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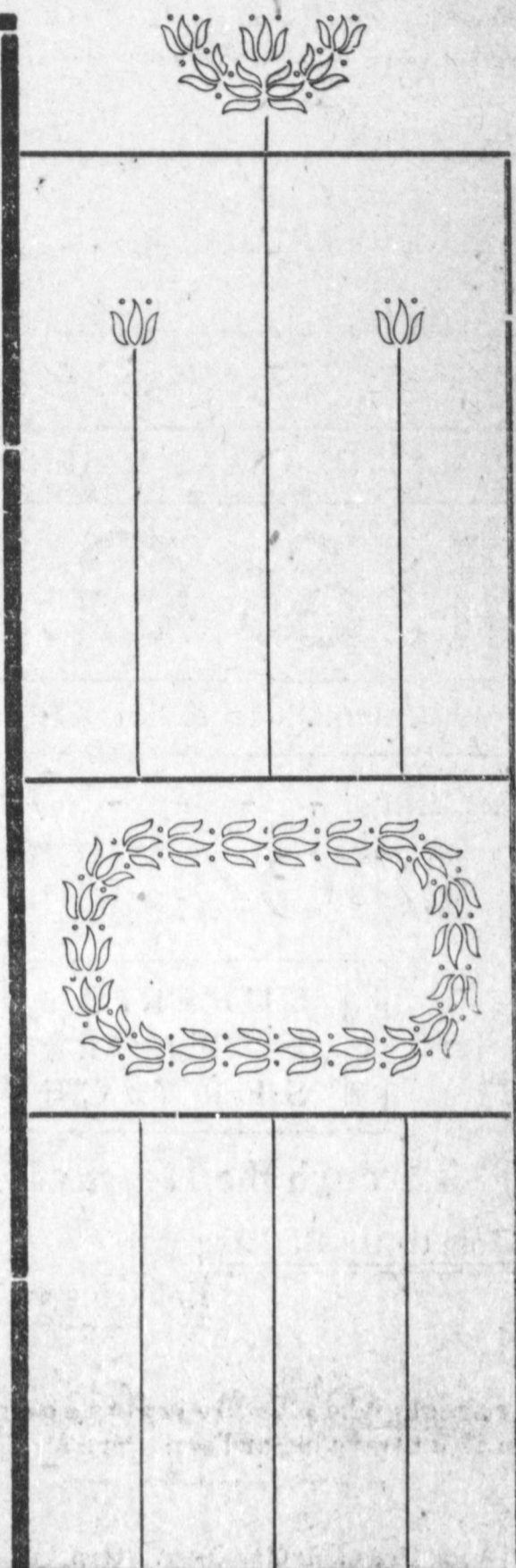
The Good Old Summer Time is Here.

And with it comes the warm weather. You will need some summer clothes and we are prepared to meet your wants. Our line of summer goods is the largest in West Texas. Our summer suits, ladies dress goods, shoes, slippers, straw hats, cant be excelled in price or quality. When you come to town visit our store for bargains for you will surely find them

GROCERIES

You should be particular where you buy your groceries in the summer for you want them fresh. We handle nothing but pure fresh groceries and our line of goods for summer trade is especially fine. Give us a trial order and be convinced.

Currie-Noyes Co.



SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to notify all parties indebted to H. Winkler to please call and settle up at once I have bought the accounts and left them with Mr. H. Winkler to collect, you will find him at the old stand and is authorized to receive all moneys paid in an accounts.
** Yours Truly **

L. LITT

Go to the City barber shop for living prices and polite treatment.

Read this paper.

For insurance in nothing but the best old line companies. See Lee Maddox.

Brewer's watch repairing is the best.

To My Friends and Clients

Referring to the Dissolution Notice of the firm of Lange & Doose, as appears elsewhere in these columns, I, as succeeding member of said firm, beg to state, that I am not unmindful of my obligations to the many friends and customers from whom the firm derived its patronage, and I here express my sincere appreciation and hereby acknowledge my heartfelt thanks to my many friends here and to my clients at large, for their confidence, good will and generous patronage.

Having once secured your patronage, it will be my earnest

endeavor to retain it, and availing myself of every legitimate facility, to the end, that the relations of my patrons may be, to them, both pleasant and profitable.

Thanking you for the many favors shown, and assuring you of my willingness to serve you at all times, I am,

Yours very truly,
C. A. Doose.

Successor to
LANGE & DOOSE
Real Estate & Loan Agents,
Abstracters & Conveyances.
Ballinger, Texas.

Sam Mapes Home Again.

Sam Mapes came in Wednesday night from Austin, where he went Thursday before last to visit relatives, and when he reached Austin, the sheriff of Travis county arrested him and placed him in the Asylum stating that the sheriff and county judge of Runnels county had wired him to do so, as he needed treatment for insanity.

Sam immediately wrote several parties here to assist him to assist him to get a discharge or a furlough but before parties receiving said letters had time to do anything he showed up in Sam wishes to state that if any ladies have been frightened

at his conduct on the street he is very sorry and extends an apology, for it was unintentional on his part.

There is more truth than poetry in the following: "The grown, hand-spanked, barfooted, hard-fisted country boy makes a much better fight in the battle of life than the pampered, high colored and creased trousers youth of our cities whose clothes have always been dusted with a waist broom instead of a shingle. Let the town man out of a job try a year on the farm. Plowing behind a mule will take the kink out of his topknot, the gas off his stomach, the weakness out of his legs, and will give him an honest living and a sight of Heaven."

