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Winchesters Soft Finished Bleached Muslin, yard wide, Last Stroke Price a yard..... 8c

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Red Wool Flannel 25c to 35c grade Last Stroke Price..... 10c  
White Wool Flannel 35c quality Last Stroke Price a yard..... 20c

## Men's Hats

Men's "Big 4" Hats white and black \$1.50 values Last Stroke Price..... \$1.04  
Jno. B. Stetson Hats, \$5.00 values Last Stroke Price..... \$3.19  
Jno. B. Stetson Hats, \$6.00 grades Last Stroke Price..... \$3.58

## Men's Shoes

Men's Ralston and Fellowcraft Shoes, odd sizes and shapes \$3.50 to \$4 grade..... \$1.48  
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Men's Work Shoes odd sizes..... 98c

## Ladies' Shoes

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Empress Shoes, good shapes and sizes, \$2.75 values Last Stroke Price..... \$1.72  
Ladies' "Vassar" Shoes \$2.00 values..... \$1.32  
Infants soft sole shoes a pair..... 19c

## Sheeting

9-4 Unbleached Sheeting a yard..... 19c  
10-4 Unbleached Sheeting a yard..... 21c

## Men's Underwear

50c grade Ribbed and Fleeced Underwear, a garment Last Stroke Price..... 24c

## India Linon

White and Black India Linon, 10c to 15c quality Last stroke Price a yard..... 7½c

## Goblets

17 oz. Ice Tea Goblets a set..... 84c  
14 oz. Ice Tea Goblets a set..... 69c  
12 oz. Ice Tea Goblets a set..... 48c  
Large size Tumblers a set..... 24c

## Coffee Mills

Good grade side Coffee Mills each..... 49c  
Good grade box Coffee Mills each..... 49c

## Stillson Wrenches

8 inch Stillson Wrenches each..... 69c  
10 inch Stillson Wrenches each..... 98c  
14 inch Stillson Wrenches each..... \$1.19  
18 inch Stillson Wrenches each..... \$1.49  
24 inch Stillson Wrenches each..... \$2.19

## Cups and Saucers

6 Fancy Cups and Saucers..... 73c  
6 Fancy Plates to match..... 73c  
6 Fancy Embossed Edge..... 69c  
6 Plates to match..... 69c  
6 Plain White Cups and Saucers..... 49c  
6 Plain White Plates to match..... 49c

## Frying Pans

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Light Crust Flour a sack Last Stroke Price..... \$1.49  
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Roasted Coffee a pound Last Stroke Price..... 19c  
Arbuckles Coffee a pound Last Stroke price..... 24c  
Maxwell House Blend a bucket..... 98c  
Club Lake Coffee a bucket Last Stroke price..... 94c  
10 lb. Cottolene a bucket Last Stroke price..... \$1.48  
10 lb. Swifts Premium Lard Last Stroke price..... \$1.58  
10 lb. Jewel Lard a bucket Last Stroke price..... \$1.19  
3 lb. Van Camp Hominy a can Last Stroke price..... 8c  
3 lb. Van Camps Kraut a can Last Stroke price..... 9½c  
3 lb. Clipper Tomatoes a can Last Stroke price..... 12c  
2 lb. Clipper Tomatoes a can Last Stroke price..... 9c  
2 lb. W. R. Corn a can Last Stroke price..... 8c  
2 lb. Clipper Corn a can Last Stroke price..... 9c  
5 gallons Coal Oil Last Stroke price..... 59c  
6 boxes Sardines Last Stroke price..... 25c  
Faultless Starch a package Last Stroke price..... 8c  
25c K. C. Baking Powder a can Last Stroke price..... 23c  
25c Good Luck Baking Powder a can Last Stroke price..... 23c  
Black Eyed Peas a pound Last Stroke price..... 5c  
Searchlight Matches a box Last Stroke price..... 4c  
Nice Pecans a pound Last Stroke price..... 10c

