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HIGH SCHOOL MATCH GAME WITH LOCALS

If the weather is favorable, the first matched baseball game of the season will be staged at park tomorrow afternoon, between the High team and a downtown club. Both sides have been practicing hard during the last several days, endeavoring to work out the kinks in their arms and otherwise put themselves in condition for the fray Friday afternoon.

A large crowd of enthusiastic rooters of the Ballinger public school is expected to be present at the game to help push the High nine to victory in the first clash of the year. On the other hand, a large crowd of sympathizers of the downtown club is expected to be present to cheer the street lads.

Manager Jno. A. Weeks, of the high school team, who managed to arrange the game between the two local clubs, stated today that a small admission price would be charged. The High team is sorely pressed for money with which they will shove off onto their schedule. Several balls and other material have been purchased lately and the boys are in red slightly. In order that the best games might be matched with the neighboring towns, it is necessary that they be free from all debt within the next week or two. Manager Weeks guarantees that every body will get his money's worth in this first game of the season; however, and it is believed that a large crowd of rooters for both sides will be present on the gala day.

UNFORTUNATE LADY CARRIED TO ASYLUM

Mrs. Pearl Jennings, who was brought here from the north end of the county and adjudged insane Wednesday, was carried to Austin by Sheriff Flynt Thursday, where she will be placed in the asylum. Mrs. Jennings was in a pitiful condition and was the most violent case of insanity the local authorities have had to deal with in some time. The family have only been in Runnels county a short time, having moved here about a month ago from Tarrant county.

DR. HALE COMING BACK

I will return to Ballinger on Feb. 25th, and will immediately open my office and be ready for practicing medicine. Will be glad to see all my old friends and patients.

DR. F. M. HALE

THE COST OF CARE LESSNESS IS GREAT

"I wish you would remind the people of their carelessness," said Postmaster Erwin, Thursday morning, and as he made the request Mr. Erwin handed us a list of mail matter that had been dropped in the local postoffice during the last week, that for one reason or another could not be delivered. "It would surprise you," said Mr. Erwin, "at the amount of mail we are compelled to send to the dead letter office."

During the last week there has been mailed at the local office three letters without stamps and no return address on the letters showing who mailed them. These letters will be delivered, but as the local office has received no instruction under the new ruling permitting the payment of postage at the other end of the line, it is necessary to notify the parties to whom the letters are addressed, and wait for them to send the postage. Two letters and one post card have been mailed during the last week with name but no address, and no return address. Two letters and two post cards have been mailed with no address or return name, and one nice valentine remains in the local office with no address. Some body's sweet heart failed to get their valentine, and the one that sent it no doubt thinks he has paved the way for popping the question.

It's just a fair sample of how careless the human race is. Why not place your return on every piece of mail matter you send out? The printer needs the money and will print envelopes for you if you can't write, and then when you fail to fix the proper address or paste on the stamp it comes back to you. Or you can at least take a farwell look before you drop it in the post office, and see that everything is fixed up to suit Uncle Sam. Carelessness is costly, be careful.

MILD CASE OF SCARLET FEVER

A case of scarlet fever developed in one of the rooms in the central school building Wednesday, and the children were kept out of the room Thursday and the room thoroughly fumigated, and the physicians say there is no danger of the disease spreading from this case. The children are notified to return to school Friday. The case is a mild one, and there is no cause for alarm.

TRIUMPH MABANE AT COST FOR PLANTING

The carload of Triumph Mabane cotton seed which was ordered by a number of local men in an effort to get the farmers to plant pure seed, have arrived, and are now ready for distribution by the firms that put up the money to get the seed. The scheme was not gotten up as a money making proposition for the firms handling them, and the seed will be sold at cost. The matter of selecting the seed was made an important feature of the proposition in order to protect those who plant them, and the seed selected are pure, and guaranteed to be the best to had. Those who want a supply of these seed for planting should leave their orders with some one of the following firms at once, as the seed are here and they will be distributed as fast as possible:

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank.
The First National Bank.
The Walker Drug Co.
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C. A. Doose,
Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.
Hall Hardware Co.
Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

K. OF P. CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY TONIGHT

Final preparations have been made for the Golden Jubilee celebration which will be given by the Knights of Pythias at the Castle Hall tonight, beginning at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation has been extended the public to attend.