Births.

Born to Hayden Routh and wife Saturday night the 13th a fine boy.

To Jno. B. Johnson and wife a boy, the 13th.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment. Dr. Ernest W. Hall, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and E. D. Walker.

READ THIS.

Abilene, Tex. Oct. 16, 1901.
Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—I suffered two years with kidney and bladder troubles and one half bottle of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery cured me entirely, and I cheerfully recommend it to all.

Yours truly
GEO. HAY DEF

Delinquent Tax List Continued.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Runnels } I. R. P. Kirk, Tax Collector
of said county do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said county for the year 1902 are delinquent for the taxes of 1902 and I am entitled to credit for the taxes shown thereon.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Runnels } In Commissioners Court
We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of Runnels county for the year 1902 which are delinquent for the taxes of 1902 only and find the same correct, and that R. P. Kirk Tax Collector is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon, as follows to wit:

Given in open court this the 14th day of May 1903

R. P. Kirk,
Tax Collector
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14 day of May 1903.

W. L. Towner,
County Clerk Runnels County, Texas
By R. A. Terry,
Deputy

State Ad Valorem tax	\$ 72.88
State school tax	78.58
State poll tax	37.50
Total state taxes	188.96
County ad valorem tax	\$ 78.72
County special tax	113.14
County poll tax	6.25
District school tax	83.35
Total county taxes	281.46

Attest:

Seal

T. T. Crosson,
County Judge
J. E. Smith,
A. B. Hutchison,
County commissioners
W. L. Towner
County Clerk
By R. A. Terry, Deputy.

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SUPERIOR
PASSENGER
SERVICE

Through the Heart of Texas

Constantly Building
Enlarging and
Improving

Our agents take pleasure in giving complete information about traveling and arranging sleeper reservation

L. TRICE, D. J. PRICE
2nd Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr. Gen. Pass. and Tkt. Agt

That Tired Feeling.

If you are languid, depressed and incapable for work, it indicates that your liver is out of order. Herbine will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J. J. Hubbard, Temple, Texas, writes, March 22, 1902. "I have used Herbine for the past two years. It has done me more good than than all the doctors. When I feel bad and have that tired feeling; I take a dose of Herbine. It is the best medicine ever made for chills and fever." 50 a bottle. E. D. Walker.

Mr. Mules, a prominent attorney of Chicago spent several days this week on business. Mr. Mules formerly practiced law in Brownwood.

Acute Rheumatism.

Deep tearing or wrenching pains, occasioned by getting wet through; worse when at rest, or on first moving the limbs and in cold or damp weather, is cured quickly by Ballard's Snow Liniment. Oscar Oleson, Gibson City, Illinois, writes, Feb. 16, 1902: "A year ago I was troubled with a pain in my back. It soon got so bad I could not bend over. One bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me." 25c. 50, \$1.00. E. D. Walker.

No. 6757.

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, D. C. Apr. 29, 1903.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Citizens National Bank of Ballinger" located in the town of Ballinger, in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Citizens National Bank of Ballinger" located in the town of Ballinger, in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this the twenty-ninth day of April, 1903.

T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting
Comptroller of the
Currency.

Beaumont—June 21st. Limit to June 27th. Rate \$17.45.

Joe A. Smith of near Winters thrashed from 30 acres this week 480 bushels of wheat.

Louis Litt of Coleman spent several days here this week, the guest of L. Markowitz.

Mrs. Webster, mother of R. B. Truly, returned from a visit to San Angelo Wednesday afternoon.

Robt. Massey left Sunday afternoon for Dallas to re-enter the Metropolitan Business College.

Mrs. G. G. Odom and daughter, Miss Edna, were in from Ft. Chadbourne several days this week.

Attorney W. A. Wright, a legal light of San Angelo passed through Monday enroute for Austin.

Will Dunlap, who has been working in San Angelo the past two months is now back home and will do the finishing work on the Alvis house.

Miss Donie Belle Odom came in from Bowling Green, Kentucky Saturday night, where she has been attending Potter College the past two years.

San Angelo Press.

The H. Winkler stock of dry goods was sold at Ballinger Monday to L. Litt of Coleman, for \$4,900, he being the highest bidder. The stock invoiced \$6,995. The Press is pleased to learn there is a good prospect that Mr. Winkler will reopen for business in a short time.

T. Lee Odom, a prominent commercial traveler, brother of Mrs. Chas. A. Daly was making his San Angelo customers yesterday.

Miss Mertie Dickerson arrived from Ballinger Sunday morning to visit the family of B. C. Jackson, and possibly enter the Summer Normal.

A Sad Mistake.

One of Ballinger's most prominent young men made a very grave mistake last Sunday as the contribution box at the Cumberland Presbyterian church was passed in front of him. He intended to give a quarter, but having a five dollar gold piece loose in his pocket with other change he accidentally dropped in the five dollar coin.

He discovered his mistake shortly after the basket passed on and to say he did not enjoy the sermon is putting it mildly.

To an observer who sat just behind him he stated at the close of the sermon that he had made many mistakes but this one took the cake. We will not call his name this time.

If you want a nice hair cut for 25c go to the City barber shop.

Cures Old Sores.

