

Cut it with a McCormick, tie it with McCormick Twin, and Make your harvest work a real pleasure. Get your extras from the McCormick stock.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

MEDIATION WILL BE SUCCESS BEFORE HUERTA CAN USE MUNITIONS

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, May 28.—Mediation will have settled the Mexican problem before General Huerta will be in a position to use the arms and ammunition which were landed at Puerto Mexico, is the position of the United States administration.

An agreement as to General Carranza's part in the mediation conferences will be reached within twenty-four hours, said Secretary of State Bryan.

A high state department official declared that a protocol will be signed within the next week. "The situation is very encouraging," said Secretary Tumulty. "We are hopeful of a definite action soon."

Valued Gems Imperiled in Blaze

By United Press.
NEW YORK, May 28.—Millions of dollars worth of gems were imperiled in Tiffany's Fifth Avenue Street store site when a blaze damaged the interior of the building. The fire raged for nearly an hour in a concrete lined vault which was packed with excelsior. Only slight damages were done.

We want your job work.

Anti-trust Measures Attacked

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, May 28.—The administration's anti-trust measures were attacked by speakers before the National Foreign Trade Convention. Said Alba Johnson, president of the Baldwin of the Baldwin Locomotive company, "Business must needs to meet competition in the world's market. Modern commerce can be conducted most effectively by large concerns."

Foreign Manager Ouden of the General Electric Company said, "Much of the proposed anti-trust legislation threatens to harm the export trade."

OPERATION FOR MRS. W. BION ADKINS

Mrs. W. B. Adkins was carried to the sanitarium and underwent a serious operation Tuesday morning. The latest reports from the sanitarium say that she is getting along as well as could be expected. In performing the operation it was necessary to remove a portion of the bone from the head, and the operation was a very critical one, but unless some complication results, Mrs. Adkins will rapidly recover.

Thaw Off for Summer Vacation

By United Press.
CONCORD, May 26.—Harry K. Thaw left today for Gorham, N. H. where he will spend the summer fishing. He was accompanied by Sheriff Drew, an officer and a private secretary. Many trunks and traveling bags were carried along.

The Mattewan fugitive was generous to attendants at local hotel where he was a "prisoner" since September 17th.

SANTA FE WASHOUT ANNULS TRAINS

The heavy rains, which it is reported amounted to a water spout a few miles east of Ballinger, Wednesday night, washed away about seven hundred feet of Santa Fe road bed and tied up all trains over that road for about twenty-four hours. The train due here at 12:30 Tuesday night was annulled as well as the one going east at 9:30 Wednesday morning, and the train due here at 12:55 Wednesday did not arrive until 5 o'clock and was reported indefinitely late.

The washout was reported to be the worst that the Santa Fe has experienced in this section in a long time, and all hands and work trains west of Brownwood were rushed to the scene and began rebuilding the track. The train Tuesday night was reported out of Temple on time, and as there is night operator here, it was not known that the train had been delayed, and three ladies from San Angelo and a number of other passengers waited in the depot here all night.

A. & S. HANDCAR MASHES MAN

Sam Nelson, age 22, a section hand on the A. & S. is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium in a serious condition as a result of being run over by a hand car late Tuesday afternoon. Nelson is not necessarily fatally injured, but his condition is serious, and it will be several hours before the extent of his injuries can be definitely determined.

The hand car on which the young man was riding at the time of the accident, is operated by gasoline power, and just as the hands were returning from their work, and nearing the switch, the car was slowed down in order to give time to open the switch. In starting the car, Nelson lost his balance and the sudden start threw him in front of the car, and the car loaded with the other men passed upon his body. The hands lifted the car from the man and he was carried to the sanitarium as quickly as possible and given medical aid. The physicians say that no bones were broken, but serious bruises about the head and body were sustained.

Nelson is a Ballinger boy. He is a son of Jake Nelson, deceased, and grew from boyhood in Ballinger. He has been working for the A. & S. some time, and has made a faithful hand.

GLOBERS DELAYED IN MOVING

Will Glover, who left Ballinger Wednesday with the house hold goods and horse for him and his brother Ed Glover, en route to their new home in New Mexico, was held up by the live stock inspector at Abilene. The inspector required him to have his horses dipped, or sprayed before allowing them to pass over the quarantine line. Ed Glover and family who were due to leave on the train following their household goods in order that they might arrive by the time the goods did, will not leave until Will gets out of Abilene.

Lower Temperatures Promised

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, May 28.—Relief from the hot wave which is gripping the east, is promised by the weather bureau. Lower temperatures are promised by tomorrow.

Possibly a score of deaths east of the Mississippi are attributed to the heat of the last two days.

Patronize our advertisers.

GUN PLAY IN POLITICAL DISPUTE

Special to The Daily Ledger.
COMANCHE, Tex., May 27.—A serious difficulty was narrowly averted here today when friends and by-standers interfered in a scrap between Congressman Oscar Calloway and his political opponent, Judge Sam Hunter.

The two political opponents met on the street and entered into a heated argument over issues of the campaign. The lie was passed and a blow struck Judge Hunter applying the epithet and Mr. Calloway landing the blow. The scrap occurred while the street was crowded with men on their way to the Ferguson speaking at the district court room, and the antagonists were separated before serious consequences resulted.

A charge of affray was filed against Mr. Calloway, and that of carrying concealed weapons against Judge Hunter, it being alleged that the Judge drew an automatic pistol and attempted to use it on his assailant.

NEGRO ESCAPES FROM COUNTY JAIL

Knocking down Jailer M. C. Sheffy and making a dash for a window, Jim Scott, a negro in the Runnels County jail, charged with theft, is today being searched over the surrounding country by officers from Ballinger and other towns.

The negro headed east, going in the direction of Elm creek. He was trailed as far as that stream but there all indications that he passed over the stream were lost in the mud caused by the heavy rains of recent date.

Jailer Sheffy was getting ready about nine o'clock Tuesday night to lock the prisoners in their cells. They had been enjoying the day in the run-around, when Mr. Sheffy was making his rounds, notifying the prisoners that it was bedtime. He was locking the cell of one of the prisoners when Scott, who had not been locked in his cell, made a dive towards Mr. Sheffy's breast. Pushing the jailer against the bars of one of the huge doors, he managed to dash for a window. Jailer Sheffy struck at the negro several times, hitting him about the face and stunning him. Before Mr. Sheffy could get to the negro he had climbed out one of the windows of the jail, and had reached the ground, where he lay a minute or more seemingly stunned.

Officers were called to the scene and tracked the escaped prisoner. On account of the fact that no trains had been out of Ballinger until late today, the negro was forced to walk. It is known that he had a number of friends at Coleman and it is believed by the officers that he is heading for that place to be sheltered.

The window through which Scott jumped to the ground had no bars. It had been recommended by Sheriff J. P. Flynt at the meeting of the last grand jury that this passage be barred, but so far nothing had been done towards putting steel over the opening.

Jailer Sheffy is not injured seri-

HUERTA LANDS ARMS FROM GERMAN SHIPS WHILE U. S. IS TRICKED

White Slaver Sued for Divorce

By United Press.
WOODLAND, Cal., May 28.—Charging cruelty in inflicting mental suffering, the wife of Maury I. Diggs, who was convicted last summer for violating the Man White Slave law, filed suit for divorce today.

As soon as Diggs was notified of his wife's intentions, he sought reconciliation.

Mrs. Diggs is friendly but firmly refused to withdraw the suit for divorce.

In an interview today, Diggs said that he regretted his wife's action but if she insisted, he would not resist the suit.

Outside of a few bruises he is all right.

By United Press.
VERA CRUZ, May 28.—The United States was tricked by Dictator Huerta, who had the German vessels Ypiranga and Bavaria land munitions at Puerto Mexico. The arms and ammunition were rushed from the coast to the interior to the small town of Cordova.

It was to stop the landing of the Ypiranga's cargo that Vera Cruz was selected as a base for the American army and navy in Mexico, and twenty American boys lost their lives in the capture of the city.

An appeal, it is stated, to the mediators and charge that Dictator Huerta violated the armistice will not avail.

The Bavaria is still being held at Vera Cruz by Brig. Gen. Funston, who is awaiting orders from Washington, as to what disposal must be made of the German vessel.

R. C. Henniger and son, of the Hatchel country, were supplying in Ballinger Monday.



The richest
soil produces
nothing if you
plant nothing
Plant money and
grow a fortune

"Whatsoever a Man Soweth, that Shall He Reap"

You cannot reap anything else; you must reap what you sow. If you want a fortune PLANT THE SEED that will produce a fortune.

One deposit after another in the BANK is the seed that has grown all great fortunes.

Start a BANK ACCOUNT and have something in your OLD AGE that will make you secure and comfortable. Our bank is a secure place for your money.

Make our Bank your Bank.

The First National Bank
of Ballinger

Under Direct Supervision of the U. S. Government.

Every Farmer

As well as every business man should have a bank account.

WHY?

Because:

Your money is safer in the bank than elsewhere.

Paying your bills by check is the simplest and most convenient method.

Your check becomes a voucher for the debt it pays.

It gives you a better standing with business men.

Money in the bank strengthens your credit.

A bank account teaches, helps and encourages you to save.

This bank does all the bookkeeping.

Your monthly statement is a record of your business.

To those desiring connections with an old established bank, we extend our service.

The Winters State Bank
Capital \$50,000.00 Guaranty Fund Bank

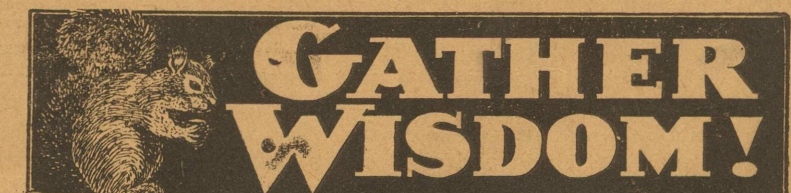
Proof In Your Own Hand Writing.

That's what you should have when you disburse funds for any purpose. It's not the part of business wisdom to depend upon the memory or receipts for a record of money paid out.

When you write out your personal check on the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., a record is made in your own hand writing that is dispute-proof. It is always more business like to pay by check.

Ballinger State Bank & Trust
Company

"We take care of our customers"



BEFORE opening a bank account with any bank, you should be thoroughly convinced that your funds will be absolutely safe and that the officers of the bank are men of integrity and good business judgment. Neglecting to carefully investigate these points has cost many a business concern very dearly. We invite your investigation of our methods and facilities, as well as the character and business ability of our officers and directors, and we are confident you find we are worthy of your account.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

"The Unity of Life" As Delivered by Rev. Doss Before the Senior Class

To a congregation crowded with eager parents and friends of the graduates, Rev. W. H. Doss, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the members of the Class of 1914 of the Ballinger public schools, Sunday evening.

Taking as his subject "The Unity of Human Life," Rev. Doss pointed out how it is necessary that all things unite in making up a strong character or reaching success in this world. He told how it is necessary that the various persons of this world strive together in reaching the final goal, the heavenly home of the pleasures to be derived from the trip through this world, of the hardships to be encountered en route.

The sermon was well delivered and was listened to with marked attention by not only the fourteen graduates, but the entire congregation. Special music was rendered on the occasion of the evening.

Rev. Doss' sermon in full is as follows:

"That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which is past." Ecc. 3-15.

We are taught by this ancient scripture that life is not broken up into parts or periods, but is one connected whole. We may render the last clause more literally and intelligently; "God taketh account; maketh inquisition for that which hath fled away."

No part of life is isolated, but each period is connected with what goes before and what comes after; all are combined to make a vital organic whole, so that in judging the present we are really judging the past, as in the final day of judgment, the acts of bygone years will come up for approval or condemnation before the Judge of all the earth.

It is rather strange that so profound truths should find expression at so early an age; in a time of semi-civilization, truths which are absolutely verified by us today. These are not surface thoughts, lying outside of common life, but within the sphere of our constant and most profound experience.

The past is not a vanished, buried thing. It is not annihilated, though we cannot amend or recall it, any more than we can call back the cloud that vanished from the sky a year ago, or the snow we trod in boyhood, or the meteor that flashed across the wintry heavens and woke our childish wonder.

We cannot recall the past, and yet it lives, though we are won't to say: "Let the dead past bury its dead, act in the living present." This is the common theory, but see in the monitory words of the text the touch of God's wisdom upon the wise man to speak to us: "That which hath been is now; God taketh account of that which has departed." We are today what we are by means of the past, and the future is conditioned on the present. Life evolves itself out of the present; as the stream at the mouth bears a constant relation to all the streams that have watered the hills, so age is related to youth. As the crest of foliage lifted by the trees bears its relation to the roots, so does life's flower and fruitage stand related to early years of culture and growth. We know this. When we are censured or reproved we know that it is not the present alone that is judged, but the past.

Knowledge is not extemporaneous. It is not a sudden acquisition, any more than one of our great battleships, or a palace, or a city, with its splendid mansions, immense sky scrapers or extended commerce are extemporized creations.

Knowledge comes by endeavors small yet continuously repeated. The light of studious hours shines in the speech of the wise. We sometimes listen to one in conversation and are tempted to credit him with intuitive sagacity, with native wisdom, whereas his rich and ready speech pours its golden opulence only as molten metal gushes from the open furnace when it has felt the purifying fires within. Research and experiment, successes and failures, have wrought together to make his knowledge accurate, compact and

available. So in art, the painter is not what he is by mere spontaneous, involuntary impulse. Study, practice, patient and protracted toil have given him skill. Watch his swift pencil and brush, and see how, as if by magic, color lying in a lump upon his pallet grows into the face of a man or child, into the verdure of a landscape or the shimmer of the sea. So the architect embodies in the stately edifice the toil and endeavor of past years. So the poet, the musician, the advocate, the physician, or the orator, is what he is today only by virtue of the past. It is not nature, but culture to which we trace these fruits. The past has been the arena of toilsful struggles and it is that which is judged. Sometimes it has been too brief for adequate preparation, and failure is the result. Again, in the the customs by which our life is inspired or governed or limited we see the same principle at work. By resistance or by yielding to various influences brought to bear upon us we come to be what we are, strong against temptation or weak before its alluring power.

Thus one grows more wise and kind, another more crafty and penurious; one grows heroic and princely, so noble in nature that we trust him with our property, friendship, or life; while another repeats acts of meanness and insincerity, untruthfulness and censoriousness until he forfeits all regard. Every effort to generate or exercise the elements of sainthood makes its definite and permanent impression on character. Character, like a cable of a million twisted threads, is made up of comparatively insignificant acts again and again repeated. If I applaud the one and condemn the other, it is the past, rather than the present that I have in view. We are not born saints. We are not reborn saints completely. Trace the career of men like Paul, Luther, Wesley, or Jonathan Edwards or Mr. Wilson. It was not by sudden, not by spontaneous impulse or by extemporized effort, that they became what they were, what he is. It was by the implanting of principles and by fostering culture and by tireless discipline.

Paul's retirement in Arabia was a part of his training. Every contest and conquest taught him. As he bore the chain on his hand he learned patience. As he looked on the soldiers that guarded him, or on the household of the Emperor, or as he contemplated the crown which he would wear in Heaven, he learned more of himself and the Christ. The fanaticism of the Pharisee, the skepticism of the philosopher and the bigotry of the Jews, all taught him. In that one moment when he lifted up his last prayer before he suffered, was reflected a life-time of noble consecration and self-discipline.