The committee in charge have arranged a splendid program for the occasion, and the entertainment will be given for the benefit of the public as well as for the K. of P. members and their wives. The order is fifty years old today, and the event is being observed by the K of P. Lodges all over the country, and the Ballinger Lodge is keeping pace with the times and those who attend tonight are promised a pleasant and profitable evening.

SHIPPED SIX CARS SHEEP.

W. B. Currie, accompanied by Charlie Allen, left Thursday afternoon for Fort Worth, via the Abilene & Southern, where Mr. Allen had just shipped out six carloads of fat mutton to the market. The sheep had been run on oat fields and were in splendid shape, in fact as fat a bunch of mutton as ever left this section in several years past.

Weather Forecast.

Tonight fair; Friday fair and warmer.

LETTERS ASK FOR LITERATURE

The organization of a Young Men's Booster Club was attempted here a few weeks ago. Some men of the city who are eligible for membership of such an organization, either knocked the proposition were indifferent as to whether the movement gained tangible form. Either is enough to cause a movement to die in infancy.

The city of Ballinger needs nothing worse than it does a booster club of some kind, wether it be

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one composed of young or old men. The town is not getting the publicity it should. There are opportunities daily for a club to help put this city on the map. Letters come into Ballinger every day from interested persons over the country, each one bearing the request that literature of Ballinger and its territory be sent. In the absence of a commercial organization, no matter can be dispatched to the interested persons.

Here is a sample:

"Houston, Texas, Feb. 15th 1914. Secretary Ballinger Commercial Club, Ballinger, Texas
Dear Sir:—As I am interested in your section of the state, will kindly ask you to send me literature of your city and surrounding country. Thanking you in advance for the same, I remain Yours very truly, C. E. Johnson
4414 Welsh St., Houston, Texas."

Had Ballinger a Young Men's Booster Club matter pertaining to this county and town would be

sent to this gentleman. He would probably hand it to some of his friends, after he had digested the matter. In return for the postage and trouble in sending out the literature, Ballinger would have at least two prospective residents. As it is at present, there is little chance of this gentleman or any of his friends being prospective citizens of Ballinger or Ballinger's territory.

Ballinger citizens should wake up. If the city is ever to make anything of itself, now is the opportunity. There are hundreds of excellent opportunities offered each and every day of the year for a commercial body to assist in the betterment and upbuilding of Runnels County. Towns near by where active commercial bodies have been organized are reaping the benefits of Ballinger's opportunities. It's up to somebody to get busy. Otherwise Ballinger will be left behind in the dust kicked by those ahead.

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Swat the rat.

Talk irrigation and practice irrigation.

Be the first to take the lead in the spring clean up campaign.

The man that devotes the most time to politics generally has the most to regret after the campaign closes.

Coke county is getting oil mixed with its irrigation project. It is to be hoped that they will not strike oil on the dam site.

Some people skim the milk of human kindness before they pass it to their friends. Deliver us from the whey variety of friends. We had rather have one true friend than a thousand who love us from a selfish standpoint.

The time may come when a fellow will have to have his whiskers disinfected every time he hugs the children—for their sake you know.—Greenham Banner.

The time is here when lots of men should disinfect their whiskers before appearing in public. You see them every day.

The Nation is not truly great if its women are denied the right to become a part of the governing power.—Senator Ashurst.

This argument was made perhaps in favor of votes for women. The Senator surely is not a married man. If he is, he knows that woman is a part of the governing power, and has been since she told Adam to bite the apple.

With the proper interest manifested on the part of our citizens, Ballinger can land the West Texas State Normal. It is a foregone fact that a normal school is going to be established in this part of the state, and the people will not be called upon to put up a bonus, but in all matters of this kind it will require some acetal support and argument to show the locaters—the legislature, that Ballinger is the best place on the map for the school.

