.

President Roosevelt has arrived in Washington and suffers little inconvenience from his injury.

Venezuela makes an apology for using an American flag to veil an attack on Cudlad Bolivar.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen adjourns, after choosing Buffalo for the place of next meeting.

Western Pennsylvania is an armed camp on account of the increasing disturbance among the strikers.

New York Republicans bury their differences and get together. State ticket is nominated by acclamation.

J. P. Morgan & Co. say they will anticipate October interest payments amounting to \$15,000,000.

The next annual meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen will be held at Buffalo.

A white man and a negro were hanged at Oxford, Miss., for murder of United States officers.

King Oscar's yacht with the Crown Princess Victoria on board, has run upon rocks near Kaimer on the Baltic.

Secretary of War Root makes a speech before the Illinois Republican Club at Peoria. He defends the army and answers critics.

Henry Phipps, a director of the Carnegie, Steele Company, sends \$300,000 to General Botha to be applied to the relief of destitute Boers.

The protest made by Governor Salazar regarding the landing of American marines on the isthmus was of no effect.

Secretary Hay's note in reference to the Jews in Roumania had the effect of stopping issuance passports to Jewish emigrants.

The annual report of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe shows gross earnings for the year from all sources to be over \$60,000,000 and the net earnings over \$15,000,000.

Tom Clark, alias Will Gibson, a negro who confessed to the murder of Mrs. Carey Whitfield was burned at the stake at Corinth, Miss.

German speculators watch Wall street with deep interest and are much impressed by the continued prosperity of the United States.

The movement of cattle just now is very heavy and the roads are pressed to supply cars.

There is a growing scarcity of oil at Beaumont and the refineries are beginning to hustle.

Medical board of the Confederate home rejects sixteen new inmates of home on the ground that they were physically able to earn their own living.

Belgians show their sympathy for Princess Stephanie, the disowned daughter of King Leopold, by giving her an ovation. Her father refused to meet her.

**Olla Podrida.**  
Even a coward is able to beat a retreat.

Time is the capital of the intellectual man.

The lawyer's brief is not as short as it sounds.

Home-made pleasures are the best there are.

The bashful English girl drops her h's and her eyes.

First love breaks hearts and second love mends them.

Wall paper was first made in Germany about 1560.

A self-made man never forgets to boast of his job.

It's a good thing to be too busy to tell your troubles.

A man seldom says what the people expect him to say.

Most women are afraid of a loose dog or a tight man.

People who have the least to say invariably talk the most.

When an office holder loses his grip he does less hands shaking.

A man growls, a woman smiles, and the latter gains her point.

When fortune smiles on a wise man he doesn't examine her teeth.

Falling in love is painless; its the falling out again that hurts.

Milk of human kindness is usually of a poor quality and little in a can.

A fellow don't have to be very strong in order to break a promise.

Wise is the man who can give a woman advice without incurring her enmity.

Talk is cheap; yet some people will give up a dollar to hear a tiresome lecture.

Many a joke that is enjoyed today has been considered funny for thousands of years.

Love is a malady of the mind that swells the heart and knocks the stuffing out of the pocket book.

Woman seldom succeeds in dentistry because she insists on working her jaws instead of other people's.

It is by no means the worst thing in the world to be called a crank. I find as I prow up and down through the earth that wherever I meet a man with sufficient individuality to stand against impurity and shams of every kind, too honest to get rich by underhand methods, and too brave to be a cowardly conformist, he is called a crank.

Wherever a woman is found who thinks more of the brain than the hat that surmounts it she is called a crank. Wherever a man is found who honestly believes life holds better things for him than to become a dancing popinjay, and a social success by fine clothing and society manners he is a crank. Wherever a young girl is found who laughs at fashion and wears a gown to please herself rather than conform to a passing style, who stands by a friend at the risk of becoming unpopular, and who is a law unto herself by the dictates of her own pure, sweet, womanly heart, she is a crank. Discoverers are cranks. Philanthropists and poets are cranks. Christopher Columbus was a crank, and yet Chicago, after 400 years, turned itself head over heels to do his honor. Ah, well, when you count on your fingers the world's most famous cranks, and note the outcome of their crankiness, who would not choose but go down upon that despised list?

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Mullins, S. C., March 10, 1901.  
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District Attorney Reeves of Los Angeles, Cal., appreciates a good story and tells one on an Irishman that will bear repeating.

"Some people object to releasing prisoners on a floater because of the fact that the renegades are turned loose upon communities. That reminds me of the Irishman, who after reaching America was full of homesick brag, in which nothing in America ever approached things of a similar variety in Ireland. In speaking of the bees of the old sod he grew especially rosy and said:

"Why, the baze in that country is twice as big as in this, indade, they're bigger than that. They're as big as th' shape ye have in this country."

"Bees as big as sheep!" said his incredulous listener. "Why, what kind of hives do they keep them in?"

"No bigger than the ones in this country," was the reply.

"Then how do the bees get into the hives?" he was asked.

"Well," replied the Irishman, "thot's their own dom lookout."

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Doubtless the question is now being discussed by every family throughout the entire county as to the **BEST** and **CHEAPEST** places to make their purchases of Fall and Winter Dry Goods and Groceries. The Davis-Noyes Co. has probably given this more consideration than you have and to convince you we only ask you to visit our store and price throughout our mammoth stock of everything you need. We have had experienced buyers in the eastern markets where they have selected many bargains all of which we are offering to the public at the lowest possible prices consistent with legitimate business principles. We are making a specialty of our very large stock of clothing and in fact we are making specialty of each and every line. Come to see us we want your trade

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**Cats Watch for the Catnip Man.**

The weekly visit of the catnip man is looked forward to with eagerness by the cats of some of New York's uptown streets, through which, on certain days, a vender carrying a basket of the herb goes about from one basement door to the other peddling the luxury that the basement pet loves so well. The cats seem to know the day their friend is due, and prowl about front yards and areas, looking anxiously up and down the street for the coming of the peddler. When he appears they rush to greet him, purring and rubbing against his feet.

**Thirst for Knowledge.**

A visitor to Porto Rico tells the Philadelphia Record that the schools are doing well, and that the intelligence of the pupils is as remarkable as their thirst after knowledge. He tells of a girl of 17 who walks twenty miles to and from school daily, and is so poor that she sleeps on a bare floor and begs most of her food. There's no need for truant officers down there, says this Mr. Preston. He went to a night school, where the men bring their own candles and sit on the school room floor in groups of three, one candle to each group.

**Brief Interview With Boss Cox.**

Geo. B. Cox, the Republican boss of Cincinnati, was in Washington a few days ago and was taken to the White House to be presented to the president. Congressman Shattuc had him in tow, and said, "Mr. President, I wish to introduce George B. Cox, a Cincinnati Republican, of whom you have heard, of course." Mr. Roosevelt looked at the two men for a moment and then said, rapidly: "Ah, how-de-do, Mr. Cox, delighted, I'm sure, good day," and almost before his visitors knew what happened they were outside.

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2nd Lowest prices.  
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The Saddle and Harness Man

Henry Gay is at home on a visit.

T. V. Trout, of Crews, was in town this week.

Try an ad. in the Banner-Leader. It pays.

C. W. Odom and wife of Maverick were in Ballinger Monday.

C. M. Carpenter left this week for Roswell, New Mexico, to be gone several weeks.

J. F. Currie and C. F. Dickinson were in Sterling City on legal business this week.

Prof. J. J. Miller remembered the Banner-Leader substantially this week.

Wm. Stone, of Tuscola, Taylor county, was the guest of his nephew B. B. Stone this week.

### Millinery Opening Oct. 8th and 9th

Full line of imported patterns and ready to wear hats at reasonable prices. Don't fail to see my line before you buy.

**MRS. STELLA FORBES**  
In Davis-Noyes Building.

M. O. Smith, brother to our chief justice, spent Monday in Ballinger.

Mrs. R. L. Maddox and little son left Saturday afternoon for Waco to visit relatives.

M. C. Smith went down to Brownwood on legal business Monday afternoon.

S. P. Hathaway, collector for Collier, made his monthly visit Thursday.

Reuben Gentry left Wednesday evening for Taylor, Texas, on business.

Marion Mullin of the Miles Messenger, passed through Ballinger Thursday evening.

The Baptist Young People's Union now meets at 4 o'clock instead of 6 as in the past.

The Ladies Home Mission Society will meet next Monday evening at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Matthews.

Walter Murray, the hardware man and postmaster of Winters, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuelen, of Temple, were here this week on a visit to Mrs. Kuelen's father Mr. Strickland, and family.

Fred Loop subscribes for the Banner-Leader. Says he wants to keep up with the news in Runnels county.

G. D. Davis, a leading member of the Brownwood Collecting Agency, spent Saturday in Ballinger in the interest of his firm.

We are requested to announce that there will be services at the Geaman Methodist church Sunday Oct. 12 at 10:30 and 2:30 conducted by Rev. Ott.

Mrs. Dr. J. H. Grant of Winters is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer of this city this week.

C. Abbicht, who formerly lived in South Ballinger but who now resides near Sherman, spent several days here this week, returning to his home Tuesday.

J. J. Fox informed the Banner-Leader that a big boy arrived at his house on the 19th inst and that he would soon vote the Democratic ticket.

Col. Wash Jones, uncle of Mrs. J. W. Powell of this city, passed through Ballinger Monday enroute for his home at Bastrop. Mr. Jones had been to Robert Lee on court business.

When your watch goes through Brewer's shop it will be all right

### Good Meat

If that is what you are looking for we have it. Prompt service and quick delivery is our motto

### STRICKLIN & MATER

Dick Bennett who has been operating the soda factory of Caapenter Bros. the past two years, left for Dublin Thursday but will probably be back next spring to resume work.

Mrs. H. C. White, of Gatesville, who has been spending several weeks with her son, Dr. S. B. Raby, left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

Horace Thomson, wife and daughter Miss Beatrice left Tuesday morning via San Angelo for their Schleicher county ranch to spend a few weeks.

A trade was effected last week whereby Henry Bradford becomes the owner of the old Van Pelt place, he having traded his place at West End to R. P. Kirk for this property and paying \$650 difference.

The following parties left Saturday afternoon to attend the Dallas Fair: Messrs. A. J. Smith, John and Ed Glober, George Milliken and Wm Reinboldt and wife.

Miss Nina Laudreth, who taught music in Winters last year, writes the Banner-Leader that she has just returned to that place after having spent several months in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music taking a special teacher's course, and she feels better prepared to pursue her chosen work.

