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We Are Bidding For your patronage with our big store **Van Pelt Kirk & Mack** full of the very best in ever line

400 DEAD RABBITS AND MUCH SPORT

First Day Rabbit Hunt Great Success—Fifty Men Join in Days Sport and Slay Many Pest—Barbecue Dinner.

The annual rabbit drive was pulled off as schedule Tuesday. The day was an ideal one for such sport, and about fifty men met at the Routh place North of town and lined up for battle on the pesky rabbits that destroy so much crop during the spring and summer months.

The drive was made up Elm creek and a halt made for dinner at the Nixon crossing where a sumptuous spread of barbecue, pickles bread and other extras was in waiting for the hungry hunters. The crowd did ample justice to the good things to eat, and after an hour's rest the afternoon drive was made. It was hard to keep an accurate count on the number killed, as the rabbits were not gathered up but left where slaughtered, but those who were in close touch with the hunters all day, and with the statement made by each man with a gun it is claimed that at least 400 rabbits were slaughtered.

Another drive was made Wednesday and a number of new men joined the crowd.

DIED.

Jas. Byars, a young man 27 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Byars, died at their home 4 miles east of the city Sunday night and was buried Monday afternoon in the Ballinger cemetery.

This paper offers sincere condolence and sympathy for the bereaved relatives left to mourn his early demise.



JNO. N. GARNER.

GARNER WOULD TRANSFORM FORT INTO FARM

Washington, Jan. 29.—A bill has been introduced in Congress by Hon. Jno. N. Garner of Texas providing for the acquisition of a portion of the Fort Brown reservation at Brownsville by the State of Texas for the purpose of establishment of an experimental station.

This fort, made famous as the scene of the "Brownsville Affair" covers sixty acres and it is the plan of Congressman Garner's bill to convert twenty acres into agricultural land for the purpose of carrying on the experiments of the station, leaving forty acres for a park, hospital, and other purposes in connection with the establishment of the station.

If this bill passes, it will be the first history on record where the War Department released any of its military reservations for the establishment of agricultural stations.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Massey, of Concho, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. H. N.

\$72,000 ANNUALLY FOR SCHOOL WORK

Superintendent Hagan Pay Off 72 Teachers for Third Month's Work—Begins Last Half Term.

Superintendent Hagan was busy last week signing up warrants for the seventy-two school teachers in Runnels county who are devoting their time and patience towards equipping the boys and girls for the battle of life. Prof. Hagan says it was examination week for the schools over the county and the reports were all very satisfactory and the teachers are making this a successful year in their work.

The average term of the schools in the county is six months, and this week begins the last half of the term. The attendance has held up well, and there has been no trouble to contend with in the way of epidemic, etc. Mr. Hagan informs us that there are about seventy-two teachers under his management in the county and that the pay roll amounts to about \$4000 per month and the total amount spent for teachers and for maintaining the county schools runs about \$72,000 annually. This was the amount paid out last year and it will run about the same this year.

It is good news to know that Runnels county ranks right at the top of the list in county schools in Texas. Prof. Hagan has done splendid work since the office of county superintendent was created and he was placed in charge of that.

The independent districts of the county are looked after separately from Mr. Hagan's work, but the work in each district is in splendid shape also, and never before could the county boast of better educational facilities, and our schools are an index to the citizenship of the county.

SEATE WRANGLING OVER APPOINTMENTS

Intimate that if Taft's 1400 Appointees Not Confirmed, the Wilson Appointees to Have Rough Sailing.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The fight over President Taft's appointments was on in earnest in the senate today and for six hours republicans and democrats battled behind closed doors, the former demanding action on the nominations and the latter filibustering to prevent it. When adjournment came this evening it was decided that the fight would be renewed tomorrow unless republican leaders should decide to rest upon the record made today.

Democratic senators consistently refused to take up the nominations in regular order and professing themselves willing to take the blame for the delay in action on the 1400 or more pending appointments. The opening of the republican fight came after a caucus today, when it was determined to force the issue against the democrats and compel them either to yield in their opposition or to openly adopt methods of delay and obstruction.

As result of the filibuster, intimations were given today by republican senators that the fight undoubtedly will extend into President-elect Wilson's administration and be reflected in the senate's action on many of his appointments.

Republicans remained in the senate chamber throughout the day, sending the Sergeant at arms after missing members (democrats) when the latter attempted to break a quorum. Preparations were made for a night session but early in the evening it was determined to adjourn and decide tomorrow whether the contest should be continued.



R. B. HUMPHREY.

LEGISLATOR RIDES 40 MILES IN STAGE COACH

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—Mr. R. B. Humphrey, representing District Number 102, in the House traveled 40 miles in a stage coach to reach a railroad in coming to Austin to meet with the Thirty-Third Legislature. Mr. Humphrey's district embraces three counties, containing 2,600 square miles of territory. His district is equal in size to the State of Delaware and contains as fertile land as can be found in the United States, and its development is awaiting transportation facilities. Humphrey is in favor of more railroads and better railroads.

NEW OFFICE FOR DR. RABY

Carpenters are at work rearranging the interior of the office of Dr. S. B. Raby, and important changes will be made that will give Dr. Raby a modern office in every respect. Sanitary water connection and sewerage connections will be made when the work is completed. Dr. Raby will have a new dental office and one that will be a credit to the town.

WRECK ON FRISCO NEAR BROWNWOOD

Tender and Baggage Car Derailed—One Man Slightly Bruised About the Arm—Little Delay in Trains.

Frisco northbound passenger train No. 6, due in Brownwood about ten o'clock, was wrecked last night about a mile south of the stock pens, and three miles from station. The tender jumped the track, presumably caused by the sloshing of water in the tank which made the tender sway from side to side, and the baggage car and front truck of the first coach were dragged off the track and bumped along on the ties for some distance before the train could be stopped. Other than a bruise sustained by one man, whose name we were unable to learn, there were no injuries and very little damage done, though the wreck tied up traffic over the end of the road for some time.

No. 6 is the through train from Menard to Fort Worth and the passengers were transferred where the wreck occurred and a new train was made up here, using the equipment of No. 4, and proceeded to Fort Worth about an hour late in the starting.

The morning southbound train left here about ten o'clock and transferred the passengers at the scene of the wreck.

The track will be repaired some time today and southbound travel will continue without difficulty.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mrs. W. S. Robertson returned to her home at San Angelo Monday after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain.

E. M. Lynn came down from San Angelo Sunday afternoon and returned Sunday night. We have no idea what his business was.

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JUDGE B. B. STONE GOES TO FT. WORTH

Becomes Member of One of the Strongest Law Firms in Texas, Judge J. B. Wade to Succeed Firm at Ballinger.

His many friends in Runnels county and throughout this section of the state will regret to learn that Judge B. B. Stone is to sever his connection with the law firm of Stone & Wade and will at an early date move to Fort Worth where he will engage in the practice of law. This announcement was made Tuesday when Judge Stone wired a member of the new firm at Fort Worth accepting the place offered him, and authorizing the announcement of the law firm of Bryan, Bartholomew & Stone.

The new firm succeeds the firm of Bryan & Spoonts, one of the oldest and strongest law firms in the Panther City. Judge Spoonts recently retired from the practice of law, leaving Judge Bryan to cast about for another partner. He called Judge W. T. Bartholomew, of San Angelo to that city, and later Judge Stone was called, and went to Fort Worth last week, and the organization of the new firm was finally

COUNTY COURT CONVENES MONDAY

New Judge on Bench for First Time. Transfers Show Activities in Real Estate—Other News.

When County Court convenes next Monday, His Honor, Judge Marcellus Kleberg, Jr., will preside over that august body for the first time. There is no doubt about the judge getting away with the situation, as every one knows he isn't of the backward kind when nerve means every thing. Judge Kleberg proposes to introduce some new reforms in court procedure, and especially to inaugurate a system in running said court, so as to give him a better opportunity to do his best work, and at the same time be more satisfactory to those who deal in court matters. Mr. Kleberg intends leaving about the 5th to attend the County Judges' Association at Fort Worth and will be gone the remainder of the week. All cases will be carried over until the third week of court, except such as may be disposed of the first part of the week. There has not been a regular set of jurors summoned for this term as there usually is and as is done.

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You never know how soon a cold will become a serious malady. It may be in the head to-day; in the lungs to-morrow and the next day you may be fighting deadly pneumonia for your life. It's much the same with a cough. Inflamed and cough-worn throat and lungs offer the best chance to consumption germs to begin their murderous work. There's only one way to prevent these deadly diseases getting a hold on you. As soon as a cough or cold attacks you, take Dr. King's New Discovery until you are entirely cured. Sometimes a dose or two will do the business, saving you suffering and a doctor's bill. Thousands of cures like these below prove its wonderful power to cure coughs and colds.

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BURGLARS AT WORK SATURDAY NIGHT

Walker-Smith Wholesale House
Burlgarized and Large Quan-
tity of Flour Stolen—Com-
mon Occurrence.

During the last six months or more burglars have been at work, and at least a half dozen stores in Ballinger have come in for their portion of the supply of goods. About a week ago the grocery store of W. B. Woods & Son was burglarized and a quantity of groceries taken from the store. The burglars entered this store by breaking out a glass window. It was hard to determine just how much the burglars got on this round.

Saturday night the plate glass in front of the Walker-Smith wholesale house was broken out and a large quantity of goods carried away by the burglars. The manager W. A. Francis stated that it was hard to tell how much was missing from the store, but it was known that at least nine sacks of flour was taken from a stack that had just been unloaded from a car, and it was thought that another stack was short several sacks. The house is filled with casegoods, and it was impossible to tell whether any are missing.

The burglars are getting very bold in their work, and it is only a question of time until they will land in the pen. The officers thought they had located the burglars in the person of some boys who had been doing some petty stealing around town, but the work of Saturday night shows to have been done by old heads.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

MAYOR WEEKS

In this issue of the daily will be found the announcement of W. H. Weeks for re-election for the office of mayor of Ballinger at the coming city election in April.

Mayor Week's splendid record as mayor of Ballinger the past two years is too well known to all our people to need any recommendation at our hands, suffice it to say that he has served you faithfully and efficiently in the past and promises a continuance of faithful service in the future as in the past. He is an honorable, honest, capable officer and has a record any man might justly feel a pride in and he will appreciate your support and influence in the April election.

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HANDSOME EDIFICE DEDICATED SUNDAY

First Baptist Church Pay Six
Thousand Dollar Debt In
One Year.

Despite the steady rain that fell throughout Sunday a large crowd was present at the dedication service of the First Baptist church at eleven o'clock Sunday morning and witnessed the most impressive service held in Ballinger for some time.

Dr. W. F. Fry, of Abilene, preached the sermon, picturing the work of the first church established by Paul, and emphasizing the great influence the first church had on the world on down to the present time. Dr. Fry talked along paractical lines and his talk was indeed helpful to those who have the least inclination to live the better life.

Other features of the service was the impressive solo by Mrs. W. S. Robertson, of San Angelo, and an Anthem, Praise the Lord, by the choir.

This church is now out of debt the board having raised the money and paid a debt of over six thousand dollars during the year, and the church is now in a healthy and thriving condition, and much credit is due each member of the church as well as the board of

The board of Deacons is composed of R. T. Williams, F. H. Smith, W. E. Barbee, W. L. Ellis, D. C. Claypool and M. D. Chastain.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. J. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Prices 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Walker Drug Co.

SAD MESSAGE.

W. W. Chastain informed us Tuesday afternoon that they had just received the sad message that their father's brother, J. A. Chastain, died at Fort Worth Tuesday morning. Mr. M. D. Chastain left Monday afternoon to be at the bedside of his brother, but did not reach there before his brother's death occurred.

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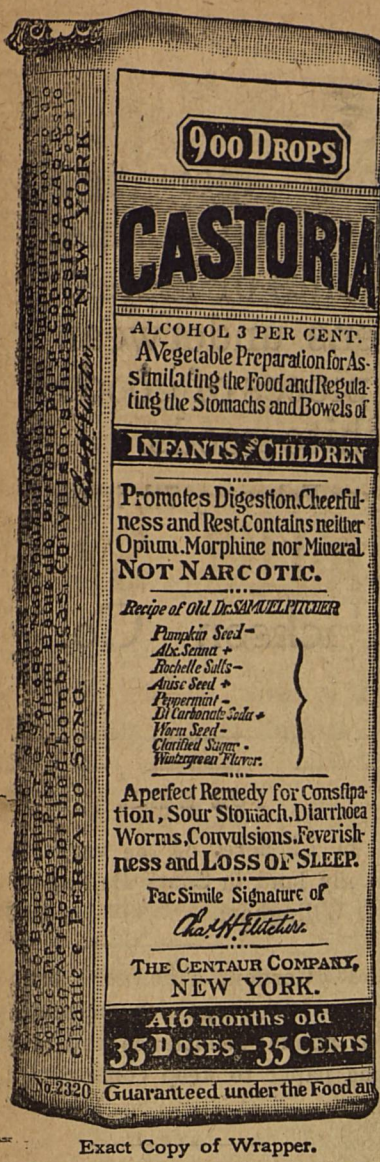
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No. 70	Ballinger	9:34 a. m.
No. 78	Ballinger	4:32 p. m.
	South Bound	
No. 77	Ballinger	12:55 p. m.
No. 75	Ballinger	12:36 a. m.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff on any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. J. Carpenter by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D., 1913 the same being the 10th day of March A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 27th day of February, A. D., 1912, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1,439, wherein J. M. Skinner is Plaintiff, and S. J. Carpenter and J. W. Powell are Defendants, and said petition alleging:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, March Term, A. D., 1913.