In the special states of mind which control our judgment the same fact reappears. One person is habitually gloomy, another gay and frivolous. One yields to a complaining spirit, resists, rebels and so grows spleeney, seeing no beauty in summer's fruit fullness, or in autumn's bounty or in domestic joy. The sky over him is a leaden hue. He is overwhelmed and harrassed. Thus life comes out of the past. Its habits and states of feeling today reflect the habits and states of feeling of other years. Talk of burying the past, it is to bury one's self; to annihilate the past is to annihilate one's self. That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which has departed. Here is the earliest recognition of literature of the continuity of history in the world, of the fact that civilization itself is an organic and vital growth. But the coming of the Son of Man was not an evolution out of a past civilization. It was a new element introduced by which condemned elements of evil were to be expelled. The new life of the world dates from the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. He explained his coming by the declaration that, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

He came to empower men to un-hinge themselves from past unworthiness and sets before them an open door into a new chance for righteousness. He bids men to look away from the material,

perishing things of earth towards the open heaven. And by every analysis of the new life which he bestows and which his coming reveals, we are to know that life in itself is neither omnipotent nor satisfying, or self-sufficient, or has it any high standard, nor is it enough to be merely practical; doing without seeing, deeds without visions. God gives us to see what we are in order that we may see by the aid of this revelation, what we may become. Ignorance is simply fatal to progress and enlightenment. There are some dark places on this earth, where savage heathen are just as savage and heathenish as their father and simply because they do not know any better and have never seen the vision of what they may become, their habits have become inexorable laws, until a greater power comes and shatters their chains. It is sad to think that such is the case; but even sadder, is it to see men in enlightened lands, blinded by their own will, refusing the light of God simply because they are in love with darkness, though the light is shining all around and the horizon everywhere is beaming with moving, morning light. God would lead us to those wants of life and light which come from the open heaven. The thought I would impress is this: that the power which exalts life is of God and comes from above. Look above then, though you walk on the earth. Open your mind and heart and soul to the unseen realities of the eternal. Let your life be given the wondrous benefit of divine breadth and height. From the summit, or as near to it as you can daily get, view life, not from the base. The valley closes in itself and all that it holds; the summit is independent of all. Life has no real ending or barrier. True life must aspire but to do that, it must behold the goal and symmetry of the Christ like whom we must grow. Higher and higher we must go and grow, like the vine upon the trellis, abiding in the branch lifting its myriad shoots towards the summer sunshine and clean, pure air. From his standpoint, God will give us to see what we may become here. We are a part of God's great and eternal plan. Our individuality can never

be lost amid all the working of the universe. It is, so far as we are connected with the unfolding future it is of the utmost importance, that we develop, side by side, with all of God's great plans. In other words, the most important vision is that we see what must come to pass in our own lives, in our own being. The element of the ideal must occupy a large place in our practical life if we are to grow at all strong, buoyant and symmetrical. Visions are not mere air castles. Mere dreaming may be of little value, but when coupled with faith and energy there is an invincible power in life. Carlyle says, "The beginning of a man's doom is that visions be withdrawn from him."

The best illustration of that is the convict who is doomed to serve a life imprisonment, and even then there maybe rays of light and hope if aspiration is not all dead. Someone has said, "All men who have shown our race how great things are possible, have had their inspiration in dreaming of the impossible." True ambition is attempting to do what you have never done, with the overpowering consciousness that you can do it. The vision changes and goes on changing, adapting itself to our life and to our need, but the reality always remains. Visions are the wings which bear us upward and aloft. Without these, life grovels. Why do hearts grow sordid and mean, the mind so filled with ignoble thoughts, the life a tissue of despicable deeds and shameless actions? Why are our cities teeming with multitudes of blighted men and women, whose natures are blackened with the filth of sin? Why do we see so much of misery and trampled out life, shambling along our streets, imposing, lying, stealing. Ah! It is a sad, dreary picture, and if you have ever stood face to face with one such and heard him speak you will only too plainly see what sin does; it blights, and blasts before it kills; it steals before it murders; it brings hell to the soul before it sends the soul to hell; it saps the heart of all its power and lays a load of despair upon the life in comparison with which death is a thousand times preferable. No hopes, no visions

of any thing better, but sin and mocking, laughing, cursing, dying, they go down beneath the dreadful current. It is the very nature of sin to kill visions and aspiration. Thick, dark blackness settles down over the blighted life, and the word of God says, "They are dead in trespasses and sins." The saved life, therefore, can only truly aspire. You do not have to teach a bird how to fly. The soul saved by the power of the divine Christ, rises because it can; it ascends because it has within itself the invisible yearning to do so, and faith and hope give impetus. This my young friends, is the revelation which is constantly coming to your life, to my life. The cross and visions of the Christ are the inspiring themes of the Christian life. Life is truly potent as we see its lines shaped according to the cross of the Lord Jesus, the standard of our service. As the symbol of our salvation and the standard of our service. Look and live, then live and look, is the whole of the Christian life. Let us not be satisfied with plodding, but let us be climbing. Behold the vision of tomorrow and let that vision bring us power for today. Too easily do we settle into a complacent estimate of just what we can do, compared with what we have done, and not at all spurred on to what we ought to do. And then there come times in our lives when we are restless and unsatisfied.

I believe these are most critical moments in our lives. The road forks, one way downward in an unworthy solution of how to be relieved from the burden of climbing, the other upward, perhaps the immediate necessity before us of scaling some crag or high barrier; one way, to let the obstruction conquer us; the other way to conquer the obstruction and make thrones of the barriers, by right of conquest, as the angel did at Jesus' tomb, when he sat upon the stone which he had rolled away. One way leads back to earth again, the other way leads straight towards the open heavens. You and I must choose, and that choice in all cases is decisive, but God will give us wonderful aid. And how can that aid come to us? His grace and power are at all times sufficient. We never question that. But how are those promises verified in us? Let such a critical time come, and many may come before your life closes. We are confronted with the forking of the and in its dim outlines we read very little of comfort and hope; Ah! the road has sadly dipped into the shadows. Or in some quiet, thoughtful moment we have doubted our own goodness and questioned our own faithfulness and in our self-examination we have felt so unworthy. "Looking forward strains the eye-sight, looking upward opens heaven."

Ah! We need the vision of the open heaven; we need to hear the voice summoning us to a higher altitude and outlook; we need to see what we may become. That is the solution of it all, to look and live; and then to live for him and with him and look steadfastly at him, who is the Truth, the Way and the Life. Christianity is not a mystery; religion is not mysticism. The most practical thing to day in the world is the ideal christian life, that not only serves, but beholds the vision of the Christ who walks side by side with one, and helps us grow like him, because we live with him and walk with him. Let us then conserve this principle, this revelation. Let our lives take on daily newer beauty, the beauty of holiness, which is the adornment of righteousness. As we find ourselves engaged in the manifold duties of every day life and at times well nigh overwhelmed, let us with the buoyancy of faith regard life in its vast out-reach of worth and up-reach of wealth and importance, and know that we are a part of God's great plan for time and for eternity.

Then will life, filled with service, transfigured by divine vision on and upward go toward its best development and in fulfillment of the Father's will. "So the purer life grows nigher every year, And its moring star climbs higher every year, And earth's hold on us grows slighter, And the heavy burdens lighter, And the dawn immortal brighter, Every year."

Carroll Howard, one of the prosperous irrigation farmers up the Colorado six miles, was after business in Ballinger Saturday.

J. M. Nichols, of the Santa Anna country, who had been visiting relatives and friends in our city and county the past few weeks, returned home Saturday afternoon. His father-in-law, W. S. Davis, of Winters, accompanied him home to visit a week or two.

How's This?

We offer one Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by this firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. Daugherty, of Holland, Texas, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will McCarver and family the past few weeks, returned home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Farmer, of the Valley creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and Mr. Farmer reports his neighborhood in splendid shape as to crop prospects.

No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once used always. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Elder E. W. McMillan and sister, Miss Ola returned home Sunday from Gunter, Texas, where Mr. McMillan had been attending the Gunter Bible School the past several months.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Henry Walters, of the Valley creek country and Alf Teneycke, of the Tennyson country were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

For Sale.

On esound work horse in excellent condition. An extraordinary bargain. See or phone W. A. Taylor. South Ballinger. 21-2d2tw

Mrs. M. L. Parker of Hatchel, was shopping in Ballinger Monday between trains.

C. M. Bartee, one of the substantial citizens of the Crews country was looking after business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

Coughed for Three Years

"I am a lover of your godsend to humanity and science. Your medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery, cured my cough of three years standing," says Jennie Flemming of New Dover, Ohio. Have you an annoying cough? Is it stubborn and won't yield to treatment? Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery to-day. What it did for Jennie Flemming it will do for you, no matter how stubborn or chronic a cough may be. It stops a cough and stops and lung trouble. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1.00 at your Druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Stive for Pimples.

Mrs. Emmett Thomas and little son, of Miles, who had been visiting in Ballinger the past few days, returned home Monday at noon.

Col. C. L. Morgan returned home Monday at noon from Coleman and was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Vining, of Austin, who will visit in our city a few days.

Skin Diseases Cured

Hunt's Cure is the name of the remedy which is absolutely guaranteed to cure all forms of skin disease or the purchase price promptly refunded. Wonderful results are obtained by its use, curing cases that would not yield to other treatment. Ask your druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

This is the DANGEROUS SEASON

Guard With Care
What You Eat.

Let us help you select pure food.
Our goods are handled strictly on a
sanitary basis. Free from rats, free
from flies, standard brands and
grades. Let us show you how we
appreciate your patronage.

Phone
No. 25

W. B. Wood & Son

TO OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS

When in town call and get a nice steak or roast for your Sunday dinner. A Call Will Be Appreciated. Roy Hull & Stanley Cameron, Proprietors.

CITY MEAT MARKET
PHONE 185.

BABY FALLS IN BARRELL.

A sickening and tragic incident was narrowly averted, Monday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kiker in Bronte. A barrel under the eave of the back gallery was full of water, or nearly so, and the baby tumbled through the screen

wire head foremost into the water. The little fellow would have drowned quickly, but Mrs. Kiker was near enough to witness the baby's fall and hastened to its rescue.—Bronte Enterprise.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

Patronize our advertisers.

Stop and Read This!

To introduce the best cold drinks and ice cream ever sold in Ballinger, will sell until further notice:

2 Bottles Cold Soda Pop 5c 2 Glasses Soda 5c
2 Ice Cream Cones 5c Big Ice Cream with fruit 5c
Soda Water Per Box, 2 dozen 50c

Special prices for picnic parties on ice cream and soda water. Fancy brick cream in 2 and 3 colors. Our motto: "when better ice cream is made

HAMILTON

will make it." Factory and stand across street from Princess Theatre 8 St.

To Our Country Friends

The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.

Special Attention to Hurried Calls.
LEACH AUTO WORKS

PHONE 69

Dr. Fred Tinkle's ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL

FOR MAN OR BEAST.

Is an External Remedy for wire cuts, wounds of any nature, eczema and all skin troubles.

You can get a bottle at Owens Drug Store, use it and if not satisfied bring the empty bottle back and get your money, or if it pleases tell your friends about it and get another bottle.

FRED TINKLE, WINTERS, TEXAS.

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

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest, and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

Spring is the Time to Repair

Mr. Farmer, If your house or barn needs screening, painting or repairing, come to see us, we can supply your wants. We keep a full supply of paints, screen doors and all kinds of building material.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

YOUR NEXT TRIP EAST

WHY NOT GO VIA

NEW ORLEANS

One of the World's Famous Cities



OPERATES 2 THROUGH TRAINS DAILY AND GRANTS STOP OVER AT NEW ORLEANS ON ALL THROUGH TICKETS WITHOUT EXTRA COST

THE METROPOLIS OF THE SOUTH AND THE MOST INTERESTING CITY IN THE UNITED STATES

A. D. Bell
Asst Gen'l Passenger Agent

DALLAS TEXAS

Geo. D. Hunter
Gen'l Passenger Agent

POSTMASTER'S JOB PROFESSIONAL

AUSTIN, May 26.—"The position of postmaster should be a profession and not a political job," said A. S. Davis of McGregor, in his address as president of the Texas Postmasters' League which opened here this afternoon for a three days convention.

"I believe the manner of appointment should be changed so that if there should be a vacancy, say in the Austin office, the Department would appoint some other practical postmaster to go to Austin. When that becomes the policy of the postoffice department we will have still better postmasters. It is the hope of reward that makes us all try to do better. The time when this system of promotion will go into effect is not far off."

An eight hour day for postoffice clerks in third and fourth class offices was advocated by President Davis. Postmasters under civil service should be allowed fifteen days leave of absence with pay, like all other civil service appointees, was a demand President Davis voiced.

Cheers greeted the speaker when he mentioned the name of Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson whose home is in Austin. A little later President Davis, mentioning the Postmaster General in another and more significant connection, said:

"I heard of some complaint that our Postmaster General and the First Assistant, Hon. Daniel C. Roper, are not dealing square in the matter of appointments after examination. I want to defend them of that charge for I believe

The Country Trade

Receives our very best attention and we ask you to visit us when in town, and we guarantee to give you a good shave, a neat hair cut and courteous treatment.

City Barber Shop

H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

they are too great and honorable men to do anything of that kind."

Roper will address the convention at the closing session Thursday morning and he is expected to reply to these charges.

Improvements in handling parcel post matter were suggested by President Davis. "I suggest that the department furnish hampers of some kind," he said, "in which to pack parcel post matter, so as not to be damaged in handling and send parcel post matter in the hamper to and from trains, not in sacks as at present. In sacks a hat box and plow point will get mixed up to the detriment of the hat box and contents."

A brief formal session was held this forenoon at which addresses of welcome were delivered by the mayor of Austin and by Inspector C. B. Anderson of the postal service.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

IS VALEDICTORIAN

News has been received in Ballinger to the effect that Miss Olivia Perkins, who is attending the Temple High School, is valedictorian of her class which is graduating this year. Miss Perkins besides winning honors won a \$10 prize which was offered to the student of the senior class which wrote the best essay. The young lady is well known in Ballinger, having resided in this city a few years ago.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers) Sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, of the Pony creek country, were among the Ballinger visitors Saturday afternoon and say their people are feeling mighty good.

Letters, Rat Eaten, Have Returned Home

After being missing for nearly four years, twenty-six letters sent from Ballinger June 30th, 1910, have returned to their former "home." During their stay out on the road, they were pursued and digested by scores of rats until only fragments of their original selves are left. There destination was never reached and their "home town" was barely arrived at.

On the afternoon of June 30th, 1910, a number of letters left Ballinger for points on the Orient railroad, running out of San Angelo. The Farmers and Merchants State Bank and the First National Bank, both of Ballinger, had twenty-six letters going out on the night Santa Fe train, westbound. The usual care and attention had been given the letters by the senders before their departure from the two banks but the persons to whom they were addressed never noticed the thoughtfulness of the senders because the letter never reached their destination.

The usual last-day-of-the-month mail was leaving Ballinger. Included in the large pouch was a number of monthly statements from the Ballinger banks. Depositors living at Norton, Fort Chadbourne and Marie had been getting their mail after it had been routed over the Santa Fe to the Orient at San Angelo. Therefore, the routing as previously arranged was followed on June 30th.

The letters reached San Angelo, safely deposited in the pouch, but they never reached the Orient train which was waiting to carry them to their destinations. A mail pouch was found missing by the clerk at the station, a few moments after the night Santa Fe train had pulled into San Angelo. The Ballinger letters were unluck enough to be deposited in

It was claimed that some one stole the bag from the truck on which the incoming San Angelo mail was resting and diligent efforts were made to discover the thief. The United States government became directly interested in the missing mail pouch and every imaginable was put into use by the sleuths in an attempt to locate the person who stole the bag. San Angelo officers worked on the case for a lengthy period but to no avail. Several months were spent by the officers in trying to find some trace of the missing mail bag, but finally the matter was dropped. No traces of the bag had been found. The case was hopeless.