On this page today is reproduced a news item from the Dallas News which tells of the pitiful story of an insane woman, whose only abode is the Dallas County jail. This one case of itself would be no great cause for disturbance but it is indicative of a general condition in Texas. The opulent and wide extended Lone Star State is so shortsighted or heartless as to only very poorly provide for her insane. In all quarters, in homes, jails, and other institutions are to be found people of unsound mind waiting for an opportunity to get a berth in one of the State institutions. It is nothing short of a crime to allow these patients to remain not only where they can not get the proper attention, but where their sufferings are increased, their malady more grievous. The State is flagrantly failing to take care of its charges, and thus falling short of its humane duty.—Cleburne Enterprise.

BULLY FOR BALLINGER.

Ballinger Ledger: "The man who acted as judge in the clean town contest certainly knew his business when he awarded a prize to Ballinger," said a prominent visitor to Ballinger this week. And speaking further about the cleanliness of our little city, the visitor said: "This is the neatest and most substantial appearance of any town on my list, and I visit lots of them." The man making the statement was not of the hot air type, and his statement came in a sincere way.

Ballinger was once the greatest wagon cotton market in Texas. It

beat Waxahachie and Terrell and Hillsboro and all the big black land markets that year and was justly proud of the fact. But Ballinger for years and years and years has had something else well worthy to be boasted of—the fact that it is in Runnels County, in which county there has not been a murder during two decades. And now that Ballinger was awarded second prize in the cleanest town contest, that bright little city has still another gem in its crown. Bully for Ballinger.—State Press in Dallas News.

We are just waiting for some philanthropist to offer a prize for the cleanest town or county from a moral standpoint in Texas, and then we will walk up and take the money. Population considered we will put Runnels county against any county in the state for morality. We will take the court records for evidence, and use every grand jury report back for twenty years, if necessary. To the man who is hunting a clean healthy town to raise his family, where the moral sentiment of her citizens are the highest, and where taking the years just as they come he can make as good living as he can anywhere, we throw down the bars, and say investigate our claim.

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Pain cannot exist where Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied, says one user. No other liniment acts so quickly. You simply rub it on and the pain is gone almost instantly. Those who suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, headaches and similar troubles should get a bottle at once. For cuts and bruises, burns and sprains and abrasions of the skin it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. We have never known it to fail to relieve chilblains. For sale in 25c and 50c bottles by druggists. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

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"I gave it to my daughter when she was thirteen years old. She was in school and was a nervous wreck, and could not sleep nights. Now she looks so healthy that even the doctor speaks of it. You can publish this letter if you like."—Mrs. RENA BOWMAN, 161 S. 10th Street, Ironton, Ohio.

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Max Zeehang, one of the prosperous stock farmers a few miles east of Ballinger left Wednesday afternoon for Seguin, Texas, where he goes to look after business affairs a week or two.

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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:

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JO HARDIN.
J. A. DEMOVILLE

For Tax Assessor:

MIKE C. BOYD.
WILL L. STUART.
C. C. SCHUCHARD.

SAM H. McPHERSON.

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.

For Tax Collector:

T. L. TODD.
M. D. CHASTAIN.

For County Attorney:

C. P. SHEPHERD.

Broadway Jones

From the Play of
George M. Cohan

By
EDWARD MARSHALL

With Photographs from Scenes in the Play

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Continued from Yesterday.

"Did you notice it?" he asked, with intense earnestness, knowing, somehow, that he was an ass. "I didn't think you noticed it."

Josie thrilled, but found it hard to smother laughter—not wholly that of ridicule, mostly that of joyousness. She made no other answer.

He looked around them at the broad veranda, with its pillared, old colonial doorway and wide windows; his eyes paused along the visible front of the enormous house itself, surveyed the spreading lawn, now dusky with the evening shadows of magnificent old trees, and the curving graveled drive, examined all, indeed, that he could see of the superb and spacious old Jones place.

"Nice little house, isn't it?" he asked.