## Groceries

100 pounds Salt a sack Last Stroke price..... 64c  
Choice Pecans a pound Last Stroke price..... 10c  
6 bars C. W. Soap Last Stroke price..... 24c  
6 bars C. E. Soap Last Stroke price..... 24c  
19 lbs. Pink Beans Last Stroke price..... \$1.00  
Dried Peaches a pound Last Stroke price..... 9½c  
Dried Grapes a pound Last stroke price..... 9½c  
20 lbs. Black Eye Peas Last Stroke price..... \$1.00  
Bulk Crackers a pound Last Stroke price..... 9c  
3 lb. Pie Peaches a can Last Stroke price..... 8c  
Green Velva Syrup a gallon Last Stroke price..... 64c  
Red Velva Syrup a gallon Last Stroke price..... 59c  
W. R. Syrup a gallon Last Stroke price..... 43c  
3 lb. Red Top Axle Grease Last Stroke price..... 19c  
Arm and Hammer Soda a lb. Last Stroke price..... 7c  
10 lb. Arm and Hammer Soda Last Stroke price..... 49c  
W. R. Soap a bar Last Stroke price..... 8c  
Giant Lye a can Last Stroke price..... 7½c  
Shinola Polish a box Last Stroke price..... 8c  
Gilt Edge Polish a box Last Stroke price..... 22c  
1 gallon bottle Pickles \$1.00 value Last Stroke price..... 84c  
Seed Potatoes a bushel Last Stroke price..... \$1.48  
Cooking Oil a gallon Last Stroke price..... 73c  
Grey Enamel Dippers each Last Stroke price..... 5c  
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3x6 ft. Smiths Axminster Rugs \$5.00 values Last Stroke Price..... \$3.69  
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Elastic Seam, 50c values a pair..... 38c

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No. 2 Galvanized Wash Tubs each..... 64c  
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8 Quart Water Pails each..... 17c  
10 Quart Water Pails each..... 19c  
12 Quart Water Pails each..... 22c

## Hand Saws

Henry Distons Hand Saws \$2.25 values Last Stroke Price..... \$1.69  
H. W. Peace Hand Saws \$1.75 values, Last Stroke Price..... \$1.34

## Dish Pans

17 Quart Tin Dish, 35c value Last Stroke Price..... 16c  
Blue Enamel Dish Pan, 14 Quart size Last Stroke Price..... 42c

## Files

8 Inch Mill Saw Files, each..... 9c  
10 Inch Mill Saw Files, each..... 14c  
12 Inch Mill Saw Files, each..... 19c

## Nails

Wire Nails, a Pound..... 4c

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Shingling and Claw Hatchets, 75c values, Last Stroke Price..... 49c  
Claw Hammers, Good Grade..... 49c

## Loaded Shells

12 Gauge Loaded Shells, a box..... 44c  
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Pad Locks, all kinds 9c to..... 34c

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Window Shades, All colors each..... 24c

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A maiden fair, with golden hair  
Stood under the old oak tree,  
The reason clear she was so 'dear'  
She uses Rocky Mountain Tea.  
—The Walker Drug Co.

## BUYS BIG RIG

W. O. Schultz, the big sheepman of the Eden country, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home from North Texas, where he has just purchased a big oil drilling rig and will in a few days have it in operation on his ranch where the indications point to a big oil well.

Mr. Schultz is very optimistic over the prospects and feels that no very distant day he will strike oil in paying quantities.

Abe Mulkey, who lives southwest of the city, returned home Friday at noon from Fort Worth where he had been on stock business the past few days.

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Manager Reeder of the Princess has just closed a booking for the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette. This splendid attraction is billed to play the opening engagement for the Brownwood Opera House and will fill their engagement at Brownwood and appear at Ballinger on the night of March 25th.

The Schuberts have played in Ballinger before, and our people know what they are. Refined high-class in ever respect and Mr. Reeder is to be congratulated on securing them for the patrons of his play house. Since appearing in Ballinger several years ago, the Schubert Club has added new features to its splendid program and is pronounced to be a better attraction than it was on its former visit, and those who remember the company will vouch for it.

Next Monday night W. B. Patton will hold the boards at the Princess in "Lazy Bill". This is said to be a splendid attraction, and Mr. Patton has a reputation that carries with him a strong support.

On Saturday night, Feb. 25th, for the first time in the history of the world, as far as we have been able to ascertain, talking pictures will be presented at the Princess. Can a picture talk? Well, now if you don't believe that a picture can talk, make your arrangement to be at the Princess on the night of the 28th and come with your ear pricked.

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## F. R. 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.  
20-5td.

Capt. A. B. Hutchinson, of the Mazeland country, was in the city Friday on a visit to his daughter and Ballinger friends.