Misses Madge Stephens and Myrtle Woodward and Mrs. M. A. Woodward, all of Coleman are visiting Miss Jessie Woodward at present.

#### Married.

At the Methodist Church at Wingate Oct. 1st. 1902. Prof. George Allen and Miss Lottie Daugherty were united in matrimony, Rev. Moore officiating.

Prof. Allen is principal of the school at Hylton, and is a most excellent young man. Miss Daugherty is the daughter of one of Hylton's enterprising merchants and a nice accomplished young woman. Mr. Allen is to be congratulated upon having won such a prize. The wedding march was well rendered by Miss Ethel Moore.

#### Farmers.

Bring your cotton to the Ice Factory Gin. We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay you in addition \$4.00. Will pay more or less as the price of cotton seed varies. The Ice Factory Gin.

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We will gin and wrap you cotton for the seed and pay \$4.00 extra as long as present prices prevail. Will pay more or less as the price of seed goes up or down. BALLINGER MILLING CO.

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#### Farm for Sal

At a bargain, 160 acres, 50 acres in good state of cultivation, 4 room house, out buildings, good well of water. This place is in 1/2 mile of good school on public road, 4 miles north east of Winters. Price \$10 per acre. Apply to J. W. DALE, Winters, Texas.

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Ed Hadigree, of Crews, was Ballinger Thursday and paid the Banner-Leader a visit.

Mrs. J. H. Kipp of Winters, in town Thursday and took train for Guadalupe Mex.

J. Mansker left Monday afternoon for Dallas to attend the Fair. From there he will go to Fort Worth.

### Pumphrey.

Our scribe from this place has quit writing since he got married thought I would send in a few dots.

We are having plenty of rain and cool weather for the season. Cotton picking will soon be the order of the day.

Bro. Bates preached Saturday night and Sunday.

Our singing class has elected new officers, Mr. Hill, leader; Mr. Wash Nance organist; and Miss Lela Pumphrey assistant.

Prof. Brown purchased land and moved his house last Saturday, the house was moved with Mr. M. Pumphrey's engine.

Mr. Alexander of this place moved to Brownwood Monday, to place his children in school.

Mrs. Sallie Evans and children of Falls County are visiting her sister Mrs. M. M. Pumphrey this week.

ANNIS.

### To the Public.

I have purchased the Insurance Agency heretofore owned and operated by Mr. C. P. Shepherd, the transfer to take effect Oct 1st.

I will combine the two agencies in the future and all parties holding policies in any company belonging to Mr. Shepherd's agency will be notified as to their expirations. I would be pleased to renew all policies as they expire in the above mentioned agency. I represent nothing but first-class old line companies and expect to devote my entire time to the Insurance business. Parties entrusting their property to my care may rest assured that it will receive the best and most careful attention.

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of the Eye, Ear, Nose  
and Throat.  
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### Notice.

C. Cobb retires from the office of M. C. Cobb & Co. this and I will conduct the business alone at the same old place. We thank the public for liberal patronage in the past and I ask a continuance of the same.  
LITT CHASTAIN.

### For Sale.

single horse buggy in good condition; cheap for cash.  
H. A. L. GREENWOOD.  
Don't forget to call for your tickets at Asa Cordill's.

### Notice.

Will be in Winters the 22nd month (Sept) and Ballinger the 29th. Parties desiring work would do well to call on me.  
Dr. J. F. Riggs.

## When you buy your goods at H. Winkler's

You purchase must be entirely satisfactory or you get your money back I want satisfied customers. Don't want your money unless my goods suit you. When you come to my store the probability is you'll be pleased. My stocks are large and well assorted. Prices are reasonable and my salespeople are here to serve you. Some of the following offerings may please you but these are only a small part of what we have in stock to show you.

New line of Ladies coats and walking skirts just received. Come and see them.

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The proper cloth for ladies waists and childrens dresses. Nice line of colors to make your selection from. Priced at only.....25c per yd

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This is another great wool waist season an excellent line of fancy striped waisting in all the leading shades, at only .....50c per yd

#### Kimona and Wrapper Flannels

We have a splendid line of Kimona flannels. They look as nice as the finest French flannels popularly priced at .....20 and 15c per yd

#### Brown Domestic

2000 yards of extra heavy brown domestic this is a special purchase. Come in short lengths 4 to 20 yds in piece worth 7c, come and buy what you want as long as it lasts at .....5c per yd

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# H. Winkler

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- (5) Hartford of Hartford, established in 1810 assets \$12,259,076.
- (6) Scottish Union & National of Edinburgh, established in 1824 assets \$4,404,937.
- (7) Springfield of Springfield, Mass., established in 1849 assets \$5,898,887.
- (8) Fire Association of Philadelphia, established in 1817 assets \$6,315,526.
- (9) Liverpool, London & Globe of London, established in 1836 assets \$10,315,391.
- (10) New Hampshire of Manchester N. H., established in 1869 assets \$3,475,984.
- (11) Orient of Hartford Conn. established in 1867 assets \$2,200,723
- (12) Penn Fire of Philadelphia, established in 1825 assets \$5,450,663.
- (13) Traders of Chicago, established in 1863 assets \$2,532,430.

For safety, security and prompt adjustments the above leads.

# R. L. MADDOX

Don't forget that the Ballinger Ice Factory is ready to deliver you ice on short notice. Phone 54. EDWIN DAY, Mgr.

Watches, Watches, Watches. Elgin and Waltham, the best that's made and plenty of them

### Winters News.

Mrs. J. H. Kipp and children departed last Wednesday for Guadalupe, Mexico. They go to join the husband and father who conducts an extensive hardware business in said city. The many friends of this estimable family regret very much that they are with us no more at present but also rejoice to know that they will return again after a year's stay in Guadalupe.

Rev. Jackson and lady accompanied by Mrs. T. A. Fannin were visiting in Crews Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The proprietors of the Winters gin, Messrs. Woodrow & Hood, are always looking out for the interest of their patrons. They are now going \$3.50 and gin and wrap the cotton for the seed.

Dr. Grant is the happiest man in town now. His better half has returned. Mrs. Grant and children came in Wednesday from their visit to relatives in Ardmore, I. T.

The following representative business and professional men of Ballinger were in Winters this week: Lee Maddox, Guion Gregg, Joe Wilmeth and Wm. Humphrey.

Mr. H. K. Reed and family have moved to Winters for the benefit of the school.

The following families have recently moved away from among us to seek greener pastures: T. A. Bullard, and family, S. J. Burket, Prof. R. S. Kelly and their families. We trust that they will find the "coons all up one tree" in the land of their adoption.

As some move out others move in and take their places. Winters is still in the swim. A dozen houses could be let for rent if the houses were here.

Rev. Harden preached at the church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prof. Hill, of Pumphrey, was transacting business here the 1st.

Raymon Middleton Esq., stopped off in Winters a short while one day this week. He was enroute home from an extended tour of adjacent regions.

George Loller is working at the tonsorial business now, having recently bought the shop at this place.

Miss Mamie Patterson will open a kindergarten school next Monday in the Stone house. This has been a long felt want at this place, therefore we hail with delight the opening of said school. Miss Mamie is well qualified for the duties and responsibilities she is assuming. We trust that all who can will patronize this school and also our high school. If every little tot could attend a kindergarten between the age of 4 and 8, how much easier it would be on both teacher and pupil in the public school. School work would then be a pleasure and not a drudge.

Last Monday night the 6 months baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pierce died of congestion of the brain. The grief stricken father and mother have our deepest sympathy.

Bert Low is sick at present. We hope to see him up again soon.

A slow rain fell here all Wednesday night. Wheat will be fine now. Nemo.

Miss Josie Roark who has been visiting Abe Miller and family for some few months left Wednesday evening for Angleton.

Webb Logan a former Ballinger citizen but now of Santa Anna was in town Friday of this week.

Will Voss, manager of the Cameron & Son Lumber Co. at Talpa, was in Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Alpha Freeman, an expert stenographer of Cleburne, has come to Ballinger and accepted a position with the firm of Lange & Doose.

Lee Odom, traveling salesman for the Padgett Bros. Saddle Co. of Dallas made this town this week and while here visited relatives a few days.

The editor and wife left for Dallas Wednesday to attend the Fair. Mr. Sheppard will also attend to some business while gone.

### A Sunday Evening at Mud Creek.

We had the pleasure of attending singing at Mud Creek last Sunday evening. Ere we reached the church the soft melody of music, wafted on the gentle autumn breeze, fell upon our ears. As we came nearer, the different parts could be distinctly discerned. The low notes of the base, the shrill chimes of the tenor, the wail of the alto, and the soft clear tones of the soprano, melted and flowed together, and rolled away in harmonious chorus.

On entering the church we took a front seat being eager to catch every musical tone as it fell from the lips of the singers. We were not willing to miss anything, nor that the man back of us should get anything but second-hand stuff. It seemed that each leader did his utmost to excel the others while the choir sang each selection with the grace and ease of skilled musicians.

Would that the picture had no darker side. Yet it has. While the little choir was singing "Why Cling to Earth's Fading Flowers?" while each part was being executed with artistic skill, while the music seemed to mix and mingle with the very sunbeams, and if possible to cause the holy angels of the shining courts of heaven to stop and listen, suddenly there came a noise and a rush as if a legion of demon of demons had overpowered Satan and broken away from their fiery confines in wild confusion. They dashed up, separated, checked, turned off, halted, circled to, and charged up to the windows of the church from all directions. Our souls fell from their dizzy heights like the wounded eagle from the sky.

Many other songs were sung, yet they no longer carried with them the feeling and harmony they were wont to carry.

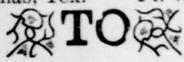
This sad accident, our dear reader, we have been attempting to explain to you, was occasioned by a small band of Glen Cove pleasure-seekers. We trust the boys and girls enjoyed themselves. B Y Standers



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vention rates. Dates of sale  
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time. J. E. Brewer.

Notic.

In order to clean up our old  
papers now on hand we will, un-  
til our supply is exhausted, sell  
old papers for wrapping pur-  
poses at 10cts per 100.

BANNER-LEADER.

Poll Tax Amendment.