Westmoreland, Kans., May 5, 1902. Ballard Snow Liniment Co.; Your Snow Liniment cured an old sore on my chin that was supposed to be a cancer. The sore was stubborn and would not yield to treatment, until I tried Snow Liniment, which did the work in short order. My sister Mrs. Sophia J. Carson, Allensville, Mifflin Co., Pa., has a sore and mistrusts that it is a cancer. Please send her a 50c bottle—E. D. Walker.

Miss Charlie Cusenbary was the guest of Miss Maggie Sharp several days this week and attended the Carter-Fitzgerald meeting.

Have You a Cough?

A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will relieve it. Have you a cold? A dose of Herbine at bed time and frequent small dose of Horehound Syrup during the day will remove it. Try it for whooping cough, for asthma, for consumption, for bronchitis. Mr. Joe McGrath, 327 E. 1st street, Hutchison, Kan. writes "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my family for 5 years, and find it the best and most palatable medicine I ever used." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. E. D. Walker.

C. W. Odom and family of Ft. Chadbourne were the guest of J. F. Currie and wife several days this week.

Nothing but insurance and I attend to that right. See me for a policy. Lee Maddox.

Frank Pearce went to Norwood Monday to visit Phillip Wilson.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Send for
SAMPLE COPY
of
**The
Houston
Semi-Weekly
Post**



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with feelings of uneasiness and mortification or composure and satisfaction.

The state of mind of the property owner when his property is burning will entirely depend upon whether it is insured or not. If covered by

Insurance

with a reliable and solvent company he cannot help feeling pleased at his own forethought and wisdom in providing for such an exigency, otherwise his feelings are anything but pleasant.

R. G. ERWIN & CO.

The stock of goods which was assigned to D. M. Baker & Hudson as trustee was sold here last Monday to L. Litt of Coleman for \$4,900. Just what will be done with the stock is not yet made public.

The Ballinger and Norton ball teams crossed bats last Monday resulting in a score of 19 to 3 in favor of Ballinger.

We are now offering to club raisers premiums which are all of value and to agents a handsome cash commission, if preferred to the prizes. Agents and club raisers wanted in every town, village and hamlet in Texas and Louisiana. Write for full information. All samples and information.

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You can get a good bath in a clean tub at the City barber shop.



DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHING POWDERS

Cures Cholera-Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASY.

Costs Only 25 cents at Druggists, Or mail 25 cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., ST. LOUIS, MO. Columbus, Ga., Aug. 24, 1877.

DR. C. J. MOFFETT—Dear Doctor: We gave your TEETHING POWDERS to our little grand child with the happiest results. The effects were almost magical, and certainly more satisfactory than from anything we ever used. Yours very truly, JOSEPH S. KEY, Pastor of St. Paul Church.

It's Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.


Herbine

Sold and Guaranteed by E. D. WALKER.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH
PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and GOLD metalic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 5c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Receipt for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, N.Y.

**THOUSANDS SAVED BY
DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY**
This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure. No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

EARLY RISERS
THE FAMOUS LITTLE PILLS.
For quick relief from Biliousness, Sick Headache, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Dizziness, and all troubles arising from an inactive or sluggish liver, DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled.
They act promptly and never gripe. They are so dainty that it is a pleasure to take them. One to two act as a mild laxative; two or four act as a pleasant and effective cathartic. They are purely vegetable and absolutely harmless. They tonic the liver.
YOUR DEALER CAN SUPPLY YOU.
PREPARED BY
E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago



Miss Ida M. Snyder,
Treasurer of the Brooklyn East End Art Club.
"If women would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctors' prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for."
"In consulting with my druggist he advised McEree's Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."
Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to homes that have been barren for years. All druggists have \$1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.
WINE OF CARDUI

Wanted.
We would like to ask, through the columns of your paper, if there is any person who has used Green's August Flower for the cure of Indigestion, Dyspepsia and Liver Troubles that has not been cured—and we also mean their results, such as sour stomach, fermentation of food, habitual costiveness, nervous dyspepsia, headaches, despondent feelings, sleeplessness—in fact, any trouble connected with the stomach or liver? This medicine has been sold for many years in all civilized countries, and we wish to correspond with you and send you one of our books free of cost. If you never tried August Flower, try a 25 cent bottle first. We have never known of its failing. If so, something more serious is the

Pickens Butler, after spending several days here visiting home folks returned to Temple last Tuesday to resume duties as brakeman on special runs.
Kodol Gives Strength.
by enabling the digestive organ to digest, assimilate and transform ALL of the wholesome food that may be eaten into the kind of blood that nourishes the nerves, feeds the tissue, hardens the muscles and recuperates the organs of the entire body. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh of the stomach and all stomach disorders. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Galveston has the finest beach in the world—30 miles long—delightful bathing and a good time. The Santa Fe will sell excursion tickets at a very low figure leaving Ballinger June 20; good to return leaving Galveston 7:30 a. m. June 23. Rate \$6.20.

Startling Evidence.
Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and colds to be unequalled. A recent expressed from T. J. McFarland of Bentorville, Va. serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat trouble, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce Druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

Driven to Despration.
Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store.

D. P. Woser came in from his Pecos county ranch Tuesday after an absence of about three months.

That Throbbing Headache.
Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proven their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents money back if not cured. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Druggist.

A. T. Turpe of the Oak creek country was trading in Ballinger Tuesday.

Do you Enjoy What you Eat.
If you don't your food does not do you much good. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the remedy that every one should take when there is anything wrong with the stomach. There is no way to nourish except through the stomach. The stomach must be kept healthy, pure and sweet or the strength will let down and disease will set up. No appetite loss of strength, nervousness, headache, constipation, bad breath, sour risings, rifting, indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles are quickly cured by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. Sold by E. D. Walker.