To the Hon. Judge of Said Court:—

Now comes J. M. Skinner, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter called plaintiff, and files this, his first amended original petition, in lieu of his original petition filed in this cause on the 27th day of Feb., 1912, complaining of S. J. Carpenter, whose residence is unknown to plaintiff; J. W. Powell, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, and Dessie Carpenter, wife of the said above S. J. Carpenter, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, and for cause of action plaintiff says:—

(1) That heretofore to wit: on the third day of March, 1910, the defendant, J. W. Powell, made, executed and delivered to the defendant S. J. Carpenter his one promissory note for the principal sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, and due on the 3rd day of March, 1912, payable to the order of the said S. J. Carpenter at Ballinger, Texas, and bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from date until paid, with a further provision that if this note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or if collected by legal proceedings the maker thereof agrees to pay an additional sum of 10 per cent. on principal and interest then due as attorney's fees. The note further provides that failure to pay this note when due, or any installment of interest, when due, shall at the option of the holder mature the note, whereby the defendant J. W. Powell became bound and liable to pay defendant S. J. Carpenter the sum of money in said note specified, together with all interest, attorney's fees due thereon and recited therein, according to its tenor and effect.

(2) Plaintiff says that on the 9th day of March, 1910, the defendant, S. J. Carpenter, for a valuable consideration sold, endorsed, transferred and assigned this promissory note to the plaintiff, J. M. Skinner, that said transfer was made in writing and executed by the defendant, S. J. Carpenter, and that plaintiff is now the legal owner and holder of this note, and

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"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Santee, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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plaintiff says that at the time of the filing of this suit there is due and unpaid the first installment of interest thereon and that each of the defendants, S. J. Carpenter and J. W. Powell, have each been requested to pay same, but that each have failed and refused, and still fail and refuse to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiff's damage as hereinafter set out, and that plaintiff here and now elects to mature said note by reason of the failure of the defendants and each of them to pay this first installment of interest as above set out, and he, the plaintiff, here and now declares that said note is due and prays judgement therefor.

(3) Plaintiff further alleges that said note was given in part payment of the purchase money of the following described real estate and premises situated in Runnels County, Texas, being more particularly described as follows:

Being lots four (4) and five (5) and the adjoining one-half of lot a three (3) in block six (6) of the Powell Addition to the city of Ballinger, Texas, as shown by map or plat of said addition now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas. That said property was heretofore to-wit: on the 3rd day of March, 1910, conveyed by defendant, S. J. Carpenter and his wife, Dessie Carpenter, to the defendant J. W. Powell, by their deed in writing, in consideration among other things, of the note herein described and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was reserved thereon to secure the payment of this note, that notice is hereby given to each of the defendants to produce this said deed at the trial of this cause or secondary evidence will be offered to prove its contents, that said note is due and unpaid though each of defendants have been requested to pay it to plaintiff's damage as hereinafter set out, that said note has been placed in the hands of C. P. Shepherd, an attorney, for collection, and plaintiff has contracted to pay him the ten per cent. specified in said note for said services, and that the same is the usual and customary fee and is reasonable.

(4) That by reason of the making executions and delivery of the said note by the defendant Powell to the defendant Carpenter and the transfer by said defendant Carpenter to plaintiff J. M. Skinner, and the failure of both defendants to pay the first installment of interest on said note and the election of plaintiff to mature said note the said defendants, Carpenter and Powell, are each bound and liable to plaintiff for the payment of said note according to its face tenor and effects.

(5) Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays the court that defendants each be cited to appear and answer this petition, that he have judgement for his debt, interest and attorneys fees, and costs of suit, against both defendants Powell and Carpenter, and for a foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises against all of the defendants and the same decree to be sold according to law, and for such other relief, special and general to which he may be entitled.

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal off said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 14th day of January, A. D., 1913.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk District Court, Runnels County.

Stands Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other oil possesses. Others may be good, but it is the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head-on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow,

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need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

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CITATION.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings

You are Hereby Commanded to summon Jas. P. Smythe, Matilda smythe, Sarah Jane Smythe, Mary Smythe, F. M. Holmsley, and L. A. Holmsley, and the unknown heirs of each of the above said parties, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the Second Monday in March, A. D. 1913, the same being the 10th day of March A. D., 1913, then and there to answer a petition in said Court on the 14th day of December A. D. 1912 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1509 wherein J. M. Garlington, is plaintiff, and Jas. P. Smythe, Matilda Smythe, Sarah Jane Smythe, Mary Smythe, F. M. Holmsley and E. A. Holmsley, and the unknown heirs of each of said parties deceased, are, defendants, and said petition alleging that on October 1, 1912, the plaintiff was then and there and is now the owner in fee simple title of lots Nos. nine (9) and ten (10) in block 105, to the original town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas; that plaintiff and those under whom he claims title to said land have been seized and possessed of said land holding under deeds duly recorded in the deed records of Runnels County, Texas, having paid all taxes due on said land up to the date of the filing of this suit, and in actual peaceable and adverse possession of said land having same enclosed in good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit, and plaintiff pleads title under the five years statute of limitation; plaintiff further pleads that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have been in actual, peaceable and adverse possession thereof, having the same enclosed in good and lawful fence, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next preceding the filing of this suit, and he pleads title under the ten years Statute of limitation; that, on or about October 1 1912, the defendants asserted and are now asserting title to said land which claim has cast a cloud on plaintiff's title and disturbed his peaceable possession.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays

that upon final hearing hereof he have judgement against the defendants for the recovery of said title to said lots and that the cloud cast on said lots, by reason of the defendant's claim be removed, and that he be quitted in his possession of said land, and for general relief.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 14th day of December, A. D. 1912.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 19-8tw

Money To Loan.

Long time. Write or call on Lee Maddox, Ballinger Texas.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co. (Advertisement)

MONEY TO LOAN.

If you owe money on your land let us figure on taking up and extending the debt and giving you more time. Get Jo Wilmett to send us your application. BROWN BROS.,

A RECORD BRAKER.

R. B. Eagan, of the New Home community, was among the business visitors in Ballinger today and says he has recently killed two pigs, seven months old, that weighed 187 and 190 pounds, and thinks that is a record breaker.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Mrs. W. S. Robertson, of San Angelo, came in Saturday afternoon on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain and Ballinger friends over Sunday.

Aug Voglesang, of the Spring Hill community, was transacting business in Ballinger last Saturday afternoon.

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C. P. SHEPHERD, Business Mgr. A. W. SLEDGE, Editor
MRS. C. P. SHEPHERD, Society Editor

Cut out politics and talk business.

Pay your poll tax and you can look your fellowman in the face when election days roll round.

Let us remind you that to-night is prayer meeting night at your church.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—three days left; gets yours today.

A man that can see his own weakness and acknowledge his faults is a real man.

Tax Collector Padgett has a few tax receipts left. Have you got yours?

Watch that farmer smile. Well, who wouldn't smile after such a glorious rain?

No, don't worry about cleaning up your premises; just wait and the City Marshal will do it for you.

One good rain will rub off a three year's drouth, and one good crop will rub off three year's hardtime.

President Wilson will cut out the mid-day luncheon and it will be plain breakfast, dinner and supper at the White House.

One bill passed the House in a hurry and without an opposing vote. It was the \$140,000 per diem and mileage bill.

25 women now hold office in Texas, and several hundred met at Houston last week and launched a campaign for woman suffrage. Boys, it begins to look like we are going to have to stand back and let the women get to the polls.

Ballinger is to have a park in their city. Ballinger is already a "Beautiful Ballinger" and with this, another beautifier, she will lead in the Civic Attractiveness column.—Paint Rock Herald.

Brownwood won the Holland's Magazine \$500 cash prize in the clean town contest, and the Civic League is having a hard time deciding how to spend the money. Save it to fight mesquitos with next summer.

Cowfeed is now being manufactured out of saw dust. A machine for extracting the tar, pitch and turpentine from the saw dust has been invented and after adding to the fiber 40 per cent cotton seed meal the combination makes a very nutritious substance and it is said stock will eat it. Just think of the good cow feed that has gone to waste in the millions of tons of saw dust, if the above is true.

A farmer near Taylor killed two hogs last week that netted him 1337 pounds of pure pork. He converted part of the pigs into 40 gallons of lard and still had about 900 pounds of pork left. Few things are more profitable than profitable pork production.

The general down-pour of rain this week was nothing more than an appeal to the busy farmer to plant more feed, more hogs, more chickens and less cotton. Don't work your head off raising cotton to buy a living with. Make the living at home.

It sound good?

This paper receives daily from Austin a copy of the House Journal, compliments of Representa-

tive Griggs. If you are interested in legislative matters and want to read the Journal you are welcome to call at this office and do so.

United efforts mean unlimited success, and if Ballinger citizens will unite and pull together many good things will come our way.

The Chinese republic is safe. The women over there are now discarding trousers and taking to the Christian hobble-skirt.

In order to prove to all others just how history should be written, Colonel Roosevelt will write his own history.

A United States Senator has been elected and the Texas Legislature should get busy now and turn out some good work.

Had it ever occurred to you that Ballinger ranks next to the top in the list of clean towns in Texas. Why don't you clean up your premises.

City election in April and indications point to quite a scramble for at least two city offices. You can't vote without a poll tax receipt.

Thank you for the nice remarks about the Daily Ledger, but when accompanied by the price the remarks make sweeter music. That's what the printers say.

There is one meager that Texas doesn't try to prevent. A widow recently married in Houston that had twelve children and the widower she married had thirteen. A strong combination.

When Uncle Sam charges you two cents for carrying a letter he is charging you at the rate of \$1800 per ton. Pretty high freight don't you think? The bill for a one cent letter postage will be passed.

The West Times last week announced that that paper had been sold to the News, and that the Times' subscribers would hereafter receive the News. The Times has been published at West continuously for the past twenty-five years. Several years ago H. B. Terrell established the News, after being connected with the Times several years, and a rivalry sprang up between the two papers. As a consequence, neither paper could do its best by the town. The businessmen of West continued to clamor for one paper and the Times made a proposition to buy or sell and the News bought. It's coming to be the rule that only one paper can exist in a town where a few years ago two or three were published. The businessmen and the public demand service and this can only be had by giving one paper full support. Moody Courier.

We Should Eat More Apples.

The apple is a choice fruit. A mellow, juicy apple is appetizing and tones up the digestive system. Every person should eat two or three apples a day. They are cheap this season and that is still an additional reason for using more of this splendid, delicious fruit. An apple eaten just before going to bed at night is said to produce sound and healthy sleep. An apple excites action of the liver and disinfects the mouth. It is splendid brain food, it having more than any other fruit. It is claimed that the apple prevents indigestion and throat disease.—Ex.

This is the age when advertising rules the world and fortunate is the town that has a good live news paper and whose merchants use a liberal supply of printers ink.

Newton discovered the power of gravitation, Montgolfier gave us the first balloon, but history does not record the man that invented the way to stand still, yet we have a few of the standstills in Ballinger.

Runnels county has a pay roll of about a hundred thousand dollars annually in providing teachers for the young. Its a good investment, and if your boy or girl is not in school you must stand the loss.

Ballinger can ill afford to lose a citizen like Judge Ben Stone. He has been a booster ever since he landed in Ballinger, and while his many friends will rejoice to see him go higher in his profession they will regret to know that he and his splendid family will move away from Ballinger.

It is claimed that rabbit meat equal that of any other wild game when served on the table in the North and East, and several towns in Texas are realizing a nice income from shipping rabbits. About 400 rabbits or an estimate of 2000 pounds of good meat was left to waste on Runnels county prairies Tuesday. We should feed the hungry people.

The Kindly Word.