In April of this year, workmen working on a warehouse discovered a rat-eaten mail pouch, covered by dust and partly buried in the mud caused by dirt drifting over the object. A minute examination was held and it was found that the pouch was the one which has been missing nearly four years. The matter was taken before the postoffice authorities at Washington. The sack had been cut open and much mail matter had been broken into.

The letters had been eaten by the rats. Many of the letters had disappeared so greatly that no address could be found on the small bits of papers. It was readily ascertained, however, that the pieces of mail contained monthly bank statements.

The rats and other insects which had been feasting upon the balances as rendered by the statements, had been kind enough, however, to leave the return cover on a majority of the twenty-six Ballinger bank letters. The post office authorities easily discovered who sent the mail and a package arrived Friday from Austin, containing the scraps of the results of much labor of sweating clerks on the last day of June, 1910.

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank, at Ballinger has been able on account of Mr. Jo Wilmet's familiarity with the names of the various customers of the institution, residing northwest of Ballinger, to distinguish which is which and who failed to receive their statements four years ago. In fact the address of only one letter has not been discovered and this piece is so badly eaten up that it is absolutely impossible to determine. Not even an initial has been left by the rats after four years of masticating.

The First National Bank of Ballinger had six letters in the lot which were missed. By using the imagination with the assistance of the initials in some cases and the last letters of the name these have been made out.

One of the banks reports that

Halley and Love Sanitarium Makes Annual Report

Annual report of Halley & Love Sanitarium, beginning May 1st, 1913, and ending April 30th, 1914:

SURGICAL.

Total number of operations performed 312.

Number of surgical deaths, 2.

Cause of these deaths: One from Appendicitis; entered sanitarium with general diffuse peritonitis. One from obstruction of the bowels.

MEDICAL.

Number of medical cases 87.

Number of deaths, 2.

Cause of deaths:

One from Ceirrhosis of the liver.

One from Eclampsia.

Number treatments given inside of sanitarium, 52.

Dressings, given inside of sanitarium 1385.

Bladder irrigation inside of sanitarium 73.

Gartric Lavage inside of sanitarium, 20.

Number treatments given outside of sanitarium 433.

Dressings outside of sanitarium 233.

Bladder irrigations outside of sanitarium 111.

Gartric Lavage inside of sanitarium 139.

NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL

The Ballinger Training School for nurses, is a chartered Institution under the laws of the State of Texas, requiring two full years attendance, besides two months probation. It is supported by Halley & Love Sanitarium.

Didactic lectures are given on the following branches as required by the State. Anatomy Bacteriology, Disease of children, Gynecology, Hygiene, Materia Medica, Obstetrics, Practical Points in Nursing, Physiology and Surgical Technique.

Board of Directors:

Dr. W. B. Halley, President

Dr. A. S. Love

Dr. J. G. Douglass

Dr. J. W. Blasdel

Dr. T. E. Mangum

Judge C. O. Harris

Mr. Jno. A. Weeks

Miss A. V. Toulme, R. N.

Advisory Board:

Mrs. R. A. Smith

Mrs. G. M. Vaughn

Mrs. Cora Hargrove

H. O'Bannon

C. S. Miller

Col. Morgan Jones

Gus Noyes

H. Giesecke

D. E. Sims

J. W. Norman

E. D. Walker

W. B. Ray

much trouble was caused to them by the disappearance of the mail pouch. The men for whom the letters with statements of their accounts was intended, raised a howl about not getting their monthly letter from the bank. The bank swore by the stars that the letters with all vouchers were sent to the depositors, and at the same time the depositors threatened to transfer their accounts to other banks because they couldn't get their checks back to be used as receipts in after years.

The following list failed to receive statements on the first day of July 1910: J. T. Morgan, Aug Seipp, L. L. Proctor, L. M. Overman, S. S. Grantham, J. B. Caswell, W. R. Seddler, J. R. Holloway, Johua Brewer, James Legg, J. L. Murphy, J. M. Mackey, R. H. Murphy, T. W. Thorps, E. B. Wammack, G. W. Caswell, J. R. Mackey, and J. E. Gentry. All were addressed to Marie, Fort Chadbourne and Norton.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite.
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

SWEEP STAKE RACE FOR THE SENATE

AUSTIN, May 25.—Friends of United States Senator Charles A. Culberson said today there is no reason at this time to doubt that he will be a candidate to succeed himself two years hence.

Interest in state political circles, aside from the gubernatorial race, centers chiefly in the developments which would indicate that several candidates will contest for Senator Culberson's seat. Congressman R. L. Henry of Waco and Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco have announced their aspirations for the office and indirectly Governor O. B. Colquitt has let it be known he will mix in the race, too.

Close political associates of former Governor Thomas M. Campbell say he has not forsaken the plans laid some time ago for obtaining a seat in the United States Senate and is biding his time to make formal announcement of his candidacy.

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it, and we believe it is; there can be no reason why ladies should suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

SAYS RURAL PHONE SERVICE IS BAD

Citizens of the Pony creek neighborhood remarked to a Ledger reporter while in town Saturday, that the telephone service was causing considerable complaint in their neighborhood. They claim that they have paid six months in advance, and are demanding that they be given better service. The manager of the local phone system says that making the change that they have been making naturally caused some confusion on the rural lines as well as the city service, and they are working hard to get things to running smoothly again.

o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
o **M. C. SMITH.** o
o | o
o **Attorney-at-Law.** o
o Office up-stairs in C. A. o
o Doose Building. o
o Examining Land Titles a Spec- o
o ially. o
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY
THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Ledger and the Runnels County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

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

OFFICERS.
D. L. Parish, president; Paul Trimmer, vice-president; C. P. Shepherd, secretary and treasurer.

DIRECTORS.
J. Y. Pearce, O. L. Parish, Paul Trimmer, C. P. Shepherd, A. W. Sledge, Troy Simpson.

STOCKHOLDERS.
J. M. Skinner, C. P. Shepherd, Paul Trimmer, A. W. Sledge, H. M. Jones, R. T. Williams, J. Y. Pearce, Scott H. Mack, T. J. Gardner, O. L. Parish, R. W. Bruce, Troy Simpson.

There is no better place on the map to give your children a high school education than Ballinger.

When you work for cleanliness you work for healthy school children, and healthy school children makes school work easy.

Third Sunday in June has been suggested as Fathers' Day. Why not, let's give the old man a chance.

The cry for harvest hands is coming, and the supply will be short. Cotton chopping will also add to the rush of farm work.

We are glad to note the splendid progress made by our young friend Tom Martin, who has been in the University of California during the term just closed. Tom is a Runnels county school boy.

Poverty may handicap the boy in securing an education, but many of the men of the hour worked their way through college, and earned an education by piece meal, so to speak.

From all indications the scraps to be pulled off between the subs and the anti-subs in the campaign that is just breaking, will make the Mexican scrap fade away into insignificance.

This paper keeps its columns open for "letters from the people." We welcome the discussion of those matters that are of general interest to the public. Of course we reserve the right to blue pencil all matter of a libelous nature.

As a rule it's the boy with plenty of money to spend that quits school before he learns the multiplication table. He is not burdened with money, however, when he is dependent upon himself, and he has ample time to reflect over the folly of his early life.

In dedicating this issue of The Daily Ledger to the Senior Class we hope to express our appreciation of their loyalty to the paper throughout their last term's work in the Ballinger High School. They have supported the paper financially and morally. They have set an example in practicing home patronage that other classes can profit by. The class unanimously turned down the out of town printer and placed their order for commencement invitations with the home printer. We extend our sincere thanks to the '14 class and wish for each member every blessing that life can bring.

SCHOOL BOARD OPTIMISTIC IN WORK FOR 1914-1915.

With the splendid achievement for the term just closed, the board of trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District speak in the most optimistic terms of the 1914-1915 term. Perfect harmony, which is essential in any undertaking, prevails, and every member of the board stands ready to devote his time to the working out of those problems that come up from time to time.

The first problem to confront them for the coming term, is the remodeling of the Central building. The condition of the building makes the improvement very necessary for the safety and comfort of the children. The board has this work under discussion, and some plan will be adopted within the next few days to bring about the needed improvements.

The installation of the sanitary drinking fountains will be looked after during the vacation period, and other minor improvements

WILBOURN STUDIO

NOTICE: It has been reported that this studio is not doing business any more. This is a mistake.

We Have Only Moved.

Our new location is much better arranged and more easily reached. We have good wide stairs and easy to climb. We are over the Elder Candy Store on Eighth Street, No. 105. Call and see us even if you are not ready for work.

Wilbourn Studio

made looking to the comfort and convenience and health of the children during the next term. The drinking fountains arrived a short time before the present term expired.

The work of completing the faculty for the 1914-15 term was a small matter this year. The old faculty was retained with one exception, the exception not being an applicant. All the teachers elected have signed their contract for another year's work, and only one vacancy remains to be filled. With the return of the teachers next fall the new term will only be a continuation of the splendid work done during the term just closed. The faculty, the board and the pupils, will not have to become acquainted again, and there will be no hitch, or new experiences to be made. The splendid educational organization remains intact through the vacation period, and the summer will only be a short recess.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

There is a tendency among men to criticize the women for the part they are playing in the twentieth century political and commercial world. If the critics will pick up a paper giving an account of the graduating exercises of the schools, read, and think for himself, he will readily realize why women suffrage is increasing at such a marvelous speed. We do not know of a school in Texas where the young men graduates outnumber the young ladies. In almost every public high school the young ladies who complete their high school education will outnumber the young men five to one, and it has been said upon good authority that the average is more than four to one. The 1914 class for the Ballinger school stands almost two to one; to be exact nine to five. The class for the Houston high school, which is perhaps the largest class in Texas, there being eighty-five graduates, only has twenty-two young men.

The demand for competent and reliable men in the business world exceeds the supply. Women are being called upon to relieve the situation. The coming in contact with matters commercial daily awakes within the breast of every woman a desire for measures that will improve her condition and the condition of those who are dependent upon her and to obtain these measures she is drawn into the political conflict. The woman who is forced into the commercial world to battle for sustenance of life expects and will demand that she be given the same consideration in the political world, and unless the boys of the land are taught the importance of an education and compelled to remain in school until they have fully equipped themselves for the work of man, suffragettes will continue to multiply until woman will be man's equal in every walk of life.

It is not our purpose to advocate woman suffrage in this article for we believe that the proper place for woman, and the place where she can do the most good in life, is in the home. The sanctity of the home loses that great prestige that sends into the world great men when it loses the influence of the Godly woman. What we say is with the hopes that some boy, or parent may be made to think and see the opportunity for educated men. The commercial world is demanding educated men, and if the commercial world can't get educated men the wheels of progress will continue to grind with women who take advantage of the opportunity. Just so long as boys refuse to make men of themselves just so long women will be called upon to fill their places.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gilliam of the old Runnels country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

* LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Land Owners Should Give The Roads.

The question of getting straight and better roads, and I may add more of them, is agitating the minds of the people, and especially our commissioners court, more than any other things I know of. There is but one way to get good roads, and that is by gift. This may sound strange to some. Some man will say, let the county buy them. When it does we give them just the same, for the money that pays for the roads comes out of our pocket in the end. To illustrate: Let us suppose that we have thirty miles square tract of land organized into a county. That would make 900 sections. Suppose that there was one family to every section, and they wanted a forty foot lane on every side of each section, and the county agrees to pay ten dollars per acre for all the land that these lanes contain. That would amount to about ten acres per section. Now these 900 families would be taxed to pay for all these lands, and in the end it would cost them more than if they had given the land for the roads. Yet it would be a good idea and a great convenience if we had a lane every mile in every agricultural county in the state. Of course all surveys are not in mile squares, and where a straight road would damage a man more than the actual value of the land he should be paid accordingly, but all road beds should be given to the public. It is the most economical way of procuring them.

These roads I think should be kept up by taxation. It is the most economical way to do it. You can manage labor and machinery better in this way. I don't think it is right for one man to give a road bed, when another man more able will demand a high price and get from the tax payers more than the value of his land. We should awake to the idea of helping one another in such matters, and that we are the crowning creation of God. All things in this world are under our subjection. Our mission is to do all the good we can for ourselves and our fellowbeings.

H. G. HAYES.

* HATCHEL.

There is to be a basket ball game in our W. O. W. Hall on Saturday night, May 30th at 8:30 p. m.

Below are the names of those who will pull off this stunt:

Fats	Leans
M. Kleberg	Jim Flynt
Marshall Lett	Jeff Pritchard
Hatton Laxon	Jesse Harris
Jim McWhirter	Oscar Dahlgren
Ben Guin	Austin Williams
Roy Sides	George McLellan

In witnessing this game we anticipate much enjoyment, knowing the proficiency of those who will line up that night.

On Friday night of this week the Hatchel troupe will produce at the Baptist church its drama. To both of these entertainments a cordial welcome is extended. You will notice that this little village is keeping abreast of the times and the fine rain fall recently encourages us to take a new grip and pull ahead. The country is clothed in its Sunday garments and our "lines seem to have fallen in pleasant places." Prof. Seacrest's one month private school will close Friday, May 30th. A most successful term.

Able Mulky returned to Ballinger Wednesday at noon from Fort Worth where he had been to market a car load of fat cattle.

FOR SALE—Sewing machine. Mrs. Sam McPherson, Ballinger, Texas.

MAY RAINS/BREAK 20 YEAR RECORD

May Rain For Twenty Years.	
inches	inches
1895—3.68	1905—2.29
1896—.11	1906—2.85
1897—2.75	1907—2.04
1898—2.78	1908—5.26
1899—5.21	1909—1.30
1900—6.08	1910—.82
1901—3.25	1911—1.40
1902—7.08	1912—5.05
1903—4.44	1913—2.03
1904—.91	1914—8.65

Rain Fall For May 1914.	
Day	Inches
May 2nd	1.00
May 4th	.50
May 16th	.65
May 18th	.10
May 19th	.15
May 20th	1.00
May 21st	1.40
May 22nd	1.52
May 27th	2.20
Total	8.65
29.9—161	16—1061

Those who kept an eye on the weather Tuesday night expected to learn of much damage from the heavy rain that fell during the night, and the fall at Ballinger was the greatest for any one time during the year, and the low lands in Ballinger were lakes of water Wednesday morning, and in several houses in the southern part of the town the water swept the floors.

Reports from over the county indicate that the rains were not general and no serious damage to crops has been reported. Perhaps the heaviest rain was northeast of Ballinger and washed out considerable road bed between Ballinger and Taipa, and delayed the trains for several hours. The rain was also reported heavy south of Norton, but at other places in that section the fall was slight. Wilmet reported showers. Only 7-10 of an inch fell at Winters, while Miles reported a half inch. Paint Rock 2 1-2 inches, Millersview and Concho none. Light showers at San Angelo, big rain at Abilene and Crews.

The total rain fall up to Wednesday morning of this week amounts to 8.65 inches, and breaks the record for May rain fall for twenty years past, as far back as we have record. In 1902 7.08 inches fell in May, which is the greatest for May except the present month. So far the damage to crops from rain has been light, while the benefit has been great. With favorable weather for harvesting the largest oat crop ever raised in this county will be harvested. And all other crops are in splendid shape, and prospects could not be more promising for a good crop.