"Oh, I just love it!" It was, indeed, the show place of the town, and few were the local maidens who had not dreamed dreams of some time living in a mansion like it—dreamed wondering dreams, speculative of unguessed sensations of vast wealth.

"Do you?"

"Why, yes. Don't you?"

"Yes," said Broadway, now looking not at the great house or any portion of the splendid grounds, but straight at her, although she was not sure of this because the light had very nearly failed. "I'm just crazy about it, that's all!"

She laughed and so did he. He had not much idea what he really was saying.

"You know, I think I shall become a model country gentleman in time," he added.

"It must seem strange to you, after the life you've been living."

She meant it very innocently, yet it shocked him fiercely. He sat up in the swing and gazed at her with out-thrust neck—that gesture which she thought was awkward, funny, when she saw it first, in school days, but which she had rather begun to like.

"What do you know about the life I've been living?" he demanded.

She was not in the least suspicious. "I mean in New York—that great, big, wonderful place! It is a wonderful place, isn't it?"

He had had a thrill of panic. Now he quieted, although his heart still throbbed a little. He was glad she did not know about the life he had been leading.

"Have you never been to New York?" he asked.

"Never."

"That's funny. Would you like to go to New York?"

"I don't think I'd like to live there; but I'd like to see New York."

"Well, I can show it to you. May I some time? It only takes four hours to get there. It took me five years to get back!"

"You had a long trip."

"Trip? I stumbled," he said dreamily.

"What is Broadway?"

"Broadway?"

"It's a street, of course, but—"

"It's probably the greatest street in the world."

"Some people say it's terrible."

"It is."

"And some people say it's wonderful."

"It is—truly wonderful."

"I don't understand."

"Nobody understands Broadway," he answered. "People hate it, yet they don't know why. People love it, yet they don't know why. I don't. It's just because it's Broadway."

"Is it a mystery?"

"That's what it is—a mystery." He shook his head in thought.

The subject had lost interest to her—because she did not know its fascinations. "I suppose you go to church every Sunday morning. Tomorrow's Sunday."

He was astonished. He had been thinking of Broadway. There are churches on that thoroughfare, but they are not so brightly lighted as some other of its structures. "What's that again?"

"I say I suppose you go to church every Sunday morning."

"Well—I've been going to Church-ill's every Sunday night." He laughed a little, then exclaimed, not loudly: "Broadway!"

"What are you thinking of?"

"Oh, I was just thinking what a

great thing it would be if I made a success of this business."

"Why, you're going to," she said confidently.

"Do you think so?"

"I'm sure of it if you will make up your mind to work—to keep busy."

"Yes; that's it. I've got to work."

He laughed. For a few moments they had been rather serious. "Work! Now, tomorrow, I'm going to plant a lot of vegetables and then I'm going to cut the grass; I'm going to milk the cow, and I am going to—er—paint the house. Work! Oh, I'm going to be the busiest little fellow you ever saw. You know what I hope? I hope that butler of mine never comes back. I want to do all the work myself!"

"Your butler?"

"Yes; I sent him to New York yesterday on an errand."

"You sent him back for something?"

He wished to laugh, but did not. "No; I sent him back with something."

"Something valuable?"

He hesitated. Was Mrs. Gerard valuable? She had lost enormously in value in his eyes of late. "Well, it's worth a lot of money," he assured her, feeling certain that this speech was accurate.

"Perhaps he's lost it and is afraid to return," she suggested.

He smiled, remembering the instructions he had given Rankin. "If he's lost it he'll return all right—to claim the reward."

"For losing it? How funny?"

"Yes; isn't it?" He laughed. "But



The Earl of Cortland.

It wouldn't be so funny if he hadn't, would it?"

Heaven! Suppose Rankin should find it really impossible to get rid of Mrs. Gerard!

But of course Josie could not understand. The conversation puzzled her. It did not hold her as had the talk which had preceded it.

She rose, as Clara came back, almost running. This charming country maiden very evidently had satisfied her curiosity as to the looks of Robert's father; she now was plainly somewhat displeased because the son remained away so long.