The article below is a commu-  
nication written by Judge W. D.  
Wood of Leon county, and pub-  
lished in the Jewett Messenger  
two weeks ago. We hope all our  
readers will read it carefully:

"Editor Messenger: Through  
your paper I wish to call to the  
attention of the people an im-  
portant constitutional amend-  
ment that will be passed upon by  
the people at the election in No-  
vember. If this amendment is  
adopted all persons against  
whom a poll tax is assessed must  
pay that tax by the first of Feb-  
ruary before the election at  
which they offer to vote and pre-  
sent the receipt for the same;  
or if they have lost it, make af-  
fidavit in writing of this fact and  
leave it with the judge of the  
election.

"There is now estimated to be  
in Texas 179,000 persons between  
the ages of 21 and 60 years, who  
are assessed for this tax, but  
never pay one cent. Every per-  
son subject to a poll tax amend-  
ment is required to pay the State  
\$1.00 which goes to the free  
school fund; also half of this fund  
as county tax, which goes to help  
pay county expenses. It costs  
the State and counties \$8,950 for  
the assessing of this 179,000 tax  
payers that do not pay, for  
which the State and counties do  
not realize a cent, besides by  
their refusing to pay, they rob  
the school of \$179,000, and the  
several counties of \$8,950. In  
the name of decency, honesty  
and good citizenship, the time  
has arrived when these gents  
should pay their tax or quit vot-  
ing. The man who is not willing  
to pay \$1.50 annually to the gov-  
ernment that protects him in  
life, liberty and other personal  
rights, has no cause to complain  
if he should be denied the right  
to vote. It is said somewhere in  
the Scriptures that he who will  
not work shall not eat. This in-  
junction fits the man who will  
not pay his poll tax—let him not  
vote—and he will not vote if the  
amendment be carried.

"The buying votes in Texas, to  
our shame and discredit, has be-  
come too common. The vote  
buyer and vote seller share an  
equal degree of guilt. The for-  
mer is a dangerous man to hold  
office, and the latter is utterly  
unworthy of exercising the right  
to vote. As a general rule it is  
the non-poll taxpayer who has a  
vote for sale and whose vote is  
bought. If the amendment is  
adopted, the tax must be paid  
by the first of February before  
the election at which the party  
offers to vote. Our general state  
election is held in November,  
the primaries, I believe, were  
ordered to be held in July by the  
convention; so the man who pays  
poll tax in order to pay for the  
vote pays from five to nine  
months in advance. The vote  
buyer cannot afford to take the  
chance of paying so long in ad-  
vance of the delivery of the  
goods. If the people will adopt  
this amendment it will do more  
toward stamping out the nefar-  
ious practice of buying votes, and  
the purification of the ballot box,  
than the penal legislation that  
can be pronounced against vote  
buying; besides it would add  
thousands of dollars to the free  
school fund, and thousands to  
the revenue fund of the several  
counties of the State. It is not  
often that the people have the  
opportunity to accomplish so  
much good for themselves and  
add so much toward honest elec-  
tions as will result from the  
adoption of the amendment. It  
should commend itself to every  
honest voter and good citizen ir-  
respective of party. Citizens,  
avail yourselves of this rare  
chance. "W. D. WOOD."

Bargains in Real Estate.

No. 1. A good six room house,  
two galleries, two good wells,  
good stable, good fence around  
premises, one acre of ground  
situated in a desirable part of  
Ballinger, price \$1000.

No. 2. A good 4 room house  
with two galleries, good well,  
stable and outhouses; situated in  
a convenient part of Ballinger,  
price \$900.

No. 3. A three room house,  
two galleries, stable, good well,  
located in a desirable part of  
Ballinger; 4 acres of fine land in  
cultivation upon which improve-  
ments are situated. This place  
can be bought for \$600 cash or  
\$800 on time payment.

No. 4. A good six-room dwell-  
ing, good picket fence around  
yard, water works, etc. two lots,  
price \$850. Easy terms.

No. 5. A good 4 room house;  
good cistern, good stable and  
outhouses, water works. Near  
the business part of town. Price  
\$700. \$4.50 cash, \$2.50 on time.

No. 6. 1099 acres in one en-  
closure 10 miles northeast of  
Winters. 885 acres in one tract  
with a good two room house,  
two tanks and 50 acres in culti-  
vation. This will be sold at \$4  
per acre. Tract No 2 contains  
173 acres pasture land adjacent  
and enclosed by same fence as  
tract No 1. Price \$2.50.

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anyone wanting a good stock  
farm would do well to investi-  
gate this offer

No. 7. One hundred and six  
acre farm. Forty acres in culti-  
vation. Seventy-five acres good  
valley land, balance good grass.  
Good three room house. Grain-  
ery. Schools and churches con-  
venient. Price \$7 per acre.

No. 8. 640 acres. Permanent  
water. 100 acres in cultivation.  
4-room dwelling. Underground  
cistern; cellar, lots, outhouses,  
sheds etc. 150 bearing fruit  
trees in orchard. Convenient to  
church, school and postoffice. 10  
miles north of Ballinger and 6  
miles southwest of Winters.  
Price \$10 per acre. \$1500 cash,  
the balance on 5, 10 or 20 years  
time to suit the purchaser.

No. 9. A good 6-room dwelling,  
two galleries, halls etc. One lot.  
Good well. Located in the  
choicest residence portion of  
Ballinger. Price \$1000. Terms  
one-half cash, balance in two  
equal annual payments.

No. 10. 423 acres, all tillable  
land. 80 acres in cultivation. 2  
good wells, one with windmill,  
both have unexhaustable water.  
Convenient to church, postoffice,  
and school. 17 miles from Bal-  
langer. Price \$10.50 per acre.  
\$2500 cash, balance in two notes  
one and two years at 8 per cent.  
This is a rare bargain.

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you could find? Try it and  
you'll find a happy world. More-  
over, having had a glimpse of  
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**Natural Anxiety.**  
Mothers regard approaching winter with uneasiness, children take cold so easily. No disease costs more little lives than croup. It's attack is so sudden that the sufferer is often beyond human aid before the doctor arrives. Such cases yield readily to One Minute Cough Cure. Liquifies the mucous, allays inflammation, removes danger. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Cures coughs, colds, grip, bronchitis, all throat and lung troubles. F S McMahon, Hampton, Ga.: "A bad cold rendered me voiceless just before an oratorical contest. I intended to withdraw but took One Minute Cough Cure. It restored my voice in time to win the medal." E. D. Walker.

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To be relieved from a torturing disease after 40 years of torture might well cause the gratitude or anyone. That is what DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve did for C. Haney, Geneva, O. He says: "De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me of piles after I had suffered 40 years." Cures, cuts, burns, wounds, skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. E D Walker.

**Beautiful Complexions.**  
Are spoiled by using any kind of preparation that fills the pores of the skin. The best way to secure a clear complexion, free from sallowness, pimples, blotches, etc., is to keep the liver in good order. An occasional dose of Herbine will cleanse the bowels, regulate the liver, and so establish a clear, healthy complexion. 50c at E D Walker's drug store.

**A Dozen Don't's.**  
Don't try to hang out more than you wash.  
Don't be afraid of wasting time attending to small details.  
Don't form judgment until you have studied both sides of the case.  
Don't growl at the children and then wonder why they prefer the streets.  
Don't complain of failure until you have tried your hardest for success.  
Don't keep all your piety for Sunday use.  
Don't encourage gossipers by listening to them.  
Don't be ashamed to admit that there are a few things you do not know.  
Don't take a cigar from between your teeth to berate your son for smoking.  
Don't claim that politics is dirty business until you have exhausted every effort to purify it.  
Don't kick about the poor quality of your local paper until you have paid your delinquent subscription.

Don't slouch around the house and then wonder why your wife never looks like she did before you married her.  
**Look Out For Fever.**  
Billiousness and liver disorders at this season may be prevented by cleaning the system with De Witt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills do not gripe. They move the bowels gently, but copiously, and by reason of the tonic properties, give tone and strength to the glands. E. D. Walker.

**Baptist College Will Probably be Established at South McAlester.**  
South McAlester, I. T., Sept. 27.—The Baptist convention for the Indian Territory today recommended that a Baptist college be established at this place and a board of trustees will be appointed before the convention closes. This action was taken after the report of a committee appointed to confer with a committee of citizens chosen at a mass meeting. It is the purpose to establish an institution that will do full collegiate work.

**Do You Want to Yawn?**  
Feel cold shiverings, aching in the bones, lack of energy, headache and great depression? These symptoms may be followed by violent headache, high fever, extreme nervousness, a condition known as malaria. Herbine cures it. Take it before the disease gets a fair hold, though it will work a cure in any stage. J A Hopkins, Manchester, Kan., writes: "I have used your great medicine, Herbine, for several years. There is nothing better for malaria, chills and fever, headache, billiousness, and for a blood purifying tonic, there is nothing as good." 50c at E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

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Who would keep their children in good health should watch for the first symptoms of worms, and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. It is the children's best tonic. It gets digestion at work so that their food does them good and they grow up healthy and strong. 25c at E D Walker's drug store.  
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**Goes Like Hot Cakes.**  
"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C T Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from throat and lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it, and guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c and \$1. At J Y Pearce's Drug Store.

On a Fourth of July occasion the committee on entertainment fixed up a smooth pole which they also smeared liberally with soap. On the top of the pole was a \$2 bill which was offered to the boy who would get it down. Several lads tried for the prize but no one could get more than half way up the pole. At last all gave it up except four boys. Each of them tried the pole a few rounds but the \$2 bill still reposed on the top. Finally one of the boys had an idea and proceeded to organize a trust. He said to the other three, "Help boost me to the top of that pole and I will divide the swag." The condition was that the boy who could get to the top was to divide the money. Then the boys formed a co-operative association, one boy climbed onto the shoulder of another, the third climbed upon his shoulders and the fourth finally mounted on the shoulders of the third and from this vantage point secured the cash. As the boys afterward divided the money they unanimously decided that in such cases combination was a rattling good thing.

**"It Goes Right to the Spot."**  
When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment will give prompt relief. "It goes right to the spot," said an old man who was rubbing it in to cure his rheumatism. C. R. Smith, Propr. Smith House, Tenaha, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for several years, and have found it to be a fine remedy for all aches and pains, and I recommend it for pains in the throat and chest." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E D Walker's drug store.

The cigarette and whiskey are going. Whenever the business men aside from moral motives and from a purely business standpoint, condemn them and refuse to employ men who use cigarettes or whiskey they are doing more than columns of newspapers. Large concerns, railroads, bankers and manufacturers are tabooing the man who lowers his value by the use of either of these.