WEIGHING MAIL  
ON SANTA FE

For 105 days the mail on trains running between Ballinger and Temple will be weighed by clerks who are hired by the United States Government to do this work. The weighing started Wednesday morning on the Santa Fe. On the shorter runs over the state, the clerks who now perform their duty in the mail cars will be forced to do their own weighing.

The government requires that an average be made of the number of pounds of mail matter carried by the various railroads over the country. In order that an average might be made it is necessary that the mail be weighed for 105 days. With this average as a basis the government pays the railroads so much per mile for carrying the mails. Help has been added to the clerical force on the trains running from Temple.

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BROADWAY JONES  
MARRIED TODAY

Married at last, but still with a "hankering" for Broadway, Jackson Jones, more familiarly known in Ballinger as Broadway Jones, was married today. A full account of the wedding appears in this issue of The Ledger, and with it the story is concluded. This story has covered about one month, and if our readers appreciate it and would be glad to see us keep up this feature, we would like to know. We have an opportunity to get another story of about the same length, and those who have read it say that it is better than Broadway Jones. We do not care to go to the expense of publishing this story unless our readers want it. Just drop a hint to any of the Ledger force, or Telephone 27.

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## AT THE NAZARENE CHURCH

The services at the Nazarene church is growing with interest at each meeting and great good is being done. We are requested to announce that Mrs. Cagle, who is assisting in the meeting, will preach Sunday night on the subject, "Women's Right to Preach." Come out to all the services.

## ECZEMA AND ITCHING

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Jo Hardin left Friday afternoon for Winters in the interest of his oil company and to incidentally look after his race for sheriff.

John Knox left Friday afternoon for Winters on a short business trip.

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

R. L. Gould and Z. A. Hash, two of the prominent citizens of the Wingate country, were supplying in Ballinger Thursday.

Mrs. Clara Ransome left Thursday afternoon for Coleman to visit friends a few days, and to look after business affairs.

POULTRY PRODUCTION  
IMPORTANT INDUSTRY

On Tuesday of the present week one poultry firm of Coleman bought and shipped from Coleman station, \$700 worth of eggs alone. This was a portion of a straight car load of eggs made up in Coleman, Ballinger and adjacent territory and billed direct to New York.

A car load represents 400 cases (12,000 dozen) and represents an outlay of cash in amount from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The local poultry firm in question in addition to shipping a straight car of eggs each week, is arranging for the weekly shipment of a straight car of poultry which will be supplied jointly by Coleman and Ballinger territory.

The first car of poultry will load at Coleman on February 25th and 26th. The car will be started at Ballinger the 23rd and finish at Santa Anna on the 28th, whence it will go direct to New York. A car load of poultry represents a cash outlay of approximately \$2,500.

By selling in car lots, direct to the eastern trade centers, it is made possible for a local dealer to pay the same prices for eggs and poultry as is paid in the wholesale cities of Texas. The production of poultry has, in the years past, been a neglected industry in this section of Texas, but it is gaining momentum and promises splendid returns to those who engage it.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

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## NOTICE TO THOSE DESIRING STATE CERTIFICATES

Your attention is called to the fact that a special examination for teachers state certificates will be held in Ballinger, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days of April, 1914. There will be no examination in May. But the regular June examination will be held the 4th, 5th, and 6th day of June for state and county certificates.

The schedule in each examination will be as follows:

## THURSDAY.

History of Education, physics, solid geometry, English literature, psychology, chemistry, bookkeeping, plane trigonometry.

## FRIDAY.

Physical geography, physiology, composition, arithmetic, Texas history, grammar, descriptive geography, plane geometry.

## SATURDAY.

Spelling, writing, methods and management, civics, United States history, general history, agriculture, algebra.

## E. L. HAGAN,

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Mrs. Kate Woodward, who had been visiting relatives at Coleman, the past several weeks, returned home Friday at noon.

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## Broadway Jones

From the Play of  
George M. Cohan

By  
EDWARD MARSHALL

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Continued from Yesterday.

"Yes, sir."  
His master's wrath rose. "You idiot! What did you let her do that for?" Rankin spoke slowly and reluctantly. "She insisted that she must see you and talk with you, sir."

Now rose a soul in wild revolt. "I won't see her! I won't talk to her!"

"But she's right outside the hedge, sir. You must see her!"