John Dale, of Winters was a visitor here Wednesday.

Ladies and Children Invited.
All ladies and children cannot stand the shocking strain of laxative syrups, cathartics, etc. are invited to try the famous Little Early Risers. They are different from all other pills. They do not purge the system. Even a double dose will not gripe, weaken or sicken; many people call them the Easy Pill. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., says nothing better can be used for constipation, sick headache, etc. Bob Moore, Lafayette, Ind., says all others gripe and sicken, while DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work well and easy. Sold by E. D. Walker.

C. Harris, a prominent merchant and capitalist of Goldthwaite, Texas was here the first of the week prospecting with a view to locating. We hope he will decide to come.

Worst of all Experiences.
Can anything be worse than to think that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes; "any endured insufferable pains. By indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all medicines failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel trouble Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce Druggist.

A Serious Mistake.
E. C. DeWitt & Co is the name of the firm who make the genuine Witen Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the Witch Hazel Salve that heals without leaving scar. It is a serious mistake to use any other. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures blind bleeding, itching and protruding piles, burns, bruises, eczema and all skin diseases. Sold by E. D. Walker.

Turn Backward Revised.
Backward, turn backward, Oh, time in your flight; make me a boy again just for tonight. Give me the bliss of that rapturous time when I would go wimming say half of the time; give me the blister that followed the bliss, on the part of my back that the sun didn't miss; give me the belting that followed it then; make me a jubilant urchin again. Backward, turn backward, Oh time in your flight; give me one chance at the teacher tonight, the teacher who larruped me five times a day, Oh give me one chance at the teacher, I say!

And give me the wood pile as long as a hill, let the pleasure of splitting it cheer me and thrill, while the boys gaily jeer me from over the fence. Oh give me that bliss again—darn the expense! The small reservation just over the hill, where the thought of the hoeing would give me a chill; the cow that caressed me each eve with her tail, as I tried to draw milk for a twenty quart pail; the hens that forever were wanting to set; the pig with a stomach man never filled yet; the measles that hit me; the colicky pain—Oh, give me the bliss of my boyhood again! If you'd fill me with rapture and cheerful delight, backward, turn backward, Oh, time in your flight—Ex.

Cures Blood and Skin Diseases, Itching Humors, Eczema, Scrofula, Etc.

Send no money—simply write and try Botanic Blood Balm at our expense. A personal trial of Blood Balm is better than a thousand printed testimonials, so don't hesitate to write for a free sample.

If you suffer from ulcers, eczema, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases of malignant blood or skin diseases, because Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) kills the poison in the blood, cures where all else fails, heals every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. B. B. B., the most perfect blood purifier made. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. Costs \$1 per large bottle at drug stores. To prove it cures, sample of Blood Balm sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. This is an honest offer—medicine sent at once, prepaid.

See the most gigantic structure of modern times, the Galveston Seawall. Very low excursion rates via the Santa Fe, leaving Ballinger, Saturday, June 20; good to return Tuesday, June 23. Rate \$6.20.

Brewer's watch repairing is the best.



Ballinger Steam Laundry
Specialty of family washing.
A. H. FRIEMEL & CO.,
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The Literal Foundation

...Of Proper Attire...
Is a Beautiful Hat
If you want the latest and at the cheapest price call on
Mrs. Emma Godwin

A GOOD MEAL
That is what you want when you come to town tired and hungry. Go to Fred Bolloir's restaurant he will treat you right. Brownwood bread kept for sale.
FRED BOLLIER

In the Good Old Summer Time.
Not long now until the substance of the song becomes a stern reality to the people of the Southwest; hence it is time to pick out some cool and healthy spot where the expended energy of a busy winter and spring may be recouped. With our assistance the choosing of the place, where to go, is now an easy matter. It should be a place where the air is light and dry and easy to breathe; where there is good fishing and other sports; where scenic attractions abound, and where there are good hotels and first-class boarding houses; in a word, where one may take it easy and enjoy the passing hours in comfort and at reasonable cost.
The Denver Road offers, direct, more of such attractive summer vacation propositions than any other line in the Southwest. Drop us a postal card upon the subject and be convinced. A. A. GLISSON, G. P. A.
Fort Worth, Texas.

Next!
A well now being drilled for oil and gas near Claremore, I. T. has belched forth substances foreign to any hopes of the operators. At a depth of 1,100 feet a strong flow of gaseous water was struck that is heavily charged with sulphur and minerals that is dangerous for anyone to remain in its immediate vicinity for any length of time. Men become totally blind and remain so for several hours after spending short intervals at work about the well. Silver in the pockets and otherwise held about the person will turn black without exposure. The water boils out of the well in a seething mass, and as the gases blind one man his place is filled by another and so on, working alternately, until the well is completed.—Krebs (I. T.) Black Diamond.

Mother's Ear

A WORD IN MOTHER'S EAR: WHEN NURSING AN INFANT, AND IN THE MONTHS THAT COME BEFORE THAT TIME.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

SUPPLIES THE EXTRA STRENGTH AND NOURISHMENT SO NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH OF BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD.

Send for free sample.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,
409-415 Pearl Street, New York,
N. Y. Soc. and \$1.00; all druggists.

What I Saw at the Reunion.