**His Life in Peril.**  
"I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee of Welfare, Tex., "billiousness, and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50cts at J Y Pearce's drug store.

**Santé Fe Excursion Rates.**  
National Baptist Convention (colored) Birmingham, Ala., September 17th to 24th. Limit September 29th. Rate one standard first class limited fare for the round trip.  
Macon, Ga.—Annual Meeting Farmers National Congress, Oct. 7th to 10th, limit Oct. 15th, one first class limited fare for the round trip.  
Tourist rates to Port Lavaca, Boerne, Kerrville, Marfa, Antlers, Kosoma, I. T., Galveston, California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Lampasas and San Angelo. For rates and limit see Santa Fe agents.

**Out of Death's Jaw's.**  
"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble, that I had suffered with for years, "writes P. Muse, Durham, N. C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25c J Y Pearce's drug store.  
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**Orange Tribune:** Girls, you might have fun with the poor idiot if you are heartless enough, but for your own sake don't marry the man. The Abbeville (Lr.) Meridional tells about him as follows:  
We always feel sorry for the girl who is stuck on a fellow who will spend a dollar for ice cream and chocolate and three for a Sunday buggy ride for her on a \$6 a week salary. Somehow we see visions of barefooted children, a frowsy-headed woman over the kitchen stove, tin cans for dishes on the table and a man in the kitchen corner. The young man who lives within his means when he is single usually has means after he is married.

—Trade with Asa Cordill and get your trade tickets

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### Some Negro Peculiarities.

As a collector of a debt, a negro is the hot tamales.  
As the payer of a debt, he is the cold ice cream.  
If you want to see him all the time, owe him a quarter.  
If you never want to hear of him again, lend him a quarter.  
A negro will let you have one watermelon for ten cents, but will not sell two for less than a quarter.  
A negro's religion is like linen; it don't keep unless well aired.  
A negro has a most delegate sense of touch; he can tell a young pullet from an old hen the darkest night that ever came.

### A Thrifty Farmer.

The editor of the Bulletin while in Stephenville last week met G. W. Jenks, a reformed newspaper man now engaged in farming and fruit growing. The Bulletin man was anxious to see an ex-newspaper man's idea of a country home and so took a ride in a farm wagon out to the Jenks home two miles from Stephenville. Behind a fine team the ride was a delightful one and ended too soon. Jenks is entertaining as well as energetic, and it was a pleasure to get his ideas about farm life. His place shows what can be done by combining thought and energy. He has about two hundred acres in the place of which seventy is in cultivation and over half this in an orchard. At this particular time his 2000 pear trees were the most attractive things in evidence. He has most of them in bearing with at least 1000 bushels on them which sell readily at \$1.00 per bushel. He can not supply the demand. He also has many Elberta peaches, apples, plums, persimmons and berries.  
Some of the pears from this orchard weighed a pound and there was hardly one on the place that weighed less than a half. This is an upland dry farm, without irrigation. It is worked well though and the dryer the season the more closely it is worked. He grows some cotton, some corn, has a flock of Angora goats, some good brood mares, a few Jersey cattle, some thoroughbred hogs, fine chickens, in fact everything that can be grown well on a farm and practices diversification to such

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For Constable Precinct No. 2:  
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an extent that he has something to sell every day in the year, and he is in town every day with some of the farm products. He has a comfortable home, good barns, sheds and out houses for everything and two tanks from which he gets an abundance of fresh fish. Can any one picture a more ideal life than is led by Farmer Jenks, his good wife and family? And yet what he has done can be done by every man in Texas who owns a farm and is willing to study and work as Jenks has done.—Banner-Bulletin.

### The Writer and the Artist.

The writer was describing a crowd gathered on a gala occasion.

"The stands," he wrote, "were draped with people."  
He paused to reflect.

"Rather a neat way of putting it," he said by way of tossing himself a bouquet.

Then the story went to the artist, who read it with care.

"I am told," said the artist, "that my pictures do not always fit the text. Clearly it is up to me to show that I can 'follow copy' in this matter."

So he draped the stands with people. They hung in gay festoons from pillars and posts: some by the hands and some by the feet. Never was a story so realistically pictured. And yet, and yet—

The feud between writer and artist still exists.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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### What Ethan Allen Really Said.

A lecturer on the mistakes of history says that Ethan Allen did not utter at the taking of Fort Ticonderoga the ringing phrase associated with that event in the mind of every schoolboy. Instead of informing the British commander that he demanded the surrender of the stronghold "in the name of the Great Jehova and the Continental congress," he shouted, "Come out of that, you old rat!"

### Odd Claim for Damage Suit.

The sum of \$2000 for a dislocated tooth and a jaw put out of joint is what a woman asked in damages recently of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company in the New York supreme court. She was hit by a baseball while riding in a Lexington avenue car. She claims that the baseball was batted by a railway employe from in front of the car barns through the car window.

### All but the Right One.

Judge A. M. Reiley used to narrate that, while on the bench in the international court at Cairo, after a witness whose nationality was a puzzle had been addressed in French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Italian and Arabic, and failed to make any response except by shaking his head that he did not understand, Judge Keiley turned to a brother judge and remarked sotto voce, "I wonder what language the idiot speaks, anyhow." "The same as yerself, yer honor," came from the witness in the broadest Tipperary brogue.

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### A Candidate's First Speech.

Beriah Wilkins, owner of the Washington Post, was formerly a representative in Congress from Ohio. He tells with great glee a story about his first campaign. When he was nominated he had never made a public speech. Soon after the convention a delegation came to him from a small town in his district and asked him to come out to a ratification meeting. Wilkins said he would, but cautioned the delegation against asking him to speak. They said that would be all right, as they had provided two professional spellbinders. All Wilkins would have to do, they said, would be to shake hands and kiss the babies. Wilkins went, was met by a brass band and escorted to the hall. Then, to his utter dismay, he found that the spellbinders had not arrived. The chairman insisted that Wilkins must say something. He stood up, was introduced and said everything he could think of. After he had been talking what seemed to him two hours, but in reality was not more than fifteen minutes, he gave out entirely and sat down. There was a dense silence; not a person in the hall applauded. Then the chairman arose and said: "If there is anybody in the hall that can make a speech, we will be glad to hear him."

### Only One in Her Class.

Miss Christine Ross of New York is the only woman in the city, if not the United States, who has held the office of certified public accountant. She was the first woman to attempt the examinations for the place. She was second on the list of candidates, being only six-tenths of a point below the mark received by the most successful competitor. When asked about her duties Miss Ross said to a reporter: "People, principally women, send for me from all around to straighten their accounts. Charitable organizations, which are managed by women are among my steady clients. Few things, indeed, are more helpless than the average young society woman who, from all sorts of good motives and kindly intentions, attempts to keep the church diet, kitchen or day nursery books. If she should turn her accounts into a crock, beat them thoroughly with the egg whip, season to taste and bake them in an oven for thirty minutes the treatment would be about as sensible as that which they ordinarily receive."

### Got an Unbiased Opinion.

Out in Idaho they have a story that when Roosevelt was traveling in that state years ago he saw in a store window a copy of his book, "The Winning of the West." He entered and after looking at the book said to the storekeeper: "Who is this Roosevelt?" "He's a rancher, somewhere, and I want to say, stranger, that in my opinion he better stick to his ranch and give up writing if he can't do better than that."

### His Early Start as an Editor.

Shortly after the present James Gordon Bennett was born (in 1842) his father started the Sunday edition of the New York Herald, at the same time announcing "James Gordon Bennett, Jr." as editor.

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### Notice.

All parties holding registered jury script will please call at the Treasurer's office and I will pay same. W. F. SHARP.

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J. F. STUART.

—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon over Walker's

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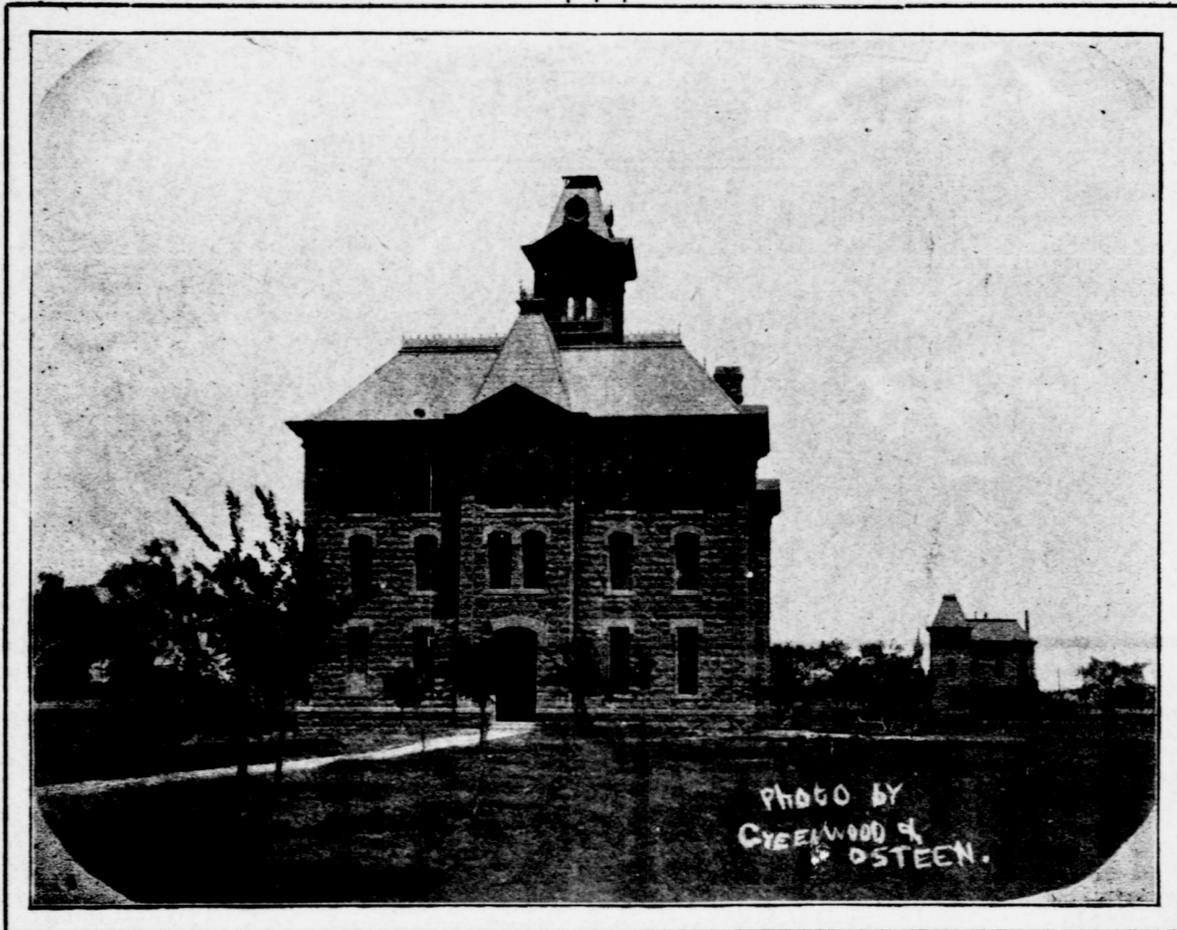
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We have a lot of large Picture Frames that we will sell at about one half the usual price. If you want frames you can't afford to miss this chance.