MAKES RHEUMATISM PROMPTLY DISAPPEAR

Chronic, Crippled-up Sufferers Find Relief After Few Doses of New Remedy are Taken

It is needless to suffer any longer with rheumatism, and be all crippled up, and bent out of shape with its heart-wrenching pains, when you can surely avoid it.

Rheumatism comes from weak, inactive kidneys, that fail to filter from the blood, the poisonous waste matter and uric acid; and it is useless to rub on liniments or take ordinary remedies to relieve the pain. This only prolongs the misery and can't possibly cure you.

The only way to cure rheumatism is to remove the cause. The new discovery, Croxone, does this because it neutralizes and dissolves all the poisonous substances and uric acid that lodge in the joints and muscles, to scratch and irritate and cause rheumatism, and cleans out and strengthens the stopped-up, inactive kidneys, so they can filter all the poisons from the blood and drive it on and out of the system.

Croxone is the most wonderful medicine ever made for curing chronic rheumatism, kidney troubles, and bladder disorders. You will find it different from all other remedies. There is nothing else on earth like it. It matters not how old you are, or how long you have suffered, it is practically impossible to take it into the human system without results. You will find relief from the first few doses, and you will be surprised how quickly all your misery and suffering will end.

An original package of Croxone costs but a trifle at any first-class drug store. All druggists are authorized to sell it on a positive money-back guarantee. Three doses a day for a few days is often all that is ever needed to cure the worst backache or overcome urinary disorders.

CLIP AND COMMENT.

The Messenger editor is out of politics as is the Messenger. We have decided that when we have space to devote for any purpose other than news to give it toward boosting our home town.—Miles Messenger.

Yes, and you can brace yourself for the worst. The first time you fail to boost some of your subscriber's candidates you are going to lose a subscriber.

The Comanche county grand jury after a ten days' session, returned sixty-seven indictments, five being for felony. There is work in Comanche for the home mission societies.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Editor Bell of the Chief and Editor Russell of the Vanguard, should quit quarrelling and take up the work of preaching morality and teach their readers to become law abiding citizens.

Huerta says he will get out of the way upon certain conditions, one of the conditions providing that the United States extend him a loan of \$400,000,000. Bothering us is the collection of what he already owes us. Us in this instance mean U. S. us.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

The old man got a tip that he wouldn't get the change from Us, and he very promptly denied making the application with the promise to quit his job.

Huerta's government is not crumbling. It is dissolving; and it looks like there will soon be none of it left.—Brownwood Bulletin.

It is evaporating, and at the present writing the chances are good for the Mexican soil to become contaminated with the ashes of Huerta.

President Wilson says that: "No man who thinks of himself and afterward of his country, can call himself an American."

That reminds us of the fellow who said he had rather be alive coward than a dead hero.

Another man has been killed while taking a joy ride in a monoplane. This is getting to be a very common occurrence with an uncommonly large death rate.—Brenham Banner.

There are many ways to commit suicide. This is one of the most modern. In fact it is just a little more up-to-date than the auto joy rider who starts out in his speed craze to defeat father time.

There is one thing about the rains—they do reduce the water bills. But political campaigns unfortunately never do affect the tolls of the gas men.—Austin Statesman.

What the Ballinger citizen is looking for is something that will reduce the telephone bill, and in order to do this considerable gas is being consumed.

They tell us that the department of agriculture is going to take a census of the birds of the United States. It will be about as reliable as the latest census bureau estimates of population.—Houston Post.

This is no doubt a trick of the game warden to help him in his work. If we would keep count on our birds, we could soon learn when they were being killed, and then locate the man who would deliberately shoot an innocent bird.

A State is in a bad fix when it has only two or three men who are big enough for governor. Suppose they should die, then what? Texas is not in that fix yet.—Tyler Democrat.

We could enjoy that promised and much to be desired political peace and legislative rest.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure
NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

* SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health in our community is good with the exception of Mrs. Rodgers, who we are sorry to report is sick.

Crop conditions are all that could be desired at present. The only drawback, there has been so much rain that it has been impossible for farmers to get into their fields for some days and the weeds and grass is gaining headway. We are needing sunshine now for some days to come so the binders can run. Many oat fields are getting yellow and the yield is going to be the best for years. Maize, corn and millet are fine. Gardens are all good and there is lots of good things to eat in the way of garden truck.

This Wednesday morning, and we had another big rain last night it came down in torrents almost a water spout and the fields are more than boggy again and there is going to be some hustling to keep Mr. Green from overtaking us. But the prospects are still the brightest we have had for some years and we will hurry now and make hay when the sun comes out. Knox.

Save money buy binder twine and oat sacks at The Globe Store. 26-2nd 1st.

CANDIDATES

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

- For County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN.
J. N. KEY.
S. C. HARRIS.
- For Sheriff:
JOHN D. PERKINS.
J. A. DEMOVILLE.
MARSHALL SIMPSON.
- For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD.
WILL L. STUART.
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
SAM H. McPHERSON.
JIM McWHIRTER.
R. L. (Bob) SHAFFER.
- For County Judge:
M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer:
W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk:
O. L. PARISH.
C. C. COCKRELL.
- For District Clerk:
JOHN THOMASON.
GEO. M. STOKES.
Miss MARY PHILLIPS.
- For Tax Collector:
T. L. TODD.
M. D. CHASTAIN.
EDWIN DAY.
W. T. PADGETT.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:
E. M. SETSER.
- For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
FEB McWILLIAMS.
- For Constable Precinct No. 1:
B. F. ALLEN.
CHARLIE EISENHUTH.
- For Congressman-at-Large:
R. B. HUMPHREY.
(of Throckmorton, Texas.)

The Globor Market & Bakery

Reopened on the afternoon of May 20th

I will sell only the best kinds of Packing House Beef, Pork, Cured Hams, Bacon, Etc., Butternut Bread Cakes and Pies.

Prompt and Courteous Service

Phone 126

Ike Honig, Proprietor.

Ballinger, Texas.

SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

May 1st and after
TO THE
NORTH, EAST AND WEST
via



LOCAL EXCURSION RATES
ONE FARE PLUS TEN CENTS
EVERY SUNDAY
—
ROUND TRIP
MINERAL WELLS
EVERY DAY

For full particulars see T. & P. Ry.
Agents, or write
A. D. BELL **GEO. D. HUNTER**
Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agt. Gen'l. Pass. Agt.
DALLAS, TEXAS

M. KLEBERG JR.
Attorney-at-Law.
Office at Courthouse.

J. B. Wade **A. K. Doss**
WADE & DOSS,
Lawyers.
Office over Ballinger Loan Co.
Ballinger, Texas.

o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
HARRIS & HARRIS
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
—Attorneys-at-Law—
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Corporation
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Collections
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
and Land
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Litigation
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Specialties
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Office over Ballinger State
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
[Bank and Trust Co.]
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o

EVERYTHING IS WHITE

o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Even the Treatment we Hand
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
You. Our highest aim is to
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
Please you. We want you to
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o
be an advertisement for us.
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o

Give us a trial.

BANK BARBER SHOP
Jim McWhirter, Prop.

FIRE INSURANCE THE BEST COMPANIES

Prompt Service

Your Business Solicited.
Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in
old Fidelity Credit Co's office.
Phone 215

SEE ME

G. P. Shepherd

County Attorney Runnels Co.

Civil Practice Solicited

Ballinger, Texas.

Are You a Woman?

Take **Cardui**

The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

Home Rule Passes Final Reading

LONDON, May 25.—The Irish Home Rule bill became a fact this afternoon when the bill passed the third reading in the House of Commons.

Anticipating possible outbreaks in Ulster, heavy police reinforcements have been sent out into all Orangemen districts.

LONDON, May 25.—Today witnesses the culmination of Ireland's unremitting forty-year fight for selfgovernment. Before midnight the dreams of Butt, Davitt and Parnell will become all but an accomplished fact. The House of Commons will have passed for the third time in three successive sessions the Home Rule bill in substantially the same form as it was introduced two years ago by Premier Asquith. The Liberal Party, thanks to the operation of the veto act which prevents the House of Lords from thwarting the will of the people after their representatives have thrice approved the same measure, will have redeemed its pledge to the Irish Nationalists, only through whose co-operation it has been able to retain control of the British government during the past eight years.

Upon the rejection of the bill by the Lords, which is taken for granted, it will automatically become a law with the King's signature and within the next twelve months the new Irish Parliament will be sitting at Dublin. The bill itself provides that it shall not become operative for eight months from the date of its passage nor in its entirety later than fifteen months; but there is a special provision which compels the organization of the Dublin Parliament within a year. That the measure will receive the royal assent is a foregone conclusion, notwithstanding the flood of Unionist petitions that have been pouring into Buckingham Palace asking His Majesty's veto. Although constitutionally King George would have the right to withhold his approval, it is known that he has not the slightest intention of doing so.

The progress of the Home Rule bill through the Commons this year was marked by one of the fiercest parliamentary battles in the country's history, precipitated by the arming of 100,000 Ulster Volunteers sworn to resist the operation of the act, and leading almost to the disruption of the government. The regular army was on the verge of mutiny due to the blundering of the War Office in permitting officers to question its orders regarding service in Ulster. War Minister Seely was forced to resign from the cabinet; Field Marshal Sir John French, Chief of the Imperial Staff, and Sir J. S. Ewart, Adjutant General, when they discovered they had been misled into signing a compromising memorandum with the recalcitrant officers, quit the service in disgust; and Prime Minister Asquith felt compelled, in order to prevent further undermining of the government's authority over the army, to take charge of the war portfolio himself, and to go before his constituents in East Fife for re-election as a member of Parliament.

W. E. Weibusch, the Wingate gin man, passed through Ballinger Wednesday at noon en route to Paint Rock on a short business trip.

Mrs. Liggett of Rowena, was among the visitors in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

SATURDAY SPECIAL

Each Saturday we shall offer some articles at **EXTRA LOW PRICES**. Watch for them each week. For Saturday, May 30, we shall offer men's and women's umbrellas at only 50c each.

We now have a new line of D. M. C. Threads, coronation braid, knitting cotton, etc., call and see us for dry goods, notions.

THE FAIR

Audy Gustavus
Audy Gustavus, Prop.

Jelly Roll Recipe

Only Two Eggs Required

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine

This Jelly Roll is fast becoming very popular on account of the way it keeps fresh. With proper handling it should keep fresh a whole week, providing it isn't eaten up in the meantime, for it is every bit as good as it looks.



K C Jelly Roll

One cup sifted flour; scant half teaspoonful salt; 2 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; 1 egg beaten light; 1 cup sugar; 1/2 cup hot milk; glass of jelly; powdered sugar.

Beat the sugar into the eggs; add the lemon rind, then the flour, sifted three times with the salt and baking powder; and, lastly, the milk. Bake in a buttered dripping pan; turn out on a damp cloth, trim off the crisp edges, spread with jelly and turn over and over into a roll while still warm. Dredge the top with powdered sugar.

Hot milk used in the jelly roll enables it to be rolled without danger of cracking. Have the milk scalding hot, also be careful to have the eggs and sugar beaten together until very light and creamy. Bake in a moderate oven.

K C Jelly Roll is illustrated on page thirty-two of the new and handsomely illustrated 64-page K C Cook's Book, which may be secured free by sending the certificate packed in every 25-cent can of K C Baking Powder to the JAGURS MFG. CO., Chicago, Ill.

RUNNELS COUNTY CAN'T BE BEAT

W. T. Hill, of Benoit, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and reports everything looking lovely in his neighborhood. Mr. Hill informed us that his little son had a guinea hen that has been laying two eggs each day since about the first of April. It was at first thought that there was possibly some mistake about the two eggs but the boy put the fowl in a close pen by herself and for the past ten days she has been keeping up the record of two eggs each day.

Runnels county is always in the lead and can't be beat on no enterprise and the guinea hen fully demonstrates the fact.



EAGLE EYE SALVE

GOOD FOR THE EYES — AND EYES ONLY

YOUR EYES are living lenses. If weak, dim, strained or congested, they can be gently yet surely cleared, brightened, corrected and re-invigorated by the cleansing, healing, strengthening properties of EAGLE EYE SALVE. One 25c tube PROVES IT.

MURPHY-MATTHEWS.

Judge Kleberg spoke the beautiful and impressive words Monday at 11 o'clock at the Central Hotel, which united in marriage Mr. Grover C. Murphy and Mrs. Nellie Matthews, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kelsey, who live on the Pecan Mott farm near Ballinger and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Murphy of the Norton country and is a young man of sterling worth and ability and highly esteemed by a host of friends in his section.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for the happy young couple.

PETRIFIED SWEET POTATOE.

Judge C. H. Willingham has in his office a curiosity in the shape of a sweet potatoe that is perfectly petrified. His son Arthur raised the potatoe last fall and it weighed 9 pounds and left the potatoe in the judge's office and today it is about the size of a small goose egg and is hard as a stone. The judge also has another sweet potatoe and a lemon that have petrified without any artificial process and are real curiosities.

J. E. McAden, who lives southeast of Ballinger, left from this point Tuesday for Dallas to be at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Estes, who is reported seriously ill at her home in that city.

Theo. Kre, of the Pony Creek country, left Monday afternoon for La Grange to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law who died at his home near that place Sunday night.

INVEST IN SHEEP DOUBLES MONEY

Some time last fall, Mr. Wilson living a short distance northeast of Talpa, bought from Mr. Louis Jamason, 50 cull ewes, and when we say cull we mean cull, pure and simple, for the sum of \$82.50. He took these old poor ewes home and placed them on good pasture and gave them good attention and they soon began to get fat and frolic about like lambs. Mr. Wilson secured 37 good healthy growing lambs from these ewes, and has them to day, having refused a cash offer of \$75, for them, and we understand also refused an offer of \$2.50 per head for them, or \$92.50 for the lamb crop from these old cull ewes. More than that he has clipped from them 336 pounds of wool which we can safely count at 15 cents per pound, making \$50.40 more to be added to the increase. From the original flock he has lost 3 head leaving him 47, and these 47 head of ewes are worth more today than when he bought them because they are all fat enough for mutton and in good healthy condition. So we might say he has his original investment and a profit of \$92.50 in lambs, and \$50 in wool, or from an investment of \$82.50 he has realized \$142.50. The expense has been met by his own labor and with surplus weeds and oat pasture that would have otherwise gone to waste.

That it would pay every farmer to own a small flock of sheep is clearly demonstrated by the above statement of facts.—Talpa Post.

Light Crust flour \$1.39 per sack at The Globe. 26-2td 1tw

YOU'VE GOT TO EAT IF YOU STAY HERE.

Then why not eat the best at the same price.

A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.