I suppose I should have added to that title "and enroute" but I must hasten. Our second night travel was on the whole one of the most enjoyable of the trip. Two elocutionists joined us and until a late hour our car was cheered by such select recitations as "Mary had a little lamb" and "The boy stood on the burning deck." Shouts of laughter and cheers greeted the young ladies, who furnished the impromptu concert.

While on a promenade through another car our little party captured Gov. Hogg, and a willing captive he soon proved, when a temptation in the shape of a supper was offered him. He enjoyed that supper and so did the rest of us. One of the party asked the Gov. to tell them about his daughters. He related the following mournful story of his daughter Youra's death. "She was a large fleshy girl" said the Gov. between bites, "something like myself you know and she had a most inordinate appetite for anything sour. Well one day when I was absent from home she climbed up into a crab apple tree and began by first eating the half ripe apples, then the green ones and from them she went to the buds and at last began to chew the wood on a broken limb. Well this combination of ripe apples, green ones, buds and splinters produced a strange chemical effect and poor Youra was but a mass of fragments in a short time. The cook had gathered them together and placed them in a tow sack on the back porch when I returned. Thus died my daughter Youra who in reality never existed but as a political myth." This denouement was only equalled by the expression of his listener's faces, for most of them thought him in dead earnest.

But I must hasten ere the editor says scrap basket. However we found ourselves when morning came near the ferry and to those who never saw this wonderful instance of man's ingenuity will say it baffles description. Imagine a large boat flat on top on which rails are laid. Our train was separated into three divisions containing



Love is unequally yoked with sickness. Labor is lightened by love, but love cannot lighten pain or relieve it. Many a man looks on at his wife's suffering willing to do anything to aid her and able to do nothing.

Sometimes, however, the husband's attention is directed to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and its remarkable cures of womanly diseases. He may not have much hope of a cure, but he is led to try the medicine, with the result that in almost every case there is a perfect and permanent cure.

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in all 13 cars and run onto the boat. And then a little steam tug pulled us across where we again ran onto the track on away to the city. Here all was bustle, rush and stir. A rush for everything in sight, but as usual the Ballinger crowd wasn't in a hurry and thereby hangs a tale. No, I musn't tell so just excuse me and on I go.

Yes, we indeed did enjoy that spacious room and bill, but that's another story. I'll have to rush or curiosity will be too much for all.

Our first exploration was in direction of West End. It is a beautiful place built directly over Lake Ponchartrain. Here a 100 foot Ferris wheel made our Western hoosiers gape and none were merry enough to try it. We took in the scenic railway however. The only direction given us was to hold our hats. Heavens! why didn't they tell us to catch up with our breath too? They say in the words of the poet. "Jordan's a mighty hard road to travel" but its nothing to that railroad. We hit stumps, jumped invisible chasms, went up hill and down down, down till, well! one lady declared she lived and died two or three times in that 2 1/2 minutes, another declared she heard the only gentleman in the party saying, "— who got us into this," as we went up hill, but, as we went down she heard him praying, "Good bye old West End we enjoyed you while there."

We went to the French market and enjoyed the —um! smell and then made our way to the levee and explored a large steamship.

Off again this time in another direction and wound up at the fair grounds to take in the days proceedings. Here crowd and jam was the order of the day. We saw the hoary old heroes, Wheeler, Gordon, Cabell, Lee, Geo. W. Gordon and many others whose names now have slipped from our memory. They were being introduced and each making a little speech. Out again onto the ground searching for expected friends. And we never found a one though letters since tell us they were all there and just a few minutes too late each time to see us.

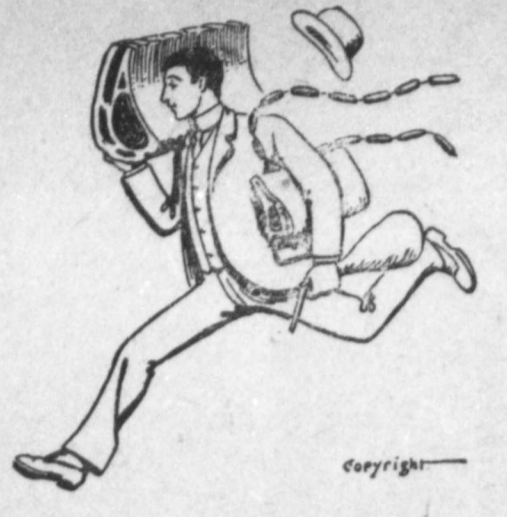
Then we dined with the U. C V's in their mess hall and wonderfully well did New Orleans feed her old heroes. Back to the city and a brief rest and off again to see something else. This time it was back to the Auditorium at the fair grounds to attend the grand ball. A scene from Fairyland would not have reveled this. A thousand twinkling lights threw in bold relief the beautiful draperies of the flags bearing the stars and bars. Here the first dance on the program was the "Southern Cross," a dance that originated in a Northern prison where the boys in gray were once wont to while the passing hour by dancing its intricate mazes. One of them remembered the figures and trained the veterans and the young idies of Memphis to dance it.

We pinched ourselves to make sure we were not dreaming. Aroud us was packed a mass of humanity 12,000 strong but down there pulsed the throbbing music of old familiar Dixie and there on the vast floor moved those fairy figures. Were we back in the old days when the boys in gray danced tonight, and fought tomorrow? Dream has vanished for now hundreds are joining the grand march, nay it is now thousands and the ball is indeed on. Turn we away again and seek now another sight.