Timpson Times: We never know what great trouble lies behind the curtain of our fellowman's life, so let's take time for the little word of encouragement. It is a gift you can give without one particle of cost, and will bring you a large dividend all along life's pathway.

A telephone girl was elected postmistress of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. This is right. If there is one class of girls on this earth who deserve all the good things that can possibly be sent their way, it is the telephone girls and ever time we hear a great big man talking rough over the telephone to one of the girls, we intuitively reach for a stick, and begin to look for a snake. Of course, the girls may sometimes get a little bit huffy, but who wouldn't get huffy, sitting in one position all day, and trying to please everybody in the whole country? And, by the way, since we come to think about it, courtesy seems to be a lost art with some folks when they get hold of a telephone receiver.—Denison Herald.

Aye, let us give the kindly word that may ease in some degree the pain that may lie concealed in the bosom of the friend or chance acquaintance. To be courteous, to be kind, to be generous, in thought and speech, are ineradicable proofs of gentility. No man is a gentleman who has not sympathy and a gentle heart, nor any woman a real lady who has not tenderness and its concomitant, tears. It is not meant by this, certainly, that men should be unctuous or insincere or officious in their proffers of personal interest, or that women should run around seeking whom they may spread sweetness on or immerse in tears. The oily man and the weepy woman are sometimes peculiarly dislikable while intending to be really useful. Let the heart speak through the lips and the hands serve the dictates of self-respect, but let not curiosity prompt the server to lift the curtain of his friend's privacy lest modesty be offended and estrangement ensue.—State Press.

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THE POLICY OF THE CONSOLIDATED PAPER.

In bringing about the consolidation of the Runnels County Ledger and the Banner-Leader we feel that we have your endorsement and the endorsement of every citizen of Ballinger and Runnels county who have the best interest

For some time it has been the expressed desire of the merchants and business men that a move be made and arrangements perfected whereby it would be possible to give the town and county a better paper, a paper that would represent the whole people, and at the same time reduce the advertising cost. In the consolidation of the two papers this has been accomplished. The consolidated paper can be published at about two-thirds of what it cost to maintain the two papers separately, making a great saving to the advertiser. By this consolidation a paper has been equipped that will compare favorably with any in a town of similar size in Texas, and makes it possible for us to print a first-class local paper and for handling the job printing trade in a manner never before undertaken for the purpose of taking over the Ledger and consolidating the two papers, is composed of men with different political views, and some of Ballinger's most substantial and prominent business men. They come into the company because they are interested in seeing that Ballinger has one good news paper and not a political organ of any party or faction.

It is our ambition and will be our every effort to publish a clean local newspaper, both daily and weekly, and papers that will find welcome in every home in the county. It is our purpose to maintain the daily paper as long as the patronage justifies, and if the business will justify the necessary expense we will arrange to receive daily telegraphic news reports.

In addition to the great saving in cost to advertisers, and the publishing of a better paper, the consolidation means the wiping out of any factional differences that might have heretofore existed, and places the town from a newspaper standpoint before the public on a strictly business basis. It will be the policy of the new management to publish a non-partisan paper, representing no particular faction, and all matter of a political nature submitted for publication must be signed and paid for at the regular advertising rate. Our columns will be open free to the discussion of any non-political subject that is for the general good of the community, and we will be glad to publish such articles when contributed by one.

The stock company organized with a paid up capital of \$10,000 As stated above we feel that the plant of the consolidated paper is a credit to the town, and few towns in Texas can boast of a more modernly equipped printing office. It is our purpose to make it worth something to every enterprising citizen in the county. We want you to feel a pride in the paper, and we will not be satisfied

WHITE SALE

Beginning Monday morning, February 10th, we place on sale hundreds of garments of ladies, misses and childrens underwear and thousands of pieces of goods of all classes in white goods.

Read the Banner-Ledger February 7th issue for further particulars.

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FOR SALE.

11 1-2 acres of the very best sandy land in South Ballinger. C. H. Willingham. 2d lw

R. Gordon, a former barber, now of Blanco, Colorado, sends in his annual remittance and orders the paper to keep coming to his home.

PROSPECTORS LOOK-ING THIS WAY

Inquiries about Ballinger are being received in Ballinger every day. The Texas Realty Journal, published at Houston, recently devoted considerable space to a write up of Ballinger and Runnels county and it is giving us some good advertising. A letter received today from a party in South Texas wants to engage in the drug business in this section. Another wants to trade South Texas property for a home in Ballinger. If you have anything you want to trade you might call on the Secretary of the Business League and get names of parties.

JACK MCKAY FOR RE-ELECTION.

We are authorized to state that Marshall Jack McKay is in the race for re-election to the office of city marshal. Mr. McKay is too well known to need any recommendation from this paper. He has been on the city force for a number of years, and while he has made his enemies, which only goes to show that he has made it interesting for those who violated the city laws, he has friends sufficient among the best people of Ballinger, to make it hard for any one to defeat him. His friends

W. A. Jackson left last Sunday for Teague, Texas, where he is figuring on locating and engaging in the dry goods business.

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Seed oats. Call on Miller Mercantile Co., 18-dtf

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Happenings of Local Nature Concerning People We Know

J. L. Carter, of Paint Rock, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

C. Hosse, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

G. W. and Rhone Clayton, of the Benoit country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. Kreigle, of Miles, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Ed Lehr, of Rowena, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

W. A. Schumann, of Rowena, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday between trains.

Constable Kuhn, of Rowena, had official business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

O. B. Corbet left Monday at noon to look after business affairs at San Angelo a few days.

J. F. White, one of the substantial citizens of the Truitt country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Otto Voglesang, Gus and Fred Prusser of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

R. C. Henniger, of the Winters country was among the business visitors in Ballinger last Saturday.

John Simmons, one of the prominent citizens of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. M. A. Oden, of Goldthwaite, came in at noon Tuesday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Walter Parker for a few days.

Judge Isham F. Wade and wife were here from Cleburne Saturday and Sunday, Judge Wade on business and Mrs. Wade to visit friends.

We pay the highest market price for chickens and eggs.

W. A. Gustavous & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen and children, of Big Springs, came in Monday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Allen and family and Ballinger friends.

W. F. McShann, of the river country, south of the city, was here Monday and reports a splendid rain in his section Sunday last.

J. B. Bass, one of the prominent citizens of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

N. Possur, who had been visiting friends in our city the past week or so, left Monday to visit friend at San Angelo a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Snow, of Dallas, field representatives of the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium at Dallas were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A. Crouch, of Miles, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lindsey, returned to her home Monday at noon.

Rev. E. W. Wells, returned home Monday at noon from Glen Cove, where he preached for the people of the Nazarine church at that place last Sunday.

Judge J. P. Cogdill, of Winters, was among the visitors in our city Monday looking after legal business for a few hours.

Miss Bonnie Mae Lawrence, returned home Tuesday morning from a visit to relatives and friends at San Angelo.

G. H. Tucker and H. C. Moten, two of the prosperous farmers of the Winters country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Frank Huffman, one of the prosperous young farmers south of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

F. M. Steele, who with his son has recently engaged in business at Crews, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hieman and little daughter, of Imperial, Pecos county, came in Tuesday morning and will be the guest of her father Mr. Stokes, while en route to Aus-

tin on a visit to relatives and friends.

G. C. Furgason, of Coleman, came in last night on a visit to his family and Ballinger friends for a few days.

W. B. Dunlap is just in receipt of a card from M. W. Leader stating that he is at Washington City and having a splendid trip and has also visited at Baltimore and other prominent cities in that section.

Judge E. S. Royalls, of Fort Worth, Supreme President of the U. B. A. was here visiting his sister, Mrs. H. M. Leach first of the week, and left for his home Monday afternoon.

Dr. J. J. Justice went to Brownwood Monday where he was billed to deliver a lecture at the Mid-Winter Institute which is in session at the Howard Payne college.

W. T. Morris, left Tuesday afternoon for Navosota, Texas, on a short business trip.

Sheriff Flynt had business in Winters between trains Monday.

Wm. Havenhill, of the Winters country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. H. Mullin, of Winters was among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Gus Noyes left Wednesday morning overland in his auto to look after his ranch in Concho county a few days.

J. W. Dale left Wednesday at noon on a short business trip to San Angelo.

C. F. Reasoner, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

G. Outken, of the Winters country, was shaking hands with Ballinger friends Wednesday.

W. P. Hearrell, of Maverick, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

S. R. Richardson, one of our prosperous farmers south of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. E. McAden, one of our friends south of the city, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Drews, nee Miss Lucile Reeder, returned home at noon Wednesday from a short visit to friends at Winters.

R. D. and Charlie Loike, of the Smith ranch country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger today.

J. T. Ballard and Dick Trail, of Paint Rock, came over Wednesday and spent a few hours in our city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ward, of Anson, Texas, came in Wednesday at noon on a visit to her sister, Miss Jack Harrison for a few days.

Charlie Seible and R. C. Henniger, of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. F. Holliday, the Winters insurance man, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Hammock returned home at noon Wednesday from a visit to relatives and friends at Colorado City, Texas.

Mrs. Ernest Voelkel and little daughter, of Rowena, were among the shoppers in Ballinger Wednesday.

Cam Murry, of Novice, Texas, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Matilda Dosse and Master C. A. Doose, Jr., returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short visit to relatives and friends at San Angelo.

Chester Jones left Monday afternoon on a short business trip to Winters.

C. C. Cockrell, one of the aldermen whose term expires in April stand for re-election, which he has been strongly solicited to agreed to do and it is now up to his friends to see him elected if they so desire.

LOST—Between my home on Eighth street and the courthouse, a round gold pin with coral center. Finder will confer great favor by returning same to me. Miss Louise Orgain.

Mrs. W. E. Kaufman and Mrs. Aude Vee Cash of Abilene and Miss Mabelle Bradley, of Fort Worth, are in Ballinger the guest of Mrs. George Pearce and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Risser, Sr., who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past few weeks, left for their home at Bonham Tuesday afternoon.

J. P. Keroy, of Cannon, Colo., who had been visiting his brother Uncle Jimmie Kerby and family, left at noon Wednesday for Goldthwaite to visit relatives a few days before going on home.

Judge A. K. Doss, of Winters, was looking after legal business and visiting his father, Rev. W. H. Doss and family in Ballinger Wednesday.

M. D. Chastain left Monday afternoon for Fort Worth, where he goes to be at the bedside of his brother, who is dangerously ill at that place.

Mrs. Kidd and babe, of Talpa, came in at noon Wednesday and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce and family a few days.

We are glad to report Mrs. N. F. Norris, of the Central Hotel much better today after a right severe spell of lagrappe the past few weeks.

W. W. Farmer and two sons, three of the successful irrigation farmers down the river, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Levine, of Winters, passed through Ballinger at noon Wednesday from an extended visit to relatives at La Grange and other points in that section.

A. Levy, of the firm of Rosenwasser & Levy, left Tuesday afternoon for Spur, Texas, where he is figuring on buying a stock of merchandise.

W. E. Chambers, of the Ballinger Lumber Co., spent Sunday with his family in Brownwood and returned to Ballinger Monday at noon.

Mrs. S. E. Butler returned to her home at Abilene Sunday afternoon after a visit to friends.

Enns Shepherd was here from Winters Sunday, the guest of dear friends.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

G. W. Wilson and son Maxey of the river country south of Ballinger, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Wilson says he never saw the farm lands in better shape to make a good crop before in the history of the county.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Harroll Walker returned home from Dallas Monday, where he stood an examination for a position in the U. S. Navy, but decided he would return home and try ranch life instead of the navy.

Miss Lois Crews was on the street Wednesday morning with her Kindergarten class showing them the sights of the city and the practical workings of some of the features she had been teaching them.

Mrs. Annie Holland, of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday evening en route home from Sweetwater, where she had been to establish a branch millinery establishment in connection with her large business at Brownwood.

The Great Clearing Sale

SWINGS INTO THE THIRD and LAST WEEK

Watch the Monday Specials-One Day Only

All should take advantage of the wonderful bargains offered the coming week---Down goes the knife to the core in order to make an absolute clearance of all winter goods. You cannot in justice to yourself afford to pass up such rare bargains that will be offered you in the Final Clearing Sale.