Stroble's Restaurant

CASH PRICES

7 Bars Clariette Soap.....25c
7 Bars Cleanse Soap.....25c
7 Bars C-W Soap.....25c
25lb sack Granulated sugar.....\$1.19
Extra High Patent Flour, per sack.....\$1.39
High Patent Flour, per sack.....\$1.20
80c cans K. C. Baking Powder 65c
50c cans K. C. Baking Powder 40c
1 gallon can Green Velva Syrup.....55c
1 gallon can Red Velva Syrup 50c
1 gallon can New South Syrup 55c
3 boxes Search Light Matches 10c
Giant Lye, per can.....7c
Arm & Hammer Soda, per pkg 7c
3lb cans Tomatoes.....11c
2lb cans Tomatoes.....7 1-2c
2lb can V. C. Corn.....8c
10lb bucket Flake White Lard..\$1.10
10lb bucket Mrs. Tucker's Lard.....\$1.20
20lbs Frejole Beans.....\$1.00
18lbs. Pink Beans.....\$1.00
3lb cans Maxwell House Coffee..96c
25lb sack table salt.....23c
100lb sack stock Solt.....55c
25c Bottle Blueing.....23c
Brass King Wash Board.....38c
25c Hickory Ax Handle.....23c
60c Ironstone Plates, per set.....45c
50c Goblets, per set.....34c
Tumbler, per set only.....19c
Rapid Grinding Coffee Mill.....34c
Lamps, height 18 inches, complete with burner, wick and No. 2 chimney.....65c
BINDER TWINE, per pound.....10 1-2c
No. 2 Lamp Chimneys.....8c
No. 1 Lamp Chimneys.....4c
3lb cans Axle Grease.....19c
1lb cans Axle Grease.....7c
Moline Cultivators only.....\$25.00
All of our general Merchandise at slaughter prices. Come! Look through. Small purchases appreciated.

**Schawe
Grocery
Co.**

A Man's Drink—
A Woman's Drink—
Everybody's Drink



Vigorously good --- and keenly
delicious. Thirst-quenching
and refreshing.

The national beverage
---and yours.

Demand the genuine by full name—
Nicknames encourage substitution.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY

Atlanta, Ga.

Whenever
you see an
Arrow think
of Coca-Cola.



JACK MANGUM DEAD.

The San Antonio Express gives the account of the death of J. A. Mangum which occurred at his home in Uvalde last week. Deceased was a prominent stockman and president of the Uvalde National Bank. He at one time resided in this county, and is well known here by the old timers. He is a brother-in-law of N. J. Allen and W. W. Scott of this county.

KNOW PAINT.

There's a paint-education in this advertisement.

Buy by the job, not gallon. Buy by the paint put on; that's the job.

The price of paint is so much a gallon; that can't be helped, but amounts to nothing.

The price of painting is as much a day; that can't be helped, but amounts to nothing.

Put them together. How can you do it? You've got to lose perhaps half of your money.

Devoe, 10 gallons enough for the average job; an average paint, 15. Now reckon your costs. Count labor a day for a gallon. Devoe 10 days; the other 15.

Devoe about \$50; the average paint about \$70 or \$80; the dearer the labor the bigger the difference always that way.

But that's for the job. How long is it going to last? One twice as long as the other.

DEVOE.
Ballinger Lumber Co., sell it

ORGANIZED BLANTON CLUB.

W. L. Bailey, one of the prominent stockmen of the Miles country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and is very optimistic over the bright future for his section as to grass and a bumper crop of all kinds.

Mr. Bailey informed us that they organized a Blanton Club in his city last week with 107 members and Preston McKinley was elected chairman and R. D. Holmes secretary and says they will use every legitimate means to see that Judge Blanton gets a good vote in that section.

Highest market price paid for chickens and eggs at The Globe Store. 26-2td 1tw

COURT HOUSE WEDDING.

Judge Kleberg performed the ceremony in the sheriff's office this morning, that made T. L. Malone and Mrs. P. B. Hoeker man and wife. The contracting parties live in the Millar school house community east of town. They will make home on Mrs. Hoeker's place.

ROARK'S FEED STORE

Chicken feed: We now have a good hand mill with which we can put up all kinds of feed for chickens. Also have Pratt's Animal & Poultry Regulators. 26-2td 1tw

POST'S MILLIONS GO TO RELATIVES

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 25.—In the will of C. W. Post filed here for probate today, Mr. Post bequeathed over one half of his fortune to his wife Lelia Y. Post and to daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Post Close, of Greenwich, Conn. The remainder of the fortune was divided between two grand children and members of his firm, who are brothers or relations by marriage. It was announced that outside of the will provisions had been made for Post's father and mother, who live at Fort Worth, Texas. No charities were mentioned in the will. The estate is estimated at \$22,250,000.

The millionaire breakfast food man ended his life by shooting himself at his California home May 8.

Keep Bowel Movement Regular.

Dr. King's New Life Pills keep stomach liver and kidneys in healthy condition. Rid the body of poisons and waste. Improve your complexion by flushing the liver and kidneys. "I got more relief from one box of Dr. King's New Life Pills than any medicine I ever tried," says C. E. Hatfield, of Chicago, Ill. 25c at your Druggist.

Rev. W. J. Hicks, of Miles, was in Ballinger Monday.

USE "TIZ" FOR SOAR, TIRED, SWEATY FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.



"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful foot comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. And foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy. Just think! a whole year's foot comfort for only 25 cents.

History of Ballinger Schools; First Building Erected in 1889

"Education is the foundation stone upon which rests the intelligence, virtue and prosperity of a people and that this education may become of value and be disseminated among the masses, public schools are a necessity and that such public schools may be sustained, suitable buildings are a necessity. It therefore becomes the prime duty of every citizen to aid in the building of school houses and to support institutions of learning.

"The building contemplated will add largely to the money value of every property holder in the town and country; it will attract the home seeker; it will enable the farmer to educate his children at small cost, to make of them earnest men and women, prepared for the battle of life—it will cause the stockman to locate with us and plant his home tree. The artisan, the mechanic, the lawyer, the merchant, the laborer, all have a direct pecuniary and moral interest in this measure; for school houses are the forests of peace—more powerful for the protection of your firesides than the arsenals of war.

"One of the first acts of the American colonies when they landed on these shores was to provide schools for the education of their children. From that school house in the wilderness, has grown the grand wealth and glory of the American people. Washington, Jefferson, and Madison, our three great statesmen, have said: 'Build school houses, educate the masses and you will have enriched yourselves and country.'

"Then fellow citizens let us all rally to the work—let us have no laggards in the good cause, but when you are called upon by the solicitors, respond liberally, according to your means.

"To the business men we say, subscribe liberally, the investment will prove a paying one and you will reap large returns.

"To the stockmen, we say, subscribe liberally, it is economy to educate your children at home rather than abroad.

"To the laborer we say, aid us with your work, good schools make a thrifty people, invites immigration and creates a better demand for your labor.

"To the land owner we say, subscribe liberally, a good high school adds to our population and as the town and country grows, so do your lands increase in value.

"Respectfully,
"THE COMMITTEE."

And thus the prelude of the history of the Ballinger public schools was written. The actual work commenced a few days later. The foregoing is an excerpt from a report published in The Ballinger Leader, dated July 15, 1889. It was just after the citizens of Ballinger, then a wee little hamlet, in this western part of the state, had gathered at a mass meeting and decided that an institution of learning must be established here. Shortly prior to publication of the above, the citizens made an effort to get a Baptist college to locate in Ballinger, but their efforts proved in vain. The college went elsewhere. A large amount of money had been subscribed foring, according to Reed. Also, a

the college as a bonus. The inhabitants of the city knew that the time was ripe for the erection of a school building. They took advantage of the opportunity offered and shortly afterwards the first rock school building was erected in Ballinger.

The structure is today known as the Central school. It stands between Seventh and Eighth streets, and although changed in many respects by additions from its original form, the older inhabitants can readily see the resemblance in the modern building of today and the plain structure of twenty-five years ago.

For nineteen years it served the patrons of the Ballinger schools as a temple of knowledge, alone. In 1906, a second large building was erected and a few years later two ward schools were constructed, one being located in the western part of the city and the other in the South Ballinger part of town. Twenty-six years ago the children of the citizens of Ballinger were attending school in a rock church. Today they are attending school in four handsome stone buildings, each one larger than the first building.

Shortly after the construction of the Central building, a special law was drawn up by Judge M. C. Smith. It was passed by the Texas legislature and Ballinger had an independent school district. Quite different from the majority of schools, the Ballinger public schools are absolutely free from politics. This feature has probably given more towards the advancement of the local schools than any other one thing.

Those heading the committee which had charge of the raising of funds for the construction of the first school building in Ballinger were C. R. Crews, J. Y. Pearce, and W. E. Kerr, who were public school trustees and D. P. Gay, S. R. Muncey, C. H. Willingham, Dan Sullivan and R. H. McAlpine. The committee pushed the matter and soon actual work of construction of the building was underway.

The first principal in the Central building was F. B. St. Johns, who came to Ballinger from San Marcos, Texas. He was a graduate of Sam Houston Normal.

The following account, published in the Ballinger Leader at the time might be interesting on the present occasion:

"On the 16th day of last September, Professor F. B. St. John took for the first time charge of the public school of Ballinger as principal. The term of eight months then began.

"The enrollment the first day was 130. Now it is 220. Almost an equal number in sex. The ages vary from seven to twenty years. About 80 per cent are under twelve years.

"There are seven grades. The seventh grade contains what usually belongs to a high school. In fact, it is a high school division. It contains elementary algebra, according to Robinson; English grammar, according to Reed and Kellogg; civil government according to Young; physics according to Steele; advanced work in spelling, according to Reed. Also, a

complete course in physiology and hygiene, according to Dalton.

"The scholastic population of the district, wherein Ballinger is 250. It has just been newly laid out, and is larger than the former. The state allows \$4 and the county and district together \$5 per head. Total \$2250.

"Prof. St. John's salary is \$100 for every month of the term. That of the first assistant \$50; of the other assistants \$40 a piece. Total paid for tuition \$2160. The balance of the \$2230 is just sufficient to cover minor expenses, as fees, etc."

In the same paper, dated Aug. 8, 1890, a history of Runnels County is given. It was written by I. J. Rochussen, supposedly for some state paper which was gathering data on the various counties of the State of Texas. The account of the Ballinger schools which is given in the course of the article is as follows:

"There are fourteen school houses in use. Three more are in process of construction.

"Last term, altogether eighteen teachers were employed, and an aggregate sum of 4658 was paid for tuition. Of this \$1736 was received from the state. The scholastic population now is 738."

And then further on in the article, which touches on Ballinger rather extensively, it says: "The degree of culture of the citizens is best proven by the fact that a substantial and handsome public school house has just been built at an expense of \$10,000. The public treasury of the district has furnished only \$700 of this sum. The balance, that of \$9,300 or nearly the whole \$10,000, has been donated by citizens, not in their collective but in their individual capacity.

"The school board has just entered into a contract about a school to be kept in that building. The board undertakes to pay them jointly, and, in case of the death of the teacher, to the survivor, the sum of \$312.50 per scholastic month of 20 days, during eight consecutive calendar months."

From an enrollment of 130 on the first day the old rock school building was put into use to an enrollment of nearly one thousand, and tells the story of the progress of the Ballinger schools. The number of students attending the school has fluctuated from time to time within the past several years but at present it is remaining in the neighborhood of the thousand mark, it being slightly short of that mark.

The value of the Ballinger school property is in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00. There are four buildings, two main structures, and two ward schools, all modernly equipped. By the next term of school, two buildings will have been equipped with steam heating system if the present plans of the board of trustees materialize. At present the High School building is the only one which has this modern facility. The trustees plan to make the Central School up-to-date in heating apparatus during the summer months of this year.

The high school building was constructed in 1905 and 1906. Agitation for the construction of the new building was brought on after the old building had been crowded to its capacity. The time was ripe, too, for the organization of a high school. Previous to 1906 much of the high school work had been carried on in the eighth grade, which in short was the whole high school department.

A bond issue of \$20,000.00 was issued by the citizens of Ballinger for the construction of the new building. Most of the amount was used in the actual construction of the handsome building. Finding that the funds were running low, the board of trustees issued bonds amounting to \$20,000 in addition to the previous issuance. After steam heating apparatus and other modern improvements had been made in the new building, the board authorized the use of the balance in the treasury in the construction of two large ward buildings, one in the West End and the other in South Ballinger. The cost of each was in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

From the time the high school building was erected on the same grounds with the Central building the Ballinger students have been enjoying a full nine month's term. Although on several dif-

ferent occasions, it has been hard for the board of trustees to manage to pull through the school term with the cash on hand, they have in each case, handled the matter of short funds in some manner that has always been satisfactory and the students have attended practically the full nine months.

DON'T BE MISLED

Ballinger Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal.

Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. Used in kidney troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere.

The following statement forms convincing proof.

Mrs. L. L. Beard, Winters, Texas, says: "My daughter complained of weakness and pain in her back and a dull ache through her hips. Her kidneys were disordered and she was subject to headaches and dizzy spells. She was also nervous. She tried several remedies but was not relieved and when Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to our attention, we got a box. Through their use she improved and before long, the trouble left. We keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand at all times."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Beard had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, New York.

NEW SPECIES OF A BIRD

Mr. Conway, who lives on the J. F. Currie farm north of Ballinger, was here Friday and reports having killed a bird out on his place the past week that seems to be a new kind of bird, never having been seen before in this section. The bird resembles a black bird, with breast feathers like a water fowl and a long slim bill, and webfooted. It is said to be a real curiosity and it is said that the state game warden has left open season on this species of bird and it is suggested that some of the dove experts examine the bird and see if in any way they could be mistaken one for the other.

Child Cross? Feverish? Sick?

A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms, and almost every child has them. Gickapoo Worm Giller is needed. Get a box today. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Gickapoo Worm Giller is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN MAN GIVING REVIVALS

In a letter to J. Whit Patterson of this city, received this morning from Flomaton, Ala., it was stated that Rev. J. J. Justice, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger, had just closed a most successful revival in that little city.

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,
wtl Concho county, Tex.

Mrs. S. J. Carpenter left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio where she will visit her mother a few weeks. He will also visit other relatives in other sections of South Texas before returning home.

Wm. Smiley, J. F. Holliday, Horace Hawkins, Court Meeks and J. Alton Smith, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday morning en route to San Angelo to attend the Ball speaking in that city today.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.



For Neat, Quick and Reliable Abstract Work See
Security Title Company
Blue Back Abstracts and Conveyancing.

For Lowest Interest Rates on Realty Loans and Land
Bargains See
Chas. S. Miller.

DELICATE APPETITES

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.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

**THE MILLER MERCANTILE
COMPANY**

708 Hutchings Avenue

Ballinger Texas.

PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.
**Hardware, Implements and
Vehicles**
Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

GOOD POSITIONS! BETTER SALARIES!

The business world needs you as a

**Bookkeeper, Stenographer,
or Telegraph Operator**

At a splendid salary. Our business is to train you for these positions and place you in them. We enroll over 1200 students annually. Every National Bank in Ft. Worth is represented on our Directory Board.

**No Better Business College in the
United States. POSITIONS ABSO-
LUTELY GUARANTEED.**

Write today for Special Offer No. 16.

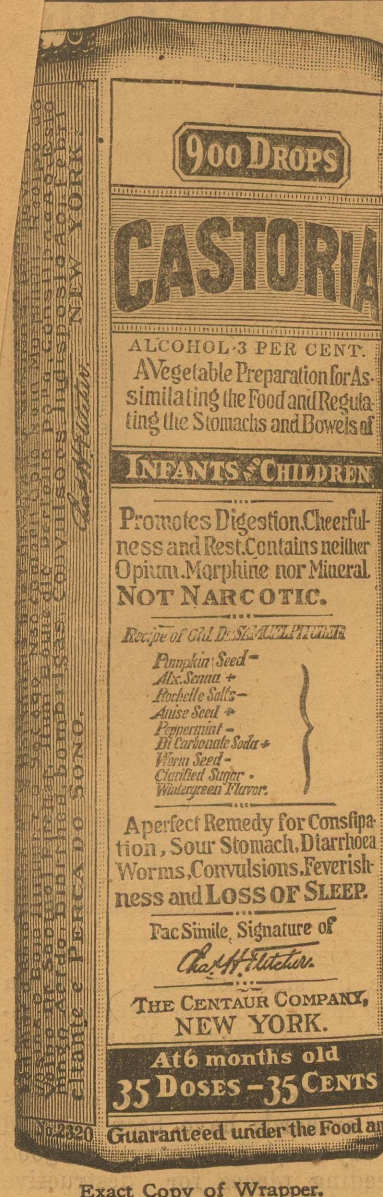
Brantley-Draughon Business College
Fort Worth, Texas.