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We are filling our large store with a large and enormous stock of Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, etc., of the very best brands at the very lowest CASH prices. We will save you from 10 to 20 per cent every dollar spent with us. Trade at a CASH house and save that big credit price that a credit house must have. We will save you money on every purchase

### Dress Goods Department.



Our Dress Goods are all new and swell up-to-date patterns. We have all the new weaves, fabrics and shades in silk, silk and wool, wool and wool mixtures, such as taffeta, poudesole, broad cloths, venetian cloths, thibets, brilliantines, crepe cloth cheviots serges and golfing cloth.

Special 36 inch Serge all wool value 75 cents, special price **50cts**

We have an elegant selection of beautiful percales flannelets, teazle downs, opera flannels. These are nice soft shades for shirt waist empire gowns, kimona sacques and wrappers. We have them from **5 to 12½c**

### Ladies and Childrens Knit Underwear Department.



We have paid special attention to this department and have a fine selection of union suits and sleeve vests in wool wove mixture and cotton every garment warranted to give perfect satisfaction.

ladies heavy knit sleeve vest best grade value 50c special price **25c**

### Hosiery Department.



TOPSEY HOSIERY is the best. We have a very large and extensive assortment in dress hose drop stitch and lace, ribbed for school and every pair warranted not to stain or crook



Lot No 138 ribbed value 25c special price **16½cts**

### Corset Department



ROYAL WORCESTER are the best fit and wear warranted none better. We have all the styles for thin, medium, and fleshy ladies misses and girls for large and small hips, long and short lengths special style **50c**



ROYAL WORCESTER  
STYLE 445

### Men's Tailor Made Suits and Pants.

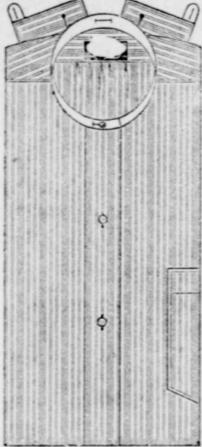


Suits and pants Every garment guaranteed to fit or no pay 3 500 samples to select from.

Suits.....\$10.00 up  
Pants.....\$3.50 up

Every garment shrunk and hand made.

### Gents Furnishing Department.



We have latest styles in men's and boys' shirts and collars. The Monarch and Lion brands are the best for fit wear and style. They talk for themselves. Special \$1.50 values, special **\$1.00**

The best line of over shirts ever shown in Ballinger. Extra heavy any color good wear val \$1 special **75c**

### Mens and Boys Underwear Department.

This department is very large and full of good warm underwear. Wool, wool and silk, wool mixture and cotton fleeced. Every garment warranted. Special fleeced line shirt value 50 cents, special price **25cts**

### Staple Department.

We are always full up on staples of the very best brands, as to prices we lead and others follow. Very best brands of Calicos, Sheetings, Domestic Canton Flannel, etc. Special, Sea Island Domestic 36 inches wide value 8½ cents special price **5cts**

### Special

Beginning October 1st until every shirt waist or skirt pattern sold amounting to \$2.00 or more we will give you your selection of Cosmopolitan pattern to make same by.

### Notions.

Our notion department has everything that a lady could wish for such as buttons all styles brushes, combs, shealds, elastic bindings, finishing braids, etc, etc. of your own prices.

### Clothing Department.



THE SUPERB are the best for fit style and wear. Tailor made and padded shoulders, every garment warranted. We have them in mens from \$3.50 per suit up.



Special the best wool filled Jeans pants warranted not to rip in crotch val \$1.50 special **\$1.23**

### Trunks, Trunks.

Sheet iron trunks, hickery straps heavy, ¼ wood stout for traveling **\$1.50up**  
Telescopes genuine rain proof duck, prices from **50c to \$1.25**

### Made to Measure Department.

Ladies Tailor made skirts and jackets every garment guaranteed to fit or no pay, 1000 samples and models to select.

### Comforts and Blankets.

The best on earth California blankets and heavy large comforts. Nice large comforts 99 cents. Big heavy blankets from 99 cts a pr up to **\$8**

We pay special attention to our boys clothing and pants we will give you the very best at lowest prices. Suits for boys from \$1 up. Special, a good wool pant, value 75 cts special price **50cts**

### Shoe Department

DREW & SELBY'S



Ladies fine shoes for dress and every day wear in patent kid and chrome kid hand turn and heavy welts for walking.

Special Drew & Selby's genuine kid solid leather value \$2.50 special price **\$2**

Ladies patent kid dress shoes solid leather coin tip toe, lace, value \$3.50 p **\$2.48**

also heavy every day shoes.

Special, a genuine kid solid leather coin tip, lace, value \$1.75, special price **\$1.28**

Very extensive line of Misses and childrens shoes every pair warranted price per pair **65c to \$1.25**

### Men's and Boy's Shoes



Helmert Bettmann & Company Lead them all for style wear and fit. We have them in the following styles:

Patent Ideal kid.....\$4.50 to \$5.00  
Velour and wax calf single and double sole \$3.50  
Box calf, llama calf and kid.....\$2.98  
Horsehide and kid.....\$2.25  
Veal calf and satin calf.....\$1.48  
Boys shoes in good satin calf.....\$1.25  
" " " calf and kid.....\$1.50  
" " " " " better.....\$1.98  
" " " " " extra.....\$2.50

### Hat Department



We have a fine line of all the new styles and shapes for men and boys. We sell the celebrated J B Stetson, Lion Black Bear Liberty Bell also a full line of warm winter caps

Special, extra good hat Liberty Bell brand large and small shapes, white and black value \$1.50 special price **\$1.38**

### Skirts and Petticoats



We sell the best made Kalamazoo skirts none better **75cents to \$3.50**

Special nice heavy lined petticoats value \$1.00 going at **50 cents.**

# THE HUB

**Leaders in Low Prices**

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# Mrs. Stella Forbes, Ballinger's . . . Leading . . . Milliner

Keeps everything from a tiny baby cap to the French picture hat in the newest design. Visits the Eastern markets twice a year. I buy my goods for cash and reason will teach you that this is the place to buy your hats for the least money. You are cordially invited when in Ballinger to visit her shop in the Davis-Noyes building whether you wish to buy or not and look through her large stock which is

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Blacksmith and Wheelwright

Horse shoeing a specialty  
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Give us a trial.

BALLINGER, TEXAS. **W. W. McKINLEY**

to pay for this year's crops would have employed a flotilla of sailing vessels, while its land transportation would have been a big task for a hundred caravans. Even in gold its weight would be 4,000 tons, and it would have taken at least that number of teams of oxen or horses to haul it over the rude roads that were then the best highways.

## South Side Barber Shop

has just been fitted up with new chairs and other apparatus necessary for the convenience of my customers. We do first-class work and solicit a share of the public patronage.

## South Side Barber Shop

J. A. DANCER, Prop.

## W. A. Pigford

Do you want a real tailor made suit of clothes—not a hand me down that passes for a tailor made but have your measure taken right here and have it fit. If you do W. A. Pigford is the man you are looking for. We do all kinds of cleaning and pressing. When in need of this kind of work give us a trial.

## W. A. Pigford THE TAILOR.

problem, like cart-wheel dollars better than bank notes. Big shipments are moved west as well as south, however, and of course tons and tons of these shipments are in half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes, besides nickels and cents for making change.

Returning to gold for a moment it may be interesting to know that its transportation from the east to the west is exceedingly rare at any time. In 1893 during the prevalence of the currency famine some gold was so transported, and at intervals the yellow metal in quantities is sent from San Francisco to the east, but all ordinary currency shipments are confined to notes and silver. It seems that while the country as a whole has decided in favor of gold as its monetary standard the people do not like to use it as an actual circulating medium.

The packing of silver for shipment is much simpler than the packing of notes, since owing to its great bulk and weight—every thousand dollars weighing sixty pounds—it would be difficult for a thief to get away with any considerable sum of silver. It is therefore placed for shipment in plain, strong bags, which are tied and the knot protected with a wax seal.—Courier Journal.

Read The Hub add.

The Hub sells for cash.

The Hub opening, Oct. 8th 9th.

The Hub sells 6c cotton checks for 4c per yard.

It is a trick to fit your feet. Let me do it neat at The Hub.

## Ike Wooden

Will pay the highest price for hides of all kinds. Repair your bicycle if it is broken. Yours for business

## Ike Wooder

The Hub sells gray wool pants for \$1.25. Worth \$1.50.

The Hub has a large and complete line of men and boys' clothing and hats.

### Worm Turned.

The lady (?) who yesterday called the attention of another to our patched breeches, whereat both laughed so heartily, is informed that a new pair will be purchased when her husband's bill is paid. It has been due nearly a year. Don't criticise a printer's dress too closely while you are wearing silk with money due us. Tell your husband to send us \$40.78 and save the cost of a law suit. We need another pair of pants.—Ex.

Love is the most sacred word ever framed by celestial lips. It embraces all that is holy in human life, every gleam of supernatural glory that radiates from the immaculate throne of the Infinite. Of love was born every grace and beauty in heaven and earth every holy aspiration, every hope of immortality. It's the law of life, the harmony of heaven, the breath of which the universe was born—the Divine Essence incarnate of the ever-living God.—Gatesville Messenger.

## Glober & Shaw

When you want a tender juicy steak don't fail to give us a trial. We buy nothing but the best beef stuff and hence sell nothing but the best meats.

We are yours to please.