On the custom house we viewed the city and a pleasant faced official told us many interesting items.

Audobon park where the World Exposition of 1885 was held was to us a scene of more than unusual interest. Horticultural hall still stands and lovely plants from every country here bloom and flourish as in their own native land. The building is heated by steam pipes and the atmosphere is always the same.

Tulane University where we explored the museum, but all too short the time. Hurry was



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our the watch word, but we gave a hasty glance around and caught a glimpse of animal life as it existed thousands of years ago. Two mummies were over 3000 years old but upon the Egyptian boys head the hair was yet golden though now the body was crumbling to dust. The skeleton of every animal, reptiles in alcohol and many other items of curiosity. An education for us in itself.

At the St. Charles were the headquarters of all our famous old generals. Here too in the Palm garden was held the reception of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson but this we could not attend on account of sickness of one of our party.

At Artillery hall a grand ball was given but the sight that attracted me most was the catafalque on which Jefferson Davis was borne to his temporary resting place the day of his funeral. It has never been used since and is now preserved in a glass room.

Out at the Greenwood cemetery was the Confederate monument, also the firearms. Just across the street is Metarie and here is the show place of cemeteries. Albert Sidney Johnson's tomb stands just inside the gate, Stonewall Jackson's, Washington Monument and many others grace this beautiful city of the dead as well as thousands of private vaults. To our minds it seems as if "ashes to ashes, dust to dust" was not being fulfilled in this placing away of the dead in vaults.

I cannot close without telling of the squares that each contained a statue of some old hero surrounded by trees and shrubs. Here seats are placed and many were found resting there looking in the faces of the bronze effigies of heroes now mouldering into dust. Jackson square, Margaret square and Lee circle.

Now on the homeward route we assemble in Union depot and when we cannot stand on our own feet and when the rush becomes too great we just stand on the other fellow. Good nature is the order of the day however and no one seem to worry.

Back through the Miasmatic swamps of the Mississippi bottom and breathed free when once again we reached Texas soil and dry ground.

The Prohibition Question.

For some time there has been an effort made to feel the public pulse on the prohibition question in Ballinger by certain parties, and as a result of that effort a meeting was called at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Wednesday to consider the advisability of holding such an election.

Sixteen of the most prominent business men were present and each one expressed his views on the subject. All agreed that the time was ripe for holding an election to eliminate the saloon from our town.

Rev. Fitzgerald again brought the subject up Wednesday night and forty-six qualified voters agreed to sign the petition to hold an election for prohibition.

Now to satisfy the public and our readers we will state that we propose to esponse the cause of prohibition, but we expect to do so in a legitimate non-abusion way.

From an editorial point of view there will be no mud slinging neither do we expect to allow such over any one's signature in our columns. However the columns will be open to both sides at the regular rate for space the same as regular advertising matter.

It has always been the policy of this paper under my management to avoid personal attacks and give the news fairly and impartially, and such a policy we expect to pursue in the future.

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the liquor traffic we could do nothing else than esponse the cause of proeibition both from a political and moral point of view. Should any of our friends see fit to differ with us that is their privilege and we rust they will accord us the same liberty that we freely grant to them.

Meeting Closed.

The protracted meeting which has been conducted by Rev. Fitzgerald and Carter closed last Wednesday night.

It was a fairly successful meeting quite a number of converts were made and much good otherwise was accomplished. These gentlemen made many warm friends during their stay here who will always wish them well.

A Camping Party.

A camping party is spending the week out on Mustang this week. They left last Monday and have not returned as we go to press.

The crowd is chaperoned by Mrs. J. J. Erwin and Mrs. Emma Burris. Among those who are members of the party we note. Miss Clare and Neil Guion, Kate Thomson, Maud Erwin, Hermia Smith, Minnie Guion Francis, Irene Guion, Messrs. D. Partus Gay, G. R. Casey, T. O. Luckett, G. Gregg, Robt. McGregor W. C. Penn and others whose names we failed to get.

They report plenty of fine fish and red bugs.

The Rio Grande was on a boom the first of the week flooding the lowlands about El Paso and destroying crops.

Judge Gerald and Justice Moore of Waco have inaugurated a war against the "knights of the green cloth" in that city. Gambling is entirely suppressed in the Geyser city.

The hotel at Jackson, Ky. owned by Ewen, the chief witness in the Marcum case, was burned on June 14th. Ewen had been offered \$5,000 not to present damaging testimony against Jett & White. He refused and it is supposed Jett's & White's friends revenged themselves by setting fire to Ewen's hotel. Several people barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. Ewen and children escaped with only night clothes on. The hotel was valued at \$10,000 being a total loss.

King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia, several members of the cabinet and some of the royal guard were assassinated on the night of June 11th. The terrible deed was committed by officers of the Servian army. Nothing like it has occurred among civilized nations since the Dark Ages. The killing was accompanied with incredible ferocity and brutality. Although the various European governments announce that they have no intention of intervening yet there is a general outcry that the murderers should be punished. Prince Karageorgevitch has been proclaimed king. The people of Serbia generally approve of the murder.

A Cloud Burst in Oregon.

A large part of the town of Heppner, Oregon was swept away on June 15th by a cloud-burst followed by a heavy rain. A wall of water swept down the valley about dark drowning nearly 500 people, besides destroying bridges, railroads, cattle and houses. The water came with such suddenness that people had little time to escape.

Flood News.