"Oh, she's perfectly reconciled, sir, believe me."

Here was a shock as pleasant as the other had been terrible. It was almost too good to be true. "Reconciled! You mean she understands that?"

"Oh, yes, sir. She's already sent out a denial of her engagement to you."

His hearer could have rent the air with shouts of joy, but did not. He only asked in a low voice: "Has she?"

"Yes, sir." Now Rankin once more hesitated. "In the form, sir, of—er—another announcement."

This nearly stunned his master. "You mean she's engaged to someone else?"

"Yes, sir; she's going to marry the earl of Cortland."

The recently harassed youth brightened. Was life to be entirely smooth and joyous after all, instead of only partly merry, with the balance turned into a tragedy by his ancient "Sweetheart, dearie?" "The earl of Cortland!" he exclaimed.

"Yes, sir; will you see her, sir? I think it's best for all concerned."

"You're sure, are you? It's not a dream, or anything like that? She isn't trying to trap me?"

"No, sir. May I ask her to come in? She's just behind the hedge."

"Did Bob see her?"

"No; he was so busy talking with his father, sir, that he did not recognize us as we passed. Seems to be most earnest, sir, his father."

"Rankin, if you're certain, bring her in. But if—"

"I'm quite certain, sir."

Jackson waited for them near the entrance to the verdant circle. He thought it better not to go back to the house. Even if the lady was quite reconciled there still might be some details of her conversation which he

turned with Mrs. Gerard, not only walking by his side, but clinging to his arm. Her voice did not sound

warlike as she greeted Broadway. "How do you do, Jackson?" she said quietly.

"How do you do, Mrs. Gerard?"

"Has Rankin told you?"

"Yes, Mrs. Gerard; Rankin has told me."

She really seemed very much upset, but not belligerently so. "I'd never be happy if New York should imagine I'd been jilted, or the subject of a practical joke," she began simply. "My excuse for throwing you over is a very good one—my engagement to the earl of Cortland."

He bowed, too puzzled to find any words.

"After a few hours' talk with Rankin I became convinced that a marriage between you and me never would have been a happy one."

Again Broadway nodded. He could quite agree with that.

"Hence my decision to marry the earl." She went closer to him almost pleadingly. "I've played fair with you, Jackson; now I want you to do the same by me."

"I'll do anything you ask," he fervently assured her. "Anything within reason, Mrs. Gerard."

"All I ask is that you keep my secret."

"I will. What is it?"

"You really don't know?"

"No, Mrs. Gerard."

After another tiny hesitation she held out her hand to Rankin. "May I present the earl of Cortland?" she said, leading the abashed butler forward.

"What!" Broadway was astonished almost to the point of physical collapse.

"It's true," she went on gravely. "We've had a thorough understanding, and Rankin has agreed to become an earl."

Again Broadway's surprise was almost more than he could quietly support.

"Oh, don't be astonished! It's my only protection. Have I your solemn promise that you'll not divulge the secret?"

"I give you my word of honor," he said fervently.

"Very well. Goodbye!"

He earnestly shook hands with her. "Goodbye, Mrs. Gerard. I hope you will be very happy."

"It isn't a question of happiness, Jackson," she said slowly, and in a way that somewhat worried him. "I simply don't want to be humiliated. You understand?"

"Yes; I understand, Mrs. Gerard."

She turned to the earl of Cortland. "Shake hands with Mr. Jones, Rankin."

Jackson pulled him to one side, almost indignantly. "See here, Rankin, do you mean to tell me that you'd do such a mean contemptible thing as to marry a woman deliberately for her money?"

"Yes, sir," said Rankin very gravely. "and thank you, sir, for the opportunity."

"Come, earlie," Mrs. Gerard called softly.

"Yes, Beatrice." He dropped the hand of his erstwhile employer and took the arm of his affianced wife.

"We have just six minutes before train time," she admonished him, and turned to Broadway, who was standing, dazed. "Goodbye!"

He had gone back to the house and was standing leaning somewhat weakly against a pillar of the porch, unable even to make her presence known to the two girls whose laughing, low-toned gossip he could hear from behind the vines, when Wallace came up with his father. He listened to his friend's remarks mechanically.

"Yes," he was saying, "the entire population of the town is about four thousand. The plant employs about seven hundred." Then, catching sight of Broadway: "There's Jackson now. Tell him what you just told me."