Today is always yesterday--tomorrow. The man who waits to buy a Ford until tomorrow robs himself of just another day's opportunity to enjoy life--The Ford way. The light, strong Ford is the car of today. Why delay? Buy now!

Five hundred dollars is the new price of the Ford runabout; the touring car is five fifty; the town car seven fifty—all f. c. b. Detroit, complete with equipment. Get catalog and particulars from

R. L. HARWELL
Ballinger, Texas.



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over

Thirty Years

CASTORIA

Exact Copy of Wrapper.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

STOCKYARDS

DONATE HOGS

C. C. French, representative of the Ft. Worth packing house, notified J. H. Taylor, secretary of the Runnels County Hog Growers Association, that his company had made the Association the present of two fine registered hogs, and that the hogs would be shipped to Ballinger by express some time this week. Mr. Taylor says the hogs are coming as a donation to the Association and every member of the Association will be welcomed to share in the profit to be derived from these hogs. For the present one of the hogs will be kept by Mr. Taylor, and a place is to be selected for the other.

We understand that there is quite a demand for pigs by farmers who wish to raise hogs, and it has been suggested that those having pigs to sell, or those who want to buy pigs, communicate with J. H. Taylor, the secretary, at Ballinger, and in this way the buyer and the seller can be brought together.

The interest being manifested in hogs show that the farmers of this county are going to profit by raising hogs, and do their part towards putting an end to the millions of dollars that leave the state every year for pork products.

Indigestion? Can't Eat? No Appetite?

A treatment of Electric Bitters increases your appetite; stops indigestion; you can eat everything. A real spring tonic for liver, kidney, and stomach troubles. Cleanses your whole system and you feel fine. Electric Bitters did more for Mr. T. D. Peeble's stomach troubles than any medicine he ever tried. Get a bottle today. 50c and \$1.00 at your Druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Eczema.

Wm. Smiley of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route home from San Angelo where he had been to hear Col. Tom Ball speak Monday.

Capt. A. D. Tally and wife, of Crews, who had been spending the past week in Ballinger with their son W. A. Tally and family since their return from the East, left Monday afternoon for their home.

WITHOUT OPIATES NARCOTICS, FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR COMPOUND

STOPS COUGHS - CURES COLDS

For CROUP, BRONCHITIS, WHOOPING COUGH, LA GRIPPE COUGHS, HOARSENESS and ALL COUGHS and COLDS. It is BEST and SAFEST for CHILDREN and for GROWN PERSONS.

The Genuine is in a Yellow Package For Sale By All Dealers Everywhere.

FRIENDS SEE

BALL ROLL BY

After speaking at San Angelo Monday afternoon, Col. Tom Ball, candidate for governor, passed through Ballinger Tuesday morning en route to Brownwood, where he was billed for a speech Tuesday afternoon. Quite a number of citizens, Ball supporters, and some that were not Ball supporters, met the train, and greeted Col. Ball while the train was making the few minutes stop here. Judge Powell, who was among those who went to San Angelo to attend the Ball speaking, accompanied Col. Ball back to Ballinger and introduced him to those who met the train here.

When asked as to whether he would speak at Ballinger before the close of the campaign, Col. Ball stated that he could not say, but that he would be glad to come back if the committee that is handling his campaign and arranging his dates, saw fit to send him. He stated that the state was too large for any one man to speak in every town during the campaign, or even speak in every county in the state. He talked optimistically about the campaign and said the crowds wherever he had spoken were all that any speaker could wish for.

In his speech at San Angelo Col. Ball devoted considerable time to what he called "exposing campaign lies," and in answering the charges made against him connecting him with the liquor interests of Texas. The San Angelo Standard said: "He presented strongly his attitude on the prohibition question, standing for submission and statewide constitutional prohibition and, pending the adoption of statewide prohibition by the people, all lawful measures to minimize the evils of the saloons, and promised if elected, even if statewide prohibition carried or not, he would put the liquor interest and their politics out of the state."

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a Lintment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

HARVARD MEETS CORNELL ON THE CHARLES RIVER

BOSTON, May 26.—As hard fought a college eight-oared race as has been staged in years was expected today when Harvard meets Cornell on the Charles river course. Harvard's steady improvement in watermanship during the past few years has made the Cambridge navy greatly respected even by the ever winning Cornellians, and while Cornell was picked by the experts as the favorite, there was much money bet by Crimson followers at even that their oarsmen would beat the visitors. Today's event was the first big dual eight-oared race of the season.

TUNNELS IN HEART OF MEXICAN CITY

BY BERNARD RUCKER

(United Press Correspondent) VERA CRUZ, Mexico, May 26.—That the heart of Vera Cruz is a veritable honeycomb has just been discovered by the American forces occupying the port. Subterranean passages have been discovered connecting nearly all the buildings within several squares of the Plaza. The blue jackets under Admiral Fletcher discovered on the first day that the roofs of all the houses in a block were so connected that snipers might be a considerable distance away from the spot from which shots were fired by the time the sailor boys entered the house.

The discovery of the underground passages supplementing the inter-roof communications explained why the men from the ships were unable to capture the snipers who fired on them. During the two days of actual fighting and the several days of desultory sniping thereafter, the blue-jackets and marines were frequently mystified by the complete disappearance of the men they knew fired on them, or else the sudden appearance of the men in some other house, unarmed, no weapons to be found and smiling in friendly fashion, meanwhile uttering whole volleys of "amigos."

Early in the game it was discovered that there were innumerable passages from roof to roof, by which the Mexicans would scurry away when their sniping point of vantage was discovered. Frequently, when the Americans discovered a roof from which shots were being fired, they would storm the house and search it. Either they would find the place utterly deserted or they would find the householder on the ground floor, not a gun in sight. The discovery of the tunnels today shed a good deal of light on the escape of the snipers and the failure of the Americans to get them "with the goods." It is now obvious that once the Mexicans knew their places of concealment were discovered, they scuttled away over the roofs and through the subterranean passages and were in some totally different house when the Americans finally caught them.

Notwithstanding the stirring and martial events attending the American occupation of Vera Cruz, the education of the Mexican children here is not to be neglected. The public schools of the port were opened for work on Monday, May 4, after being closed for little more than a week. On Tuesday, April 21, when Admiral Fletcher landed marines and blue-jackets from the Utah and the Florida, the Mexican Superintendent of Instructions ordered the schools closed down indefinitely. Following the cessation of hostilities, the school children of town ran riot about the streets, most of them becoming newsboys selling the native papers, El Distamen, La Opinion, and the English paper, the Mexican Herald.

Enterprising Mexican school teachers awoke to their opportunity and reaped a rich harvest by taking private pupils at one peso a week each. When the situation was called to the attention of Civil Gov. Kerr, the governor forthwith issued an order commanding all public teachers to report for duty on Monday morning and a proclamation was ordered, notifying the Mexican people that their children could be returned to school. The Mexican public schools never close, but run all the year round. There is no summer vacation as in the United States, but from time to time the pupils drop out and take their rest from the school work, books, and slate.

E. J. Handley and Mr. Crockett of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

ELECTED DISTRICT RESERVE ELECTOR

In accordance with the Federal Reserve Act, The Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee designated five member banks, The First National Bank, Shreveport, La., Union National Bank, Houston, Frost National Bank, San Antonio, First National Bank, El Paso, Durant National Bank, Durant, Okla., all located in Dallas District No. 11, and the representatives of said bank met in Dallas, on May 18th, 1914, to execute a certificate of organization, and filed same with the comptroller of currency. The organization committee has classified the banks of each district into three groups, each group containing as nearly as possible one-third the aggregate number of banks, consisting of banks of similar capitalization.

Each member bank has instructed to call a meeting of its board of directors, and to elect a "district reserve elector" whose duty it shall be to nominate candidates and elect directors for the Federal Reserve Banks in Class A and B. The Board of Directors of The Federal Reserve Bank shall consist of nine members, divided into Classes A, B and C.

Class A directors to consist of three members to be chosen by member banks and to be representatives of the banks, but not necessarily officers, directors or stockholders of any bank.

Class B directors to consist of three members to be chosen by member banks, and at the time of their election shall be actively engaged in their district in commerce, agriculture, or some other industrial pursuit and shall not be an officer, director or employee of any bank.

Class C directors to consist of three members to be appointed by Federal Reserve Board at Washington, one of which shall be chairman of the board, and shall not be an officer, director, employee or stockholder of any bank.

No senator or representative in Congress shall be a member of the Federal Reserve Board, or an officer or director in a federal reserve bank.

The members of the Dallas Clearing House Association have issued invitations to all District Reserve Electors to meet in Dallas on May 30th, 1914, realizing the great importance of selecting a Board, representative of all the interests in the District.

The First National Bank of our city is the only member of the Federal Reserve Bank in Runnels County, and has been allotted 135 shares of its stock, and will be entitled to one vote and having a Capital Stock and Surplus of over \$225,000.00 will be in group one, and at a meeting of its Directors R. G. Ervin Cashier, was elected District Reserve Elector.

The only nominations in Class A at this time are Oscar Wells, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Houston, representing the bank, and in Class B, Marion Sansom of Ft. Worth, Frank Kell of Wichita Falls, and J. J. Culbertson of Paris to represent commerce, agriculture and live stock industries.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

SOCIALIST LEADER DIES

BARRE, Mass., May 26.—Jacob Ries, a well-known socialist and friend of Theodore Roosevelt died here this afternoon after a long illness.

Tad Richards of Blackwell, came in Tuesday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

What "Bee Dee" Means

"Bee Dee" on the label means REAL VALUE inside the package, and RESULTS and SATISFACTION after the contents have been used. Always ask for "Bee Dee" when you buy a stock or poultry remedy. "Bee Dee" remedies are prepared from pure, medicinal ingredients, in a scientific way, and are genuine medicines that you can depend on.

Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY LINIMENT—BIP
Bee Dee Healing Powder—Bee Dee Colic Remedy

After using the Bee Dee Remedies generally for sometime, we take pleasure in saying that they are giving entire satisfaction, and we cheerfully recommend them.

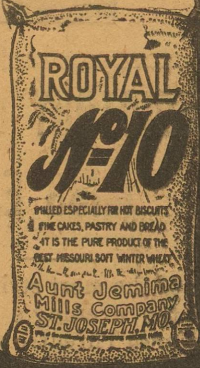
McMillen Stock Farm, Waco, Texas.

You can get them at your dealers. P. B. 6



ROYAL No. 10 FLOUR

Made of clean, Missouri soft winter wheat, makes bread, cake, cookies, everything—rich and tender as long as they last.



For your all-round baking order Royal No. 10—The Flour DeLuxe

Royal No. 10 Flour sold by

J. M. Radford Grocery Co., Distributors

RUNNELS CO. BOY

WINNING FAME

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 26.—Mr. Thomas Powderly Martin of Ballinger, a student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University has been awarded one of the four Edward Austin Fellowships of \$500. for the coming year. Mr. Martin graduated from the Leland Stanford University with the degree of A. B. in 1913, and has been working for a master's degree at Harvard in the department of History.

The above is none other than Tom Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin, who live North of Ballinger on Route 4. He spent last summer in Ballinger, and had charge of the local band. His many friends in Runnels county will be glad to know of his success.

NEW YORKER ADDRESSES LIBRARIAN'S CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, May 26.—John Foster Carr, director of the Immigrant Education Society, of New York, was the principal speaker at today's sessions of the sixth annual conference of the American Library Association which opened its session here yesterday. "The Library and the Immigrant," was the subject of an interesting address by Director Carr. He pleaded for more general use of libraries and the extending of facilities that would afford a wider use of them by immigrants. He declared that libraries offer one of the best means for molding the immigrant into an American.

"Libraries for Rural Communities," was the subject of an address in which W. P. Claton, United States Commissioner of Education, made a strong plea for more and better libraries in small towns, villages and rural districts as a method of educating those members of such communities who cannot afford the time to attend the regularly established educational institutions. "The Need of a National Archive Building," was the subject discussed by Dr. Franklin Jameson, director of the Department of Historical Research Carnegie Institute, Washington.

Dr. J. T. Boone of Wingate, came in Tuesday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or so.

CANDIDATE OUT

OF SUPT. RAGE

Winters, Texas, May 25, 1914. To the Voters of Runnels County:

Some time ago I announced to the public that I would be a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction. At the time I made the announcement I thought that I would be able to engage in an active campaign of the county; but owing to fact that the health of my family will not permit me to be away from them and the expense of the campaign more than I can legitimately bear, I will therefore withdraw from the race and at the same time take this method of thanking the many voters of the County that promised me their support. I am sincerely,

S. C. HARRIS

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended, and after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey, 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

FORMER BALLINGER LADY BADLY BURNED

Mrs. W. P. Humphrey was badly burned at her home in San Angelo last Friday, when gasoline with which she was cleaning clothes, became ignited and enveloped her in flames. The woman rushed out in the yard and the rain that was falling heavily and the aid of friends the flames were extinguished, but not until serious injuries had been done. Mrs. Humphrey is badly burned, but not necessarily fatally.

Is Sickness A Sin?

A Sin of Commission or a Sin of Omission? Or Both? We transgress Nature's laws, the Liver strikes, then we omit or neglect until we ache or sicken. Loosen the dammed-up bile. Keep it loose with the old-time-tried May Apple Root, (Podophyllin), Podophyllin with the gripe taken out is called

PODOLAX

The Class of 1914

VALEDICTORY OF
MISS E. MILLER

One of the most striking addresses of the evening's exercises at the Princess Theatre was the short talk of Miss Edith Miller, valedictorian of the Class of 1914. Miss Miller, in her own style, expressed in behalf of the senior class, thanks for the many courtesies conferred upon them during the years spent in the high school of Ballinger, and bid teachers, classmates, citizens of Ballinger and Superintendent W. S. Fleming a fond farewell.

Miss Miller won several scholarships for the persistent efforts in the class room. Her average grade was 92.1.

Her address last evening follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Board of Trustees and Member of the Faculty:

We, the graduating class of 1914, appreciate the honor conferred upon us by your presence here tonight. We are indeed glad that you have come to enjoy with us this, our night of nights. Tonight we conclude an eventful career. Our high school life has passed more rapidly than we have realized. Tonight marks the end of one career and the commencement of another. Yet we feel that with the knowledge we have obtained we are prepared to understand and hope with the difficulties attending the new career.

As valedictorian in behalf of the class, I bid you farewell, but I do so with regret. Members of the Board of Trustees: We wish to thank you for your kind labors and efforts in our behalf. We appreciate the courtesies that you have extended to us and the good kind teachers with which you have provided the school during the last four years. And now we bid you farewell, wishing you success for the ensuing year.

To you, Mr. Fleming, and other members of the faculty we wish to say that we shall not be oblivious to your zeal and efforts to teach us what we should know. We may have caused you worry and anxiety, but tonight let us forget and bury the past. If not, then, let it be but a pleasant memory. Your guidance and admissions have been for our good and we assure you we appreciate your toils in this direction. Wishing each one of you health, success and prosperity, we bid you farewell.