Read Carefully All Items On this Page
Then make your arrangements to
be here Soon Monday

Ladies' Suits

All Ladies Tailored Suits values up
to \$25.00 Final Clearing
Price **\$7.95**

All Ladies Suits Worth up to \$18.50
Final Clearing
Price **\$4.95**

If You Want a Suit and Your Size is Here You Had Better Come Quick

Final Clearing Prices on Dresses

25 Ladies Silk and Foulard Dresses
this seasons styles values up
to \$10 and \$12.50 Sale price **\$3.95**

15 Ladies Silk Dresses all good style
and sizes. Not a dress worth
less than \$10 to \$13.50 sale **\$6.95**

SPECIAL MONDAY and MONDAY ONLY

Don't come Tuesday expecting to get your share

60 dozen Ladies Bleached Summer Vests, late arrivals. Every wanted size and actually worth 8 1-2c to 10c each. Supply your wants now for all Summer. Monday only garment **4c**

Skirt Values

50 Ladies Skirts last seasons styles but exceptional values at
\$5.00, \$6.00 and up to \$8.50 Final Clearing Sale Price **\$2.95**

These Bargains Should Appeal to You

20c Ribbon at.....	10c	10 Pearl Buttons at.....	5c	Good Pens Paper.....	1c
50c Gloves at	39c	12 1-2c Bleached Dmst at 9c		Embry Edge Bunch.....	9c
1.50 Chamois Gloves.....	95c	6 1-2c Calico	4 1-2c	Good Towels Each.....	10c

Clearing Out All Remnants at Half Price

Radical Reductions on all Clothing

\$15.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats Final Clearing Price.....	\$10.95
18.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats Final Clearing Price.....	\$12.95
20.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats Final Clearing Price.....	\$13.95
25.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats Final Clearing Price.....	\$16.95

This Includes the Famous Kuppenheimer and Frankel Fifteen

All Boys Suit at Great Rebuctions

The Shoe Sale of the Season

Final and Last Call on Winter Shoes

Men's Shoes	Women's Shoes	Children' Shoes
\$3.00 Shoes\$2.55	\$1.50 Shoes\$1.29	.50 Shoes42
\$3.50 Shoes\$2.98	\$2.50 Shoes\$1.98	.85 Shoes69
\$4.00 Shoes\$3.40	\$3.00 Shoes\$2.55	\$1.00 Shoes85
\$5.00 Shoes\$4.25	\$3.50 Shoes\$2.98	\$1.25 Shoes98
	\$4.00 Shoes\$3.40	\$1.50 Shoes\$1.29

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

"THE STORE AHEAD"

SCHOOL CLOSES FIRST HALF TERM

Eighteen Weeks Successful Work Closed Last Friday. Many Children Receive Promotion Cards.

The Ballinger schools closed the first eighteen week's work, or the first half of the term last Friday, with the last half year's work. Many children were made happy by a certificate signed by their and started out Monday to finish teacher promoting them to a higher grade, while some were not so fortunate.

We are glad to note that the work is moving along in the very best order without the least bit of friction and with few exceptions the children are doing good work, and this promises to be one of the most successful terms in the teachers for the last half term:

Following is the assignment of history of the school. There has been no disease or epidemic to break into the work and the attendance has been on a good average throughout the first half of the term.

Central: Miss Edna McDaniel, lower 7th 31; Miss Idra Shapre, high 7th 19 and high 6th 19; Miss May Bridwell, low 6th 22 and high 5th 22; Miss Stella McDaniel low 5th 27 and high 4th 17; Miss Emma A. Boone, high 4th 19 and low 4th 25; Miss Virginia D. Prazer, high 3rd 26 and high 2nd 13; Miss Alpha Caperton, low 2nd 10 and high 1st 29.

West End: Mrs. Lilla Mayfield, principal, low and high 1st and low 2nd, 34.

Miss Gladys Spann, high 2nd, low and high 3rd 38.

South Ballinger: Miss Gregory principal, low 4th and high 6th 33; Miss Legate, low 1st to low 4th 28.

For this term, all low 4ths in town will be grouped at Central. All low 1st and low 3rds will be grouped at West End school. By this plan a few teachers can do all the work.

W. S. Fleming, Supt.

AN AFTER WORD.

Sunday Dr. Fry delivered a really great sermon before a large audience at The First Baptist church and the building was formally turned over to God to be used for his glory. To be kept sacred as a workshop to lift up fallen humanity and reflect the light of God. Her doors shall ever be wide open to welcome every class both rich and poor, saint and sinner to her worship.

We wish publicly to thank the pastors and people of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches for their kind consideration and co-operation in this hour of joyous triumph. You have only to inform us when we may show to you a like courtesy. The First church wishes to express her appreciation for every kindness shown to her either by word or action. You shall have a warm place in her heart. Here is our hand brother for a glorious 1913. Let us love and work and pray until the Master shall come and the shadows flee away.

J. J. JUSTICE.

WEATHER GAUGE.

The First National Bank has just installed a weather government gauge which is quite a convenience to our people and the register shows in 10th of inches up to four and one-half inches of rain. The gauge is located just inside of the front bank window and is quite convenient for all our people.

E. F. Edwards, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Monday between trains.

BALLINGER TO ENTERTAIN BANKERS

District Bankers Association To Convene Here Next Month. Committee Preparing Program.

The local bankers are making arrangements to entertain the District Bankers Association which convenes here Feb. 20th. This district is composed of Runnels, Tom Green, Irion, Brown, Schleicher, Sutton, McCulloch, Coke, Coleman, Concho and Sterling counties, and no doubt most of the banks of the district will be represented at the Ballinger meeting.

The program committee are busy arranging a program for the occasion, and prominent bankers will be here and representing the Santa Fe will be on the program and among the subject discussed will be "Better Stock Farming," "Improvement of Public Highways," and an open discussion of important matters to be brought before the Association.

The convention will be called to order in the Carnegie Library at 9:30 on the morning of Feb. 20th. Luncheon will be tendered the visitors at 1:30 followed by after dinner speeches, and the visitors and others will depart on the 4:30 Santa Fe for Fort Worth and Cleburne.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

GODFREY MASSEY,
Concho county, Tex.

MOVING DAY—NO PAPER

A prominent citizen remarked to the writer that he burned up a box of matches Monday night looking for The Daily Ledger, and cursed some of his neighbors of swiping the paper, but he felt relieved later when he learned that no paper was issued Monday. The deal which consolidated the two papers was not closed up until late Saturday evening, and after making the changes necessary, and moving the linotype from The Ledger office to the Banner-Leader office, it was too late for us to issue a paper Monday. It will require several days to get our new force organized and get things to running smoothly, and mistakes will probably occur, but we ask for your patience and co-operation. If you fail to get your paper regular every afternoon, please phone No. 27.

FOR ALDERMAN.

Quite a number of the friends of R. A. Nicholson are urging him to allow his name to be used for the office of alderman at the April city election at which time two aldermen are to be elected. Mr. Nicholson is a broad minded, conservative business man, and would no doubt be quite valuable as good timber for the city council. He is permanently located and will remain in the cotton business in Ballinger and is in a good position to give good service to the city's affairs.

Frightful Polar Winds.

blow with terrific force at the far north and play havoc with the skin, causing red, rough or sore chapped hands and lips, that need Bucklen's Arnica Salve to heal them. It makes the skin soft and smooth. Unrivalled for cold-sores, also burns, boils, sores, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. Only 25 cents at Walker Drug Co. (Advertisement.)

SHEPPARD ELECTED OVER JOHNSTON

Sheppard Defeats Johnston in Race for Short Term—Randell Receives One Vote.

(Special to The Ledger.)

Austin, Jan. 28.—Hon. Morris Sheppard was elected to succeed Senator Bailey at two-thirty this afternoon, both for the short and long term. For the short term the House voted 87 for Sheppard and 54 for Johnston and 1 for Randall. In the Senate Sheppard received 17 votes and Johnston 12. For the long term both houses were unanimous for Sheppard.

A Hero In A Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahue, So Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck, himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes "after I had taken other so called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50 cts. at Walker Drug Co.

SPLENDID RAIN.

Through the courtesy of the West Texas Telephone Co., we have the following rain report for this section for last Sunday:

Rain fall at Ballinger was 60-100 of an inch, was slow and steady during the entire day and was equal to an inch or more rain under other conditions. At Abilene light shower, good rain at Brownwood and Coleman, and Paint Rock, Concho, Eden and Millersview and other points in that county, about 1-4 to 1-2 inch rain is reported.

All points in Runnels county rain was about the same as at Ballinger, which includes Benoit, Crews, Hatchel, Mazeland, Miles, Norton, Pony Creek, Pumphrey, Rowena, Truitt, Winters and Wilmeth. Good rain at San Angelo, Talpa and Valera, was also reported on the same date.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

H. L. WENDORF,

THE SADDLE AND HARNESS MAN

Everything in the leather goods line. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection.

Hutchings Ave.

Ballinger, Texas

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

As published elsewhere in this paper you will see that the Banner Leader and Ledger have been consolidated. If you owe anything on subscription to The Ledger same is now due and payable to the new company. If your subscription to the Ledger is paid in advance same will be credited on the consolidated paper, which will be known as the Banner Ledger. If The Ledger is paid in advance same will be credited on the consolidated paper, which will be known as the Banner-Ledger. If you have been receiving both the Banner-Leader and The Ledger and have your subscription to both papers paid in advance you will be given credit for the full amount on the consolidated papers and your date of expiration moved up accordingly. All subscription due on The Ledger is payable to the new company and a statement of the amount will be mailed to you within the next few days. In making the consolidation and changing the subscription books there will be more or less confusion, and mistakes will occur. We ask you to report to this office any mistake and help us in getting our new mailing list properly arranged and to be patient until we get our new force organized and the two mailing list consolidated.

\$100

was paid at a banquet to Henry Clay in New Orleans in 1842. Mighty costly for those with stomach trouble or indigestion. To day people everywhere use Dr. King's New Life Pills for the troubles as well as liver, kidney and bowel disorders. Easy, safe, sure. Only 25 cts., at Walker Drug Co.

PAUL SIMPSON

WILL RECOVER.

It will be good news to the many friends of Paul Simpson to know that he is greatly improved, and the physicians now say that he has a chance for recovery. Mr. Simpson was operated on for a very serious trouble last Thursday morning and for two or three days his life hinged in the balance with little hopes for his recovery.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it is a medicine of real merit. For Sale by all dealers.

The Baling Lumber Co.

has grown up with Ballinger, and has furnished Lumber and Building Material for many a house in this section.

We Are At The Same Old Stand Yet

and ready to supply your wants in Lumber and every line of Building Material. Give us a chance to prove our claims.

The Ballinger Lumber Company,

H. GIESECKE BUYS NEW CAR

H. Giesecke, while in Dallas last week, purchased a 40 h. p. 1913 model five passenger Maxwell and same will be received in Ballinger in a few days. The Maxwell touring car formerly owned by Mr. Giesecke was retained by the Giesecke-Bennett Co., when Mr. Giesecke sold his interest in that firm. This left him with his Maxwell roadster. The new car just purchased is a beauty with all the latest improvements.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptoms, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

MRS. R. A. MILLIKIN DEAD.

News was received in Ballinger Friday of the death of Mrs. R. A. Millikin, which occurred Friday morning at Beeville, Texas. Mrs. Millikin was the wife of Bob Millikin, and the daughter of Rev. I. N. Lewis. The family formerly lived in this county. They moved from here to Tahoka, Texas, where Mr. Millikin died three years ago. The many friends in this county will be grieved to learn of Mrs. Millikin's death.

The remains were shipped from Beeville to Tahoka, and laid to rest by the side of her husband at that place. Mrs. A. B. Davis, of the Hatchel country, a sister of Mrs. Millikin left Friday afternoon, accompanied by her husband to be present at the funeral.

NOTICE.

On account of the inclemency of the weather there was no meeting of the Farmers Union at Winters January 20th and a mass meeting is therefore called to meet at Winters the first Saturday in February at 10 o'clock, same being 1st day of the month. The meeting will convene jointly with stockholders meeting of the Farmers Warehouse and Commission Co.

T. F. RAGSDALE, Pres.
R. B. Worthington, Co., sec.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

S. P. Hale, of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

How Foolish.

To suffer from skin diseases (itch, eczema, ringworm, etc) when one 50c box of "Hunts Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist to see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

For Sale.

Cultivator, panter, feed cutter, two wagons, wagon harness, double harness for buggy, good mare.

MRS. OSCAR HOLLIDAY,
Hatchell, Texas, phone 88 .. 2t

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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There is no need of suffering from
PILES
WHEN YOU CAN GET
EUREKA PILE OINTMENT
for 25c from Eureka Pile Ointment Company, 969 Windsor St., Cincinnati Ohio, in plain package. No matter what you have used or tried, get EUREKA and cure yourself at home. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

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Particular efforts taken to get the very best results.
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STONE & WADE
Lawyers.
Ballinger, Texas

Timely Talks to Business Builders.

NUMBER 7

Is it not good policy, whenever possible, to patronize the home dealer, who is helping to build up the community in which you live?

I am in the market with a superior line of Art Advertising Calendars—the finest line which has ever been offered in this territory.