Broadway went to meet them, glad to have the opportunity to test life and make sure that it was real, even if the proof showed that the elder Wallace was entirely hostile.

"They offered you a million and a half, didn't they?" asked Bob.

"Yes, that's what they offered—a million and a half."

"Mr. Jones," said the elder Wallace, not without enthusiasm, "my son has been telling me of the grand, single-handed fight that you are making against this giant corporation. I admire your pluck, sir."

Broadway looked at him with real surprise and hearty gratitude. It seemed that even this was coming out all right!

"You deserve all the encouragement and assistance possible," said this suddenly delightful gentleman. "Your loyalty to the people of this little town is commendable, sir. You deserve great credit, and I want to shake your hand."

"Thanks, Mr. Wallace, but the credit really belongs to Bob." The delight

which Broadway felt was plainly audible in his voice.

Bob laughed. "I knew he'd say that!"

"He has told me of your modesty," said the elder Wallace. "I am very proud that you have taken him into the firm, and if advertising has any market value we'll fight them to a finish. I have promised my son to return here Monday morning. I may have a proposition to put before you. I'd like to see him an equal partner in a business with such a promising future."

"I don't know what to say, Mr. Wallace," Broadway answered, and he really did not.

"Monday will be time enough," the elder Wallace answered genially. "I have an appointment with Pembroke at his house tomorrow. After I have had ten minutes' walk with him I promise you that the Consolidated people will make no further attempts to absorb. But now I must go. Good night!"

Jackson grasped his hand with fervor. What a night this was!

"Going to motor back?" asked Bob.

"Yes; I prefer my motor car to the railroad. See you Monday. Good night!"

"Isn't it like a dream?" asked Bob after the last glimmer of glow from the car's headlight had vanished down the road.

"I can't believe it's true."

"He wants to buy a half interest in your business. Did you get that?"

"All I want is enough to pay my debts."

Bob laughed. "Don't tell him that; he's a business man!"

"But—"

"I think you'd better let me handle that for you."

"Will you? Fine!" It suddenly occurred to him that he must tell his

friend at once about the Rankin-Gerard episode, but he did not mean to break his promise to the ancient bride. "Say, Bob, I've just—I've just had a telephone message from New York. What do you think has happened?"

"Go on, tell me."

"Mrs. Gerard has denied her engagement to me and is going to marry the earl of Cortland."

Wallace took this in a gulp of joy. "Honestly?"

"I just got the word."

"A million congratulations, old pal!" In a mad enthusiasm he shook hands with Broadway. "Three cheers for everybody in the world!"

Broadway seized him and, in an access of perfect satisfaction with the way the world was wagging they danced there in the moonlight.

"The earl of Cortland?" Bob exclaimed at length. "Who the deuce is he? I never heard of him."

"I have. I've seen him."

"You have? What does he look like?"

Broadway paused, as if in thought. "Well, he's the very image of—say, you know my butler?"

"Rankin?"

"Yes. Well, he looks just like him. You'd hardly know them apart."

"You don't say?"

"Yes; a wonderful resemblance."

"I wonder what became of Rankin?" Bob speculated idly. He had liked Rankin.

"I think he surmised I was going to locate here and he didn't like the town."

Bob nodded. "Gone, is he? Well, maybe that was it."

"The girls caught sight of them as they approached the house and Clara ran to them. 'Oh, there you are! Where's your father, Bob?'"

"He's gone."

"Oh, I wanted to see him!"

"You'll see him Monday." He laughed. "Come on. Let's go and get an orange ice-cream soda."

"Oh, let's! Come on, Josie."

"We'll be right along," said Broadway. "You go on ahead."

Josie came down the steps with less precipitancy than Clara, but she did not really hesitate. Broadway went to her with hand outstretched to help and that peculiar earnest face he always wore when thinking deeply, even of the most delightful subjects.

"Do you care if I call you 'Josie'?" he inquired. "He calls her 'Clara' and she calls him 'Bob'."

"Why, that's my name," said she with the simplicity of the frank country maiden.

He wasted not a moment's time. "That's not the reason I'm so anxious to," he said. "It's because I'm fond

of you. I love you, Josie."

"Why, how can you say such a thing?"

"Oh, I know, you heard I was engaged, but I'm not," he eagerly explained. "That was all a joke. I can't explain it all now. Will you marry me, Josie?"