To the citizens of Ballinger, In-

dependent School District, we desire to say this: stand by your schools, be proud of them, for such a right you have. The education that your children receive here is of such a nature and value that they can successfully meet and grapple with the ordinary affairs of life.

Farewell, to each and everyone of you; farewell.

SALUTATORY OF
MISS G. CURRIE

The salutatory was delivered by Miss Geneva Currie, who won second honors of the Class of 1914. On account of the length of the program, she failed to deliver her short talk. As arranged by Miss Currie, the speech follows:

Citizens of Ballinger, members of the school board, teachers and school mates. The Class of 1914 bids you welcome to their closing exercises this evening. We have come to the end of our happy high school career and are about to wander into the great and mysterious garden of life. It is with a feeling of sadness that we leave one and approach the other, but the spirit of joy at having passed successfully one great milestone of life, far exceeds the sadness of farewell. "The past forever gone, the future still our own," our class motto, is indeed fitting. We hope that you will catch the spirit of our happiness this evening and enjoy with us our closing exercises. Citizens of Ballinger, members of the school board, teachers, and school mates, I, as salutatorian and representative of the class of 1914, extend to you a hearty welcome. Be assured that you will always find a most joyous and happy welcome at the "End of the Rainbow." Welcome.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheeks. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE OPEN
TO TRAFFIC 31 YEARS

NEW YORK, May 23.—Thirty-one years ago today Brooklyn Bridge, for a long time the greatest structure that spanned any river, was opened to traffic. The only celebration was the flying of flags from the Manhattan and Brooklyn ends. In its thirty-one years the great suspension bridge had earned close to \$24,000,000 in tolls for the city, according to estimates based on the earnings of \$23,244,572.31 up to one year ago. The greatest source of revenue is from street cars. An average of about 4,000, at a revenue of ten cents a car, pass over the bridge every day.

Rowland Jones, the assistant freight clerk at the A. & S. depot in our city, returned home Tuesday at noon from a short business trip to Abilene.

CROWDED HOUSE
AT COMMENCEMENT

With an attendance that packed the Princess Theatre, the Ballinger high school commencement exercises were held last evening. Although the exercises were long and the inclosure was extremely warm on account of the lack of windows, the play was thoroughly enjoyed by every one of the several hundred present. Because of the lateness of the hour, two numbers on the program were not rendered. They were, however, musical numbers and will be rendered at two recitals which will be given here by music teachers.

The play, "At the End of the Rainbow," staged by the senior class of the Ballinger High School, with the assistance of a few outsiders, was one of the features of the commencement exercises. It was a good wholesome comedy with a string of seriousness running throughout the plot. Although there was the appearance of "amateurism" running through the play, the comedy was well gotten up and well received by the audience, probably more so because of the familiarity of the audience with the actors and actresses. Several characters showed the qualities of the professional stage men and women and this fact assisted the play wonderfully. Mrs. M. Kleberg coached the seniors in their staging of the play and through her efforts much of the success of the play must be credited.

Those graduating this year were Misses Edith Miller, Hattie Miller, Margaret Futch, Ona Hartman, Mary Eagan, Mary Sue Spill, Myrtle Whitaker, Geneva Currie, Ila Garlington and Messrs. Edward Futch, Clay Rayburn, Delbert Vancil, Elmer Allison and Harry Lynn.

Supt. W. S. Fleming of the Ballinger public schools, prior to the awarding of the diplomas, delivered a short address, emphasizing the importance of school work, the excellent character of the senior class, and pointing out the fact that the members of the 1914 class were ending one career and starting upon another.

The program as rendered follows:

1. Invocation, Rev. A. C. Smith
2. Instrumental Solo; Valse Lenat—Dolmetch..... Miss Ona F. Hartman.
3. Salutatory—Miss Geneva Currie
4. Instrumental Solo; Valse Brillante—Chopin..... Miss Mary Sue Spill
5. Play: "At the End of the Rainbow."
6. After Act II, Duet: Military March—Flager..... Misses Miller and Spill
7. At close of play, Instrumental Solo: (a) Impromptu, Reinhold. (b) Valse Caprice, Newland..... Miss Geneva Currie
8. Valedictory..... Miss Edith L. Miller
9. Presentation of Diplomas, Certificates and Scholar-

THE GRADUATES OF
1914.

- Harry Lynn
- Hattie Miller
- Edith Miller
- Clay Rayburn
- Mary Sue Spill
- Delbert Vancil
- Myrtle Whitaker
- Elmer Allison
- Geneva Currie
- Mary Eagan
- Edward Futch
- Margaret Futch
- Ila Garlington
- Ona Hartman

- The Officers.
- President—Hattie Miller.
 - Secretary-Treasurer—Harry Lynn.
 - Class Prophet—Myrtle Whitaker.
 - Class Historian—Mary Eagan.
 - Class Poet—Edith Miller.

- Class Flower—Sunflower
- Class Motto—The Past
- Forever Gone, the Future
- Still Our Own.

- Class Yell.
- Blom-a-Lacka, Boom-Boom
 - Coon-a-lacka, Coon-Coon,
 - Lunes! Lunes! No we're not
 - Seniors Seniors! on the
 - Dot.

- ships..... W. S. Fleming
- 10. Instrumental Solo: Polka de Concert, Bartlett..... Miss Edith L. Miller
- Benediction.

Whooping Cough

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

LET'S HELP THOSE
WHO HELP US

We do not believe that it is right for the citizens to patronize transient peddlers and send money away from home, when the local merchant can supply the article, or one that will fill the bill, at a price that will compare favorably with the transient peddler's price. Grocery peddlers, shirt peddlers, hose peddlers, etc., have been working Ballinger recently, and we have been informed that people who are in debt to the local merchants have been patronizing the agents, and sending their cash away for goods that they could have bought at home, and in some instances paid a higher price than the goods are sold for in the Ballinger stores. The local merchant is the man that helps to build up his town, pays his taxes, etc., and when you want to buy goods on a credit, you go to the local merchant, and not to the transient peddler.

Nothing "Just as Good" or
as Economical for Doughnuts

—For Biscuit, Pies
—Muffins, Waffles,
—and Home Baking
Success and
Satisfaction

One Heaping Teaspoonful's Enough

Health Club is the purest, strongest and most economical Baking Powder obtainable at any price.

LAYTON'S HEALTH CLUB
25 OUNCES
ONE SPOON
Baking Powder
Only One Cent an Ounce

In 10, 15 & 25¢ Cans at all Good Grocers

SCHOOLS SHOULD
TEACH BUG-ODOLOGY

AUSTIN, May 26.—Bug-ology or entomology, should be taught in Texas public schools and the farmer should make it a practical part of his ordinary knowledge, says Ed R. Kone, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, in a special article written for the United Press.

A loss to Texas of about \$40,000,000 annually due to injurious species of insects makes this education necessary.

The Texas Department of Agriculture, which has saved many thousands of dollars to Texas farmers and fruit growers, stands ready to assist them in their entomological studies as well as in other problems relating to farming. Professor E. E. Scholl is entomologist in the Department. Ed L. Ayers, a graduate of Texas A. & M. College, has just succeeded Pathologist A. E. Miller as assistant to Professor Scholl.

"The increase in destructive insects," said Commissioner Kone, "is due to some of the following reasons:

"1. Many of the original food plants of bugs have been destroyed and are now being replaced by more succulent crops to which these pests are adapting themselves.

"2. Useful birds and insectivorous animals have been slaughtered so that the few remaining friends cannot assist us materially in fighting insects.

"3. On account of increased transportation facilities many injurious insects have been carried from place to place. Most of these have not had parasites brought with them and consequently have no natural agencies to hold them in check.

"4. Not so many years ago our farms were scattered and it was hard for a pest easily to migrate from one farm to another; but now, since large areas are in cultivation and farms are located

side by side for miles, it is an easy matter for the insects to increase and migrate in all directions.

"5. Many fields and old useless orchards have been allowed to 'lay out,' thus serving as good breeding places for destructive insects.

"For these reasons the farmer should make a strong effort to study insects and economical methods of fighting them. The vast amount of good that can be done by knowing what to do in case of a serious outbreak of insects should be sufficient reason for every person indulging in agricultural pursuit to desire to secure more knowledge on economic entomology."

Chamberlain's Liniment

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains, and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cents bottles. For sale by all dealers.

LEFT FOR NEW MEXICO

Will Globber accompanied the car with the Globber household goods etc., Tuesday afternoon en route to their new home in New Mexico. Ed Globber and family will leave Wednesday afternoon for the same point to make their future home.

The many friends of these estimable citizens regret exceedingly to see them leave our city but wish them success and happiness in their new location.

Will Globber says he will always call Ballinger home and will visit here as often as possible.

W. S. Wilmett of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S
BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

DR. BELL'S
Antiseptic Salve

soon destroys these germs and keeps them clean and healthy until nature heals. Use it on the face, lips, in the nose, anywhere, for it is **CLEAN, PURE AND HEALING.**
"Tell It By The Bell"

Skin Blemishes
Caused By Germs

Germs get under the skin or in a broken place, and it is hard to get rid of them. Put ointment or ointment on the face, lips, in the nose, anywhere, for it is **CLEAN, PURE AND HEALING.**
"Tell It By The Bell"

MEMBERS OF The Graduating Class: It seems to me but yesterday when like you, I stood upon the threshold of my real life. I almost feel the

"Wild pulsations that I felt before the strife, When I had my days before me and the tumult of my life."

I shall therefore speak to you to-night not as a teacher, but as one of yourselves—as one knowing your feelings, having your despairs, joining in your ambitions. I come to welcome you in your pass from school life into real life; to welcome you to its failures; to welcome you to its successes; to welcome you to its labors; to welcome you to its honors. You have this night turned your backs upon the green fields and still waters of a mere scholastic life; henceforth you take your place upon the hard road of life, to be jostled by your neighbors and hurried by the restless throng as it sweeps along. Henceforth you search for your Pierian spring amid the lights and shadows of working life, and listen to the voice of duty amid the sounds and tramping of a hurried generation. Your teachers have led you up to this hour; hereafter you cut your own way with your own right hand, and make for yourselves your place in life, with no other tutor than your brain. You enter—

"Upon the dark and stormy tides, Where life gives battle to the elements, and man

Wrestles with man for some slight plank Whose weight will bear but one while round the

Desperate wretch the angry billows roar And fierce fate, like some angry monster, Dim seen through the surf,

Waits him who drops."

Class of 1914: Let me advise you that as the future looms up before you, you should be of good cheer and work enthusiastically and diligently for the good of your neighbor, your school and your country. May you always uphold the honor of this school and bring only fame and glory to your ALMA MATER. May the memories of your life here aid you and be with you forever. May

you be as successful in the business life as you have been in your school course.

Your motto: "The Past is Forever Gone and the Future still our own" surely was well chosen. Strive to follow its teachings and always prefer honorable defeat to ill-gotten glory.

As Commencement is now here, I am sure all of you feel that you have spent your time profitably in finishing your High School course. You have had many weary days but every cloud has a silver lining. Possibly while you do not realize it, school life holds more joys for the most of you than any other time in life. During your four years in High School you have had many pleasures and in later years you will look back over the past and wish you could live these happy years over again.

Most important of all as you go on, strive toward true manhood and womanhood. Gain from each day's experience that which will tend to strengthen your character and fit your lives for the great responsibilities which must rest upon you in the future. Let "How you should live," "How you can make your lives most useful," and "How you can best fit yourselves for some noble work" be uppermost in your minds. Try "to be rather than to seem." May you always undertake the right thing from the right motive, and DO what you undertake.

Never forget that as a class you are indebted to your parents who have fed and clothed you and allowed you to attend school. No less are you indebted to our citizens and their agents, the Board of Trustees, who by their money have furnished you the school, the equipment and teachers.

You owe your teachers for their help in school and

Prof. Fleming Presents Diplomas



W. S. FLEMING, Superintendent

for their earnest and sympathetic thought long after school has closed. These debts you can best pay by living as nobly and efficiently as possible, by striving always to improve yourselves and the community in which you live.

This is a day of sadness and rejoicing: it marks both the beginning and end of important eras in our careers. The care-free High School days are over and you stand ready to face the more serious problems of life. You cannot help feeling glad that you are through, for you have toiled laboriously for four years and at last your work is finished—for the present at least. But soon you will begin again. A large portion of you will go to College or Normal School, a few may not be so fortunate but will start life work soon, but wherever you are and whatever you are doing do not forget where you came from, and make your after life a fitting completion of the start you got here at BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL.

Now in closing let me remind you that you have been educated by the State for the service of your country. You are expected to enlist in the great army of progress. The battles that you are expected to fight may be bloodless, but they will require the same courage, the same fortitude, the same self-reliant spirit, which win the laurel wreath for the rifle and the sword. It is in your power to be an honor or a disgrace to your school, your home and your country.

Grant that you may use your knowledge and influence to make the flag which floats over this land represent not only the strongest and richest nation,

but also the cleanest and purest government in the history of the world. Do every day what you know to be right. With your faces ever turned toward the door of Hope, keep the eye of faith steadily fixed on that distant but golden age when truth shall triumph, when peace shall prevail, when love like the atmosphere shall envelope the earth.

It now gives me pleasure in behalf of the State of Texas and the local Board of Trustees to bestow upon you the highest honor this school has to give—that of graduation.

SCHOOL NOTES FROM THE FILES.

In an issue of the Ballinger Leader of date 1889, the names of the students of the Ballinger schools who gained honors by neither being tardy nor absent from school is given. The old paper says:

"The following are the names of the students who have neither been tardy nor absent during the month ending January 25th:

Annie Evans, Ollie Caswell, Tommie Rape, Maud Erwin, Max Burks, Lee Craddock, Annie Massey, Eva Brown, Myrtle Caswell, Frank Allen, Buren Howard, Johnnie Greene, Portus Gay, Minnie Holmsley, Katie O'Neil, Carrie Holmsley, Harp Sharp, Cleo Burks, Preston Sheider, Avis Nairn, Priscilla Rape, John Gay, John Evans, Lucy Lafoon, Susie Sharp, Ethel Erwin, Mary Holmsley, Eddie Copeland, Chas. Green, Mattie Nairn, Della Younger, Lee Nairn, Lewis Massey.

Sick Headache

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by all dealers.

Growing

Growing

Growing

Growing

THREE years ago we announced to the trading public that we were bidding for their trade on the grounds that we would sell only good **Reputable Merchandise** and that based on a fair living profit, and that if they would trade with us that should we make good, the profits would go to Runnels County Citizens, (as our stock holders all were citizens of this county.) These promises have all been made good and we are proud of the growth of our business, and we are grateful for their support. Again we make the same promise and will sell only **Good Reputable Merchandise** and charge a fair living profit, and again we wish to call your attention to the different lines of merchandise we sell.

Dry Goods

We buy the principle portion of our Dry Goods from The Ely and Walker Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis, and when it comes from them the style, price and quality is right, this line consists of E. & W. Shirts, Top-sy Hosiery, Red Ball Work Clothes, Hamilton Brown Shoes, this is the best all family shoe that is on the market today, Star Brand Hats, Curlee Clothing.

Hardware

We have The Bridge and Beach and Garland Cook and Heating Stoves, Perfection and Quick Meal Oil and Gasoline Stoves, Majestic Family and Hotel Ranges, Keen Kutter shelf hardware and Edge Tools, Lawn Mowers and garden and Weeding and Cotton Hoes and Rubber Hose.