"Well!" she exclaimed. "Those two men are holding the longest conversation I ever heard of! They're standing on Kennedy's corner, their tongues going a mile a minute."

"What are they talking about?"

asked Jackson anxiously. He very much hoped his friend was not in really serious trouble as the reward for having been his friend.

"I didn't get close enough to hear what they said, but they're both waving their hands in the air and talking—to beat the band!"

This worried Josie. "There goes our advertising!" Her voice was wholly gloomy.

Broadway nodded, quite as gloomily. "Looks like it."

Clara, by no means having lost her interest, remained peering down the street into the evening shadows after her companions had turned away discouraged. "Here comes someone, anyway," she presently informed them.

"By Jove! It's Rankin!" Broadway's voice indicated his relief as he observed that Rankin was alone. Evidently he had followed orders and "lost" Mrs. Gerard.

There had come into the butler's appearance an indefinable change. He had not ceased to be a butler, but he had ceased to be the very perfect butler which he always had been in the past. It was as if he stood upon the threshold of a new and startling freedom, but thus far had hesitated to step definitely into it. Broadway regarded him almost with affection. No; certainly; Mrs. Gerard was not with

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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him.

"Well, here I am," the erstwhile perfect serving man announced. "I suppose you thought you were never going to see me again."

"Hello, Rankin. When did you get in?"

"Just now. I've a great deal to tell you, Mr. Jones."

"What detained you?"

Rankin, looking at the young ladies, did not at once reply in detail. It was evident that there were some particulars to be divulged which he wished Broadway's ears alone to hear. "It was necessary."

"Why didn't you send me some word?"

"I can explain all that."

"Girls, will you excuse us?" Broadway asked, and as they nodded went slowly down upon the lawn with Rankin toward a clump of cedars. It had been planted in a circle, a favorite and funeral form of lawn decoration in those latitudes, and in the solemn space inclosed there was, he knew, a garden seat. "Just a few moments," Broadway pleaded as he went with Rankin toward this deep seclusion.

"Then I'll walk home with you."

"All right." Curiosity consumed the maidens. All this seemed exceedingly exciting to them. But, after all, they were not sorry for an opportunity to talk alone for a moment.

Broadway was very anxious, but Rankin said no word until they were within the leafy chamber. Even after they had reached its solitude Broadway had to urge:

"Well, come on; what's the news?"

"Surprising news, sir," Rankin answered hesitantly.

Broadway was all the more impatient. "Well, tell me; tell me! What did she say? How did you get rid of her?"

"I—I didn't get rid of her, sir."

"What? Where did you leave her then?"

"I—didn't leave her, sir. I've been with her ever since."

"Where is she now?" asked Broadway anxiously, his voice weakening.

"She's here, sir."

This was terrifically shocking. The worst had come to pass then—those fears which were so bad that they had been put aside as utterly unthinkable. "She came back with you?"

There was a look of horror on the face of Jackson Jones.

(Concluded in Friday's Daily)

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. 312d

V. Rosenwasser and Max New some, who had been here the past few weeks with the firm of Rosenwasser & Levy, left Wednesday afternoon for Fredricksburg, where they will make home for the present.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew, of and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Don't let some traveling man come in and get your order for calendars when we have a fine line to select from and can meet any quality. The Ballinger Printing Co. ttd

Aug. Herring, of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

TYPEWRITERS

Repaired and cleaned, all work guaranteed.

I. B. Drinkard, 123 8th Street. 4d thurs. Ballinger, Texas.

Will Stuart, one of the candidates for tax assessor, was looking after his candidacy at Miles between trains Wednesday.

An Open Statement To the People

I GUARANTEE MY NEW ANTRACION "LAZY BILL" TO BE A BETTER PLAY THAN ANY OF MY PAST SUCCESSES, AND THE BEST PRODUCTION I HAVE EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

Yours truly,

W. B. Patton
The Peculiar Comedian.

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In The Delightful Comedy

"LAZY BILL"

Complete Production.