"What?"

"I mean it; honestly, I do! What I've needed, all along, was an incentive."

He was very earnest; perhaps he was not quite aware that he was slipping into words which she might possibly remember.

"What I've needed all along was an incentive—something to work for. That's what I've needed all my life. My—er—grandfather had something to work for and he handed it down to his children; now I want something to work for, which I can hand down to our—"

"Why, Mr. Jones!" He did not even know that she was blushing. He was far too much in earnest.

"Don't call me Mr. Jones. You know what I want you to call me. Go on. Let me hear you say it, as you used to say it."

"Jackson?"

"No; call me 'Broadway.'"

"Why? Do you still love Broadway?"

"I don't quite know," he answered as he gently drew her toward him and then kissed her.

She did not resist or protest.

"Come on," he presently suggested. "Let's you and me go get some ice-cream soda, too."

THE END.

## WHEN OUT OF SORTS START YOUR LIVER WORKING.

No Matter What Ails You, Dodson's Liver Tone is Usually a Big Help in Getting Well. Avoid Calomel.

Nine times out of ten, when you are ill or out of sorts, your liver is out of order and getting it in order again will make you feel better. When your liver is sluggish and torpid and you are constipated and bilious, it is impossible to feel well.

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## LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT POSTPONED.

The entertainment to be given at the opening of the library, and which was scheduled for next Tuesday night, has been postponed three days and same will take place on Friday night, February 27th. At this time a splendid program will be rendered and the public given an idea of what the benefit of a good library might be if given them proper encouragement. Further announcement will be made.

## 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.

Madams E. L. Hagan and J. O. Roots, who had been visiting friends at Miles the past day or two, returned to Ballinger Friday morning.

I. D. Evans left Friday morning for Brownwood to look after stock business a few days.

## Children Cry for Fletcher's

## CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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C. N. Sewell and W. D. Jennings, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Talmage Stacy, who had been visiting his parents at Stacy, Texas, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. A. Dooze and family Friday while en route to Fort Worth where he is attending college.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy**  
This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

A. Horton one of the San Saba bankers who attended the Banker's Convention at San Angelo, stopped off in our city Friday morning and was the guest for the day of his friend, Elmer Shepherd and family.

F. J. Kuhn, the rowena druggist was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Miss Crofford, of Covington, Tenn., and Misses Bertha Rasbury and Lois Crews, left Friday at noon to visit friends at San Angelo a few days.

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Alex McEgregor left Friday at noon to visit relatives at San Angelo a few days.

## 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. 2,000 samples to select from. The Ballinger Printing Co.

J. H. Walker, of West End, who had been on an extended business trip to Teague, Texas, returned home Friday at noon.

Col. J. R. Taylor, of the Norton country, passed through Ballinger Friday at noon en route to San Angelo to dispose of his surplus oat crop of the year 1913, the present indications pointing to a heavy yield this year.

Pat Mapes, the merchant, and Darby Fox, of the Pony Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

## An Open Statement To the People

I GUARANTEE MY NEW ANTRACITION "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.

## 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 Sheriff:

JOHN D. PERKINS.

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. PARISIL.

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.



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**"THE OLD RELIABLE"**  
PLANTEN'S  
C & C OR BLACK  
CAPSULES  
**REMEDY FOR MEN.**  
AT YOUR DRUGGIST.

L. P. Woods, the old Runnels stock-farmer, left Thursday afternoon to visit relatives and friends at his old home in Gonzales for a week or ten days.

**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.

Miss May Houghton left Thursday afternoon for Brondel to visit her brother and relatives a few weeks.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

## BANKERS CONVENTION COMING TO BALLINGER

The Ballinger bankers who attended the District Bankers meet at San Angelo, returned home Thursday afternoon, and Friday morning. They are very complimentary in their remarks about the splendid entertainment given them by the San Angelo bankers and report the convention one of the most successful ever held in this district. There were about one hundred and fifty bankers in attendance, and a splendid program was carried out. Various subjects were discussed dealing with the money question and the industries of our country that produces the money. Among the bankers who responded to places on the program was Jo Wilmeth and we publish below a brief extract from Mr. Wilmeth's address:

"Why should we be interested in a closer relationship with the farmer? Because he is the greatest factor in the development of our country and produces more wealth than all other combined. We could not, even though we should desire to do so, leave him out of our reckoning. I do not have at hand the figures covering this immediate territory, but will say that quite recent statistics give the agricultural production for Texas for 1913 as \$400,000.