## Glober & Shaw

### MOVING OF MONEY.

#### To Pay For the Cotton in the South.

If the two billions of dollars, at which the most conservative experts value this year's record-breaking crops, were to be paid in silver coin, the round disks of white metal required would fill 2,000 freight cars, each holding a million dollars, weighing thirty tons. The weight of the entire payment would be 60,000 tons, and it would take a hundred locomotives to haul it in as many twenty-car trains. The train crews would number at least 500 men, and several regiments of troops would be needed to guard the bulky treasure during its transit from the mint to the farmers.

The picture thus brought before the imagination illustrates the difference between the an-

The Hub sells 7½ bleached do. 5c per yard.

cient and modern system of agriculture, of transportation, of money and exchange. Even so late as a half century ago no country in the world was capable of producing any such unthinkable vast crops, and, even had they been produced, they would have been unavailable, because it would have been impossible either to move them to the consumers or to provide the money to pay for them. Back in the days when coin was the only money, the transportation by sea of enough cash in silver

## A. Hall

I am now at home in my new quarters in the new Glober & Shaws' stone building ready to serve the public with everything that a first-class confectionery store has to offer. We have cold drinks on tap at all times and our line of candies, tobacco and cigars are unexcelled. Give me a call when in Ballinger.

## A. Hall

Curiously enough, though there is no more gold in the country than ever before, there are practically no shipments of gold for the purpose of handling the crops. The shipped currency is all in silver dollars and bank notes, the latter being largely in small denominations. Often a shipment of \$100,000 will all be in one dollar notes. This is because the farmer wants his money in convenient form to pay out in wages. Nearly all the one dollar notes go to western points such small notes not being wanted in the South. There silver dollars are in greater demand, mainly because the negroes, who make up the great bulk of the southern industrial

The Hub opening, Oct. 8th 9th.

The Hub leads in low cash prices.

The Hub school shoes cannot be duplicated.

The Hub has a complete line of Drew, Selbys & Co. shoes.

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## F. J. WILLIAMS & Company

### LUMBER DEALERS



OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE

Let your wife see our new phaetons and runabouts and she will be sure to want one

We handle the best grade of lumber in the largest quantities of any retail lumber dealer in West Texas, buy direct from the mills and sell first class lumber for what most retail dealers sell 2nd class

We make estimates on application and guarantee as close figures as any of our competitors can give you.

Our stock of Wagons, Buggies, Saddles, and Harness is always complete and we make prices that knock the bottom out of competition

# F. J. WILLIAMS & COMPANY

# A COMPLETE HISTORY

## Of Runnels County from its Organization in 1880 up to the present Showing its Development and Resources.

Runnels County was organized in 1880, being created out of the territory of Bexar County in 1858. At time of its organization there were 890 people, who claimed it as their home. The census in 1890 showed 3800 people within her confines, and in 1890 the census showed 7000 people, while today there is at least 10,000 people who are citizens of her fertile plains.

The assessed valuation in 1880 was \$960,000.00. In 1900, \$2,841,758, while this year the rolls show 3 1/2 millions worth of taxable property.

lar Court House, a twenty thousand dollar jail and a splendid city government, and upon the whole is prosperous and up-to-date in all enterprises. The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad passes through the center of the town. It is the shipping point for Runnels, Concho, Menard, Coke and parts of Coleman, Taylor and Nolan counties.

Winters sixteen miles north of Ballinger, is a town of about seven hundred and fifty inhabitants. It is a wide awake and hustling little place, with some twenty places of business, carrying fine

plow, as the county is about two thirds prairie lands. The prices of land range from five to twelve dollars per acre, owing to nearness to market, water, timber and amount of improvements on the land.

### PRODUCTIONS OF THE SOIL

Cotton from 1/2 to 1 bale per acre.

Wheat, from 15 to 35 bushels per acre.

Oats, from 40 to 100 bushels per acre.

Barley and rye, from 30 to 40 bushels per acre.

species except those grown only in tropical countries, grow and ripen here in profusion, and have a far finer flavor than fruit grown on the Pacific slope, where an excess of water from irrigation seems to destroy the saccharine qualities of the fruit. The plum of fine flavor, large and juicy, grows wild everywhere.

### VINES.

Grow and yield to perfection. Watermelons weigh as much as 100 pounds, and are gathered fresh and of delicious flavor as late as December. Muskmelons,

from \$120 to \$200 per pair. Mule, \$120 to \$250 per pair. Oxen from \$45 to \$65 per yoke. Milch cows from \$15 to \$25.

The average prices for last five years has been of 87 1/2 cents, corn 50 cents, oats cents, Irish potatoes \$1 per bushel; butter 20 cents per pound; eggs 15 cents per dozen; chickens \$2 to \$3 per dozen, turkeys \$6 to \$12 per dozen.

### FISH AND GAME.

All the streams of the county are full of bass, trout, channel cat, buffalo, perch, etc. Squir-



COURT HOUSE AT BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS.

In 1880 there were but four schools in the County, in 1890, twenty-two schools were taught. In 1900, thirty-two, and today there is near forty schools, with a scholastic population of nearly 1800 scholastics.

### TOWNS.

There are ten towns and villages in the county. Ballinger, the county seat is situated at the junction of Elm creek and Colorado river, and has about twenty-five hundred people. It is a well built town of fine business and residence houses. It has about one hundred places of business, carrying stocks of goods from one thousand to fifty thousand dollars. It has water works, electric lights, two papers, two banks, eight lodges, telephones, ice factory, two gins, an hundred barrel flour mill, three lumber yards, steam laundries, oil storage depot, seven churches, a ten thousand dollar school house, in which are taught some five hundred children for eight months in the year, a forty thousand dol-

stock of goods. It has two churches, a magnificent school building, a gin and is very prosperous.

Miles is on the Santa Fe railroad eighteen miles west of Ballinger, has about seven hundred and fifty inhabitants, has a bank, gin, Newspaper, and about forty places of business which carry exceedingly fine stocks of goods.

Runnels, Content, Crews, Wingate, Maverick, Norton, and Rowena are all good sized villages with fine places of business, schools, churches, gins, etc. and are all hustling to rival Ballinger in business centers, with enterprising, and happy people.

### SOILS & TOPOGRAPHY.

The topography of the county is that of broad, level prairies, with some broken lands on the streams and in the Northern part of the county. The lands are rich alluvial, red sandy, and red stiff, black sandy and black stiff lands, from two to twenty feet deep, most of it has to be fenced, when it is ready for the

Corn, from 20 to 40 bushels per acre.

Castor Beans, from 50 to 60 bushels per acre

Milo-maize and Duro Corn, from 50 to 80 bushels per acre.

Millet, 2 crops a year, from 4 to 6 tons per acre.

Sorghum Cane, 2 crops a year from 3 to 4 tons per acre.

Colorado grass, 3 crops a year 3 to 5 tons per acre.

The above productions are without irrigation or fertilizers, which are never used in Runnels County.

### VEGETABLES.

Of every known variety, grow in tropical luxuriance. Potatoes both sweet and Irish, yield enormously; peas, beans, onions, beets, and in fact, the whole of the vegetable kingdom, prospers so well and yields such handsome returns that we might truthfully call our section "The Garden of Texas."

### FRUITS.

Such as peaches, pears, quinces, berries, and in fact, every

squash, pumpkins, cucumbers, and the whole list of their kind, grow in greatest abundance. Grapes are natives of this country, and the California varieties have been found to do remarkably well.

### TIMBER.

Consists of elm, pecan, black walnut, hackberry, willow, ash, wild china, spanish oak, etc., on the streams and bottom lands; post oak, live oak and mesquite on the prairies, and cedar on the hills.

### BUILDING MATERIAL, ETC.

Good clay for brick and excellent stone for building are found everywhere. Besides, lumber from the pine regions of East Texas is brought into the country and sold at current rates as elsewhere. Barbed wire is used for fencing, and the cedar and mesquite trees, which are in great abundance, for posts.

### VARIOUS PRICES.

Lumber from \$13 to \$22 per thousand feet. Cedar posts ten cents a piece. Good work horses

rels along the water courses and timber; antelope, partridges, ducks, curlew, plover, etc., abound here in their seasons.

Runnels County has fourteen streams of good, pure everlasting water.

Come to Runnels County where one man can cultivate one hundred acres of land.

### SOCIETY IN RUNNELS COUNTY.

The citizens of our county are intelligent law-abiding liberal minded and progressive. Schools and churches are well attended and public improvements and enterprises receive hearty encouragement. The benevolent societies of every kind, among them the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, etc., have large memberships in all our numerous towns and villages, and are in a flourishing condition.

### RAINFALL.

As shown by the United States Signal Service, first at Concho, and afterwards at

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lene, for a period of twelve years averages 29.26 inches. The months average as follows: January, 1.02 inches; February, 1.07 inches; March, 1.46 inches; April, 1.46 inches; May, 3.74 inches; June, 2.79 inches; July, 3.26 inches; August, 3.40; September, 2.94 inches; October, 2.94 inches; November, 1.12 inches; December, 2.08 inches. From this record, which is from the official records, it appears that the rainfall is during the months in which it is mostly needed by the farmers.

#### MARKET; FARM PRODUCE, LIVE STOCK, ETC.

Food products, such as corn, wheat and cereals of all kinds, bring better prices in Runnels County at all times than are paid in the northern markets. Owing to the great influx of immigration as well as the great number of persons engaged in the wool growing and cattle raising of the West, the home demand for food products is far above the supply.

There is a home demand for good mules, horses and cows raised in Runnels county, while the wool, beef cattle, etc., are shipped from the city of Ballinger to northern and eastern markets.

#### PLANTING SEASON.

The mild winter generally admits of corn planting in February and March, and cotton in April. The most of our wheat is sown in the fall and harvested in May, so that flour from new wheat can be delivered in any northern or eastern city fully six weeks in advance of the old wheat growing states. Oats are sown for the most part in

January, February and March, and harvested in early June, but winter oats have been known to yield over one hundred bushels to the acre. Sorghum, millet and other forage crops are planted almost at pleasure of the farmer. Field work can be done at all seasons of the year, and loss of thirty days from outdoor occupations on account of heat, cold or rain, in any one year, would be an over estimate. During the cold, bleak winter months when nearly all the farmers of the northern and eastern states are busy in the effort to keep the cold out, and their stock from suffering, by constant attention, and feeding out corn, hay and other fodder, gathered during the Summer, the farmer in Winter here enjoys mild pleasant weather, and his flocks and herds are in good condition, feeding on the prairie, requiring only a little feed during the coldest spells, which only last four or five days at a time.