These calendars are made by the A. M. Collins Mfg. Co., of Philadelphia, a house with a record of over half a century of honorable business dealings.

This line is composed of exclusive copyrighted Art Advertising Calendars and Mailing Novelties—a line well adapted to the requirements of this territory.

I shall be here when the calendars are delivered, and I can personally guarantee that the goods will be like the samples and that they will be delivered on time and in the best condition.

You need these calendars in your business. Therefore, why not buy of the home dealer and be safe?

J. H. WILBOURNE

Read This



SPECIAL!

Old Master Reproductions in good frames. Were 65c now 50c. Good Whips were 15c now 12c. Good Whips were 10c, now 8c. Fine Goblets were 60c now 50c. Many Bargains to pick from. Come to see us.

THE FAIR

CITATION PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff, or any constable of Runnels County, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. D. White, Lucy E. Thompson, J. K. Thompson and B. F. Sartain, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein; but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said 35th judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 35th judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof in Ballinger, on the 2nd Monday in March, 1913, the same being the 10th day of March 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 18th day of January, 1913, in a suit numbered on the docket 1518, wherein G. F. Zimmermann, is plaintiff and J. D. White, B. F. Sartain, Jo. Wilmet, Jones-Walton & Co., The First National Bank of Paint Rock, Texas, Lucy E. Thompson, J. K. Thompson and Marvin Byars, are defendants, said petition alleging that on Jan. 5th, 1913, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the hereinafter described land and premises, holding and claiming same in fee simple; that on the day and year last aforesaid, defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises, and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof, to his damage \$300.00.

Plaintiff further alleges that said land and premises on the 9th day of April, 1907, were conveyed by C. A. Doose to said defendant, J. D. White, by deed of that date, now of record in Vol. 48, page 347, Runnels County, Records of Deeds, the hereinafter described land and premises, in consideration, among other things, of the execution and delivery by the defendant, J. D. White to said C. A. Doose, eight notes, each for the sum of \$480.00, of even date with said deed, due on or before the 1st days of January, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916, respectively, payable to the order of C. A. Doose, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from Feb. 1st 1907, until paid, interest payable annually on first day of January of each year, stipulating for 10 per cent attorneys fees in case of suit is brought, and providing that failure to pay any of said notes or installment of interest, when due should at the election of the holder mature all of said notes an express lien was retained to secure their payment, that on December 16th 1911, said C. A. Doose, for a valuable consideration, by an instrument of writing, transferred all of said notes hereinabove mentioned to this plaintiff, and by said instrument assigned to the plaintiff here in the superior title to said land and premises, by virtue of said express lien retained in said deed and notes, that the interest due on said notes on January 1st, 1913, is past due and unpaid, and that plaintiff has elected, and now here elects, to declare all of said notes due and payable that plaintiff has also elected to rescind the executory contract of sale evidenced by said deed from C. A. Doose to J. D. White, whereupon said deed from C. A. Doose to J. D. White became cancelled, null and void. Plaintiff prays for title to and possession of the hereinafter described land, that all clouds cast on the title of plaintiff in and to said land by the deeds and transfers and conveyances of each and all the defendants, be removed, for a writ of restitution, damages and as follows:

All of block No. 67, same being the whole of survey No. 314, originally granted to H. T. Davis by virtue of certificate No. 9178, known as abstract No. 126, and patented to S. A. Maverick (assignee, July 2nd, 1858, said survey containing 202 acres of land more particularly described as follows: Beginning at stake on the N. bank of the river set for the upper corner of survey No. 313, an Elm 12 in. in dia. brs. N. 9 E. 3 vrs, an Elm 10 in. in dia., brs N. 12 E. 2 1-2 vrs. Thence N. 30 E. 1697 vrs to a stake and mound; Thence N. 60 W. vrs to a stake on line of Survey No. 315; Thence S. 30 W. 2290 vrs. to stake on river for lower corner of No. 315, a willow 12 in. in dia., brs S. 50 W. 5 vrs; Thence down the river with its meanders to place of beginning.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness Mary Phillips, Clerk of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 27th day of January, 1913.

(Seal)
MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County, Texas,

Jim Bigby, of Garden City, came in Tuesday afternoon on a visit to relatives and friends in our city and county, for a few days.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist,
Over the Rape building.

FOURTEEN PEOPLE KILLED EVERY DAY

Railroads Killed Fourteen People Daily Who Were Trespassing On Their Property. Parents Vitally Interested.

Trespassing on railroad property is shown by reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission to be a decidedly dangerous past-time. Over fifty per cent of all the people killed on the railroads of this country last year were trespassing men, women and children who had no business or right on railroad property.

Every day last year fourteen trespassers were killed—over 5000 during the year—an appalling truth. Contrary to a common suspicion, only ten per cent of this number were tramps or hoboes; seventy per cent reputable people who used railroad property as a thorough, and in spite of warnings given the most to do so, and twenty per cent were children under 14 years of age.

Commenting on this, Mr. N. L. Howard, superintendent of the C. B. & Q. R. R., at Burlington, Iowa recently published an open letter to parents, in which he said:

"Today, somewhere in this country, two or three little children have been killed playing around tracks and cars. So it was yesterday, so it will be tomorrow, and so it averages, day in and day out, through all the year.

The railroads and their employees are not callous to the sorrow caused in this way; on the contrary they are doing all they can to avoid these, the saddest of all accidents. There is not a trainman or switchman in our yards who has not time and again admonished children against the danger of "flipping" cars, not one who does not dread the ever present possibility of having to lift some broken body from under the car wheels.

All that we railroad men can do about it, however, is very little, children continue to come every day to our yards to play on the tracks, to hop on the cars, too often to meet with disaster, because it is impossible for us to keep an eye on every one of them or keep them all away. It is bad enough to run over grown-up trespassers, but cannot something be done to stop killing children?

It seems to me something can be done. I feel that the parents of this country should be frankly told about the situation and their interest appealed to in the matter of keeping children away from railroad grounds, except when they are legitimately called there. I regret that now and then some people get an erroneous understanding that children are driven away from the tracks because they might pick up a few chunks of scattered coal or a few bits of kindling; but I do not think that idea is general. We want to save our coal, but much more do we want to save the boys and girls from mutilation and death and to save the parents from sorrow. For this purpose I hope we may obtain the co-operation of parents everywhere. Unless we get this, and especially unless parents do

their duty in this important matter, other boys and girls will pay the price of their parents neglect.

This is not an appeal on mere fact that the laws should be enforced. It is true that the law against trespassing should be upheld, but there should be public sentiment against trespassing by children stronger than any law. Are the legs and arms and even the lives of little children too high a price to be paid for what fun there may be in playing on the tracks or jumping on and off of moving cars? Mothers and fathers, if you think so, that law will be enough; for the remedy is in your hands, and you alone can prevent the maiming and killing of these little ones—by forbidding them from coming on the railroad tracks and specially from jumping on and off cars, and then see that they obey you."

FURS AND HIDES VERY HIGH.

I. O. Wooden says furs are higher than he has ever seen them. Skunk skins are worth from \$2.00 to nothing, according to grade and other furs in proportion. Cow hides from 20 cents per pound to nothing, according to grade and condition.

MRS. WILMETH ENTER-TAINS FEW FRIENDS.

Mrs. Jo Wilmet invited a number of friends out to take dinner at her home in South Ballinger Tuesday. Those in the party were Madams E. L. McAlpine, Edwin Day, J. G. Douglass, John Curry, F. C. Miller, W. B. Halley, Clara Ransom, Joe Johnson and Miss Torm. In the afternoon Madams John Loveless, Julia McMinn, C. J. Lynn and S. P. Hathaway joined the party and the afternoon was spent very pleasantly playing "42."

Mrs. Jno. I. Guion left Saturday afternoon for San Saba on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Leon Ward and other relatives and friends. She was accompanied by Madams Fentress and Foster, who were returning home after a short visit in our city.

Aug. Herring and little son, of Talpa, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and we were sorry to note Mr. Herring using a crutch on account of having a severe nail wound in his foot.

Willard Wooden left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood, where he goes to enter Howard Payne college for the ensuing term. Willard is a bright young man and we wish and predict success for him in his school work.

Rev. W. Bion Adkins, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist church, left Monday for Brownwood, where he will deliver a lecture before the Howard Payne college bible school now in session in that city.

BASKET BALL TEAM.

The Howard Payne basketball team of Brownwood, passed thru Ballinger at noon Wednesday en route home from Abilene where they played a series of games with the basketball team of the Simmons college. The boys had an even score in two games and the Brownwood girls were defeated in both games with the Simmons college girls.

Are You Subject to Constipation

Here is a Simple Way of Correcting it Instantly Before it Becomes Chronic.

Very few people go through life without some time or other being troubled with constipation. Thousands injure themselves by the use of strong cathartics, salt mineral waters, pills and similar things. They have temporary value in some cases, it is true, but the good effect is soon lost, and the more one takes of them the less effective they become.

A physic or purgative is seldom necessary and much better and more permanent results can be obtained by using a scientific remedy like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It does not hide behind a high sounding name, but it what it is represented to be, a mild laxative medicine. It is so mild that thousands of mothers give it to tiny infants, and yet it is so compounded, and contains such definite ingredients that it will have equally good effect when used by a person suffering from the worst chronic constipation. In fact, among the greatest endorsers of Syrup Pepsin are elderly people who have suffered for years, and found nothing to benefit them until they took Syrup Pepsin.

It is a fact that millions of families have Syrup Pepsin constantly in the house, homes like those of Mrs. G. B. Pruitt, Berea, Ky., who used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin as a laxative tonic. Mrs. Pruitt writes that it so strengthened and



Mrs. G. B. Pruitt.

cleansed her system of a severe cough which had troubled her for months. The special value of this grand laxative tonic is that it is suited to the needs of every member of the family. It is pleasant-tasting, mild and non-gripping. Unlike harsh physics it works gradually and in a very brief time the stomach and bowel muscles are trained to do their work naturally again, when all medicines can be dispensed with.

You can obtain a bottle at any drug store for fifty cents or one dollar. The latter size is usually bought by families who already know its value. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded.

If no member of your family has ever used Syrup Pepsin and you would like to make a personal trial of it before buying it in the regular way of a druggist, send your address—a postal will do—to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 417 Washington St., Monticello, Ill., and a free sample will be mailed you.

LEFT FOR HOME.

We are glad to report Prof. Hartwell, teacher of the Wingate school able to leave the sanitarium of our city Tuesday and returned to his home where he will again resume his school duties. He had undergone a very critical and severe operation at the sanitarium and his many friends will be glad to know he is gaining his usual good health again.

Also Mr. David Ransbarger, who lives south of Ballinger on the Concho river, we are glad to report able to return home Tuesday afternoon after an operation at the Halley and Love Sanitarium.

HATCHEL.

Most of the farmers have begun to plow and expecting to make a fine crop.

Had a fine rain Sunday. Minnie Thompson was the guest of Alta Davis Friday evening. Our school is progressing fine.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Tenchr and daughter called on Mrs. Thompson Friday afternoon.

Miss Edna and Willge Walker spent the night with Miss Mary Holliday Wednesday night. Reported a fine time especially Willge.

Mr. Harry Lynn and Mr. Edgar Rasbury were the guest of Miss Minnie Thompson and Miss Alta Davis Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hill was the guest of Mrs. Tucker Tuesday.

Mr. Austin Williams and Mr. Johnnie Thompson went to an entertainment at Valley creek Saturday night.

The Ladies Home Mission meet at Mrs. Tucker's Thursday.

Mr. J. S. Thompson has put in a phone on the 88 line.

Miss Tommie Starkey of Ballinger was the guest of Miss Rena Walker the past week.

Mr. J. R. Harris went to Winters, Saturday on a business trip. Best wishes to the Banner-Ledger and its readers.

TIDINGS.

J. L. Walters, one of the pioneer citizens of Concho, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Big reduction on all winter goods at A. J. Zappe's store. 30-1td 1tw.

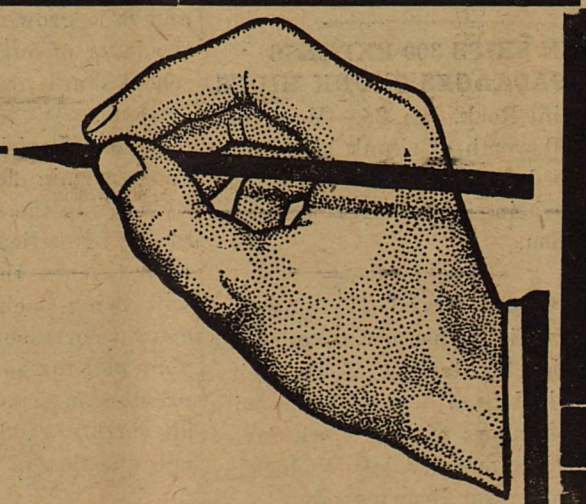
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We have sold to the Banner-Leader Publishing Co., our Job printing business, including our complete files, books, records and good will to take effect on the evening of November 7th, 1912, and on or after that date we will take no more work.