Beautiful Scenery and

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Seats on Sale at
Walker Drug Co.

OFFERS REWARD FOR WATCH

Any one finding an open face gold watch, Elgin make, with K. of P. charm, can get reasonable reward by returning same to Ledger office.

We represent the oldest lithographing house in the U. S. Calendars, fans, blotters and all kinds of novelties done in from 10 to 14 colors at the right prices. Let us show you our line. The Ballinger Printing Co.

Kelsy Wylie, of San Angelo was greeting Ballinger friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Misses Lena Bell and Louise Doss left Wednesday afternoon to visit friends at Santa Anna a few days and to attend the dedication of the new M. E. church in that city Sunday.

Calendars Calendars Calendars
We have a swell line of samples for 1915 calendars ranging in price from \$8.50 to \$210 per thousand, and any quantity from 100 up to 2,000 samples to select from. The Ballinger Printing Co.

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. Sufferers! Buy of your Druggist. Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION DALLAS, February 10-24 Exceedingly Low Fares



From Ballinger
Taipa \$8.45
7.90

Tickets on sale February 9 to 23, inclusive, and for trains arriving Dallas morning of February 24; limited to February 25, for final return.

OTTO DAVIS No. 113,492

MY—
REGISTERED JERSEY BULL IS LOCATED AT THE UNION WAGON YARD IN BALLINGER. FEE \$2.50 CASH WITH COW. RETURN PRIVILEGE FREE. PHONE 235.

M. C. BRADEN

BUILDING GOOD ROAD TO PAINT ROCK.

Feb. McWilliams, commissioner from this precinct, is devoting his attention to the Ballinger and Paint Rock road, and we understand will build a good road to the county line of Concho county. There is considerable travel over this road, and it is to be hoped that Concho county will get busy and connect with the Ballinger road and extend the road on into Paint Rock. At present the Colorado to the Gulf Air Line Highway has only been surveyed to Paint Rock, and the citizens along the line from Wichita Falls to Paint Rock are busy putting the road in shape and getting ready for the spring and summer travel. It is indeed unfortunate the county can not cover the splendid road bed that is being made with a coat of gravel and crushed rock, and in this way make it a permanent road. The work being done will be of great benefit, but of course will not hold a plike a good road covered with rock or gravel, and in time will all have to be done over again.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

H. Ditmore, of San Angelo came in Wednesday afternoon to look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or so.

R. D. Caldwell, of the Moro mountain country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

ECZEMA AND ITCHING

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Hunt's Cure has proven itself the standard medicine for skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Luther Williams, one of the popular young business men with T. J. McCaughn, the Norton merchant, was among the number in Ballinger Thursday attending county court.

RUN EXCURSION TO PROHIBITION POW-WOW

A special train will leave Brownwood over the Frisco at four o'clock Saturday morning, for Fort Worth, for the benefit of those who wish to attend the prohibition elimination meeting which will convene in the Panther city on that date. A rate of \$2 for the round trip has been made and accommodation for three hundred passengers will be provided. The train will return Saturday night. Judging from present indications the old political pot will boil over in Fort Worth Saturday, and the never-to-be-forgotten Hog and Clark convention will be a small affair compared with the show the eliminators will pull off.

STOP THAT PAIN RIGHT NOW

If your head aches just rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on This wonderful liniment has a peculiar effect on pain. It drives it away at once. Rheumatic pain quickly yields to the touch of this liniment. Neuralgia is quickly gone after Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied. For cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions of the skin and sprains, it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. Sold by all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

A REAL RAT RANCH IN THE HEART OF BALLINGER

In passing down Hutchings Ave if you will pause in front of the ruins of the building where the fire recently destroyed the building occupied by the Green Front Restaurant, you will see a real rat den, and see the rats too. The ruins of the burned building make an ideal habitat for the rats, and it seems that all the rats in town have come together at this place for a rat convention. Constant passing along this street has caused the rats to become rather bold and they can be seen playing hide and seek any hour in the day, and at night they put on a regular barn storm dance. Rats are not only enemies to property, but they are dangerous to the health of a community, and of course these rats will not be allowed to remain in Ballinger. Ballinger cannot be a clean town and entertain Mr. Rat and his family, and a war will be waged that will exterminate the whole breed.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Ballinger, Texas, 2-17-14.
TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS:
You are hereby notified to assemble in one grand body in Ballinger on the 28th day of February which being the last day of the month, for the purpose of electing, and discussing the duties and conditions connected with the work. I will also address the adult farmers and business men on that day as many as have a vital interest in the welfare of the county. Hope everybody will be present that can.