"Well, you say, if you have produced such an immense crop why are you complaining? Because our antiquated one-crop system is impoverishing our soil and will gradually reduce our ability to produce even as well as now. Much to our regret and shame, though it is the supreme asset of our country, agricultural progress has not kept pace with other lines of commerce. European countries have far out-distanced us. For example, between 1900 and 1910 the cultivated lands of Iowa produced only \$11.40 per acre, while densely populated Denmark fed its own people and exported \$9.00 worth of farm products for every acre under the plow. Our farm exports have decreased while our imports have increased.

"We are indeed a great nation, and think we could whip all other powers combined, but, did you know that if it were possible you blockade our ports and shut us in that, unless we change our present methods of agriculture, we could be starved to terms? Just now our nation, possessing millions of acres of the most productive soil which any country was ever blessed with, with teeming millions of healthy, industrious farmers, is having to buy from other countries food on which to feed their citizens. Corn from Argentine, beef from Canada, Mexico and South America, eggs from China, cheese from Switzerland, butter from New Zealand, onions from Spain, to say nothing of the many minor articles of food and commodities that go to make up our daily menu.

Hence our own beloved Lone Star State is a party to this scandal. Our farmers, it seems, have unconsciously fallen into a rut from which they are going to need help to extricate themselves."

After electing officers, Ballinger was unanimously selected for the 1915 meeting and same will be held here next February.

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## GOLDEN JUBILEE SUCCESSFUL EVENT

One of the most successful fraternal meets ever held in Ballinger was the Golden Jubilee of the Knights of Pythias held at the Castle Hall Thursday night. Invitations had been extended to many and at eight-thirty a large crowd assembled to witness the carrying out of a very pretty and impressive ritualistic program arranged for this special occasion, and which was used in thousands of K. of P. Lodges in the great domain last night.

The Castle Hall had been decorated for this occasion, and one of the special features in the decoration and which played an important part in the carrying out of the program was the lodge colors reflected from the ceiling of the hall by electric lights. As each officer on the program recited in detail the symbolism of the three colors, blue, red and yellow, the switch was turned and the color emblem teaching respectfully the three great principles of the order, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, added to the impressive ceremony.

The special service was opened and closed with the lodge songs, and the crowd joined in singing these. Interspersed between each number on the ritual were beautiful and impressive songs sung by a male quartette composed of Messrs. J. P. Martindale, Troy Simpson, Guy Adkins and Judge A. K. Doss. Rev. W. H. Doss delivered an address and for thirty minutes he pictured the teachings of the great order of Knights of Pythias and told of the good it was doing in the world, calling attention to the splendid orphans home being maintained at Weatherford, and how the order had grown from a membership of one dozen to over three quarter of a million.

E. F. Krebs occupied the Chancellor's Commander's chair, D. C. Claypool, prelate; Judge M. Kleberg, vice chancellor; Scott Mangum, Master Exchequer, and Smith, Master-at-Arms.

Each one performed his part perfectly and much credit is due to those who had charge of the entertainment and made the evening one of pleasure for the visitors and a big boost for the order. After the singing of the closing ode the members and their guests were served with refreshments, and fruits, and the occasion is one that will not be forgotten soon by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

It was on Friday, Feb. 19, 1864 that Justice H. Rathborne founded the order of Knights of Pythias and the lodges throughout the nation observed the fiftieth anniversary of the order last night, and if an account of each meeting could be given this morning we believe that the program carried out by the Ballinger lodge would occupy a place among the best of them.

## 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.

## FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Edwin Day has decided to enter the race for Tax Collector of Runnels County, subject to the action of the voters at the primary election in July.

Mr. Day did not decide to run until it was too late for this week's issue of the weekly Banner-Ledger, but his announcement will appear in the papers in the next few days.

Mr. Day is well known all over the county having been the Tax Assessor at one time, and also in the gin business for a number of years. He has resided in the county the past 17 years and in Texas since he was a mere boy. He is in the race, he says, to the finish and you will hear from him in next week's papers.