We feel in turning over our business to this firm that they are able to take the same good care of their business that we have tried to do by giving careful attention to the work offered them. We ask our old customers to give our successor their business, believing that it will be taken care of in the same way which we have tried to do.

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We are headquarters for all kinds of building material and carry the most complete stock in this section of the country. We also handle the famous B. P. S. Paints and Varnishes which are as good as money can buy. We make a specialty of window lights and show case glass and our stock of same is sufficient to supply all demands.

Lime, Cement, Post, Moulding, Fire Brick, Common Brick and Mill-Work always kept in stock.

When in need of anything in the building line don't fail to figure with us for we can save you money.

GETS MAN IN BAD

Concho County Man Passes Three Bad Checks on L. L. Stroble. Complaint Filed Charging Petty Swindling.

Complaint was filed in the county court Wednesday against a man by the name of S. W. Escue, who lives near Paint Rock, on a charge of petty swindling. Escue was in Ballinger about the middle of this month and spent several days here. While here he drew three checks, one for \$2 and two for \$3 each on the Paint Rock bank, cashing the checks on different days at the Green Front Cafe. Mr. Stroble states that before cashing the checks for Escue he asked him in the presence of two witnesses if he had the money in the bank at Paint Rock and Escue stated that he had \$350 in the Paint Rock bank.

The checks were deposited in a local bank and went through the clearing and were returned to Mr. Stroble with notation on back "no funds." Mr. Stroble took the matter up with the authorities and a complaint was filed against Escue as above stated. We understand that the man has since deposited sufficient money in the bank to cover the checks.

IMPORTANT NEWS

TO CALOMEL USERS

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a Perfect Vegetable Substitute for Calomel and is Guaranteed Absolutely Harmless.

If you have trouble with constipation or biliousness, be careful how you take calomel, because calomel is a form of mercury, and if mercury remains in the system very long, it will salivate and seriously injure the strongest person that ever lived.

If you need something to start the liver to working take Dodson's Liver-Tone. It is a harmless vegetable liquid which will liven up the liver better than calomel does and without any bad after effects. No restriction of habit or diet is necessary. Dodson's Liver-Tone is as safe for children as it is for grown people and everybody likes its taste.

Buy a bottle for fifty cents from The Walker Drug Co., and if you do not find that it absolutely takes the place of calomel, this drug store will give you your money back if you ask for it.

WHITAKER. FUELL.

His Hon. Paul Tremmmer, made two hearts happy Wednesday night, when he spoke the marriage vows that united Mr. L. V. Whitaker and Miss Essie Fuell in marriage.

The marriage ceremony was at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fuell on 15th street.

About fifteen or twenty of the relatives and intimate friends of contracting parties were present.

Mr. Whitaker is one of the popular young men of this city who holds a position at the Ballinger Compress and Miss Fuell is the beautiful and highly esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fuell of our city.

The happy young couple will leave the last of this week for Big Hill, Texas, where they will make their future home.

This paper joins many friends in best wishes for a long and prosperous married life for the happy couple.

They will have another series of games in the near future on the Howard Payne grounds. Prof. and Mrs. Lockridge chaperoned the Howard Payne team.

AT SANITARIUM

Word was received here at noon to the effect that Judge John J. Cox, of this city, who has been undergoing treatment in a sanitarium at Temple, died there Wednesday.

He was taken to Temple over a week ago for an operation and since that time has been hanging between life and death.

Judge Cox was one of the best known lawyers in this State and has practiced in courts all over West Texas. In addition to being a lawyer of reputation he was known as a leader of the Democrats in the State. He was always prominent in political affairs.—San Angelo Standard.

LEARN WHILE YOU EARN.

Abraham Lincoln would split rails all day in the forest and then after his day's work was finished would walk five miles to borrow a book to study and improve himself. It is said of George Washington that in answer to a question of his mother as to why he studied so late at night, replied that he was working out the destiny of his country.

There are hundreds of young people today who are desirous of gaining a practical education, but for one reason or another they cannot leave home to secure it, so they drag along from one year to the next in the same old rut. There are hundreds of others that are availing themselves of the opportunity offered by the correspondence department of our college, saving their leisure moments and investing them in an education that will mean thousands of dollars to them in the coming years.

You may say that you are not able to take a course, but the person who can least afford it is the one who needs it most and should have it by all means at any sacrifice; it don't cost much.

Young friend why not take advantage of this opportunity and gain a business education by using your moments that would otherwise be wasted? Why not spend an hour of the long winter evenings after nightfall qualifying yourself with a knowledge of the famous Byrne Simplified Short-hand, Practical Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Arithmetic, Grammar, Writing and Telegraphy, for which the business world will pay you cash?

Fill out the following blank and mail to the correspondence Dept. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, for catalogue and full particulars.

Name
Address
Correspondence Course Interested in

NEW MERCHANT AT BENOIT.

J. A. Ellison, of Benoit, was in Ballinger Thursday and called on the Banner-Ledger to have some printing done. Mr. Ellison recently moved from Tennyson to Benoit and opened a grocery store, will add other lines to his stock. He is a very pleasant gentleman and we predict that he will do a nice little business at Benoit. He thinks the prospects for the coming year are good and is looking strictly on the bright side of things.

MOVING ON JUAREZ.

El Paso, Jan. 30.—Texas rangers report a large body of men, believed to be the advance guard of General Salazar's rebel army, with in three miles of Juarez and drawing closer to that city. It is persistently reported that the rebels will attack at day break.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY IS ORGANIZED

Newspaper Deal of Great Importance to Ballinger and Runnels County Closed Saturday.—Ballinger To Have Only One Daily and One Weekly.

A deal was closed last Saturday between C. P. Sheppard, representing the Banner-Ledger and Paul Trimmer, representing The Ledger, in which the Banner-Ledger buys the subscription list and good will of the Runnels County Ledger and The Ballinger Daily Ledger, the Standard Linotype, and other printing machinery.

A stock company, capitalized for \$10,000, composed of the former owners of the Banner-Ledger and The Ledger and a number of local business men, has been organized for the purpose of doing a general publishing and printing business. The new company will be known as the Ballinger Printing Co., and the name of the consolidated paper will be the Banner-Ledger. The new company will continue the publication of the Ballinger Daily Ledger.

NEW ASSISTANT POSTMASTER ARRIVES

Don A. Sweet, of Victor Colo., arrived in Ballinger last night and will make this his home. Mr. Sweet takes the place of W. L. Ray as assistant postmaster at Ballinger, having exchanged places with Mr. Ray. Mr. Sweet is a very pleasant gentleman and we welcome him to our town. His family will arrive later. He stated to the writer that after hearing people knock Ballinger from the time he left Temple until he got here he was pretty home sick, but when he reached here he found that there was nothing to the knocks and he was greatly surprised to find such a nice town.

DR. A. LEVEY.

The well known optician of San Antonio, Texas, is back again in Ballinger and will remain some time at the Seerest House East of the Courthouse, if you wish to get spectacles which will please you and give satisfaction, come and see me. Any broken lense replaced. Will call at your home if you Phone 25. Wood Grocery Store. 31-1tw.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. C. F. Amis, of Coleman, will preach at the First Baptist church in Ballinger Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. You are cordially invited to hear him.

NOTICE.

The Ballinger Wagon Yard, is being repaired and will be in shape by First Monday in February 1913, and business at this school moves by system. We are proud of it and it is growing day by day in the favor of our people. Country school don't get any better than this one.

EDEN SHIPS 300 EXPRESS PACKAGES SKUNK HIDES.

Paint Rock, Jan. 28.—More than \$2,500 worth of skunk hides were shipped from Eden the past year, there being 300 express packages of them.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Snow, of Dallas, field representatives of the Baptist Sanitarium of that city, who had been here and met with the members of the Ninth Street church in our city, left Wednesday afternoon for Brownwood.

The Junior Linotype, heretofore in use in the Banner-Ledger office and certain parts of The Ledger machinery and printing material will be sold and shipped away from Ballinger to be used in printing a newspaper at some other place. The employees of the two plants have been retained by the new company and will devote their efforts towards giving the people of Ballinger and Runnels county a good weekly and daily paper, and to the handling of the Ballinger job printing trade.

The consolidation of the two papers means a great saving to the advertisers, and enables the managers to give the public a creditable paper. The consolidated paper starts out with a subscription list of something like 2500 and a solicitor will be placed in the field and the paper placed in every home in the county.

BALLINGER REPUBLICAN GETS JOB.

We see that our friend Dr. J. B. Renfro, at one time a prominent citizen of Ballinger, has just received the appointment as postmaster at Rockdale.

HATCHEL.

When good things come my way it is pleasant to express myself.

The oat crop has resisted the ravages of the severe cold weather and showing green again.

A gentle rain has fallen making glad the hearts of those who till the soil. Plowing is well advanced and prospects, so far, have a rosy hue.

The roads leading to our little village are in fine shape, thanks to our commissioner's court. In passing let me say this, the four commissioners with our county judge, are in slang parlance, on to their job. The work done on our roads by Ben Smith under the supervision of Feb McWilliams is permanent and funds used this way are economically and properly expended. I have personally examined the work done here and know whereof I speak.

A decided improvement over the old way. A continuance of this policy is desired.

The biggest and best thing in our midst is our graded school, under the able management of Miss Francis Jackson, as principal and Miss Erma Voss as assistant. These teachers do things. Our trustees are to be congratulated upon such a wise selection. About one hundred pupils in attendance and business at this school moves by system. We are proud of it and it is growing day by day in the favor of our people. Country school don't get any better than this one.

So our Legislature is at work and a certain element there seems to be using the steam roller much to its gratification, but history teaches that the pendulum will swing back. I notice some county correspondents, say "pay your poll tax so you can vote the prohibition ticket this year." Is all earthly good centered in this one question of prohibition?

MILK THIEVES ANNOY THE DAIRYMEN AT BROWNWOOD

Brownwood, Tex., Jan. 29.—For a long time the dairymen of the city have been reporting that their milk is stolen after delivery to customers, and efforts to catch the thieves have had varying success. In recent months, however, the practice has grown to such proportions as to become a nuisance, and the dairymen are losing every month a considerable sum in bottles, in addition to the dissatisfaction of customers. One dairyman reports that forty bottles were stolen from his customers this morning, and many citizens state that unless they get up and get their milk as soon as it is delivered it is invariably stolen.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

Nice home in Ballinger to trade for Fort Worth property. Address Anderson and Wallace, R. R. No. 1. Fort Worth. 31-1tw pd

FIRES THREE SHOTS AT FLYING HUSBAND

During the course of a disagreement between Smith Ellis, colored, and his wife, Cora, the woman picked up a Winchester Wednesday morning and shot three times, it is said, at her spouse.

The first shot was fired at close range, the second while Ellis was leaping the fence and the third as he was making his way hastily toward the river, all three shots going wide of the mark.

The woman was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Snow and is now in the county jail. The alleged shooting occurred on East Harris avenue.—San Angelo Standard.

W. O. Schultz, of Millersview, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and is still going on with drilling for oil on his place and the indications are splendid at present.

BALLINGER BOY IN OLD MEXICO.

Hugo Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller, writes very interestingly from Old Mexico. He says he is sixty miles from the railroad, thirty miles from a whiteman and ten miles from a telephone, and that he is boarding with an old ex-pirate who has four wives and nine children and that his menu consist of bacon and beans for breakfast, bacon and beans for dinner and bacon and beans for supper. He stated in his letter that he had just been out and killed two deer to get a change of menu.

Hugo is representing some Eastern capitalist who are investigating a mine in Mexico. He is a Ballinger raised boy and his many friends here will be glad to learn that he is making good as a civil engineer. He has a very flattering offer from an Arizona mine and will probably accept same as soon as he completes his present contract.

J. M. Johnson and Joe Vancil of Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route home from a business trip to Sterling City.

J. R. Holliday, one of the prosperous and pioneer citizens of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

GOT ENOUGH MONEY

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 30.—H. C. Duke of Dallas, Texas, but formerly of Georgia, known throughout the southwest as the "five cent store king," has saved up more than \$100,000 from his business and hereafter will devote the earnings of his 21 stores to christianity.

COLQUITT REFUSES TO SIGN CREDENTIALS

Governor Says No Necessity for Unseemly Haste—Desires to Look Into Law On Subject.