#### STOCK.

Cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, etc., have, until a few years ago, constituted the principal wealth of our county. The magnificence of our climate, together with the rich, nutritious grasses, first induced the stockman to locate his herds and flocks in this gentle rolling country.

The settlement of the country by "the man with the hoe" has pushed the large herds and flocks to the westward, but there still remains a large number, distributed, however, in more lands, which are constantly being improved.

The ease with which the rich-

est kind of forage crops can be raised, makes this one of the finest "farmer stock countries" on the face of the earth.

As fine horses and mules as the blue grass regions of Kentucky can produce are raised in Runnels County. It is nature's home for stock of every kind. Incident to farm stock raising is dairy farming, which has proven very lucrative in this section.

#### WATER

Runnels County is one of the best watered counties in the State, the Colorado river passes through the county from the west to the east, with Oak creek, Valley creek, Fish creek, Cayote creek, Bluff creek, Elm creek, Mud creek and Mustang creek flowing into it from the north, and Red Bank creek, Rocky creek and Pony creek flowing into it from the south, and Fuzzy creek, which flows into the Concho river. All of these streams afford an abundance of water all the year, and stop running only during a very dry season. Besides these streams are numerous springs and spring branches. Wells of good pure water can be had in any portion of the county at a depth of twenty-five to sixty feet. Tanks can be easily made, and hold water like a jug.

#### CLIMATE OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

Our atmosphere is pure and free from all the germs of disease, which infects the atmosphere of so great a part of the United States, from the fact that in reaching this section the air passes over no bodies of stagnant and fermenting water, from which to gather the poison so readily absorbed, but passes

over running streams of pure, fresh water, from which its moisture is obtained. The climate throughout the year is delightful, with neither extreme of heat or cold. The thermometer rarely indicates a temperature below twenty degrees above zero and seldom above one hundred degrees, Fahrenheit; the evaporation on account of the continuous motion of the air in this altitude is so great that one hundred degrees is not as oppressive in this climate as 80 degrees of heat in other altitudes. The nights succeeding the warmest days we have are always cool and refreshing; those who have lived here longest are most enthusiastic in their praise. Here evaporation performs the part of a great hygienic factor; that is, the elimination from the system of those things not needed for nutrition and which tends in any way to tear down the constitution. This climate is especially suited to those affected with pulmonary troubles, diseases of the kidneys etc. All organs of exertion are relieved of a great deal of work under this climate which they have to perform under nearly every other climate in North America. Not only those in ill health should seek so healthy a section, but those strong and healthy should come and enjoy a salubrious climate which relieves that dull, stupid feeling experienced in so many parts of the United States, and which gives both mental and physical activity and energy to the human system.

It is always desirable for the homeseeker to get into a locality where friends and old neighbors can gather around him. In an

old established community this cannot be, for only here and there desirable homes can be bought, and the colony plan is only practicable in a new country. We might add here that even in Texas, Runnels county is the most desirable section, where all the good lands have not been culled, and where a colony can obtain a large body of the fine agricultural land. It is hardly necessary for us to refer to the advantages that would follow to the new home builder, for his settlement on lands under the favorable conditions of a colony development. To him it would mean friends and neighbors around him; the erection of mills and gins; a good market for all his crops, and the building up of a good town to buy his family supplies in. The homeseeker who goes it alone cannot expect these advantages, and it is therefore particularly desirable that all who go from a particular state especially from the same section, should locate and buy together.

Runnels county will not always offer such inducements to the homeseeker, and it would be well for the reader of this who have sons, whose welfare he is looking after, to consider the purchase of a home within the colony lands. Boys will leave the old home, and it is just as impossible to keep them there as it is to change the nature of our beings. It would be so much better for your son to have a home provided for him in Runnels county, where lands are cheap, than to be turned loose to rove around the world. If the colonization plan is talked of by your neighbors, and they deter-

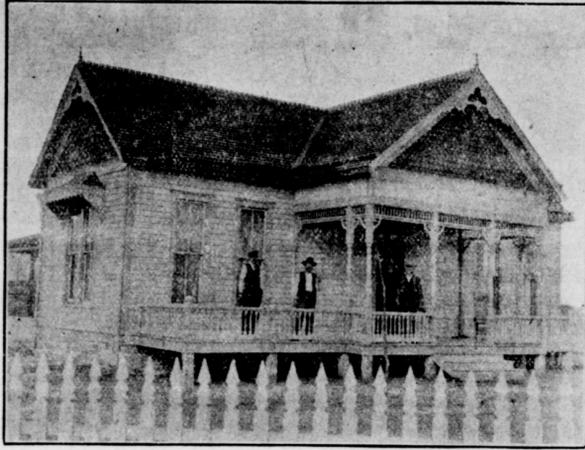
# Post Office Items.

## CLASSIFICATION AND CONDITIONS.

**First Class.**—Includes letters and all other matter wholly or partially in writing or type-writing, and any imitation thereof not readily distinguishable as such, whether sealed or unsealed and everything sealed, sewed, nailed or fastened in any manner that will preclude a ready examination to determine the contents. The rate is two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. It is a very common error for letters weighing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ounces to be mailed with 3 or 5 cents upon them. This is wrong, as the correct letter rate must be in multiple of two, as 2, 4, 6, etc., no matter how small the fraction. At least 2 cents must be paid on each piece of first class matter. If overweight it will be forwarded and the deficiency collected of addressee upon delivery, except to pension agencies and revenue collectors, who are allowed no funds with which to pay postage. Letters to them must be fully paid or suffer delay. There is no limit to the weight of first class matter, but all packages over four pounds must be fully prepaid at the rate of 2 cents an ounce, or 32 cents per pound.

At post offices not having free mail delivery, "drop" letters for delivery through the boxes or general delivery, the rate is 1 cent per ounce. At letter carrier offices the rate is 2 cents an ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters mailed without any stamps whatever, are returned for postage to the writer, if known, by return card on envelope or otherwise; if unknown, the addressee is notified upon an



Residence of Postmaster, H. A. Cady.

official card to send the required amount in a sealed envelope, postage paid, who will promptly forward the same. If the postage is not received in two weeks the mail will be sent to the dead letter office, there to be opened, and, if intelligently signed, returned to the writer. If signed only by initials, the given or some pet name it is destroyed, but if it should contain anything of any value it is sent to the postmaster for identification and delivery.

**Second Class.**—Includes all newspapers, magazines and other periodicals, issued not less than four times a year, that have not suspended publication, one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, thus  $4\frac{1}{4}$  to 8 ounces, 2 cents;  $8\frac{1}{4}$  to 12 ounces, 3 cents, and so on up without limit of weight, to be fully prepaid with stamps affixed before mailing. If not fully prepaid

and sender be unknown, addressee will be notified, as in the case of letters wholly unpaid, explained under the head of "First Class."

Above is transient second class. Publishers and news agents pay 1 cent per pound on all publications to regular subscribers, and a limited number of sample copies, after the publication has been regularly admitted as second class matter.

When a publication ceases to be issued at stated intervals, prior numbers are no longer entitled to the second class rates, but are mailable as other printed matter of the third class.

**Third Class.**—Includes books, circulars, (defined elsewhere) and all classes of printed matter on paper, (except blank books with printed headings, printed stationery and playing cards, including games of all kinds, which are classed as merchan-

dise, under the head of fourth class) chromos, handbills; proof-sheets with or without manuscript, between author and publisher; engravings, lithographs, photographs, blue prints and other matter wholly in print; seeds, roots, bulbs plants, etc., intended for propagation, 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, to be fully prepaid by sender, or treated as unpaid second class matter. Limit of weight four pounds, except in case of a single printed book, which may be sent, when fully paid, at one cent for each two ounces, or eight cents per pound, regardless of weight.

**Fourth Class.**—Includes all kinds of merchandise, (except such as are declared by law to be unmailable) models, medals, minerals ores, paintings, plans, drawing, maps and charts produced by hand, blank books with or without printed headings, and all other articles not included in either of the foregoing classes. 1 cent for each ounce or fraction to be fully paid by stamps affixed, or treated as unpaid second or third class matter. Limit of weight, 4 pounds, except in case of single blank books, which may pass regardless of weight, at one cent per ounce or 16 cents per pound.

### CIRCULARS DEFINED.

A circular is defined by the postal laws as "a printed letter which, according to internal evidence, is being sent in identical terms to several persons" and does not lose its character as such by having the date on which it is sent, the name of the addressee or that of the sender, written or stamped thereon, but

the writing or stamping of a name, date, place or anything else to complete its sense, renders it subject to first class postage. Invitations, announcements, and the like may have name of the addressee upon inner as well as the outer envelope, or a printed or written card enclosed with the name of the sender only.

Unsealed circulars, to be entitled to pass as such, must be presented at the post office window, (not mailed in the box,) in the aggregate twenty identical copies.

### POSTAGE STAMP FLIRTATION REVISED.

A postage stamp upon the upper left hand corner of an envelope means, "I am not right bright," in the estimation of postal employes.

Writing "In haste" or similar inscriptions upon a letter is a sign of great danger. No doubt many serious wrecks have been occasioned by fast running of trains when the engineer knew that such a letter was in the mail car. Don't do it any more. Some mail clerk is liable to hurt himself laughing at your silliness. Mail matter is always sent by the quickest possible route after being deposited in the post office, frequently going hundreds of miles around to gain a few minutes over a shorter, direct route on which connections are not so good. Nothing but a special delivery stamp will hurry anything by mail, and that only after it has reached the office of destination, where it will be specially delivered.

Do not expectorate on the post office floor, if you expect to rate very high in the estimation of the postmaster.

## H. A. CADY, Postmaster.

mine to go to Runnels county, don't fail to provide a home for your boys inside the colony lands, among your friends and neighbors, though you are well fixed, and intend to stay where you are.

### RUNNELS COUNTY.

Runnels county was organized in 1880.

Runnels county has good offi-

Runnels county has more good lands than any other county in West Texas.

Runnels county will be seen on the map, is in the central portion of Texas.

Runnels county has forty free schools which run eight months in the year

Runnels county can show more first-class farming land in a body

Irish and sweet potatoes, etc., all at the same time.

### BALLINGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

#### Physicians.

Dr. W. W. Fowler.  
Drs Halley & Love.  
Dr T E Butler.  
Dr T A Rape.

#### Dentists.

W A Gustaves.