I am very truly yours,
GEO. P. McLELLAND,
Agent.

The Ladies of the First Baptist Church will serve dinner at the City Hall on First Monday, at 10:00 w.t.

Horace Hawkins, one of the young business men of Winters passed through Ballinger Thursday at noon en route to San Angelo on a short business trip.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which are gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

TEXAS MAN WITH VILLA.

Abilene, Tex., Feb. 18.—Dr. C. S. Harle, formerly of Abilene and who was freed from the Chihuahua prison when that city was captured by Villa, has written his mother, Mrs. A. S. Harle here Harle is again in Chihuahua after being present at the battle of Ojinaga, also captured by Villa Harle says he will soon be sent to Juarez. He accounts himself a regular surgeon-general in the constitutional army now. Harle spent several years in Mexican prison, where he was under death sentence charged with murder. Once he was lead off for execution but it was delayed. He never expected to go free again Harle in his letter says that he rode 200 miles horseback from Ojinaga to Chihuahua, caring for 200 wounded soldiers.

BALLINGER FOLKS ATONISH DRUGGIST.

We sell many good medicines, but we are told that the mixture of buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adleri-ka is the best we ever sold. Ballinger folks astonish us daily by telling how quickly Adleri-ka, relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation. Many report that a single dose relieve the trouble almost immediately. We are glad we are Ballinger agents for Adleri-ka. For sale by The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

Will Francis, manager of the Walker-Smith Wholesale Co., of our city, was exhibiting to his trade Thursday some beautiful peanut butter bade by his firm at Brownwood, and the beauty of it is this article is made from the home grown peanuts. Walker-Smith are now shipping shelled peanuts to all parts of the country, so says Mr. Francis.

We can furnish you with fans and calendars. Any kind of novelty advertising handled. The Ballinger Printing Co.

Elgin Davidson, of the Wilmett country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Have on hand quite a nice lot of cedar kindling. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co., Phone 312.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Dillingham and baby, of Winters, left Thursday afternoon for home. Mrs. Dillingham and baby had been visiting her father J. W. Clappitt and family while Mr. Dillingham attended the agents meeting of The Texas Oil Co., at Brownwood.

MAKES ONE FEEL BETTER

A purely vegetable liver medicine is Simmons Liver Purifier. It is the one liver medicine which energises the liver and brings back its natural function strong and young again. Its action is different from other medicines. It cleanses the organ of all impurities without injury, harmless, but with all speed. Nothing like it. Sold in Yellow Tin Boxes only. All druggists sell it for 25c per box, or sent by mail. A. C. Simmons, Jr. Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. Tom Pickett, and little son of Temple, came in Thursday at noon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gressett and family and Ballinger friends a few days.

J. O. Eoots, the Winters banker, left Thursday at noon for San Angelo, to attend the meeting of Sixth District Bankers' Association.

Mrs. W. H. Gross, of Mineral Wells, who had been spending a short while with her sons at their ranch home up the river, left Wednesday afternoon for her home.

B. A. Mattheison, of the Olin-Rowena country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday and says the young son that arrived at his home on February 14, is getting along fine and that he named the little fellow Valentine in honor of Valentine day.

Arch Brookshire, of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the
Signature of *Wm. D. Gifford*

JUST RECEIVED,

A Nice Line of Ladies' and Misses

SPRING AND SUMMER SKIRTS.

We are closing out all Winter goods in all lines at a big reduction---SEE

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