There has been a marked improvement in the flood situation at St. Louis this week. Trains were beginning to move the first part of the week from St. Louis eastward. The chief work for some time to come will be to find the missing, rebuilding homes, repairing the dikes and taking care of the helpless and homeless.

One guard was killed near Belleville by an alleged levee cutter. The guards are having much difficulty in keeping the great crowds of sightseers from crossing the great bridges into the flooded territory. Constant inquiries are being made for missing people. Over 12,000 people were driven from their homes and at least 7,000 homes washed away.

To the Public.

There will be a protracted meeting to begin on Friday before the first Lord's Day at Winters by A. J. McCarty a Christian Minister. All are invited to attend. John Eoff, Winters, Texas.

Refreshing sea breeze and fine bathing—very cheap rates to Galveston, leaving Ballinger, Saturday, June 20; good to return 7:30 a. m., June 23. Rate \$6.20.

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Civil Service Commission reports that there is much evidence of corruption in Washington Post Office. More clerks were appointed than were needed. Salaries of many were raised whether the clerk deserved it or not. Political favorites were retained in service when others more worthy were discharged. In other words a fellow's retention and good salary depended on his "influence."

Dissolution Notice.

The co partnership heretofore existing under the style and firm name of Lange & Doose, (a firm composed of Max Lange & C. A. Doose,) doing a General Real Estate, Loan and Abstract Business in the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Max Lange retiring from the firm, having sold out his interest in said business to C. A. Doose, who will continue the same, and who assumes all of the indebtedness outstanding against said firm, and as is shown per their books on this date, and to whom all notes and accounts due the firm should be paid.

Witness our hands at Ballinger, Texas, this the 1st day of June A. D. 1903.

Max Lange
C. A. Doose

Rock Island, Texas.
June 13, 1903.

Dear Sir and Friend:

While half asleep and listening to the gentle rain falling, and reminating in my mind as what I had done and left undone among my fellow men, I found there was a big balance on the side of left undone on my mental ledger, and then another undone presented itself, which I feared if let grow any longer might eventually make a real healthy looking dun. Now Bro. Shepherd the point that I am coming around to is this, I am owing you something on subscription for the Banner-Leader and knowing that editors are not used to having the cold cash thrust on them abruptly is my reason for writing you this letter of apology for so doing, if you feel hurt in any way please pardon me. But any way hit or miss you will find enclosed a one dollar william with a genuine American Eagle printed on the North side of it. Now if you can't possible use so small a bill just loose it around the house where your good wife will find it and oblige

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This is one of the best and most important moves made by the International & Great Northern toward firmly establishing it's newly completed Galveston-Houston-Fort Worth line with the better part of the traveling public, because of the fact that Colorado is by far the most popular resort section of the country, being visited by thousands from the South and South west every season. The "Denver Road" being the pioneer and short line or outlet for practically all Texas to the Northwest and having enjoyed the great bulk of such travel for years, the International & Great Northern is fortunate indeed in having effected the joint through car arrangement referred to, and it may safely be predicted that through such co-operation the tide of tourist travel to Colorado resorts will be materially increased.

To The Public.

The Board of Pharmacy meets at Coleman, Thursday the 25th of June for the purpose of receiving applicants for registration in pharmacy.

E. D. WALKER,

Notice.

I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

H. C. WYLIE.

For insurance in nothing but the best old line companies. See Lee Maddox.

Helpful Reading Some newspapers print matter to fill space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Teparment has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

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Harry Scott went down to Coleman Thursday afternoon.

Andrew Herring, Jr. of McKinney is visiting his uncle A. Herring.

If you want a diamond let me figure with you. Jas. E. Brewer

Henry Herring, of McGregor brother to our old friend A. Herring is visiting relatives.

DR. A. W. BARTON, Physician and Surgeon Office in the K. of P. building. Ballinger, Texas.

Henry Smith, of Nelcome, Austin county is here visiting Mrs. A. Herring.

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DR. JOHN EZWOH BARTON, Dr. of Dental Surgery. Office in the K. of P. building. Ballinger, Texas.

Judge C. O. Harris received this week a fine Emory McClean buggy, he proposes to ride in the shade in the future.

T. S. Crowder and L. E. Jarman, two prominent business men of Winters were trading Wednesday.

Dunc Harris, a prominent business man of Goldthwaite was the guest of Judge J. W. Powell last Sunday.

L. Markowitz treated his wife to a fine \$200 trap this week. He made the purchase from Hall Hardware Co.

Gerard Houston, the efficient county and District Clerk of Concho county was a visitor to our city Tuesday.

Mrs. Stuart, sister of Jim L. McWhirter, after a weeks visit to the latter, returned to her home in Waco Tuesday.

Hereford Bulls for sale at reduced prices 12 to 22 months old, highly bred and fine individuals. J. L. Chadwick & Son. Cresson, Texas.

The Commissioners Court has been in session this week as a Board of Equalization to determine whether or not taxes on any man's property should be raised or lowered as per their rendition.

T. O. Luckett returned to Galveston Thursday afternoon to resume his studies in the Polytechnic at the University for the summer.

John Hoffer, Henry A. Cady and H. Zardari are on the Concho this week fishing and otherwise enjoying themselves.

Let me repair your ring. Jas. E. Brewer

Miss Danis Anderson came in from Kerens, Texas last Tuesday night and is visiting her great uncle. M. C. Smith and family.

Mrs. Clara Ranswer and son Jack, are visiting Jack McGregor and family this week.