## BIG PROJECT RAPIDLY ASSUMING SHAPE

Recently a number of prominent business men from Miles and Ballinger visited the dam site of the big irrigation project on the Colorado river. In the party was the editor of the Miles Messenger, and in making mention of the visit to the dam site, and the meeting held with the Bronte citizens, and a day spent on the ground getting first hand a view of the site, the Messenger says:

Many were the expressions of approval as the party viewed this magnificent natural formation for a dam and reservoir that surpasses in magnitude and grandeur anything ever dreamed of by the most optimistically inclined. Col. Stanley declared that after viewing it for perhaps the one hundredth time he beheld new features that added to the possibilities of the enterprise. Col. Noyes experienced in irrigation and owner of irrigation property in Menard County, declared it the most practical proposition of the kind he had ever seen and hoped to see it put in operation.

Remaining over in Bronte, the guest of Mr. Stanley, the Messenger editor was at an enthusiastic meeting held by several of the leading business men of the town that night in Col. Stanley's office, and it was brought to light that all but a few farmers on the north side of the river whose land would come under the ditch had made application for water and a special effort would be made to induce the remaining few to sign up. The people around Bronte do not propose to sit idly by and let the water be appropriated by others. Friday we spent the day with Mr. Stanley out at the dam and lake site with the surveying corps, and from several points of vantage were able to take a bird's eye view of the country that would be inundated by the forming of this vast body of water, and like Mr. Stanley, the proposition grew larger and larger each time we looked thru the field glasses or took reckonings from Mr. Weir's instrument. We longed to be an artist that we might sketch a panoramic view of what we beheld. But we had to be content with photographs of the two mountains on either sides of the river that will make the bases for the dam proper and other minor views, some of which will be printed in the Messenger at an early date.

The Messenger has been a booster for this great project from the very first, but not until now has it been in a position to advise land owners along the proposed ditch to appropriate water. We are convinced that 100,000 acres of land can be easily irrigated, and according to Mr. Stanley's statement, at least 200,000 acres will come directly under the ditch. He made the statement that the Concho River could be flumed above high water mark and the water carried to the Lipan Flat country around Mereta.

Mr. Stanley returned from Bronte Wednesday and is now engaged in negotiating with local parties, which if perfected, will mean much for Miles, in fact more than has ever been dreamed of. We are not at liberty at this time to state the particulars, but suffice it to say that Miles stands an excellent chance to get the biggest part of the pie, which will be the ultimate means of making it one of the best towns in Runnels county, or in West Texas for that matter. Keep your eyes open and ears to the ground for there is something brewing that means much to every citizen of this entire community.

## 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.

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## ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN STATE CAPITOL

Austin, Tex., Feb. 20.—Not until yesterday was it publicly made known that a gang of incendiaries operated in the Texas Capitol last Sunday afternoon and that serious damage would have resulted had it not been for the timely discovery of the blaze by Capitol policemen. That fire was started in the men's toilet room on the third floor of the capitol and was burning briskly when discovered by Capitol Policemen Worwman and Earnest. After fifteen minutes work they succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

Since the occurrence State Fire Marshall English and Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Conley have been working on the case, and yesterday they announced that they had secured evidence which they hope will lead to the arrest of four young men who reside in Austin. The names of the suspected persons have been turned over to the Austin police department and arrests are hourly expected.

As a result of the attempt to damage the Capitol by fire, Superintendent Conley has issued orders to close on Sundays the Senate Chamber, the Hall of the House of Representatives, the basement and lock up all toilets on all floors except those on the second floors. Heretofore the

Senate Chamber and the Hall of the House of Representatives have always been left open on Sundays in order that visitors might have access to them. Superintendent Conley since last Sunday's occurrence fears that some attempt may be made to cause damage in the legislature halls and for that reason he issued the order to have them closed.

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## COLEMAN COMING FOR TWO GAMES

Superintendent Fleming phoned The Ledger office Friday morning, stating that two basket balls games had been matched with the Coleman High School teams, the two games to be played in the afternoon of Saturday, February 28th, on the local court. Both the Coleman girls team and boy team are coming, and the Ballinger fans are promised some real sport.

It will be remembered that Ballinger played ring around the roses with the Angelo team last Saturday, and they are practicing daily and will be in fine trim for the Coleman delegation.

The two games with Coleman have been matched with the understanding that Ballinger play a return game at an early date.

The Ladies of the First Baptist Church will serve dinner at the City Hall on First Monday. d10t wlt.

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