Austin, Jan. 30.—United States Senator Morris Sheppard left Austin last night at 11 o'clock for Dallas, before proceeding to Washington. The result of the senatorial election, on both the long and short terms, having been certified to the secretary of state by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the state senate, that official immediately issued and signed both commissions, but when called upon by a committee of Senator Sheppard's friends late yesterday afternoon, the governor refused to attach his signature to the documents, stating that there "was no necessity for unseemly haste" and that Mr. Sheppard or his friends "need not worry," as "he would begin to draw his salary as United States senator beginning from yesterday at noon." The governor further stated that he desired to look into the law on the subject and expressed some doubt as to the propriety of a newly elected senator carrying his own credentials to Washington with him, as had been the intention of Mr. Sheppard. When called upon last night for a statement in regard to the incident Senator Sheppard declined to make any comment, saying that he would proceed to Washington with out his commissions, thus awaiting the pleasure of Mr. Colquitt in the matter. Secretary of State John L. Wortham disclaimed any knowledge of the governor's action saying that he had signed and issued Mr. Sheppard's certificate of election to the short term about four o'clock yesterday afternoon and the other one later. Messrs. Lewellyn, Allison, Brooks and Craven, members of the house, were on the committee that waited on Gov. Colquitt at the request of Senator Sheppard.

WHEN HER BACK ACHES.

A Woman Finds All Her Energy and Ambition Shipping Away

Ballinger women know how the aches and pains that often come when the kidneys fail make life a burden. Backache, hip pains, head aches, dizzy spells, distressing urinary troubles, are frequent indications of weak kidneys and should be checked in time. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only. They attack kidney diseases by striking at the cause. Here's proof of their merit in a Ballinger woman's words:

Mrs. R. F. Smith, Ballinger, Texas, says: "Last year I had two attacks of fever which left my kidneys very weak. I had such intense backaches that I could hardly get about and at times the kidney secretions were scanty, then again profuse. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I got a box and I soon found that they were helping me. After using them a few days the backache entirely disappeared and I was able to rest much better. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Mrs. R. L. Maddox returned home Wednesday evening from Andrews, where she had been visiting her father the past several weeks. Uncle Joe Routh her father, accompanied her home to visit old friends and relatives here for a while.

James Cockrell left this morning for Abilene, where he will be with the Abilene Reporter for awhile.

Stops Backache

Sloan's Liniment is a splendid remedy for backache, stiff joints, rheumatism, neuralgia and sciatica. You don't need to rub it in—just laid on lightly it gives comfort and ease at once.

Best for Pain and Stiffness

MR. GEO. BUCHANAN, of Welch, Okla., writes:—"I have used your Liniment for the past ten years for pain in back and stiffness and find it the best Liniment I ever tried. I recommend it to anyone for pains of any kind."

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

is good for sprains, strains, bruises, cramp or soreness of the muscles, and all affections of the throat and chest.

Got Entire Relief

R. D. BURGONNE, of Maysville, Ky., R.R. 1, Box 5, writes:—"I had severe pains between my shoulders; I got a bottle of your Liniment and had entire relief at the fifth application."

Relieved Severe Pain in Shoulders

MR. J. UNDERWOOD, of 2000 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:—"I am a piano polisher by occupation, and since last September have suffered with severe pain in both shoulders. I could not rest night or day. One of my friends told me about your Liniment. Three applications completely cured me and I will never be without it."

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Send for Sloan's free book on horses.

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Give it a fair trial for banishing those distressing pains or drains on one's vitality. This prescription of Dr. Pierce's regulates all the womanly functions. It eradicates and destroys "Female Complaints" and weaknesses that make women miserable and old before their time. Every girl needs it before womanhood. Every mother needs it. It is an invigorating tonic for the female system. All medicine dealers have sold it with satisfaction, to customers for the past 40 years. It is now obtainable in liquid or tablet form at drug stores—or send 50 one-cent stamps for trial box, to R. V. Pierce, Buffalo.

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regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.
Sugar coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

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You who are suffering the tortures of Eczema, Itch, Salt Rheum or other skin diseases—you whose days are miserable, whose nights are made sleepless by the terrible itching, burning pains, let me send you a trial of a soothing, healing treatment which has cured hundreds, which I believe will cure you. I will send it free, postage paid, without any obligation on your part. Just fill the coupon below and mail it to me, or write me, giving your name, age and address. I will send the treatment free of cost to you.

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WE begin in the November issue a series of real love-letters written over fifty years ago by one of our national heroes to his sweetheart during the period of '61 to '65. This great general will go down to posterity as having accomplished one of the most brilliant feats of arms in the history of the world. He was as great a lover as he was a general, therefore these letters combine authentic history and exquisite romance. They sound a human note that no other work of literature has done in a decade; it is war, it is romance, it is history, it is literature. You simply can't afford to miss this wonderful series—an inside story of the Civil War now published for the first time and containing all the freshness of a contemporary happening. These letters will grip you hard, and hold your interest from first to last. Fill out the coupon and send it now before you forget it.



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Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo. had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

(Advertisement)

GOOD NEWS FROM RISSE

Former Ballinger Dry Goods Firm Meeting With Great Success. In New Field—Buyers In New York.

They are doing things at Risser's.

The Risser people came here from Ballinger some months ago and opened a dry goods store in the big building on North Main street and started in to be one of us. They are now making preparations to open a wholesale department, the same to be up stairs, the first floor to remain a retail department as it has been since they opened. The entire second and third floors will be used for wholesale, the partitions having been taken out and offices, etc., moved. Eighty three 8 foot tables have been placed there for the display of samples. The elevator will be taken out from the north side and placed on the south side, the new one to be electric. B. F. Blakeney and R. A. Risser, Jr., are now in New York buying goods for the new department and will remain there some three weeks longer. Twenty-three people are employed by the Risser's and we were informed this morning that the number would be increased to thirty-five when the store is ready for business in the new department.

They are doing things down stairs, too. The starway has been removed, allowing more space, and the only way to get up. They have recently placed there two shirt display cases, and we were informed that they were the only ones in the city, each holding 24 dozen shirts, and six mahogany display tables have been added for the centers in the drygoods department. Just to give you an idea of the immensity of the store as it will be when everything is arranged we will say that in the retail department they will have 11,000 square feet and in the



MAKE IT AT HOME

A pint made from pure materials costs less than a small bottle of ordinary patent tonics.

If scalp diseases were painful, hair would receive more prompt attention and fewer people be bald or have unhealthy scalps. Dandruff and itching scalp are dangerous diseases, because mild in action.

Do not neglect scalp diseases. This Quinzoine tonic makes the head feel good; cures, stimulates, cleanses and invigorates the scalp so that thick, fluffy, natural hair grows.

Get 1 ounce Quinzoine from Druggist, dissolve in half pint alcohol (not whiskey) and add half pint of cold water. Rub into scalp and hair roots twice a week, massaging gently.

MADE BY THE MAKERS OF CANTHROX SHAMPOO H. S. PETERSON & CO., CHICAGO

BRONCHITIS SUFFERER

Takes Druggist's Advice With Splendid Result.

If anyone should know the worth of a medicine, it is the retail druggist who sells it over his counter every day in the week, and is in a position to know what remedy gives the best satisfaction.

Mrs. Frank H. Uline, of West Sand Lake, N. Y., says: "For a number of years I was a great sufferer from bronchitis. Last July I had an attack which was more severe than any, and my friends thought I could not recover from it. Then I was advised by my druggist to try Vinol, which I did, with wonderful results. My cough has left me; I have gained in weight and appetite, and I am as strong as ever I was. I advise all who have bronchitis, chronic coughs, or who are run down to try Vinol."

It is the combined action of the medicinal curative elements of the cod's liver, without the greasy oil, aided by the blood-making and strength-creating properties of tonic iron that makes Vinol so efficient.

Remember, we guarantee Vinol to do just what we say—we pay back your money if it does not.

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"This is My Choice of Duke's Mixture Presents"

Among the many valuable presents now given away with Liggett & Myers Duke's Mixture there is something to suit every taste—and in this all-pleasing satisfaction the presents are exactly like the tobacco itself. For all classes of men like the selected Virginia and North Carolina bright leaf that you get in

Liggett & Myers Duke's Mixture

Now this famous old tobacco will be more popular than ever—for it is now a Liggett & Myers leader, and is equal in quality to any granulated tobacco you can buy.

If you haven't smoked Duke's Mixture with the Liggett & Myers name on the bag—try it now. You will like it, for there is no better value anywhere.

For 5c you get one and a half ounces of choice granulated tobacco, unsurpassed by any in quality, and with each sack you get a book of cigarette papers FREE.

Now About the Free Presents

The coupons now packed with Liggett & Myers Duke's Mixture are good for all sorts of valuable presents. These presents cost you not one penny. The list includes not only smokers' articles—but



many desirable presents for women and children—fine fountain pens, umbrellas, cameras, toilet articles, tennis racquets, catcher's gloves and masks, etc.

As a special offer during December and January only, we will send you our new illustrated catalogue of presents FREE. Just send name and address on a postal.

Coupons from Duke's Mixture may be used with last from HORSE SHOE, J. T. TINSLEY'S NATURAL LEAF, GRANGER TWIST, coupons from FOUR ROSES (little tin double coupon), PICK PLUG CUT, PIEDMONT CIGARETTES, CLIX CIGARETTES, and other bags or coupons issued by us.

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whole sale 22,000, making a total space of 33,000 square feet, or nearly an acre.

The Favorite is always glad to make note of improvements, enterprises, etc., and takes pleasure in wishing our new neighbors success in their venture, and we are sure that Bonham and Fannin county are deserving of such a store, and we hope that time will prove that we can sustain and maintain a wholesale dry goods house. —Bonham Favorite.

H. N. BECKWITH LAID TO REST.

The remains of H. N. Beckwith, who died last Friday at one o'clock, were laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Sunday morning at ten o'clock. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Seaman at the Episcopal church, after which the Masons took charge of the remains and they were interred in the cemetery with Masonic honors.

The rain and bad weather prevented many friends followed the casket to its last resting place and did all within their power to lighten the burden of the family that has been made sad by the loss of a father and husband.

MUSICAL RECITAL.

A delightful afternoon of music was spent in the studio of Miss Olga Schawe last Saturday by her pupils and a few visitors.

An interesting and instructive program was rendered, those participating were: Eunice Phillips, Myrtle Wright, Werner Dornberger, Louella Pape, Juliet K. Miller, Ona Hartman, Robert Lee Green, Mrs. M. C. Braden, Arthur Zappe, Serena Giesecke, Bernice Smith, Olga Zappe and Mary Sue Spill.

ABILENE FATHER KILLS HIS SON

While Hunting Rabbits John T. Haney Accidentally Kills His Fourteen Year Old Son.

One of the saddest accidents that ever happened in Abilene occurred Saturday afternoon between three and four o'clock, when John T. Haney accidentally killed his fourteen year old son, Bryan, while rabbit hunting on Catelaw, north of the city limits, near the King residence. Mr. Haney, with his family, had gone out for a little outing, and had carried a double-barreled shotgun along with the intention of killing some birds and rabbits. Mrs. Haney and the smaller children were left in the surrency in the main road, and Mr. Haney and Bryan went out into a field hunting. Bryan Haney went around some brush and down into the creek, to endeavor to run the rabbit out for his father to shoot. Mr. Haney had the gun cocked, and in trying to get to shoot the rabbit, stumbled his toe when the gun was fired and the entire load took effect in Bryan's face. Seeing that he had killed his son Mr. Haney became almost mad with grief and hurriedly informed his wife of the sad accident. The screams of the sorrow-stricken parents and children attracted the attention of Dr. J. C. Burkett, who was driving with his children in that neighborhood, and who was second to reach the scene. Messrs Hill and King, who were also near the scene of the accident, hurried to the aid of Mr. Haney, and rendered great assistance to the family, Mrs. Haney being spared the grief of viewing the remains by the thoughtfulness of these gentlemen

who tell of a most heartrendering scene when the fond father returned to the place of the accident and attempted to gather his dead son in his arms, being prevented only by the strength of the gentlemen.

John T. Haney and family have resided in Abilene for ten or twelve years, having moved to the city from DeLeon, Texas. Their friends are numbered by their acquaintances, and their great sorrow can truly be said to be sorrow of Abilene, for everybody knows and loves big hearted, tender, sympathetic John Haney and his faithful, queenly wife.

Bryan Haney would have been fourteen years old the 31st day of this month. In every way he was a model son. His Sunday school teacher said of him: "If there ever lived a model child, Bryan was that child." He was a devoutly religious child, and only last Sabbath was awarded a Bible in Sunday school for memorizing a large number of Scripture verses. He was as tender as a baby, as loving as a woman, and as true as steel in his loyalty to the church and the right. Why such a life should be snapped off at so young an age, and under such sad circumstances, we know not. —Abilene Reporter.