Farm Implements

McCormick Grain Binders, Mowers, Rakes, and Corn Harvesters, and Binder Twine: these have all ways been the best and are still in that class alone. Luky Jim, Lone Star and Bully Boy Cultivators. Mr. Bill and Chief Planters, Aermotor and Sampson Wind Mills.

Groceries

We sell the very best brands such as American Lady Flour, Limited, Maxwell House and Club Lake Coffee and we buy from our local jobbers and as near as it is possible we spend Runnels County money in Runnels County.

We have our envelopes and office stationery printed in Runnels County.

Buggies and Surrys.

Moon Brothers (the genuine not the imitation) Buggies, Phoetons surreys and rnn-a-bouts. Connersville bugfies, Phoetons

Bain and Old Hickory Wagons

You can clearly see from the above that you run no risk at all when you trade with us, you get good goods and the prices are always right considering the quality of goods we offer. If you like our goods, our prices, our terms, and if our way of doing business appeals to you we want you for a customer.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

P. S. We are not in a trust, or member of any combination.

Stomach Trouble; Wholly Restored!

Mrs. Wilson Robison, 744 Nessel St., Toledo, Ohio, writes:

"I feel like a new person. I have no more heavy feelings, no more pain, don't belch up gas, can eat most anything without it hurting me. I want to be working all the time. I have gained twenty-four pounds."

"People that see me now and saw me two months ago seem astonished. I tell them Peruna did it. I will say it is the only remedy for spring and all other ailments."

No argument is needed for Peruna. Just get a bottle and try it. If you have catarrh of the stomach you have a serious trouble. If you want to find a remedy it would be very easy to make the experiment. Before you have taken Peruna a week you will likely find yourself better, then you will need no testimonials on the part of other people, or arguments to convince you. Until you try Peruna, however, all the testimonials in the world and arguments, however logical, will not move you. Just one trial of Peruna will convince you.

Persons who object to liquid medicines can now obtain Peruna Tablets.

TOO MUCH RAIN IN MIDDLE TEXAS

J. N. Adams returned from Hamilton Tuesday at noon where he went to be at the bedside of his brother, who was seriously ill. We are glad to note that Mr. Adams' brother was considerably improved when he left him.

Mr. Adams says the country in Hamilton and Erath and all the surrounding counties are badly soaked with heavy rains, and that crops are backward and the farmers behind with their work. He says that no more than one-third of the cotton crop had been planted when it began to rain, and that what was planted is doing no good. He says this country is far ahead of our neighbors this year.

Reports from over Runnels county say that crops are just as good as they could be at this season. If the prospects hold up it is going to take all hands and the cook to handle them during the harvesting period.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls heal up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

LEFT FOR WINTERS.

Mrs. Ebb Cathey and little daughter, Miss Felda spent the day at Winters Saturday with Mr. Cathey arranging their home there and shipped out their household goods Monday for that point where they will make their future home. Mrs. Cathey and the children left on the 1:30 Abilene & Southern train Monday. The many friends of the family regret to see them leave our city, but wish them success and happiness in their new home.

For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writes Mrs. F. H. Trubus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

NEW SHOE MAN LOCATES HERE

M. E. Harle, and experienced shoe salesman, formerly of Dallas, has located in Ballinger, having accepted a position with the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. Mr. Harle's family will arrive in a few days and will make Ballinger their home.

RENALT

A PURE VEGETABLE REMEDY
Is nature's own relief for sufferers of KIDNEY, STOMACH and BLADDER TROUBLES, RHEUMATISM and BRIGHT'S DISEASE. It will help YOU. Why not try a bottle to-day?

SOLE BY
J. Y. PEARCE

Stores in Gotham Plan to Close Every Saturday

NEW YORK, May 25. Wanamaker's, Altman's, Lord and Taylor's, McCreary's and other great department stores are planning to close their doors all day Saturday during the two hottest summer months and give their tens of thousands of shopgirls and clerks relief.

They have announced that they

will not reduce the wages of the employees nor the usual vacations which are expected.

It was stated that the owners of the big department stores intend to set an example and spread the policy adopted today. It is expected that the closing of the New York stores on Saturday will have a national humane effect.

RETURNED TO COKE FOR BURNING HOUSE

BRONTE, MAY 23.—M. R. Jones, charged with arson, in connection with the burning of a couple of business houses in Bronte early on the morning of January 29th, 1908, was lodged in jail Monday at Robert Lee. Jones was arrested some weeks ago at San Francisco and Sheriff Mace of Lampasas went after him. The prisoner exhausted his finances and legal means, to escape return to Texas but his fight was in vain.

Jones and Bob Gracy were arrested soon after the fire and were indicted. Gracy occupied one of the buildings and it was he who gave the alarm. He told conflicting stories and was at once suspected of starting the fire. During the day he left town and was caught at Ballinger and brought back. Sheriff Hickman permitted him to get a letter from Bronte postoffice and then took possession of it. The letter revealed the fact that Jones had hired Gracy to burn the house, which he had purchased and still owed \$1100 on. He had the building insured and of course was after the insurance money. Both were indicted and Gracy was sent over the road, having already served out his term. Jones was never tried, having twice skipped his bond. He was caught in Oklahoma the same year and brought back, and when admitted to bond again he got out of sight and was lost for more than five years. At last he fell into the clutches of sleuths in California and now has a berth in the Coke county jail, and the doors of the pen are yawning to receive him.

FISHERMAN HAS HARD LUCK

A man by the name of Williams, who has been making his way by fishing during the spring, happened to the misfortune to lose his entire fishing outfit, including his boat, and lost his horse by drowning Thursday night. Williams was camped on the creek, and had his horse staked out. During the night the horse became entangled in the rope, falling with his head in a ravine, and the heavy rain covered the horse's head and drowned him. The rise in the creek washed away all the man's lines and hooks and carried his boat down stream. Adam Hulse went to the man's rescue with his donkey, bringing the camp outfit to town, and pulling the dead horse to the dump grounds.

LITTLE BOY DIED FRIDAY MORNING

Ewing, the seven-year-old son of J. H. Goehring, of Concho county, died in Ballinger Friday morning after an illness of two or three weeks. Death was due to typhoid fever. The child was brought here for treatment, and the father secured a home on Tenth Street. The remains were carried to Concho for interment.

Mrs. Goehring, the mother of the child, died about three weeks ago, after a lingering illness with consumption.

SOME COKE COUNTY SHEEP.

Joe Stocks, just over the river, has a Ramboulet ewe that weighs 200 pounds. Another ewe of the same breed, yielded 22 1-2 pounds of wool and weighed 176 pounds with her spring fleece removed. A two-year-old ewe in wool weighs 181, and a yearling ewe 160. A yearling buck could not be weighed on scales drawing 200 pounds, and our friend Joe Setoks has a buck 3 months and ten days old that weighs 102 pounds. Some sheep, isn't it? Seven bucks of the same age weigh a total of 638.

One more statement and this true story is ended: Mr. Stocks has 252 ewes that are carrying 328 lambs.—Bronte Enterprise.

BOYS' BRIGADE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Sunday was the day set apart for the installation of officers of the Boys' Brigades of America, and the local Brigade held their installation services at the Ninth Street Baptist Church at 3:30, Rev. Adkins conducting the service.

A uniform program had been sent out from the headquarters at New York, and this program was carried out in the impressive service here, and a large crowd witnessed the ceremony. The program consisted of songs, responsive readings, a number of addresses by local speakers. Rev. Adkins made a brief address on "What is the Boys' Brigade?" Other talks were made by Judge R. S. Griggs, L. E. Bair and Ed Futch. The musical program consisted of familiar hymns, such as "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," etc., and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson.

The officers installed were, Troy Simpson, captain; David Gregory, lieutenant; Karl Nance, Riley Golden, Robert Lowery, Corporals. Non-commissioned officers, Chas. Miller, J. C. Bair and Ralph Bair, corporals.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Gifford*

BALLINGER MAN SEES BIG YIELD OF GRAIN

According to George Vaughn, the attenuated pioneer of Ballinger, who is in the city, Runnels county will make enough this year in a crop way to almost strike a fair average for the short crops of the last five years.

"We have had lots of rain, but not too much—in fact we have never had too much," said Mr. Vaughn when speaking of conditions in Runnels county. "Our grain crop will undoubtedly give a bigger yield than has been the case since less than 100 bushels per acre was regarded as only a fair yield in our section. Our farmers are little behind with their work, but they will be able to catch up with ten days of sunshine and that is about all that will be needed.—Fort Worth Record.

YOUNG FARMER SAYS CROPS LOOKING GOOD

Blain Odom, one of the prominent young farmers of the New Home community, and a live wire in the Boys Feterita Club, was a pleasant caller at the Ledger office first of the week. Mr. Blain says the Feterita is looking fine, his crop being knee high, and that all the crops in the New Home neighborhood are looking good. He reports no damage from rain, but says the rain was a great benefit to everything in his neighborhood.

Summer Term.

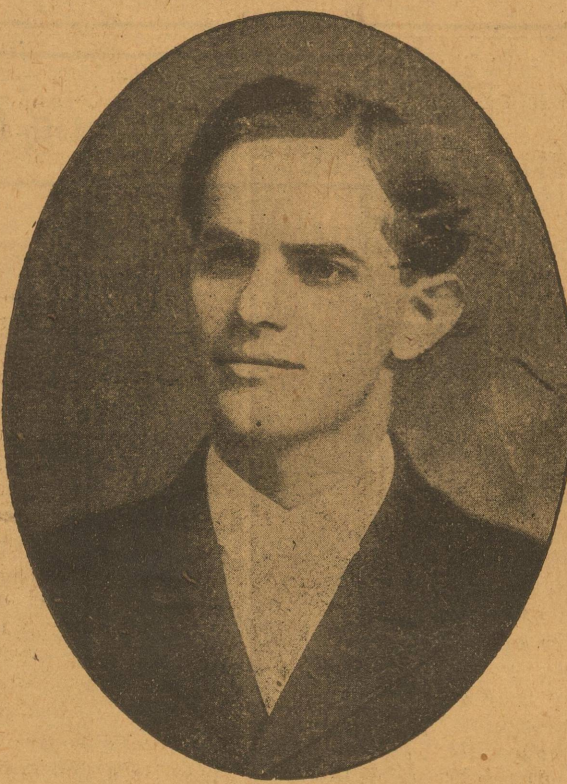
Miss Olga H. Schawe will begin her summer term of music June 1. Studio 205 Ninth Street. Telephone 267. 28-2td 1tw

R. L. and Lynn Stokes, of the Dry Ridge section, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

WHEN YOU ARE NERVOUS

you have the first symptom of a run-down system, and nervous people too often conceal their aches and pains and suffer in silence, while, if neglected, this condition often ferments more serious trouble.

If those so afflicted would stop taking medicine containing alcohol or drugs which menace the foundations of health, and just take the pure, strengthening nourishment in Scott's Emulsion, it would create new blood to pulsate through the organs, refresh their bodies and build up the whole nervous system. It is rich, sustaining nourishment, free from wines, alcohols or drugs. Shan substitutes.



A REVIVAL MEETING

Conducted by Rev. Allie Irick and wife will begin at the Nazarene Church in Ballinger, Wednesday, June 17th.

Rev. Irick is a strong man of God, a world-wide evangelist having held great meetings over the United States, and in five different foreign countries, and made a Missionary tour around the world. Mrs. Irick possesses great ability to give out the gospel message and is an experienced preacher having gone hand in hand with the above in the Master's work for many years. Mrs. Irick has been as successful in evangelistic work as her husband, and the two together in this meeting promises the greatest revival ever held here.

Don't fail to attend this gospel feast, every child of God is given a special invitation. Special Songs.

E. W. WELLS, Pastor.

2526 FARMS IN RUNNELS COUNTY

There are 2526 farms in this county.

83 per cent of the land area of this county is in farms.

40 per cent of the farm land in this county is improved.

The average farm in this county contains 227 acres.

The value of farm property of this county has increased 287 per cent during the past decade.

The farming industry of this county represents a capital investment of \$16,455,000.

880 Million Bushels of Wheat

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The United States Agricultural Department, figuring on the reports made from the entire grain growing section, estimates that a bumper wheat crop will be produced this year. Total production of crop is expected to reach 880,000,000 bushels.

The large yield is the result of the combination of largest acreage and the promise of largest yield in per acre in many years. The department has not received a single unfavorable report from the wheat growing states.

R. L. Bates, who gets his mail at Novice in Coleman county, but who lives in this county, was a visitor to Ballinger Saturday. Mr. Bates has been in this county about fifteen years, and he has no intentions of moving. He says this county suits him. His success as a farmer shows that the country is alright for the man who applies the proper methods. He raised best crop in 1908 that ever sprouted in any county, and the first dry year that struck this country he sold thirty-three bales of cotton in Ballinger, and he manages to make some money every year. He says that his crop this year is all that any man could wish for, and reports that the rains have been fine in his section. Mr. Bates was here after extras for his binder and to make ready for the harvest that will be great this year.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved, and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Winters News Budget

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Yeates, formerly of Winters, but having moved back to Winters and are to make this their home.

D. B. Diggs has returned from his visit to Childress.

Billie Rodgers, of the Skaggs Dry Goods Co., is away for a few days.

Prof. James Huffhines left Saturday for the coast country where he will spend a summer vacation.

Little Jewell Horn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Horn is very critically ill. The doctors pronounce the trouble as being an abscess on the brain, her recovery is not expected.

Rev. Turvey, former pastor of the Methodist church at this place, is to move back to Winters to make this his home.

J. Alton Smith has purchased a new five-passenger Detroit. The sale was made through the Harwell Motor Co., Ballinger.

Sunday was Mothers' Day at the Presbyterian church. Splendid services were rendered.

Rev. Garland Shell, of Trinity University, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Shell has been called to the pastorate of that church and is to move to Winters after school is over.

A call has been sent out from Winters for a thousand laborers to help harvest the grain and to chop cotton.

O. D. Dillingham sustained a small skinned place on his foot

while out fishing last week and in almost an incredible time blood poison set up. He suffered great pain for a few hours, but the doctor soon had it under control.

Prof. Legrone and family were treated to a rather thrilling experience last Thursday. A team hitched to a loaded wagon several blocks away became frightened and took a direct course towards Prof. Legrone's house. The team ran over the yard fence and knocked most all of it down. Then they took right around the house drawing the wagon after them. They circled the house some five times before they could be stopped. Aside from tearing down the yard fence they also wrecked the top of the cistern and knocked the corner board off of the house.

Scout Master, Prof. Chas. Grant was out with the boys last week enjoyed a very successful fish fry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts of Corpus Christi are visiting their children and friends here.

Mr. G. R. Tucker, of Ft. Stockton, was here last week for a short stay.

Prof. Chas. Grant has organized a 22 piece band at Wingate.

There was a Farmers' Institute held here Wednesday. Farm Demonstrator McLelland was here.

Wallace Hawkins is home from Stamford College where he graduated this commencement.

Chas. Nance was in Ballinger Tuesday.

be called upon to submit another prohibition amendment to popular vote will be favorably passed upon in the Democratic primaries to be held July 25.

Paul Michaelis, of Hatchel, V. L. Tubbs and L. J. Jordan, of the Coyote creek country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and all were in fine spirits over the recent splendid rains.

ABILENE SUMMER NORMAL And Simmons College Summer School

Abilene, Texas.

Twentieth Session

Examinations Embrace Both Series

July 14, 15, 16 and 17.

July 28, 29, 30 and 31.

SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION

Offering courses for College Credit and in Education for First Class Certificates without state examination.

Eight Weeks Session

Beginning Monday, June 8th.

Closing Friday, July 31st.