W R Spencer.  
B B Stone.  
C F Dickinson.

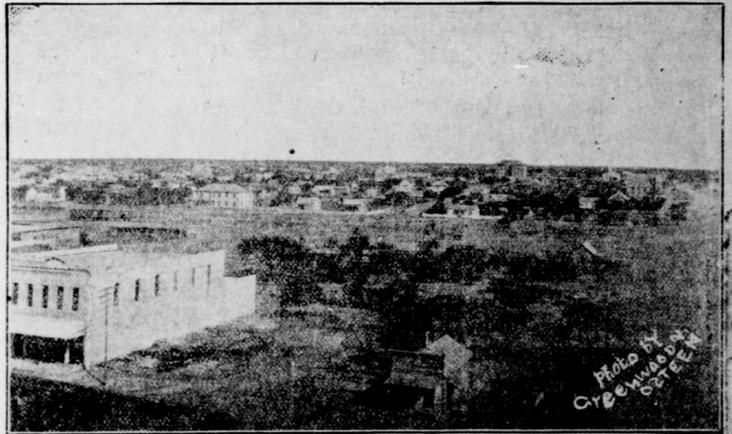
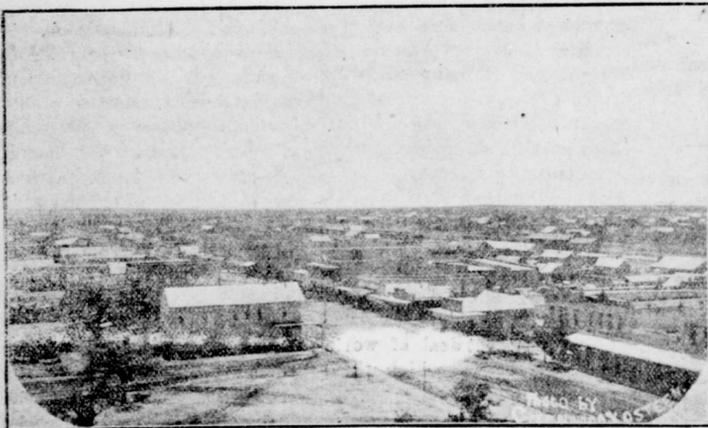
#### City Directory.

J W Powell, Mayor.  
P McGregor, Secretary.  
J B Wilmeth, Treasurer.  
Aldermen:—W J Miller, John Hoffer, J R. McVay, J A Osertag, J F Lusk.

Doose, Vice Pres- J W Powell, Sec'y, D M Baker, Treas

#### Secret Societies.

A F & A M Ballinger, 643, C R Crews, Sec'y  
Royal Arch Chapter N  
C R Crews, Secy.  
Knights of Pythias,  
Geo Wright, K of R & S  
Woodmen of the World,  
157. G W Newman, Secy.



Two Birds Eye Views of Ballinger Taken from the Court House Cupolo.

cers and good citizens.

Runnels county has an abundance of wood for home use.

Runnels county has churches and schools in every neighborhood.

Runnels county has cheaper homes than any other county in Texas.

Runnels county has good roads with iron bridges across the streams.

than any county in West Texas.

Runnels county has homes for the homeless, work for the idle, and money for the "man with the hoe."

Runnels county has the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad through it from the east to the west.

Runnels county has fields growing corn, cotton, oats, wheat rye, barley, sorghum, millet,

S B Raby.  
R A Dickinson.  
Attorneys-At-Law.  
Jno I Guion.  
J W Powell.  
C H Willingham.  
Max Lange.  
Guion Gregg.  
M C Smith.  
C P Sheppard.  
C O Harris.  
R B Truly.

#### County Directory

T T Crosson, Co. Judge.  
B B Stone, Co. Attorney.  
R P Kirk, Sheriff & Collector.  
W F Sharp, Treasurer.  
W L Townner, Co & Dist. Clk.  
W T Padgett, Assessor.  
S D Williams, Co. Surveyor.  
J E Smith, Com. and J. P.  
B W Pilcher, Constable.  
Ballinger Commercial Club—  
J McG

#### Churches.

Presbyterian, Rev. M. S. Smith, Pastor.  
Cumberland Presbyterian, Rev O M Fitzhugh, Pastor.  
Methodist Episcopal, South, Rev C M Shuffler, Pastor.  
Christian, Rev. J. A. Shoptaugh, Pastor.  
Baptist, Rev. W G. Caperton, Pas

# Restaurant and Short Order House

I have purchased the restaurant and short order business heretofore run by M. C. Cobb & Co and am prepared to give regular meals as well fill special orders. Oysters and salt water fish always in stock. Prices reasonable. Give us a trial.

## THE SORT ORDER HOUSE

J. C. HILL, Proprietor

# Wm. DOOSE

The far off known and celebrated best  
Custom Boot Maker for Stockmen.  
Special attention paid to all mail orders  
Repairing Promptly Attended to

## W m . DOOSE

BALLINGER, : : : TEXAS

### The Poll Tax Amendment.

Since there has been some agitation of the poll tax amendment to be voted on at the November election, we submit to the reading public a brief concise and logical argument in behalf of this amendment which we think touches all the salient points or features in the proposed amendment:

The Post reproduced yesterday a letter from Hon. George B. Terrell, on the poll tax amendment. In it Mr. Terrell presents the argument in favor of the amendment with clearness and ability.

These arguments may be summed up as follows: First, the poll tax is right. No man should receive protection from the government without paying his share of the expenses of the government. The man without property may be making a good living in the state, and if he does not pay a poll tax, he pays nothing toward the support of the government, the whole burden of which is thrown upon his neighbors.

Second, the poll tax amendment will tend to purify the ballot, as those citizens who are not good citizens enough to pay the poll tax will be disfranchised.

Third, it will increase the State's revenue. Hon. R. M. E. comptroller of public accounts of the State, declares the loss from the 170,000 poll tax delinquents to figure out a loss of \$170,000 to the school fund, \$85,000 to the State revenue, and \$42,500 to the various counties. Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana with the

poll tax as a legal prerequisite to voting, and the first four named States heartily recommend it. While there is an element opposed to it in Louisiana, it has many strong supporters there among the best men in the State.

The objections that have been made to the poll tax amendment in Texas are all unsound. The chief objection is that the franchise is a right and not a privilege. It has never been so regarded in England or any of the States of the United States. Very many of the States have an educational qualification of the franchise. Many have this same proposed poll tax law. The case is assimilated to the requirement in a private society or club that no member should vote who has not paid his dues. This is a perfectly proper requirement. But there is the further consideration that the State is a sovereign and may lawfully and rightly limit the franchise as may be thought best for its own interests, that is, for the interests of the people. The right to life and limb, to liberty, to private property are the absolute rights of man. The franchise is a privilege for the fit. It is a sound proposition that a citizen who won't pay his poll tax is not fit to vote.

A schoolmaster one day sat down at his desk in an absent-minded sort of way, but he rose up again immediately, for a bent pin was inserted in his person. Calling a small boy up to him he said, "Johnny I will make you a present of 50 cents if you will tell me who put that pin on my

chair." But Johnny refused the four bits and declined to tell. The teacher was warm on account of the pin, but he admired the loyalty of the boy and after school was dismissed called him up and said, "So Johnny you wouldn't tell on the other boys even for 50 cents; well, I must say I admire your loyalty, my boy." Loyalty, nuthin'," said Johnny. "The fellers that was into this business told me that if I peached on them they would lay fur me an' lick me till I would not be able to git out fur a week —an' they sure world 'a done it. I couldn't afford to take that lickin' fur 50 cents, but if you want to cough up \$2 I will tell you who set that pin and take my chances."

A man who had picked out a somewhat plain looking wife was asked in confidence one day by a friend why a fine looking man like him should have picked out such a homely wife when there was plenty of handsome women to pick from.

"Well," said the contented husband, "when I was a boy my father gave me a nickel to spend for eating apples. I passed by 17 barrels of good apples and blew in my nickel for Ben Davises because they were the best lookers in the store. Since then looks don't cut much ice with me."

Appearances are often deceptive.

Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition, Dallas, Texas, and return \$7.75. Dates of sale Sept 25th to Oct 12th.

### The Baby Brother.

Yes, I've got a little brother,  
Never asked to have him, nuther,  
But he's here.  
They just went away and bought him,  
And last week the doctor brought him,  
Weren't that queer?  
When I heard the news from Molly,  
Why I thought at first twas jolly.  
'Cause you see,  
I s'posed I could go and get him  
And then mamma course would let him  
Play with me.  
But when I had once looked at him,  
Why I says, "Great sakes is that him?"  
Just that mite!"  
They said "Yes," and "Ain't he cunnin'?"  
And I thought they must be funnin'—  
He's a sight!  
He's so small it's just amazin',  
And you'd think that he was blazin',  
He's so red,  
And his nose is like a berry,  
And he's bald as Uncle Jerry  
On his head.  
Why, he isn't worth a brick,  
All he does is cry and kick,  
He can't stop;  
Won't sit up, you cant arrange him,  
I don't see why pa don't change him  
At the shop.  
Now we've got to dress and feed him  
And we really didn't need him  
More'n a frog;  
Why'd they buy a baby brother  
When they know I'd good deal ruther  
Have a dog?  
—Kansas Farmer.

### Museum Collection of Old Bonnets.

A collection of curious old bonnets, covering a period of eighty years, has just been received at the museum in Philadelphia Memorial hall. Some of these wonderful creations of milliners in the last century are marvels of invention and construction. One of the old bandboxes in the collection is about twice the size of an ordinary washtub, and is covered with quaint, gaudily-patterned wall paper. From the present viewpoint many of the old-time fashions for headgear appear most ludicrous.

### Jordan's Epigrammatic Sayings.

Some of the platform utterances of President Jordan of Leland Stanford university have been treasured up by many Western educators. Here are a few of them: "You can't fasten a \$5,000 education upon a 50-cent boy." "The football field is safer for young men than the ballroom." When Collis P. Huntington declared that college men were poor business men and that the masses were overeducated, Jordan replied: "If an educated man is unfitted to take a practical hold on life he is not worth educating, or the education is a misfit."

### Prolific Hymn-Writer.

Fannie Crosby, now 80 years of age and blind, but still working, has written upwards of 5000 church hymns. She tells in a St. Louis newspaper that "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," a hymn sung throughout Christendom, was written in fifteen minutes. Mrs. Crosby has recently written her first music, all her previous work having been confined to the words.