MISS BUTLER RESIGNS.

At a meeting of the School Board this morning the resignation of Miss Angie Butler as teacher of the third grade in the Ford School was accepted, and Miss Mamie Low of this city was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. W. C. Robbins was also elected as an additional teacher at this school, to take care of the large number of fourth grade pupils which are taxing the teaching capacity of the school. Miss Butler resigns to return to her home in Abilene, where she will teach during the remainder of the present term. Her many friends and pupils in Brownwood regret that she is leaving them. —Brownwood Bulletin.

Miss Butler passed through Ballinger last Sunday en route to her home at Abilene where she has accepted a position in the school at that place.

DEAD LETTER LIST.

List of letters Advertised, Jan. 25, 1913:
Harbert, Lara.
Smith, Robert.
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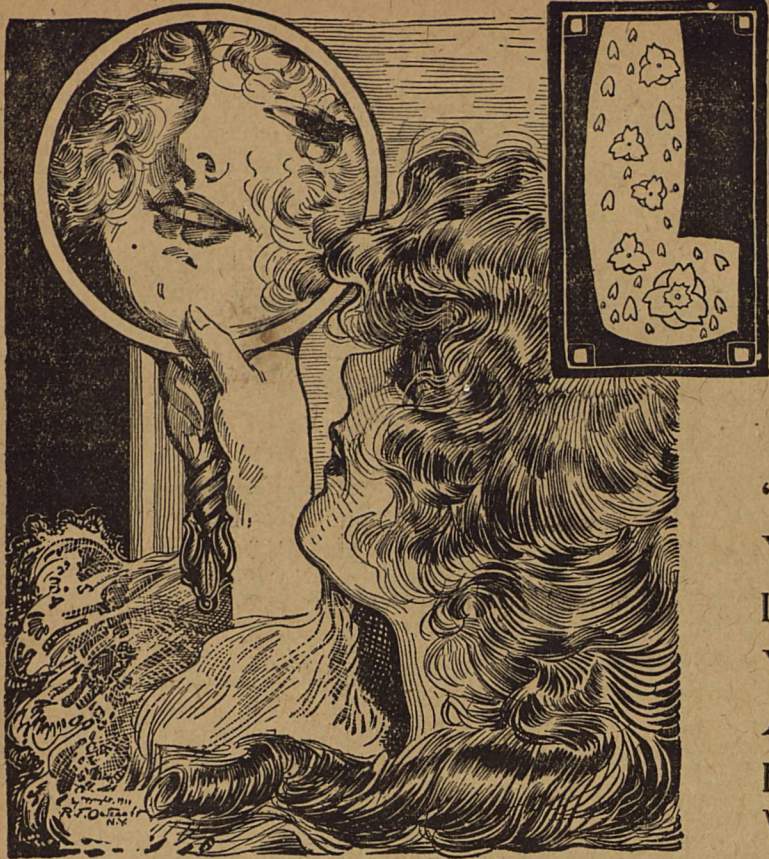
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JUDGE B. B. STONE

GOES TO FORT WORTH

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perfected on Tuesday of this week, when Judge Stone, after giving the matter careful and due consideration, decided to go with the firm and so wired the other members of the firm.

Under the agreement Judge Stone is not supposed to move to Fort Worth until about the first of April, or until after the spring term of District court at Ballinger, desiring to dispose of the cases he had on hand before leaving, and giving him time to wind up his business affairs. However, he is badly needed in the new firm, and it is very probable that he will go to Fort Worth after the February term of District court at Paint Rock, and will return here to help Judge Wade in handling the cases in the Ballinger court at the March term.

The partnership of Stone & Wade is to be dissolved, Judge Wade continuing the practice here before handled by the firm, and will retain the library. He is thoroughly competent to take care of the business, and will continue to office in the present quarters.

Judge Stone located in Ballinger about fifteen years ago, coming right out of school. After practicing law awhile he was elected to the office of county attorney, and from that to the office of county judge, serving two terms in each office. After retiring from the county Judge's office he began the practice of law, and later formed a partnership with Judge J. B. Wade, and the firm of Stone & Wade have built up a splendid practice. Judge Stone in discussing the change in his business affairs says, "I am not getting any run out of leaving, and I certainly hate to leave my good friend," and especially do I hate to move my family away from Ballinger. I believe I have more friends to the square inch here than anywhere." He stated that personally he preferred to live in Ballinger, but that it was strictly a business opportunity that he could not afford to pass up. He will not dispose of his home for the present, and says he wants it strictly understood that he reserves the right to return when he gets ready. If he meets with success in his new field of

labor, which there is no doubt, but what he will, he thinks Ballinger property will be worth more later and he desires to hold his home for the increase.

Judge Stone is one of the most progressive citizens in Ballinger. He has always been a live wire and done much towards the development of the town and county and the town will miss him and his splendid family have many friends who will regret to see them leave, but will wish for them the very best in their new home.

COUNTY COURT CONVENES MONDAY.

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in the District Court. So all cases to be tried by jury, will have to content themselves with picking up a jury in short order.

Real estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been filed this week:

W. A. Liles et ux to G. W. Reed, part of lot 15 in Robinson's First Addition to the town of Miles, and a part of the S. E. 1-4 of said lot 15, in said addition, consideration \$9000.00.

R. F. Gold to J. R. Thomas, 140 by 180 feet, in the town of Ballinger, consideration \$2000.00.

T. H. Wright to R. A. Hall, part of lot No. 3, in block No. 3 Dale's Addition to Winters, consideration ten thousand dollars and other consideration.

Robert Gerlach et ux, to F. Armbricht, 100 acres of land out of B. W. Taylor survey No. 2 consideration \$1865.00 and other consideration.

E. A. Jeanes et al to J. W. Raby, two acres of land out of Summer Bacon survey No. 155, consideration \$50.00.

N. H. Henson et ux to G. D. Tarlton, one acre of land out of Thos. Green survey No. 490, consideration \$1000.00.

W. T. Little et ux to H. C. Daniel, part of lot 3 in block 2 in the town of Norton, consideration \$162.50.

N. H. Henson et ux to G. D. Tarlton, 302 acres out of J. H. San Miguel survey No. 511, consideration \$15,100.00.

W. B. Riley et ux to W. B. Mosley, 160 acres of land out of L. Forsythe survey No. 450, consideration \$4800.00.

Emma M. Bull, to C. A. Ford 114

acres of land out of Marshall University survey No. 511, consideration \$2281.00.

Emma M. Bull to The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company, 114 acres of land out of Marshall Gal

University survey No. 511, consideration \$1.00 and other consideration.

J. Y. Witherspoon et ux to First State Bank, Rowena, part of the H. Henke survey No. 390, consideration \$400.00.

D. A. Cameron et ux to The National Loan and Investment company, lot 9 in block 12, First Addition, to Ballinger consideration \$1.00 and other considerations.

J. A. Suggs to W. E. Davidson, the North one half of block No. 19, in the town of Wingate, Texas, consideration \$100.00.

R. A. Risser et ux to I. N. Roark lot 5 in block 95, original town of Ballinger, consideration \$3000.00.

J. W. Powell to W. T. Drennan, lots 3 and 4 in block 57, original town of Ballinger, consideration \$200.00.

W. L. Sowell et ux to Jim Mitchell, 100 acres of land out of H. & T. C. Ry. Co., survey No. 105, consideration \$3000.00.

W. C. Barfield to M. E. Burkhalter, tract of land out of M. Fitzpatrick survey No. 492, consideration \$105.00.

Jas. F. Kohutek et ux to W. A. Schumann, 1 3-5 acres of land out of T. & N. O. Ry., Co. survey No. 525, consideration \$850.00.

W. A. Tyson et ux to Wm. L. P. Hamby, lots 10, 11 and 12 in block 1 of the town of Benoit, consideration \$500.00.

G. Schuhmann et ux to M. Feist, 320 acres out of Peter Zobel survey No. 131, and part of the B. S. & F. survey No. 33, being an undivided two-thirds interest in said land, consideration \$8533.33.

W. A. Schuhmann to K. Schuhmann, an undivided one third interest in a part B. S. & F. survey, No. 33, consideration \$10.00.

Chas. Schlake et ux to M. Feist, an undivided one half interest in 320 acres out of Peter Zobel survey No. 132, and a part of G. H. & H. survey No. 507, consideration \$6400.00.

M. Feist et ux to G. Schuhmann, an undivided one-third interest in lots 16, 17 and 18, in Pavlick & Bueck First Addition to Rowena, also one third interest in lots 2 and

3 and 20 feet off the East side of lot 4 in block 4, original town of Rowena, consideration \$5000.00.

W. P. Buttery et ux to Eugene Hester, lot 2 in block 25 original town of Miles, consideration \$400.

E. Boykin to E. I. Hester, block 17 in Love Addition to Miles, consideration \$500.00.

S. L. Yates to Dr. T. H. P. Duncan, lot H in the Bowdon Second Addition to the City of Ballinger, consideration \$1600.00.

S. William to W. L. Hutcherson lot 6 in block 34, College View Heights Winters, consideration \$65.00.

Sarah E. Pearce to Wm. L. P. Hamby, lots 7 and 8 in block 1 in the town of Benoit Texas, consideration \$45.00.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses have been issued as follows:

Chas. L. Lewis to Edna Lewis, Crews.

Lis Garzia to Ramana Lugo (Mexican) Shep.

DRY GOODS HOUSE MAKE IMPROVEMENT

Gents Furnishings and Shoe Department to Be Re-Arranged in Hidgon-Melton-Jackson Co., Store.

Carpenters are at work taking down and re-building the shelving and fixtures on the gents furnishing and shoe department of the Hidgon-Melton-Jackson Co., store. All the fixtures on the men's side of the house have been torn down and will be rebuilt a more modern style. The furnishing department will be moved over and a double aisle for the shoe department arranged in a way that will be very convenient for shoe shoppers. The new arrangement will make it possible for a man to begin at one end of the shoe department and without leaving the aisle will be able to buy shoes for any member of the family. The improvement to be made in the furnishing department will also be for the convenience of the trading public. The changes under way will make the cost considerable to this firm and shows their enterprise.

MAN WITH 26 CHILDREN AND 78 GRANDCHILDREN GETS HONOR CERTIFICATE

Austin, Texas, Jan. 25.—W. H. Shires of Hagerman, Grayson county, was today given a certificate of honor by Governor Colquitt for having the largest family of children that has so far been reported in Texas. Mr. Shires addressed the governor and said that he is 80 years old and is the father of 26 children and has 78 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Shires and all of the 6 children are living.

NEGRO COMMITS PECULIAR THEFT.

J. D. Perkins, deputy sheriff, arrested the negro porter at the Griffin barber shop Tuesday on rather a peculiar charge of theft. The barber shop adjoins the Rosenwasser confectionery, a thin box wall partition separating the two houses. The negro cut a hole in the wall, making the hole large enough to run his arm through and lift items within reach from the confectionery. When arrested the negro acknowledged to cutting the hole, but denied stealing anything. He later plead guilty to petty theft and was fined in justice court one dollar and cost and one hour in jail. The fine and cost amounted to \$25.95 and being unable to pay the fine the negro was remanded to jail.

B. W. PILCHER DOES GOOD DETECTIVE WORK

During the last few months glass windows in the business houses of Gus Noyes have been smashed out, make the cost considerable to Mr. Noyes in replacing the win-

dows. As stated in this paper Tuesday some one broke out a plate glass window in the Walker-Smith wholesale house, which is owned by Mr. Noyes. Mr. Noyes started out to catch the guilty party and offered a reward of fifty dollars to anyone who would catch the guilty party. "Chop" never overlooks a bet of this kind and was soon on the job, and in less than it takes to relate the story he had his man located. The evidence secured was reported to Mr. Noyes and a complaint was filed against a young man in Ballinger, the arrest made, a plea of guilty entered on the court docket, and a fine of about \$34 assessed against the young man, and Mr. Pilcher received his fifty dollars.

As reported in Tuesday's paper was thought that the Walker-Smith house had been burglarized and a quantity of flour and other goods stolen, but it developed that the boys were out on a little drunk Saturday night and one of them just kicked the window in to hear the glass rattle.

It is to be hoped that the fire will cause the young man to repent of his way and that this ends the trouble.

PAUL SIMPSON RE- MAINS VERY LOW.

Paul Simpson, who has been very low at the Halley & Love sanitarium for several days, took a turn for the worse yesterday, and it was thought that he would not live through the night last night. As we go to press we learn that he is resting better this afternoon, but his condition is very critical and there is little hopes for his recovery.

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