Miss Julia Cook, sister to Mrs. Will S. Wood is visiting the latter this week.

R. P. Kirk and family and C. C. F. Blanchard and family are spending the week on the Concho recreating and fishing.

A sad accident occurred near Bronte this week. Elva, the little girl of Ben Taylor while playing around the water trough fell in and was drowned.

T. A. Knight presented the Junior editor of the Banner-Leader with a sack of fine peaches. If you want anything in his line "strike" his den.

We are now agents for the Royal Liverpool and ask that you bring all renewals, transfers, endorsement to our office.

R. G. Erwin & Co. Revs. Fitzgerald and Carter left Thursday afternoon for Honey Grove where they will conduct a meeting.

Albert A. Mundt, foreman of Whittingner Ledbetter Contractors and builders, of Austin, is in town visiting his cousin Sam Mapes.

Runnels county Ex. Board met Friday and Saturday of this week. The Board consists of Miss Augusta Hardgrove, Prof's Hagan and Williams. There were three applicants for teachers certificates

J. W. Powell reports the sale this week of lots 1-2 and west 1/2 of lot 3 by C. M. Carpenter and wife to J. D. Ransburg and wife to W. T. Ward, also sale by C. M. Carpenter and wife to S. J. Carpenter of 1/2 interest in lots 5 and 4 and 1/2 of lot 3 Block 6 all in Powell's addition to Ballinger.

Mr. Jas. S. Hereford, special agent of the Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, the strongest insurance company in the world visited our city this week and transferred his company from R. L. Maddox to R. G. Erwin & Co. This company is one of the first to do business in Ballinger

Joe B. Pickle, who taught the Dry Ridge school the past session left Thursday for Tennessee his old home. to spend the summer. Mr. Pickle has been employed as principal of the Wingate school for the ensuing year.

Favorable reports of the crop conditions in Runnels county and adjacent country continue to come in. Wheat and oats are simply immense. Corn never looked better and cotton and hay are good. All that Runnels county needs now is to have about ten thousand more good farmers settle in it. It is simply a treat to see the crop and realize the future in store for this favored section.

J. L. Powell was a pleasant caller at our office Saturday, and while here moved up his figures on the Banner-Leader one year. He is from Coryell county and purchased the Tom Cottson farm down the river and has made two crops on this place and while he has not made extra good crops yet he has done better than his neighbors in Coryell county.

Jas. E. Brewer is after your jewelry trade.

Report of the Condition Of The Citizens National Bank, at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 9, 1903. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts... \$ 40,506.89 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured... 3,385.32 U S Bonds to secure circulation... 20,000.00 Premiums on U S bonds... 1,400.00 Banking house, furniture and fixtures... 6,993.00 Due from national banks (not reserve agents)... 2,679.75 Due from approved reserve agents... 59,616.46 Checks and other cash items... 2,338.42 Notes of other national banks... 180.00 Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents... 54.30 LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie... \$3,055.85 Legal tender notes... 1,800.00 4,855.85 Total... \$142,009.99 LIABILITIES Capital stock paid in... \$ 75,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid... 988.90 Due to other national banks... 1,049.29 Due to State banks and bankers... 4,432.01 Due to trust companies and savings banks... 518.94 Individual deposits subject to check... 60,020.85 Total... \$142,009.99

State of Texas, County of Runnels ss: I, Jo Wilmeth, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Jo WILMETH, Cashier. Correct—Attest: Tom Ward, H. Giesecke, W. J. Miller } Directors Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June, 1903. J. McGregor, Notary Public.

RECAPITULATION RESOURCES Loans and Discounts... 43,892.21 U S bonds and premiums... 21,400.00 Banking house furniture and fixtures... 6,993.00 Cash on hand and in banks... 69,724.78 \$142,009.99 LIABILITIES Capital... \$ 75,000.00 Profits... 988.90 Deposits... 66,020.09 \$142,009.99

San Antonio—July 13 and 14th Limit to July 17th. Rate \$11.30.

St. Louis, Mo.—July 16 and 17th. Limit to July 28th. Rate \$27.50 round trip.

Waco—June 21 and 22nd. Limit to June 24th. Rate \$7.75.

Summer school—Knoxville, Tenn. Sell June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29th; July 5, 13 and 20th. Limit all tickets to 15 days from date of sale. Rate one fare plus \$2.25.

New Braunfels—June 27 and 28th. Limit to July 1st. Rate \$10.25.

San Antonio—July 11 and 12th. Limit to July 10th. \$13.75.

WANTED—To pasture 20 head stock, Valley Creek. Plenty of water and best grass. Mrs. G. W. Given, West End.

Ballinger Light and Power Co. Monthly residence rates: 16 cp lamps \$1 each the first two lights, additional 25c. Business rates: \$1 the first light, 75c each the next 6, additional, 50c. Saloons, \$1 each light.

For 32 cp lamps double the former ratio. Arch light \$10.00 each. Meter rate 15c per K. W. hr. Plain incandescent wiring \$1.25 per droplight. No less than two lights will be installed. Remittance must be made by the tenth of each month. Your patronage solicited. Respectfully, W. J. MILLER, Secretary and Manager.

Harvest Time is Here And you must prepare for it. The HALL HARDWARE CO. are in line with the only up to date make of Harvesting Machinery The old reliable DEERING Just received a car load of the celebrated "DEERING" BINDER TWINE. "As good as the best" "As cheap as the cheapest" Your Orders Solicited Hall Hardware Company

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